Support Group Will Help Children Cope With Grief

The inspiration for forming the group was the collective grief following the death of 11-year-old Chincoteague resident Brianna Merritt

By Carol Vaughn

A new group to support children who are dealing with grief will start soon on Chincoteague. Many of the town's residents, including children, were affected deeply by the death of Brianna Merritt last fall.

Brianna died at home in October at age 11, after a long struggle with cancer. She was one of two children Riverside Shore Hospice has cared for in recent years.

Her mother, Brandy Terrell, is helping organize and facilitate the children's group — one of several free

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Brandy Terrell, left, and Linda Baylis Spence, Riverside Shore Hospice bereavement coordinator, hold a painting made by Terrell's daughter, Brianna Merritt, who died Oct. 7, 2019, at age 11. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

Mentoring Program Proposed for Northampton Schools

Sheriff David Doughty supports a proposal by retired Virginia Beach judge to spend an hour a week with students

By Stefanie Jackson

A retired judge from Machipongo wants to start a new mentoring program for Northampton third graders with the help of Sheriff David Doughty.

"It's so rewarding to see the changes. So many of the students came from tough homes," said Joe Canada, who was a mentor for ten years in Virginia Beach, Va., before he moved to the Eastern Shore.

He proposes launching the mentoring program at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year in September at Occohannock Elementary School, eventually including Kiptopeke Elementary School when enough volunteers are recruited.

A volunteer would mentor one or two students and spend an hour with each child once per week. They would meet in the library, where the mentor could provide tutoring or read or play board games with the student – whatever activity best suits the child's needs.

The mentoring program would be

modeled after one used at Seatack Elementary in Virginia Beach, which was chosen as the "most disadvantaged" school in the area, Canada said.

He remembered a student he had met there, who was constantly getting in trouble for fighting and did not have a mentor.

Canada started a conversation with the boy and asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up.

"I want to be a wrestler," the student answered.

"There's nothing wrong with that,"

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Accomack Tax Increase Hinges on Northampton Decision

If both counties invest in upgrading the public safety communications system, the shared cost will be less than if Accomack County shoulders the cost alone

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack County's chief executive Monday proposed a \$69 million budget for fiscal year 2021 — a nearly 19% increase over last year.

The budget "sets forth what initiatives we are going to pursue...so it is much more than a financial document," County Administrator Michael Mason told the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.

Most of the increase is for more than \$10 million in capital projects, including \$6 million for a new landfill section; \$1 million for improvements at five boat ramps; and, potentially, money for debt service on the county's share of a new public safety communications system.

The budget also includes almost \$55 million for operations, compared to last year's \$52.6 million.

That includes a 2% raise for county employees; money to increase the county's share of employee family health insurance costs; and the first year of targeted salary increases for public safety employees, among other initiatives.

No change is proposed in the personal property tax rate or user fees in the 2021 budget, including landfill tipping fees.

A proposed one-cent increase in the real estate tax rate to pay for the public safety communications upgrade is con-

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tingent on Northampton County's willingness to pay its share, County Administrator Michael Mason said.

The tax hike would generate around \$380,000.

Accomack's share of the \$7 million project is \$4.5 million.

If each county were to purchase its own system, it would cost more, Mason said, adding, "The preferable solution is to do this in partnership."

A consultant's report found the current system is lacking.

"Not only do you have issues down the road with even getting replacement parts,...you have a communication problem that today, in worst case, can result in loss of life," Mason said.

Supervisors asked for Northampton's commitment before they support a tax hike.

Northampton officials typically approve its budget later in the year than Accomack.

"We need to go ahead and ask them to take a commitment vote," Supervisor Donald L. Hart Jr. said.

"We definitely need a backup plan, because we and Northampton would be in a terrible liability position if something drastic occurred because of lack of communication," Supervisor Robert Crockett said.

If the regional approach does not work, "then we've got to study how can we do it just on our side of the border," Crockett said.

"I would certainly remind everybody on this board of their lack of responsibility when it came to the library, and how that has affected us in this county with our financial obligations," Supervisor Ron Wolff said.

Wolff, a member of the ESVA 911 Commission, said the situation "is so crucial right now that a sheriff's deputy car can not speak with an ambulance on the road."

"This part of Virginia is not known as Accomack County; this part of Virginia is known as the Eastern Shore of Virginia — and we should be able to do some things regionally," Chairwoman Reneta Major said.

Two members from each board of supervisors were appointed to a committee to discuss the system. A meeting is expected soon, Mason said.

Mason said "reassessment" is the key word for this budget.

The 2020 real estate assessment was the first since last decade's recession to produce an increase in values.

The overall increase in taxable value, taking into account use valuation of some parcels, was 3.88%.

Of 39,901 parcels, 20,126 had no change in value; the remaining properties' value typically increased 4% to 7%.

Accomack is projected to receive around \$1 million more in taxes after the reassessment if the tax rate stays the same.

That will require a special 30-day notice prior to the budget public hearing, according to state law.

If new real estate values produce more than 101% of the prior year's tax levy, and the board of supervisors does not lower the tax rate to offset the increase, the special notice is required, rather than the typical 7-day notice.

A large part of the operating budget increase is for the school district. By a longstanding formula, schools receive 52.2 percent of new revenue.

The budget also includes another \$199,000 beyond the formula amount

for teacher pay raises.

Schools would get \$1 million more from the county — the largest annual increase since the recession.

Increasing teacher pay was one of seven priorities Mason listed as driving forces behind the budget's development.

County officials also are waiting to hear whether the General Assembly approves legislation that would add Accomack and Northampton to the list of counties that receive additional state funding for education.

Called the "cost of competing adjustment," the measure is designed to help counties better compete with nearby localities in terms of teacher salaries.

The county has a surplus, or unassigned fund balance, of \$2.5 million available for one-time capital or operating initiatives, and around \$2.2 million in revenue growth to meet recurring expenses.

Mason proposed to transfer to the rainy day fund only half the scheduled amount next year, which will push back to 2024 the goal to increase the fund to nearly 17% of revenue.

The board of supervisors will meet Monday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m. in Accomac to continue budget discussions.

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.

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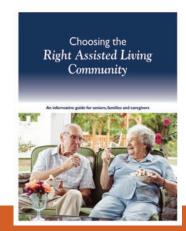
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Parent Cheers Accomack Proposal To Add 4 New Special Ed Teachers

Accomack schools proposed budget includes funding for four new special education teachers and an additional school psychologist

By Stefanie Jackson

Accomack schools' proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 prompted public comments Tuesday night supporting the funding of four additional special education teachers and one additional school psychologist.

"We appreciate your recognition of their importance to our children," said Eileen Holcomb, of Chincoteague, who is the parent of a special education student.

On behalf of her organization, the Special Education Advisory Committee, she thanked the school board for budgeting about \$202,000 for the special education teachers and \$85,000 for the school psychologist.

Holcomb also suggested reinstating a special education position that was eliminated – the Individualized Education Plan or IEP compliance teacher.

The position is "desperately needed" after Accomack schools received multiple citations last year during a state audit, including 27 violations for noncompliance with IEPs, she said.

Every special education student has an IEP, "a road map for ... student supports and services" and "a legal document that must be completed with precision and detail and followed to the letter," Holcomb said.

The violations are "alarming," and the idea that IEPs "have not been completed with the care that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act demands" is "even more distressing," she continued.

Holcomb asked the school board to take "no shortcuts" and give Di-

rector of Special Education Jennifer Annis the support staff she needs for effective leadership and compliance with the law.

Accomack County Public Schools cannot afford to be "penny wise and pound foolish" with investments in its 760 special education students, she said.

School psychologists Lori Whittaker, Megan Vance, and Jamie Ibarra spoke in favor of hiring a fourth school psychologist to serve Accomack's 11 public schools.

The National Association of School Psychologists recommends one school psychologist for every 500 to 700 students, Vance said.

She serves 1,653 students at five schools, Ibarra serves 1,740 students at three schools, and Whittaker serves 1,778 students at three schools.

The ratio of school psychologists to students is an average of 2.5 times larger than the recommendation for best practices, Vance said.

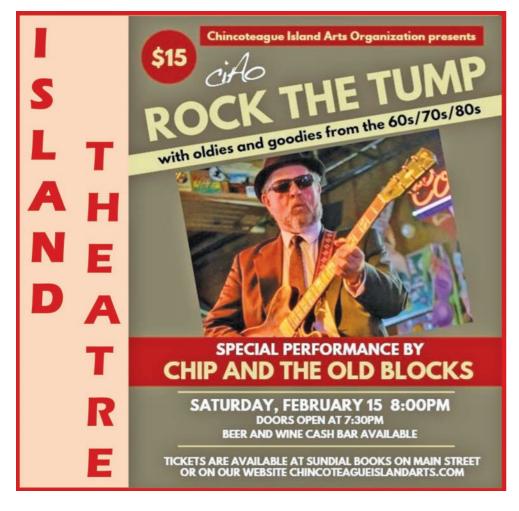
Northampton County Public Schools have about 1,520 students and two full-time school psychologists, or approximately one school psychologist for every 760 students, she said.

Dividing the workload among four people would give the school psychologists more "quality time" at each school, less time traveling between schools, "more preventative services, including mental health supports for students," and more time "making a difference," Vance said.

Director of Finance Beth Onley presented the proposed budget, which has not yet been balanced and contains a shortfall of about \$650,000.

Accomack schools expect about \$3.2 million in new revenues in the next fiscal year, accounting for \$2.3 million more in state funds included in Gov. Ralph Northam's

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Riverside Doctor's Abrupt Departure Surprises Community

By Carol Vaughn

Patients of the only neurologist practicing on Virginia's Eastern Shore were shaken this week by news of his abrupt departure from Riverside Eastern Shore Physicians and Surgeons.

"Like most companies, Riverside does not discuss the reason for the departure of team members," Riverside spokesman Peter Glagola said Wednesday in an emailed statement.

"We are in the process of contacting our neurology patients on the Eastern Shore by phone and mail," he said, adding, "The continued care and wellness of our patients is our first priority."

The health care organization is in the process of hiring an interim neurologist to work on the Eastern Shore, and "is actively recruiting a neurologist to join the Eastern Shore medical team," Glagola said.

The ability to care for stroke patients in the emergency department remains unchanged, according to the statement.

Dr. Robert Paschall has practiced medicine on the Eastern Shore for more than three decades, and was 2019 honorary chairman of the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Ball.

Multiple people said via social media posts they had received voicemail messages Monday informing them that their appointments with Paschall the next day were canceled.

Paschall, who received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is board certified by the American Boad of Psychiatry and Neurology, specialized in treating stroke, adult behavioral disorders, autism, metabolic encephalopathy and infections of the central nervous system, according to the Riverside website.

A petition to Riverside Health Services to reinstate Paschall was started Wednesday on change.org.

"Dr. Paschall has been a pillar for our small hospital and community for decades, treating patients in his office, the emergency room and the hospital," the petition reads in part.

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proposed budget, nearly \$1 million more in local funds approved by county supervisors, but fewer federal funds due to a decrease in the Perkins grant that supports career and technical education.

Proposed increased spending in FY 2021 includes \$1.6 million for 4% raises "across the board," Onley said.

Accomack schools must pay an additional \$300,000 into the Virgin-

ia Retirement System and \$154,000 in increased health insurance costs.

Another guidance counselor is needed and has been budgeted for \$59,000. The guidance counselor would serve middle school students at Arcadia and Nandua middle schools and Chincoteague Combined School.

Kindergarten aides currently spend a half day in class assisting teachers, but a budget increase of \$173,000 would allow them to work full days. The proposed increase

would affect about eight positions, Onley said.

She emphasized that \$200,000 of the local funds approved by Accomack supervisors is designated for the cost of competing with Maryland schools for hiring teachers.

Accomack schools are also pursuing related state funding called the Cost of Competing Adjustment or COCA.

Of Accomack teachers who resigned last year, 34% accepted teaching positions at Maryland schools.





~Support for Kids~

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grief support groups Riverside Shore Hospice sponsors.

Everyone is welcome; a person does not have to have had hospice care for his or her loved one to attend.

While most of the groups are geared toward adults, Terrell and hospice Bereavement Coordinator Linda Baylis Spence saw the need for a children's group.

"I see first hand the children that are suffering from just her loss," Terrell said of her daughter's peers. Her own son, 8, likely will go to the group.

Grief support groups were not something Terrell had thought much about before, but now she is finding it helpful to attend one.

"It's important for me to have people around me who understand what you are going through...I think that the kids need that opportunity, as well,"

The group on Chincoteague will be called Wings of Hope — the name recalls Brianna in two ways.

Admission: \$5

Tickets: \$15

John Travolta

First, Brianna in 2018 started a

Facebook page called Brianna Brings Hope to spread awareness of childhood cancer and raise funds for research and affected families.

"I will also use this page to inspire everyone to be kind every day! #Bris-KindnessChallenge," she wrote in the mission statement.

The kindness challenge was taken up by many on the Eastern Shore and beyond.

"It has always been her personality to help people who were struggling," Terrell said, recalling that Brianna often was recruited by hospital staff to encourage other young patients.

When it came time to name the group, the word "hope" came to Terrell's mind.

"I thought, that's what a lot of these kids need," she said.

"Wings" refers, in part, to a conversation mother and daughter had as Brianna's health was failing last year.

"When Bri knew there was a possibility that she was going to heaven soon, she wanted to know if she would be able to send me things from heaven." Terrell said.

Terrell, a nurse, and a child life



Information about Grief Support Groups

For information about grief support groups, call Riverside Shore Hospice at 757-789-5000 or email Linda Baylis Spence at linda.spence@rivhs.com, or just come to a meeting.

Meetings:

- 1st Monday, 6:30 p.m., Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Conference Room 1
- 1st Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Onley Methodist Church
- 1st Tuesday, 1 p.m., Maranatha Baptist Church, Exmore
- 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Chincoteague United Methodist Church
- 3rd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Cape Charles Baptist Church Fidelis House
- 4th Tuesday, 1 p.m., Downing's United Methodist Church
- 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m., Wings of Hope for ages 7-17 Chincoteague Church of God (Starts Feb. 27)

specialist, who were all in the room, looked at each other, trying to find the right answer.

"Finally, we admitted that we didn't really know." Terrell said.

When asked what things Brianna would send from heaven if she could, she immediately said purple butterflies — purple was her favorite color.

That's how the name Wings of Hope came about. The group's logo is a purple butterfly.

The free group, for ages 7 to 17, will meet the first time on Feb. 27.

It meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Chincoteague Church of God. Meetings typically last 1 to 1 1/2 hours, including time to talk, activities and games, a snack, and, from time to time, outside speakers.

"Working with Brandy, what's so inspiring about her is that she is taking the worst thing that has ever happened

in her life and turning it for good, and allowing herself to be used to bring encouragement and healing to other people...It's just very beautiful that she would do that," said Spence.

Riverside Shore Hospice also sponsors a free, day-long camp for children and teens who have experienced loss of a loved one — either by death, divorce, foster placement, incarceration, or military deployment.

Camp Fragile Hearts will be held May 16 at YMCA Camp Silver Beach.

One message Spence wants to get across is that all hospice's grief support groups are open not only to those who have lost someone to death, but also to "people who may have gone through divorce, or had to leave their job, or military deployment — all those types of things."

"We just want to be able to help children and adults on the road to healing," she said.



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Canada said. He promised the boy that he would be his mentor if the boy didn't get in any fights for two weeks.

"You can feel electricity when (you meet) somebody that you ... identify with. And I felt it with him, and I know he felt it," Canada said.

Not only did the student meet the twoweek challenge, he earned Student of the Month in the last month of the school year.

"That's a real success story," Canada said. Instead of identifying certain students for the program, the mentoring group would like to serve the "entire third grade," Doughty said.

Canada said the biggest challenge will be recruiting the volunteers, although he doesn't believe spending one hour a week will be a burden.

School board Vice Chairman William Oakley suggested looking for volunteers in churches and other local organizations.

He noted that, according to Virginia law, volunteers must pass criminal background checks before they may work with children in a public school setting.

Doughty said he will take all possible measures to support the program.

Many of the volunteers will likely be employees of his department, he

added, filling a need of the program while also giving kids a chance "to see us in a different light," he said.

The school board appeared interested in the program, and Chair Maxine Rasmussen agreed to place the topic on the agenda for the next work session for further discussion.

Free Lunch Program

Director of Operations Chris Truckner announced the Northampton school division was denied a waiver that would have allowed the division to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) mid-year.

The program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, would give all Northampton students free breakfast and lunch based on the number of students who qualify through direct certification, meaning they receive government assistance such as food stamps or Medicaid.

Both Accomack and Northampton counties qualified for CEP, but only Accomack started the program at the beginning of the current school year.

Northampton applied for the waiver after receiving feedback from parents, concerned citizens, and county supervisors.

Northampton school board members face a June deadline from the Virginia Department of Education if they decide to participate in the program this fall.

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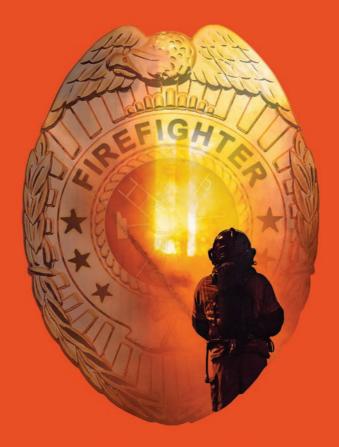
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48 Rental Townhouses Approved for Onley Town Center

Construction will be staged with 12-18 units going in first and additional units added as the market dictates

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack officials approved a special use permit for a townhouse development behind the Onley Town Center.

The Board of Zoning Appeals on Wednesday unanimously approved the permit for the \$6 million to \$8 million project, called The Grove at Onley Town Center.

John Custis, of GatorCav, LLC, owner of the property, described the developer's plan to build eight buildings, with six units in each building. Most will be 2- or 3-bedroom homes.

The plan is to build two or three buildings at first, then add more "at a pace that the market dictates," according to Custis.

The development will provide badly needed rental housing for working professionals and older people who want to stay on the Eastern Shore but no longer want to maintain a large home, he said. The plan is to offer market-rate rentals.

Chamber of commerce, state and county officials all have noted Accomack has a shortage of certain types of housing.

"I am a settlement attorney. I sit at the table with people all the time, selling their houses here in Accomack County to move to Maryland or across the Bay. simply because we don't have the type of housing that we need to have here on the Eastern Shore — and that's what this development is all about, is to try to meet that demand," Custis said.

Katie Nunez, Accomack deputy director of planning and zoning, said the project— while larger than the typical one requiring a special use permit is appropriate according to the county comprehensive plan, which identifies a need for different types of housing stock, including multifamily housing.

The location is within walking or bicycling distance to shopping and the hospital, and is along a county sewer line Accomack is extending from Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital to the Chesapeake Square shopping center area.

"In our discussions over the last two to three years, this type of development is exactly what the county has been envisioning, and the type of development that is the reason you run a sewer line," Custis said.

The architecture of the buildings "will maintain the Colonial feel" of the surrounding area, including the Onley Town Center building and brickwork at Four Corner Plaza, Custis said.

Custis at the hearing Wednesday read three letters of support for the project — from Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Eastern Shore Rural Health, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

"Our goal is to enhance the area, to spur economic development in the area," Custis said, noting he also is a board member of Taylor Bank, which is building a branch on property in front of the Onley Town Center.

"I feel it is incumbent upon members of our community to step up and to make this a place that is better. Our government is doing a fantastic job, at the board level, of having those conversations. I think it's incumbent on the private sector to step up and try to meet those demands," Custis said.

No one at the hearing spoke in opposition to the project.

BZA member Lynn Gayle said the need for workforce housing was discussed when he was a member of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission board 25 years ago.

"It was a dire need then," he said.

Member Rick Bull spoke in support of the project, saying that even 35 years ago, when he was assistant school superintendent for Accomack County, teachers had difficulty finding housing.

"This seems like an ideal location." he said. Others echoed that.

"This project will sure enough give the notion that we want to do something here that is good in Accomack County," Chairman Robert Nock said.



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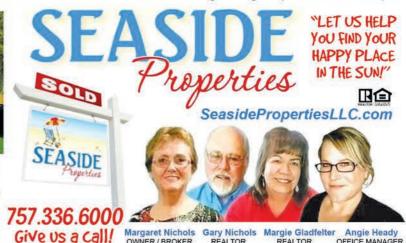
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Court Postings

By Nancy Drury Duncan

Trial of Community College Employee Continued Until April 6

The trial of the man hired in September by the Eastern Shore Community College as workforce and business solutions officer has been continued until April 6 according to his Virginia Beach defense attorney.

Brian Scott Hall, 56, was charged with felony embezzlement after working as business development coordinator for the City of Virginia Beach. The incidents happened between September 2016 and June 2018 according to the indictment.

This will be the tenth continuance since January of last year according to court records. Attorney Stephen Pfieffer declined to give a reason for the many continuances.

Hall worked for the City of Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development between 2008 and June 2019 according to his LinkedIn profile.

A grand jury in Virginia Beach indicted Hall on three felony counts of embezzlement on Nov. 5, 2018.

He resigned during an audit of his department. He stands accused of embezzling around \$4,000 according to a Nov. 10, 2018, article in the Virginian-Pilot.

Virginia Beach auditor Lyndon Remias said the alleged crimes are related to packages Hall shipped to his girlfriend in the Philippines, according to the Pilot.

Hall was interviewed for the job at the Eastern Shore Community College in the second round of a search to fill the position, said College President James Schaeffer, noting he was among more than a half dozen people interviewed. Hall fit the bill for the job, he said.

He said Hall was open about his legal issues. He noted the community college system "has guardrails" to guard against wrongdoing by its employees.

"I know I've hired the right person,"

Carol Vaughn contributed to this story.

Sentencing

Marcus Douglas Turner, 46, of Philadelphia, Pa., will spend six years in pris-

on for his conviction of the transportation of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Defense attorney Thomas Northam asked that his client be sentenced within the guidelines, noting he had family members in the courtroom supporting him. Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan told the court his latest conviction was the third offense. "He has shown no willingness to change his life," he told the court. He said Turner brought drugs from Philadelphia to Accomack County and "was a risk to the community."

Judge W. Revell Lewis III sentenced Turner to ten years for the transportation of cocaine and suspended six of those years. He sentenced him to ten years for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and suspended eight years. Turner will spend six years of active time and was ordered to be on indefinite supervised probation when released.

Eastern Shore Rural Health System Receives \$60,000 Grant

Submitted Article

The Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) has awarded the Eastern Shore Rural Health System (ESRHS) \$60,000 to help hire an additional dentist to treat patients at Franktown Community Health Center.

The expanded Franktown dental team will work in partnership with ESRHS' new Eastville Community Health Center to meet the increased demand for comprehensive oral health services in Northampton County.

ESRHS, established in 1976, is a community health system providing health services at five sites on Virginia's Eastern Shore. All offer primary medical and auxiliary services and two of these locations, Atlantic Community Health Center and Franktown Community Health Center, also currently provide dental services. The Eastville Community Health Center will become ESRHS' sixth site, providing a full range of both medical and dental services.

"VHCF is proud to help the Eastern Shore Rural Health System increase the availability of dental services," said Deborah Oswalt, VHCF's executive director. "Oral health is a critical component of overall health, but 3.6 million Virginia adults have no dental insurance. As a result, even routine dental exams and procedures are out of reach for many. The addition of a talented and dedicated dentist will help ensure all residents of the Eastern Shore have access to the dental services they need."

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- •From Lynore A. Kadon To Robert Morris Edmonds 2 Center Street, Wachapreague For \$105,000
- •From Joseph T. Taylor To Fredy Gutierrez Escalante and Nancy Lux Fuentes
- .5 acre lot on northern side of Virginia State Route 689, Mears For \$10,000
- •From Anita G. and Brian D. Satterwhite To Shannon Pride and Barry D. Satterwhite 16 acres near Bloxom For \$35,100
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To Leondray Riley Lots 81-91, Pefley's Beach Section 1, Saxis For \$300

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To Charlene K. and Larry Kemp Rantz Jr. 6230 Bullbegger Road, Withams For \$8,000

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To Toni Marie and Ryan L. Brady 7055 Wayne Road, Chincoteague For \$105,000

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- •From Kristi and Jeffey L. Miller Sr. To Karen A. Mari Captains Cove, Lot 1141, Section 1, Greenbackville For \$10,000
- •From Corey L. Tingle To Tamika D. and Derrick L. Colona Sr. Lot near Withams For \$20,000
- •From Naomi R. Yenser To Angela L. and Bert J. Jones Lot 429, Unit 1, Chincoteague Bay Trails End, Horntown For \$6,000
- •From Richard H. Gavigan Jr. To Doris and Bruce A. Mason Trails End Lot 381, Unit 2, Sheet 2, Horntown For \$20,000

•From Phyllis J. and Albert Moses To Peggy A. and Maurice A. Ritter Trails End Lot 77 and Lot 76, Unit 3, Sheet 5. Horntown

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• From Constance B. and Larry W. Powell To Melonie J. and Richard A. Chase 2/5 acre lot on Harbor Point Road, Quinby For \$113,500

- •From James H. Pickar To Cathryn Taylor and Christopher John Vitek 7442 East Side Road, Chincoteague
- •From Wanda Jo Marie and Ronald Manzi To James R. Stevens and Phillip Ettinger Lot 12 on plat of survey entitled "E. L. Tull Subdivision South Main Street," Chincoteague

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OBITUARIES

Paula J. Belote

Mrs. Paula J. Belote, age 80, of Onancock and Annapolis, Md., passed away Friday, Dec. 20, 2019. She was born in Selbyville, Del., Feb. 24, 1939, to the late Ernestine and Albert Johnson.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Sammy Belote, of Annapolis; daughter, Terry Belote; son, Doug Be-

lote (Rob Landino); sisters, Jean Sturgis, Dorothy Culver, and Charlott Conniff; brother, George Johnson; sister-inlaw, Emily Johnson; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In ad-



Mrs. Belote

dition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Ruth Wright, and brothers, Louis, Cecil, Charles, and Howard Johnson.

Mrs. Belote graduated valedictorian, winning the math award, from Onancock High School. She worked as an operator for the former C&P Telephone Company, and later as a bookkeeper, before owning and operating her own business for over 35 years. Her venture began as a Sears catalog merchant, which led her to opening a gift and home store, "What's Your Fancy," in Parksley. Her accomplishments as a business owner allowed her to do what she loved most-helping friends and neighbors throughout the community, which she did every day until her retirement at the age of 75.



She was a longtime member of Grace United Methodist Church in Parksley. Over the years, she selflessly gave her time and talents to her church, as well as to the March of Dimes, the Soroptimist Club of Accomack County, the Greater Parksley Association, and the American Cancer Society—leading and supporting Relay for Life for 20 years.

Mrs. Belote was always creative—painting, needleworking, sewing, and a great cook. She loved to travel with family across the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Europe.

Always wanting to help other people, she donated her body for Alzheimer's and other medical research.

Mrs. Belote was loved greatly by her family, friends, and customers, all of whom are invited to attend a celebration of her life to be held at the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home, Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at Maurice Bistro in Onancock.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Belote's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60601, or online at https://alz.org

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at <u>www.williamsfuneralhomes.com</u>

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Rogers Henry East

Mr. Rogers Henry East, 89, loving and devoted husband of Dorothy Lee East and a resident of Bloxom, passed away Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Born Sept. 12, 1930, in Smithtown, Long Island, N.Y., and raised in Eastville, Va., he was a son of the late Samuel Henry

East and the late Rose Willis East.

Following graduation from Northampton High School, Mr. East enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a proud veteran of the Korean War.



Mr. East

Soon after returning to the Shore, Mr. East was hired as a part of the crew that constructed the original Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. He traveled as far as Florida, posting the famous

seagull signs, many of which still guide the way today. Upon completion of the CBBT, he began working as a custodian for the U.S. Postal Service, in Onancock, retiring after nearly 20 years. Mr. East then continued his custodial career at the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, in Painter, and later, at Food Lion, in Oak Hall. He was a longtime member of Grace United Methodist Church, in Parksley, where he and Dorothy were married Dec. 17, 2000.

Mr. East's greatest priorities in life were his car, his dog, and his sweetheart, Dorothy. Throughout their marriage, Mr. East was a loyal and dedicated husband and caregiver to Dorothy. Since her move to the nursing home a few years ago, he continued his unwavering commitment to her, having visited every single day. Though his presence will be greatly missed by loved ones, they will keep his memory alive in the many cherished moments shared.

In addition to his beloved wife of nearly 20 years, he is survived by his daughter, Nancy L. Morgan and wife, Tracy Alford, of Jacksonville, N.C.; stepchildren, Karen M. Dempsey, Sgt. Ret. and fiancé, Larry G. Conser, of Parksley, Lynn D. Reiss and husband, Donald, of Madison, Va., Thomas J. Deuter and wife, Patsy, of Oak Forest, Ill.; sister; Margaret Morgan, of Henderson, Nev.; brother, Peter "Pete" East, of Cape Charles; grandchildren, Harold "Will" Deuter III and wife, Erica, Karen Deuter II, Randy Reiss and wife, Shannon, Bill Reiss and wife, Arlene, Thomas A. Deuter, Danielle Bettinardi and husband, Jon, Miranda Kraus and husband, Jamie, and Frank Deuter; great-grandchildren, Harold "Liam" IV, Chloe, Kody, Maddy, Naomi, Adrian, Jonathan, and Sophia; stepdaughter-in-law, Geraldine "Gerrie" Deuter, of Atlantic, Va., and her children, and their families; several nieces and nephews; and last, but not least, his dog "Rex," who was his best bud. Other than his parents, he was predeceased by his stepson, Harold W. Deuter II; sister, Geraldine Small; and brother, Sydney East.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. G. Wayne Parsley officiating. There will be a visitation at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 154, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Barry Ewell Fisher

Mr. Barry Ewell Fisher, 87, of Chincoteague Island, passed away Jan. 31, 2020 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on Chincoteague Oct. 27, 1932, to the late Floyd and Mary Elizabeth Ewell Fisher. He was a graduate of Chincoteague High School, Class of 1951, where he was vice presi-

dent of his class and played football. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a senior chief boatswain mate for 23 years. He served in the Vietnam War, was stationed in Ocean City, Md., as



Mr. Fisher

officer in charge and ended his military career as drill instructor at Cape May, N.J., in 1974. He loved football so much that he played for the U.S. Coast Guard team. After retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1974, he never gave up his love of water so he did some sea clamming and gill netting. In 1975 he founded and operated Fisher Marine Construction which his son, Dean, still carries on today.

He was a member of American Legion Post #159 and Accomack Masonic Lodge #243.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife of 47 years, Shirley Louise Bloxom Fisher.

Mr. Fisher is survived by his loving spouse of 18 years, Margaret "Peggy" Jones Fisher, of Chincoteague; two sons, Garry Fisher and his wife, Beth, and Dean Fisher and his fiancé, Desiree McDermott, all of Chincoteague; three granddaughters, Kathryn Carpenter and her husband, Daniel, of Virginia Beach, Va., Lauren Bowden and her husband, Stephen, of Chincoteague, and Christine Bair and her husband, Jon, of Lancaster, Pa.; and

three great-grandchildren. He was respected and loved by his stepchildren, Leslie Hirth and husband, Douglas, Toni Belmont (dec.), and Sean Daisey and wife, Lynn, all of Pennsylvania; nine step-grandchildren; and 16 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb, 5, 2020, at the Chincoteague Church of God, Chincoteague, with the Rev. John Thorne and Pastor Kevin Stanley officiating.

Burial took place in the John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery, in Temperanceville, with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, 25379 Lankford Highway, Suite A, Onley, VA 23418 or American Legion Post #159, 4023 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336. Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., Chincoteague.

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Paul Revere Lewis

Mr. Paul Revere Lewis, 95, of Warsaw, Va., previously of Parksley, husband of the late Lola Milliner Lewis, passed away Jan. 28, 2020, at The Orchard – A Healthy Living Community in Warsaw, Va.

Born June 16, 1924, in Hunting Creek, he was the son of the late Samuel Thomas Lewis and the late Emma Kate

Russell Lewis. Mr. Lewis served our country in the U.S. Army, First Division, in World War II. He landed on D-Day on Omaha Beach, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and ended the war in occupied



Mr. Lewis

Germany. He worked as a meter reader for ANEC for over 30 years and was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church. A great, contributing member of the community, Mr. Lewis was a previous Parksley town councilman, an officer and president for the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, an avid setback card player and an ANEC Union member and past local union president.

Mr. Lewis is survived by a son, Donald Paul Lewis and wife, Margarita, of Ruther Glen, Va., and several nieces and nephews.

Other than his parents and wife,

he was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Lewis.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, from the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley. Interment followed in the Parksley Cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, 21475 Hopkins Rd, Parksley, VA 23421 or the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 14, Parksley, VA 23421.

Arrangements were made by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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Norman F. Mason Jr.

Mr. Norman F. Mason Jr., 101, of Finney's Wharf in Onancock, passed away Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley. He was the husband of Sue Boggs Mason, to whom he was married for almost 75 years.

Born May 17, 1918, in Parksley, he was the only child born to Norman Fletcher Mason and Betsy Fowler Mason. Mr. Mason graduated from Parksley High School and was the only male in

his class to start first grade and graduate without interruption. Mentored by his grandfather, Mr. Mason began farming at the age of 18, growing potatoes and raising chickens. He briefly worked

at the Newport News Shipyard to supplement income for his young family and to help build his business. "Farming is in my blood," Mr. Mason would say, as he remained active and interested in how



Mr. Mason

crops were growing, until very recently due to his health. His son, David, farmed alongside his father and will continue Mr. Mason's legacy.

Mr. Mason was a lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church in Parksley, a longtime member of Farm Bureau, and member of Central Lodge #300, A.F. & A.M. Throughout his life, he enjoyed having conversations with friends, anywhere and at any time, as many can share those recollections. Mr. Mason had a sharp mind until his death, evidenced in vivid details of the stories he told.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his son, David F. Mason, of Onancock, two step-granddaughters, Rebecca S. Bresee and Christian S. Parks, and their families; and brother-in-law, Edward Boggs. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Sarah Beth Mason, in 2006, and daughter-in-law, Mildred Mapp "Millie" Mason in 2017.

A funeral service will be conducted at the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, at 2 p.m., with Mr. George Fulk officiating. A private interment with Masonic Rites will be held at the Onancock Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 156, Parksley, VA 23421, Onancock Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 28, Onancock, VA 23417, or to Market Street United Methodist Church, 75 Market Street, Onancock, VA 23417.

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Margaret Jean Linton

Mrs. Margaret Jean "Peggy" Linton, 81, wife of the late Norris Hilton Linton Sr. and a resident of Parksley, passed away Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Born Feb. 7, 1938, in Nassawadox, and raised in Guilford, she was a daughter of the late Joseph H. and Vergie Mae Taylor.

Mrs. Linton was a longtime member of Guilford United Methodist Church and past member of The Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed word puzzles, knitting, and looked forward to her many daytrips.



Mrs. Linton

which often included scenic rides along the Eastern Shore's back roads. She was especially close to her sister, Delma, with whom she shared many cherished memories. Mrs. Linton adored her sons, as they did her, and her memory will be forever celebrated in their hearts.

Survivors include her three loving sons, Norris H. "Sonny" Linton Jr., of Parksley, Joseph Isaac Linton, of Keller, and Jamie Lee Linton, of Fox Grove; sister-in-law, Sue Linton Newhart, of Ohio; granddaughter, Leighann Marie Linton; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Delma Taylor Mason and Lacey Taylor Evans.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at 2 p.m., with Mr. George Fulk officiating. Interment will follow in the Parksley Cemetery. There will be a visitation at the funeral home Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, from 5 until 7 p.m.

Contributions in Mrs. Linton's memory may be made to Guilford United Methodist Church, 25460 Shoremain Drive, Bloxom, VA 23308.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at $\underline{www.williamsfuneralhomes.com}$

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.



Martin Stringfellow III

Mr. Martin Slaughter Stringfellow III peacefully passed away Jan. 29, 2020, at his home in Chandler, Ariz., with his loving daughter, Patty, at his side.

Mr. Stringfellow was born July 19, 1933. He went to Cape Charles Elementary School and graduated from Chincoteague High School. He attended St. Louis University in St. Louis, Mo., and received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He went to work for Emerson Electric in St. Louis after graduating and cycled back and forth for years between Emerson and McDonald Douglas Aircraft Corp. He went to Boston and worked for MACOM Corp, then trans-

ferred to Motorola in Phoenix, Ariz., where he retired. His field of specialization was microwave radiation.

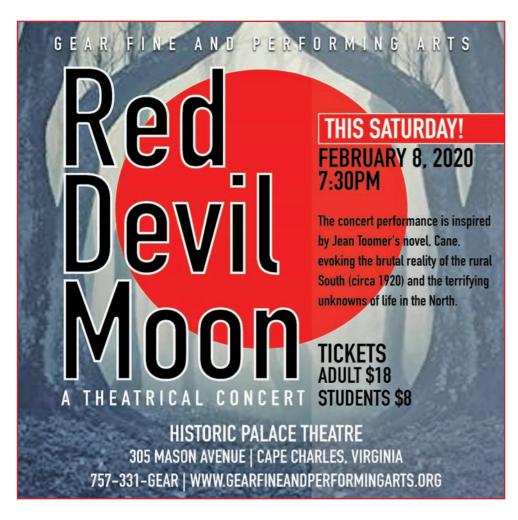
He married Mary Ellen Murphy from Detroit, Mich..

Mr. Stringfellow returned home to Cape Charles after retirement and spent several years as an active member and volunteer at the Cape Charles Historical Society. He was a creative and talented engineer and artist who is well known for his Chesapeake Bay models of steamers, ferry boats, and railroad tugs, which are displayed in the Cape Charles Virginia Historical Society Museum.

He is survived by a brother, Frank Stringfellow, of Maryland; daughters, Patty Griese, Kathy Hetrick, and Margie Stringfellow, all of the Phoenix, Ariz., area; and grandsons, Danny Kunz and Kyle Stringfellow. He was predeceased by his sister, Frances Bailey, of Cheriton.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Cape Charles Historical Society.

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Shore Residents Have Plenty To Say About Affordable Housing

Northampton County convenes workshops to solicit input for its comprehensive plan and to guide policy decision regarding affordable housing

By Stefanie Jackson

Eastern Shore residents turned out by the dozens Jan. 29 for an affordable housing workshop at the Exmore town hall, led by the Berkley Group, the consulting firm helping the Northampton planning commission through the process of updating its county's comprehensive plan.

A second housing workshop was held simultaneously in Cape Charles.

In Exmore, Rebecca Cobb, a Berkley Group senior planner, guided a small-group exercise in which participants learned the basics of affordable housing and discussed which housing options make the most sense for the Shore.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines affordable housing as a home that a family can obtain for 30% or less of its gross income.

In Northampton County, the median income is \$56,020 annually. A household is considered low-income if it makes less than 80% of the median income.

Northampton families earning less than \$44,816 annually are considered low-income households that qualify for affordable housing. Families with higher annual incomes may qualify depending on the number of people living in the household.

Small groups worked together to fill out questionnaires provided by the Berkley Group.

Who should benefit from affordable housing?

"Everyone," said Northampton planning commissioner Janet Sturgis, "because we can't have economic growth if we don't have the employees.

"We're not going to attract the employees if there's no place to live. If there's no place for the teachers to live,

they're not going to come teach in our schools. So everybody's a winner."

Ava Wise's group said those who most need affordable housing are low-income families, single parents, and the elderly and disabled.

The types of affordable housing needed most on the Shore include rental apartments, single-family homes, duplexes, and housing for senior citizens, participants said.

Exmore and Nassawadox were named as areas ready for growth, but other towns got mentions, too.

Eastville could provide workforce housing for employees of the new Eastville Community Health Center. Cheriton was noted for its proximity to the busy tourist town of Cape Charles.

But there was a clear consensus on which areas of the Shore should not be targeted for housing development: "down the necks."

Northampton supervisor Betsy Mapp favored towns with mixed-use buildings that have commercial space on the first floor and residential space on the second floor.

Participants agreed "livable communities" are a good fit for the Shore – affordable housing in and near the towns along Route 13, providing access to grocery stores, restaurants, retail stores, and transportation.

Bobbie Jo Wert, of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, reminded her group of one caveat: the area along Route 13 can't be overdeveloped like "one big strip mall," because it's the Shore's groundwater recharge zone.

Her organization will be critical to the success of a local affordable housing initiative, along with the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance, board of supervisors and planning commission, participants said.

Other important but underused resources for finding or building affordable housing include Community Partners of the Eastern Shore, local banks, and tax incentives.

One of the biggest barriers to the affordable housing initiative is Northampton's zoning ordinances,



which the planning commission is working on, Sturgis said.

Northampton has many large lots that could be divided into smaller lots, she added.

There is also a need for rehabilitation of homes that were abandoned or became dilapidated because the owners could not afford the upkeep.

Participants voiced concern particularly for seniors who may need financial assistance to repair their older homes and "age in place."

Others saw a need for multi-generational homes for seniors who may be taking care of grandchildren.

The input will guide Northampton administrators as they decide which grants they should pursue and which strategies they should use to create affordable housing opportunities for every citizen in the county.

Eastern Shore To Get New Area Code

Staff Report

The State Corporation Commission announced Wednesday that the Hampton Roads area, including the Eastern Shore of Virginia, will get a new 948 area code. The new area code will overlay the existing area code district.

The action was taken because the 757 area code is expected to exhaust all its numbers by the end of 2021.

Phone numbers currently used in the 757 area code region will not be altered, allowing residents and businesses to keep their existing numbers, according to a press release issued by the commission.

Under the plan, there will be a sixmonth permissive dialing/customer education period during which calls within the 757 number plan area can be completed using either 7 or 10 digits. Eventually, all calls in the 757 area code and the new 948 area code will have to be made dialing all 10 digits.

Agencies Mobilize To Find and Count Shore's Homeless Residents

By Carol Vaughn

Organizations around the Eastern Shore counted homeless residents for an annual point-in-time count in January.

This year, the day included a Jan. 22 resource fair at Onancock Elks Lodge 1766, where around two dozen agencies provided information about services they offer. A free lunch, snacks, and a movie were part of the event.

On or around Jan. 20, more than 300 Continuums of Care in the nation counted homeless residents in the communities they serve, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which funds the Continuums of Care.

A Continuum of Care is a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet needs of people who are homeless, according to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development website.

The Continuum of Care on the Eastern Shore is Community Partners of the Eastern Shore — its

membership includes representatives from more than 40 organizations and agencies.

The data collected each January, although only a snapshot at one particular point in time, helps better serve the needs of the homeless, according to HUD.

During the January 2019 pointin-time count, 61 homeless residents were counted on the Eastern Shore, according to the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission.

Around 568,000 people in the United States were homeless at that point, with nearly two-thirds of those staying in some type of shelter, according to HUD.

The event sponsored by the Elks Lodge, co-hosted by Community Partners of the Eastern Shore and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, was made possible by a grant from the National Elks Foundation.

"First of all, it is to bring resources to individuals in our community —



Eastern Shore Public Library employees Janice Felker and Wendy Johnson staff a table during an event held Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Elks Club in Accomac to provide information about services available to homeless Eastern Shore residents. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

those that may or may not realize the resources are there," said Charmin Horton, chairwoman of Community Partners of the Eastern Shore and Foodbank branch manager.

Additionally, the event — which Horton called a "one-stop shop" was designed to encourage homeless individuals "to come out and seek additional resources and to try to get



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Bags with items for homeless residents sit on a table ready for distribution. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

the help that they need," she said, noting the Elks Lodge was just one of many locations where the pointin-time count took place on the Eastern Shore.

Statistics collected help determine areas of higher need for funding related to housing, Horton said.

Member organizations at the local level also use information specific to the Eastern Shore to determine where there are gaps in services or the need for other types of help — including with substance abuse, mental health, food, and the like.

Pastor Rob Kelly was among those attending the Elks Lodge event.

"My reason for being here, and goal, is to gather as much information as I can to help those in the community," said Kelly, pastor of Craddockville United Methodist Church and of a recovery ministry called Restoration Ministries.

"As a pastor ... many people call looking for shelter, looking for food, looking for a ways and means to get off of drinking and drugging," he said.

Kelly gets at least one phone call a week about someone needing housing.

Still, the homeless on the rural Eastern Shore are perhaps less visible than in cities.

"A lot of folks sleep in their cars" — or perhaps stay at a family member's home for a night or two — "but something permanent is hard to find," Kelly said.

Restoration Ministries has a goal of establishing a shelter for homeless Shore residents, as well as a small rehabilitation facility.

"That is our vision," he said.

Shelley Strain, Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence executive director, was among those representing an organization at the event.

Around 80% of women with children who are homeless in the United States have been impacted by domestic violence, "so the two issues are combined," she said.

"We are providing shelter for individuals who are homeless — they are homeless because they are fleeing domestic violence," Strain said.

The coalition operates an emergency shelter for people in crisis because of domestic violence, and also has some limited resources to help homeless people who are not domestic violence victims.

Additionally, ESCADV is a coordinated entry point for someone who is homeless to access the appropriate services.

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by Linda Thistle

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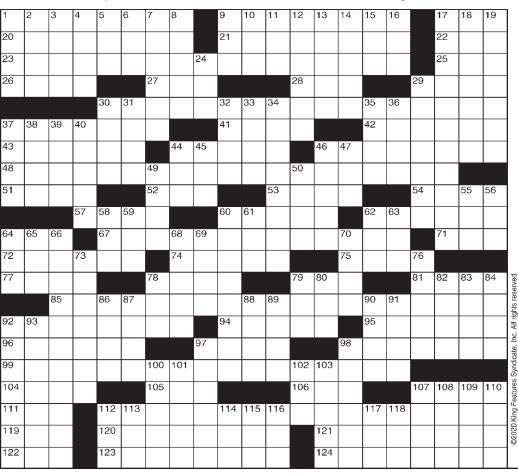
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EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

Reflection of Shore Native Major Morgan



Major Morgan avoids tackle. Submitted photo.

By Matthew Yoder

It wasn't a football season most anticipated at Hampden Sydney College. Standout wide receiver and Shore native Major Morgan entered as a preseason All-American, and the thought was the Tigers would compete for a championship.

Outside of Tiger nation, the anticipation was the same, and the preparation thus took shape. For the many coaches and defenders who suffered through seasons of dominance by Morgan, the game plan became simple, stop Morgan at all cost, and hopefully leave the field victorious.

When looking strictly at the record, 2019 was a lost season for Morgan and the Tigers. But behind the scenes, something larger than statistics took shape. Admiration and respect for his determination, not only from his own coaches, but also from those same coaches and coordinators who sought to curtail his gains, coalesced with the exploits of previous seasons. Despite all the attention on the field, Morgan still posted solid numbers and earned consecutive honors from the Touchdown Club of Richmond, as the state Small College Receiver of the Year.

If in his junior year he was rewarded for his numbers, in his senior year the focus was largely on the details of character.

Daryl Grose is the receivers coach at Hampden Sydney. In his 24 years of coaching, Grose has assisted in the development of seven All-Americans, and undoubtedly Morgan will always hold a unique place in his heart. With raw enthusiasm, Grose repeatedly described Morgan in transcendent terms, as an individual embodying a true competitiveness and work ethic, a leader, deserving of all the praise he's gained along the way.

"His maturity as a leader was impressive, and with regard to the business of making things happen from practice to gameday, second to none," said Grose.

Grose commented how it could not be overstated the level to which Morgan consumed the game plan of defenses each and every week.

"This past year he was a marked man like I've never seen before," said Grose.

But as Morgan's production suffered through isolation in defensive schemes, being routinely double-teamed, he kept his head high and tempered the mood in the locker room accordingly.

"When the results aren't there, how are you managing the competitive process, that's when his leadership kicked in, he was dynamic, he influenced the room," Grose said.

For Morgan, that maturity has been a completely organic process, and dates back to his days on the Shore, from being raised by his mother, spending time on the Western Shore and his years at Broadwater Academy.

Genevieve Walker is Morgan's mother, and more tuned in spiritually to his maturation and the process by which he has gotten to the point he is now than anybody.

Walker speaks of her son's past candidly, not with rose-colored glasses but the refreshing honesty of a caring mother.

In adolescence, Morgan was not immune to trouble. Walker shouldered the load of a precocious child.

"He showed me that I'm stronger than I ever thought I could be. I have very open eyes of his strengths and weaknesses," Walker said.

Walker also described the tremendous influence Morgan's stepfather, Mark Switzer, provided in his life. Switzer was a police officer and was instrumental in teaching Morgan discipline in a positive, respectful manner.

"It was a good year for him to learn how to keep your group motivated because people are watching from the sidelines to see how you're handling it. He really got it; he's not only a great player but a great person," Walker said.

Morgan has spent much of his life on the Shore, hunting and fishing, growing very fond of his home, but left during some formative years for boarding school in Christchurch; important years, Walker believes, to his growth. Morgan returned for his final two years of high school at Broadwater Academy, much to the delight of those at Broadwater, not least of whom was Athletic Director Ron Anson.

"We hated to see him go and loved to see him come back," said Anson.

Morgan returned to compete alongside his friends in basketball, track and field, and football, where he garnered all-state receiver honors in both 2014 and '15.

Morgan was more than just a great athlete; Anson acknowledged his stewardship to the school as well.

"He was always a hard worker with anything he did, he was always there for the school," Anson said.

Despite his success at Broadwater, when Morgan left, football was not initially the focal point of his collegiate experience.

"I was halfway about football, then I started making plays and enjoying it, I really started having a lot

of success," Morgan said.

That success culminated in an honor-filled 2018, a year in which Morgan grabbed 81 catches for 1,143 yards and 12 touchdowns. Despite the loss of quarterback, Alec Cobb, expectations would still abound for 2019.

"We had the guys, we couldn't figure out how to get things going, it was tough week in and week out, but you still have to be a leader. You can't shut down," said Morgan.

Across the board, Morgan's leader-ship was acknowledged by his peers and family, and he still managed to catch 74 balls for 886 yards, ending his time at Hampden Sydney fourth in career receptions and yards.

Morgan's story is far from over though, and one chapter folds to another. When Morgan pivoted to a real connection with the game of football, he also started to imagine an ascension to the greatest level of the game, a career in the NFL.

These days Morgan is training relentlessly with that goal in mind. Four days a week, Morgan travels to Richmond between classes to train with Shane Sykes. Under Sykes' watchful eye, Morgan is honing in on one particular skill, often a benchmark of NFL scouts.

"The biggest thing is my 40-yard dash, that's what we're drilling on," said Morgan.

Morgan describes himself as big and lanky with good hands, attributes of any good receiver, but admits, though his speed is solid, it never hurts to set yourself apart at combines with a strong 40-yard dash number.

In addition, Morgan is training with an NFL defender, Deshaun Amos of the Green Bay Packers, to familiarize himself with the speed of the pro game.

"It's good to try and catch up with him," Morgan said.

Morgan's efforts will soon have a venue. Later this month, Morgan will be participating in the National Scouting Combine in Indianapolis, an invitation-only event. Morgan, too, has secured an agent and spoke of the process of locating one, having linked to a webpage that agents can access. Here, athletes submit answers to a lengthy questionnaire, helping interested agents decipher a person's character through a series of

hypothetical situations.

"They are trying to pull out what kind of person you are," said Morgan.

An agent reached out to Morgan, likening him to a player currently on his rolls, Thomas Ives, who joined with the Chicago Bears as an unsigned free agent.

Agents take on the risk with any client, seeking the reward of a percentage of an athlete's contact upon being signed. Morgan admits the risk for an agent is particularly greater with a division three athlete, as the time invested does not always yield the desired result. Morgan is both educated and focused, however, and appears to know what he is getting into, citing players like Dan Arnold or Adam Thielen, a proven receiver, who have taken similar routes from smaller schools.

"I've done my research, I'm looking forward to getting a chance," said Morgan.

Coach Grose sees Morgan taking an effective path.

"He's always had the intangibles, now he just needs to work his trade to sharpen his sword," said Grose. "I think what he decided to do to shape himself as a leader will carry him through life. He is a special person; he is destined to make special things happen."

Morgan's beloved Eastern Shore, too, is paying attention. Walker is attuned, having lived here her entire life.

"The support from the community is incredible. Through the good and bad, there's a lot of Shore pride; people thinking, 'he's our boy now," said Walker.

Walker addressed the challenges Shore athletes face to scale the ladder of professional success, speaking then to the nature of the will of such individuals.

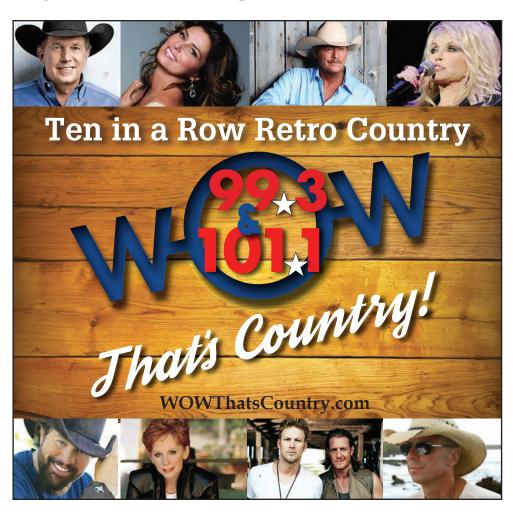
"It's interesting when athletes make it from the Shore, the resources here are so limited, when somebody is able to find success it is even more impressive," Walker said.

Walker trusts the process is a mix of preparation and some higher force joining harmoniously.

"I am a big believer that everything happens for a reason, dedication, talent and the cards lining up, he always has had a soft side for the underdog, he is himself an underdog and can't be counted out, I'm super proud of him," Walker said.



Morgan runs a route. Submitted photo.



Delk Hits 1,000th Point in District Title Game

1/30/20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL NORTHAMPTON 57 ARCADIA 42

By Brennan Waldorf

The Northampton Yellow Jackets basketball program has another addition to the thousand-point club in Maeyanna Delk. The senior hit the thousand-point milestone at home, against Arcadia last Thursday, Jan. 30. Delk joins fellow senior Vonte Coston, who scored his 1,000th point against Franklin at the beginning of the year. With Jada Giddens sidelined due to a knee injury, Delk was given the orders to fire at will. An that's exactly what she did, racking up 30 points, primarily though the first three quarters on Senior Night.

The Jackets had already beaten the Firebirds twice this year and a home win over them would secure the district title. Arcadia, who has drastically improved through the season, was under-experienced in the matchup but put together a resilient attack. Aracdia's Julia Rehbeins 3-pointer gave the Firebirds the lead at the beginning of the quarter. Arcadia had the lead the majority of the quarter, but fouls

In last week's wrestling article, the caption for the photo of Aizmani Joseph was incorrect. We regret the error.



Northampton Aizmani Joseph looks to coaches on the sideline during a 145-pound bout against Delmar. Photo by Brennan Waldorf. were high and scoring subsequently was low. With 37 seconds remaining, Takaila Stratton had a steal that led to a Maeyanna Delk fast break resulting in a And-1 opportunity with the senior capitalizing and tying the game at 9, ending the quarter.

The second quarter, the Jackets picked up the pace and started knocking down shots building a commanding lead. Senior NaPria Brown was a force to be reckoned with as she drove the lane and went head on with Arcadia defenders, often drawing fouls and getting to the line. Arcadia's Bella Williams continued to be the floor general for the Firebirds, controlling the ball and pushing the pace. Defensive rebounds turned into fast breaks for the Firebirds, with Williams driving right at the interior of the Jackets, getting to the line and knocking down free throws. The quarter ended with Takaila Stratton recording a big block under the basket and the Jackets ahead 29-19.

The third quarter was Delk time; it took her only two minutes into the quarter to get to 1,000 points. Once she hit the mark, by hitting a 3-pointer, a brief break was taken to celebrate. After the break, the senior got right back to work, recording three steals in a row that resulted in 4 points and an assist. Northampton's defense only allowed 6 points in the quarter and finished ahead 50-25.

Delk sat the majority of the fourth quarter, only entering for a brief moment at the 3:20 mark for a basket, then exiting. The Firebirds continued their attack and never stopped playing, showing true grit and determination even while being down the majority of the game. They outscored the Jackets 17-7 in the quarter with five players contributing but would fall to the Jackets 57-42.

The conclusion of the game saw a new 1,000-point scorer, a district title, and the celebration and honoring of seniors Maeyanna Delk and NaPria Brown. The seniors combined for 44 of the Jackets' points. Delk finished with 30 and Brown had 14. The Jackets will be back on their home court Feb. 10, for a 5:30 p.m. tipoff against



Northampton senior Napria Brown gets a steal and finished at the rim on a fast break. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

West Point High.

Arcadia had a more even attack with Bella Williams scoring 15, Julia Rehbein finished with 11, Tiana Bagwell added 7, and Jayda Tull concluded with 6. The Firebirds will finish their regular season with a game on Chincoteague, Feb. 6.

Still-On-Top Firebirds Win

2/4/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL ARCADIA 62 NANDUA 48

By Brennan Waldorf

The Arcadia Firebirds remain atop the district leader boards with a win on the road in Onley Jan. 4. A loss to the Warriors would have shook up the district standings but the Firebirds kept their composure and secured the win. They'll etch their names in history as the 2019-20 District Champions with a home win against Chincoteague next Thursday, Feb. 13.

They were led in points by Lethon Williams with 20 points, William Scarborough tallied 13, Keevan Collins had 10, Keith Grinnage and Kamron Downing contributed 7 points each.

Nandua was led Gerald Pitt with 19 points, AhkTavius Harmon added 9, and Tremere Summerville finished with 7. They'll finish district play with a home game tonight at 7 p.m. against Northampton.

Chincoteague Stuns Nandua with Composed Team Effort

1/30/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL CHINCOTEAGUE 72 NANDUA 62

2/3/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL CHINCOTEAGUE 46 HOLLY GROVE 36

By Matthew Yoder

Chincoteague had been trending in this direction. Spirited practices, and consecutive close losses against Arcadia and Northampton ignited the team's optimism, led to a win maybe only Ponies' players and coaches could anticipate. Maybe, but by the reactions of some players it's conceivable they stunned even themselves in their defeat of Nandua at home last Thursday night, 72-62.

As the buzzer sounded, Ayden Leonard's enthusiasm merged with the roar of Chincoteague's fans. Leonard was all smiles assessing his team's growth.

"We have been better lately, and this is the first time we've beaten them in a long time," Leonard said.

How did they get there? They played four quarters of basketball, with players stepping up individually at different points of the game, blending to a true all-around team effort.

Brandon Bundick paced the first quarter for the Ponies, making clutch shots from behind the arc, and Leonard established a commanding presence in the paint.

The quarter unfolded fast and clean, with few stoppages of play, and though the Warriors displayed good passing skills, head coach Trelle Warner lamented the fact that they appeared stationary. "Move around," Warner instructed. Chincoteague remained patient, building an early 1-point advantage.

Nandua started the second quarter playing inspired basketball, much more to its potential. AhkTavius Harmon opened with an athletic, scooping layup, then Gerald Pitt spotted Malik Battle for an open 3. Tremere Summerville stole a pass and helped his cause with a short jumper. The flurry of points prompted a Chincoteague



Trent Clark fights hard for 2 points. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

timeout. Out of the timeout the Warriors were not slowed. Pitt put back an offensive board, then stole a pass on the ensuing Chincoteague possession. Only an intentional foul impeded his path to an easy dunk. He made both free throws, and Summerville scored on a foul line jumper out of the Warriors' extra possession.

The momentum shift was real, but the Ponies responded with an answer, and Leonard served as the catalyst. Leonard found Camron Davis for an easy layup, then was assisted by Landon King for a bucket of his own, and became an unstoppable force rebounding the basketball. Leonard set up shop in the low block and scored at will. Leonard notched 14 points in the first half, helping the Ponies climb back to within striking distance. Still, following an off-balance floater from Battle, Nandua stepped into halftime with a 5-point lead.

If Leonard's play defined the second quarter for the Ponies, Trent Clark would be the next Pony to step up and push the issue. Clark drove aggressively. Whether from screens set by Leonard, or with sheer disregard for defenders, Clark either made heavily contested layups or got himself to the free-throw line time and again.

Nandua was continuing to distribute the ball well, but failed to convert on good looks. Late in the third, when Clark made another great drive for a layup, and converted the 3-point play, Chincoteague had made its way back to the lead. That lead was traded with regularity, but the Ponies made it theirs headed into the fourth quarter after a buzzer-beating baseline jumper from Luke Pride.

The teams opened strong in the fourth, with Clark and Leonard pacing the Ponies, and Summerville scoring in bunches for the Warriors. The lead, again, changed hands a number of times, and with four minutes to go the teams were deadlocked at 56.

TJ Pitts had been absent in the game for a time, with slight foul trouble. Chincoteague coach Timmy Johnson had taken him out of the game earlier, but told Pitts, "We need your offense." Pitts had largely been quiet much of the game, but accentuated the finish with his play. If players like Bundick, Leonard, Clark, and King got the Ponies to this point, Pitts helped carry them over the top.

Pitts stepped into a 3 off a good look from Bundick, and though Nandua would respond, Pitts again hit another 3 just over a minute later, driving the Ponies lead to 4 and forcing a Warrior timeout. Chincoteague played tight and smart from there. A pair of layups from Clark stretched the lead, and the Ponies made their foul shots down the stretch. The victory was sealed, the celebration was sweet, and to a man it all came from hard work.

Johnson praised individual efforts and the collective spirit alike.

"We just played together, first we fed Ayden, then they adjusted and we worked the guards, they executed the game plan perfectly," Johnson said.

On seeing the need to settle Pitts for the stretch, Johnson also commented,

"He's a smart player, a firecracker, he can score at will."

Warner also praised Chincoteague's tenacity.

"It hurts, but they have to want it, they wanted it more," Warner said.

Warner discussed the mistakes that plagued his team's chances.

"Rebounding killed us, we have to be more aggressive, we've got to slide on defense, you play defense like this and you'll keep losing," said Warner.

Though close games haven't always gone their way this season, the Ponies have still become accustomed to the situational basketball of tight finishes.

"We've been working hard all season," said Clark.

Bundick agrees.

"It's taken a lot of working together, our defense is stepping up and we're loud in practice," Bundick said.

Leonard led the Ponies with 24 points, followed in double digits by Clark with 19, Bundick with 11 and Pitts with 10, all in the second half.

Summerville matched Leonard's 24 and was aided in double figures by Pitt with 16 and Battle with 10.

The Ponies bundled their dramatic win against Nandua with a grind-out 46-36 victory against Holly Grove four nights later. It was senior night, and Clark, Davis, Bundick, and Brendan Lafayette were all honored for their contributions to the team and offered spectators a glimpse into their future plans.

Johnson rewarded his seniors by inserting them all into the starting lineup for both halfs, and they made the most of their final time playing in the Pony Pen. Davis made a pair of difficult, low scooping layups in heavy traffic, and assisted Pitts for a 3-pointer,

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Hard-Fought Game Results in Nandua Season Sweep Against Arcadia



Mackenzie Vestal brings the ball up court against the pressure of Kayla Wharton. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

> 2/4/20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL NANDUA 27 **ARCADIA 25**

By Matthew Yoder

fundamentals of basketball in real-time action, and the games they've played against one another will likely make the two young teams stronger in their progression. As the 2019-20 campaign winds down, the Warriors capped a season sweep against the Firebirds on the hardcourt Tuesday night with a 27-25 victory.

Buckets were at a premium in the first quarter, with each team making only one. Lenajah Riley hit an early jumpshot for the Firebirds and Tynaija Kelley scored the lone bucket for the Warriors off a good look from Sara Taylor. In what was established early as a physical game, Kelley owned the low post, boxing out tremendously well on the offensive and defensive ends of the ball. Defense was the name of the game in the first half.

Kelley made an emphatic block on Arcadia's Kyla Wharton and doubled her point total on the other end from another Taylor pass. The ball rattled around the rim finally dropping.

Kelley's commanding presence in the low post led to a barrage of 3-point attempts from Arcadia. Shots rimmed out, fell short, and Arcadia coach Casev Cordrey implored his team to take a different approach

"Let's get to the basket, we're 0-6 from three, take it hard every time," Cordrey said.

The half ended with another free-throw line The girls of Nandua and Arcadia are learning the jumper from Kelley, and a put-back from teammate

> Khe'mani Sample, giving the Warriors an 8-5 lead.

> A three-minute flurry of offense by both teams out of the break matched the entire output of the first half. Kelley blocked Julia Rehbein, and the ensuing offensive possession by the Warriors resulted in a smooth 3 from Sample. Kelley and Sample's play on both ends was impressive in the quarter. They stifled Bella Williams on a drive in the paint, rebounded at will, and Kelley hit another trademark jumper from the charity stripe.

> Arcadia would respond, with Williams knocking down a 3, then feeding Riley for a baseline jumper.

> Kelley's great positioning led to another offensive board, kicking out to Sample for a 3, giving Nandua a 16-10 lead. The action remained flu

id with Williams hitting another 3, and Taylor making a couple of buckets for the Warriors, one on a great outlet pass from Keyaughtey Clayton.

Nandua ended the quarter up 20-16, setting the stage for another wild finish between the teams in Oak Hall.

The fourth opened with Williams getting fouled on a 3-point attempt. She converted two of her free throws and on the next possession Williams found Wharton for an open 3, giving Arcadia the lead. Williams stretched the lead to 4 with another triple and the Firebird crowd roared in support.

Taylor slowed the charge for Nandua, with a layup from Brianna Tazewell's inbound pass, then Sample spotted Mackenzie Vestal with a well-directed pass. Vestal was fouled and converted both free throws to tie the game midway through the fourth.

Arcadia continued to shoot 3's, but went cold.

Vestal made another pair of clutch free throws giving the Warriors the lead, and from there both defenses clamped down. Kelley blocked Rehbein with under a minute to go, and a steal from Taylor led to her getting fouled on the coast-to-coast drive. Taylor made one, giving the Warriors a 2-point advantage.

Arcadia had several chances to extend the game, but made a series of ball-handling miscues in attempting to draw closer.

At the close of the game, Cordrey was competing with a tired lineup, and Nandua coach Lynn Williams was working with three freshman and a sophomore in his lineup to secure the win. It was a testament to the patient process both coaches have faced all-season instructing their teams how to tie together all aspects of the game.

Both teams failed to make shots throughout. For the Firebirds it was largely 3's, while Williams lamented, "If we could just make layups," for his Warrior squad.

Williams attributed the tight nature of the game to the level of defense both teams exhibited, and was congratulatory to the effort of both his own team and the opposing side.

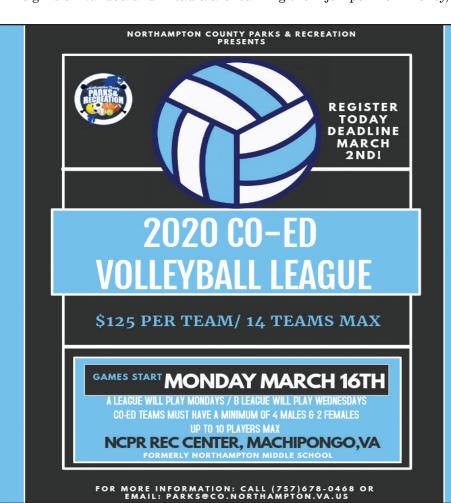
"We both play defense, I've gotta hand it to Arcadia, they played really hard," said Williams.

As Cordrey's emotional season draws to a close, he summed up what he likely thought would be a consistent theme for his team.

"They're young, inexperienced and haven't been in many close games, they've gotta learn situational basketball," said Cordrey.

Kelley and Sample paced Nandua with 8 points apiece, and Taylor poured in 7, all in the second half. Arcadia's Williams was the game's high-scorer with 16.

From a sideline perspective, both young teams have displayed vast improvements, and coaches and players alike should be commended for their persistence. Arcadia's season will conclude this week, and for Nandua, the possibility of playoff basketball is still in play.



Jackets Make Statement Win on Senior Night

1/30/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL NORTHAMPTON 90 ARCADIA 66

By Brennan Waldorf

There was another exciting night of Eastern Shore basketball last Thursday in Eastville when Northampton hosted the Arcadia Firebirds. The Firebirds edged the Jackets at home in their first meeting back in December, overcoming a double-digit deficit in the second half. They then beat the Jackets in Oak Hall on Jan. 7, both victories separated by a narrow margin of 4 total points. This time the Firebirds entered Eastville on Senior Night and the Jackets were ready for revenge.

Before the game started, Northampton recognized and honored seniors Jeremiah Major, Vonte Coston, Brian Fisher, Erionte Harmon, and Ahmad Scarborough who will all be retiring after the season.

The tipoff was won by Northampton, but a forced turnover put the ball in Arcadia's hands and a putback basket by Lethon Williams gave Arcadia its first and only lead of the night. The Jackets started out aggressive on offense, with Vonte Coston knocking down back-to-back 3-pointers to set the tone right away. Arcadia struggled on offense as the Jackets double-teamed William Scarborough at midcourt as often as possible cutting off passes. Arcadia was slightly off in the first with both passes and shots, often watching the ball circle around the hoop and then fall out. Arcadia's passes were slightly high and off the mark, and the Jackets took advantage, pushing the court with outlet passes and driving the lane to suddenly stop and hit pull-up jumpers. The Jackets went on a 19-point run only allowing 1 point to the Firebirds at the end of the quarter. Ahmad Scarborough hit several jump shots and delivered several dimes to teammate Brayden Washington, who was the quarter's leader ending with 11 points.

The second quarter saw a pick up in Arcadia's offense. Jaden Hope jumpstarted the offense with a baseline drive, getting a basket to go after double-clutching against several interior defenders. Northampton never let of the gas though, even with a big lead, as Quincy Washington went coast-to-coast on the next scoring possession. The Jackets knew that Arcadia is a second-half team and piled in as many points as possible. Ahmad Scarborough was exceptional through the half, taking charge and dishing the ball to teammates while also hitting a fast break dunk that sent the crowd into a frenzy. The half ended with Northampton up big 47-31

The Firebirds are widely known as a dangerous second-half team with a lot of athleticism and if you sleep on them, they're bound to run the score up and turn the game in their favor. Northampton had already been scorned by the Firebirds' offense twice this year and were not willing to let it happen again. The Jackets started the half with good ball movement, finding Coston open for another open three. A couple plays later the Jackets' Quincy Washington had backto-back layups followed by a and-1 layup from Coston. With the Jackets up big 64-37, rotations changed as coach Wayne Bell knew he was going to keep players fresh to weather the offensive storm that Arcadia creates in the second half. With 3:50 remaining, the Firebirds' offensive storm began. On defense they caused turnovers and Lethon Williams went to work. Williams hustled on defense and converted turnovers to points, scoring 10 in the quarter and closing the gap to 65-54.

The fourth quarter started with the Jackets smallest lead since the start of the game and momentum in the Firebirds' favor, after Kamron

Downing had a put-back floater in the lane. The Jackets had blown leads in the past but not on this night. They continued to push the pace and attacked the baskets with fast breaks and outlet passes, keeping a safe distance from Arcadia. The Firebirds desperately needed something to go their way but were unfortunate as they looked to the 3. Their shots would not fall and defensive rebounds by Northampton were quickly converted by Brayden Washington and company. Northampton outscored Arcadia 25-11 in the fourth and cruised to 90-66 victory over the district leader.

Northampton finished with four players in double digits. Vonte Coston led in scoring with 24 points, six assists, and two steals. Bradyn Washington followed with 23 points, Ahmad Scarborough added 16 points, eight assists, and five steals. Quincy Washington concluded with 16 points, seven rebounds, and two steals. Jeremiah Major led in rebounding with 8 and two blocks.

Arcadia's Lethon Williams finished with 23 points, followed by William Scarborough with 13. Jaden Hope and Kameron Downing each finished with 9.



Northampton's Quincy Washington gets a block on Arcadia's William Scarbrough during the fourth quarter. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

~ Chincoteague vs. Nandua ~ (Continued From Page 25)

all in the first quarter.

Bundick made a 3-pointer late in the second quarter of a tight game to help secure a 1-point lead for his team headed into halftime.

The Ponies appeared to wear the Eagles down significantly in the third quarter, with Bundick, Davis, and Clark all leading the way. Clark made a pair of critical layups late in the quarter to extend the lead to 9

From there, the Ponies hung on amidst a slight surge led by the Eagles' Zach Chaffins, who finished with a game-high 17 points. Despite Chaffin's urgency to bridge the divide for the Eagles, King responded with a pair of pivotal layups to ensure the win for Chincoteague.

Clark was the only Pony to notch double figures with 15, but Chincoteague's victory would not have been possible without crucial efforts from a deep bench.

SPORTS SHORTS

Accomack County Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball Schedule

The Accomack County Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball games will be held at the Arcadia High School, Saturday, Feb. 8, beginning at 9 a.m. The last game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. The 2 and 3 p.m. games will be played at Chincoteague High School. Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser orders are also due Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020.

The schedule includes: 9 a.m., Heat vs. Knights 1 (ages 5-8), 10 a.m., Hornets vs. Horntown Heat (ages 5-8), 11 a.m., Cavaliers vs. Wizards (ages 9-12), noon, Celtics vs. Lakers (ages 5-8), 1 p.m., Wizards vs. Celtics (ages 9-12), 2 p.m., 13-15 vs. Chincoteague at Chincoteague High School, 3 p.m., Lakers vs. Chincoteague at Chincoteague High School (ages 9-12).

For additional information contact the Parks and Recreation office at 787-3900, Wayne 710-1947 or Barbara at 710-9301.

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 restauranteur, 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.

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.

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 NOAAWI-VA 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.

Arcadia High School Varsity Softball Bowling Fundraiser

The Arcadia High School varsity softball team is having a bowling fundraiser at Eastern Shore Lanes, Pocomoke City, Md., on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m.

The cost is \$22 per person and includes unlimited pizza and Pepsi, two games and shoe rental.

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Northampton High School Basketball Players Reach Milestone

Northampton senior Vonte Coston scored a career high 41 points against Franklin High on Jan. 13, to achieve the 1,000-point milestone (top left). Head Coach Devin Allen (left of second photo) was the first female player to reach 1,000 points at Northampton. Here she poses with Maeyanna Delk who's the third female to reach the milestone. Delk scored 30 points in the contest against AHS. Photos by Brennan Waldorf.

This Week's Boating Safety Tips

Flotilla 12–02 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers weekly tips to improve your boating safety on the water.

This week's topic is docking.

First, we need to make sure we have our terms correct. In navigation parlance, once you untie your vessel from its mooring you are officially underway. Once your sails go up or your engine is in gear, you are considered to be making way. Once you are making way, you must always keep in mind that your boat will not turn or handle like a car or truck. For one thing, a vessel making way doesn't so much turn as pivot, with the pivot point about 1/3 of the boat length back from the bow. You must keep that in mind when at the helm. Before docking the boat, determine the direction of the wind and the current. Remember while most boats are more affected by wind, this may be blocked by the dock and the current will take over. Always approach the dock moving into the wind or current as this will give you the greatest control. Then especially if alone set out your fenders and your lines. Approach all docks at the slowest speed possible while maintaining steerage. When you get close, if the wind is right, it will gently push you onto the dock, if the wind is away from the dock just maintain a very slow approach and use the engine to hold your self in place. If you are alone, tie the boat to the dock using a spring line then slowly pull forward, the line will pull you into the dock and allow you to secure the stern to the dock. Then shut off your engine.

Northampton Fights Off Pointed Gameplan to Defeat Chincoteague for Third Time

2/3/20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL CHINCOTEAGUE 37 HOLLY GROVE 21

2/5/20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL NORTHAMPTON 66 CHINCOTEAGUE 39

By Matthew Yoder

Northampton continued to run the table in league play with its 66-39 victory against Chincoteague Wednesday night. Chincoteague approached the contest with the game plan of double-teaming Northampton's Maevanna Delk, who often stood stationary near midcourt directing the 4 on 3 play in front of her. Against intense pressure, Delk still managed to score 8 in the first half. While Delk lingered in relative obscurity for a time, others stepped up in her place, namely Napria Brown and Brianna Bochman, who each notched 10 points in the first half.

Caroline Shelley paced the Ponies' effort with a couple of strong baseline moves and established good positioning for offensive boards and high percentage layups.

The game was even after the first quarter at 12 apiece, but the Yellow Jackets started to run away in the second quarter, building a 13-point lead off a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Jayden Jenkins.

Chincoteague moved to a zone defense in the second half but failed to effectively cut into Northampton's lead. Bochman owned the close of the third quarter, knocking down a corner 3, stealing the ball at midcourt, and driving for a layup, followed by another layup and finally another 3-pointer in a blurring frenzy of activity. Bochman's instant offense stretched the lead to 19. A pair of jumpers from Emma Jackson ended the flurry, but the Ponies found themselves down 15 headed into the fourth.

Northampton's starters continued



Brianna Bochman sinks a 3 for the Yellow Jackets against the Ponies. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

to tally points in the fourth, while Chincoteague rested many of its starters. Lindsay O'Shea hit a pair of foulline jumpers for the Ponies, but the Yellow Jackets big three of Brown, Bochman, and Delk padded the stats sheet. Bochman finished as the game's high scorer with 23 points, followed by Delk with 19 and Brown with a very solid 18.

Shelley led the Ponies with 11, and was joined in double figures by Jackson with 10.

Chincoteague coach Jimmy Bloxom was firm in his gameplan to slow Delk, a plan that served his team well if not for Northampton's other starters stepping up with great accuracy.

"I'm not gonna let Delk beat me driving, hats off to them," said Bloxom.

Earlier in the week, Chincoteague stepped out of league play to host the Lady Eagles from Holly Grove. That game resulted in a 37-21 win for the Ponies. Balance was the name of the game for Chincoteague in that contest. Nearly every player who saw action for the Ponies contributed to the final score, including Lola Watson, who moved up from the JV squad. Watson made a pair of shots, the second of which was a long baseline jumper in the pivotal second half.

Jackson played a strong all-around

ellow Jackets against the Ponies.

game for the Ponies, particularly in the

third quarter, with blocks, steals, and

rebounds, all the while diving hard to

the court. Jackson also assisted Brianna Hess for a pair of shots late in the third quarter, and finally added points to her ledger with a layup.

For the Eagles, Mackenzie Schaffer returned to action, just weeks from a graphic shoulder injury that sidelined her in a previous matchup with the Ponies. Schaffer led Holly Grove with 5 points, while Shelley ended as the game's high scorer with 9.

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Meatloaf Dinner

Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Fundraising Committee will be hosting a meatloaf dinner in house. Dinner will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, a roll and choice of beverage. Cost of dinner will be \$10.00 per plate; \$5.00 for children 10 and under. Delivery will be available from Exmore to Accomac with a minimum of a 2 dinner purchase.



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CAPITAL LETTERS



By Sen. Lynwood Lewis

The 2020 Virginia General Assembly continues to move at a breakneck pace, with an unusually heavy volume of legislation. Committees are operating in-

to the night to deal with the backlog. Weekend sessions of committees are likely. The high volume and quick pace always raises the possibility of mistakes and unintended consequences.

In the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee on which I serve, we considered a bill of particular importance to the Eastern Shore. It was SB 704, which dealt with the state's watershed improvement plan. Specifically, that bill would have mandated stream exclusion efforts (e.g., fencing) in our cattle raising areas of the Commonwealth and nutrient management plans in our crop growing areas.

We have made very good progress in meeting our Bay cleanup goals and the agricultural community has been

Onancock, VA

a great partner in these efforts. After this period of success, this bill in many ways anticipated failure and put requirements, regulations and mandates in place that were premature. This became a high profile piece of legislation during this General Assembly Session, with heavy lobbying efforts by the administration conservation groups and agricultural community.

I was very happy to see many folks from the Eastern Shore agricultural community involved in this effort. After a healthy late night discussion in committee, the bill was defeated in favor of a much better proposal by Sen. Emmett Hanger. His proposal set policy and established a framework for achieving the policy mainly through an organized group of stakeholders as we approach the 2025 deadline for our Bay pollutant-reduction level efforts. It was the strength of that proposal which turned what was supposed to have been a very close vote into a near unanimous defeat of the mandate bill.

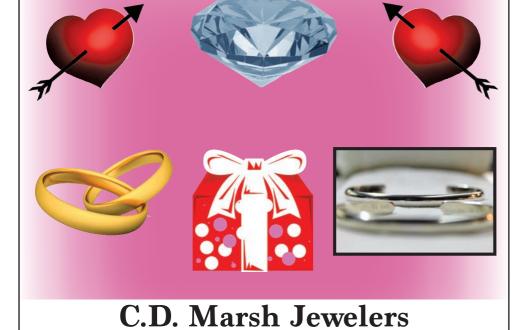
Senator Hanger's substitute also made

it out of the House Committee near-unanimously. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the agricultural community are supportive of the final product and I am certain will continue their good work together. I am confident that the progress on our Bay goals will continue and that the agricultural community, given the resources, will continue to be a full and supportive partner in those efforts.

While I am spending most of my time in Richmond during the General Assembly session, I understand from folks back home that there are television ads running which urge me not to repeal Virginia's Right to Work law. This is somewhat amusing, as I have been on record since well before the General Assembly Session started as being opposed to repealing Virginia's Right to Work law. Apparently the group running these television ads has money to burn by running ads for someone who supports their position on this particular issue. In addition, I have received some communications from folks back home urging me not to repeal Virginia's Right to Work law. So I thought I would take this opportunity to yet again categorically state that I will not be voting to repeal Virginia's Right to Work law. This in some respects goes back to a point I raised in my last report home regarding all the gun issues in that many people are relying on third-party sources of information, in this case television but in most cases social media, to determine what legislation actually does and who supports that legislation. I would urge everyone to please contact my office regarding any questions you have on specific legislation or on my position on specific legislation before making assumptions based on a Facebook post.

We will be in session until Saturday, March 7. As always, I encourage people to contact us on any issues of concern our email remains district06@senate. virginia.gov and our phone number while in Richmond is 804-698-7506. And as always we encourage everyone to visit if at all possible and to use our office to facilitate your time here in your capital.

Chesapeake Bay Bracelets, Diamonds, and Surprise Sales...Oh my! Valentine's Day 2020





By Del. Rob Bloxom

As many of you know, this year one of my bills would have given driving permits to undocumented residents. The bill was the product of a DMV study group that

hoped to address the safety issue of people driving on our roads without licenses. I have sponsored this legislation for the past four years, and in each of them, it has failed to gain the necessary votes because it was viewed as too progressive. This year the same bill died a similar death, but for the opposite reason: it was viewed by the current House as being too conservative. This one example illustrates how drastically the pendulum has swung.

The cultural divide in our state is more evident than in previous years. Much of the proposed legislation sponsored by delegates from more populous regions is likely to have unintended consequences for the state's rural counties. For example, legislation to protect tree canopy in urban areas may infringe upon the rights of property owners in more rural areas. Sim-

ilarly, gun legislation designed to curb inner-city violence may prohibit anyone 18 and under from hunting without adult supervision. For any of you who find this difficult to read, you may be pleased to hear that the House also passed a bill this week that permits public profanity.

The administration, with its majority in the legislature, is seeking to expand government control of almost every facet of life in the commonwealth (except abortion). With this increased government control will inevitably come higher taxes. As a member of the minority party, there is little I can do to stop the new bills. It is my hope that the Senate, when faced with the bills coming from the House, will bring some sanity to the legislative process.

I am always happy to meet with the many 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 DelR-Bloxom@house.virginia.gov.

Business Professionals Have Space to Grow in Exmore



Joe Betit is one of the founders of the GIG.

Story and Photos by Stefanie Jackson

The Eastern Shore's first coworking space - for business professionals on-the-go and entrepreneurs who

The GIG – Gather, Innovate, Grow – offers access in a fast-paced business world, in a shared work environment balanced by the comforts of home.

The business incubator was developed by Joe as part of the Eastern Shore's economic development plan written by the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission.

An \$85,000 GO Virginia grant, administered by vides 24/7 access with a key card. the Eastern Shore Foundation, helped get the proj-

ect off the ground, along with help from other area businesses and organizations.

The Northampton County Joint Industrial Development Authority collaborated with the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority to enable the GIG to offer full commercial, 1 gigabyte, high-speed internet.

Josh Lattimore, of Northampton Lumber, donated the paint, and the interior signs were made by Waterford Printing.

The GIG features a semi-open office area where clients bring their laptops and access high-speed internet at one of the "hotdesks."

The hotdesks are available on a first-come, first-

There is one dedicated office that can be locked, which is available for rent by the day, week, or month.

The meeting room features glass whiteboards and a high-speed, flatscreen web TV that can be used to display computer-aided design drawings or conduct video conference calls.

There is also a kitchen area with a refrigerator, microwant to grow - is now open on Main Street in Exmore. wave, and complimentary coffee, tea, water, and snacks.

Clients will have access to a printer and fax mato all the cutting-edge technology needed to compete chine and a 3D printer that will be able to use information collected by drones to create 3D maps modeling both elevation and depth.

The GIG plans to hold both public events that gen-Betit, Pat Coady, Kerry Kobe, and Ron Matthews, erate interest in business and technology and private month, or the meeting room can be rented separately. events to provide clients mentoring opportunities.

> A day pass (\$20) gives a client access to the GIG from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a monthly pass (\$110) pro-

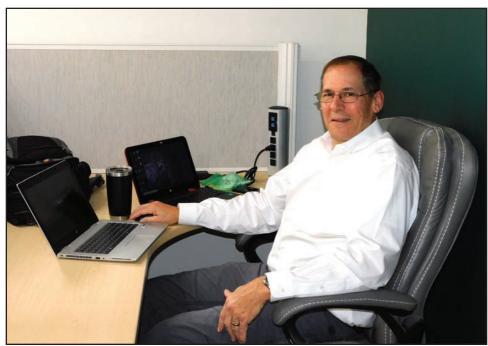
Monthly pass holders get four meeting room credits per nect with the GIG on Facebook or Instagram.



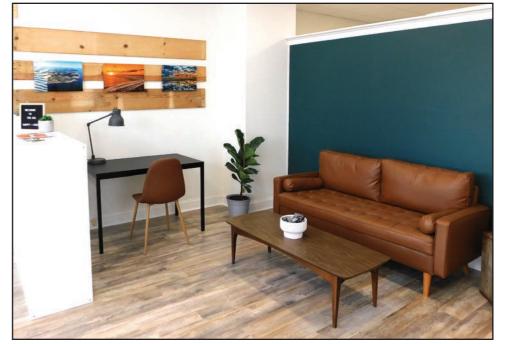
Kerry Kobe, one of the GIG's developers, pauses in front of the conference room window.

The GIG expects to hold an open house in February, with an official grand opening to follow in March.

For more information or to schedule a tour, visit thegigva.com or email info@thegigva.com, or con-



John Andrews, of Exmore, is the GIG's first client. His company's main office is in Northern Virginia and he travels throughout the northeast for his job. The GIG provides him a high-tech office space to work from when he's in town.



The waiting area outside the GIG's conference room is a prime example of Kobe's interior design that is both professional and homelike - spaces that inspire creative and innovative thinking and foster productivity.

AmeriCorps Participants See America One Work Project at a Time





Seven members of the National Civilian Community Corps spend several weeks replacing 17 miles of fences at Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge

By Carol Vaughn Submitted Photos

A team of seven young adults from around the country is installing fencing on Assateague as part of an AmeriCorps program.

The fence is to keep the Chincoteague ponies that live on the island from grazing in the salt marsh in the northern section of Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

"There have been some segments of salt marsh that have been overgrazed. Coupled with sea-level rise and storm surge, it has caused the salt marsh to degrade — so we are trying to protect those areas, so that we can have it restored," said Nancy Finley, refuge manager.

The project includes replacing 17 miles of fence along the service road.

The old fence was galvanized barbed wire. The new one is a barbless, plastic-coated galvanized wire that should last about 20 years, Finley said.

The Delta 3 Team of AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps has been together since July. It is based in Vicksburg, Miss., at the program's southern region campus.

The seven arrived Jan. 10 at the Chincoteague refuge and will remain until mid-February.

This is their third round of projects for nonprofit organizations. They have helped with Hurricane Michael recovery in Panama Beach, Fla., and completed a second round split between a flood recovery project in West Virginia and working at a family center in Kentucky.

Lindsey Hubbell, 20, of Pocohantas, Iowa, said the fence project is unique in her Americorps experience.

"We haven't really done environmental stuff or worked with animals," she said. They are not working directly with the ponies, but the animals sometimes come near, seemingly curious about their work.

The group stays in a bunkhouse on the refuge.

Although winter is a quiet time on Chincoteague, the seven already have checked out local businesses — including Sundial Books, Flying Fish Gallery, Don's Seafood, and H & H Pharmacy, among others.

They also spoke at Chincoteague High School about AmeriCorps, and plan to speak to students at Arcadia High School, as well.

Additionally, members are looking for independent volunteer work to help complete their program requirement of 80 hours, which is in addition to the team projects.

To contact team members about volunteer opportunities on or near Chincoteague while they are here, email Elise McAuliffe

Yuling Lok, of Baltimore, Md., team leader of an Ameri-Corps team working on a fencing project on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, cuts into a fence post.

A member of an AmeriCorps team working on a fencing project on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge watches ponies graze.



at elise.mcauliffe.25b@gmail.com.

The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company plans to have a workday with the team on the fence project in February, Finley said.

None of the seven had visited Chincoteague before.

Getting to see different parts of the country is among the benefits of the program.

"I had not been to a lot of states before," Hubbell said.

Additionally, project sponsors sometimes offer volunteers a job after their AmeriCorps service is completed.

McAuliffe, 19, of Indiana, is considering returning to the family center in Kentucky after she graduates from the program.

"It was really awesome working there. I'm interested in social work, so it was a good match," she said.

Everyone on the team has graduated from high school and two, Zach Hernandez and Sabrina Johnkins, have finished college. AmeriCorps participants also can earn a GED during their service if they did not graduate from high school.

AmeriCorps is a good gap year experience for some youth, and helps others gain experience and build skills, according to team members.

"It also looks great on a resume," said Hernandez, of Eugene, Ore., who recently turned 25.

"For those who have taken a gap year, this is a great way to not jump into college right away and spend all that money, if you are not sure what you want to do — you kind of get a feel for what you are interested in by getting real-life experience," said Johnkins, 23, of Green Bay, Wis.

"I've had really good luck with AmeriCorps (participants) over the years I have worked with them," Finley said, calling them dedicated and hard workers.

She especially likes "the idea of getting younger folks interested in some of the things we are doing" at the refuge.

"Managing a wildlife refuge is just one job, and you wouldn't, maybe, have known about it if you had not come here," she said to the group.

About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps, a network of national service programs, includes three programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement, according to the website, https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps

NCCC is a full-time, residential, team-based program for adults ages 18 to 24. Participants serve for 10 months, or 11 months for team leaders.

To graduate, participants must complete 1,700 hours of team service and 80 hours of independent volunteer projects.

Participants receive an award of around \$6,000 to help pay for education, along with a stipend, and money for food and travel expenses.





Top left: Two workers with an AmeriCorps group working on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in January 2020 pick up a fence post.

Top right: AmeriCorps team member Ethan Gross of Davis, Calif., installs a fence post.

Above: AmeriCorps workers backfill a hole after setting a fence post.

Health Matters Staying Safe in Salt Water

Courtesy of the Flotilla 12-02 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Saltwater can contain toxins that are dangerous to humans, but there are steps you can take to protect yourselves and your crew.

Algae Blooms

The most obvious potential danger is hazardous algal blooms (HAB) caused by microscopic floating algae that grow rapidly in warm waters receiving excess nitrogen and phosphorous.

As global climate change continues to impact our waters and summer heat continues to build, HABs will become widespread and more frequent in both fresh and salt waters. Most are harmless, but without scientific identification, we must treat all of them as dangerous.

To the human eye, these blooms can appear greenish, brown, and even reddish-orange, depending upon the algal species, the aquatic ecosystem, and the concentration of the organisms. Impacts include human illness and/ or mortality from direct or indirect exposure to HAB toxins, substantial economic losses to coastal communities, and commercial fisheries, and HAB-associated fish, bird and mammal mortalities. If you see a HAB, first, stay out, don't swim or fish in the area, and second, report the event to the Coast Guard or online to the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences.

One of the counter-intuitive aspects of intense algal blooms is that they ultimately cause a complete loss of oxygen in the water areas where the bloom occurs. This happens even though algae produce lots of oxygen.

Once the bloom ends, the cells die and sink to the bottom where decomposition not only uses up the oxygen, it also releases more toxins into the water, making it more dangerous to fish, shell-fish, crabs, and humans.

Humans can experience numerous

symptoms depending on how they are exposed. These include skin rashes that develop on contact with the water and vomiting and diarrhea that develop as a result of ingestion of the water or contaminated seafood. If the toxins are in high concentration, the result can be permanent liver, kidney, and/or nervous system damage. So once again, if an algal bloom is occurring in the water where you are boating consider staying in port.

Microbes

Fortunately, the saltiness of the marine environment protects humans from some – but not all – dangerous infectious agents. However, brackish waters, nearly fresh waters in upper creeks, and warmer waters can lead to problems.

Unless you eat raw, contaminated shellfish or spoiled sushi, most infections are generally going to be skin problems. These can occur if you have open wounds when you contact salt-

water or cut yourself when cleaning fish and shellfish.

The people at greatest risk include watermen of all types, construction workers exposed to water, aquarium hobbyists, marine scientists, and on-water law enforcement.

The two main types of infections are relatively rare but they are increasingly present as our waters warm. Both infections generally begin in the skin of the arms and legs but can occur anywhere on the body. One of the organisms, Vibrio vulnificus, grows rapidly, leading to rapid swelling, redness, and sepsis.

The second organism, called Mycobacterium marinum, also infects the skin but grows very slowly, forming a bump or nodule at the site of the infection.

Both microbes must be treated by a physician, so see your doctor immediately if you have signs of an infection a few days to months after a wound is exposed to saltwater.





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The Arc's New Officers Announced

The Arc's new officers for 2020 and 2021 were installed at the end of January. Pictured above from left are President Sandy Taylor, Vice-President Kent Sudman, Treasurer John Downing, Recording Secretary Linda Lynch, Board of Director Peggy Downing, Board of Director Beth Mills, Board of Director Frank James, and Legal Council Rachel Kellam. Not pictured are Corresponding Secretary Ruth Thompson and State Representative Barbara Havnes.



Giles Speaks to CBA

Dr. Ian Giles, left, who specializes in men's health issues, was the guest speaker at the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association in January. He is pictured above with President George Bryan.





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Lofty Named CEO

Tracy Lofty, a native of Pocomoke City, Md., was named Chief Executive Officer of the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners.

She is the daughter of Janice K. Boettger, of Salisbury, Md., and Aaron Kanee, of New Church. She is a 1984

graduate of Pocomoke High School and was the first Ameri-African can to be crowned Miss Pocomoke City. Lofty received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Maryland.



Tracy Lofty

She has a master of science administration degree from Trinity University. She has earned many certifications and was the recipient of the Distinguished Certification Administration award. She also volunteers with various leadership programs, recently serving on the board of directors for the Institute for Credentialing Excellence.

Marriages Births Awards

Kellam Named to Dean's List

Olivia Kellam, of Franktown, was named to the Virginia Tech dean's list for the fall semester. She is a junior majoring in communication.

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Community Notes

Accomac

A musical program that travels back to the Jim Crow days and chronicles the history of the "Green Book," a guide book that assisted black motorists in finding safe public accomodations, will be Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Center.

In a collaboration between the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society and the Mary N. Smith Alumni Association, more than a dozen Shore vocalists and musicians will gather to share hits from Billie Holiday and Duke Ellington to the Temptations and the Supremes as they unfold the story of dangers black motorists faced during the perilous mid-1900s.

Admission is \$10 at the door (cash or check only). There will be no advance ticket sales. For more information, call 787-8012.

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 Memorial Library will sponsor its second Townwide Book Read. The book is a New York Times Best Seller and the 1959 Pulitzer Prize Winner, "Advise and Consent" by Allen Drury.

Complementing the book read, on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., there will

be a book discussion at the Civic Center.

The movie "Advise and Consent" will be screened Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2:30 p.m., at the Historic Palace Theatre.

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. For more information, call 442-

Cheriton

4687 or email eshabitat@verizon.net

The Cheriton Vol. Fire Co. will host David Long's Clamtastic Chowder Dinner Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the firehouse. Carry-out quarts will be available from noon to 7 p.m. Dinners include clam chowder, grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, homemade desserts, and a drink. The meals are \$9 for adults and \$4 for kids under 12. Quarts are \$8.

Chincoteague The Chincoteague Island Theatre

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.

Onancock

Onancock International Films will present the South Korean film, "Parasite," Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Roseland Theatre. The movie takes place in modern day South Korea. Tickets will be \$8. Season passes are \$25 and available for purchase at The Book Bin.

Send your engagement and wedding announcements to angie@easternshorepost.com

Central Accomack Little League



Saturday, March 14, 2020 Held at the Parksley Vol. Fire Dept.

Doors Open: 5 p.m. Dinner: 6 p.m. Auction: 7 p.m.

Space is limited, only <u>125</u> tickets available! \$20 per person

Reserve your tickets by using the email below.

Dinner Includes: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Buns, Baked Apples, and Tea and/or Water Other adult beverages available for purchase.

There is something for everyone at the auction! Silent auctions, live auctions, and more!

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

Conservation Poster Contest

The Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting the annual conservation poster contest. The theme for the 2020 contest is "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?" Students are encouraged to create a poster showcasing the importance of pollinators. The local contest is open to any public, private, or homeschooled student in Accomack and Northampton in grades K-12.

Students may also enter through groups such as Scouts, 4-H, or church youth groups. Any Girl or Boy Scout who creates a poster and submits it to E.S.S.W.C.D. for judging can earn the VASWCD Poster Contest Patch.

This contest is held every year and is divided into 5 categories: K-1, 2-3, 3-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Posters that win first place in each of these categories are sent to the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts for the State Competition. The deadline for entries is Friday, April 3. Winners will be announced and on display at the Eastern Shore Science Fair at the Eastern Shore Community College Saturday, April 25.

For more information about this year's contest and to get an entry form, contact Julie Head @ 757-302-4433 or julie.head@esswcd.org

PUBLIC HEARING 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

The Northampton County School Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 school budget at its regular meeting on February 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the media center of Northampton High School, 16041 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347. Following an overview of the School Board's draft budget proposal, parents, citizens, and employees will have an opportunity to provide input regarding their views of the priorities of our school division and the educational needs of our students. For further information, contact Mrs. Karen Pitt at 757-678-5151 ext. 2002.

FRIDAY FEB. 7

★9:30 a.m. - "Red Devil Moon" Student Performance - Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles

★12:30 p.m. - Science and Philosophy Seminar: Where Are The Women? - ESCC, new building, Melfa

★5-8 p.m. - Station 1 Pizza Night - 4264 Firehouse St., New Church - \$12/pizza, \$1/ additional topping (sausage and pepperoni)

★6 p.m. - Musical Performance with Dennis Kelley - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles

★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.

FEB. 8

SATURDAY *9 a.m.-noon - Winter Farmers and Artisans Market - downtown Onancock

★9:30 a.m.-noon - Mary N. Smith RISE Mentor

Prgm. - Mary N. Smith Cultural Ctr., Accomac - boys ages 9 to 15 - lunch provided - 709-3267

★noon - AA and Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock

★2-4 p.m. - Empowering Girls' Group - ESTACI, Exmore - 757-656-3460

★7:30 p.m. - "Red Devil Moon" Student

Performance - Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles

★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

FEB. 9 Station, Onley

SUNDAY *11 a.m. - Meditation Group - Train

★12:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Vietnam

Veterans' Bldg., Main St., Onley

★3 p.m. - Black History Month Service - Mt.

Olive Baptist Church, Temperanceville

★3 p.m. - Black History Month Observance -

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Onancock

★3 p.m. - Free Gospel Music - Downing's UMC, Oak Hall

★4 p.m. - **Song Fest** - Glorious Church of Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Onancock

★4 p.m. - Life Recovery of E.S. mtg. - Rock Church, Melfa

FEB. 10

MONDAY ★10 a.m.-2 p.m. - E.S. Quilt Guild mtg. - Drummondtown UMC, Accomac - business mtg., show and tell, lessons and demonstrations - 201-317-0586

★1-4 p.m. - CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday: Card, Word, and Board Games - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague

★4-5 p.m. - Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group - Heritage Hall, Nassawadox - 1-800-272-3900

★5:15 p.m. - Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg. - library, Cape Charles

★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

★6:30 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.

★7:30 p.m. - E.S. Anglers Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley

FEB. 12

WEDNESDAY ★7:45 a.m. - **Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.** - Sage Diner,

★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

★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore

★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, Exmore

★5:30 p.m. - Waste Watchers mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley

★6 p.m. - Onancock Area Lions Club mtg. - Club Car Cafe, Parksley

★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 p.m. - Line Dance Lessons - Little Italy, Nassawadox - 6-7 p.m. for beginners, 7-8 p.m. for intermediates

★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

★7 p.m. - **AA and Al-Anon mtgs.** - Franktown UMC

★7 p.m. - **Drinking Liberally mtg.** - Charlotte Hotel, Onancock

★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

POST TIMES Feb. 7-13

FEB. 11

TUESDAY *9 a.m. - E.S. Community Services Board mtg. - E.S. Behavioral Healthcare Center, 19056 Greenbush Rd., Park-

★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: Valentine's Day - Pocomoke City Library

★1 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg. -Chincoteague UMC

★6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486 (call for location)

★6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA

★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 56 mtg. - Cheriton

★6:30 p.m. - **Depression Support Group mtg.** - Anointed Word of Deliverance COGIC, Melfa - 757-350-5039

★7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg. -Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague

★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Cheriton VFC - smoke free

FEB. 13

THURSDAY *8:30 a.m.-noon - Veterans' Employment

Representative Avail. - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed

★10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library

★5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - \$1/wk.

★5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 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. - Art Show & Reception - Pocomoke Library

★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. - E.S. Tea Party mtg. - Market St. Grill, Onancock

★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC

★8 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

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The Douglas & Bailey Families



Help Wanted

Thornton Services is currently seeking a customer service representative to assist our customers with their HVAC needs.

REQUIRED:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Excellent communication skills
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Email or fax your resume to:

kathy.thorntonservices@gmail.com or (757) 442-6085 All resumes must be received by 02/21/2020

Help Wanted

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Deputy Clerk - Treasurer's Office [Deputy Treasurer] F/T position with benefits | Open Until Filled Salary: \$25,364 – 31,712 based on experience

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a full-time Deputy Clerk position in the Treasurer's office. The position is responsible for performing a variety of clerical and customer service duties for the Treasurer's Office. The position may also compile and submit required reports. Minimum qualifications are: High school diploma or GED; supplemented by vocational/technical training in business or data processing; supplemented by 1 to 3 years previous experience and/or training involving administrative, clerical or data input work; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Preferred qualifications are: bi-lingual capabilities, experience with Microsoft Office and prior handling of cash and credit card transactions. Satisfactory completion of a criminal history and a drug screening are required prior to employment. First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, **2020**. Additional details may be found online: https://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities

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Melinda Phillips - Director of Administrative Services
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Applications can be picked up at the town office, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

The Town of Parksley is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POSITION: M.I.S. Technician POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2020-2-3351

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for a M.I.S. Technician starting January 13, 2020 and ending February 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. The position performs difficult technical and skilled tasks as part of the team responsible and accountable for technology based systems at the District. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Management Information Systems Supervisor. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must have a good driving record, and must possess or obtain a valid Virginia Driver's License. Position is in Pay Grade 21 with a salary range \$42,532.00 to \$68,192.00 and includes a complete benefit package. Applications may be obtained from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District's personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by telephone (757) 331-2960, or online at www.cbbt.com/employment.html.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POSITION: Tunnel Equipment Maintainer POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2020-1-3111

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for a Tunnel Equipment Maintainer from January 31, 2020 to February 17, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. A Tunnel Equipment Maintainer performs responsible semi-skilled work inspecting, monitoring and maintaining tunnel equipment and operations and does related work as required. Work is performed under the regular supervision of a Tunnel Equipment Operator. The position requires rotating shifts which includes, but is not limited to, working on the weekends and Holidays. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must have a good driving record, and must possess a Virginia Driver's License. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$29,794.00 to \$47,764.00 and includes a complete benefits package. Applications may be obtained from the District's personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by telephone (757) 331-2960, or online at www.cbbt.com/employment.html.

CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL DISTRICT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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Help Wanted (Cont'd)

Town Manager

The Town of Chincoteague is inviting qualified candidates to apply for the position of Town Manager. Chincoteague's year-round population is about 3,000 with a seasonal population of up to 15,000. The Town has 52, full time and 17, part time employees engaged in public works functions, protective services, emergency services and a variety of governmental administrative functions.

The Town Manager oversees the affairs of the Town and is responsible for financial projections, annual budget, personnel management, and Town projects and programs. The Town Manager serves as an advisor and Clerk to the Mayor and Town Council; develops agendas for meetings; and promotes a positive relationship between the Town and its citizens and visitors.

Candidates must possess a combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited university, with course work in public administration or related field. Extensive, progressively responsible experience as a manager and leader with local government experience is preferred.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience, with excellent benefits. Cover letters, resumes, and references may be submitted to Mayor and Town Council, Town of Chincoteague, 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336, by February 19, 2020. Envelopes must be labeled: "Town Manager Position." Application can also be made via email to careers@chincoteague-va.gov EOE

Virginia Department of Social Services

Family Services Specialist I/II (Northampton County - Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00052

Hiring Range: \$30,828.00 may be higher based upon qualifications Location: Eastville, VA 23347

Application Deadline: February 21, 2020 at 11:59PM

Administrative Office Manager (Northampton County - Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00062

Hiring Range: \$30,828.00 may be higher based upon qualifications Location: Eastville, VA 23347

Application Deadline: February 21, 2020 at 11:59PM

Administrative Programs Assistant I (Northampton County - Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00061

Hiring Range: \$23,332.00 may be higher based upon qualifications

Location: Eastville, VA 23347

Application Deadline: February 21, 2020 at 11:59PM

Benefit Programs Specialist I/II (Northampton County - Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00030

Hiring Range: \$28,187.00 may be higher based upon qualifications

Location: Eastville, VA 23347

Application Deadline: February 21, 2020 at 11:59PM

For more information on these positions, please visit https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov. Applications for these positions must be submitted electronically through this website (https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov). Mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered applications and resumes will not be accepted.

Equal Opportunity Employer

John W. Taylor Memorial Preservation Society is seeking volunteers for the Board of Directors; duties would be oversight of cemetery services and budget. Applicants must be at least age 21 and be able to pass a background check. May apply to: P.O. Box 248, Temperanceville, VA 23442 or email to foxins@verizon.net.

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Case Management Specialist for the **Corporate Office**

Seeking a compassionate person for a position that would assist patients in identifying their specific care needs and linking them to community resources.

Current certification as a Registered Nurse, licensed in the state of Virginia. Individuals must be professional, self-motivated and have strong attention to detail, communication, teamwork, customer service and computer skills. Ability to provide bilingual patient care is a plus.

Outreach Specialist, Migrant/Seasonal for the Atlantic and Eastville Community Health Center

Help connect Eastern Shore Rural Health patients with services in the community and serve as a liaison between the patient and staff!

Requires a high school diploma or the equivalent. Previous experience in related community work is a necessity. Must have a mature judgement, good communication skills and a knowledge of the formal and informal providers in the community. Must demonstrate cultural sensitivity. Must be able to work independently and without close supervision. This position requires a person to be bilingual (Spanish). Certification as a professional interpreter is preferred.

Must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license and car insurance.

These are full-time positions with benefits.

If you are a mission-driven person looking to make a difference, email dhr@esrh.org before noon on February 17, 2020. Resumes may accompany the application but will not be considered if sent alone. Applications can be obtained from www.esrh.org

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Call Angie at 757.789.7678.

Town Manager

The Town of Onancock, Virginia, home to 1,262 residents, seeks to appoint a Town Manager to serve at the pleasure of a Mayor and six member Town Council. Located on the beautiful Easter Shore of Virginia in Accomack County, Onancock employs 15 full-time employees and currently operates within a 2.7 million dollar budget. As chief administrative officer, the Town Manager is responsible for the daily administrative oversight of the town government, as well as budget preparation, policy development and implementation. Basic qualifications for the position include three years of experience as a city, town, or county manager, administrator or assistant or comparable private sector experience. Additional information about the position and the Onancock community can be found by accessing the "Town Manager Job Opportunity" link on the Town of Onancock website at www.onancock.com. The salary range for this position is \$80,000 to \$90,000. Qualified interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume including three professional references by email to whmwhitley@gmail.com in care of William H. Whitley. Applications are due no later than February 29, 2020. The Town of Onancock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Developmental Disabilities Aide
- Part-time Driver (\$11.50 per hour)
- Clinician & Emergency Services Clinician -\$1000 Sign-on Bonus
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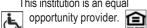
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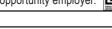
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 29392 STUARTS WAY, CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 21, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$267,633.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia 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 BE-ING 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.

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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

County of Accomack, Virginia
Proposed Amendment to Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

A brief synopsis of the proposed amendment to the County of Accomack's budget for Fiscal Year 2020 was ordered published by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on January 15, 2020. A summary of the budget amendment is listed below. The amendment is published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only. A meeting and public hearing on this proposed amendment to the budget will be held on February 19, 2020 in the Board Chambers in Accomac at 6:30 P.M. Citizens have the right to submit an oral or written statement on the proposed budget amendment. Any citizen having questions or needing special assistance for the disabled may contact the County Administrator's Office by calling (757)787-5700 or (757)824-5444.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

1. To solicit input on proposed revisions to the Accomack County Code pertaining to Chapter 70, Solid Waste, Article I. In General, and Article II. Solid Waste Management.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, located at 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia.

Materials relating to this application may be reviewed at the Accomack County Administrator's Office, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room # 203, Accomac, Virginia and on the County's website at www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public on the Friday prior to each meeting.

Handicapped assistance available; call: (757) 787-5700 or (757) 824-5324

Public Notice

The Mayor, Town Council and the Planning Commission of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a joint public hearing on February 20. 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following:

The 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed changes may be viewed at the Town Office. Kenny L. Lewis

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Notice is hereby given that Carlton Mason has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct a 55-foot long by 6-foot wide community pier with a 70-foot by 6-foot T-head and three 15-foot long by 5-foot wide finger piers with associated mooring piles. The project is situated adjacent to his five condo units along Chincoteague Channel on Marsh Island in the Town of Chincoteague. The new piers will create five community boat slips.

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

Advertisement for Bids

The Town of Cape Charles is inviting bids for cleaning services for Town facilities and public restrooms. Bids will be received in the Town Hall Building, 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 until 2:00 PM local prevailing time on Friday, February 21, 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 Community Relations Manager at 757-331-4785. 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.

Request for Quotations for Mowing and Maintenance Services

The County of Accomack is requesting quotes from licensed and insured, qualified Contractors for mowing and maintenance of grounds at the Wallops Research Park. There is also an opportunity to provide a quote (Alternate #1) on mowing at the Wattsville Landfill and at the Riverside Hospital Waterline Easement. Quotes for these services are due on Thursday, February 20, by 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Accomack County Finance Department, Lucy Huffman, Procurement Specialist, at 757-787-5709 or lhuffman@co.accomack.va.us.

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.

Northampton County is an EEO Employer.

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Accomack County Wetlands Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of a Public Hearing that will be held in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Accomac, Virginia at 10 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2020, on the wetlands application of:

James & Georgene Palmer - VMRC# 2020-0063

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction is the proposed repair and restoration of the marsh areas that are showing signs of impact from rip-rap marsh toe construction in 2018. The property is located in Onancock, VA 23417, Tax Map# 75-1-3.

All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to be heard or to present written statements. Applications are on file and may be examined in the Office of Environmental Programs in Accomac, Virginia. Handicapped assistance is available. Please call (757) 787-5728.

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Old Dominion Electric Cooperative - VMRC# 2020-0047

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction is the proposed replacement of the existing 27x26 feet structure that is in disrepair with rip-rap to stabilize the substation shoreline. The property is located in Chincoteague, VA 23336, Tax Map# 30-A-3B.

All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to be heard or to present written statements. Applications are on file and may be examined in the Office of Environmental Programs in Accomac, Virginia. Handicapped assistance is available. Please call (757) 787-5728.

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Accomack County Wetlands Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of a Public Hearing that will be held in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Accomac, Virginia at 10 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2020, on the wetlands application of:

Francis Makemie Society - VMRC# 2019-2013

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction is the proposed installation of a living shoreline. The property is located in Sanford, VA 23426, Tax Map# 24-A-17.

All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to be heard or to present written statements. Applications are on file and may be examined in the Office of Environmental Programs in Accomac, Virginia. Handicapped assistance is available. Please call (757) 787-5728.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES, VIRGINIA, Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. CL19000143-00

vs.

CHRISTOPHER MONROE., et al., Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff, the Town of Cape Charles, filed this suit pursuant to Va. Code §58.1-3965, et seq., to enforce its delinquent tax liens against the following real estate standing in the name of CB Services Copp., et al.:

Map and Parcel No.: 083A1-01-00-0000017 Brief Description: Cape Charles, VA

An affidavit having been filed that the Plaintiff used due diligence, without effect, to locate the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in interest to Evilena B. Monroe, Charles L. Monroe, Charles Monroe, Jr., Margaret Sharon Monroe, Beatrice Ames, Lena Ames, Carrington Monroe, Carrington Monroe, Jr., Thomas Monroe, Charles Monroe, III, Eunice Monroe, Roosevelt Morris Snipes, Stanley Morris and Raymond Morris; and there may be others who have an interest in the property who names and addresses are unknown, including but not limited to those claiming through the aforementioned parties, all such persons made defendants as "Parties Unknown."

It is ORDERED that this Order be published at least once a week for two successive weeks in the *Eastern Shore Post*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cape Charles, Virginia, and that the parties named herein appear at 2:00 p.m. on March 10, 2020, in the Northampton County Circuit Court Clerk's Office and do what may be necessary to protect their respective interests.

ENTERED this 4th day of February, 2020. TESTE: Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Northampton County will receive sealed Proposals for the Hauling and Disposal 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 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 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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VIMS Water Quality Study Paints False Picture of Poultry Pollution

By Holly Porter Delmarva Poultry Industry Inc.

Recent stories about a Virginia Institute of Marine Science study of water quality in two creeks on Virginia's Eastern Shore muddy the already cloudy picture many people have of everything the chicken community does to be environmentally responsible. As a group representing family farmers, chicken companies and allied businesses, we welcome scrutiny of our environmental record - in fact, we're funding independent data-gathering on chicken farms' environmental effects - but we need to correct some mistaken assumptions in play about this research.

William & Mary's news release

about the new study asserts the water downstream of an ESVA chicken processing plant is affected by antibiotics, which it assumes the plant discharges in its treated wastewater. Here's the problem with that assumption: the two companies that own chicken plants on Virginia's Eastern Shore, Tyson Foods and Perdue Farms, provide chickens raised without antibiotics, meeting consumer interest in that type of chicken. Tyson's commitment to no-antibiotics-ever production was made in 2017, and Perdue's switch to no-antibiotics-ever farming preceded it. In fact, more than half the chicken produced in the U.S. today is raised antibiotic-free.

Even without that no-antibiotics-ever commitment, all the chicken you can buy is free of antibiotics once it is in the meat aisle or on your plate. Federal rules require that if any antibiotics are used on a farm, they must have cleared the animals' systems during a withdrawal window before they can leave the farm for a processing plant. So the assumption that any antibiotics used to keep chicken flocks healthy make their way into Eastern Shore waterways via processing plants is unsupported.

The chicken processing plants on Virginia's Eastern Shore operate under federally regulated wastewater permits, and their discharges are below permitted levels. Water quality markers for the Chesapeake Bay waters nearest Virginia's Eastern Shore are better than the other sections of the Bay. And a 2018 VIMS study of creeks and streams near Eastern Shore chicken farms found no correlation between nutrient levels and the presence of farms. None of this is a surprise to the dozens of families raising chicken in Accomack County who follow environmental regulations and take pride in their farms.

Delmarva's chicken community cares about environmental responsibility as much as every Eastern Shore resident, and our record of sustainable farming and processing proves our commitment to protecting the water we all share here.

Holly Porter is the Executive Director of Delmarva Poultry Industry Inc.

Post Op-Ed Page

Former School Board Member: Voters Need To Hold Northampton School Board Accountable

By Nancy Proto Guest Columnist

If I were to describe my time on the Northampton County School Board in one word, that word would be: enlightening.

Since moving to the Shore in 2011, one consistent concern heard over and over by the residents has been the public school system. "Improve the school system." If the schools are not where we want them to be, what should be done? How do school boards improve a school system?

I had no idea, but with 25 years experience in public education combined with my increasing knowledge of Northampton County, I thought I could help. I was elected to the school board in November 2015.

Early on, I attended a Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) workshop on superintendent evaluation. It was enlightening.

Superintendent evaluation is a major responsibility of the school board. I discovered we were not following the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) guidelines and reported this to the school board.

Not until over a full year later was a Superintendent Evaluation Commit-

tee formed so we could get "on track." At that time, the board approved the VDOE process for evaluating the superintendent that includes identifying goals and plans to achieve those goals. To date, this process has not been followed. In 2017, I attended another VS-BA training, "How School Boards Make a Difference." Dr. Phil Gore, director of board development services in Texas, presented. It was enlightening.

I reported details to the school board including the six statistically significant actions that high performing school boards do that are related to student improvement that low performing school boards do not do. There was no interest.

In 2018, because of the positive feedback from the school boards across the state, VSBA offered two webinars with Dr. Gore on the same subject. My motion for the school board to attend these webinars was approved. Most did not attend.

That July, goals were developed consistent with what those who attended had learned. It was a very good start, but they were not presented to the superintendent until January.

The superintendent, subsequently, stated they were not appropriate for a superintendent. The school board accepted this. In August 2019, I reminded the board that we had still not approved goals for the 2018-19 school year, which at that point had already ended, and that the superintendent per his contract was supposed to have provided goals to the school board by Sept. 1, 2018.

As school board members we each pledge to "discharge all duties ... to the best of my abilities." The board as a whole, in my opinion, has not done this. Specifically, to date the board has not:

- Followed the superintendent's contract stating that he: "shall provide proposed goals and objectives...."
- Followed school board policy that states: the superintendent will "provide to the school board a work plan designed to implement the goals..."
- Followed the VDOE Guidelines for evaluating the superintendent.
- Implemented the six researchedbased (Lorenzen and McCaw) best practices, namely:
 - 1. Establish specific goals focused on student achievement.
 - 2. Develop a plan to achieve goals and how the superintendent will demonstrate progress.
 - 3. Communicate goals/plan to the community.
 - 4. Base contract decisions on objective evaluation of performance against the goals.
- 5. Base school board work on dis-

trict goals. Put goals on school board agenda.

6. Monitor progress towards goals - quarterly

Can school boards make a difference? Research says "yes." Would following these practices override our challenges? I have no clue, but the school board has a responsibility to do them. The question is: Do they have the will? To quote Dr. Gore: "Get in the game or get out. Don't waste district time or students' precious learning opportunities."

Has there been improvement? Yes, but if we are looking to improve the schools and have them be where we want them to be, then having the school board fully engaged in practices known to improve schools is a good place to start and, indeed, to follow its own policies.

We have a community that gives generously to our schools. We have many students who are eager to learn. We have many hardworking teachers and administrators who are responsible for setting goals, implementing research-based programs and practices and who are held accountable for doing so. The school board should hold itself to no less of a high a standard. The students, parents and community deserve no less. As a community we need to hold our school board accountable.

Nancy Proto is a former school board member from Cape Charles.



Last week, National Chocolate Cake Day turned up in my Facebook feed and we couldn't let the day pass with-

out an appropriate observance.

A couple of us kicked in and found a small Smith Island cake at The Wine Rack in Onley. Kim volunteered to go pick it up and with great reverence, we devoured its fudgy goodness.

It makes me wonder what other important food occasions we were neglecting, so I found a list online at https://nationaltoday.com/food-beverage-holidays/

I was saddened to find out I had already missed National Bloody Mary Day (Jan. 1) and National Fig Newton Day (Jan. 16). If you're old enough to remember the Fig Newton commercial with the dancing fig, just know I remember the song and dance and have

been known to replicate it in the office. Stop by for a command performance.

My birthday this year falls on International Sushi Day. I can't think of a better way to celebrate.

My favorite holiday names were National Beer Day (April 7) and New Beer's Eve (April 6).

Pizza lovers managed to vary the names a little and get six pizza holidays on the calendar: National Pizza Day (Feb. 9), National Deep Dish Pizza Day (April 5), National Pizza Party Day (May 15), National Cheese Pizza Day (Sept. 5), National Pepperoni Pizza Day (Sept. 20), and National Sausage Pizza Day (Oct. 10). Got to love their ingenuity.

Peanut butter finagled a few too:

National Peanut Butter Day (Jan 24), National Peanut Butter Lover's Day (March 1), and National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day (April 2).

They overlooked one I have carried on my calendar for several years: April 20 is Lima Bean Respect Day, Respect the bean.

I will full-on celebrate International No Diet Day (May 6) and National Eat What You Want Day (May 11). No nudging required.

Maybe next year I will challenge myself to observe all the food holidays on the calendar. I will have to suck it up and eat some things I don't like once in a while ((National Tater Tot Day (Feb. 2), World Nutella Day (Feb. 5)). But overall, it will be a tasty year.

Supervisors Should Rethink Improvements

Dear Editor:

I read with dismay about the widening of T's Corner into a four-lane divided highway ("Supervisors Ask VODT for Improvements to Chincoteague Road," Jan. 24). I have two concerns:

1. Widening to a four-lane highway from T's Corner to Atlantic will only cause a bottleneck at Atlantic. A similar situation occurred in Northern Virginia when they widened Rt. 66 to the Beltway. It was nice at the western part of Rt. 66, but the cars have nowhere to go when they reached the Beltway, causing backups, sometimes to the "nice" west part. The second option of widening the shoulders in some areas seems more of a viable solution.

2. My other concern involves the gas tanks at T's Corner. Will putting a road over these tanks and excess vibrations from the added vehicles cause the tanks to

crack/rupture causing an underground gas leak, or worse, an explosion?

It seems the money could be better spent for other transportation issues - paving along Rt,. 13 near the Temperanceville Post office or clearing out drain/storm ditches along Chincoteague Rd.

I ask the Accomack Board of Supervisors to rethink their improvements!

Amy Eckard Temperanceville

Universal Background Checks Will Lead to Disarming of Americans Dear Editor:

This is a response to the lengthy article in the Jan.24 issue on the recent pro-Second Amendment rally in Richmond ("Thousands Descend on Richmond to Protest Proposed Gun Laws"),

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and the ereports from the legislature by

Sen. Linwood Lewis and Del. Robert Bloxom. The concern by Virginia gun owners is valid and reasonable. Gov. Ralph Northam has stated his opposition to the ownership of military/militia grade firearms and would enthusiastically sign any legislation restricting or banning such firearms in the Commonwealth. This matches the actions nationwide of tight restrictions or outright bans on whole classes of militia-grade firearms.

America is founded on the belief that We the People are the ultimate sovereign in this country. Virginia gun owners instinctively know that sovereignty must be backed up with physical power. The Second Amendment "right of the people to keep and bear Arms" is the basis of our claim to citizen sovereignty over government. The very idea of 'powerless sovereignty' would be laughable were it not so dangerous. The past 100 years have seen tens of millions of defenseless civilians murdered by governments worldwide. Don't think that it can't happen here. It already has. The near extermination of Native American Indians and the enslavement of millions of Africans was done by government power.

The continuing calls to ban militia grade "assault weapons" is critical because the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights do not mention sports, hunting or recreation therefore such sporting-purpose firearms have no real protection. The Constitution and Bill of Rights do mention the militia and the right to arms. The Supreme Court in its U.S. v Miller case (1939) made it clear that in their view the only firearms explicitly protected by the Second Amendment are those that are "part of the ordinary military equipment or could contribute to the common defense." If a ban on militia grade firearms were ever successful. the Second Amendment would be struck down as meaningless.

American gun owners have already seen the total civil disarmament of the people of Great Britain and are seeing the piecemeal disarmament of the people of Australia and New Zealand as current events. The forces for civil disarmament in America are real, active and relentless. The key to disarmament is gun owner identification and firearms inventory lists. Universal background checks for all gun sales can not work without these owner/inventory lists. Laws requiring this information will be the noose slipped around the necks of American gun owners.

Brian Bloedel, Accomac

CORRECTION

In an article last week ("Trucker's Wife Files Suit in 2017 CBBT Death"), we said "Island 4 of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel is the manmade island closest to the south side of the bridge." Island 4 is the northernmost manmade island on the CBBT, which puts it closest to Northampton County and the Eastern Shore entrance to the CBBT.

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