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Northampton YMCA Expected To Open January 2021

New facility will be similar to the YMCA in Onley but with two seasonal outdoor pools instead of an indoor pool

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton County YMCA was “almost a done deal” as of Feb. 11, when a meeting was held at Cape Charles Baptist Church to update the public on the project.

Retired YMCA of South Hampton Roads President and CEO Billy George shared the news Tuesday night that the sale of the future location of the new YMCA, a 25-acre parcel facing Route 13 in Cape Charles, was expected to close this week.

But the most unexpected news, according to George, was that the \$4.5 million dollar project is only \$115,000 away from being fully funded.

It was just about a year ago that George first met with the Rev. Russell Goodrich, pastor of Cape Charles Baptist Church, and Bruce Bradley, former chair of the YMCA of South Hampton Roads board, to discuss the possibility of building a YMCA in Northampton.

The land will be cleared beginning April 1, and following about eight or nine months of construction, the YMCA is expected to open in January 2021.

The new facility will be “very similar” to the Eastern Shore Family YMCA in Onley, George said.

The 14,000-square-foot building will have a fitness center, locker



Eastern Shore-Style Valentine

Lovers are wooing today, Valentine's Day, all in their own ways. The day originated as the feast day of St. Valentine of Rome, who was martyred in 270 A.D. by Roman emperor Claudius II for helping Christian couples wed. Parksley waterman Richie Turner came across this heart-shaped oyster while working at Brown's Marina on the Pagan River, a tributary of Virginia's James River. From a pagan emperor to the Pagan River, Valentine's Day has come full circle. Photo by Richie Turner.

rooms, an aerobics room, multipurpose rooms, and two outdoor pools – a family-friendly play pool and a four-lane lap pool for swimming lessons or swim-team training.

The outdoor pools are expected to be open from mid-April to late October.

The new facility was not designed with an indoor pool because that is the most expensive feature for any YMCA to build and maintain, especially when the area doesn't have a large “critical mass”

of potential members, George said.

An indoor pool would pose “the biggest threat” to the sustainability of the Northampton County YMCA, he continued.

One of the YMCA's campgrounds has an indoor pool that costs \$32,000 a year to maintain, and it's only used in the summer, George cautioned.

But for \$300,000, an “architectural membrane” could be installed over the lap pool, a cost-effective alternative to

Agencies Make Annual Budget Requests to Northampton

The public library, with an increase in patrons, and the community college, with a double-digit enrollment increase, are among the agencies pitching funding requests to Northampton Supervisors

By Stefanie Jackson

It's budget season in Northampton County, and supervisors are hearing updates from local organizations about the benefits they provide the county and the funds they need to continue their work.

Cara Burton is the director of the Eastern Shore Public Library (ESPL), which has four locations, including two in Northampton County – the Northampton Free Library, in Nassawadox, and the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

“Unlike a lot of libraries across the country, we actually have been having an increase in use,” she said.

From 2003 to 2019, the number of Eastern Shore library card holders more than doubled, from 7,899 to 19,508.

Circulation spiked in 2013 when the li-

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an indoor pool, George said.

The structure is similar to a tent, built with an aluminum frame and covered with fabric. It can withstand winds up to 130 mph.

The sides of the tent are not used in the summer, and the roof serves as a canopy over the pool.

The suggestion prompted audience members to begin pledging donations for the enclosure. George said that the

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structure is optional and if it is not built, their donations will be refunded.

The hours of operation for the new YMCA have not been determined. The Eastern Shore Family YMCA has typical hours of operation, George said. It's open Monday to Friday, 5:45 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

One key to the success of Northampton's YMCA will be flexible hours, George said. For example, the facility might be open from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., close in the afternoon, then re-open from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

But "if people use it, the Y is open," he added.

Anyone who is a member of the YMCA may use its facilities at any of its locations, including tourists visiting Cape Charles during the summer.

"Once you belong to one of our Ys

... you belong to every Y in America," George said.

There are a few locations that are exempt from this policy, such as Nag's Head, N.C., whose population surges to 300,000 in the summer, which the local YMCA cannot accommodate.

"But we do take care of our members," he said.

Since a YMCA membership is valid at any location, members of the Eastern Shore Family YMCA who will prefer to use the Northampton County facility once it opens will not need to transfer their memberships.

Membership prices are not yet set, but members will be charged on a sliding scale, George said.

There are memberships for individuals, two people living in the same household, and families.

At the Eastern Shore Family YMCA, an individual membership costs \$63 a month, but the sliding scale adjusts the cost for lower-income members.

For example, an individual member

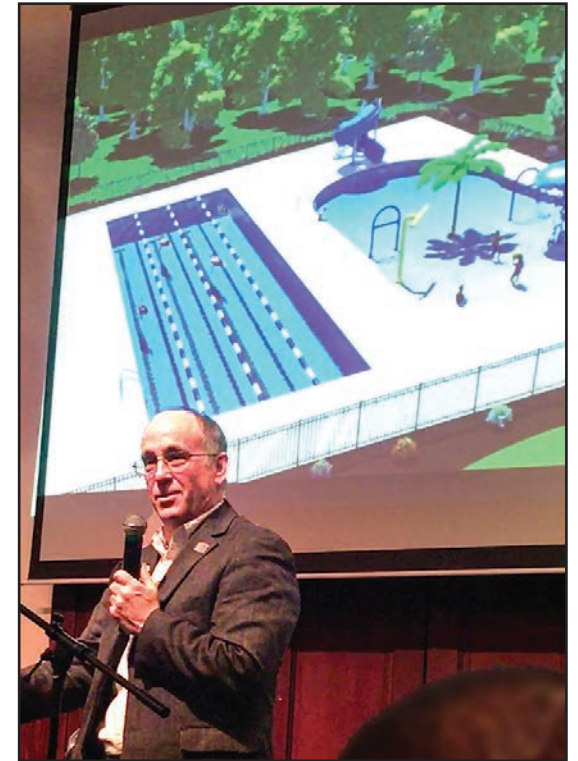
of the YMCA in Chesapeake, Va., earning less than \$20,000 annually pays \$27 a month.

The average YMCA member who uses the sliding scale pays roughly \$45 per month, George said.

The Northampton County YMCA will be visible from Route 13, but it will not be accessed directly from the highway. Drivers will turn onto Parsons Circle either from Route 13 or Stone Road, which leads to and from the town of Cape Charles.

The \$4.5 million budget for the new YMCA does not include plans for every amenity requested by locals, such as a hot tub or an outdoor basketball court, but the facility has room to grow and extra features can be added later, George reminded everyone.

"The Y's not just a building," he said. It provides "anything that the community needs."



Billy George, retired president and CEO of the YMCA of South Hampton Roads, stands in front of conceptual art for the two outdoor swimming pools of the future Northampton County YMCA. Photo by Stefanie Jackson.

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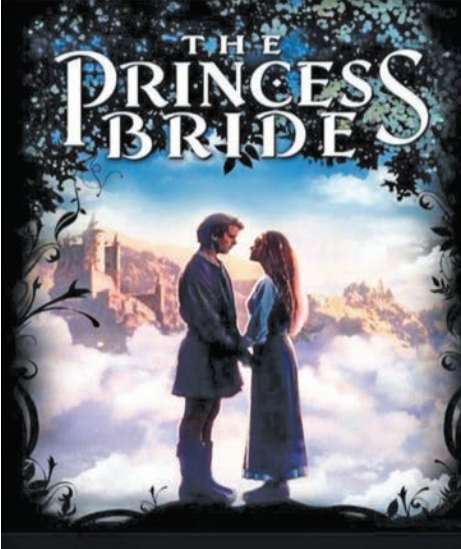
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County Budgets for Raises To Encourage EMS Employees To Stay With County

Extra \$215,000 would provide the first year of raises in a proposal that would provide increases for each of the next two years

By Carol Vaughn

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors this week discussed strategies to retain emergency medical services employees after the county has spent money training them.

The county's \$69 million fiscal year 2021 budget, as proposed, includes money for the first of two years of targeted salary increases for those employees, at a price tag of around \$215,000.

The first year of salary increases would apply to those who have achieved the fire medic level or higher, according to Accomack County Chief Human Resources Officer Kathy Carmody, who clarified the proposal in a follow-up phone call. By the second year, the recruits in training now would qualify for the raise, along with those who qualified the first year.

"It all falls back on finding people to hire as recruits, and to keep those people working" for the county, Supervisor Robert Crockett said.

The county spends around \$10,000 each to train paramedics, a process that takes two years.

It takes around nine months to get a recruit trained to the point where he or she can fill a spot on the schedule, according to Public Safety Director Charles R. Pruitt.

The county has agreements with public safety employees to work for a certain period in order to have their training costs forgiven, Carmody said.

The county has 44 agreements on file for 25 employees — some have multiple agreements.

Still, after recruits are trained, they too often leave for better paying jobs or a better schedule at fire and rescue departments in Wallops, Chincoteague, and Maryland.

"We are their training program," said Supervisor Donald L. Hart Jr.

Since 2014, 39 public safety employees have resigned — including seven resignations last year — and seven have

retired, according to a presentation by Public Safety Director Charles R. Pruitt.

Of 70 employees, 47 have fewer than five years of experience — and almost half have fewer than two years.

In comparison, 30% of employees in 2014 had more than 10 years' experience, and only 41% had fewer than five years.

Other than pay, factors that could improve retention include being able to hire more "backfill" employees, which would provide a cushion for when an employee is injured and enable employees more easily to take time off; and to be able to offer a 72-hour work schedule, rather than the current 24 hours on and 48 hours off schedule, Carmody said.

Accomack will soon graduate its first group of recruits with advanced certifications, after having the program for 18 months.

The number of paid fire medics in the county has risen as the number of volunteers available to respond to calls has dropped.

The Accomack County Department of Public Safety staff now totals 70 — including 45 fire medics, six captains, three battalion chiefs, 13 part-time employees, one deputy emergency management coordinator, one administrative analyst, and a director. There are 22 paramedics on staff — 16 full time and six part time, Pruitt said.

"We strive every day to have a minimum of three" on duty, he said, noting it takes five or six paramedics per shift to cover the county's Sprint vehicles and multiple ambulance calls, or multiple victims in a single incident.

Pruitt described scheduling staff to provide adequate coverage countywide as being "like a chess game."

"I hate to even mention the word consolidation...We have to face the facts, if we are having as much trouble as we do," Supervisor Ron Wolff said.

There are 14 volunteer departments in Accomack County.

Pruitt said Accomack "is no different than anywhere else in the country" in terms of facing problems with fewer volunteers to answer emergency calls.

Around 90% of emergency medical

services calls are answered by paid medics, Pruitt said.

“It’s not going to get any better,” he said, predicting more will need to be hired in the future.

Barry Outten, fire chief at Greenbackville Vol. Fire Department, said the department spent over \$24,000 of its own money in 2018 and over \$26,000 last year to staff the station, even though the county had approved having county staff stationed there during the day.

“It’s not working out very well. ... I’m struggling to get somebody in there to staff the station, because it’s all about providing the service we are supposed to provide for the taxpayers,” he said, adding, “We need 24-hour staffing — there’s no ifs, ands, or buts.”

In other action, the board of supervisors approved giving new treasurer James Lilliston an additional \$6,138 in his department budget for fiscal year 2021.

Lilliston requested the money to pay for postage and training.

“I think we should do everything we can this year to support him,” said Hart.

Crockett also spoke in favor of adding the amount.

“He is committed to increase the tax collections, so we need to support him,”

Crockett said.

The board also reduced from \$81,398 to \$24,765 the additional amount set aside for Eastern Shore Public Library to operate the new library in Parkley for seven months next year. The library is under construction.

On Crockett’s recommendation, the board also added \$3,000 to the library budget for a pilot project on Tangier.

The board took out of the budget \$76,000 for improvements to the Hammocks boat ramp.

Additionally, the board approved adding \$14,884 to the Clerk of Circuit Court’s budget to make a part-time position full time, and \$37,007 for a Sheriff’s deputy responsible for security at the Clerk’s Office. The officer also patrols the county administration building and the environmental services building, Accomack County Administrator Michael Mason said.

With a decision hanging in the balance about whether to budget next year for a new public safety communications system, board members said they likely will vote at the next regular meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m., to set a public hearing date.



Barry Outten, fire chief of Greenbackville Volunteer Fire Department, speaks to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors in Accomac on Monday, Feb. 10. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

The public safety system, if implemented on a regional basis, will cost Accomack County \$4.5 million and will trigger a one cent real estate tax increase to pay for debt service next year.

Two members each from the Accomack and Northampton Board of Supervisors were scheduled to meet this week about funding a regional communications system.



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Plantings Add Roots For Natural Protection on Saxis
 The town of Saxis and the Virginia Division of Forestry joined forces Feb. 8 to install new plantings on the island. The purpose of the large-scale planting was to stop erosion and to create a natural berm against flooding. The roots of trees, shrubs, and grasses slow or stop erosion by helping to hold soil in place. The trees, shrubs, and some grasses help create a natural berm to help divert flood water away from dwellings and structures.

At left, a forestry employee examines a shrubbery. Above, Saxis volunteers and forestry employees gather in the fire hall. Photos submitted by Katie Morrison.

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brary began lending DVDs, and there was an ongoing demand for library services due to the recession, Burton continued.

Library attendance has continued to increase since 2016, when the library filled a new position, a youth services coordinator, who organizes special events for kids at the library.

One such event is the launch of ESPL's summer reading program June 7, at the Nassawadox library, Burton announced.

One new addition to more than 500 programs offered by the library is "1,000 Things Before Kindergarten," which encourages families of preschoolers to explore books, museums, and parks, and more.

More than 100 volunteers help implement these programs at the library's four locations.

The success of the programs prompted an increase in donations, Burton said. According to a graph she shared with supervisors, annual donations totaled more than \$30,000 in 2019, approximately \$5,000 more than the total for 2018.

The donations go directly to the library to purchase books and other items, not to the capital improvement fund, Burton clarified.

The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded ESPL a \$500,000 challenge grant for library equipment in addition to a \$6,000 preservation assistance grant for a consultant who will assess the library's collections.

"It gets the Eastern Shore's history on the national front," Burton said.

"We will be partnering with the organizations around the nation, and this brings great visibility to our collections, opens up new doors to funding, and will actually increase the capacity of all the museums on the Shore to enable us to bring training and other resources here."

She noted that all four libraries will be closed Feb. 19 and 20 for the implementation of a new online catalog dubbed ShoreCat, she said. A launch event will be held Feb. 21.

Burton submitted a request for Northampton to contribute about \$193,000, or 25% of the library's annual operating costs. Accomack will pay the remaining 75%, according to a regional agreement.

Jim Schaeffer, president of Eastern Shore Community College (ESCC),

said "It's a great day" to be at the campus, even though "it's no secret that we've been having our problems."

ESCC's new, 47,000-square-foot building is open, a "\$22 million operation," and students and faculty are "over the moon," Schaeffer said.

The community college added new programs of study, including applied sciences and technology, which will prepare students to enter the workforce in trades within two years. The credits can also be applied to a four-year degree.

ESCC's new medical scribe program was so immediately popular that 24 students applied for its 20 slots, Schaeffer said.

"Our enrollment is up double digits ... almost 18%," he added.

ESCC stopped automatically dropping students for nonpayment. Instead, "we identified them, and we had 88 students. That was on a Monday. By Wednesday, we had 36. By Friday, we had seven."

The community college also has raised money and obtained grants totaling an additional \$200,000 in scholarships to be offered to students this fall, Schaeffer said.

ESCC is requesting about \$25,000 in funding from Northampton County in FY 2021.

Part 2 of this story will appear in next week's Eastern Shore Post.

The Northampton Historic Preservation Society Makes Pear Valley Video Available Online

In the video "Pear Valley: A 1740 Yeoman's Cottage," Dr. Garrison Brown takes you on a tour of Pear Valley which has been dated to have been built in 1740. Pear Valley represents what was once a common building in the rural landscape of the Chesapeake region. Pear Valley has been designated as a National Historic Landmark, becoming one of 121 Virginia and two in Northampton. This places Pear Valley in the company of Virginia's Monticello, Montpelier, and Bacon's Castle as a property officially recognized by the U.S. government for its national historic significance. You will find the video at the NHPS website at <https://www.northamptonhistoricpreservation-society.com/pear-valley-1740-video>

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Wallops' Antares Launch Pushed to Friday

Staff Report

The Antares rocket launch from Wallops Island on a cargo supply mission to the International Space Station has been rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 14.

The launch is set to happen 3:43 p.m., according to a press release from NASA Wallops Flight Facility.

The first launch attempt was aborted with around three minutes to go until liftoff, after off-nominal readings from a ground support sensor.

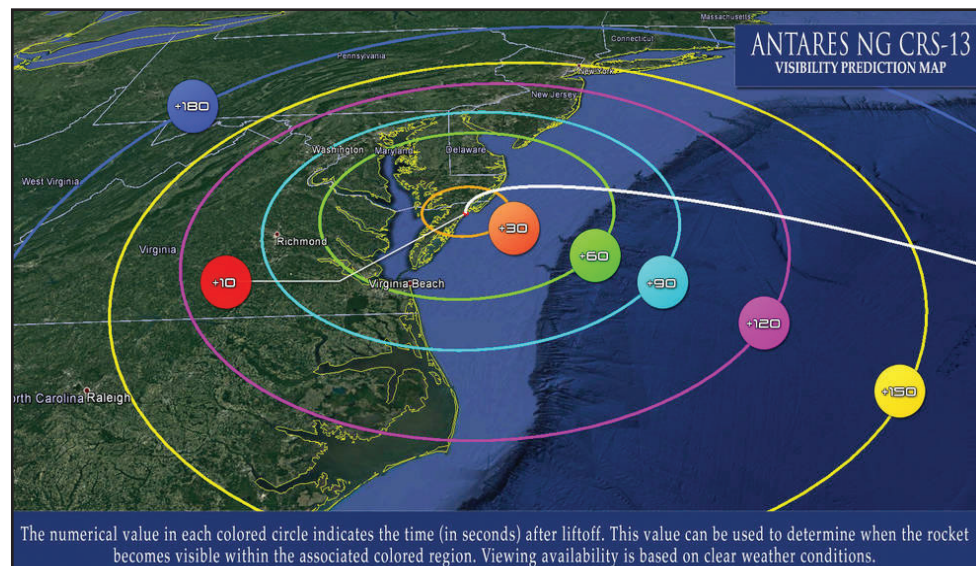
Northrop Grumman and NASA pushed the next attempt to Valentine's Day to take advantage of a better weather forecast, to provide time for testing the replaced ground sensors, and to allow for refreshing some of the science experiments.

The forecast is for 80% favorable weather conditions, according to NASA.

NASA coverage of the launch will begin at 3:15 p.m. Friday.

Live coverage of the mission begins at 10:30 a.m. on the Wallops Ustream site.

The NASA Wallops Visitor Center opens at 11:30 a.m. Friday for launch



Launch visibility map courtesy of NASA.

viewing.

Other places to view the launch include Robert Reed Park on Chincoteague or Beach Road between Chincoteague and Assateague. The beach on Assateague will not be open during the launch.

If the launch goes off as planned Friday, the Cygnus spacecraft will be

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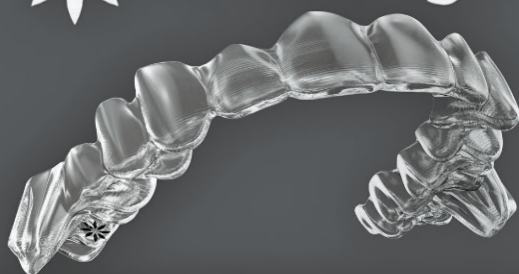
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Court Postings

By Nancy Drury Duncan (Accomack)
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Sentencings

Brooks Mariner Sr., 43, of Hallwood, will spend approximately seven months in jail for third offense assault and battery of a family member and for possession of cocaine.

Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan said the victim told the officer who arrived at the scene that Mariner held a piece of metal pipe to her neck. He was drinking and using drugs at the time, Morgan said. The pipe used was found under his vehicle. Inside, also, was a glass pipe used for smoking crack and containing residue of the drug.

Defense attorney Garrett Dunham noted the victim was in court to support him and wanted him "back and sober." He admitted his client "got out of hand when using cocaine."

Judge W. Revell Lewis III sentenced Mariner to two years on the cocaine charge and suspended all but 30 days. On the two assaults and batteries, he sentenced him to three years on each, with all but 90 days suspended on each count. The sentences are to run consecutively. He will be on indefinite supervised probation and must be on good behavior for five years.

A man found guilty of assaulting both his fiancé and a police officer as well as violating a protective order was sentenced to 12 months of active jail time. Berlie Colona, 45, of Oak Hall, was tried and convicted in a bench trial in December 2019.

Colona and fiancé Krista Taylor went out to a Chincoteague bar in January 2019. They both returned home "highly intoxicated," according to testimony. When they got home they began to fight about an old boyfriend "hitting on her" at the bar. When the situation became violent, Taylor's 23-year-old daughter called 911.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Fultz opened his case against Colona by playing the 911 tape of the call. Her daughter was heard screaming, "My stepdad and mom are fighting. He hit her in the head. He is going to kill her." After being arrested and taken to the police station, Colona shoved a deputy who was attempting

to take his fingerprints.

"That is what terror sounds like," said Judge Lewis at the trial, referring to the 911 call. He found Colona guilty of the charge of assaulting a family or household member and violation of a protective order. He also found him guilty of assaulting the deputy, a conviction that carries a six-month mandatory minimum jail sentence.

He sentenced Colona to three years with all but the mandatory six months suspended for the assault and battery of a police officer. For violating a protective order, he sentenced him to 12 months, suspending all but one month. For assault and battery of a household member, he sentenced him to 12 months, suspending seven of those months for a total of 12 months of active jail time. He will be on indefinite supervised probation.

Kyle Allen Wheeler, 57, of Chincoteague, was sentenced to two years with all that time suspended for possession of cocaine. He will be on supervised probation for one year. Wheeler told the court he looks after his mother who is ill and has serious health problems himself.

A 31-year-old Accomack man was convicted of possession of cocaine in a bench trial. When deputies responded to a 911 hang-up call at a Mappsville address, they found Leeshawn Lamar Davis sitting outside in his car. The deputies testified they noticed an orange pill vial in the car's center console while speaking with him. Later, they saw it was moved to the floor in the rear of the car.

Davis was arrested that night and charged with possession of cocaine. That bottle was found to contain "three or four white colored rocks," later identified as crack cocaine.

Because investigation proved there was no crime related to the 911 phone call, defense attorney Garrett Dunham argued that the evidence gathered was "unreasonable seizure," violating Davis' Fourth Amendment rights and should be suppressed.

"The deputy observed the vial," responded Commonwealth's Attorney

Spencer Morgan. He said Davis was moving about in the car and that the orange vial was moved several times. "There was ample probable cause," he said. He called the deputies' actions, "routine police work."

Judge Lewis denied Dunham's motion to suppress. Davis then pleaded not guilty to the charge and a trial ensued. Dunham argued that the car did not belong to Davis and there was no proof he knew the contents of the vial. "During the time he was in the vehicle, he was moving about as was the bottle," said Morgan. "He admitted moving the bottle." "He was trying to hide the vial," said Judge Lewis. He found Davis guilty of possession of cocaine. He is set for sentencing March 26.

Kadeem Carpenter, 23, of Melfa, was sentenced Jan. 6 for breaking and entering. He received a sentence of six years and six months, with five years suspended. Carpenter was also sentenced to six years and six months, with five years suspended, for grand larceny; four years, with three years suspended, for possessing stolen property; and 12 months, with five months suspended, for property damage.

Robert George, 44, of Nassawadox, was sentenced Feb. 10 for two counts of making a threat in writing. He received a suspended sentence of five years for each count. George was also sentenced to 12 months, with eight months suspended, for assault and battery. The sentences will run consecutively.

Christina Huffman, 23, of Cape Charles, was sentenced Feb. 10 for pos-

session of a Schedule III drug with intent to distribute. She received a suspended sentence of five years. Huffman was also sentenced to five years, with three years and seven months suspended, for unauthorized use of a vehicle; a suspended sentence of 10 years for cocaine possession; a suspended sentence of six months for possession of Ativan, a Schedule IV drug; and a suspended sentence of 12 months for possession of drug paraphernalia. The sentences will run consecutively.

Shawn Marshall, 48, of Salisbury, Md., was sentenced Nov. 18 for possession of Schedule I or II drugs and possession of Schedule III drugs. He received a suspended sentence of three years, and his driver's license was suspended for six months. Marshall must be on good behavior for five years.

John Reid, 46, of Cheapside, was sentenced Feb. 10 for possession of a Schedule I or II drug with intent to distribute. He received 10 years, with eight years suspended, and his driver's license was suspended for six months. Reid was also sentenced to four years and three months, with two years suspended, for his third offense of shoplifting concealed goods valued at \$500 or less.

Robert Riddick, 42, of Norfolk, Va., was sentenced Nov. 4 for credit card theft. He received five years, with three years suspended. Riddick was also sentenced to 12 months, with nine months suspended, for identity theft, for a total of two years and three months to serve.

Damien Wyatt, 33, of Cheriton, was sentenced Jan. 6 for forgery. He received a sentence of two years, with all but time served suspended, and he must be on good behavior for three years.

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Exmore Citizen Questions Leaders' Motives in Sewer Decision

By Stefanie Jackson

A concerned citizen is keeping a dialogue open with Exmore town council members on which sewer solution is right for Exmore.

"You're representing the people of Exmore," Ken Dufty reminded the council Feb. 3.

Exmore must decide to enter an agreement with a public organization, Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD), or a private company, Aqua Virginia.

Dufty does not favor the HRSD option because rates are determined by eight commissioners who are appointed by Virginia's governor.

The commissioners are not elected; therefore, the voting public has no say in HRSD's business practices, including how high it raises rates.

HRSD's rates have doubled within a decade, Dufty noted.

He also suggested that some local government officials with ties to Riverside Medical Group have been unfairly biased toward HRSD, which could relieve Riverside of its sewer business in Nassawadox.

Riverside still owns and operates

the sewer system in Nassawadox, even though Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital relocated to Onley three years ago.

Dufty named the former chairman of the Northampton board of supervisors, Spencer Murray, Northampton supervisor John Coker, and Accomack supervisor Robert Crockett as having potential conflicts of interest.

Murray and Coker have served as officers on the Northampton Medical Services Foundation, which was formed to help Northampton County transition after the hospital relocated to Accomack County.

Crockett became the vice chairman of the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital board in 2017.

"You have to raise an eyebrow" and ask, "is this an incestuous relationship?" Dufty said.

"I think it's good that ... we can maybe help Riverside get out of the Nassawadox plant. I'm not saying not to do that. I'm saying they should be forthright in saying what their agenda is," he added.

Murray declined to comment, but Coker said the Northampton Medical

Services Foundation "has nothing to do with Riverside."

The foundation has worked since 2014 to attract an emergency or urgent care facility to Northampton, but the county does not have a population large enough to sustain such a facility, Coker said.

The Northampton Medical Services Foundation has donated its funds to other health-related nonprofits like Eastern Shore Rural Health System and the soon-to-be-built Northampton County YMCA. The foundation will be shut down by the end of the year, he said.

Crockett could not be reached for comment.

Dufty also believes Exmore councilman Chase Sturgis may appear to have a conflict of interest.

Sturgis is an employee of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, whose executive director, Jeff Holland, is a proponent of HRSD.

"Why would anybody ... who has been elected by the people in Exmore want to get into HRSD?" Dufty asked.

"It's going to bankrupt this town. There is no question about it," he said.

Sturgis objected.

"We haven't seen any solid numbers from anybody else," Sturgis said. "What if we get to the point that the system we choose isn't a great financial decision, and everybody gets voted out? The citizens are still stuck with the project."

Dufty said his comments were "not personal" and "not an insult."

"I think you do a fantastic job here," but "you have to wonder what is going on," he said.

If Exmore wants to expand its collection system and serve more sewer customers, it must pay for the project that will cost millions of dollars.

Dufty's "bottom line" is that if Exmore wants HRSD to run the system, the town must transfer ownership to HRSD, and Exmore will be stuck with a bill for infrastructure it doesn't own.

But his arguments could become moot if soil test results are unfavorable.

Town Manager Robert Duer pointed out that if the soil does not percolate well, Aqua Virginia will not be able to implement its rapid infiltration base technology, and "HRSD is the only solution."

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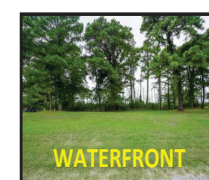
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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Edward Annis

Mr. Kenneth Edward “Kenny” Annis, 83, a resident of Concord Wharf and Commonwealth Senior Living (Hermitage), passed away peacefully Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 14, 1936, in Clam, he was the son of the late Forrest Annis and the late Hallie Virginia Annis.

He retired as manager of the Virginia Employment Commission after 25 years of service. He also served as chairman of the Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Board. He served in the National Guard for over 25 years and retired as first sergeant.

Mr. Annis was happiest when he was sailing on his beloved sailboat, Osprey II. He was a talented artist of many



Mr. Annis

creations that he loved to share with everyone. He enjoyed spending time at his home on Occohannock Creek with his grandkids, family and friends.

Mr. Annis loved his pets, especially his dogs, Bear, Muffin and Rascal. Beyond his love of his own pets, he provided habitats for nature along the creek.

Mr. Annis' last year was spent at the Commonwealth Senior Living (Hermitage) under the watchful eye of his good friend, Fred, and a dedicated staff who truly cared for him.

Mr. Annis is survived by former wives, Linda Coulbourn Custis and daughter, Wanda Annis Isdell, and her husband, Fuzzy, of Belle Haven, and Marva Lin Annis and son, Mark Forrest Annis, and his wife, Heather, of Salt Lake City, Utah; and three grandchildren, Erin Isdell, of Tampa, Fla., and Forrest and Margaux Annis, of Salt Lake City.

Memorial services will be held at the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at 3 p.m., with George Fulk officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131

(www.parkinson.org), or the charity of your choice.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams- Parksley Funeral Home.

Margaret Ashbridge

Mrs. Margaret Mary “Peggy” Ashbridge, 84, of Greenbackville, passed away Feb. 9, 2020, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Chester, Pa., Nov. 25, 1935, to the late Francis and Veronica Callahan Bradley.

She was a member of Holy Name of Jesus in Pocomoke City, Md.

Mrs. Ashbridge is survived by her loving spouse of 63 years, Byron Ashbridge Sr. of Greenbackville; two sons, Byron Ashbridge Jr. and his wife, Jeanne, of Charlotte, N.C., and David Ashbridge



Mrs. Ashbridge

and his wife, Debbie Custis, of Stockton, Md.; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Catherine Galvin, of Pennsylvania; brother, William Bradley and his wife, Terri, of Maryland; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Gregory Ashbridge; and brother, Francis Bradley.

Mass will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Saint Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church, Chincoteague, with Father Michael Imperial officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to www.alsa.org

Services entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., Chincoteague. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Dorothy Mason

Mrs. Dorothy “Dot” Alene Thomas Mason, 76, of Bloxom, wife of the late John Winston Mason, passed away Feb. 4, 2020, at Heritage Hall in Nassawadox.

Born Dec. 17, 1943, in Saxis, she was the daughter of the late Dallas Thomas Sr. and the late Clara Painter Thomas. Mrs. Mason was a seamstress for Parksley Apparel.

She is survived by a daughter, Betty Ann Mason Taylor, of Bloxom; a stepdaughter, Doris Ann Hurley (John), of Delmar, Md.; four grandchildren, Shane Taylor, Payton Taylor, John Hurley Jr. and Crystal Hurley; two sisters, June Covington and Shirley White; a brother, Dallas “Butch” Thomas; and four great-grandchildren, Paige, Heaven, Kira, and L.J.

Other than her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Bertha Mason and Carolyn Gillespie, and five brothers, Eugene Thomas, Donald Thomas Sr., Allen Thomas and two baby brothers.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, at 2 p.m., at the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley with the Rev. Mark Layne officiating. Interment will follow in the Parksley Cemetery in Parksley.

The family will receive friends Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, from 6 until 8 p.m., at the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company, 15312 Bay-side Drive, Bloxom, VA 23308.

Arrangements were made by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Kay Newbern

Ms. Kay Nottingham Newbern, 79, passed away Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020. Services will be held at Franktown Cemetery on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020, at 2 p.m. For more information, go to www.hollandfuneralhome.net



Mrs. Mason



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Mae S. Northam

Mrs. Mae S. Northam was born April 27, 1926, in Melfa, to the late Levin and Eliza Sample. She departed this life on Jan. 25, 2020, at her residence in Onancock.

Mrs. Northam was educated in the public schools of Accomack County and graduated with honors from Mary N. Smith High School. She was accepted at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va., but decided instead to reside on the beautiful Eastern Shore with family and friends.



Mrs. Northam

She was a life-long member of Gaskins Chapel A.M.E. Church in Savageville.

She was married to Henry Northam and they shared many wonderful years together before his passing. Mrs. Northam worked in her home and in the homes of others for a considerable time. She enjoyed reading and watching wrestling in her spare time.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories her sister, Nola Dennis; nephews, Edward Walker, Bradley Sample, and James Sample; nieces, Kimberly June and Tonya West; sisters-in-law, Beulah Sample and Patricia Sample; and other relatives and friends.

Victor Ray Pruitt

Mr. Victor Ray Pruitt, 69, doting husband, loving father and grandfather, and loyal friend to all, passed away peacefully Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020. Born Feb. 20, 1950, in Nassawadox, and raised in Harborton, he was a son

of the late Wallace Ray Pruitt and the late Naomi Beauchamp Pruitt.

Victor was a third-generation co-owner of Pruitt Seafood. He was proud of his roots and remained an advocate for Eastern Shore watermen through-

out his life, having served on the board of directors for the Eastern Shore Watermen's Museum and Research Center. After more than 30 years buying and selling seafood in Washington, D.C.,

Victor started a new business venture closer to home, Eastern Shore Mini Storage. He was a 32-year member of Alcoholics Anonymous, an achievement he held in high regard, and a member of Onancock Baptist Church. Victor loved a landscaped yard and spent countless hours perfecting his home and mini storage properties. He was a talented woodworker and built many of the pieces in the family home.

Victor, or as he preferred "Big Daddy" or "Pop Pop," adored his family and stopped at nothing to bring a smile to their faces. With a personality that perfectly matched his fiery red hair, there was never a dull moment when in his presence and you could guarantee he'd tell you exactly what was on his mind. Debbie was the perfect balance for Victor, and there were few times you'd see one without the other. May he be remembered just the way he'd want -



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In addition to his beloved wife of 45 years, Deborah Bull "Debbie" Pruitt, he is survived by three children, Karen Fowler and husband, Shane, of Parksley, Travis Pruitt and Danielle Martin, of Onancock, and Shannon Boggs and husband, Matt, of Pungoteague; two brothers, and was especially close to his brother, Jeffrey Pruitt, of Pungoteague; eight grandchildren, Owen and Emma Fowler, Justin Martin, Cameron and Hunter Pruitt, and Raelynn, Laycen, and Sawyer Boggs; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Onancock Baptist Church Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, with Pastor Andy Cobb officiating. Interment was in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions in Victor's memory may be made to the Eastern Shore Watermen's Museum and Research Center, P.O. Box 233, Parksley, VA 23421.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Diane Mapp Stewart

Ms. Diane Mapp Stewart, 73, a resident of Stewarts Wharf, Va., passed away Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, in Naples, Fla. She was the daughter of the late James Milton Stewart and the late Georgia Davis Stewart. Ms. Stewart started her career in Baltimore, Md., as a special education teacher and continued teaching in Stokes County, N.C., where she started and coached the track program for several years before becoming an administrator. She retired from the Forsythe County, N.C., school system. Ms. Stewart



Ms. Stewart

was a member of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, the West End Garden Club in Winston Salem, N.C., Northampton Historical Preservation Society, Regent of the

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Northampton County Daughters of the American Revolution, Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust, and Hungars Episcopal Church. Ms. Stewart lived life to the fullest, traveled extensively including trips to China and India, played tennis, golf and mah-jongg, and had her father's love of genealogy.

She is survived by two brothers, James Milton Stewart Jr. and his wife, Karen, of Winchester, Va., and T. Blair Stewart, of Stewarts Wharf; and numerous cousins. She was predeceased by numerous aunts and uncles, Janet D. Crawley and her husband, George, Leah Davis, Graham Stewart and his wife, Minnie, Claudia Custis and her husband, Winston, Charles Underhill Davis Jr. and his wife, Mary, and Ruth Davis Dryden and her husband, Edgar.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at Belle Haven Cemetery with the Rev. Alan Mead officiating. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

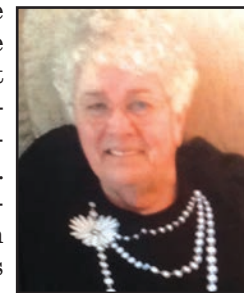
Alice Faye Tarr

Mrs. Alice Faye Tarr, 83, of Chincoteague Island, passed away peacefully Feb. 10, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Born Jan. 17, 1937, in Cape Charles, she was the daughter of the late Nathan Shields and the late Edna Shields Hanley.

In 1954, she married the love of her life, Albert Joey Tarr, and together they traveled as his U.S. Coast Guard career carried them to several stations on the East Coast.

Mrs. Tarr was a waitress for many years at both Bill's Seafood and The Beachway restaurants and lastly, was a prep cook at the Village Restaurant until her retirement eight years ago at 75 years old.



Mrs. Tarr

Mrs. Tarr is survived by her two sons, Billy Joe Tarr and his wife, Tammy, and Jerry Tarr and his wife, Patty, and her daughter, Leda Scullion and her husband, Joe, all of Chincoteague; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son, Johnny S. Tarr; two sisters, Ginny Clark and Peggy Jester Carpenter; and one brother, John W. Shields Sr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Riverside Shore Hospice, 25379 Lankford Hwy., Suite A, Onley, VA 23418.

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc. on Chincoteague. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Evelyn Boole Wallace

Mrs. Evelyn Boole Wallace, 99, wife of the late William Heywood Wallace and a resident of Quinby, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, at her residence. A native of Quinby, she was the daughter of the late Walter Boole and the late Clara Bundick Boole. She worked for Dulany Foods, was a homemaker, attended Smith Chapel United Methodist Church; was a member of Order of the Eastern Star and Exmore Post V.F.W.

She is survived by a son, Gary P. Wallace, and his wife, Michele, of Quinby; a daughter, Faye Wallace Nock and her husband, Tom, of Quinby; and seven grandchildren, Thomas Bradley Nock, Rachelle Nock, Gary Page Wallace Jr., Courtney Lynn Wood, William Walter Wallace, Michele Lynn Reed and Jennifer Lynn Reed; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at Doughty Funeral Home with the Rev. Mary Jimenez officiating. Interment followed in Quinby Cemetery.

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The Marine Electric Sank Off Chincoteague 37 Years Ago This Week

By Neal Ammerman

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

A cold, blustery rainfall drenched the men on the deck of the rusty old freighter as it took on its load of coal and made final preparations for its voyage from Norfolk, Va., to Brayton Point, Mass. Although gale warnings were posted, this was no cause for alarm to the crew of the 605-foot freighter. These men had been out in far worse weather than this.

The Marine Electric pulled away from the Norfolk And Western coal piers beside the Elizabeth River in Norfolk just before midnight of Feb. 10, 1983.

During the night, the vessel worked its way out of Hampton Roads and into the Chesapeake Bay. The temperature was in the 30s, with rain and wind increasing as the ship headed past the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and toward the mouth of the bay.

In the bay, the seas were running about four feet but building noticeably as daybreak came. Wind speed increased steadily to about 50 knots and waves had built to about 40 feet and higher as the Marine Electric passed Cape Henry, Va., and Cape Charles before heading to a northeasterly course once out in the open Atlantic.

Although the ship had averaged about 12 knots in the passage across the bay, the speed was ordered reduced to five knots Friday morning. By this time, the captain and the crew knew they were in for a slow, rough, and exhausting run up the coast.

The Marine Electric was built in 1944 but had been “stretched” in 1961 by the addition of a longer mid-body section to allow for more cargo. This consisted of five cargo holds, each separated by watertight bulkheads 80 feet apart, with the holds covered by MacGregor hatch panels. These panels had been extensively repaired during a drydock overhaul just two years before.

The extent of rust deterioration was so severe that many of the hatch covers had been covered by “doubblers”—steel patches layered over the rusted-through sections. Not only had holes been caused by this rust-through process, but in some places the steel had become much thinner and could

be easily punctured.

Another complication caused by these “doubblers” was the warping of the hatch covers, which prevented a snug fit. An estimate had been given that a complete overhaul of the hatch covers would cost about \$350,000.

An inspection of the hull had been scheduled for that February, but an extension until April had been given by the Coast Guard at the request of the owners, Marine Transport Lines. This would allow for all the needed repairs to be made as part of the dry docking.

The vessel had a long history of mechanical and structural repairs. Although some of these were expected in the normal course of an old ship used in the oceangoing freight business, many of the problems were due to old age and neglect.

As the ship headed into the teeth of the gale off the Eastern Shore of Virginia, huge seas pounded the hatch covers and crashed across the deck. The vessel settled into a slow clumsy roll. The seas and wind continued to build during the afternoon hours. The bow, so far, was rising and falling with no sluggishness and the propeller kept churning the water.

In the meantime, the 65-foot fishing vessel *Theodora*, out from Cape May, N.J., was running into trouble. The boat was taking on water and had lost its course in the storm. It was offshore from Ocean City, Md., and had radioed the Coast Guard at Chincoteague for assistance.

A helicopter based in Elizabeth City, N.C., was summoned. The Coast Guard Point Highland headed out from Chincoteague.

The Marine Electric, approaching from the southwest, had spotted the *Theodora* and stood by to assist if needed. Soon, however, the Point Highland had escorted the *Theodora* into safer waters near Chincoteague and the crisis was averted. The helicopter returned to Elizabeth City.

Ironically, trouble was just beginning for the Marine Electric as it resumed a northeasterly course. Shortly after dark Friday afternoon, the Marine Electric sent word to the Coast Guard, “I’m taking a beating out here. I’m going to be in trouble myself pretty soon.”

By midnight, the struggling ship was slightly down by the bow, and not



The 605-foot cargo vessel Marine Electric sank about 30 miles east of Assateague Island Feb. 12, 1983. Photo from the U.S. Coast Guard.

rising as quickly as it had before. The vessel, in effect, was plowing through the waves rather than riding with them. About 2:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 12, it became obvious the ship was down by the bow and the seas were no longer washing over.

The first distress call was sent out just before 3 a.m. to the Ocean City Coast Guard Station. “I’m approximately 30 miles from the Delaware Bay entrance, and I’m going down by the head.”

Shortly after the message was sent, the crew was ordered to prepare the lifeboats and stand by if needed. By now, the Marine Electric was about 30 miles east of Chincoteague, and speed had dropped to only one or two knots.

The whole main deck was awash with icy water. Because of the darkness and the amount of water over the deck, it was impossible to see if the hatches had been damaged. By 4 a.m., the Coast Guard helicopter just sent back to Elizabeth City had been recalled and was on its way back to the same area it had just left a few hours before. The Point Highland was now on its way out to the Marine Electric. The order to abandon ship was given at 4:10 a.m.

Third Mate Eugene F. Kelly Jr. described the next series of events: “The bow was underwater, and the chief engineer told me he thought the Number One hatch near the bow had broken open. ... Seas were coming over the

hatches without breaking.”

The next event was unexpected. Kelly said the ship did not list severely until shortly before it capsized. “I don’t think anybody expected it to roll over,” Kelly said. “All of a sudden the ship just rolled. I watched the ocean level come up and grab me.”

In later testimony, Kelly told the board of the Coast Guard and National Safety Board officials he noticed a 3 1/2 -by-3/4-inch crack in the ship’s main deck.

“I told my wife I probably wouldn’t take a job on that ship,” he said, but did anyway because work was scarce. Kelly and five other crewmen were able to swim in the 39-degree seawater to a life raft ring, but he was the only one still holding on when the Coast Guard arrived for the rescue.

Out of a crew of 35 men, only three survived: Kelly, from Norwell, Mass.; Paul M. Dewey, able seaman, from Granby, Conn., and Robert M. Cusick, chief mate, from Scituate, Mass.

Dewey had been assigned to the ship only 10 days. He was fortunate to be able to talk about it later and described many of the hatches as “all warped, with a bunch of little holes in another patch.” Specifically, he thought the holes to be about 1 by 6 inches.

Dewey described being pulled up in the basket lowered by the helicopter, “If we had survival suits, I think a lot more people would have been saved.”

He suggested that wooden ladders be on the life rafts instead of "rope ladders ... and maybe newer ships. ... That would help a lot."

Another survivor, Cusick, 59, told about a hole he discovered as the ship was being unloaded in Massachusetts before it returned to Norfolk to reload. "It was a jagged hole. This was a puncture hole."

He estimated it to be about 3 by 3 1/2 inches. This hole was repaired by a cement patch just before the ship left Massachusetts. He speculated that "water had broke through the cement patch."

It was just before daybreak, about 6 a.m., when the Point Highland arrived on the scene. Senior Chief David Phipps, who was on the Coast Guard craft, described the scene. "The first thing we saw were lights out in the water. These were the lights on the life rings. We had to check each one, since we didn't know which ones were floating empty and which ones might have had survivors."

The helicopter had already arrived and picked up the only survivors. Phipps related the call one of his men back at the base in Chincoteague heard coming from the Marine Electric. "I remember hearing... you could hear the Captain ... when he said. 'Hey! This is it! We're going!' We could actually hear his microphone bounce across the deck when he must have just ... lost his transmission. ... He just let it go."

The three survivors were flown by helicopter to Peninsula General Hospital (now Peninsula General Medical Center) in Salisbury. There, the same storm that had sunk the Marine Electric had dumped several inches of snow in Virginia, Maryland, and nearby Delaware. As residents cleared snow from their driveways and streets that Saturday morning, no one could have imagined the cold terror and tragedy that occurred a few hours earlier just a few miles off the coast.

Investigations and hearings were held. Lawsuits were filed. Widows, parents, sons, daughters, and friends mourned. As with all accidents and disasters, several factors combined to create catastrophe: the poor condition of the vessel, the cold and stormy weather, and errors of human judgment. The ship capsized quickly. There was the lack of survival suits for the crew. The frigid water caused instant hypothermia. The rescue helicopter

had to turn around and return, losing valuable time. The surprise, however, is not how many did not survive, but that even three did in those conditions.

Neal Ammerman is a former Po-comoke City resident, now living in Crozet, Va.

Author's note: The U.S. Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation Report, "Marine Casualty Report, SS Marine Electric," dated July 25, 1984, contained a detailed description of the condition of the ship and the sequence of events, which formed the basis for the article. Some quotations in this article were directly from interviews I conducted with Coast Guardsman Eugene F. Kelly Jr. at Chincoteague; others were quoted from the official report. The 154-page document can be found at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/docs/boards/marineelectric.pdf>

Editor's Note: The Marine Electric disaster investigation led to reforms in the Coast Guard safety inspection program, improvements to onboard lifesaving equipment, and implementation of the agency's rescue swimmer program.



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- More than a hundred million valentines are sent each year in the U.S., making it the second-largest card-giving day of the year (after Christmas).
- A precursor of Valentine's Day, the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia was held on Feb. 15 and involved young men running around with wool (soaked in milk, goat's blood, and dog's blood) to strike women and make those women fertile for the year.
- Valentine's Day love quote we reject because we've had enough problems with arson on the Eastern Shore: "Young love is a flame; very pretty, often very hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. The love of the older and disciplined heart is as coals, deep-burning, unquenchable." Henry Ward Beecher
- As a valentine-recipient category, teachers are number one, followed by kids, mothers, wives, and pets. Husbands and men in general? Meh.
- During the 1800s, people sent anti-valentines to individuals they didn't like. These penny dreadfuls or vinegar valentines, as they were known, were used to discourage suitors or call out rude salesclerks or just to be mean.
- Valentine's Day love quote we recommend to all those who travel on Route 13: "Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward in the same direction." Antoine de Saint-Exupery.
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by Linda Thistle

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- 1 Maize
 - 5 1980s TV's "Kate & —"
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 - 21 Prehistoric beast, briefly
 - 22 ALF or ET
 - 23 Pool hall champion?
 - 26 Flower calyx part
 - 27 Off — (sporadically)
 - 28 Small flycatcher
 - 29 Christmas songs
 - 31 Omega preceder
 - 32 Passover crackers
 - 34 Place where pizza dough is flattened?
 - 37 "We — not amused"
 - 38 Ripken of the diamond
 - 40 Angriness
 - 41 Actress De Carlo
 - 42 Get the shoe mender on the phone?
 - 47 Marine eel
 - 49 Poetic foot
 - 50 Pertaining to the sun
 - 51 Still wrapped
 - 52 In spite of the fact that, for short
 - 55 King Arthur's home
 - 58 Commercial in which all of one's fury is unleashed?
 - 62 Fido's sound
 - 65 Faced
 - 66 Phileas Fogg creator Jules
 - 68 Like a slob's bed
 - 69 Blowtorch the exterior of your launch vehicle?
 - 74 Wind section player
 - 75 Quaint oath
 - 76 Just a — (somewhat)
 - 77 Hissing snake sound
 - 78 Ice-skating food fish?
 - 80 Mexican menu items
 - 84 Blast maker
 - 85 "Mammal" has three
 - 86 "Thank you, Henri"
 - 87 Opéra part
 - 91 PR concern
 - 94 Farmer's motto?
 - 97 Risen from sleep
 - 100 Seemingly endless time
 - 101 Park oneself
 - 102 Dwelling: Abbr.
 - 103 Tirades about the trials of being a mother?
 - 109 Not switched off
 - 111 Ace
 - 112 Art style
 - 113 Sofa
 - 115 Spanish for "queen"
 - 116 Wax theatrical
 - 118 Actor Moranis playing a garbage sweeper?
 - 121 12-inch stick
 - 122 Small toiletry case
 - 123 Pay the penalty
 - 124 First-aid plant
 - 125 Fencing blades
 - 126 Part of NYPD: Abbr.
 - 127 Tightly wound
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 - 8 Split evenly
 - 9 Lucy's TV pal
 - 10 32nd pres.
 - 11 Actress Wiest
 - 12 Disguised, for short
 - 13 Alternatives to Pepsis
 - 14 Tapioca-yielding tree
 - 15 Hoppy drink
 - 16 1972-77 Broadway musical
 - 17 Explanation
 - 18 Queued up
 - 24 Tennyson's "— Arden"
 - 25 More elusive
 - 30 Astron. distance
 - 33 Little pouch
 - 35 Like the vbs. "eat" and "lie"
 - 36 Tiny dog
 - 39 Get bested by
 - 43 TV network north of the USA
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 - 45 Slo- — (fuse type)
 - 46 Riga native
 - 47 Brawl
 - 48 Athena's bird
 - 51 Sam once in the Senate
 - 52 Trees yielding wood for ships
 - 53 Mythical hell
 - 54 Dramatist Clifford
 - 56 Collect
 - 57 Conductor Zubin —
 - 58 Cake icer
 - 59 Countryish
 - 60 Cell terminal
 - 61 Yukon maker
 - 62 Cut short
 - 63 Harp on gloatingly
 - 64 Anterior
 - 67 Cut short
 - 70 Suffix with neat or peace
 - 71 "— tell yal"
 - 72 Problems for vain types
 - 73 Tide targets
 - 79 Shin's place
 - 81 Noted coach Parseghian
 - 82 Bygone AT&T rival
 - 83 Slump
 - 86 Home of Monte Carlo
 - 88 Vehicle ownership certificate
 - 89 Get drunk
 - 90 Trapped
 - 91 34th prez
 - 92 Corporate marriages
 - 93 Avonlea girl
 - 94 Hide — hair
 - 95 It's nothing
 - 96 Comical Cheri
 - 97 Current unit stretch, say
 - 98 Pre-race "King Ralph" actor Peter
 - 100 Ocular cleansing receptacle
 - 104 One way to mark debits
 - 105 Uninspired
 - 106 Like skim milk
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EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

Larry Jones Signs Letter of Intent

By Brennan Waldorf

Nandua standout Larry Jones has chosen to continue his playing career at the next level. National signing day was Feb. 5, and the senior decided he'll take his talents to Richmond, to take the field at Virginia Union University. The Panthers have a winning tradition and went 7-3 during the 2019-20 season.

Jones was a four-year varsity letterman at Nandua, concluding his career as the only player from the Shore to make Division II All-Regional honors this season. The district defensive player of the year had an outstanding final season. Jones ended with 89 tackles, 65 solo tackles, 20 tackles for a loss, 2.5 sacks, one fumble recovery, and one blocked extra point. Jones' most memorable football game occurred this year, when the Warriors beat a talented Arcadia team at home for the second time. "We set the tone, took over the district, and got the title" said Jones of the game.

Jones, like most players on the Shore, played both ways and was inserted in several different roles



Larry Jones, accompanied by family and coaches, signs his letter of intent to play football at Virginia Union University. (L-R front row) Father Larry Jones Sr., Larry Jones, and mother, Lisa Cypress. (L-R back row) Head Principal George Parker, head coach Thomas Rotkowski, assistant coach Brock Custis, and Athletic Director Luke Brankley. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

but primarily saw action on defense as a defensive end while also playing offensive line. A leader in the football locker room, Jones was more than his numbers portrayed. His name was frequently heard over the PA system at games for outstanding plays. But the efforts the stat sheet doesn't

best fit, and a great opportunity," said Jones. The senior is undecided on his major, contemplating either accounting or engineering, but has plenty of time to decide. Until then he can be seen this spring on the Warrior track team where he plans to throw discus and shot put.

track are what make him a special talent. Whether it was setting the edge or blocking on special teams, the senior was always making a difference on the field.

Jones is the youngest of six siblings and credits coach Downing for getting the wheels rolling on his college recruitment. The Nandua product will be playing for head coach Alvin Parker and expects to play defensive end for the Panthers. He already has long-term goals to play at the highest level of football but for now he intends to "compete at the next level and begin with getting a starting position right away," said Jones.

He chose a full ride at Virginia Union, a NCAA Division II school that competes in the CIAA conference, over Christopher Newport because "it's the

Chincoteague Girls End Final Week of Regular Season with Split Decisions

1/11/20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL
MIDDLESEX 46
CHINCOTEAGUE 31

2/12/20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL
CHINCOTEAGUE 65
ARCADIA 22

By Matthew Yoder

Chincoteague could not overcome cold second-half shooting Tuesday night in losing to Middlesex, 46-31.

The Ponies played a balanced first quarter. Caroline Shelley seemed to serve as the catalyst. Shelley scored on a baseline move and off a defensive board and coast-to-coast layup, but just as importantly, established herself as a strong distributor from the point, assisting layups from both Alanna Hall and Lindsay O'Shea.

As Shelley's court vision sparked the Ponies' play, the Chargers were served well by accurate

3-point shooting from Amber Self. Self's instant offense was supplemented with good pace on the ball from Airiana Beverley and a commanding low-post presence from Lane Anderson. Self, Beverley, and Anderson carried Middlesex in the first half, all scoring in different ways to help secure a 7-point lead headed into halftime.

Separation came in the third quarter. It wasn't so much that Middlesex shot lights out, but more the case of Chincoteague's well running completely dry.

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Warriors Run Ahead In Final Minutes

**2/10/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL
NANDUA 51
BROADWATER 49**

By Brennan Waldorf

Another close game came down to the final seconds in Exmore, when the Nandua Warriors edged out the Broadwater Vikings on the Vikings' home court.

The Warriors won the tipoff and found success in the first quarter, using a full-court press. They built a 6-point lead by turning defense into offense, recording steals through the press and quickly turning them into baskets. The Vikings' defense tightened its grip with 3:45 remaining in the quarter and didn't allow another basket until the second quarter. They found themselves up 12-11 after Caleb Floyd sunk a running floater in the lane, and DJ McCaleb finished the quarter with an offensive put-back at the buzzer giving the Vikings a 14-11 advantage.

The second quarter began with Clay Wardius scoring in the post. Willie Holden then dribbled and drove into the interior, collapsing the Warrior defense and dishing the ball to Floyd for another 2 points, giving Broadwater a 9-point lead. Nandua's offense was stalled and didn't get much going until later in the quarter but finished strong going on an 11-point run. Malik Battle hit a 3-pointer and on the next possession delivered a dime to Gerald Pitt closing the gap 24-22. The quarter ended with both teams failing to score on their final possessions and the Vikings up 25-22.

The third quarter saw little scoring with Nandua back in the press and unable to attack the basket. The Warriors took the lead with 4:06 remaining after Gerald Pitt went coast-to-coast and

Tremere Summerville made a layup putting the score 28-27. The teams traded basket but Nandua would end the quarter with a 3-point advantage going into the fourth, 34-31.

Nandua opened the final quarter with good ball movement, finding Jahiem Johnson for a layup. Clay Wardius was fouled to open scoring for the Vikings. Willie Holden then banked a 3 in from the corner and locked the score at 36. On the next play, Holden found Marvin Johnson in the corner for a 3 giving the Vikings the lead, 39-36. Nandua then used a timeout, and a turnover after the break saw big man Clay Wardius go coast-to-coast. The teams then traded baskets and with two minutes remaining the Vikings were up 47-42 after Willie Holden recorded a steal and turned it into a basket. Nandua's Summerville responded with a deep 3 followed by a Pitt steal and layup, tying the game.

Broadwater had the lead in the final seconds after Clay Wardius made some clutch foul shots. But Nandua's Summerville delivered the tying point by dribbling and driving, muscling his way between interior defenders, scoring with 14 seconds remaining. Nandua's next possession saw Gerald Pitt draw a foul; he nailed both free throws, giving the Warriors the lead. With eight seconds remaining, Broadwater had one more shot and pushed the court but a low pass to Wardius was fumbled, giving Nandua possession and ultimately ending the game 51-49.

Broadwater was led by Willie Holden and Clay Wardius, each tallying 11 points. Marvin Johnson finished with 9 and Travis Northam added 8.

Nandua's Gerald Pitt was the game's leading scorer finishing with 21 points and six rebounds. Malik Battle added 9 points and two steals, and Jason Blake finished with 7 points.



Broadwater's Willie Holden pushes the ball up court as he ran the floor all night for the Vikings. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

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~ Chincoteague Girls ~

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A pair of free throws from Shelley 3:26 into the quarter was all the points Chincoteague would muster.

While Chincoteague languished, a pair of front court players from Middlesex, Anderson and Ellie McMinn, controlled the paint. Anderson and McMinn boxed out with great precision and left Chincoteague coach Jimmy Bloxom prompting his team, "come on, we've got to rebound."

Anderson and McMinn made the most of second-chance attempts and even played a high-low game passing to one another with expert skill. The Chargers increased their lead to 15, outscoring the Ponies 10-2 in the third quarter.

Inspired play from Chincoteague in the fourth quarter led to a small cut in the lead, but despite strong efforts from Shelley and Emma Jackson, the Ponies would not climb to within fewer than 13 points. The duo of Anderson and McMinn would ultimately outscore the Ponies 14-11 in the second half. For the game, Anderson led all scorers with 14, followed closely by Self with 13 and Beverley with 10.

Bloxom was encouraged by his team's persistence; at times the rim was just unkind to his Ponies.

"We had opportunities, I can't get upset about the effort, they leave it on the court," said Bloxom.

Shelley led Chincoteague in scoring with 13 points, adding nine rebounds and three assists. Jackson had 10 points for the Ponies, with nine rebounds and three blocks.

The following night, Chincoteague concluded the regular season with a 65-22 win against Arcadia on senior night. Senior Alanna Hall ended her career in the Pony Pen with a game-high 17 points and was backed by Shelley with 16 and Jackson with 12. Senior Maxine Fernandez chipped in 8 points. Bella Williams led the Firebirds with 14 points.

The Ponies now await seeding to determine their next opponent as they transition to the postseason.



Emma Jackson races up court for a coast-to-coast layup. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

Regional Wrestling Results

2/8/20 - 2/9/20
WRESTLING

By Brennan Waldorf

The Division II, Region A Wrestling Tournament took place last weekend, Jan. 8, at Poquoson High School. The tournament is pre-qualifier for states, and both Nandua and Arcadia participated. The 11-team tournament was won by wrestling powerhouse Poquoson with 259 points, and Nandua was runner-up to the defending state champions, finishing with 169 points. Amelia High took third with 127 points, and Arcadia landed in sixth place with 80 points.

To advance to states, a wrestler must place in the top four in his weight class at the tournament. Eastern Shore wrestlers fared well at the tournament, with both Nandua and Arcadia advancing several wrestlers to the state tournament.

Nandua put 13 wrestlers on the podium with four wrestlers making the finals, one champion and eight wrestlers advancing to the next level. War-

riors placing include (106) Colin Ford second place, (113) Ben Gutierrez fifth place, (120) Matthew Taylor second place, (126) Carlos Lopez third place, (132) Carlo Balmoria fifth place, (138) Dylan Ross third place, (145) Cameron Mears third place, (152) Devon Nieves sixth place, (160) Joseph Teasley second place, (170) David Gastelum first place, (195) Samuel Ferguson fourth place, (220) Hunter Rippon fifth place, (285) George Stevens third place.

Arcadia finished with seven wrestlers on the podium, with one finalist and four advancing to states. Firebirds placing include (106) Yadria Gomez fifth place, (113) Angel Vasquez third, (120) Abraham Mateos fifth place, (126) Ronaldo Lopez second place, (132) Osberto Perez third place, (138) Marvin Gomez fourth place, (160) Harle de la Cruz-Gomez fifth place.

Qualifying wrestlers from Nandua and Arcadia will travel to Salem next weekend to compete in the State Tournament in Salem, Feb. 21-22, at the Salem Civic Center.

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Arcadia Holds Court on Senior Night



Lethon Williams goes up for a shot against tight defense from Ayden Leonard. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

2/12/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL
ARCADIA 75
CHINCOTEAGUE 54

By Matthew Yoder

Arcadia punctuated their Eastern Shore district championship season with a 75-54 victory against Chincoteague on senior night. The Firebirds relied on the efforts of their veterans to distance themselves from a scrappy Ponies team in the fourth quarter.

While Arcadia has played a composed, high-tempo brand of basketball all season, Chincoteague has shown much grit down the stretch, starting with an overtime loss against the Firebirds in January.

For three quarters the Ponies kept pace with the Firebirds, largely by the fearless play of guard Trent Clark and rebounding machine Ayden Leonard. Clark drove the ball into the lane with no regard for defenders, and more often than not was rewarded for his sheer will. Leonard established his position in the paint and anticipated

well in tallying offensive rebounds at a tremendous clip. Leonard and Clark accounted for a substantial amount of Chincoteague's points. Leonard finished with 21, and Clark added a hard-earned 19.

Despite an inspired effort by Chincoteague, Arcadia's seniors would not be denied in their regular season finale. Though they entered the court sporting yellow shirts proclaiming the exploits of an already successful season, the Firebirds still had much to play for, namely playoff seeding, as they seek to not only entertain a home game, but also secure a bye. Pride, too, played a factor, for they have been a very focused team throughout and are looking to maintain the momentum that has brought them to this point.

The Firebirds really started to separate themselves from the Ponies when they made a concerted effort to transition from 3-point shots to driving the lane with great speed and court awareness to find the open man for a layup. William Scarborough's 3's have been a dagger for many opponents this season and Wednesday was no exception, but he seemed to

serve his team best when he drew the attention of defenders in the paint and found teammates Lethon Williams, Jaden Hope, or Kamron Downing for easy looks.

When the Firebirds executed in this manner on offense, they seemed to rattle the Ponies and were better able to focus on another one of their season-long strengths, creating havoc for the opponent on the inbound. This combination helped the Firebirds score in bunches and offset difficulties they had with defensive rebounding, ultimately stretching what was largely a close game into a runaway fourth quarter.

Williams led all scorers with 23 points and was assisted in double

figures by Scarborough with 15 and Kevvin Collins with 11.

The loss dropped Chincoteague to 1-8 in league play, and 6-10 overall, but the intensity with which they played in the last month of the season certainly caught their opponents off guard, and was beyond respectable. After Wednesday's game, several Chincoteague players will walk away from the court, but they will return a solid core of athletes for the 2020-21 season.

Arcadia moves on. The playoff schedule has not yet been set, but the Firebirds will host a home game in Oak Hall and will rely on their seniors and crowd support to keep the journey alive.

The Firebirds will have over a week to tweak some inconsistencies, but coach Rodney Armstrong summed up the path they now face.

"It's win or go home," said Armstrong.

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Jackets Finish Undefeated in District

2/7/20 - GIRLS BASKETBALL
NORTHAMPTON 58
NANDUA 22

By Brennan Waldorf

The Northampton Lady Jackets finished their 2019-20 season with a perfect 9-0 record in district play. They defeated Nandua at home last Friday, Jan. 7, in the final district game of the year. Some player injuries have changed the course of their season but a strong back court should allow them to make a run in the region. They currently sit fourth in the region and were led by Maeyanna Delk with 27 points, Brianna Bochman recorded 9, and NaPria Brown added 8.

The Warriors developed players throughout the year and exceeded their wins from last year. They were



Nandua's Tynaija Kelley is swarmed by both friends and foes after a defensive rebound. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

led by freshman Khe'Mani Sample with 8 points, Brittany Dennis finished with 4, and Mackenzie Vestal finished with 3.

Northampton Extends Winning Streak

2/5/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL
NORTHAMPTON 79
CHINCOTEAGUE 62

2/7/20 - BOYS BASKETBALL
NORTHAMPTON 72
NANDUA 60

By Brennan Waldorf

The Yellow Jackets extended their winning streak to five and finish district play with a 7-2 record.

The Jackets were prolific against Chincoteague, spreading the ball evenly on offense, backed by strong rebounding. They rolled past the Ponies 79-60 and had four players finish in double digits. Bradyn Washington finished with a double-double, recording 20 points and 10 rebounds. Vonte Coston had 20 points, six rebounds,

and six assists. Ahmad Scarborough finished with 15 points, seven rebounds, and four assists, Quincy Washington tallied 14 points, five rebounds, and four steals.

Chincoteague fought valiantly in the contest with tough front-court play by Ayden Leonard matched by a relentless attack by point guard Trent Clark. Clark lead all scorers with 24 points, Leonard finished with 18, and Brandon Bundick added 12.

Northampton finished district play on the road with a win over the Nandua Warriors on Feb. 7. The Yellow Jackets currently sit in third place in the Region and have a 14-6 record on the season. During the Friday rival game, they were led by Vonte Coston with 22 points, five rebounds, and four assists. Ahmad Scarborough had 19 points, eight rebounds, and five steals. Quincy Washington finished with 11 points and six rebounds.



Ahmad Scarborough gets it to go on a well-defended basket during the Feb. 5 game against Chincoteague. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

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SPORTS SHORTS

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.

Come out and support the Lady Firebirds.

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.

Anglers Club to Hold Annual Banquet

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold its Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 7, at the Onancock Elks Lodge at 22454 Front St. in Accomack.

The popular event, which has had as many as 125 attendees, starts at 5:30 p.m. with a roast beef and crab cake dinner, and will include door prizes

for each attendee as well as a live auction of a large and awesome array of fine art, decoys, crafts, fishing gear, and other items. Proceeds from the auction help fund the club's youth fishing activities.

Tickets cost \$25 for adult members, \$31 for adult non-members, and \$12.50 for children 12 and under. They can be obtained from banquet chairman Marty Bull by calling 757-710-4568 before Feb. 28. No tickets are sold at the door.

Free Safety and Marksmanship Training for Shore Youth

The Eastern Shore Rifle Team will be holding free safety and marksmanship training starting March 21, at noon, rain or shine. The entrance to the NOAAWIVA range is 300 yards due east from T's Corner, on the south side of Chincoteague Road.

Participants must wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and a billed cap.

Equipment, snacks, and drinks will be provided. For more information call 757-442-3013 or 757-710-0294.

Shore Little League Registration Dates

The Shore Little League will be holding registration for baseball and softball. Online registrations are being accepted now at www.shorelittleleague.org. Documents needed include birth certificate and proof of residency.

The registration fee is \$60 per player for ages 4-16. A fee of \$10 will be added to registrations after March 14. The fee is reduced to a rate of \$100 if two or more children, age 4-16, are registering until March 14.

The dates for registration are as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 29, 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Opening Day will be on April 4. For more information, email shorelittleleague@verizon.net.



Paschall Signs Letter

Nicholas Paschall, son of Richard and Elizabeth Paschall, signs a letter of commitment to play football at Cornell University this fall. He is the grandson of Pete and Sue Paschall of Belle Haven and the great-grandson of the late J. Carroll and Helen Taylor of Pungoteague. Nicholas is an All-State (TN), first team linebacker, an All-Star baseball player, a member of the National Honor Society and a classically trained pianist. Submitted photo.

This Week's Boating Safety Tips

Safe Boating Tips From the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

One of the most difficult and dangerous boat-handling situations involves finding yourself in fairly heavy following seas. This will almost always be the case coming into an inlet from the ocean. The specific definition of a heavy sea depends on the size of your boat relative to the wave height and wave period.

Wave height is defined as the difference between the crest of the wave and its nearby trough. If you are 6 feet tall standing in a wave trough and the crest of the wave reaches the top of your head, then you are in 6-foot seas.

Wave period is the time between crests or troughs. The period is possibly more dangerous since waves with shorter periods will impact your boat more rapidly.

Finally, wave height will increase rapidly in shallower waters, because the bottom of the wave will slow down as the water gets shallower. Even small waves are likely to crest and possibly fall over on top of your boat. Handling is critical.

If you are going to enter a situation with a following sea put on your life jacket and make sure your crew is wearing theirs. As you begin to maneuver toward the inlet keep your boat moving at a 45-degree angle to the waves so they roll under you.

Once you enter the following sea, never try to outrun the wave action. Adjust your speed so you are riding along the backside of the wave.

If the wave moves ahead of you, change course slightly so the boat is heading at a 45-degree angle allowing the following wave to roll under your boat.

If you must top a wave, don't change course. The bow will dig into the wave, slowing you down, and the next wave is likely to flip you over. Instead, allow the boat to go straight down the face of the wave where you may bury the bow in the back of the wave in front, but the next wave will not flip you over. When you must maneuver always do it on the backside of a wave as you are climbing toward the crest. Don't race these waves or you will be asking for trouble. And remember: a life jacket is your on-water seat belt, wear one whenever you are afloat.

*Local aids notices: Chesapeake Bay Southern Approach lighted Buoy 13 and York River rear range light are both extinguished.

These boating safety tips are a public service by Flotilla 12-02 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. If you want to learn more about our topics, become a better boater, or help the Coast Guard, check out uscgaux.org, or contact John Evans at 757-442-7029. Or come to our next flotilla meeting on Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., at the Exmore firehouse.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: THIS IS US!

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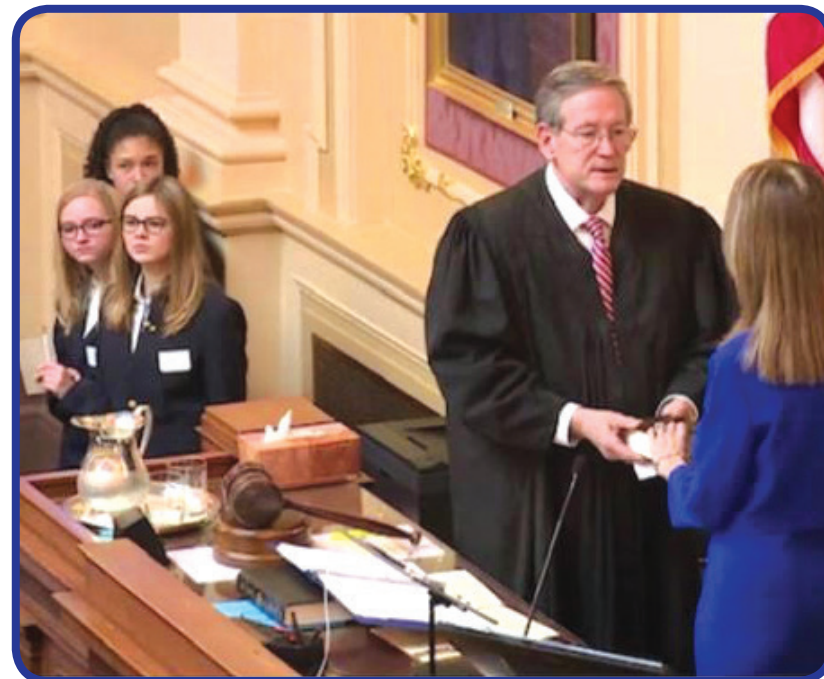
Occohannock Elementary School second graders take a Whale and Wildlife Sea Adventure cruise with their teacher, Beth Thornes, to search for dolphins, seals, seabirds and migrating whales.



Kiptopeke Elementary School students use the Scratch Jr. learning app, helped by a volunteer educator from WHRO's STEM van.



Northampton High School senior Noah Lewis (second from right) interviews NASCAR driver Denny Hamlin. In February, Noah will be covering the 2020 Daytona 500.



Northampton Middle School student Ryann Flournoy (first from left) serves as a page during the opening ceremonies of this year's Virginia General Assembly.

You Make My Heart Pop



By Laura Davis

Valentine's Day is just a week away. For me, it's never been a big romantic holiday. Sure, just like any gal, I enjoy pretty red roses and rich, indulgent chocolates. However, I honestly look forward to checking off the names on the class valentine's lists with my little ones, and making sweet treats to share with them all.

Growing up, my family always had a valentine's box. It was a banker's box (or something similar) with a slot cut on the

top. My mom covered it in a wrapping paper that we then embellished with hearts and decorations. It usually came out the first week in February and the whole family added treats for everyone.

On Valentine's Day we all opened it together and enjoyed our goodies. I've carried this tradition on to my boys and they always really look forward to it. I love it being a family-friendly holiday, and it seems like they do too. I opt to stay home and make a heart-shaped meatloaf, another Valentine tradition I've carried on from my mom.

If you're looking for something special to share with the sweet friends in

your life, look no further than these fun marshmallow heart pops. They're easy, not too much of a mess, and wrapped in a plastic sleeve (usually available in the baking aisle in the craft department) and tied with a pretty piece of twine or ribbon - they make such a memorable little gift.

Look for marshmallow shaped hearts in the holiday section of the store, but if you can't find them regular marshmallows would work in a pinch.

Happy Valentine's Day, ESVA!

Laura Davis is a food writer/photographer based on Chincoteague Island. Her work has been featured in publications such as Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Taste of Home, and Savor Virginia. She blogs about food, drinks,



Valentine's Marshmallow Pops

- (2) packages Peep marshmallow hearts
- (1) cup bittersweet chocolate, chopped (or semi-sweet chips)
- (2) teaspoons vegetable shortening
- lollipop sticks

colored Valentine sprinkles



Line 2 baking sheets with parchment or wax paper, set aside.

Place chocolate and shortening in a glass bowl, and place over a bowl of simmering water to create a double boiler. Carefully stir until chocolate has completely melted

Place each Peep heart on a lollipop stick, and carefully dip half of the heart into the chocolate mixture. Let excess chocolate drip off, and place on

a prepared baking sheet. Repeat with 4 or 5 lollipops, then apply the sprinkles and let cool and chocolate harden

Repeat process with remaining lollipops

Peep lollipops fit perfectly in standard size lollipop bags, if giving as gifts. The bags can be found in the cake decorating section of most grocery stores. Tie closed with a pretty ribbon or baker's twine.

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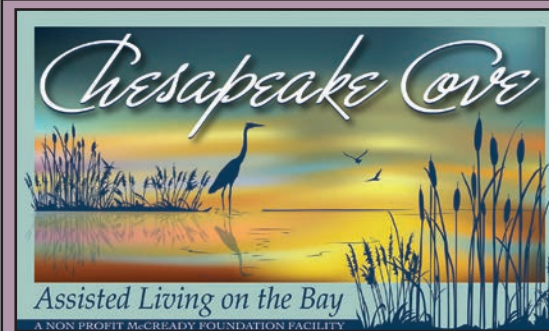
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Second Annual Sweethearts on Parade at Hare Valley

The Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging held its second annual Sweethearts on Parade at the Hare Valley Senior Center in Exmore Feb. 12. Guests enjoyed lunch, poetry, music, and line dancing such as the electric slide (center). Below are a few of the sweethearts who attended.



Barbara Willis



Sue Jarvis Booth



Geraldine Moorefield



Samuel Nottingham



Cleo Trower



Photos by
Stefanie
Jackson



Felicia Moore and Sarah Erwin



Mildred Smith



Elnora Beach



Dorothy Wynder



Peggy Bruce-Gray

VETERANS' CORNER

Veteran Spotlight and Veterans' News



Story by Alexander Hightower

Veteran Spotlight



Dale Tibbs

Eastern Shore, meet U.S. Marine Veteran Dale Tibbs, of Franktown. Tibbs served on active duty in the Marines from 1978 to 1981 as a combat engineer. His assignments included Marine Bases Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, N.C. For the past 20 years, he has worked in and around construction and is a qualified construction superintendent. Tibbs originally hails from Christiansburg, Va. He enjoys building and fishing. If you see him in passing, say hello and thank him for his service.

Veterans' News

DoD SkillBridge Program: For our men and women in uniform, the transition from military to civilian life can be difficult, especially when finding his or her next career. The Department of Defense (DoD) has developed a professional bridge that allows service members to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days of service. SkillBridge

program connects service members with industry partners in real-world job experiences.

SkillBridge provides an invaluable chance to work and learn in civilian career areas. For industry partners, SkillBridge is an opportunity to access and leverage the world's most highly trained and motivated workforce at no cost. Members participating in SkillBridge program receive their military compensation and benefits, and industry partners provide the training and work experience.

Separating service members can be granted up to 180 days of permissive duty to focus solely on training full time with approved industry partners after unit commander (first O-4/Field Grade commander in chain of command) provides written authorization and approval.

There are over 50 authorized SkillBridge organizations working with the DoD. In the Hampton Roads area under the SkillBridge program service members can train with Solar Ready Vets, Veterans in Piping, Onward to Opportunity, Virginia Natural Gas Training Program, Machining Skills Certification Program, Digital Court Reporting Program, CVS Leadership Development Program, HIRE VETS NOW Fellowship Program, Home Builders Institute Construction Trades Training, and the Microsoft Software and Systems Academy.

For more information, visit <https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov/contacts.htm> and apply under the "Interested Service Member" link.

Applications open for community organizations to apply for millions in adaptive sports grants to support community reintegration for disabled veterans: The VA is accepting applications through March 17 for up to \$15 million in grants for civic groups providing adaptive sports and therapeutic recreational opportunities to



The Last Ride

The remains of Air Force Lt. Col. Paul K. Voss were transported from Dover Air Force Base to Hampton Roads on Tuesday, Feb. 11, escorted down the Delmarva Peninsula by law enforcement vehicles from Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

Fire and EMS units paid their respects as the procession passed by several locations on the Eastern Shore, including near Four Corner Plaza in Onley. Veterans groups were also stationed at points along the route. Voss and Capt. Rylan S. Phaneuf, 30, of New Hampshire, were killed Jan. 27 in the crash of their E-11A battlefield communications aircraft in Ghazni province, Afghanistan. Voss, 46, of Guam, was assigned to Air Combat Command headquarters at Joint Base Langley-Eustis. Phaneuf was assigned to the 37th Bomb Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

Photo by Carol Vaughn.

veterans and members of the armed forces with disabilities.

These grants will help qualified organizations plan, develop, manage, and implement these programs through the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program.

In 2019, the VA awarded \$14.9 million in adaptive sports grants to 126 organizations, estimated to serve more than 11,000 veterans and service members. Of the total awarded, \$1.5 million is being used to assist organizations that offer equine-assisted therapy to support mental health.

All applications must be submitted to www.grants.gov by 8 p.m. EST, March 17. The VA will announce awards based on a competitive selection in fall 2020.

Corporate Gray Military Friendly Job Fair: Transitional service members and veterans of the Eastern Shore seeking employment should consider coming across the bay to attend the

next Corporate Gray Hiring Event on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, Va. Corporate Gray Job Fairs offers military communities throughout Virginia the opportunity to meet face-to-face with military-friendly employers. The upcoming hiring events is free for all job seekers, especially those transitioning service members and veterans of all ranks and branches of service. There will be over 50 companies represented.

Local Veteran News

Veterans Workshop: Workshops are held every third Tuesday of the month. The workshop is held at the Virginia Employment Commission in Onley. All service members, veterans, dependents, and survivors are welcome to attend this event on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon.



CES Students Win Stock Market Competition

The Chincoteague Elementary School stockmarket.org team won the state competition for The Fall Game. The team students from CES were Grayson Bohl and Shyla Doughty, pictured above, who were advised by Mrs. Herman, the Talented and Gifted Teacher. They were in competition against 721 teams including high schools and middle schools. The students will travel to Richmond, Va., on May 15, for a celebration and luncheon at the Federal Reserve Bank.

MILEPOSTS

Marriages
Births
Awards



Marriage Licenses Issued

- Otis Wayne Evans Jr., 45, and Karen Rene Charnock, 51, both of Wachapreague
- Cosme Borjas Lara, 39, and Jennifer Lynn Holderfield, 38, both of Exmore
- Kurt Joseph Dean, 55, and Jean Marie Hicks, 54, both of Bloxom



Northampton January Students of the Month

The Northampton High School January students of the month are pictured above with Principal Mike Myers (far left) and Assistant Principal Heather Marsh (far right): Ivory Sellers, Zacora Washington, Sarah Marshall, Gavin Brittingham, and Nasir Marrow.

Send your mileposts and community events to angie@easternshorepost.com

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BID DOCUMENTS DEMOLITION OF DERELICT STRUCTURES

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission is soliciting the services of a licensed and insured demolition contractor for the demolition of nine derelict residential structures located within the Town of Exmore. The deadline for the submittal of bids is Friday, March 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. A **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at the site on **Monday, February 24, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** Firms interested in receiving a copy of the Invitation to Bid and Scope of Work should contact the:

Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission
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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 accommodations, will be Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Center.

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 Cape Charles Memorial Library Townwide Book Read Book Discussion of "Advise and Consent" by Allen Drury will be Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., 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 442-4687 or email eshabitat@verizon.net

Cheriton

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.

Greenbackville

Supervisor Ron Wolff will host a county forum Monday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m., at the Captains Cove Community Center. The guest speaker will be 9-1-1 Director Jeff Flournoy.

Machipongo

A whole farm planning workshop will be held Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Barrier Islands Center. This educational workshop is free and open to the public. Space is limited. To register, go to www.ext.vsu.edu/calendar, click on

the event, and then click on the registration link.

A basic beekeeping workshop will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Barrier Islands Center.

State Apiarist Keith Tignor will provide classroom instruction on: Colony Collapse Disorder, pollinator protection plan, grants, and more. This educational workshop is free and open to the public. Space is limited. To register, go to www.ext.vsu.edu/calendar, click on the event, and then click on the registration link.

Libraries Closed

THE CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY, NORTHAMPTON FREE LIBRARY, EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND LIBRARY WILL ALL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEB. 17, FOR PRESIDENTS DAY, AND FEB. 19 AND 20 FOR STAFF TRAINING.

Burn Law In Effect Saturday

The Virginia Department of Forestry announced the Commonwealth's 4 p.m. Burn Law goes into effect Saturday, Feb. 15. The law prohibits burning before 4 p.m. each day until April 30 if the fire is in, or within 300 feet of, woodland, brush, or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials.

For more information, contact the local VDOF office or visit <http://dof.virginia.gov/laws/index.htm#FireLaws>

Heating Assistance Available

Applications for crisis heating assistance are being accepted through Monday, March 16, from the Virginia Department of Social Services' Energy Assistance Program (EAP). Crisis assistance is designed to help households overcome energy emergencies that cannot be met by other resources. An energy emergency is determined when a household has no heat or is in imminent danger of being without heat. The following examples would constitute an energy emergency: • lack of heat • cut-off of primary heat utility is imminent • inoperable or unsafe heating equipment.

Families and individuals can apply through CommonHelp by calling the Enterprise Customer Service Center at 1-855-635-4370, or through the local department of social services. Assistance varies and may include: payment of security deposit for primary heat utility, purchase of primary home heating fuel, payment of primary heat utility bill, repair of heating equipment, replacement of heating equipment, or provision of supplemental heating equipment/maintenance. To qualify, the maximum gross monthly income for a one-person household cannot exceed \$1,354. For a household of four, the maximum gross monthly income is \$2,790. For more information on the EAP, visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/index.cgi>

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ACPS Closed Monday

Superintendent Chris Holland announced that Accomack County Public Schools will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, in observance of Presidents Day. Classes will resume a regular schedule on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

**FRIDAY
FEB. 14**

★noon - **AA mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock
 ★6 p.m. - Fridays at Lemon Tree: **Love Songs** - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles - 331-4327
 ★7 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Rd., Eastville
 ★7 p.m. - **Life Teach Series** - Rachel Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
 ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven - doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Happy Valentine's Day!

**SATURDAY
FEB. 15**

★9 a.m.-noon - **Winter Farmers and Artisans Market** - downtown Onancock
 ★10 a.m.-noon - **Drop-In Art Show** - Ward Museum, Salisbury, Md. - 410-742-4988 x110
 ★noon - **AA and Al-Anon mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
 ★noon and 7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
 ★7:30 p.m. - **My Funny Valentine Cabaret** - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles - \$18/adults, \$8/students - 331-4327
 ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**POST TIMES
Feb. 14-20**



**SUNDAY
FEB. 16**

★10 a.m. - **Black History Service** - Tabernacle Baptist Church, Horntown
 ★11 a.m. - **Meditation Group** - Train Station, Onley
 ★1 p.m. - **Conversation Cafe with Wendy Higgins** - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles - 331-4327
 ★3 p.m. - **Greek Day** - New Mission UMC, Birdsnest
 ★4 p.m. - **Life Recovery of E.S. mtg.** - Rock Church, Melfa

**MONDAY
FEB. 17**

★10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **E.S. Quilt Guild mtg.** - Drummondtown UMC, Accomac - community service projects - 201-317-0586
 ★1-4 p.m. - **CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday: Card, Word, and Board Games** - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague
 ★5:30-6:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
 ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Elks Lodge, Tasley
 ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Cape Charles Rescue
 ★6-9 p.m. - **GED Class** - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
 ★6:15 p.m. - **Central Shore Lions Club mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
 ★6:30 p.m. - **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. - **Accomack Cty. Taxpayers' Assn. mtg.** - Accomack County Administration Bldg.

**TUESDAY
FEB. 18**

★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 a.m.-noon - **Veterans' Workshop** - Virginia Employment Commission, Onley - 787-5862
 ★10:30 a.m. - **Duplicate Bridge** - Island House, Wachapreague - 787-2432
 ★10:30 a.m. - **Play Time** - Pocomoke City Library
 ★noon-2 p.m. - **Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen** - Ebenezer Baptist Church, 9504 Occohannock Neck Rd., Exmore - 710-8528
 ★1 p.m. - **Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg.** - Cape Charles Baptist Church Fidelis House
 ★6 p.m. - **Rachel Leah Ministries** - 787-2486 (call for location)
 ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
 ★6-7:30 p.m. - **Girl Scouts mtg.** - Craddockville UMC
 ★6-8 p.m. - **Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Pungoteague Elementary - 789-1761
 ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
 ★6:30 p.m. - **Financial Workshop** - Anointed Word of Deliverance COGIC, Melfa - 350-5039
 ★7 p.m. - **Cape Charles Townwide Read Book Discussion of "Advise and Consent"** - Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave.
 ★7 p.m. - **AACA Accomack-Northampton Region mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-4843 - social at 6 p.m.
 ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Cheriton VFC - smoke free
 ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Atlantic UMC

**WEDNESDAY
FEB. 19**

★7:45 a.m. - **Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
 ★10 a.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-3635
 ★10-11 a.m. - **Alzheimer's Caregiving Group** - Commonwealth Senior Living, 23610 North St., Onancock - 1-800-272-3900
 ★10 a.m.-noon - **Accomack AARP mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
 ★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 - 655-4834
 ★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen** - Corner Stone Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore
 ★11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - **Debedeavon Toastmasters' mtg.** - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access
 ★5-7 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet** - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
 ★5:30-6:30 p.m. - **Free Meals for the Hungry** - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - 442-6391
 ★6-7 p.m. - **Prayer Line Open** - St. Matthew's Church, Onley - Call 665-7403, 387-7021, or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
 ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Cape Charles Rescue
 ★6-9 p.m. - **GED Class** - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
 ★6:30 p.m. - **E.S. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #62 mtg.** - Market St. Grill, Onancock - 709-5212
 ★6:45 p.m. - **Bingo** - St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Onley - doors open at 5:30 p.m.
 ★7 p.m. - **AA and Al-Anon mtgs.** - Franktown UMC
 ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Painter VFC

**THURSDAY
FEB. 20**

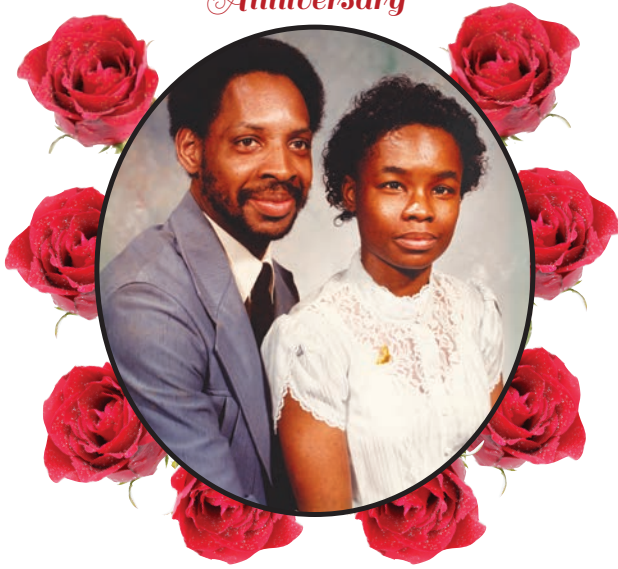
★10:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library
 ★2 p.m. - **Parkinson's Support Group** - YMCA, Onley
 ★2 p.m. - **African American Genealogy** - Pocomoke City Library
 ★5:30 p.m. - **Shore Losers mtg.** - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - \$1/wk.
 ★5:30 p.m. - **TOPS VA-550 mtg.** - 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. - **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, 5252 Woodland Dr.
 ★7 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Painter Garrison UMC
 ★8 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

Eastern Shore Trading POST

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Announcements

Deborah J. Wessells
Happy 37th
Anniversary



Our anniversary - it's another year I will shed a little tear. You are now an angel and your loss is painful. From the first moment we met, we fell in love - full and divine intervention from above. Death will not destroy the love that connects us both, I plight thee my 'troth. We may be apart, but you are always in my heart. The memories we made together will stay in my mind forever. Happy Anniversary.




Love, your husband: Tyrone, son: T.W., daughters: Tyrontha, Renae, grandkids: Boogie, La'Meere, Jordan, Carmel, Desi, Derrick, Brandon & Germauri

Happy
Valentine's Day,
Colton

To our little angel
in Heaven, we
love and miss you
so much.

Dad, Papa, and
Boo Boo



We, the Sample family of Charles Sinclair Sample, wish to personally thank you for your kind words and expressions of love and support during this difficult time. Although Charles is no longer with us, his bright smile, infectious voice of laughter and song will forever be inscribed in our thoughts and in our hearts. To all his many friends - those he worked with, his caregivers, and all of the beautiful voices he has sung with - thank you for the kindness you have shown to our dear brother until the end of his journey. It is truly a comfort to our family. He adored you all and we love you always - keep the faith!

Submitted by Shirley S. Jordan, brothers, and sister
~ The Sample Family ~



Happy 1st
Valentine's
Day,
Ivy Marie!

You will ALWAYS
have our hearts!

with MUCH LOVE,
Mama, Dada,
Nanny, Grandpa,
Aunt Ashley, Aunt
Cici, and
Aunt Ape Ape



This precious
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for adoption
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Onley. Stop by
today to give
a pet a forever
home!

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Louie

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No need to say more
Save \$500.00 off with this Coupon
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We miss you as
much today as
we did the day
you left us.
Keep the lights
turned on in
Heaven for us -
We'll see you
soon enough.

Jerry Rouse
11/1/1944-2/13/2008

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• Got a boat or truck you want to sell? •
• Put it in the Eastern Shore Post for •
• only \$30 until sold. •
• Call Angie at 757.789.7678. •
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Help Wanted

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 speak and read English.
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ATTENTION! 
 HVAC Hiring refrigeration
 assistant
 Training available
 Must be able to work 7am
 for 5 days consecutively
 and be on time
 Overtime available
 757-442-4428

Greenwood Cemetery Inc. is looking for someone in lawn maintenance, which includes cutting grass, weed eating, and additional work around the cemetery. Must have valid driver's license and dependable transportation. You may apply in person at Fox Insurance Agency, 10477 Lankford Hwy., Temperanceville, VA.

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

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>

The County of Accomack is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

The Town of Cape Charles is accepting applications for a Police Officer. Duties consist of providing a full range of law enforcement services to the Town, working closely with the public, enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and ordinance of the Town of Cape Charles. Applicants must have an unblemished record and character, possess a valid Virginia Driver's License, be committed to the highest level of professionalism and excellence, and successfully complete a background investigation. A current DCJS law enforcement certification preferred and 5+ years of police experience a plus. Salary DOQ. Submit resume and a Town Employment Application to the Town Clerk, 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 or by email to clerk@capecharles.org by February 28, 2020. An employment application is available for download at www.capecharles.org. Submittals without a Town Employment Application will not be considered.

Call 789-7678 for Classifieds

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING TO HIRE CERTIFIED FLAGGERS.

If you are not certified, we can do that for you. Please call Labor Finders to schedule an appointment @ 757.490.4590. Must have 2 valid IDs. Must have your own transportation!

*** A clean MVR is a plus.

EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.
 is currently recruiting

Business Assistant/Interpreter/ Translator for the

Atlantic and Eastville Community Health Center

Be the first to welcome ESRHS patients to our centers! Register patients, schedule appointments, create claims, answer the phone and provide outstanding customer service.

Requires a high school diploma or the equivalent. Work experience in a medical or business office preferred. Individual must be professional, self-motivated and have strong attention to detail, communication, teamwork, customer service and computer skills. Must be bilingual in English and Spanish for the interpreter/translator position.

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 hr@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

Eastern Shore Rural Health offers a competitive benefits package and our campuses are Tobacco-Free Workplaces. EOE/M/F/Disability/Vet



Town Planner, Town of Cape Charles

The Town of Cape Charles is seeking a Town Planner. Serves under the general direction of the Town Manager and is responsible for long and short term planning activities, state legislation, environmental rules and regulations, and other statutory guidelines. Leads the plan review process and comprehensive planning, analyzes and interprets the Town Code as it relates to planning, development and land use. Consults with other agencies, county, state and federal government; provides staff support to the Town Council, Planning Commission and other Town Boards. Excellent communicator, effective decision maker and strategic thinker with demonstrated leadership skills; ability to plan and execute multiple complex projects simultaneously; bachelor's degree (master's preferred) in urban planning, public administration or closely related field and a minimum of 2 years of experience in professional planning at local govt. level or any combination of training and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. E&S certification, AICP Certification and experience using ArcGIS are preferred. Salary DOQ/DOE (pay grade minimum \$51,106 annual), plus benefits. Submit a cover letter, resume, three current professional references, and Town employment application (available at www.capecharles.org under Employment Opportunities or by calling 757-331-3259 ext. 24) to the Town Clerk, 2 Plum St., Cape Charles, VA 23310 by March 6, 2020. Resumes without a Town employment application will not be considered.

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
 - Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)
 - Full-time & Part-time Mental Health Facility Technician
- ~ FT benefits package includes Paid Maternity Leave

~ The ESCSB is a NHSC approved site for the Loan Repayment Program

For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB's website at www.escsb.org



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**Eastern Shore Literacy Council
Part-Time Executive Director**

The Eastern Shore Literacy Council is seeking a qualified and energetic individual to fulfill the role of Executive Director. The Executive Director is directly responsible for providing strategic leadership for the Eastern Shore Literacy Council. The Director is accountable to the Board of Directors for the organization's continuous achievement of its mission, goals, and objectives. The Director also serves as the key spokesperson, representative, and public face for the organization. This position will require 20-25 hours a week and rate of pay will depend upon qualifications and years of experience. Seeking professional with BS in Education related field and Administrative experience. Please contact ES Literacy or website for detailed job description. Send resume and list of references by email to director.esliteracy@es.vccs.edu or mail to 29300 Lankford Hwy., Melfa, Va. Position will stay open until filled.

THE EASTERN SHORE LITERACY COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

Interpreter Position-ESCSB

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is recruiting for an interpreter to provide Spanish translation on an as needed basis. This is a Contract Position – No Benefits. Please submit cover letter and resume to: ESCSB, P.O. Box 318, Tasley, VA 23441 or email: jobs@escsb.org

EXPERIENCED CLASS A CDL DRIVER

needed for hauling produce on the East Coast. Must have a current CDL & Medical Card. Clean driving record. Seasonal travel to FL required. Excellent equipment; competitive pay; medical benefits.
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Shore Christian Academy

is hiring for the following positions:
• Teacher • Substitute Teachers
• Principal/Administrator:
(P/T with F/T Potential)
Must Have Education Experience
Call 757-442-9791 for more information

**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

CLASS A CDL DRIVERS WANTED

- CLEAN DRIVING RECORD
- CURRENT DOT PHYSICAL
- TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- COMPETITIVE SALARY AND BENEFITS

**CONTACT JOHN AT MOORE'S TRUCKING LLC
15442 MERRY CAT LN., BELLE HAVEN, VA 23306
757-442-2734**

OR EMAIL JOHN.ANNIS@MOORESCOMPANIES.COM

Maintenance Worker

The Northampton County Public Works Department is looking to fill a full time Maintenance Worker position. The essential function of this position is to maintain County grounds and perform repairs and maintenance work to County buildings and equipment. Applicant should have knowledge and skills in moderate to complex carpentry work. Experience with operating heavy equipment (compact track loaders, backhoes, forklifts, etc.) is desired. Starting pay for this position is \$13.01/hr to \$15.77 depending on qualifications and experience. Requires valid Virginia driver's license. CDL is preferred or must obtain CDL within one year of employment, to be paid for by the County.

Job descriptions and applications are available online at www.co.northampton.va.us or at Northampton County Human Resources, 16404 Courthouse Road, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 (phone: 757/678-0440 x 551). Accepting applications until March 9, 2020. EOE.

Help Wanted

OFFICE ASSISTANT

* Monday-Friday (part-time & possible full-time in the future) Must have Quickbooks & Microsoft Office Exp. DOUGLAS REPAIRS, INC., SNOW HILL, MD. Call 410-632-1346 or 443-783-4125.

WEB DESIGNER & SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERT

needed. No pretenders need apply. Call 757-274-6983 & ask for Mr. Wolf.

CARPENTERS & CARPENTERS HELPERS

wanted w/min. 3-5 yrs. exp. Must have own tools & transportation. Pay based on exp. Email resumes to ron@rwharlow.com

DIESEL MECHANIC NEEDED

to work on heavy equipment. See Karen Gray at T&W Block, 21075 Washington Street, Onley, VA.

MILLWRIGHTS-PIPE FITTERS/WELDERS MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

* MIG - TIG - STICK * FT - PT and Weekends * Exp'd only. * Valid Driver's License and Transportation. Day shift and night shift positions. DOUGLAS REPAIRS, INC., SNOW HILL, MD. Call 410-632-1346 or 443-783-4125.

ENERGETIC, EXPERIENCED DIESEL TRUCK MECHANIC - must have or accuire class B CDL within 3 months. Good pay & benefits. Must be willing to work overtime when needed. please call shop supervisor. 442-7979.

Boats, Etc.

FREE BOAT - '89 Eagle Center Console 19' w/Long trailer. Titles for both. Needs work. 301-842-1102. c.kauffman@myactv.net

CHARTER BOAT \$15,000 OBO - 34' Delta-ville Dead-Rise \$15,000 obo - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718.

12-FT. DEEP V ALUMINUM BOAT - New 4-stroke 8 h.p. Yamaha (3 hrs. on motor), \$1,950. Call 757-678-2729 after 6 p.m.

'00 MAXUM 2800 SCR twin 4.3L V6 engines. Exc. cond. w/recent (2014) maintenance record. Many extras. \$16K OBO. Call 540-287-5047.

1997 EAGLE CENTER CONSOLE - Fiberglass, '04 Loadrite trailer, '02 90 hp Yamaha w/150 hrs., VHF, depth finder, all fishing gear, 3 elec. winches, internal bilge pump & gas tank, \$4,000. 757-336-5256 or 410-404-6066 (ask for Bob).

'01 18' TROPHY - Very good cond. + extras. Can be seen at K & E Marine, across from Perdue plant. \$11K. 757-678-3622.
4 CUSTOM DAIWA DEEP SEA RODS with 9 or 10 reels. \$450. 443-477-2407.



1988 Grady White 20', 225 h.p. Yamaha, 2 axle trailer. Ready to go. **REDUCED: \$7,000.** Call 757-824-5748.

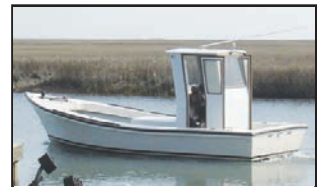
2014 14-FT. E-TENDER ROWBOAT - Never used, like new. \$1,750. Call 757-746-6136.

BOAT WHEELS - 4-blade, 1 pair, 19" x 23-1/2" shaft. **REDUCED \$400.** Call 757-999-3437 & leave msg.

2017 9.9 4-STROKE HONDA OUTBOARD - 25-in. shaft, electric start, new condition. \$2,000. Call 757-746-6136.

LUND \$3,800 - Alum. hull open fishing boat with Merc, 25hp 4 stroke OB on a Load-Rite galv. trlr. with elec. winch. Extras: trolling mtr., depth finder, rod holders, live well, cover, more. 757-824-4782 oystercarvr@aol.com

1959 15FT. CRUISERS INC. wood, Johnson outboard 50 w/trailer. This classic won't last long. \$5,000 OBO. Call (757) 787-4090.



'84 21-FT. KEN CRAFT - Pilot house, fresh water cooled, V8 inboard, pocket drive w/galvanized trailer. \$10,500. 757-665-6564.



27-ft. McGregor Sailboat - With sails, tiller, retractable skag, depth recorder for shallow water, trailer w/electric mast, wench. Exc. cond. **Reduced: \$2,100.** 757-710-7146

5-HP MEYERS SUBMERSIBLE WATER PUMP - Includes electrical box. Used less than 30 hrs \$950. 442-7677 & leave msg. **MERCURY OUTBOARD PROPELLER SS 22-PITCH** - Like new. \$450. 757-710-0070.

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'86 27.2-FT. O'DAY SAILBOAT - 9.9 Yamaha, 4-stroke. Sails good, sleeps 4. Galley & toilet. Trailer & new winch. Draws 2'11". **PRICE REDUCED: \$5,000 OBO.** Call Don at 757-656-8986.



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23-ft. 5-7 350 V8 (less than 50 hrs.) New stern drive (less than 10 hrs.) Great open deck, Cuddy Cabin, Loadrite trailer w/ pwr. winch, well kept, exc. cond. **Reduced: \$5,900.** 757-710-7146.

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1983 Pro-Time 20-ft. Cuddy Cabin, 2006 150 HP Yamaha V-WAX, 2009 float-on trailer, and many extras, exc. cond. \$15,000 OBO 518-369-9458

'87 18-FT. WINNER Center Console Boat with a 150 h.p. Mariner motor on a 1999 Star trailer. **REDUCED: \$2,900 OBO.** Call 757-710-3726.

34' DELTAVILLE DEAD-RISE \$28,500 OBO - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718. dat556@verizon.net www.ltbaycharters.com

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Misc. - For Sale

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2007 KAWAI CN4 digital piano w/ instruction book, headphones, and piano bench. Purchased new but used only 6 months. Headphones allow you to practice in private. Beautifully simulates concert grand piano, harpsicord, organ, and more. Ability to record. Purchased new for \$2,000 offered now for \$1,400. Call 757-787-3233.

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150-YEAR-OLD BOER WAR ENFIELD RIFLE Exc. condition. \$1,000 OBO. 410-245-0152.

WHIRLPOOL PROPANE WATER HEATER TANK Exc. cond., \$275. Located on Chincoteague. 804-218-1090.

30KW KOHLER GENERATOR - 4-cyl. diesel, 3-phase or 1-phase. \$3,500. Exc. shape. 787-1469.

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Real Estate

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School Board Clerk

Coal Kiln Road Property Sale Accomack County Invitation for Bids #729

The County of Accomack is accepting sealed bids for two
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map numbers are: 119-A-37A and 119-A-37A1. The prop-
erty is being sold "as is."

Interested persons may view the complete IFB on the
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Sealed bids may be delivered to the Accomack County
Administrator's Office, 23296 Courthouse Ave., Suite 203,
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County Finance Office, c/o Lucy Huffman, P.O. Box 620
Accomack, VA 23301 until **Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at
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Tract D, as shown on plat attached to deed recorded in Deed Book 188 at Page 101, 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.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT COMMISSION, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, TO ADD THE ENTIRE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, VIRGINIA TO SAID DISTRICT PURSUANT TO §21-291.2 OF THE 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE CHAPTER 66 OF THE 1960 ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, AS AMENDED.

CASE NO. CL20-73-00 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

This action comes before the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton on the Petition of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District to add to said District the entire geographic area of the County of Northampton, Virginia; a copy of which Petition is attached hereto.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, it is hereby ORDERED that a public hearing shall be held in this Court on the 30th day of March, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. on the question of the addition of the entire geographical area of the County of Northampton to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. At such hearing, the Court shall receive and hear any objections of interested persons to the addition of such territory to the District or to any defect in the Petition; and the Court may then or thereafter grant such petition with such modifications, if any, as it may deem advisable and which do not enlarge the territory proposed to be added to the District. All such objections shall be made in writing, in person or by attorney, and filed with the Court at or before the time or adjourned time of such hearing. Any such objections not so made shall be considered waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the area proposed to be added to the District, and shall also be posted in such public places within such area as shall be designated by this Court, the first of such publications and posting not to occur less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed hereby for a public hearing.

ENTERED THIS 6th day of February, 2020.

Traci L. Johnson
Clerk for the Circuit Court
for the County of Northampton

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS SANITATION DISTRICT COMMISSION, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, TO ADD THE ENTIRE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY OF THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA TO SAID DISTRICT PURSUANT TO § 21-291.2 OF THE 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE CHAPTER 66 OF THE 1960 ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, AS AMENDED.

CASE NO. 20CL186 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

This action comes before the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack on the Petition of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District to add to said District the entire geographic area of the County of Accomack, Virginia; a copy of which Petition is attached hereto.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, it is hereby ORDERED that a public hearing shall be held in this Court on the 31st day of March, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. on the question of the addition of the entire geographical area of the County of Accomack to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. At such hearing, the Court shall receive and hear any objections of interested persons to the addition of such territory to the District or to any defect in the Petition; and the Court may then or thereafter grant such petition with such modifications, if any, as it may deem advisable and which do not enlarge the territory proposed to be added to the District. All such objections shall be made in writing, in person or by attorney, and filed with the Court at or before the time or adjourned time of such hearing. Any such objection not so made shall be considered waived.

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ENTERED THIS 11th day of February, 2020.

Caretta S. Duncan
Clerk for the Circuit Court
for the County of Accomack

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
Zoning Administrator

The Cape Charles Town Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Cape Charles Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive comment on the following: 1) a conditional use permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 333 Madison Avenue; 2) a conditional use permit to allow an accessory dwelling unit at 636 Carousel Place.

The applications are available for public review on www.capecharles.org, under Agendas and Minutes/Town Council, and in the Town Planner's Office, located at 2 Plum Street, during regular business hours. Please contact Town Planner Zach Ponds at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

**NOTICE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

On March 16, 2020, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the Town of Onancock, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes

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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 – Accomack, 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 Accomack, Virginia. Handicapped assistance is available. Please call (757) 787-5728.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Cape Charles Wetlands and Coastal Dune Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cape Charles Civic Center, located at 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive comment on an application for revetment of an eroding dune contiguous to the beach at tax map #90-2-1A in Bay Creek. The Wetlands and Coastal Dunes Board will have a meeting to vote on the application immediately following the public hearing.

Information on the applications can be viewed on-line at www.capecharles.org under Agendas and Minutes, in the Planner's Office at 2 Plum Street, or obtained by phone at 757-331-2036, or email to planner@capecharles.org

For handicap assistance, please call the number above at least 48 hours in advance.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Cape Charles Civic Center, located at 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comment on a request for a variance from the side yard setback requirement in Section 3.2.G.1.b on lots 172D and 169D, tax map #s 83A1-1-172D and 83A1-1-169D. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the request. The application is available for public review in the Town Planner's Office, located at 2 Plum Street, during regular business hours. Please contact Town Planner Zach Ponds at 757-331-2036, or by email planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of groundwater in Accomack County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 14, 2020 to March 16, 2020

PERMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Aldon Justice; 7129 Coardtown Rd, New Church, VA 23415; GW0079300

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Robin's Nest; 7129 Coardtown Rd, New Church, VA 23415

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Aldon Justice has applied for a new permit to supply water to a poultry farm in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 10,410 gallons per day. The groundwater withdrawal will supply water for drinking and cooling for poultry. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at a depth between 125 feet and 200 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on maps that can be viewed at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/WaterWithdrawalPermittingandCompliance/Current-PublicNotices/DraftWaterWithdrawalPermits.aspx>

How to comment AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** C. Erinn Tisdale; DEQ Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-698-4066; Email: c.erinn.tisdale@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: 804-698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above {by appointment}.

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of groundwater in Accomack County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 14, 2020 to March 16, 2020

PERMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Ngu Ba Do; 7903 Easy Street, Yakima, WA 98903; GW0074800

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Johnathan Farm; 18016 Killmontown Rd, Melfa, VA 23410

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Ngu Ba Do has applied for a new permit to supply water to a poultry farm in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 33,151 gallons per day. The groundwater withdrawal will supply water for drinking and cooling for poultry. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Lower Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at a depth between 255 feet to 296 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on maps that can be viewed at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/WaterWithdrawalPermittingandCompliance/Current-PublicNotices/DraftWaterWithdrawalPermits.aspx>

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Thomas Pruitt has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to anchor up to 300, approximately 16 square foot aquaculture floats within a 600-foot by 330-foot area on oyster ground leased by Michael J. and William B. Pruitt (Plat File # 21346) in Back Creek, near Parkers Marsh, Accomack County. The floats will be used to grow aquaculture shellfish. The project location is near N37° 44.5403', W75° 48.3901'.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacobs have applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install a 275-foot long oyster castle sill with two (2) 10-foot openings adjacent to your property along Matchotank Creek at 25089 Tilghman Road in the Broadway Neck area of Accomack County.

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Northampton County will receive sealed Proposals for the 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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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 14, 2020 to March 16, 2020

PERMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Steve Hoang; 12215 Dalebury Court, Houston, Texas 77066; GW0079200

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: H&H Poultry Farm; 364 Sherwood Dr., Hallwood, VA 23359

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Steve Hoang has applied for a new permit to supply water to a poultry farm in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 32,328 gallons per day. The groundwater withdrawal will supply water for drinking and cooling for poultry. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at a depth between 225 feet and 260 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on maps that can be viewed at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/WaterWithdrawalPermittingandCompliance/Current-PublicNotices/DraftWaterWithdrawalPermits.aspx>

HOW TO COMMENT AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** C. Erinn Tisdale; DEQ Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-698-4066; E-mail: c.erinn.tisdale@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: 804-698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above (by appointment).

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of groundwater in Accomack County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 14, 2020 to March 16, 2020

PERMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Minh Thanh Luu; 28460 Beacon Rd., Melfa, VA 23410; GW0076100

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Steven Farm; 28460 Beacon Rd., Melfa, VA 23410

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Minh Thanh Luu has applied for a new permit to supply water to a poultry farm in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 33,342 gallons per day. The groundwater withdrawal will supply water for drinking and cooling for poultry. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Lower Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at a depth between 255 feet to 296 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on maps that can be viewed at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/WaterWithdrawalPermittingandCompliance/Current-PublicNotices/DraftWaterWithdrawalPermits.aspx>

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APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Tri M. Nguyen; 12418 Taylorville Lane., Houston, TX 77070; GW0079100

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Anna Farm; 24164 Mary N. Smith Rd., Greenbush, VA 23357

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Tri M. Nguyen has applied for a new permit to supply water to a poultry farm in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 40,273 gallons per day. The groundwater withdrawal will supply water for drinking and cooling for poultry. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at a depth between 200 feet to 243 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on maps that can be viewed at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/WaterWithdrawalPermittingandCompliance/Current-PublicNotices/DraftWaterWithdrawalPermits.aspx>

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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:

- 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

**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.

Budget Amendment: To reappropriate in FY20, FY19 encumbrances still open at 6/30/2019.

Source of funds:		Use of funds:	
Unexpended FY19 school division local funds classified as unassigned		Appropriate funds for encumbrances for school projects	
	\$ 2,398,730		\$ 2,398,730
fund balance in School Fund			
Total	\$ 2,398,730	Total	\$ 2,398,730

Michael T. Mason, CPA
County Administrator

Chairman, Accomack County Board of Supervisors

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 19-267

vs.

TRACY ANN MEARS, et als, etc.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

All that tract of land in Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, designated as Tax Map Number 101A-A-104.

standing in the name of Tracy Ann Mears and Rebecca Lorraine Bloxom, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Rebecca Lorraine Bloxom, whose last known post office address is 12015 Washington Street, Exmore, VA 23350; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Christopher Carlton Mears, III; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit, whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Christopher Carlton Mears, III.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before March 20, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 6th day of February, 2020
Lauren M. Brown, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this:
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VSB 016017
Attorney at Law
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Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)898-7000

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 Corp., 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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Counsel for the Plaintiff

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:

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.

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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.

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CAPITAL LETTERS



By Del. Rob Bloxom

The best news from Richmond this past week is that a so called “bad bill” HB 1422 resulted in being what I would call a “good bill.”

This is the watershed implementation plan for Virginia to meet its next goal of clean water in the Chesapeake Bay for the year 2025. The original bill had hard, punishable deadlines for our farmers to meet stringent requirements. If they did not accomplish our nutrient reduction goals, then all practices would be mandated with no cost-share guarantee.

After some negotiation, the bill that emerged was one that acknowledged the reduction goals that needed to be reached

by 2025. It took into account the state’s responsibility that the goals could not be met without technical assistance and steady cost share money, along with flexibility needed to implement the plans.

In other news, on the House side, gun control took the greater part of the news headlines. Bans on certain types of weapons and restrictions on magazine size, along with other gun accessories dominated other matters. However, there are many more issues that will probably have a larger effect on our daily lives and that will pass through the House committees. Bills that would increase gas taxes, electricity rates, and even a tax for plastic bags were passed in the House. Government employees’ unionization and minimum wage increases, along with hiring additional attorneys in the Attorney General’s office, are bills that go against busi-

ness, in that they raise the cost of doing business. The attorneys that are going to be hired have the purpose of finding and prosecuting businesses for discrimination as well as wage theft.

Bills are being passed so quickly that the proponents do not have time to defend their bills, and the opponents do not have time to study the bills to recognize the problems they may have.

One such example is registering to vote before voting on Election Day. In principle, I do not have a problem with the theory, as I believe every eligible citizen should exercise their right to vote.

The problem is in the implementation of this proposal. I pointed out in committee and on the floor that our poll books at the precincts and the registrar’s office are not linked together, so I stated that there would be no way to do this. I was told that

it will be left up to the professionals at the Board of Elections to implement this and that I should not be concerned.

The only problem is that in this bill, there is a 2021 deadline to enact this, without any budget restrictions or guidelines. My fear is that it will be implemented with the cost being forced on the locality. Bills such as these without the realization of the ramifications are well intentioned but short-sighted, and we will be paying for them for a long time.

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 DelRBloxom@house.virginia.gov.



American Legion Post 56 members Merchelle Enright, Past Post Commander Glenn Purvis, Second Vice Commander Dave Krough, and Bill Lewis, turn out the colors Feb. 11, at the corner of Cherrystone Road and U.S. Route 13 in honor of a fallen serviceman Lt. Col. Paul K. Voss. Photo by Barron Downing, Cheriton Volunteer Department.

A MOVING TRIBUTE

By Connie Morrison, Editor

It was a dreary day, several people in the office announced. It was pouring rain and we guessed it already surpassed the forecast 1/2 to 1 inch of rain.

Advertising Manager Troy Justis, himself a first responder, asked if we had heard about the service member killed in action whose remains would be transported down U.S. Route 13 Tuesday, escorted by various law enforcement agencies. Carol Vaughn took note of the time so she could make photos for the paper.

Along the route, first responders and veterans turned out to honor the fallen serviceman. Facebook pages filled with tribute images from New Church

to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

The caravan escorting the remains of Lt. Col. Paul K. Voss approached Four Corner Plaza around 11:10 a.m. en route from Dover Air Force Base to Hampton Roads. The flashing blue and red lights of various law enforcement vehicles escorted the hearse under the American flag draped from the Onancock Fire Company’s ladder truck over Route 13 near the Market Street intersection.

It made your heart break, not just for Voss, but for the all the others we didn’t see, didn’t know, who left to serve their country and whose bodies were returned to their families in a similar manner.

I’ve heard it said, “If you don’t have family in the military, you can’t understand.” I don’t have military family members, but today, through those

who formed the informal honor guard, I glimpsed a brotherhood united in respect, duty, and loss.

Who better to entrust the honor and dignity of this airman’s final passage than this fellowship? And of course, they turned out. Their quiet reverence reflected their own humble service to community and country.

The tribute that really struck a chord for me was the photo to the left: American Legion members from Post 56 in Cheriton standing silently, drenched in rain, holding the U.S. and the American legion flags.

We salute Lt. Col. Paul K. Voss and honor his service to our country.

Thank you, too, to all our enlisted men and women, veterans, and first responders for answering the call to serve.

G3 is a Game Changer

Dear Editor:

Unquestionably, the proposed G3 (Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back) program’s affordable path to higher wage, high demand jobs will satisfy a major need in Northampton County and is a step in the right direction for the Eastern Shore.

The program levels the playing field for both low- and middle-income families that are often disqualified for financial assistance because family income is at the edge of the qualifying range; either too high or not low enough.

This program will serve a major need and is perfect for Northampton

County. The youth of the county are a primary segment of the county’s workforce. Unfortunately, after completing high school many leave the Eastern Shore because their families are financially unable to afford college, there are insufficient jobs available that pay a livable wage or they lack needed skills.

With the younger population on the decline and an increasingly aging population, I have concern for the county’s ability to source and maintain a workforce sufficient to meet the needs of its changing population. In addition to a sustainable workforce, how-

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ever, there is also a need for sufficient affordable workforce housing which is a county point of focus.

G3 is indeed a game changer.
Jacqueline Chatmon, Cape Charles Letter Writer Is Wrong

Dear Editor:

In response to the “Impeachment Is Justified” letter to the editor (Jan. 24). I would like to say that Elizabeth Warren would be a great choice to set this country back (as president).

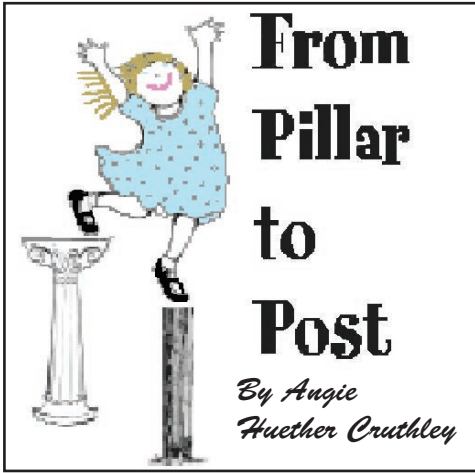
Want to talk about impeachable acts? How about a governor that stayed hid-

den for several months, resurfacing only after a statewide tragedy, only to gain a political edge. Weak-minded people tend to follow weak leaders and in the case of last May 31, no leadership at all.

What you Democrats do not get is that mental health issues are not connected through gun reform. I am so proud of the 20,000 people that stood in Richmond on Jan. 20, 2020, as well as the citizens of Accomack who voted no for Ralph Northam.

In closing, I say Virginia Beach strong and Virginia as a whole strong, without those narrow-minded Democrats changing any more of our gun laws.

Eddy Ewell, New Church



Friday is Valentine's Day – celebrated by some and dreaded by others. About five years ago, I met Tyrone Wessells, of Accomac. His wife, Deborah, had died in 2013 just before Christmas, and he came in to put an announcement in the paper to honor her birthday.

He brought her photo and a poem. His eyes welled with tears and he choked on his words, even stepping out for a minute to gather himself. After placing his first memorial in the paper for his newly departed wife, I thought this might be the last time I would see him.

But a few months later, he showed up again and honored his wife with a Mother's Day memorial. This continued over the years until this very day (see Page 35).

This is the story of Deborah and Tyrone Wessells and one man's mission to make sure that no one ever forgets his soul mate – about a love so strong that it continued after death.

"We were both working at Perdue and I had a little crush on her. She played hard to get. But I got her anyway," he grinned, sharing the first months of a love that lasted over 30 years, until cancer took her from him. They were married Feb. 12, 1983.

When they first started dating, she lived in Cheriton and he bought a motorcycle.

"She fell in love with my motorcycle. And when I bought it when we were boyfriend and girlfriend and I'd come to Perdue and pick her up. She'd get on the bike, wrap her arms around me, and I'd take her home."

They cooked together most of the time; their favorite was pork chops. He cooked the fried potatoes and onions. He cooked when she got sick and he served her in the living room.

With all the memories come all the things he wishes they could still do. His favorite memory of his beloved is dancing in the living room together.

"We loved to dance. Oh, we loved to go out dancing, too," he said.

They shared their love dancing to Smokey Robinson's "Cruisin" and Mel Waiters' "Hole in the Wall." And that's when his eyes really become bright.

We're talking in the room, but he doesn't see me anymore. Instead, he's at the VFW in the 1980s, Deborah on his arm, and it's New Year's Eve. He'd watch her do the cha-cha slide and then the electric slide for a while. But then they'd come together for R. Kelley's "I Believe I Can Fly" (her favorite). We should all be so lucky.

The years passed and they shared son, T.W., daughters, Tyrone and Renae, and grandkids, Boogie, La'Meere, Jordan, Carmel, Desi, Derrick, Brandon, and Germauri. The kids and grandkids turned their marriage into a family.

Ocean City, Md., was the couple's happy place.

"I'd get off work on Saturday and when I got home she'd be on the couch and her leg would be swinging," he said, describing the nuances that only long-time lovers know about one another.

They would hit the boardwalk and start the day with the world-famous Thrasher's French Fries. She got her own because she loved a lot of vinegar and salt and he liked his less customized. They'd spend the whole day rid-

ing rides – a favorite was the Himalaya – and playing games. She won a lot of teddy bears with the water gun. They would turn around and go back every Sunday.

They traveled to all the amusement parks. She loved the roller coasters but Wessells wasn't so sure. "She said, 'Please come on, Tyrone.' Listen, if you're not used to it, you know, you'll have a heart attack, and I got sick after that. I was down in the floor. I didn't get back in it. But I did it for her," he said.

He surprised her with a trip on the Spirit of Norfolk with a cruise, dinner, and, of course, dancing. They went to New Jersey and the whole family went to Hershey, Pa., for a vacation.

When her time was drawing near, he relished every moment he could with his bride. When she got sick, he still had to work, getting up at 3:30 a.m. But as soon as he got off, he was right by her side until it was time to go.

One night they were watching "Undercover Boss" and he sat by her bed holding her hand as he had every night since she was brought home from the hospital. She asked Tyrone, "Are you going to let my hand go?" He said, "No," and he never did. During her last days, her kids asked if she needed water. She said, "No." They asked if she wanted food. "No." They asked if she needed Tyrone? She only said yes to Tyrone.



Deborah and Tyrone Wessells

Valentine's Day will be tough on Wessells but he's thankful for every minute he had with his wife, his best friend. Still, he can't help but think about what he'd say to her if he had one more shot. "I'd say, 'I miss you, I really miss you. I think about you every day. When I see your pictures on the wall when I get home from work. And, oh, the memories do come back.'"

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