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Two Accomack Towns Looking for New Managers

Onancock Town Manager William H. Kerbin accepted a job in Woodstock, Vt., and Chincoteague Town Manager James West is retiring

By Carol Vaughn

Two Accomack County towns — Onancock and Chincoteague — are looking for new managers.

William H. Kerbin Jr., Onancock's town manager since 2016, recently accepted a job as town and village manager of Woodstock, Vt., according to a public notice posted on Woodstock's website.

Woodstock's population is around 2,900, larger than Onancock, which has around 1,200 residents.

Kerbin starts work in Woodstock on March 25; his last day at work in Onancock is March 20, he said.

Kerbin was picked from a field of 44 applicants and four finalists, according to an Associated Press report. He is replacing the late Phil Swanson, who died last summer.

Kerbin became town manager of Onancock in July 2016, replacing G. Cabell Lawton IV, who retired because of illness.

Before being hired by Onancock, Kerbin was director of development for Oneonta, N.Y. He has more than 17 years of experience working in local government, including nearly a decade as housing planner for Kent County, Md., and a three-year stint as project coordinator for Pocomoke City, Md.

Chincoteague also is looking for a town manager.

James West, who currently does the job, is retiring.

Chincoteague has a year-around population of around 3,000, which swells seasonally to up to 15,000, according to information provided to the Post.

The town's staff includes 52 full-time employees and 17 part-time employees.

West was hired for his second stint as town manager in 2017. He started work in March that year, after the Chincoteague town council ousted former manager Robert Ritter during an executive session on Nov. 7, 2016.

West had served as Chincoteague's town manager previously, leaving in 2004. He also worked for Chincoteague in the past as director of public works.

Before returning to the town as manager in 2017, West worked as program manager for a company that provides support services for NASA Wallops Flight Facility.



Kerbin



West

Trucker's Widow Files Suit in 2017 CBBT Death

By Stefanie Jackson

A widow filed a \$6 million lawsuit against the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (CBBT), claiming the bridge-tunnel is responsible for the death of her husband, Joseph Chen, a long-haul driver whose tractor-trailer plummeted over the side of the bridge nearly three years ago, Feb. 9, 2017.

The case was filed in Norfolk Aug. 10, 2018, and transferred to

Northampton Circuit Court Jan. 19, 2020.

Billie Jo Chen believes her husband would still be alive today if the bridge-tunnel had followed its policies and prohibited him from crossing the bridge in windy conditions.

Those policies include six levels of restriction imposed on drivers during specific wind conditions, ending with closing the

bridge-tunnel to all traffic when winds exceed 65 mph.

On the morning of Feb. 9, 2017, wind gusts at the bridge-tunnel were reaching 60 mph. Level 4 wind restrictions were imposed at 7:24 a.m.

According to a report by the Virginian-Pilot, Joseph Chen phoned his employer at approximately 8 a.m. with concerns about the weather. He worked for Evans

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Animal Control Finds Success in Cooperation

The Eastern Shore Regional Animal Control Facility has been working to lower the number of animals euthanized by cooperating with animal welfare groups. Read the full story on Page 24.

Above, Corporal Sue Burdge of the Accomack County Sheriff's Office holds a puppy at the Eastern Shore Regional Animal Control Facility. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

Grant Will Preserve and Tell History of Northampton 1907 Jail

The grant will fund conversion of the 1907 jail to a museum, after which it will become the fifth stop on a self-guided tour of historic Eastville

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton Historic Preservation Society has received a \$50,000 grant to restore the 1907 jail on the county courthouse green in Eastville.

“This time it is our turn to save this 113-year-old structure for future generations,” states the historical society’s website.

Members will follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, who saved Northampton’s 1700s courthouse and 1800s clerk’s office and debtor’s prison in 1913.

The Cabell Foundation, of Richmond, Va., awarded the one-to-one matching grant, which will be used to convert the 1907 jail into a museum recognizing the history of all the jails that have stood on the Eastville courthouse green.

That includes the 1914 jail that was demolished in 2017 and inspired the documentary film, “The Last Jail on the Northampton Court Green,” which premiered July 28, 2019, at the Palace Theatre in Cape Charles.

The film discusses artifacts saved from the 1914 jail, including the main door to the jail cell block, which featured a unique locking system similar to the one used at Alcatraz.

“The Last Jail on the Northampton Courthouse Green” is the second in a series of short documentaries made by the historical society. The first film covers Pear Valley, a historic farm dwelling known as the 1740 yeoman’s cottage. A third film is planned.

Both completed films can be viewed on the Northampton Historic Preservation Society website, www.northamptonhistoricpreservationsociety.com

The 1907 jail will become the fifth stop on a self-guided tour available to visitors of historic Eastville and its courthouse green, where more than 300 years of architecture



The Northampton Historic Preservation Society plans to restore Northampton’s 1907 jail, on the courthouse green in Eastville, and use it as a museum. Photo by Stefanie Jackson.

and history can be observed and studied.

The other four historic buildings on the tour are the 1731 courthouse, the circa 1800 clerk’s office, the circa 1814 debtor’s prison, and the 1899 courthouse, which currently serves as the Northamp-

ton County administration building.

For more information or to donate to the Northampton Historic Preservation Society, visit the website or contact President Mike Ash at 757-678-0963 or nhps100@gmail.com.

NASA Winter Launches Resupply Space Station and Local Economy

By Carol Vaughn

Northrop Grumman’s 13th commercial resupply mission to the International Space Station is set to launch from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 5:39 p.m., according to a press release from NASA.

Among supplies the mission will deliver are items to support scientific research, including:

- The Mobile SpaceLab, a tissue and cell culturing facility that launches and returns on resupply

spacecraft to give researchers a quick turnaround platform for biology experiments.

- Plant Habitat-02, in which radishes will be cultivated. The ability to grow nutritious crops in space is critical for NASA’s human exploration of Mars and the moon, according to the release.
- The Spacecraft Fire Experiment-IV, which will use the Cygnus spacecraft after it leaves the space station to examine how fires spread in space in different condi-

tions and materials. The research is important for developing flame-resistant materials and fire prevention measures for space.

Antares launches draw crowds of visitors to the Eastern Shore and provide a welcome addition to tourism in the off season, according to Evelyn Shotwell, Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Two hotels on Chincoteague were already fully booked for the upcoming launch by mid-January.

“The others will most likely be full by launch time,” Shotwell said.

Some Chincoteague lodgings offer special rates or incentives for launch dates, and hotels with good views of the launch site book up quickly.

Waterside Inn is among lodgings offering an incentive for guests staying there around the launch date— called “Rocket Rewards,” the motel offers a \$30 credit on a future stay for guests who book a room for the launch.

“Northrop Grumman’s Antares program is a huge boon to the local economy of Chincoteague Island. Antares launches bring an influx of visitors as well as

contractors working with the program,” Shotwell said, adding, “The shoulder season economic stimulus is greatly appreciated when visitation is typically slower.”

The upcoming mission is only the second cargo resupply mission to launch from Wallops in mid-winter — meaning the economic impact launches may have during Chincoteague’s slowest time of year for tourism is not yet clear.

The first winter launch, CRS Orb-1, was on Jan. 9, 2014. It was the third Antares rocket launched from Wallops.

Three past missions happened in November — in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Transient occupancy tax revenue — which is paid by guests at motels and other lodgings on Chincoteague— totaled \$36,006 in November 2017; \$45,615 in November 2018; and \$41,167 in November 2019.

The figures were up compared to two previous Novembers when there was no Antares launch — November 2016, when the town collected \$32,883, and November 2015, when the tax totaled \$27,369.

More information about the resupply missions is at https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/structure/launch/northrop-grumman.html






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~CBBT Suit~

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Seafood in North Carolina.

High winds persisted throughout the morning, but by noon, a decision had been made to allow most traffic to proceed.

According to Billie Jo Chen's lawsuit, Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel authorities were "knowingly and willfully ignoring their own data and basic weather forecasting, ignoring common sense of length of time to cross the bridge, and arbitrarily reducing restrictions to Level 1 to allow for built-up traffic to cross."

At 12:01 p.m., wind restrictions were dropped to Level 1, even though equipment on Island 4 – the manmade island closest to the south side of the bridge, where Joseph Chen began his crossing – recorded a wind gust of 47 mph, which should have triggered Level 2 wind restrictions.

The CBBT computer system records wind speeds every minute, and they are monitored 24/7.

Feb. 9, 2017, from noon to 12:30 p.m., wind gusts of 47 mph to 50 mph persisted.

If Level 2 wind restrictions had been in place during that period, Chen would not have been permitted to cross the bridge, since his tractor-trailer held about 4,000 pounds of seafood, according to an Eastern Shore Post report. That was far below the minimum payload of 15,000 pounds.

Chen started across the bridge-tunnel around 12:15 p.m. At about 12:21 p.m., when the wind was gusting at 50 mph, the tractor-trailer went over the guardrail on the left side of the bridge, near mile marker 15. The tractor-trailer plunged into the 45-degree water below.

The Virginia Beach Fire Department was called. Weather conditions prohibited a marine response, but at 12:36 p.m., about 15 minutes after the accident, a U.S. Navy Redhawk helicopter was dispatched.

Chen, who had managed to escape his vehicle, was located at 12:58 p.m. He was rescued at 1:01 p.m. and airlifted to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

He was pronounced dead at 1:14 p.m. The cause of death, hypothermia, was later confirmed in an autopsy report by the Norfolk Medical Examiner's Office.

CBBT Wind Restrictions

Level 1 - winds have reached 40 mph. Some vehicles may not cross the bridge, but there are no restrictions on tractor-trailers and no reduced speed limit.

Level 2 - winds have reached 47 mph. A tractor-trailer may cross if it's carrying a payload of at least 15,000 pounds. The maximum safe speed is 45 mph.

Level 3 - winds have reached 55 mph. A tractor-trailer may cross if it's carrying a payload of at least 30,000 pounds. The maximum safe speed is 45 mph.

Level 4 - winds have reached 60 mph. Some vehicles may cross, but not tractor-trailers.

Level 5 - winds have reached 65 mph. Only cars without exterior cargo may cross at a maximum safe speed of 45 mph.

Level 6 - the bridge-tunnel is closed to all traffic.

Level 2 wind restrictions were not declared at the bridge-tunnel until 12:49 p.m., nearly a half-hour after Chen's accident. About five minutes earlier, wind gusts had hit 59 mph, which ordinarily would trigger Level 3 restrictions.

Level 3 wind restrictions were declared at 6:01 p.m.

In addition to strong winds, Chen's driving may have been a factor in the accident, according to witnesses.

In an unsworn statement, Debra Davis, of Hampton, Va., said she was driving about 35 mph in the left south-bound lane when a tractor-trailer (not Chen's vehicle) passed her on the right.

A second tractor-trailer (Chen's vehicle) pulled up in the right lane, behind the first tractor-trailer. He was traveling "much faster" than 35 mph.

He "cut in front of my car," attempting to pass, Davis said.

Two passengers in her car also witnessed the incident.

Alisa Reed-Lofton, of Chesapeake, Va., said Chen tried to pass, "but there was not enough room," and "he missed our car by maybe eight to 10 feet." Jennifer Chavez, of Virginia Beach, Va., wrote a similar statement.

Both women agreed "he was speeding." Chavez said the wind caught the

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tractor-trailer, and as the vehicle went over the guardrail, the gas tank fell and fuel spilled on the road.

Davis pulled over and Chavez dialed 911.

Two other tractor-trailer drivers witnessed the accident – Tim Harris and Steve Wilhelm, both of North Carolina.

Wilhelm said he saw Chen's truck lean to the left and set back down before the truck took a "hard left" and went through the railing.

Harris did not believe Chen was speeding. "Joe was going about 35 mph," he wrote.

No information about Chen's speed could be obtained from the "black box" in his truck, because the device was too damaged.

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District, represented by attorney Jeffrey Hunn, of the Pender & Coward law firm in Virginia Beach, responded to the lawsuit with a plea of "sovereign immunity."

It's a legal term meaning the government and its departments and agencies cannot be sued without its consent.

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District and Commission, originally called the Chesapeake Bay Fer-

ry District and Commission, is a government entity that was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 1954.

But Billie Jo Chen's attorney, Amanda Dure, of the Pangia Law Group in Washington, D.C., contends that the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel is not immune from its negligence.

The lawsuit stated the CBBT was negligent for re-opening the bridge, failing to use its rescue system including ropes, throw rings, and other tools, and maintaining a defective guardrail.

The lawsuit added that CBBT authorities were aware of at least 12 previous occasions during which guardrails failed to prevent a tractor-trailer from running off the bridge.

Billie Jo Chen is seeking damages on several grounds, including the pain and suffering of her husband, Joseph Chen, their daughter, Jordan Danielle Chen, their son, Christopher Hawkins, and herself.

A four-day jury trial is scheduled to begin Tuesday, July 14, 9 a.m., in the Northampton County Circuit Court.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III recused himself from the trial, and Judge Leslie L. Liley, of the second circuit, will preside.



Fundraisers Take Icy Plunge

The weather cleared and the sun shone on the 16 dippers who plunged into the 41-degree waters, for the Camp Occohannock Polar Duck Dip, held Jan. 25.

The dippers raised \$12,943 (so far) to provide programs for the camp, such as horseback riding and "Up All Night," to name two. The money raised also goes to scholarships for those who can't afford camp and upgrades and maintenance to the facilities.

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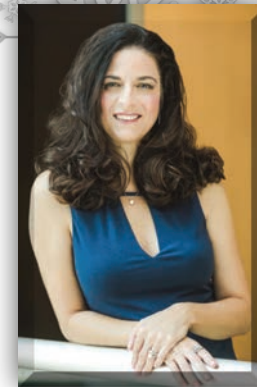
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Northampton Students Can Explore Medical Field in New Summer Science Program

Eastern Virginia Medical School doctors who started program are expanding it to get diverse mix of students interested in medical careers

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton County Public Schools are teaming up with Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS), in Norfolk, to provide rising ninth and 10th grade students hands-on opportunities to explore careers in the medical field.

"It's not just doctors and nurses ... we have lots of different things in the health sciences," said Carol McCammon, an assistant professor of emergency medicine at EVMS.

The EVMS Health Science Academy is a two-week summer program that exposes students to possible careers in medicine, including traditional healthcare but also physical therapy, art and music therapy,

public health, global health, food science, lab research, and clinical research.

Kurt McCammon, chairman of the urology department at EVMS, was also present to discuss the program.

The McCammons reached out to school board member Paul Bibbins, who arranged their Jan. 23 visit to the Eastern Shore to invite Northampton high school students to participate in this year's science academy.

The summer program was started in 2019 with a group of students from Portsmouth, Va.

The McCammons want to expand the program this year.

EVMS promotes diversity "whether it's socio-economic, racial, ethnic - we want to include everybody and become the most inclusive place that we can possibly be," Carol McCammon said.

Carol and Kurt McCammon, both doctors, were inspired to start the summer program when their sons

were in high school and the couple arranged job shadowing opportunities for their sons' friends who were interested in the medical field.

"But not all kids are lucky enough to have those opportunities, and it just stunned us to think, 'Gee, you know what? We're missing a whole lot of people,'" Carol McCammon said.

Students who attended the first science academy learned medical skills including CPR, suturing wounds, splinting, casting, and conducting an ultrasound.

Ultrasounds are "the new stethoscope."

The students learned neuroanatomy, the study of the parts of the brain and how they function.

A cardiologist talked about how the heart works and showed them EKGs (electrocardiograms).

The students met medical professionals working in a variety of disciplines including emergency surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and art therapy.

The kids participated in an Alzheimer's disease virtual reality experience, in which they learned firsthand what it's like to live every day with the progressive and debilitating brain disorder.

While participating in hands-on activities and listening to lectures, students also learned about goal setting, planning for college, and study skills.

Other experiences included tours of the nearby Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters and Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where the high school students met and

talked to pre-med students, medical students, and hospital faculty members.

The program allows students to "see what's exciting about medicine, and it gets them excited about their own potential," McCammon said.

Northampton school board members were concerned that travel considerations could pose an obstacle for students wishing to participate in the summer program.

Eastern Virginia Medical School is about a 50-mile trip across the Chesapeake Bay from Eastville.

School board members Randy Parks voiced concern over the costs of gas and tolls.

School board member Jo Ann Molera wondered aloud if, instead of making a long road trip every day for two weeks, Northampton students could be permitted to stay on campus with a chaperone.

McCammon was confident that arrangements could be made to ensure the participation of Northampton students.

Each cohort comprises about 20 students, and the rising ninth graders who participated last year will be invited back this year. The Northampton school district was asked to choose between five and 10 students to join the program this year.

The 2020 science academy dates for new students are July 20 to July 31.

The McCammons recommended Northampton High School begin the selection process in March, with final decisions by May.

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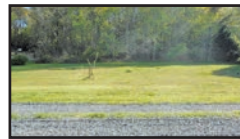


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Construction Will Create 2-Way Traffic on Portion of CBBT

Submitted Article

Phase II of the milling and paving project is about to get underway at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, and authorities are alerting drivers to a change in traffic patterns.

Beginning Feb. 6, travelers are advised to remain alert and travel with caution across the northern portion of the CBBT as all northbound traffic is diverted to the southbound span of "C" trestle, creating a bi-directional flow of traffic for approximately 10 miles.

The CBBT will remain open to all traffic throughout the project, but for safety reasons, a portion of the four-lane facility will reduce to two lanes to allow for the paving of the northbound span. Absolutely no passing will be allowed. Additionally, the scenic overlook will be temporarily closed to the public during this phase of the project.

Phase II of the milling and repaving project on the northern portion of the CBBT will begin at Portal Island #4 and continue across "C" Trestle northbound to Fisherman Island.

This project is scheduled to be complete with all lanes open to traffic in May 2020, just in time for the spring/summer tourism season. The scenic overlook will reopen to travelers at this time as well.

Allan Myers Inc. was awarded the capital project to mill and repave the trestles in July 2019. Phase I of this project began in September 2019 and included the repaving of the dual southbound lanes of "C" trestle. Phase II will include the repaving of the dual northbound lanes of "C" Trestle.

This is the first repaving project performed since the Parallel Crossing Project, Phase I, was complete in 1999.



Construction on the northbound lanes of the CBBT, beginning in early February, will divert northbound bridge-tunnel vehicles onto the southbound span as they exit the Chesapeake tunnel, creating two-way traffic from the northernmost tunnel island to the toll plaza. During construction, which expected to be complete by May, the scenic overlook will be closed, and no passing will be allowed in the construction zone. Submitted image.

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NOTICE

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APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

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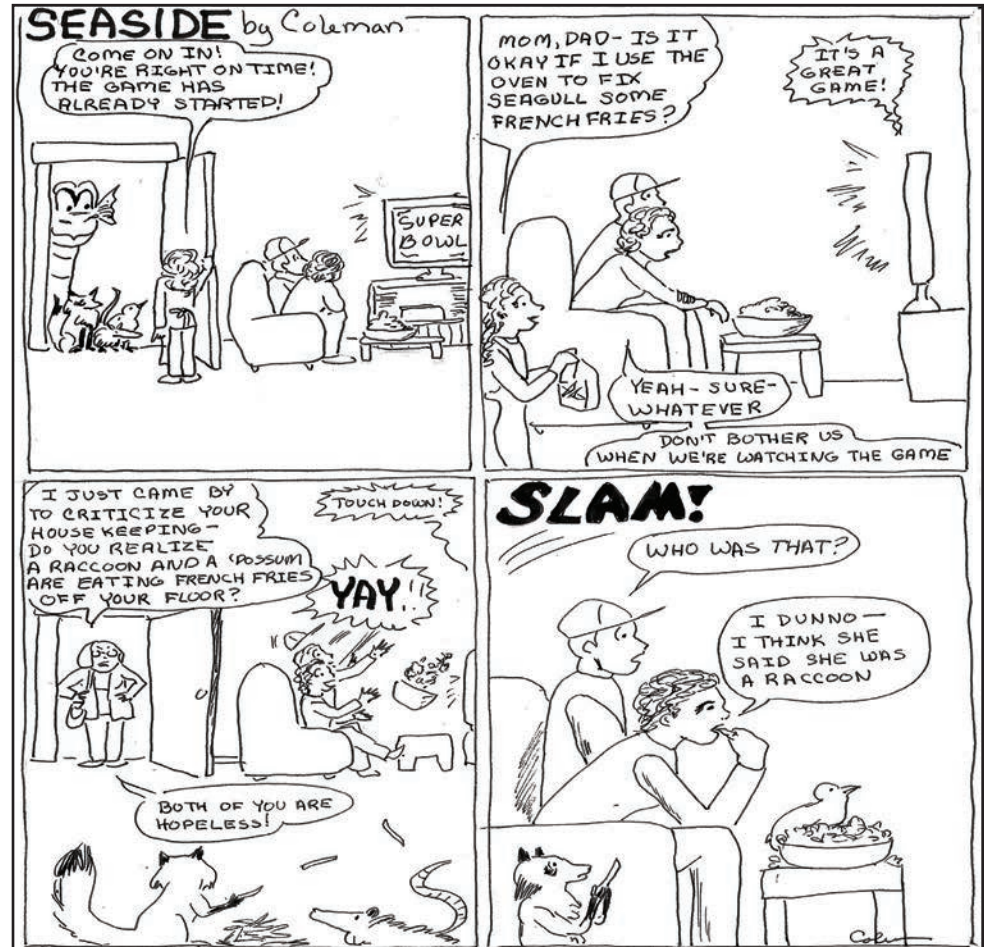
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COPY OF RABIES CERTIFICATE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.



CAPITAL LETTERS



By Lynwood Lewis

With only two weeks until bills crossover from the House to the Senate and from the Senate to the House, we have a lot of legislation still left to hear.

We are anticipating even longer committee meetings and lengthy floor sessions here in Richmond. I still have several bills left to be heard, but some that would significantly impact the Eastern Shore are progressing through the Senate.

This week the Senate passed SB 795, my bill to ban drilling off the coast of Virginia, on a bipartisan 23-17 vote. With our economy dependent upon fisheries, aquaculture, ecotourism, and Wallops Island, prohibiting offshore drilling makes good economic sense as well as being what is best for our coastal community here on the Shore. Both Northampton and Accomack Counties have passed resolutions in opposition to offshore drilling.

Additionally, my bill to include Accomack and Northampton Counties in the Cost of Compete Allowance passed the full Education and Health Committee and will go before the Finance Committee. I

will continue to push this as my priority to the budget committees in the Senate as they work to craft a final budget.

This week we also made substantial progress forward on an issue that has been at the forefront of debate since I arrived in Richmond as a delegate seventeen years ago: menhaden. After years of hard work, my bill SB 751, which now has several chief co-patrons who have also worked on this issue over the course of many sessions, passed out of the Senate Menhaden Subcommittee unanimously. It will go before the full Senate Agriculture Conservation and Natural Resources Committee next week. This bill will move the management of the Menhaden fishery to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. In the subcommittee meeting, all stakeholders expressed their support and thanked everyone for their hard work on this issue. If the bill is successful, VMRC will handle the regulatory process moving forward and menhaden will no longer be the sole fishery under the General Assembly's purview.

You can continue to follow legislation at lis.virginia.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at district06@senate.virginia.gov.

Court Postings *By Nancy Drury Duncan*

Sentencings

Clarence Richard Veney, 68, of Parkesley, was sentenced to two years with all but 30 days suspended. He will be on two year's supervised probation. Veney was convicted in an August bench trial where he entered a plea of not guilty to possession of cocaine. He has more than 30 years of substance abuse history, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Fultz. "Would you test positive today?" asked Judge W. Revell Lewis III. "Yes sir," responded Veney. He told the judge he used cocaine two days earlier. The judge ordered him to report for his first weekend of incarceration in two weeks. "If you show up for that weekend and test positive, you will not be allowed to serve your time on weekends," he told Veney.

Bert Like IV, 37, of Hallwood, was sentenced to 20 years with 12 and a half years suspended. Like was convicted of the aggravated sexual battery of a Maryland woman and of the violation of his probation. "The most troubling aspect of this is that he attempted to have sex with a woman so intoxicated she could not stand up," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Fultz. "He denied everything and only admitted it when confronted with DNA evidence of his guilt." Like was untruthful with probation officers, not telling them he had a similar conviction as a juvenile. Like will serve seven and a half years in prison and will be on indefinite supervised probation and is required to register as a violent sex offender when released.

Jimmy Louis, 43, of Symrna, Del., was sentenced to two years with all but 30 days suspended. He was convicted in August of possession with intent to distribute marijuana. He was found to be driving in Accomack County with a pound of marijuana in his vehicle. Judge W. Revell Lewis III ruled he may serve that time on weekends so he can continue working. He will be on supervised probation for two years.

Alford Plea

Karl L. Williamson, 36, of Exton, Pa., was stopped for speeding by a Virginia State trooper who failed to follow department regulations requiring him to recalibrate his radar daily. When the officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle, he called for back-

up and the car was searched. Inside, they found bags of marijuana and a locked metal box chained to a front seat support. Inside the box were credit cards belonging to Williamson, 78 separate packets of a white powder which tests showed to be fentanyl, and a digital scale. Through his attorney Carl Bundick, Williamson argued that because the officer's radar was not calibrated as it should have been, the traffic stop and all further charges were invalid.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Fultz countered by saying the officer saw the car going at a high rate of speed in a 45 mph zone and then turned on his radar to confirm. The defense's motion to suppress the evidence was denied. At that point, Williamson pleaded no contest, also known as an Alford plea, to the charges of possession of fentanyl, possession of paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and driving without a license. In an Alford plea, the defendant admits no guilt but recognizes the prosecution has the evidence for a conviction. The plea has the same effect as a guilty plea.

Venue Change Vexes Man In Quest for Records

By Carol Vaughn

A judge in Accomac ruled a man's cases involving requests made under the Freedom of Information Act about an investigation involving the Virginia Attorney General's Office should be heard in a Richmond court.

Dr. William H. Turner represented himself at a Jan. 14 hearing in General District Court in Accomac.

Turner filed cases Dec. 19 against three people — David Von Moll, the Comptroller of Virginia; Meaghan O'Brien, the FOIA officer for the Office of the Attorney General; and Col. Gary Settle, superintendent of the Virginia State Police — petitioning for an injunction or mandamus.

Turner said he wants to know the name of the person investigating alleged improper use of a state-issued credit card by someone in the Attorney General's office.

In the petition, Turner wrote that in September 2019, he requested O'Brien provide him a credit card receipt, invoice, and the name of the cardholder for an April 22, 2019, purchase at Westwood Animal Hospital.

Turner says the information must be given him according to a section of the Free-

dom of Information Act, but said O'Brien refused to give him the records, noting they are part of a criminal investigative file and therefore exempt, according to the petition.

Turner during the hearing submitted a letter to the court which read, in part, "If the Attorney General will reveal the name of the agency or person performing a criminal investigation on the veterinary bill and the pharmacology bill... and reveal the name of the credit card holder," Turner would agree to withdraw the petition, pay all charges for previous documents, court and legal expenses for the petition, pay the judge's fee for the day, donate \$10,000 to the State Literacy Fund, "and I will never again file a petition concerning the abuse of credit cards by the Office of the Attorney General."

Judge Robert Carter did not respond to the letter's contents during the hearing.

Attorney Robert McEntee argued the venue for future hearings should be transferred to Richmond, saying the cases involve state officials and should be heard in the city where they have their offices.

"The alleged actions would be undertaken in the city of Richmond," he said.

Still, McEntee said a different section of state law says the proper venue in such a case could be either where the petition-

er resides — which would be in Accomack County, in Turner's case — or in Richmond.

"We need to harmonize the two" sections, he said.

The judge asked McEntee whether there is an active criminal investigation related to the credit card use allegation.

McEntee said, to his knowledge, "It is an open investigative file."

The judge asked Turner, who has made numerous other requests under the Freedom of Information Act in the past, how he gets his information.

"On the internet, through the mail, reading," Turner said.

"You file so many letters; they just pile up," Carter said.

The judge noted "it's not an easy trip" to the Eastern Shore from Richmond for those involved in the cases, but Turner said, "I have nothing to do with the geography."

Still, the judge ruled all three cases be transferred to Richmond General District Court.

"You know I can't go to Richmond. I'm too sick to go to Richmond," said Turner, who is 84 and in poor health.

A letter from Turner's doctor is included in court documents in the case involving O'Brien.

Turner filed an appeal on Jan. 22.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are currently being accepted for funding under the Northampton County Tourism Grant program. All funded projects must complement and advance the Tourism Strategy adopted by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission.

To be considered for the tourism grant funds, applicants must complete an application and return it to the Northampton County Administration no later than March 6, 2020. Grants will be awarded to selected projects by March 23, 2020.

Prospective applicants can call the County Administrator's Office at 757-678-0440 ext. 516 (or email jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us) to request an application packet.

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- From Jane E. Vioncenti
 To Andrew A. Briggs
 15410 Breezy Point Lane, Onancock
 For \$258,500
- From Jane S. James
 To Diane Tait
 53 Kerr Street, Onancock
 For \$130,000
- From Jimmy Holland successor co-trustee, Morrell H. Smith successor co-trustee, and The C. D. Fleming Jr. Trust
 To Holland Land Company, L. C.
 123.5 acres near Sinnickson
 For \$259,142
- From Lauren and Michael Valenti
 To Cheryl Schmidt
 Lot 202, Section A, Inlet View Campsites
 For \$83,250
- From Janice and John E. Seymour
 To Sharon M. And Jeffrey J. Dewire
 Lot 105, Oyster Bay
 For \$279,000
- From Dawn and Matthew Gillis
 To Robert John Dahlia
 Lot 64, Section 8, Captains Cove,
 Greenbackville
 For \$187,000
- From Kambarn Rentals, LLC
 To DKandDK Rentals LLC
 7704 East Side Drive, Chincoteague
 For \$485,000
- From Truist Bank
 To Judy E. Stahl
 19137 Glenn Drive, Parksley
 For \$263,248
- From Patricia B. and Gregory Brennan, individually and as trustees of The Gregory W. And Patricia B. Brennan Revocable Living Trust
 To Theodore Leonard V, trustee of Theodore Leonard V Trust, and Cheryl C. Cochran, trustee, or her successors in trust,
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- From Nancy Moll, trustee, and James F. Moll, trustee, and the Nancy Moll Revocable Trust and the James F. Moll Revocable Trust
 To Gregory W. Brennan, trustee, and Patricia B. Brennan, trustee, and the Gregory W. and Patricia B. Brennan Revocable Living Trust
 Lot 27, Section 3 Schooner Bay
 For \$300,000
- From Sonia Kozlowsky and Future Legend, formerly known as Frank Kozlowsky
 To Rosemene Destine and Pierre Breneus
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 For \$99,500

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- From Richard and Anita Fanning
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 Lot 34, Silver Beach, Section II, Occohannock Neck
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- From Clarry and Keith Ellis
 To James and Kimberly Champion
 Parcel near Cheapside
 For \$380,000
- From U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
 To Ann Edmondson
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 For \$55,001
- From Blaine Johnson Jr.
 To Francisco Maldonado
 Parcel in Nassawadox
 For \$80,000
- From Michelle Spady
 To Hattie Harris and Benjamin, Margaret, and Maxine Trower
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 For \$269,000
- From Hermenegildo and Mercedes Devarie
 To Timothy and Mary Albin
 Parcel, 5.06 acres, Peaceful Pines
 For \$37,500
- From Larry Stevens, trustee
 To Phillys and Harold James
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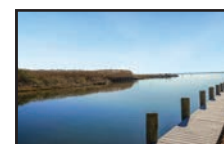
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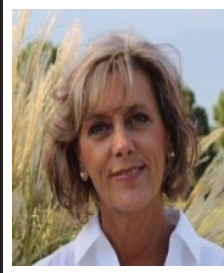
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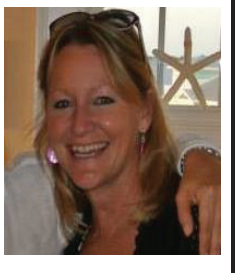
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OBITUARIES

Melissa Bowden



Mrs. Melissa Abrams Annis Bowden, 54, of Chincoteague Island, passed away Jan. 23, 2020, at her residence on Chincoteague.

She was born in Nassawadox, Sept. 29, 1965, to Wayne and Charlotte (Bloxom) Abrams.

She loved to fish, crab, go to the beach and sunbathe. She had a huge love for the outdoors and life.

Mrs. Bowden is survived by her husband, Thomas Wayne Bowden Jr., of Chincoteague; two daughters, Susan Annis, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and

Stephanie Muslimani and her husband, Ray, of Bloxom; son, Thomas Wayne "Trey" Bowden III, of Pocomoke City, Md.; father, Wayne Abrams and his wife, Trish, of New Church; brother, Charles Parks Abrams, of Tasley; grandson, Shane Annis, of Cincinnati, Ohio; two granddaughters, Natalya Cortigine, of Temperanceville, and Mackenzie Muslimani, of Bloxom; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Thomas Wayne Bowden Sr. and Yvonne Marie Bowden, of Chincoteague; two brothers-in-law, Randy Bowden Sr. and Robby Bowden and his wife, Angelisa, all of Chincoteague; sister-in-law, Crystal Ebberts, of Chincoteague; three aunts, Charlene Jacob, of Accomac, Peggy Bradford and her husband, Wesley, of New Church, and Linda Hall, of Chincoteague; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by mother, Charlotte Bloxom Abrams; grandparents, Juanita Highlander, Charles Bloxom Jr., and Cecil and Alice Abrams; and two uncles, Thomas Jacob III and Tommy Hall.

Service will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 691, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

Services entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., Chincoteague.

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Wayne Gaskins

Mr. Wayne Gordon Gaskins, 67, of Bloxom, passed away on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

Born Oct. 20, 1952, in Nassawadox, Wayne was the son of Phyllis D. Young, of Onancock, and the late Warner Gardner Gaskins. He was a lifelong self-employed mechanic.

At an early age, Wayne was baptized at Zion Baptist Church in Parksley, and remained a Christian throughout his life. He enjoyed reading the Bible, quoting scrip-



Mr. Gaskins

tures, and hosting Friday gatherings in his garage, with music, fellowship, food and fun. Wayne had a generous nature, never charging what he should have to clients, family, and friends, for automotive repairs. He was an animal lover, including his three cats, Big Boy, Tigger, and Kelly; and liked to go to flea markets, yard sales, and thrift stores.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his daughter, Amber Marie Gaskins, of Chincoteague; a brother, Barry D. Gaskins of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Rita F. Hardison and husband, Ken, of Watts Bay in Wallops Island (their daughters, Mindy Barber, Tammy Watford, and Stacy Chaback; and grandchildren, Blake, Riley, Tyler, and Laci); and Connie M. Owens and husband, Tommy, of Greenbush (their son, Josh Owens and wife Brittany; and grandson, Zach); and his girlfriend of six years, Judy Franko (mother of Mark Franko, and her predeceased son, Michael Gladding Jr.).

Following Wayne's wishes, a private burial will be held for family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Betty Isdell

Mrs. Betty Lee Collins Isdell, 90, wife of the late Burleigh Linwood Isdell and longtime resident of Cordova, Md., formerly of Onancock, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at Manokin Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Princess Anne, Md. Born May 8, 1929, in Norfolk, Va., she was the daughter of the late Frederick R. Collins and the late Annie Armstrong Collins.

Mrs. Isdell was a true matriarch, who led by example in every aspect of her life. She was the kind of mom you would find playing football in the back yard, hunting ducks with her son, or spending afternoons fishing with her family.



Mrs. Isdell

Though she was a fun-loving tomboy at heart, she wasn't afraid of a little discipline and structure. Mrs. Isdell was a great cook and looked forward to family meals, often preparing enough food for an army. She loved people and everyone loved her, especially those who were fortunate enough to receive one of her famous back rubs. Mrs. Isdell loved the Lord and remained devoted to her faith throughout her life.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Potts and husband, Terry, of Princess Anne; granddaughter, Dawn Ward and husband, Bob; and several nieces and nephews and their families. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her son, Paul Isdell, and brothers, Robert Ashley Collins and Frederick R. Collins Jr.

Funeral services will be conducted from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Robert Fletcher officiating.

Flowers will be accepted, or memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org/donate).

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Martin V. Moore

Mr. Martin V. Moore, 72, died Monday, Jan. 27, after battling Alzheimer's for a number of years.

M.V. worked in law enforcement for 39 years and retired from the Virginia State Police in 2005 as a Master Trooper. During that period of time, he was assigned to Northampton County and the State Police Academy, Canine Unit. He was a Master Trainer with North American Police Work Dog Association and Virginia Police Work Dog Association, in the disciplines of utility patrol, narcotics, explosives, and accelerants.

Upon retirement he fulfilled his dream and established Moore's K-9 Training Center in Amelia, Va. M.V.'s



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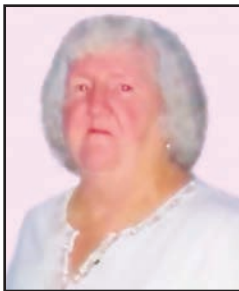
dedication to his job and community were self-evident through his passion in life, working and training dogs. When not training dogs, he could be found on his Harley, touring the countryside.

Upon honoring his request, there will be no services held.

Carolyn Byrd Shield

Mrs. Carolyn Byrd Shield, 78, walked into the open arms of her "honey," Greydon W. Shield, Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, while surrounded by her loving family. Born June 30, 1941, in Hampton, Va., she was a daughter of the late Carlton James Byrd and the late Virginia Lee Powell.

Mrs. Shield was a licensed cosmetologist and owned and operated a salon in Oak Hall for many years. In 1984, she gave up her shears and began running the family business, Corbin Poultry Farms,



Mrs. Shield

in Parksley, alongside Greydon. For more than 25 years, they operated a successful farm, raising chickens for Tyson Foods, Inc. Following retirement, Mrs. Shield continued working as a substitute teacher for Accomack County Schools and always looked forward to days spent shaping young minds. She was a former member of the Woman's Club of Accomack County and the Nelsonia Moose Lodge, where she was active in planning and organizing their Saturday night dinners.

A life defined by love, laughter and joy, Mrs. Shield's presence was a blessing to all, as she made sure family and friends were always a priority. She cherished the memories made during the many NASCAR races she and Greydon attended with

Jan, Toby, Eddie, and Nancy. Christmas was the highlight of her year because it brought all of her favorites together – her beautiful family, sharing a wonderful meal, and of course, her perfectly decorated Christmas tree. It was no secret to everyone that Carolyn loved Greydon and her children beyond measure, but nothing compared to the joy and affection she felt for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Lee Ellen Young and husband, Wayne, of Mearsville, Va., and Stewart Shield, of Mappsville; sister, Brenda Barnes, of Exmore; brother, Carlton James Byrd Jr., of Melfa; grandchildren, Matthew Young (Katie), Mariah Shield Thomas (Shawn), Stephanie Young (Nicholas Brisco), and Maranda Shield; great-grandchildren, Raegan Thornes, Ella Thomas, and Wesley Birch; adopted daughter, Estella Cruz; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by sisters, Martha Lee Parks and Nancy Stapleford.

A gathering of family and friends, to

celebrate Mrs. Shield's life, was held at the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020.

In honor of her love for children, contributions in Mrs. Shield's memory may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Center (JDRF), 291 Independence Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (www.jdrf.org/donate), or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org/donate).

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Larry Taylor

The funeral service for **Mr. Larry Taylor**, of Upper Marlboro, Md., formerly of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, will be Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, at 12:30 p.m., at Shiloh Baptist Church in Painter, Va., with the Rev. Linda Stevens officiating. Interment will be in the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, Md.

Family and friends may call the John O. Morris Funeral Home, Nassawadox, Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m.

Mark J. Triplet Jr.

Mr. Mark J. "Jamey" "Trip" Triplet Jr., 36, of Mount Joy, Pa., passed away on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at home. Jamey was the husband of Carolyn Tucker Triplet.

Also surviving is his mother, Vickie Mapp, of Mount Joy; his father, Mark J. Triplet Sr., husband of Nikki, of Bridgeville, Del.; a sister, Amber Waits, of Mount Joy; a niece, Quinn Onley, of Mount Joy; and two nephews, Ethan Onley, of Pocomoke, Md., and Alexander Waits, of Mount Joy.



Mr. Triplet

Jamey was a welder extraordinaire, creatively artistic, and a lover of nature and animals. He was an awesome dude with a big heart. He will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

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CAPITAL LETTERS



By Rob Bloxom

In our third week under the new leadership in the House, we are moving through their agenda as the bills fill the subcommittee's docket. Some of the broad issues coming to subcommittees involve parole, absentee voting, and gun restrictions. These topics will be coming to the floor later this week. Earlier this week in the House, we heard passionate, heartfelt testimony of the implications of HB980 as it relates to abortion. On this type of sensitive issue the majority vote is ever present. Another very important bill which will affect us on the Eastern Shore is HB1422, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan Initiatives & Nutrient Management bill.

Being a new member on the Appropriations Committee is quite an eye opener, seeing that the governor's borrowing use is extremely heavy — to the tune of \$2.4 billion. Seven hundred million dollars is the threshold that has previously been borrowed on a yearly basis to fund ongoing capital needs of the state. The

Appropriations Committee's work is beginning in earnest, having listened to 13 billion dollars worth of requested amendments submitted by other delegates. My own budget amendment for the Eastern Shore is for hangars at the Melfa air-

Shore University Advocates Continue Pursuing Vision

By Carol Vaughn

The president of a group that wants to see a four-year university established on the Eastern Shore is looking for land and, potentially, for higher education institutions interested in partnering to establish a branch campus on the Shore.

Terry Malarkey updated the Accomack County Board of Supervisors at its Jan. 15 meeting on the University of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Foundation's activities over the past year.

He first recapped the group's beginnings in 2017. "It was inspired by the University of Virginia college in Wise," Malarkey said, noting that institution brings "\$75 million of cash flow" and "1,000 good jobs" into the Wise County area.

Bylaws, a board of directors, and a website were developed in 2018, along with obtaining nonprofit status.

The website is <https://www.eshoreu.org/>. In 2019, Malarkey spoke to Accomack

port. This would allow other facilities for any overflow projects stemming from the Wallops Island UAV runway.

I am always happy to meet with constituents coming from the Eastern Shore and my Norfolk district, listening

to their specific interests. I am always monitoring my emails and encourage you to contact me with your questions or concerns. I can be reached at 804-698-1100 or by email at DelRBloxom@house.virginia.gov.

supervisors, asking for land in the county industrial park in Melfa for a university.

"You haven't yet, but you haven't said no — and I thank you for that," he said.

Foundation representatives last year also visited with State Council of Higher Education officials and the Secretary of Education and his staff in Richmond.

They also met with elected officials, including Rep. Elaine Luria among others, and with Eastern Shore Community College's new leaders.

The foundation has issued an invitation to higher education institutions in Virginia, the United States, and worldwide "to set up a branch campus here on the Eastern Shore of Virginia," Malarkey said.

The designation, branch campus, "short circuits a lot of problems in accreditation," he said.

Citing precedents elsewhere in Virginia, Malarkey noted Old Dominion University began as a branch campus of another

college, as did George Mason University.

"So, it has been done before."

The invitation says the foundation envisions a university "starting off by leasing or owning some of the 200+ vacant acres" in the industrial park; starting by enrolling graduating students from Eastern Shore Community College in programs "designed to be attractive to industries important to Virginia," including STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), teaching, medical fields, and coding.

The university could start with programs at the junior and senior level, coordinating with the community college to have students earn a bachelor's degree.

Malarkey said the airport at the Accomack County Industrial Park is "a unique asset which not too many people have." It also has roads and utilities, and it is next door to the community college — all factors that make it a good location for a university, he said.



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Seaside	Assateague Beach	H 12:19 p.m. L 6:27 a.m.	H 1:06 p.m. L 7:19 a.m.	H 1:58 p.m. L 8:14 a.m.	H 2:56 p.m. L 9:12 a.m.	H 3:53 p.m. L 10:12 a.m.	H 4:48 p.m. L 11:11 a.m.	H 5:26 a.m. L 12:07 p.m.
	Chinco. Channel	H 12:23 p.m. L 6:26 a.m.	H 1:10 p.m. L 7:18 a.m.	H 2:02 p.m. L 8:13 a.m.	H 3:00 p.m. L 9:11 a.m.	H 3:57 p.m. L 10:11 a.m.	H 4:52 p.m. L 11:10 a.m.	H 5:30 a.m. L 12:06 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 1:15 p.m. L 7:06 a.m.	H 2:02 p.m. L 7:58 a.m.	H 2:54 p.m. L 8:53 a.m.	H 3:52 p.m. L 9:51 a.m.	H 4:49 p.m. L 10:51 a.m.	H 5:29 a.m. L 11:50 a.m.	H 6:22 a.m. L 12:46 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 1:08 p.m. L 6:51 a.m.	H 1:55 p.m. L 7:43 a.m.	H 2:47 p.m. L 8:38 a.m.	H 3:45 p.m. L 9:36 a.m.	H 4:42 p.m. L 10:36 a.m.	H 5:37 p.m. L 11:35 a.m.	H 6:15 a.m. L 12:31 p.m.
	Wachapreague	H 12:54 p.m. L 6:35 a.m.	H 1:41 p.m. L 7:27 a.m.	H 2:33 p.m. L 8:22 a.m.	H 3:31 p.m. L 9:20 a.m.	H 4:28 p.m. L 10:20 a.m.	H 5:23 p.m. L 11:19 a.m.	H 6:01 a.m. L 12:15 p.m.
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	Muddy Creek	H 4:31 p.m. L 11:06 a.m.	H 5:16 p.m. L 11:58 a.m.	H 5:57 a.m. L 12:55 p.m.	H 6:52 a.m. L 1:55 p.m.	H 7:52 a.m. L 2:55 p.m.	H 8:51 a.m. L 3:52 p.m.	H 9:48 a.m. L 4:45 p.m.
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Jackets Work Hard, Play Harder, 77-62

1/28/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL
NORTHAMPTON 77
CHINCOTEAGUE 62

By Matthew Yoder

Both Chincoteague and Northampton effectively heeded the audible demands of their coaches, but in the end the Yellow Jackets' adjustments played right into their wheelhouse and drove a 77-62 win Tuesday night in the Pony Pen.

Northampton opened the game playing unselfishly, which led to good looks for easy scores. Keshawn Robinson-Taylor swung the ball on the baseline to an open Brayden Washington for a 3-pointer and Jeremiah Major had similarly good court vision to find Washington in the paint for a layup. The Yellow Jackets' defense then spurred consecutive layups from Vonte Coston and Robinson-Taylor, the latter a 3-point play as result of a foul. Northampton appeared to be cruising early, but their offense hit a wall.

In the seesaw first quarter, Chincoteague responded to the calls of coach Timmy Johnson to "attack." TJ Pitts led the Ponies' charge, and his teammates followed suit. Brandon Bundick hit a 3 for Chincoteague, igniting the crowd, and aggressive drives by Trent Clark and Landon King yielded results, with King's basket putting the Ponies ahead late in the quarter.

Ahmad Scarborough responded with a jumper in the lane for Northampton, but Pitts put Chincoteague ahead again with a 3 a few possessions later. The first quarter ended a draw at 14 apiece, much to the chagrin of Northampton coach Wayne Bell. Bell expected more from his team, urging, "on offense y'all gotta move."

It was a game where both coaches really seemed to get the best of their players from pointed statements, and the Yellow Jackets executed Bell's assertions early in the second quarter.



Trent Clark fights hard against strong defense from Kevon White for 2 points. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

Chincoteague briefly regained the lead at the outset of the second following a layup from Brendan Lafayette, but shortly thereafter Northampton began to deliver in all facets of the game. Washington hit a mid-range jumpshot, Scarborough climbed for a rebound and scored on the put back, and a thunderous block from Charles Tankard led to an uncontested layup from Coston. Kevon White provided the play of the half for the Yellow jackets with a tremendous block on the defensive end. White was rewarded in transition with a layup, giving his team a 10-point lead and forcing a Pony timeout.

Scarborough capped a personally strong second quarter with a pair of layups as the half drew to a close. Bell's words undeniably led to the Yellow Jackets opening a 12-point lead at the break.

The teams competed with great tenacity out of the break. Scarborough's play continued to impress, and Coston began to tally points in great numbers, with 9 in the third quarter, en route to a game high 21.

There was no quit in the Ponies, and Ayden Leonard, who spent much of the first half in foul trouble, exemplified the fight. Leonard chased every loose ball in his vicinity, and along with King, provided a dual threat for the Ponies to help offset the gains by Scarborough and Coston. Like Coston, King scored 9 in the quarter for the Ponies.

Late in the quarter, a diving save from Chincoteague's Camron Davis kept a possession alive for his team, a play which ultimately ended with Leonard finding King for a layup, and the Ponies climbing to within 8 of the lead. Coston, however, stretched the lead back to 10 as the quarter ended, playing a two-man game with Scarborough.

Northampton spent much of the early part of the fourth quarter resting Coston and Scarborough, and for a time they did not relinquish any part of their lead; in fact they increased it some. White fed Tankard for a turnaround jumper, Quincy Washington then made a great bounce pass to Tankard for a layup, and Washington scored back-to-back shots for

Northampton.

The Ponies remained aggressive, as Leonard fought hard for a couple of buckets in the paint, but Northampton's depth really was on full display. Robinson-Taylor played an outstanding game outside of the stat sheet, plugging the middle on defense for the Yellow Jackets, and passing the ball with great vision in the fourth quarter.

Chincoteague's resolve wouldn't rest. Coston and Scarborough re-entered the game with 3:22 to go after a pair of 3-point plays from Pitts brought the Ponies to within 10. At that point Coston and Scarborough became great distributors of the basketball to one another and to teammates, Braden Justice and Shaikem Anderson, to help pull out the victory.

Bell was especially impressed by how his team responded after the slow start.

"They actually stepped up and started moving the ball around," said Bell.

Everyone contributed for Northampton, as was Bell's intention, as the season draws nearer to the playoffs and experience becomes a premium.

"We tried to play everybody, I feel very strong moving forward," Bell said.

Coston's 21 was complemented by Scarborough with 18, and Washington with 13.

The play of the Ponies too has been much better down the stretch. Chincoteague has been thoroughly competitive in losses to strong competition, and Johnson is pleased with the effort, saying it's indicative of what is coming out of practices.

"We played hard, we fought in chipping away at the lead, everyday they're still working hard at practice," Johnson said.

Chincoteague ended the game with four in double figures, led by Leonard with 15, King with 14, Clark with 12, and Pitts with 11.

The win moved Northampton's record to 11-6, 4-2 in league play. With the loss, Chincoteague fell to 4-8 overall, 0-6 in league play.

Warrior Duals Conclude Wrestling Season



Arcadia's Ronaldo Lopez was hurt in his first match but almost records a fall on Gloucester wrestler in his next match. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.



Nandua's Cameron Mears circles the mat trying to set something up against a Kings Fork wrestler. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

1/25/20 - WRESTLING

By Brennan Waldorf

Last weekend Jan. 25 the Nandua wrestling team hosted its 5th Annual Warrior Duals at the middle school in Onley. The Warrior Duals are a round robin, team tournament with two separate pools. Teams wrestle against each other in their respected pool and the teams with the best records advance into the championship round.

This year the Warrior Duals saw 12 teams from Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia go head-to-head on the mat. Nandua, Arcadia, Northampton, and Broadwater all took place in the local round robin tournament that was won by Delmar High School (Del.). Host Nandua was runner-up and Gloucester High finished in third. Wrestlers who went undefeated on the day also received individual medals. This year Nandua's Colin Ford, Ben Gutierrez, and Matt Taylor all received medals alongside Northampton's Aizmani Joseph and Crescencio Sugia and Arcadia's Abraham Mateos. Broadwater's only wrestler, William Wehner, also went a perfect 5-0 on the day.

The Warriors' Duals are a draw-

ing of the curtain for several teams as they prepare for the postseason. For some wrestlers, the regular season is just practice, losses are agonizing and frustrating but not detrimental. A state title is the ultimate goal but only those who have learned from their losses and made the correct changes – and sacrifices will be rewarded. From here wrestlers will need to be perfect, no mistakes and no excuses.

Virginia Regional tournaments start in February, and two losses in the tournament will result in being eliminated from the postseason. A single loss could seriously alter chances in the state tournament, as regional placement determines seeding positions at the next level.

The Jackets will head to Riverheads High School Feb. 8 for the Division I Region A Tournament in Staunton, Va.

Nandua and Arcadia will travel to Poquoson High School Feb. 8 to take place in the Division II Region A Tournament. It'll be a rigorous and demanding journey with only those wrestlers, who can dig deep within themselves to push through the punishment and pain, prevailing. Only the wrestlers who place in the top four at regionals will get the chance to raise their arms

in victory at the state tournament, in Salem Feb. 21.

"He's got a lot of potential," said Spencer.



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Eliás Addresses Orioles Rebuild and Possible Shorebirds Prospects

By Bill Sterling

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

Mike Eliás was preaching patience to Baltimore Oriole fans at the Delmarva Shorebirds' annual Hot Stove League Banquet, Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Wicomico Civic Center in Salisbury, Md. Eliás, only 37, was hired a year ago as the general manager of the Orioles and tasked with the job of rebuilding the franchise to its glory days when it filled ballparks and was always in contention for an American League title.

Eliás said he understands the fan frustration of the Orioles losing more than 100 games the last two seasons and not likely to contend in the American League East Division this upcoming season.

However, according to Eliás, help is coming to Baltimore, and some of those players will eventually be from the Delmarva Shorebirds team that had a franchise-record 90 wins last season. In 2019, the Shorebirds also boasted the manager of the year, general manager of the year, and pitch-



Baltimore Oriole general manager Mike Eliás speaks to reporters at the Delmarva Shorebirds Hot Stove League banquet. Photo by Bill Sterling.

ing coach of the year in the South Atlantic League.

In addition, the Bowie Baysox — the Oriole's Double A affiliate — also advanced to the playoffs, while the Aberdeen Ironbirds — the short season club — had an outstanding season.

"It's exactly what you want to see, especially when you're in a rebuild," Eliás said. "We're focused on that type of success. The success of teams like the Shorebirds is really going to dictate what we do the next couple of years in Baltimore," added Eliás, who is predicting a big year for the Norfolk Tides, the Orioles' Triple A team, as the players move up through the organization.

Eliás said the Orioles have some exciting players in their farm system who are knocking on the door and stacking up well with other teams.

Delmarva fans saw top pitching prospect Grayson Rodriguez lead a staff that topped the league in ERA by a sizable margin. And near the end of the season, those fans had their first chance to see the Orioles' number one pick, Adley Rutschman, behind the plate.

Rutschman led Oregon State to the 2018 College World Series title, being named the MVP after setting a College World Series record with 17 hits.

In 2019, he was named the best college baseball player in the United States before becoming the top overall pick and inking an \$8.1 million contract with the Orioles, the highest signing bonus ever.

Eliás, a 2006 Yale graduate, made his mark in scouting and was responsible for Houston selecting shortstop Carlos Correa as the top overall pick. In addition to Correa, Eliás said Bryce Harper and Stephen Strasberg were the best amateur baseball players he has ever scouted. "Adley Rutschman is right up there, however — the leadership he has shown on the field, being a switch-hitting catcher, the athleticism, playing two sports."

Eliás noted the Orioles have three picks in the top 40 in the upcoming draft, including the second overall, and he is traveling the country to interview the top prospects, some as many as five times.

Eliás served as Houston's assistant general manager and oversaw player development and minor league operations before coming to Baltimore after the 2018 season. Thus, he was part of the organization when the sign-stealing scandal occurred that recently rocked Major League Baseball, bringing a \$5 million fine to the team and the forfeiture of draft picks in 2020 and 2021. In

addition, general manager Jeff Luhnow and field manager A.J. Hinch were fired following a suspension handed down by the league. Boston manager Alex Cora and New York Mets manager Carlos Beltran, who were implicated as being heavily involved in the sign-stealing scheme when Cora was a coach and Beltran a player on that Houston 2018 squad, also were fired by their teams.

In a press conference held prior to the banquet Thursday, Eliás was asked for his thoughts on the matter. "We've been asked not to comment, and as the general manager of another organization, it wouldn't be appropriate for me to talk about something with another team," he responded. "That said, in my position with the Astros, I was in charge of minor leagues and scouting, and that's where my focus was. We did a tremendous job in that area, and I don't think what is going on detracts from that work, and that type of expertise is what is going to be important to the Orioles right now in our rebuild. Yes, it is tough to watch, but it seems the league is rectifying and doing a good job with the situation."

Eliás added that Oriole fans can be assured the team is doing things the right way and that integrity is a core value.

Eliás who obviously was on a fast track, rising from a college graduate to a baseball general manager in 12 years, was asked what advice he would give to a young person interested in baseball. "So much has changed since I got in baseball in 2006," he said. "My path was scouting. I was interested in scouting and knew some people who helped me get into scouting. There are so many different opportunities now. I would say the best skills to have would be mastering the Spanish language, learning aspects of player development technology and having the ability to code (creating computer software for player assessment)."

The Delmarva Shorebirds will be playing their 25th season at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium when they open the season at home April 9. Frank Perdue was a driving force in getting the franchise established in Salisbury and building a park that is considered one of the finest in Single-A baseball.



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Jackets, A Force to Bee Reckoned With

**1/28/20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL
NORTHAMPTON 54
CHINCOTEAGUE 30**

By Brennan Waldorf

The Northampton girls basketball team further cemented its standing atop the district with a commanding win over Chincoteague at home Jan. 28. The Lady Jackets have been outstanding in district play this year, going a perfect 6-0, beating their district rivals by double digits in each contest.

Chincoteague won the tipoff in Eastville and scored twice before the Jackets responded. Emma Jackson was first on the board with a mid-range jumper. The Ponies then stole the ball on defense and Jackson scored again on a put-back basket in the paint. Northampton then cut the lead with a stellar inside pass by Jada Giddens to freshman Katie Widgeon. The Jackets were incontestable on defense as they forced turnovers and picked the pockets of the Ponies by cutting off passing lanes and trapping at midcourt. They took the lead after Maeyanna Delk was fouled on a drive to the basket. Giddens then scored on the inside, pushing the spread to 3. It was Chincoteague that finished the quarter ahead 8-7, after a put-back basket by Caroline Shelley and inside basket by Lindsay O'Shea.

The second quarter saw a much more aggressive Jacket defense that diminished space and gravitated to the ball. Northampton went on a 11-point run with Maeyanna Delk being the focal point of the attack. Delk started with a running floater in the lane followed by a steal and a layup. The next play she delivered a dime to Amyah Williams, putting the Jackets up 13-8. Delk was a magnet to ball on offense, creating space and drawing defenders that allowed her teammates to get open. She assisted or scored on every possession during the quarter.

The Jackets were up by double digits but took a big loss in the quarter when Jada Giddens went down with a

knee injury with 1:21 remaining. She was unable to return to the game after the injury. With her absence came the conclusion of the Jacket run as Chincoteague had a long outlet pass to Allana Hall for a layup, ending the quarter 20-10.

The second half saw a pickup in fouls with both teams doing their fair share on both sides of the ball. Chincoteague managed to get within 4 points with some tough shots made by Jackson, but Northampton's Delk controlled the pace and helped pushed her team ahead. With Giddens out of the game, there was a call for players to step up and that call was answered by Jayden Jenkins and Jala Sanders. Jenkins recorded the first 3 of the night on a pass by Delk at the end of the quarter, pushing the score to 32-19 in Northampton's favor.

In the final quarter, Northampton coasted to the finish line with a comfortable lead throughout. The Ponies played hard and never gave in but NaPria Brown and Maeyanna Delk caused havoc on defense. The duo forced several turnovers and led scoring in the quarter, securing the win at home 54-30.

Northampton Maeyanna Delk led all scorers with 26 points, Napria Brown contributed 7 points, and freshman Jayden Jenkins recorded the only 3-pointers of the night finishing with 6. The Jackets will be back on their homecourt Feb. 3 for a matchup against Franklin High.

Chincoteague's Emma Jackson finished with 12 points while Car-



Amyah Williams puts a floater up over Chincoteague in the second quarter. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

oline Shelley and Alanna Hall each tallied 6. The Ponies will host Holly Grove Feb. 3 for a 5:30 tipoff time on the Island.

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1/27/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL
NORFOLK CHRISTIAN 72
ARCADIA 60

By Matthew Yoder

By nature of the schedule, the road has been home to the Arcadia boys of late. The Firebirds have traveled great distances, securing victories against Salisbury Christian and Colonel Richardson, while running their win streak to a season-long seven games.

A loss this past Monday across the bridge against Norfolk Christian stalled

the streak, but has not put a damper on what has already been a successful campaign in 2019-20. Three more games against Shore opponents, first with Northampton, then next Tuesday in Onley against Nandua and a season capping home matchup against Chincoteague, provide Arcadia the opportunity to run the table in league play, while also jockeying for position in the playoff push.

The Firebirds have got to this point largely playing from behind, but have shown great skill in remaining poised, delivering captivating comebacks and closing games with tremendous resolve. Arcadia has relied heavily on the play of a core group of seniors, who on any given night have stepped up and played intense basketball. From William Scarborough's 3-point proficiency and court vision, to Lethon Williams' speed and effectiveness to seek out high-percentage shots, the formula for victory has been clear. Defensive focus from Kamron Downing and Keith Grinage, and clutch shots from Jaden Hope have further sunk many oppo-

nents' chances, and have given rise to expectations for a team that has thrilled many spectators this season.

The path to an undefeated season will not be easy, as Nandua and Northampton have provided strong challenges in previous matchups this season, and Chincoteague gave Arcadia all they could handle in an overtime affair just a couple weeks ago.

That game in particular seemed to trigger a reset in the approach of Arcadia's players henceforth.

Overtime contests and games played against larger schools on grand stages have undoubtedly alleviated any intimidation factor the Firebirds may experience moving forward, and the next week should be interesting in determining where the road leads from here.

Things You Didn't Need To Know

The Eastern Shore Post was cleaning out its internet tubes the other day and found these interesting facts:

- Charles Cunningham Boycott was an English land agent working in Ireland in the late 1800s. He so angered local people that they refused to harvest his crops or do business with him. Their actions gave the English language the word boycott.
- Rats can't vomit.
- Nearly 3% of the ice in Antarctic glaciers is made up of penguin urine.
- Frank Hayes was a jockey who had never won a race. In a 1923 steeplechase he was riding Sweet Kiss, a 20 to 1 longshot. Expectations were low but somehow Sweet Kiss won by a head. Racing officials and the horse's owner, Miss A.M. Frayling, rushed over to congratulate Hayes who slowly slipped from the saddle and ended up lying in the dirt. Dead. The jockey had succumbed to an apparent heart attack at some point during the race but his body stayed in the saddle. The usual requirement of a post-race weigh-in was waived. The win was ruled legitimate. Sweet Kiss became known as the Sweet Kiss of Death. And never raced again.

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Warriors Win Shootout, 63-57

1/27/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL
NANDUA 63
POQUOSON ISLANDERS 57

By Brennan Waldorf

The Nandua Warriors picked up a regional victory on Monday night Jan. 27 when they defeated the Poquoson Islanders.

The game started off lopsided in Nandua's favor after Malik Battle recorded two steals that led to a layup of his own and an assist to Gerald Pitt. The Islanders scored their first basket on a foul but Nandua went on a run and built a 14-5 lead. The Warriors' defense did a tremendous job causing several turnovers that were converted to points throughout the quarter and game. The quarter ended with the Warriors ahead 14-9.

The second quarter saw a more settled Islander offense that sought open shooters and some low post action. Nandua opened scoring with a 3 from Pitt in the corner but Poquoson always managed to match Nandua baskets, keeping them within reach. After some basket exchanges, the Islanders got their first and only lead of the night after Justin Bradshaw

buried a 3-point attempt putting them up 24-22. It would be short-lived as the Warriors AhkTavius Harmon quickly turned around and hit a 3 of his own. The half ended with Nandua up 27-24.

The second half was the beginning of the deep ball. In the third quarter, shooting picked up with both teams knocking down shots from the perimeter. Malik Battle was first to draw, knocking down a corner 3-point attempt, which was quickly answered by the Islanders Wyatt Freeman. The two teams traded several 3-pointers and the quarter concluded with Nandua ahead 44-42.

The final quarter was close with Poquoson staying on the heels of Nandua. The Islanders always managed to answer the Warriors baskets but were ultimately put out of the game when Jackson Harper fouled out with 45 seconds remaining. The Warriors took control and put the game away after a couple foul shots by Tremere Summerville, winning 63-57.

The Warriors were led by in points by Gerald Pitt who had 16 and two steals. Tremere Summerville concluded with 14 points and two steals, and AhkTavius Harmon put 12 on the board and three steals. Nandua will be back on its home court Feb. 4 for a 7 p.m. tipoff against district rival Arcadia.



Nandua's Malik Battle pulls up beyond the arc. He had 8 points and four rebounds in the Monday night victory. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

SPORTS SHORTS

Accomack County Central Little League Spring Sign-Ups

Accomack County Central Little League spring sign-ups for boys and girls, ages 4 to 18, is now available. The registration fee is \$65 a child, and \$45 for only T-Ball. The deadline to register is Feb. 29. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline date.

The items needed at the time of registration include: registration fee, birth certificate, shirt size and proof of residency. If the child lives outside of but attends school in Accomack County, a school enrollment form must be filled out.

For more information, contact Billy Justice at centralaccomacklittleleague@gmail.com.

Accomack County Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball Game Schedules

Accomack Parks and Recreation Department Youth Basketball games will be held at Arcadia High School, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m. Donation is \$1 for adults. For Feb. 1, the game schedules is: 9 a.m., Knights vs. Horntown Heat (ages 5-8), 10 a.m., Celtics 1 vs. Heat (ages 5-8), Wizards 1 vs. Hornets (ages 5-8), noon, Cavaliers vs. Wizards 2 (ages 9-12), 1 p.m., 13-15 (practice), 2 p.m., Chincoteague vs. Wizards (ages 9-12), and 3 p.m., Chincoteague vs. Accomack (13-15).

The game for Feb. 3, 2020, will be held at Nandua Middle School. The Celtics will play against the Knights (ages 9-12) at 6:15 p.m.

For additional information contact the Accomack County Parks and Recreation office at 787-4900 or 824-0314.

Anglers Club Hosts Fish Cookery Talk

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold its monthly meeting on Feb. 10 in the conference room of the Sage Restaurant in Onley. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a presentation on fish cooking lead by Don McGavock of Parksley.

A former restaurateur, McGavock will present a cooking demonstration of locally caught fish species, with a small-bite sampling. He will be assisted by several other club members in talking about how they prepare local species. Printed recipes will be available.

The public is invited to attend, and new or prospective members are welcome.

Free Safety and Marksmanship Training for Shore Youth

The Eastern Shore Rifle Team will be holding free safety and marksmanship

training starting March 21, at noon, rain or shine. The entrance to the NOAAWIVA range is 300 yards due east from T's Corner, on the south side of Chincoteague Road.

Participants must wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and a billed cap. Equipment, snacks, and drinks will be provided. For more information call 757-442-3013 or 757-710-0294.

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Animal Control Finds Success Cooperating With Animal Rescue Groups

Story and Photos by Carol Vaughn

The Eastern Shore Regional Animal Control Facility has made strides in recent years in finding homes for the dogs and cats that come its way, thanks in part to increased cooperation with volunteer organizations.

Molly, a sweet-natured, mixed-breed dog, is one former resident that found a happy home.

She has lived at Commonwealth Senior Living on the Eastern Shore in Onancock since being adopted five years ago.

Molly spends her time in the Memory Care wing of the retirement community, visiting with residents.

“She is such a tender, sweet, intuitive dog. She loves everyone. ... She knows who needs her,” said Kristie Annis, executive director.

Molly has a bed in one of the offices and room to roam outside in the enclosed courtyard.

“Everybody just pitches in and takes care of her,” Annis said.

Animal control staffers are always looking for new ways to help more animals find forever homes.

The Accomack County Sheriff’s Office maintains the facility at 28167 Beacon Road, near Melfa, which serves both Accomack and Northampton counties.

Each county has two animal control officers — Corporal Sue Burdge and Deputy Zach Parks in Accomack County and Deputy Melinda Elliott and Deputy Bradley Taylor in Northampton County.

Of 1,189 dogs and cats that came through the doors last year, 865 were strays and 321 were surrendered by their owners. Others were seized animals or bite cases.

Of the total, 89 were reclaimed by owners; 37 were adopted; 40 were transferred to another Virginia facility; and 693 were transferred to approved out-of-state facilities, according to records submitted to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Still, 267 animals, of which 202 were cats, had to be euthanized.

The number is down from 2017, when 443 of 1,463 animals taken in — including 357 cats — were euthanized.

Burdge, who oversees the facility, credits manager Stacey Clark, volunteers, and several nonprofit groups with getting more animals placed these days.

The facility has 14 kennels and can fit up to 28 dogs at a time, plus cats.

The SPCA Eastern Shore is among local groups that takes animals from the regional facility.

The no-kill shelter, funded by donations, takes in around 150 to 200 animals each year in 28 dog kennels and several cat rooms, according to Maureen Lawrence, president of the board of directors.

The number includes animals from the animal control facility, as well as some surrendered by owners and transfers from other organizations.

Lawrence said lost pets should be reported to the regional animal control facility.

“There’s a lot of misinformation about what happens when you find a stray animal,” she said — calling animal control “the best chance of getting them back to an owner.”

After a mandatory holding period, the animal control facility can release an animal for adoption or to another agency, like the SPCA.

“So, what we do is, every week, we check with them — do they have what they consider adoptable animals? — and we will go down and get them,” Lawrence said.

She praised the staff, so few in number, for their outsized efforts to find placements for animals.

“They’ve done a lot of work this year putting a lot of the animals on Facebook ... and looking for foster families. They’ve done an amazing job of putting the word out,” she said.

Melanie Parker, a volunteer who also works at a local veterinarian’s office, has helped boost the facility’s social media presence, which is a big help, according to Clark.

“We need 20 of her,” Clark said.

Additionally, keeping in close touch with organizations, including the SPCA, Dogs Deserve Better, Kindness Matters, Roadrunner Rescue, and others, has helped find homes for more animals, according to Burdge.

Dogs Deserve Better also raised \$10,000 to install air conditioning in the regional facility.

Roadrunner Rescue, in Maryland, “takes 90% of our cats,” Burdge said, adding, “Last year, we sent five dogs as far as Michigan. We put dogs on the planes here in the airport (in Melfa) and flew them off to ... Long Island.

That’s another promising trend.



A tabby cat sits patiently inside a kennel.

“There are so many more out there, now, reaching out to us, and there are more people that want to help — that are offering to do transport, and offering to do whatever they can to save the animals,” Burdge said.

Among the messages she and Clark want to get out to the public:

- Use the regional facility only as a last resort if you can’t keep your pet.
- Keep your pet from straying off your property. (The facility sees its share of repeat appearances by dogs who wander.)
- Keep up pets’ rabies vaccinations.

Perhaps the most important message is to spay or neuter your pet, which reduces the number of unwanted animals.

Accomack County recently was awarded a \$10,000 grant to help spay and neuter animals.

Some money will go to spay or neu-



Kristie Annis, executive director of Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore in Onancock, poses with Molly, the resident dog adopted five years ago from the animal control facility.

ter animals adopted from the facility, and some to two trap-neuter-release groups in the county, Burdge said.

Additionally, the SPCA makes possible around 400 surgeries a year through a spay/neuter program it has in conjunction with Virginia Beach.

Accomack County gives \$5,000 a year to subsidize pet surgeries for low-income residents.

“We’re all trying to do the same thing — and that is save animals,” Lawrence said.

What to Know:

Call the Eastern Shore Regional Animal Control Facility at 757-787-7091, open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The facility is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/esracf.melfa>, including photos and information about animals.

Adoption fee is \$45 for dogs and \$35 for cats, with agreement to spay or neuter within 30 days. The facility is seeking volunteers and welcomes donations of canned cat food, puppy and kitten chow, and chew toys. Volunteers must get rabies vaccinations to work at the facility.

What to do if you find a stray animal:

Contact the sheriff, who can dispatch an animal control officer. Northampton County, 757-678-0458; Accomack County, 757-787-1131.

To report a lost or found animal:

If you are not requesting the animal to be picked up, you can file a report directly with the Animal Control Facility at 757-787-7091. Call during open hours or make sure to leave your phone number and name on a message.

The SPCA spay/neuter program is described on the website, www.shorespca.com, along with applications for surgery.

Normal prices: Cat - \$92; Male dog - \$118; Female dog - \$123

With proof of low-income status (Accomack residents only): Cat \$47; Dog \$60

Applicant must provide proof of rabies vaccination or pay \$10 for a rabies vaccination.

Church News

Bloxom

A pastor's aide program, Spiritual Signs, will be Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m., at Macedonia Baptist Church. Pastors' aides from all churches are invited to attend.

Craddockville

Masterpiece Ministries will meet Monday, Feb. 3, at Craddockville UMC.

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the church.

Ladies Bible Study will meet Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. Workbooks are \$11. For more information, contact Cindy Walter.

Girl Scout cookies will be sold after service, on Sundays throughout February, in the fellowship hall.

The church is looking for a Sunday School teacher for the young adult class. Restoration Ministries is seeking volunteers for the upcoming thrift store. If interested, contact Pastor Rob

Kelly or Tricia Wallace.

Girl Scouts Troop 1082 will collect nonperishable foods for "Soup"er bowl. Leave the donation on the Super Bowl table beside the your favorite team in the fellowship hall. All food collected will go to the food pantry.

Exmore

A community prayer rally, Victory Over Violence, will be held Friday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m., at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Elder Quintavion Washington in conjunction with The Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland Baptist Association have invited the community to come pray together for peace and nonviolence. The Rev. M.P. Bunting will be the moderator.

Melfa

A pulled pork dinner prepared by G.L. Smith will be Friday, Jan. 31, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Oak Grove UMC. The cost is \$8 and dinners in-

clude pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, and tea or coffee. Eat in or take it out. For more information or to place early orders, call 710-4920 or 787-1508.

Parksley

The thrift shop will be open Saturday, Feb. 1, from 8 a.m. to noon, at Grace United Methodist Church. There will be nice sweaters and tops, children's clothing, books, jewelry, kitchen items and more. Part of the proceeds will go to the Eastern Shore Regional Library.

Pungoteague

The Youth Group meetings will be Thursday, Feb. 6, and Friday, Feb. 21, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Pungoteague Community Church social hall.

The women's fellowship meetings will be Thursdays, Feb. 13 and 27, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home.

The men's fellowship meetings will be Thursdays, Feb. 13 and 27, at 6 p.m.,

at the church social hall.

The food pantry will be open Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 8, from 8 to 10 a.m.

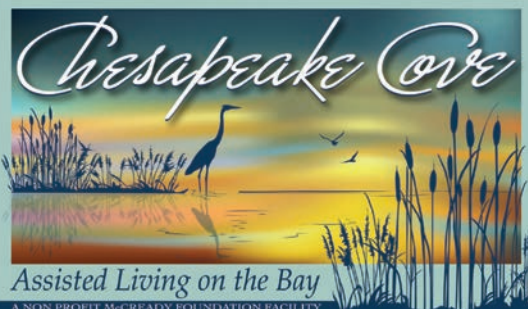
Bible study will be every Tuesday, at 6 p.m., at the pastor's house. The group will study the Overcomer series.

A hymn sing will be Sunday, Feb. 23. For more information, call the church at 442-9596.

Snow Hill, Md.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., at All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 West Market St. The cost for eat-in dinners is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. All take-out dinners are \$8. The menu includes sausage, pancakes, and baked apples. For advance tickets, call 410-632-1216.

The next Church News will be in the Friday, Feb. 28, edition.



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MILE POSTS



Preservation Society Receives \$50,000 Grant

The Northampton Historic Preservation Society (NHPS) announced that The Cabell Foundation awarded a one-to-one \$50,000 challenge grant to support the restoration and preservation of the 1907 jail building on the Northampton County Court Green in Eastville. The society plans to use the 1907 jail as a museum to recognize the history of all the jails that once stood on the historic court green. This project will complete a five-building combination of exhibits and buildings reflecting Northampton County governance over the past three hundred years. With the restoration of the 1907 jail, the Northampton County Historic Court Green is certain to be one of the most intact and restored court greens in the country. Learn more about the project at the NHPS website: www.northampton-historicpreservationsociety.com



Marriage Licenses Issued

• Matthew Aaron Baublitz, 44, and Galdriel Lee Payne, 45, both of Shermans Dale, Pa.

Shelley on Dean's List

Elizabeth Shelley, of Chincoteague, was named to the James Madison University dean's list for the fall 2019 semester. She is a majoring in communication sciences and disorders.



Pictured above from left are Nancy Bisker, chapter regent of the DAR; DAR Good Citizens recipients, Joslyn Herold, Alanna Hall, and Anna Hart; and Sarah Trayer, chapter chairman of the DAR Good Citizens Award.

DAR Good Citizens Awardees Named

Submitted Article and Photo

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held its January meeting and announced the chapter's 2020 Good Citizen Awards. The recipients included Alanna Hall, Chincoteague High School, daughter of Lisa Hall and Brian Hall; Anna Hart, Naudua High School, daughter of Donald and Beth Hart; and Joslyn Herold, Arcadia High School, daughter of Dustin Herold. The essay topic for this year was "Our American Heritage and our Responsibility for Preserving It," and the focus ques-

tion was "You and your peers are our nation's leaders of tomorrow. How would you energize America's youth to fully engage as effective citizens? Why is that important?"

All the recipients received a rose, certificate, a book, and a monetary award. The DAR Good Citizens Award, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities.



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Community Notes

Bridgetown and Onancock

The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore will perform Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Cokesbury Church in Onancock, and Sunday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m., at Hungars Episcopal Church in Bridgetown. The concert, entitled Old & New, will include the Eastern Shore Brass playing Bach, Mozart's piano concerto No. 21 in C Major with Lee Jordan-Anders as soloist, a new work by Ann Neikirk, and William Grant Still's Mother and Child.

Cape Charles

The Cape Charles Memorial Library Annual Dinner with Friends will be Saturday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m., at The Oyster Farm Seafood Eatery. For more information, call 695-4192.

Friends of Kiptopeke State Park will have a program for the public Monday, Feb. 10, at 5:30 p.m., at The Lemon Tree Gallery. Roberta Kellam, of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Birding and Wildlife Programs, will give a talk on "Tricky Bird Identification – A Closer Look at Some Challenging Birds."

The Freezin' for a Reason dip in the bay will be Saturday, Feb. 22, at noon, at the Cape Charles beachfront. Funds raised will go to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity, which helps provide housing for those in need on the Shore.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church social hall. The celebrity dipper, Todd Burbage, will lead the participants to the beach. After the big splash, lunch will be served/sold at the church.

Prizes will be awarded to top fundraising teams and individuals (18 and younger). People can take the dip in the water themselves or they can support the celebrity dipper.

For more information, call 442-4687 or email eshabitat@verizon.net

Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Island Theatre Company will perform a play, "All

Because of Agatha," Feb. 7, 8, 14, and 16, at 7 p.m., at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Community Center. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at Sundial Books or H&H Pharmacy by cash or check, or at ChincoteagueCA.org by credit card.

Exmore

A community prayer rally, Victory Over Violence, will be held Friday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m., at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 9504 Occohannock Neck Road. Elder Quintavon Washington in conjunction with The Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland Baptist Association have invited the community to come pray together for peace and nonviolence.

The Dollar Days Sale will be Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Hare Valley Senior Center. There will be baked goods, clothing, and household items for

sale starting as low as \$1. All proceeds will go to the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency.

Melfa

The 2020 Eastern Shore Community College Oyster Roast will be Friday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m., at the Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Center Great Hall. Tickets are \$60 and proceeds will fund scholarships and efforts for local students. There will be guided tours of the new Academic Building from 4 to 6 p.m. Anthony Rosano and the Conqueroos will provide live blues rock. For more information, call 789-1749.

Onancock

Onancock International Films will present the South Korean film, "Parasite," Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Roseland Theatre. Tickets will be

\$8. Season passes are \$25 and available for purchase at The Book Bin.

The movie takes place in modern day South Korea. The Parks are the picture of aspirational wealth and the Kims are rich in street smarts but not much else. These two families are brought together and the Kims sense a golden opportunity. Soon, a mutually beneficial relationship forms between the two families. Now, the stage is set for a winner-take-all class war. The movie questions, how does one get rid of a parasite?

Onley

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club will meet Monday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Sage Diner conference room. The meeting will feature a presentation on fish cooking by Don McGavock, of Parksley. He will give a cooking demonstration of locally caught fish species, with a small-bite sampling. The public is welcome to attend.

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FRIDAY JAN. 31 ★noon - AA mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock
 ★12:30 p.m. - Science and Philosophy Seminar: The Human Footprint in the 21st Century - ESCC, Room 113 in the new building, Melfa
 ★6-8 p.m. - Musical Performance with Jim Newsom and Gail Smith - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles
 ★7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Rd., Eastville
 ★7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
 ★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven - doors open at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY FEB. 1 ★9:30 a.m. - E.S. Cancer Support Group mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley - \$5/Breakfast
 ★10 a.m.-noon - Valentine's Day Card Making - Pocomoke Library
 ★noon - AA and Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
 ★noon - Bake Sale Fundraiser - Dollar Tree, Exmore
 ★6-10 p.m. - Speakeasy for Bootleggers and Teetotalers - Historic Onancock High School, 6 College Ave. - \$50/person - 757-302-1331
 ★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

POST TIMES

Jan. 31-Feb. 6

SUNDAY FEB. 2 ★11 a.m. - Meditation Group - Train Station, Onley
 ★2 p.m. - Bingo - VFW Post 2296, Tasley
 ★4 p.m. - Life Recovery of E.S. mtg. - Rock Church, Melfa

MONDAY FEB. 3 ★11 a.m. - Northampton Chap. AARP mtg. - Cheriton Rescue Squad
 ★1-4 p.m. - CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday: Card, Word, and Board Games - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague
 ★5:30-6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
 ★6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
 ★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Cape Charles Rescue
 ★6-9 p.m. - GED Class - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
 ★6:15 p.m. - Central Shore Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
 ★6:30 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. - Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onley
 ★6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
 ★6:30-8:30 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
 ★7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery mtg. - Onancock Baptist Church - food served at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY FEB. 4 ★8:30 a.m.-noon - Veterans' Employment Representative Avail. - Accomack Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
 ★9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
 ★10 a.m. - Zumba - Franktown UMC
 ★10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
 ★10:30 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Island House, Wachapreague - 787-2432
 ★10:30 a.m. - Story Time: Let's Explore Shapes - Pocomoke Library
 ★1 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. - Maranatha Baptist Church, Exmore
 ★5:30 p.m. - Onancock Business and Civic Assn. mtg. - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock
 ★6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)
 ★6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
 ★6-7:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts mtg. - Craddockville UMC
 ★6-8 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Pungoteague Elementary - 789-1761
 ★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
 ★6:30 p.m. - Vietnam Veterans' E.S. Chapter 614 mtg. - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
 ★6:30 p.m. - Addiction Support Group mtg. - Anointed Word of Deliverance COGIC, Melfa - 757-350-5039
 ★7 p.m. - Northampton Cty. Democratic Committee mtg. - Northampton Cty. Social Services Bldg., Eastville
 ★7:15 p.m. - Disabled American Veterans' mtg. - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
 ★7:30 p.m. - Central Masonic Lodge mtg.
 ★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free
 ★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Atlantic UMC

WEDNESDAY FEB. 5 ★7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
 ★10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-3635
 ★10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Veterans' Employment Representative Avail. - ESCC, Melfa - no appt. needed
 ★10:30-11:30 a.m. - Overeaters Anonymous mtg. - Rock Church, Onley - 757-655-4834
 ★10:30 a.m.-noon - Riverside Shore Hospice Caregivers' Support Group mtg. - Onley UMC, 25642 E. Main St. - 789-5000
 ★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
 ★11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters' mtg. - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access
 ★5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
 ★5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - 442-6391
 ★6 p.m. - Accomack Cty. Democratic Committee mtg. - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
 ★6-7 p.m. - Prayer Line Open - St. Matthew's Church, Onley - Call 665-7403, 387-7021, or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
 ★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Cape Charles Rescue
 ★6-9 p.m. - GED Class - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
 ★6:45 p.m. - Bingo - St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Onley - doors open at 5:30 p.m.
 ★7 p.m. - AA and Al-Anon mtgs. - Franktown UMC
 ★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

THURSDAY FEB. 6 ★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
 ★2 p.m. - Book of the Month Club mtg.: "After You" by JoJo Moyes - Pocomoke Library
 ★5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomack - \$1/wk.
 ★5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 757-665-5405
 ★6-8 p.m. - Free English for Speakers of Other Languages - Pungoteague Elementary - 789-1761
 ★6-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
 ★6:30 p.m. - American Legion Post 101 mtg. - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
 ★6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Club mtg. - St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Chincoteague
 ★6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon. mtg. - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
 ★7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Chincoteague Church of God
 ★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC
 ★7 p.m. - Republican Party mtg. - Little Italy, Nassawadox
 ★7-8 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters' mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock
 ★8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

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Announcements

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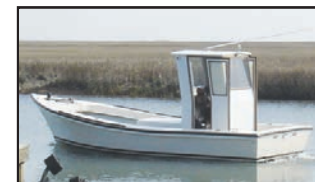
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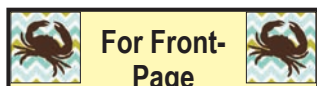
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Russ Williams, Director of Housing Services
Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority
P.O. Box 387
Accomac, VA 23301

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that H. M., Terry Company, Inc. has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install up to two temporary protective fences around their aquaculture clam beds in South Bay, south of Red Drum Drain on a portion of New Inlet, Inc.'s leased oyster ground (Plat File #20938). The fences will enclose a total of approximately 7 acres of the above oyster ground lease and be restricted to the months of May through September. The fence will consist of an 8 inch mesh net supported by three (3) inch PVC poles. The fence will help protect their aquaculture clams from cow nose rays.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020, AT 10 A.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA** TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. SUSE-000001-2020 GatorCav, LLC

A public hearing initiated by GatorCav, LLC to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-403 (7) for a 48-unit Townhome Residential Development (8 buildings with 6 units in each building; each unit would be comprised of 2 to 3 bedrooms). The property is located at Tax Map #93-A-89A, behind 25020 Shore Parkway (the Onley Town Center), Onancock, VA and is located in the General Business District.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia or <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 29392 STUARTS WAY, CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 21, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$267,633.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160001741. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia on February 28, 2020, at 2:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING KNOWN, NUMBERED AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 11, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED "KIPTOPEAKE LANDING, PHASE TWO, SUBDIVISION OF PARCEL A (PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE 40) TAX PARCEL 112-A-38, CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA", DATED JUNE 27, 2005, MADE BY MSA, P.C., RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 34 AT PAGE 69 AND 70 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 050002619. **TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH.** A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-342301-1.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Old Dominion Electric Cooperative has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources to remove the existing concrete and timber rubble on their property, and install in the same area a 27-foot wide stone revetment with back fill. The project is situated along Chincoteague Channel adjacent to the Electric Cooperative's property on Marsh Island in the Town of Chincoteague.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

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Exmore Mini Storage, 11437 Oakland Drive, Exmore, VA
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Cheriton Mini Storage, 22199 South Bayside Rd., Cheriton, VA
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that WDLB LC, c/o Mr. Blake Johnson has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources to maintenance dredge a 104-foot by 46-foot area to minus six (-6) feet at mean low water and a 140-foot by 35-foot area to minus six (-6) feet at mean low water. The project is situated along Wachapreague Channel at the Island House Restaurant and Marina in the Town of Wachapreague. All dredged material will be contained in an upland disposal site.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Northampton County will receive sealed Proposals for the Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste generated in Northampton County. Contractors interested in providing these services are requested to submit proposals to the Northampton County Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 66, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia 23347, on or before 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

Northampton County reserves the right to accept and reject in total, or in part, any and all proposals received in the interest of Northampton County.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE **18206 Second Street, Keller, VA 23401**

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated March 16, 2004, and recorded at Instrument Number 200401756 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally \$31,872.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

February 20, 2020 at 3:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain lot, piece or parcel of real estate, situated in the Town of Keller, Accomack County, Virginia; bounded in general on the North by Second Street; on the East by the lands formerly owned by Alonzo Underhill; on the South by the lands now or formerly owned by Beulah H. Evans; and on the West by the lands formerly owned by Gertie B. Colonna and now formerly owned by Della M. Killmon.

Said lot, piece or parcel of real estate was acquired by Charles W. Bell by deed form Samuel J. Ross, Trustee, which is recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia in Deed Book 131 at Page 371. The said Charles W. Bell, by his will, which was probated on April 13, 1966 in said Clerk's Office in Will Book 30 at Page 156, devised same to his wife, Mollie Elizabeth Bell, for her life, she being deceased, with the remainder to Linwood Newman Wilkins, in fee simple.

18206 Second Street, Keller, Virginia 23401

Tax Parcel Id Number 111B-A-16, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$460.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com

On Tuesday, February 4, 2020, The Accomack County School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2020-2021 Operating Budget. The hearing will be held in the auditorium at Nandua High School starting at 6:30 pm.

Gretta L. Smith
School Board Clerk

TRUSTEE SALE **31481 Marshall Ln., New Church, VA 23415** **Accomack County**

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of **\$189,000.00**, dated **May 25, 2007**, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Accomack County, Virginia**, in **Document No. 200703074**, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the **Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack**, on **February 13, 2020, at 11:30 AM**, the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Tract A, containing 1 acre, more or less, as shown on plat recorded in Deed Book 388, folio 347, with improvements thereon

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of **\$20,000.00** or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (74421)
596 Lynnhaven Parkway Suite 200
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
757-457-1460 - Call between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
or visit our website at www.siwpc.net

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

David N. Griffith, (2020001) has applied for approximately 3 acres of oyster planting ground in Old Plantation Creek situated in Northampton City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-14.2166 / W75-59.5425

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2020001): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

Send written comments or concerns to:
Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/
Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road,
Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

Advertisement for Bids

The Town of Cape Charles is inviting bids for construction of a concrete driveway turnaround in the Harbor parking lot. Bids will be received in the Town Hall Building, 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 until 1:00 PM local prevailing time on Friday, February 14, 2020. On the hour and date above specified, the bids will be publicly opened and read. An Invitation for Bid package may be obtained in the Town Hall. Contact the Town Clerk at 757-331-3259, ext. 10. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities and informalities in any bid. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 169-foot Monopole Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 0 Pungoteague Road, Pungoteague, Accomack County, VA 23422, Lat: 37-37-26.23, Long: -75-48-20.04. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1151687.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. **HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS** – Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Sarah, s.kownacki@trileaf.com, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286, 410-853-7128.*

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
AQUA VIRGINIA, INC.,
FOR APPROVAL OF A WATER AND WASTEWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE CHARGE PLAN
AND FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT
WATER AND WASTEWATER WWISC RIDERS
CASE NO. PUR-2019-00209

- Aqua Virginia, Inc., has applied for approval to implement its first water and wastewater infrastructure service charge ("WWISC") plan and for authority to implement a Water WWISC Rider with a revenue requirement of approximately \$137,000, and a Wastewater WWISC Rider with a revenue requirement of approximately \$150,000.
- A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hear the case on April 14, 2020, at 10 a.m.
- Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On December 6, 2019, Aqua Virginia, Inc. ("Aqua Virginia" or "Company"), pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the State Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice") and the Final Order entered in Case No. PUR-2017-00082 ("October 2018 Final Order"), filed an application for approval of a Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Service Charge ("WWISC") Plan and for authority to implement water and wastewater WWISC Riders ("Application").

Aqua Virginia asserts that the Commission authorized the Company to implement separate water and wastewater WWISCs over a three-year pilot period to enable the Company to make accelerated investments to replace mains and other aging infrastructure that have reached the end of their useful lives. Aqua Virginia further states that the Commission approved \$3,750,000 in WWISC projects over the three-year pilot period, specifically limiting same to \$1.765 million for accelerated water main replacement projects and \$1.99 million for inflow and infiltration ("I&I") reduction projects. As noted by the Applicant, such approval was wholly subject to the specific safeguards recommended by the Hearing Examiner and adopted in their entirety by the Commission.

Aqua Virginia states that the October 2018 Final Order authorized the Company to begin deferring the costs of WWISC-eligible investment placed in service on and after March 1, 2019. In testimony accompanying the Application, Aqua Virginia describes the water main replacement projects and wastewater infrastructure replacement projects that the Company proposes to complete as part of its first WWISC Plan period beginning March 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020. The Company requests that the Commission approve the first roster of WWISC-eligible investments.

The Company further requests approval of its proposed WWISC Tariff, including the proposed (1) Water WWISC Rider with a revenue requirement of approximately \$137,000, associated with approximately \$1,576,000 in water main replacement projects; and (2) Wastewater WWISC Rider with a revenue requirement of approximately \$150,000, associated with approximately \$1,382,000 in wastewater I&I projects. Aqua Virginia has proposed a rate of \$0.1317 for each 1000 gallons of water used and \$0.5778 for each 1000 gallons of wastewater billed. If the WWISC Plan and Riders are approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on usage. The Company estimates that implementation of its proposed Riders would increase the monthly bill of a residential water customer using 4,000 gallons per month by \$0.53, and would increase the monthly bill of an average residential sewer customer by \$2.31.

Aqua Virginia proposes to add the Water WWISC and Wastewater WWISC Riders to customer bills "effective for the period from 120 days after filing of this Application until the filing of the Company's next WWISC proceeding or the effective date of interim base rates in its next base rate case." Accordingly, the Company proposes a beginning date of April 6, 2020, for the first WWISC Rider Rate Year.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

Per the Company's request and subject to true-up and the Hearing Examiner's protections adopted by the Commission in PUR-2017-00082, the Commission has granted the Company's request to begin charging customers for its WWISC related expenses for billings made on or after April 6, 2020 (\$0.1317 for each 1000 gallons of water used and \$0.5778 for each 1000 gallons of wastewater billed); and has done so with express notice that the Commission may lower such WWISC rates based on the final outcome of these proceedings.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing to commence at 10 a.m. on April 14, 2020, in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear in the Commission's courtroom fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff.

Copies of the Application and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company's business offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Riverfront Plaza, West Tower, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case also are available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.sce.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before March 6, 2020, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Anyone filing a notice of participation simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00209.

On or before March 6, 2020, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Respondents also shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00209.

On or before April 7, 2020, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Application shall file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before April 7, 2020, by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00209.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.

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G3 Is a Game Changer

By Dr. Jim Shaeffer

Eastern Shore Community College

What if obtaining an associate's degree and/or a certificate in a high-demand and high-value job was made more affordable? What if ESCC provided an affordable pathway into high wage jobs in high-demand and high-value jobs?

The answer to these "what if" questions is being addressed in the General Assembly this spring as one of Gov. Ralph Northam's budget priorities, a program called G3-Get skilled, Get a job, Give back.

G3 targets students from families making up to \$100,000 a year and provides what we call a last-dollar pro-

gram. This means to be eligible, students must fill out a federal aid form, known as FAFSA, and G3 will assist with tuition that is not covered by federal or other financial aid.

The G3 program actually has the possibility of especially benefiting our potential students on the Eastern Shore by reaching out to both our middle income families as well as those in poverty and our working poor. In my mind, what G3 represents is hope for our students who feel that a college degree and/or certificate is simply financially out of reach. With G3, students will have a pathway to completing degrees and certificates.

While G3 will benefit our stu-

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So, in this case, Virginia would see

students, it will also benefit our businesses and industries on the Eastern Shore. G3 focuses on delivering skilled individuals in five of the most critically-needed fields: Healthcare; Information Technology and Computer Science; Manufacturing and Skilled Trades; Early Childhood Education; and Public Safety. Each of these are needs on the Eastern Shore.

G3 actually has the potential to provide benefits for all of the Eastern Shore. We know from studying wage records that graduates of programs in those fields saw wage gains of 60%. We also know that those graduates, with those bigger paychecks double how much they pay in state income tax.

It's Time To Take the Politics out of Fisheries

By Chris Moore

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Earlier this week, with bi-partisan support, the General Assembly began the process to remove politics from the management of Virginia's largest fishery by moving forward on two pieces of comprehensive legislation supported by an unprecedented group of anglers, conservation groups, and the various menhaden harvesting companies. Most importantly, this common-sense legislation will avoid a shutdown of all the Commonwealth's menhaden fisheries while also ensuring more sustainable and timely management of these fisheries in the future.

This legislative effort is the consequence of Omega Protein's harvest of millions more fish than allowed under a harvest cap on menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay. As a result, the U.S. Commerce Department ordered Virginia to come into compliance or face a shutdown of its menhaden fishery this coming June.

This could have easily been avoided if state fisheries regulators at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) had been at the helm. Now Virginia's new General Assembly has made important first steps to strongly support sustainable fisheries, avoid a total fishery shutdown, and fix this mess by letting VMRC manage menhaden.

The implications go beyond this oily fish, which is a rich food source for ev-

erything from striped bass to osprey to whales. Menhaden are also big business.

Omega Protein's fleet based in Reedville, Virginia, catches more than 70 percent of all menhaden harvested on the East Coast. The company uses planes to spot large schools of fish, then encircles them with nets that are pursed tight. The fish are sucked out of the water by the thousands in giant shipboard hoses. These massive harvests make the tiny town of Reedville one of the top five ports in the country for seafood landings.

Surprisingly, people don't even eat menhaden. Every year, Omega Protein grinds up hundreds-of-millions of them for fish oil pills, fertilizer, and animal feed. The company has recently been acquired by Canadian aquaculture giant, Cooke Seafood. So, as the Bay's striped bass population plummets, menhaden from local waters are instead feeding faraway farmed salmon.

Unfortunately, Omega Protein has a history of violating the law. It's already had to pay millions in fines and settlements for multiple Clean Water Act violations and misrepresentations regarding its government loans. By deciding to violate the harvest cap, Omega Protein put the livelihoods of its seasonal workers in jeopardy and imperiled smaller businesses that catch menhaden and would suffer under a shutdown.

The good government legislation that

has been advanced will fix the problem by letting Virginia's professional fisheries regulators manage menhaden.

Here's how it's supposed to work. In the 1940s Congress approved the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), which convenes experts from the federal government and regulators from every Atlantic Coast state to set quotas on the amount of fish taken in each state. This ensures sustainable fisheries that are split fairly between the states.

For every Virginia fishery except menhaden, the VMRC implements these quotas and related rules like fishing-season length. But menhaden are the only fish that required ASMFC's quota to be adopted by the General Assembly.

Omega's powerful lobbying team in Richmond prevented the latest Chesapeake Bay harvest cap from being adopted into Virginia law, despite overwhelming public support and near unanimous adoption by ASMFC. The company then exceeded the limit, brazenly announcing the violation in a press release last September.

Backlash was swift. Thousands wrote the Trump Administration in support of the menhaden limits. Virginia Governor Ralph Northam showed tremendous leadership by leading eight other East Coast governors in a bipartisan call for a shutdown of Virginia's menhaden fishery. The U.S. Commerce Department subsequently announced an impending moratorium.

The solution is now moving forward in Virginia's General Assembly

with legislation that seeks to avoid the shutdown by transferring management of Virginia's menhaden fisheries to the experts at the VMRC who can bring the menhaden fishery into compliance before June. This legislation removes political pressure, ensure science drives decision-making, and provides flexibility so that Virginia can adapt to changes quickly.

One thing is very clear now that the federal government has backed up the ASMFC and found that Omega Protein put Virginia out of compliance. We need to take politics out of menhaden. This legislative session, Virginia must do the right thing for the environment and let the VMRC manage the largest fishery in the state, just as they do with all the others.

Chris Moore is the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's senior regional ecosystem scientist.

Editor's Note: Omega Protein released the following statement after bills regarding menhaden management passed out of their respective General Assembly committees: "Being in compliance with the ASMFC management plan and avoiding a potential moratorium on the fishery is in the best interest of the hundreds of Omega Protein employees and management team members in Reedville, as well as the many more Virginians throughout the Commonwealth who depend on the industry for their livelihoods. Omega Protein looks forward to working with the staff and Commissioners at the VMRC to ensure that the menhaden fishery continues to be sustainable and productive."

Who will benefit from the G3 program? Many of our students work two or more jobs so that they can afford tuition, books, and support their living expenses. G3 will support a single parent who is balancing a job and child care in addition going to school. G3 will support our veterans who need living expenses to supplement their hard-earned GI benefits. G3, simply put, will serve and positively impact a huge portion of the students we serve at ESCC.

G3 is a game changer. A game changer for our students, our businesses, and our industries. A game changer for your Eastern Shore.

Dr. Jim Shaeffer is the President of Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa



Living with so much water around us, here on Virginia's Eastern Shore, can present a double-edged sword.

On the one hand, of course, is all manner of opportunity for fishing and boating and beach walks; and then there are the breathtaking sunrises and sunsets over water. Who could belittle any of that?

But then there are the past hurricanes and super storms, whose names are as familiar to residents as so many childhood bullies. They are the thieves of our mobile homes and our docks and our roofs.

And to top the unfavorables is the prediction that by the middle of this

century, rising sea levels will swallow much of the Shore's coastline.

It can give a baysider pause, to say nothing of a strong pull about 200 miles to the west.

But then comes an unexpected wonder, as it did not so long ago, and the balance is definitely weighted in favor of life on the water.

For there came along our nearby creek a playful pod of dolphins, showing off their aquatic acrobatics to a few lucky spectators who may as well have numbered in the thousands, judging by the caliber of the dolphins' performance. There were tail-skimming dances and carefree splashes, disappearance acts, and sleek glides through the water.

It was a rare magical spectacle that could not have been scheduled nor bought nor advertised — simply uncomplicated serendipity — compliments of proximity to the water.

And sometimes the water itself washes up a present just waiting for

us in the sand. Such was the case last summer as I was walking along the beach and happened to spot one of those ubiquitous helium balloons, abandoned along the water's edge. With the admonitions of so many environmentalists — a few in my own family — ringing in my head that these plastic baubles pose danger to wildlife, to say nothing of plain ol' litter, I felt obligated to pick it up for later disposal. I was pleasantly surprised to find that my "Baby Girl" balloon bore a personal note, but I was less than cheerful when I read it. Under the heading "In Remembrance of," it gave the name and dates of birth and death of a girl who had died at the age of 5. The note also included the balloon's launch location (Ohio) and an email address.

We took pictures of the balloon and the place where it was found and emailed them to the address provided, with a brief description of the area where it was found.

And here is the response we received: "I launch the number of balloons and sometimes sky lanterns too of how old Grace would be that year ... I launched 17 balloons this year. Grace was born with several heart defects; she made it through several surgeries over her short life, and she also had a pacemaker. The very last surgery she almost made it through but there were complications. This is my way, I guess, of making sure that she is remembered. This is the furthest one has traveled that I know about. The map shows it to be a little less than 550 miles. ... I launch twice a year on 17 June and 4 October. You made my morning. 540 plus miles for a little helium filled balloon, makes me wonder if a few got out over the Atlantic. It is comforting to know the area the balloon was found is so beautiful, isolated and peaceful."

There is nothing to add to that, is there? Only a quiet, personal appreciation for how fortunate we are to be alive — and with water at our edges.

ERA: Women, Get Ready To Fight

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on passing the ERA in Virginia today. As a Republican, I never had an issue with women having equal rights. In fact I never could tell the difference, I guess it is more of Democrat issue. As a retired service member from the Navy, I can say the women I worked with in uniform were real troopers.

But for those who have not served their country in some form of military service, let me fill you all in on something. With equal rights comes equal responsibility, so to all the ladies out there 18 and up, you should be required to sign up for the draft.

Additionally, all of the elected officials who proposed the vote should be the first ones in line to register for the draft. They should be proud to be the first women to do so. May they, and all who follow after them, be proud of

themselves if they are called for military service in defending the best nation on the globe.

As we move forward, think of change like a box of chocolates, you just never know what you may get.

**John Woolaver, U.S. Navy, Retired
Cape Charles**

Another Rail Option

Dear Editor:

Reporter Carol Vaughn's article about converting the railroad right of way to a bike trail ("Railroad Has 180 Days To Reach Agreement With Trail Group," Jan. 24), leaves out an important option. It gives the impression that "abandonment" and conversion to a bike trail eliminates rail service completely.

There are still businesses along the tracks here in Accomack County that could and would utilize rail service if it still existed. The "Rails to Trails"

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option is only one option that the Surface Transportation Board in Washington allows. The other is Rails WITH Trails, where a slow speed active rail corridor operates side by side next to the bike trails. This option allows the best of use for both purposes, the economic viability of rail transportation and the recreational bike trail use by citizens.

**Paul Muhly, District 4 Supervisor
Accomack County**

School Board Disregards Public Interests

Dear Editor:

In July the Northampton County Public Schools school board established a Restorative Discipline Committee. At the Jan. 23 Northampton school board meeting, I asked when the community could expect a presentation by the committee. It was decid-

ed that it would be presented during the Feb. 13 work session.

I requested that the meeting be an open forum similar to when the Community Eligibility Provision presentation was given in order for the community to have an opportunity to ask a question and/or make a comment.

Vice Chair Mr. Oakley said no. If people want to make a comment, they can come back to the following school board meeting and make a comment when public comment is permitted. Note that, even then, it is public comment only. There is no opportunity to ask a question or ask for clarification. The school board chair, Ms. Rasmussen, agreed. The rest of the school board, by their silence, also agreed.

This is a subject of interest to many in the county given our rate of suspensions. To me, this statement speaks to this board's lack of regard and respect for the community's interests, opinions and time.

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