Atlantic Town Center Retooled with New Name, New Proffer

By Linda Cicoira

Developer Chris M. Carbaugh’s Atlantic Town Center is offering a cash proffer of $200,000 to be dispersed in numerous increments to the Accomack Parks and Recreation Department.

“Upon the issuance of the first building permit in each phase of the development, the applicant will make a contribution of $10,000” to the recreation group, according to a report given to Accomack supervisors last week by the developer’s attorney, Mark Baumgartner.

The proposed project — now called Town Center at Wallops Island Spaceport — also promises to make improvements to Route 175 (as Chincoteague Road) and Dream and Thompson roads. When 50 percent of the housing units in one section are completed, a community center and playground will be built, according to the report.

The plan was redesigned to have a multi-family area along the back and businesses in front along Route 175. The business area consists of more than 14 acres and will include convenience stores, restaurants, gas stations, banks “and a wide variety of other retail businesses.” A hotel and conference center, along with accessory uses, are planned for 2.63 acres.

In the center, 42 acres have been set aside for 300 residential units, retail space and offices. “The district is designed to resemble other small Eastern Shore towns and to promote an open, pedestrian friendly atmosphere that is active day and night,” the report says.

Baumgartner’s report stated, “Several sub-communities will be accessible from the Main Street with each neighborhood having a diversity of uses in order to appeal to a wide segment of the commercial and residential market.”

More than 17 acres would make up two office districts. And nearly 28 acres would allow “up to 350 homes with secondary uses including educational, recreational and utility uses.”

About 310,000 gallons of water per day would be needed for the completed project, the report estimates. The first phases would use about 70,000 gallons per day. The completed Planned Unit Development (PUD) would require approximately 283,000 gallons per day. Construction “to serve the initial phases of the development will have a capacity of 100,000 gallons per day with incremental future phases of the development to match the needs of the project,” according to the report.

The water plant “may be located on adjacent property known as Bridge Hill, with associated auxiliary facilities permitted in the other districts. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) required treatment would take place on the PUD property or on the adjacent Bridge Hill. The applicant will continually explore alternative uses, reuses and disposal methods for the treated wastewater.”

The first phase consists of an 80-room hotel and a conference center; 26,000 square feet of general business; 69,000 square feet of downtown commercial, office and retail; 54,200 square-feet of “Class A” office space and 60 apartments.

Baumgartner said the park would complement Wallops Research Park, not take the place of it.
53 Burns in Accomack

Story & photo by Linda Cicioira

Just around the bend from the Accomack Fire Training Center, the remains of a two-story house continued to smoke this week.

Hours had passed since an arsonist(s) burned it to the ground. Tired firefighters were back at their stations, on their regular jobs or with their families. Investigators had collected their evidence. A gray cloud rose with the brick chimneys that stood proudly among the trees. It was eerily quiet at the site.

The blaze was the second to destroy a house on Beacon Road near Melfa since November and the 52nd arson in Accomack County on a list 53 blazes long. More incidents are being investigated.

About the same distance from the training center in the opposite direction and along the edge of the airport runway, a one-story bungalow was torched on Nov. 22. A shell of the structure stands in a long abandoned yard. That was the 18th arson tallied.

Both locations seem like a mockery; a thrust-out tongue at the establishment. WHY? No one seems to know or is saying.

“There was another fire last night,” are words chanted over and over. “There were two the night before.”

In other parts of Virginia, Accomack has become known as the Arson Capital of the Commonwealth.

The last confirmed arson was reported at about 9 p.m. Monday on the 8400 block of Wessells Farm Road in Temperanceville. The single-story house was destroyed. There was also a fire in an unoccupied house across from Wachapreague Cemetery on Drummondtown Road on Feb. 23.

At about 6:20 a.m., Wednesday, a call came into the 911 center regarding an unoccupied house on Johnson Road near Parksley. The structure was burned to the ground when firefighters from Parksley responded and arson investigators were called to the scene. A determination has not yet been made as to whether it is another arson.

A $25,000 reward has been offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of person(s) involved in these crimes. Call, text or email the tip line at 757-655-1437.
Northampton Supervisors Aim To Streamline County Ordinances

By Ron West

The Northampton Board of Supervisors began the process Monday of sifting through county ordinances with an aim of making them more user-friendly.

County Administrator Katie Nunez led the discussions that included ordinances already covered by other agencies, such as the Virginia Health Department.

The board briefly discussed the issue of land subdivision, including the process of creating family subdivisions. One section of the Subdivision Ordinance calls for the property owner or member of the immediate family requesting such a change to have owned the property for at least 15 years. Additionally, the family member who receives the property must agree not to resell the property for an additional 15 years. Supervisor Larry Trala expressed concern over how this could cause undue problems for owners who found themselves in need of funds but could not resell the property.

Following the discussions, the board agreed to schedule a public hearing on the issue.

The board agreed to request that Judge Revell Lewis III grant a 30-day extension to complete the General Reassessment for Northampton County. The court had previously granted a 60-day extension from Jan. 1 through Feb. 28.

Supervisor Rick Hubbard initiated a discussion on the recently announced plan by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to modify its toll structure. Under the proposed changes, the current reduced $17 rate for a round trip would require the use of an EZPass transponder. Hubbard said the requirement poses an undue burden on those who would need to arrange for pre-payment of the toll. While he conceded that the proposed $5 commuter rate for those who cross the span 30 times per month could encourage more individuals to live on the Shore and commute to jobs across the bay, it would do little to help other residents of the Shore. The board agreed to have Nunez look into the matter.

Members of Boys & Girls Club Sing Its Praises to School Board

By Ron West

Young members of the local Boys and Girls Club took the opportunity of a Northampton School Board meeting last week to delineate the advantages they have derived from the club.

Introduced by Boys and Girls Club President Bill Sterling and Unit Director Kathy Custis, several students spoke of how the program has improved their lives. During the school year, the program, offered at Occohannock Elementary School begins as soon as the school day ends and continues until the last student is transported home.

Custis noted that the children are provided a meal and snack, which in some cases is the only food they’ll have until morning. Young members also have an opportunity to unwind in the gymnasium and receive academic support.

Sterling said 80-90 students are served by the program each day. Once the school year ends, the program shifts to a summer schedule that run from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

In other business, board Vice Chairman Mickey Merritt questioned possible consequences should the schools continue to fail to meet accreditation standards.

One consequence, if approved at the state level, could result in the schools being controlled by an “Operational School Board” appointed by the state. It would, in effect, control all operations of the schools and could result in the loss of state funding for average daily membership.

Prior to concluding the session, bus driver Bill Taylor thanked the board for working to include the drivers in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). Taylor has campaigned for the change for years. The proposed VRS offering is still being considered for inclusion in the FY 2014 budget.

Regarding the proposed budget, Superintendent Dr. Walter Clemons said the $1 million deficit he identified a month ago has been pared down to $344,000.

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Sex offenses yielded prison terms last week in Accomack Circuit Court.

James Edward Harmonson Jr., 26, of Lankford Highway in Parksley was sentenced to 25 years for raping a New Church woman last March. Judge W.R. Lewis III suspended 15 years of the term. Harmonson was remanded to jail.

The defendant denied the charge at an August trial. He said the woman was in the living room of her sister’s house in her underwear and encouraged the activity. The two were among a group of people who had left the home earlier that night to go to a nearby nightspot.

According to other testimony, the victim got intoxicated at the bar and was allowed to have sex with him. She woke up to the rape.

Jervon Lloyd Johnson, 29, of Mary N. Smith Road in Accomac was convicted of felony eluding in connection with an incident that occurred on Aug. 26, 2012. Johnson was remanded to jail to await sentencing. A short-form presentence report was ordered.

Andron Wilson Knight Jr. also known as Adron, 44, of Lankford Highway in New Church was sentenced for stealing three chicken-house fans, an old tank, an old bathtub and a bed from a farmhouse on Sign Post Road in New Church that belonged to Church Cox in October 2011. Knight was given five years in prison, with all but 10 days suspended. Restitution was ordered. Knight went directly to jail.

Janet Mackey, 55, of Badger Lane in Onley was given five years each for three counts of welfare fraud between April 1, 2010, and Sept. 30, 3011. The terms were set to run concurrently, with all but 30 days suspended. Restitution of $4,096 was ordered. Mackey was remanded to jail.

Larry Persell Payton, 41 of Dennis Drive in Parksley pleaded guilty to grand larceny of 11 irrigation gearboxes valued at $400 each, between March 15 and 28, 2012, from Fred Darby. Payton is being held in jail awaiting a presentence report.

Sandra Pruett Dize, also known as Sandra Pruett Huether, 46, of Warrington Drive in Onancock pleaded guilty to seven felony offenses that occurred in December 2012. Two counts of passing bad checks were not prosecuted. Those that were, involved stealing property belonging to Ivan Evans on Dec. 9 and forging and passing bad checks at three Onley businesses. A presentence report was ordered and she was sent back to jail.

A Parksley man accused of trying to kill an admitted marijuana dealer pleaded guilty to charges in a separate incident last week and was given two months in jail.

Darren Tyler West, 18, of Catherine Street entered the pleas to misdemeanor trespassing and petty larceny in connection with incidents that occurred at Modest Town Baptist Church between Aug. 30 and 31, 2012. In exchange for the pleas, Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney Matthew C. Brenner amended the charges from felony counts of burglary and grand larceny.

Judge W.R. Lewis III accepted the agreement and sentenced West to 12 months on each count, with all but a month each suspended. The terms were set to run consecutively.

West was indicted last month on a count of maliciously maiming John Charles Miller Jr. of Hallwood on Dec. 5, 2012. According to the transcript of an Accomack Circuit Court preliminary hearing, testimony disclosed details about a drug deal that went wrong when two men met near Modest Town.

Miller testified he arranged to sell West 14 grams of marijuana for $170. During the transaction, West questioned him about the weight of the marijuana and requested that Miller weigh it.

“Immediately after I told Darren that I did not have a scale, he stabbed me in the throat,” said Miller. “It surprised me … I turned my head back towards the road and right at that moment I felt an impact to my neck … when I completely turned towards Darren, I saw him drawing back with a knife in his hand covered in blood … he was coming at me yet again.”

“That’s when I started to defend myself with my bare hands,” Miller said. “He continued to try to stab me. … I was trying to hold his hands back and prevent him from … trying to kill me.”

Miller said, “I remembered I had a survival knife … attached to my belt. I drew my knife … to attack Darren.” He said when West grabbed the blade, “I released … the knife that I had, trying to press against him.”

Miller said he managed to drive away, but not before West came after him. “I could feel myself bleeding very bad all over … I could feel myself breathing through my neck where I had been stabbed.” He said West “stabbed me in my right shoulder. I continued to accelerate and the passenger door hit him and knocked him on the ground and I continued speeding away.”

He went for help at Nelsonia Corner Mart and was taken by ambulance to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

Miller said he has suffered “through a lot of pain. I have a lot of trouble every day. I can’t turn my head to the left or right up or down very well. I can’t swallow very well. I have … some trouble talking. My throat gets irritated. I have some thyroid damage. I have trouble eating (and) drinking. Most of the side of my face is numb,” he said.

Miller said he sold West an eighth of an ounce of marijuana on a previous occasion for $50 at the same location. He said the second sale price was predetermined via text messaging. He said he also was asked to provide “blunt wraps” and that West “told me to come alone.”

Police found marijuana, blood and cell phones in Miller’s vehicle. A knife was recovered from a bedroom where West was staying, Investigator C.A. McPherson of the Accomack County Sheriff’s Department testified.

West told a magistrate he was defending himself.

Miller was charged with assault and battery of West, a misdemeanor, in connection with the incident in January. An order was filed Monday stating that case would not be prosecuted. He was ordered to pay $191 in court costs.

Accomack Circuit Court

A felony charge of attempted unlawful bodily injury was reduced to misdemeanor assault Monday in Accomack General District Court.

Robert W. Volke, 69, of Amrien Circle in Chincoteague was given a suspended 60-day sentence and fined $200.

According to court records, the victim, Denny Savage was burning items in a 55-gallon drum in his yard when a white Dodge pick-up truck with Florida tags cut across several properties at a high speed toward him. The vehicle stopped and the driver yelled and cursed at Savage. The property owner demanded Volke leave the site or he would call authorities, the record states.

“The driver … drove his truck at … Savage causing” him “to run out of the way for fear of being run over,” the record continues. Volke “admitted to driving through the yards because he was following the smoke from Mr. Sav-
age's burn pile.”

The incident occurred Dec. 18, 2012. Jimmy Lee Fidderson, 37, of Queens Court in Mappsville was charged last week with four felony forgery offenses, according to records filed in Accomack General District Court.

Fidderson is accused of posing as his uncle during traffic stops, where he allegedly signed his relative’s name on tickets. He also is charged with two misdemeanor counts of driving a vehicle after his license was suspended or revoked, and two counts of failing to have the vehicle inspected.

The incidents allegedly occurred Dec. 12, 2012. He was charged on Feb. 20. He is free on $5,000 bond. Trooper A.D. Montross investigated.

Northampton District Court

According to Northampton General District Court records, Theany Tor of Eastville was charged last week with possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I drug and distribution of a Schedule I drug on Dec. 19, 2012. He was arrested on Feb. 18. A March hearing was set.

Charles Alan Lewis Jr. is accused of possession of a Schedule I or II drug on Jan. 14. He was arrested Feb. 19. A preliminary hearing is set for April.

Sherri Ann Parks of Willis Wharf was charged with second-degree burglary and grand larceny occurring on Feb. 16. She was arrested on Feb. 19. A hearing was scheduled for April.

Lance Scanlan of Exmore was charged with burglary, attempted grand larceny and possessing burglary tools on Feb. 16. He was arrested three days later. A court date was set for April.
Supervisors OK Generator for Accomack Administration Building

By Linda Cicoira

In an 8-1 vote last week, Accomack supervisors agreed to spend nearly $89,000 for a generator to serve county offices during emergencies.

Only Supervisor Laura Belle Gordy opposed the expenditure. She said if the emergency is “that bad, the help is not going to come out” to work anyway. Gordy explained that she had several constituents call her to voice their dismay with the purchase.

Finance Director Mike Mason said he’s begged for this protection for years. “We’re a 24-hour operation,” Mason noted. “The Sheriff’s Department is on our network, EMS — all hinges on the backbone of IT (Information Technology). … A generator is a necessity these days.”

Mason said he is not just concerned about a hurricane or other major catastrophe. Rebooting the system when a lightning storm comes through is also an issue.

Supervisor Grayson Chesser, who said he considers himself thrifty when spending tax dollars, favored the move. “I can’t believe we don’t have it,” he said. “We live in an age where everything depends on computers. I think this is probably some of the best money we’ll ever spend.”

Supervisor Reneta Major agreed. “Times are changing,” she said. “It is imperative to have a generator.”

Supervisor Jack Gray questioned the bid method, but was satisfied after it was explained that county staff used a national process. “I wanted the most value for our money,” Gray said.

By using the national preferred schedule for local governments, Public Works Director Stewart Hall said, “They shopped bare bones. We can certainly go out and get more prices.”

The government’s website states the 300KW generator costs $88,625.50. It and associated equipment would come from Carter Machinery Company, Inc.

“Critical county applications are housed in this … (administrative building in Accomac) that are needed for government to function. Staff recommends sole sourcing to Carter Machinery because … services the county’s other generators and the company has provided excellent service.”

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• From Special Commissioner James
  Elliott and Robert and Doris Shreaves
  To Craig and Irma Cooper
  Parcel near Bloxom
  For $7,600

• From Anne-Marie & Joseph Chavez
  To Walter Tew
  Lot 2243, Section 4, Captain's Cove
  For $175,000

• From CCG Note, LLC
  To Jason Lamberton
  Lot 11, Section 7, Captain’s Cove
  For $5,000

• From Special Commissioner James
  Elliott and Yegen Development Corp.
  To Christine Sellers
  Lot 215, Unit 3, Trails End
  For $2,300

• From The Federal National Mortgage
  Association
  To David and Odileuffman,
  7230 James Allen Dr. in Machipongo
  For $31,000

• From Allen, Gary & Charles Tilghman II
  To Andrea Saunders & Charlotte Scott
  Property in Wilsonia Neck
  For $160,000

• From CCG NOTE, LLC
  To Andrea Saunders & Charlotte Scott
  Property in Wilsonia Neck
  For $12,000

• From CCG NOTE, LLC
  To Elliott and Robert Bennett
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Cheriton Supports Business Growth

By Ron West

Cheriton Town Council and town planners conducted a public hearing Wednesday regarding a request to rezone property on the east side of town.

The request from David Charlton of Seaview was filed to rezone 7,100 square feet of property located on Webster Road from residential (R-20) to Industrial Limited (IL). The property is vacant and is located near the property that once housed Webster Canning Factory. Charlton wants to use the property for a storage building and small office as a base for his construction company, currently located in Eastville.

Mayor Joe Habel noted that the business would be a good fit for the area.

The Town Planning Commission supported the request for a zoning change and council voted (4-0) to approve the change. (Councilmen Fred Diggs and Wesley Travis were absent.)

County Supervisor Larry LeMond told council that a recent report of the County’s Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (C-PAC) urges county leaders to encourage business interests in the Cheriton area near Lankford Highway, as well as at the former Webster property. It also supports the development of infrastructure that would draw commercial interest to the area.

In other matters, council supported efforts by Cape Charles Mayor Dora Sullivan to locate a 24-hour emergency medical facility in the lower part of the county once Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital relocates to Accomack County.

Prior to closing, Habel spoke of the recent sale of the former Bay Creek Marina, which has been reopened and renamed Kings Creek Marina and Resort. The restaurant located at the site hopes to reopen in early spring.

Assistant Town Manager Bob Panek reported to council that the focus of the Public Service Authority (PSA) now is on how to fund wastewater service for the Southern Node (Cheriton/Cape Charles area). The cost of the project is estimated at $11.3 million, $7.3 million of which needs to be in the form of grants. Due to the large projected cost, the PSA is investigating a smaller option in and around the intersection of Routes 13 and 184, leading into Cape Charles. The modified project cost is estimated at $1.5 million to $2 million.

Council reviewed a request by the Board of Supervisors for a modification to the Department of Transportation’s (VDOT) six-year road plan. It would change the routing of Old Cape Charles Road (Route 642) to eliminate the need for some traffic to use the “hump.” Support for the change has come from commercial interests in the harbor area, including South Port, LLC and Bay Shore Concrete. The change would reduce construction costs as well as the amount of land needed if Route 642 were completely rebuilt. Council agreed to support the proposed change.

Council discussed the Arts Enter grant of $50,000 received from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for the two-year “Our Town” project to develop a network of public places, enlivened by the performing and visual arts, and build an identity for Cape Charles as an arts and cultural destination. The Central Park, Community Trail and Town Harbor would be focal points for the project. A number of events have already been scheduled for 2013, including a Pirates and Wenches Festival during the Tall Ships weekend in June.

Mayor Dora Sullivan requested support for a letter endorsing location of a freestanding emergency room in the county. Sullivan noted that with the loss of the hospital to Accomack County, Northampton residents will face extended transport times to the new hospital or a Hampton Roads facility. Council voted unanimously to endorse the letter. Over the past month, the Towns of Eastville, Cheriton, and Exmore have endorsed such a letter. Nassawadox has yet to act on the request.
Amalia Cruz of Exmore has been named to the fall semester Dean’s List at Radford University.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alejandro Cruz, she is a senior communication major.

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must have a GPA of at least 3.4.

Students Recognized for Leadership Potential

Nandua High School seniors J.T. Poulson (left) and Carolin Savage (right) recently represented the Eastern Shore at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at the 4-H Conference Center in Wakefield, Va. Young people chosen for their leadership potential attend this all-expenses-paid camp to develop leadership skills. With Poulson and Savage is Robert Kerns, president of Onancock Rotary.

Luz Diaz, Janelle Taylor Make ODU Dean’s List

Luz Diaz, the daughter of Vicenta and Serafico Diaz of Painter, and Janell Taylor, the daughter of Ander and Regina Taylor of Belle Haven, were named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester at Old Dominion University.

Diaz is a human services major. Taylor is a fashion merchandising major in the College of Education.

To make the Dean’s List, students must carry a GPA of at least 3.4.

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Born in Suffolk, Va., she was a daughter of the late D.C. Moore and Doris Atkinson Rockwood, a 1961 graduate of the former Whaleyville High School in Nansemond County, Va., and a 1965 graduate of the former Frederick College in Portsmouth, Va. She was a fourth-grade teacher at Exmore-Willis Wharf Elementary School in the late 1960s.

Survivors include her son, Gregory A. Whitley (and fiancée, Erica L. Todd) of Shelltown, MD; grandchildren, Emma Whitley of Melfa, Elijah Whitley, and Will and Amaya Todd, all of Shelltown; sister, Rosemary Rockwood of Sneads Ferry, N.C.; nieces, Amber Peterson and Catherine Curtis; and nephew, George Carter, Jr.

Funeral services will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to Johns Hopkins Schizophrenia Center, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Medicine, 550 Broadway, Suite 914, Baltimore, MD 21205 or www.hopkinsmedicine.org

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams-Parkley Funeral Home.

Tangier Resident Passes Away

Mr. Robert Schuyler “Bob” Scott Jr., 86, of Tangier, formerly of Jacksonville and Homestead, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013.

Born in Jacksonville, he was a son of the late Robert S. and Mae Ackroyd Scott. He attended the Merchant Marine Academy, served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a merchant mariner, and retired as an electrical engineer, having worked in Jacksonville with JEA, and the Homestead in its Electrical Department.

Mr. Scott attended Swain Memorial U.M. Church, but was a lifelong Episcopalian and a longtime sailor and licensed captain.

Mr. Scott is survived by his wife, Lynda L. Clary, with whom he shared many adventures and life dreams; son, Robert S. Scott III of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; grandson, Robert S. Scott IV of Fairview, Tenn.; great-grandchildren, Brandon and Carlie Scott; brother, Thomas Scott of Eugene, Ore.; and nieces, Leigh and Kelly.

Memorial services are pending.

Memorial donations may be made to Tangier Island Health Foundation, P.O. Box 788, Irvington, VA 22480. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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Retired Accomack Teacher Passes Away

Mrs. Frances Watts Barker, 88, of Parkley died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, at her home.

Born in Parkley, she was the daughter of the late Paul Fristoe and Evelyn Justis Watts. Mrs. Barker was a graduate of Parkley High School and Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia in Fredericksburg. She retired from a teaching career in Fairfax, Amelia, and Accomack counties. She was a lifelong member of Parkley Baptist Church, where she was a deacon and a Sunday School teacher. Mrs. Barker was also a member of the Soroptimist Club, Women’s Club, and Three Arts Club.

She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, John Hill Barker Sr.; and her sister, Carolyn Watts Quigley. Mrs. Barker was survived by her son, Col. John H. Barker Jr.; daughters, Nancy B. Chesser and Anne B. Theresin; grandchildren; John R. Barker (Mai), Jason S. Barker, Robert P. Chesser (Amanda), Ryan C. Chesser (Joanie), Noemi E. Theresin and Jorge B. Theresin; daughter-in-law, JoAnn Barker; son-in-law, Robert Chesser; and great-
grandchildren, Kylie, Dylan, Justin, Luke and Jack.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Feb. 25, at Parksley Baptist Church. Interment was in Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Parksley Baptist Church, c/o Gail Sparrow, P.O. Box 375, Parksley, VA 23421; or to the charity of one’s choice. Memory tributes and condolences may be shared at www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Exmore Resident Dies at Home

Mrs. Marion Bradshaw Ward, 82, of Exmore passed away Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, at her residence.

A native of Harborton, she was the daughter of the late John F. and Grace Wilson Bradshaw. She was a member of Epworth U.M. Church.

Mrs. Ward is survived by her husband, Charles G. Ward Sr. She is survived by her children, Patsy W. Turner (and husband, Jimmy) of Exmore, Pam W. Carpenter (and husband, Kris) of Nassawadox and Charles Gill Ward Jr. (and wife, Roxane) of Exmore; grandchildren, Luke Carpenter, Brad Carpenter, J Turner and Colton Ward; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved sister, Myrene B. Poulson; and brother-in-law, Herman T. Poulson.

A graveside service was conducted Monday, Feb. 25, at Belle Haven Cemetery by Rev. Jon M. Woodburn.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary’s Home for Disabled Children Embrace Fund, 6171 Kempsville Circle, Norfolk, VA 23502. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home, Cape Charles.

Former Owner of Cape Motel Dies

Mrs. Suzanne Velsor Kropfeld, 68, of Machipongo passed away Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Huntington Long Island, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Rev. Warren and Christelle Harris Velsor. She was the former owner and manager of Cape Motel and a member of the Ladies’ Auxiliary of American Legion Post 56 in Cheriton.

Mrs. Kropfeld is survived by her husband, William C. Kropfeld; children, Loraine Kelly (and husband, William) of Norfolk, Va., John Kropfeld of Columbia, Md., and Paul Kropfeld of Fell’s Point, Md.; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A service of remembrance will be conducted today, March 1, at 5 p.m. at American Legion Post 56 by Father J. Michael Breslin.

Memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post 56, P.O. Box 351, Cheriton, VA 23316. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Exmore Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Tilly James Turner, 98, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013, at her home in Exmore.

A lifetime resident of the Eastern Shore, she was born at Waddy Farm in Eastville. Mrs. Turner was an avid bridge player and flower arranger, and a devoted member of Belle Haven U.M. Church.

Mrs. Turner was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, James Ashby Turner; and her sister, Margaret Watson. She is survived by her children, Margaret Ann (Ronald) Rust, James Ashby (Patsy) Turner Jr.; and her grandchildren, Ashley Rust and James Ashby Turner III.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Belle Haven Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Former Cape Charles Harbor Master Dies

Mrs. Mary Belle Crockett, 82, of Cedar Grove passed away Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Wango, Md., she was the daughter of the late Clyde Charles Darby and Sarah Ann Darby. She was harbor master for the Town of Cape Charles for 30 years.

Mrs. Crockett was predeceased by her husband, John Pardy Crockett; six brothers, Alfred Darby, Linwood Darby, Clyde William Darby, Ben Darby, Levi Darby, Lee Darby and one sister, Betty Darby. She is survived by her sons, Charles E. Cox Sr. (and wife, Cynthia) of Palm Bay, Fla., and Marshall B. Cox Sr. (and wife, Mary Ann) of Cape Charles; sister, Lyda Lank of Berlin, Md.; brother, Lloyd Darby of Port St. Lucie, Fla; grandchildren, Charles E. Cox Jr., Ashley Lamm, Marshall B. Cox Jr., Laura Robbins, Robin Mears, Ashley Rosen, and Amanda Rogers; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Lower Northampton Baptist Church by Rev. Jeff Conrow. Interment was in Cape Charles Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to SPCA Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418; or to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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Broadwater’s Spencer Named Coach of Year

By Bill Sterling

Broadwater has enjoyed a stellar basketball season, reaching the finals of the tough Metro Conference last Saturday and advancing to a second state playoff game after winning at home Tuesday night in an incredible four-overtime thriller that also featured an hour delay due to a leaky roof.

With the Tuesday’s victory, the Vikings reached 20 wins against six losses. But even better things might be coming next year as Tuesday’s starting lineup featured five juniors.

Michael Riopel and Brendon Burrows were averaging an identical 16.8 points per game following the tourney. Burrows is also the team’s top rebounder at 6.4 per game, with Riopel not far behind at 4.6.

That dynamic duo will be joined next season by Matthew McCaskill and Wesley Shrieves, averaging 11.6 and 8.9 points per game, respectively. Preston Richardson, slowed early in the season by a shoulder injury, also will return.

At Saturday’s tournament, Broadwater coach Eddie Spencer was named Coach of the Year among the Metro Conference’s nine teams.

His Vikings finished second in the conference in both the regular season and tournament behind perennial powerhouse Atlantic Shores Christian, a school that regularly sends its players to Division 1 schools, including Andre Dawkins at Duke, Steven Pledger at Oklahoma and Brandon Britt at William & Mary.

Spencer deflected the praise being heaped upon him. “I have a great staff and group of guys who were willing to sacrifice to win. It made my job easy,” said Spencer, who serves as head of the police department at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

An example of that sacrifice was recently noted by Viking assistant coach Curt Smith. “When Brendon and Wesley decided they were attending Broadwater last summer, they called me and asked if they could work out with some of the guys. They had known Michael (Riopel) for several years from summer ball. I was really busy at the time and told them the only time I could meet them to open the gym was 6 in the morning, thinking that would take care of that. They said, ‘No problem,’ and started coming out.”

To reach the finals, Broadwater defeated defending state champion Williamsburg Christian, a team that had defeated Broadwater twice earlier in the season.

“We had never beaten them before since I have been coaching,” said Spencer, who has been at the Viking helm for eight years. “That was a big win for us. We had a shot at Atlantic Shores, but they made plays at the end. Our guys really competed, however. I was very proud of them.”

On Tuesday night, prior to a game that would take three and a half hours of real time to play, the crowd gave Spencer a standing ovation when it was announced he had been named Metro Conference Coach of the Year.

“That meant a lot. I really appreciated that,” said Spencer following the game, weary from a long, emotional night punctuated by a rain delay and extended by four overtimes.

“I’ve never been a part of anything quite like that,” added Spencer.

And likely never again will he witness such a contest.

Broadwater coach Eddie Spencer, left, accepts the trophy for Coach of the Year in the Metro Conference following Saturday’s championship game.

Broadwater received the runner-up trophy for both the regular season and the Metro Conference tournament following the championship finals Saturday at Denbigh. Pictured (from left) are Coach Eddie Spencer, Preston Richardson, Greg Hare, Frank Long, Jake Golibart, Michael Riopel, Wesley Shrieves, Steven Teung, Matthew McCaskill (10), Brendon Burrows (in white shirt), assistant coach Curt Smith, Jonathan McClaskey and assistant coach Vladimir Burrows.
Vikings Reach Metro Final, Fall at Finish to Atl. Shores

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Broadwater had perennially powerful Atlantic Shores Christian on the ropes Saturday night, but in the end lost a 67-61 decision in the Metro Conference tournament final.

The Vikings rallied from 13 down in the third quarter to pull within 2 points of the Seahawks, having possession with 15 seconds remaining and needing a basket to tie or a 3-pointer to win. However, one of 23 turnovers committed in the game by the Vikings led to a free throw, a rebound of a missed free throw and an easy basket by Atlantic Shores, sealing the Viking defeat.

“I wish we had one more timeout to set up a play,” said Viking coach Eddie Spencer, “but we burned up our timeouts making a comeback. The guys played with a lot of guts and never gave up against a very good team. I am very proud of them.”

The Vikings led 19-13 early in the second quarter and controlled the pace of the game until Atlantic Shores spurted to a 34-33 halftime lead.

The Seahawks then opened quickly in the third quarter as Tim Little came off the bench to hit a pair of 3-pointers, giving Atlantic Shores a 13-point lead before the Vikes got within 10 points at the end of the period. A 3-pointer by Michael Riopel cut the lead to 4 with 2:22 remaining and then another trey by Matt McCaskill brought the Vikes to within one at 56-55 with 1:37 remaining.

A missed free throw by Atlantic Shores with 15 seconds left gave Broadwater the ball, down by 2 points, but a costly turnover on a pass that was picked off helped to salvage the win for the Seahawks, who were 23-7 on the season. Broadwater was 19-6 entering Tuesday’s state playoff game.

Brendon Burrows, who hit three 3-pointers in the first half, scored a team-high 21 points and also grabbed seven rebounds. Riopel and McCaskill had 13 points each. Broadwater was 6-of-16 from the 3-point line.

Brian Kelly led Atlantic Shores with 26 points. Jordan Cannaday added 16. Broadwater rebounded from a 20-8 deficit after the first quarter and came back from a 5-point deficit with only four minutes remaining to defeat defending champion Williamsburg Christian 69-63 Friday night in the semi-finals of the Metro Conference and advance to the championship game.

Burrows had a team-high 23 points and nine rebounds to lead the Vikings. Riopel added 21 points and McCaskill added 13.

In the tourney opener, Broadwater downed Hampton Christian 66-55 after taking a 36-13 halftime lead and coasting to the 11-point victory.

Riopel had 18 points and a team-high eight rebounds for the Vikings. Burrows also had 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Wesley Shrieves added 14 points.

Broadwater Wins 4-OT Marathon in State Tourney

In a game delayed for an hour just over three minutes in and the teams tied at 4, Broadwater eventually won a wild state tourney affair 73-70 after four overtimes Tuesday night, only to be rewarded with a four-hour bus trip Wednesday, where the weary Vikings were eliminated from the state tourney by Christ Chapel 84-61 to fall one game short of the state semi-finals.

Tidewater Academy was the visiting foe Tuesday, and both teams battled throughout the night with key players fouling out. But Brendon Burrows played the entire game and scored 19 of his 28 points after regulation to lead the Vikings to a win celebrated by exhausted fans rushing the court.

For an hour, those fans waited as referees and coaches stood and watched a leak drip water on the court while outside, heavy rain and strong gusts beat down on the roof.

Eventually, a crane was rolled onto the court, and a pail was tied to a support that helped to contain the leak.

Rudy Brady and Dean Mullins might have been the real stars of the night as they devised a way to stop the leak.

Once the game resumed, the two teams traded the lead with the score knotted at 40 after regulation.

As Michael Riopel sat on the bench after fouling out with 18 points, Frank Long hit his second 3-pointer of the night in overtime and Jake Golibart made a steal and a tough putback as the Vikings clawed back from a 5-point deficit with just over a minute remaining in the third overtime.

Burrows was 18 of 24 from the foul line and made three deciding foul shots at game’s end after the Tidewater coach was called for a technical foul with four seconds remaining in the final overtime.

Broadwater coach Eddie Spencer was unclear as to why the technical was called on the opposing coach.

“I heard it was because he tossed a clipboard down,” said a spent Spencer. “They gave us fits with their 1-3-1 zone defense. They outplayed us and were a class act, but we hung in there and found a way to win.”

On Wednesday, playing in Woodbridge, the Vikings were led by Riopel with a season-high 33 points and Burrows with 13.

“Brendon got in foul trouble early and we were in a big hole, but we got it back to 13 with a minute left before we emptied the bench,” said Spencer.
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Nandua Knocked Out of Region Tourney by Northumberland

17 Missed Free Throws Hurt Warriors

*Story and photo by Bill Sterling*

The Nandua Warriors lost an opportunity to advance to the regional finals Friday night at home when they missed 17 free throws against Northumberland, including seven in the final quarter; three were one-and-one attempts. Nandua fell 64-59 in the regional semi-final.

“We missed far too many free throws,” said Nandua coach Cedrick Cooper. “You have got to make those in a game like this. But we did keep coming back from deep holes, and I am proud of how hard the team played. It was one our best efforts all season in terms of intensity.”

The two teams were knotted at 15 after the first quarter, but it was not even throughout. Northumberland opened up a quick 8-0 lead, then Nandua stormed back with 11 unanswered points, capped by three foul shots by Darius Holden.

Northumberland owned a 29-23 halftime lead, but Nandua scored the first 6 points coming out of the locker room to tie the score at 29. The Indians pulled back in front and eventually opened a 10-point lead at 55-45 with 4:34 remaining. Nandua pulled to within 3 points in the final minutes, but the inability to sink free throws prevented the Warriors from taking the lead.

Nandua’s Tyreim Blake did his part, hitting four of five foul shots plus a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter as he scored 7 of his team-high 19 points. Issac Taylor added 16 points while Holden chipped in 11.

Kyle Elmore and Wesley Jacobs each had 19 points for Northumberland, who went on to win the regional championship the following night against Essex, 60-59.

Tyreim Blake soars to the basket to drop in a 2-pointer in Nandua’s 64-59 defeat Friday night to Northumberland in the regional semi-final. The following night, Northumberland won the regional title with a 1-point victory over Essex.

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For information, contact Brian Hall at 757-894-8208.
Northampton Girls Succumb to Hot-Shooting Indians

**Story and photos by Bill Sterling**

Northampton girls fell victim to a hot-shooting Northumberland team last Thursday in a regional semi-final game stopped with 2:32 remaining when an on-court altercation between players was joined by fans. Referees stopped the game with Northumberland leading 68-32.

Northampton guard Katelyn Weber started things off with a 3-pointer on the first shot of the game, and Whitney Metz hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer at the end of the first quarter to keep the Jackets in range at 18-10. But Northumberland’s Tylisha Crockett drained four 3-pointers in the second quarter as the Indians roared to a 48-11 halftime lead.

Nia Jones of Northumberland scored a game-high 20 points, many coming on driving layups as she wove through the Jacket defense.

Metz was the only Northampton player in double figures with 19 points.

Northampton, winner of both the regular-season title and the tournament crown in the Eastern Shore District, finished the season at 15-5.

Northumberland fell the next night in the regional final 45-44 to Lancaster.

Kesi Harman of Northampton looks to shoot in last week’s regional tourney loss to Northumberland.

Broadwater Girls Win Tourney Opener, Fall in Semi-Final

Katie Wendell had 14 points to lead Broadwater to a low-scoring 33-21 win over Atlantic Shores Thursday night in the opening round of the Metro Conference tournament.

The Vikings’ Savana Davis and Rachel Fox guarded Atlantic Christian’s top scorer, Rachel Flores, who scored 26 points two weeks ago to help defeat the Lady Vikings, and held the team to 5 points in the first half. Kathleen Kraft grabbed 10 rebounds while Claire Rew had 6 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Kristen Lewis added 6 points and seven steals.

The Broadwater girls fell to Williamsburg Christian 75-22 Friday night in the Metro Conference semi-finals. Katie Wendell led the Lady Vikings with eight rebounds while Rew had 10.

Williamsburg Christian won the Metro Conference Tournament the following night with a 94-41 defeat of Portsmouth Christian after scoring 38 points in the first quarter.

Broadwater Wins State Tourney Tilt

Kristen Lewis scored 26 points, including 12 of 16 from the foul line, and also grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds to lead Broadwater to a 44-36 win over Fredericksburg Academy in Fredericksburg Tuesday night.

The Lady Vikings erupted for 17 points in the second quarter to seize a 22-13 lead at halftime and maintained its lead in the second half.

“Kristen was determined we were not going to lose tonight,” said Coach Ralph Dodd.

The Lady Vikings spent the night in northern Virginia Tuesday night and faced Wakefield School on Wednesday, falling 49-23 to end their season one game short of the state semi-finals.

Kristen Lewis led the Vikings with 15 points. Claire Rew had 10 rebounds with Kathleen Kraft grabbing 9.

“Wakefield had too much for us, but the girls competed,” said Coach Dodd.

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Coach Luke Brankley said Tuesday, “Austin is a competitor. He is always up to the challenge and usually comes through in clutch situations.”

Watching Heenan sign Tuesday were his mother, Patty Heenan (seated, right), and his grandmother, Linda Rouse. Also attending the signing were (from left): Athletic Director Gary Reese, Nandua baseball coach Luke Brankley and Nandua principal Brian Patterson.

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Last Week's Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

* Moderate ★★ Challenging

★★★★ HOO BOY!

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As a mother of a child with congenital heart defects, I want to help spread awareness to my community.

Any congenital heart defect (CHD) is serious, some more than others. Some require a lifetime of medications; others require many open-heart surgeries. Surgeries and medications may help our kids’ hearts work better, but it will never be normal. CHD kids are very fragile and unpredictable; one minute they can be running around the house like normal and the next minute they could be fighting for their life. You learn to never take any moment for granted with a CHD child.

We heart moms may seem overprotective of our kids when it comes to illness, but what is a simple cold to your child can be disastrous to ours. We have watched our child on the brink of death, been told to say our goodbyes, and have sat for hours and just watched the monitor, counting each heartbeat, hoping it wouldn’t be their last.

My daughter has had two open-heart surgeries with more to come, numerous cardiac catheterization, and nissen and G-tube surgery. She has coded once and it took the amazing staff at Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters 25 minutes to bring her back. She eats primarily through her G-tube and is still recuperating from strokes and seizures she had over a year ago. She is taking 10 medications four times a day.

I am blessed that she is here with us today and every time I look at her I can’t help but think what a miracle she is.

Every CHD child has a different story, no matter how similar the heart defect. Unfortunately, scientists do not know all of the causes for CHD. A lot of people think that mothers or fathers must have done something wrong to cause their children’s hearts to be malformed. That is seldom the case. There are some known illnesses, medical conditions and drugs which can increase the risk of having a child with a heart defect, but most of the time, the doctors don’t know why our children are born with heart defects.

CHD is the number one birth defect; nearly one out of every 100 babies is born with a CHD, the leading cause of infant death in the United States. Thousands of them will not reach their first birthday and thousands more die before they reach adulthood. Almost half of those with complex congenital heart disease have neurological and developmental disabilities.

In the United States, twice as many children die from CHDs each year than from all forms of childhood cancer combined, yet funding for pediatric cancer research is five times higher than funding for CHD. Only one penny of every dollar donated to the American Heart Association goes toward CHD research. Of every dollar the government spends on medical funding, only a fraction of a penny is directed toward CHD research.

In the last decade, death rates for CHDs have declined by almost 30 percent due to advances made through research. Just imagine how many lives we can save if we all work together to help spread the word!

Make sure your newborn gets a pulse ox test when born, it can detect a CHD. So please, spread the word and save lives!
**Help Wanted**

**Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.**

**Director of Clinical Operations for the Corporate Office**

This position requires a Registered Nurse, licensed in Virginia, with Health Education experience, management and computer skills, supervisory experience and the ability to maintain good working relationships with all levels of clinical staff. Ability to initiate, plan, coordinate, implement and evaluate programs. Must possess good judgment, be self-motivated and have writing and speaking skills. Ability to provide bi-lingual patient care is a plus.

This is a full-time position with benefits.

If you are a mission driven person looking to make a difference, email dhr@esrh.org before Noon on March 5, 2013.

Eastern Shore Rural Health campuses are Tobacco-Free Workplaces.

**Resumes will not be considered alone and must be accompanied by an application. Applications are available at www.esrh.org and must be submitted by email. Paper copies will not be accepted.**

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**TRANSFER-STATION MANAGER**

The County of Accomack is seeking a Transfer-Station Manager to direct and oversee transfer station operations. This is a working management position responsible for managing, monitoring, planning and directing all operations at the transfer station. The individual will work closely with the Deputy Director of Solid Waste and the Regulatory Compliance Specialist. This position requires a high school diploma or GED supplemented by six years previous experience and/or training that includes heavy equipment operation, maintenance, repair, and managing solid waste operations; or equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Possession of a Class A Commercial Driver’s License with tanker endorsement, Class II Waste Management Facility Operator License issued by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, certification in CPR and First Aid is required. Satisfactory completion of a State Police criminal background check, DMV records check and pre-employment physical are required prior to employment. Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the Accomack County Public Works office at 24420 Lankford Highway (POB 52), Tasley, VA 23341. If you have questions concerning this opening, please contact the office at (757) 787-1468. A completed County application must be received at the Public Works office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013. EOE

Salary Range: $31,214.00 - $45,260.00

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**Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.**

**Licensed Technician/ Veterinary Assistant**

Greenbush Veterinary Clinic would like to offer you a fantastic opportunity to join a team that values family, fun and excellent care. Great benefits include health insurance, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave. We’re looking for candidates who desire an opportunity to learn and become an integral part of our team. Preference will be given to candidates with prior veterinary experience. Please submit a cover letter, resume and references to Greenbush Veterinary Clinic, 20524 Greenbush Road, Greenbush, VA. Your cover letter should include prior veterinary experience (if applicable), a summary of what makes your relationship with your pets special, and ways you have found to have fun when working in the veterinary field or in past positions.

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**Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.**

**Custodian for the Onley Community Health Center**

This position requires an individual with experience in custodial services, who is efficient in use of time and can assess and physically meet the custodial needs of the center.

**Dental Assistant for the Dental Program**

This position requires a graduate of an accredited high school with Dental Assistant training or experience. Requires the ability to perform four-handed dental assistance and the ability to work well with patients of all ages. Should have the ability to perform necessary clinical duties.

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**Center Nurse**

This position requires a person with current certification as a Nurse in the State of Virginia. Work experience of a quality and scope sufficient to satisfactorily perform assigned clinical duties. Requires a person with strong clinical and assessment skills.

All of these positions require a person with good communication, interpersonal skills and the ability to focus on details. Must be prepared to work in a busy office, have the ability to think quickly and act decisively, adhere to high standards of ethical behavior and maintain strict patient confidentiality. Ability to provide bilingual patient care is a plus.

These are a 40-hour per week positions with benefits.

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**SELL YOUR BOAT OR VEHICLE FOR ONLY $25!!**

Call Angie at 789-7678

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**Help Wanted**

**Hiring Servers, Busboys, & Kitchen Help** - Wright’s Seafood Restaurant, Atlantic. Call 924-4012.

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**Classified Ads, Real Estate Ads, Auctions & Legal Notices**

**Eastern Shore Trading POST**

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**Advertisements**

- **The Family of Jeannie Sayers Smith**
  - Would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for the thoughtfulness presented to us with all the cards, prayers, kind words, food, visits, phone calls, Emails, flowers, and much more, as well as the love we have been given from our true friends during our time of bereavement.
  - May God Bless You!

- **Special thanks to Williams Funeral Home and staff and Pastor Bob Boyce for your professionalism, your heart-felt compassion, and a comforting service.**

- **Lost Beagle: $250 Reward**
  - Female beagle lost on Feb. 18 near Saxis Road, Temperanceville. Contact: 757-894-0580 with information.

- **Help wanted** - Mature assistant for PT position in busy office. Knowledge of office software, including Quickbooks, MS Word/Excel, and bookkeeping skills needed. Fax resume to 757-678-7633 or mail to ILA, Inc., P.O. Box 910, Eastville, VA 23347

- **Roofing repair** - Company needs experienced person. Must have own truck & tools. $20/hr. Part time. For details call 442-6966.

- **arcadia nursing & rehab center - hiring RNs, LPNs, all positions, & CNAs for all shifts.**

- **Hirng for PT position in busy office. Knowledge of office software, including Quickbooks, MS Word/Excel, and bookkeeping skills needed.**

- **Losing a Harley Davidson collar**

- **One year old**

- **Lost between Pungoteague and Craddocksville**

- **Missing since 1/16**

- **He is chipped and registered with PetLink**

- **Missed by his family**

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- Eligible to work in the United States
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Fire Medic I Qualifications:
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- EMT - Enhanced certification or higher by the VDH Office of EMS
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- BTLS
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Full-time personnel may be hired under the Fire Medic I qualifications at the Accomack County Department of Emergency Services. All applicants must complete the full qualifications within 18 months of employment. Training may be provided on duty or after hours.

For complete salary schedule, please see the application packet.

COMPLETE application packets are available at www.acdps.net and must be submitted by Noon on Monday, March 11, 2013. Testing day is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th.

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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 parcel of land near Fairview, Northampton County, Virginia, designated as Tax Map No. 0091B-0A-BLR-00-029, standing in the names of Gail Stoakley Aguilar, Norman Stoakley, William Stoakley, Daphne Stoakley and Darren Stoakley, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

An affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Norman Stoakley and William Stoakley; and 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 known post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Norman Stoakley and William Stoakley. 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 21, 2013 at 10:00 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 21st day of February, 2013
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
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All that parcel of land near Pennyville, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, being 1.00 acre, more or less, and designated as parcel no. 09900A000006700.

standing in the names of Lynwood F. Stevens and Virginia W. Stevens, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Lynwood F. Stevens and Virginia W. Stevens, both having a last known post office address of P.O. Box 116, Tasley, VA 23401.

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 6, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 27th day of February, 2013 Nancy-Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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**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 parcel of land near Pennyville, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, being 1.054 acres, more or less, and designated as parcel no. 10900A000010500.

standing in the names of Alfonso Parker, Victor Parker, Beessie Garrett, Lillian James, and Reid Parker, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that Alfonso Parker is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 22 Altonwood Place, Yonkers, NY 10710; that Victor Parker is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 117 McKinley Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710; that Beessie Garrett is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 20 Kenmore Street, Yonkers, NY 10710; that Lillian James is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is P.O. Box 151, Centuck Station, Yonkers, NY 10710; and that Reid Parker is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 31 Roanoke Street, Yonkers, NY 10710.

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 April 4, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 27th day of February, 2013 Nancy-Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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Everyone loves this new technology and no one seems to have concerns about drones and give them time to inform the public. I could buy a drone that gives me a bit of flavor from it, she puts it in a left-overs plastic Easter egg and saves it to give to her grandchild instead of clay. Her plan was to take her volunteers not to break or chip the precious squares. Her plan was to take them back to the store after the party.

Someone told me she knew a woman who took the free bus and $20 that was given as a promotion for a New Jersey casino. She got the trip, the buffet lunch and two rolls of quarters. She came back with the change. She didn’t play the slots.

I know two other women who reuse plastic storage bags and paper towels. That’s right. Rinse out your baggies. I get the paper towel thing. Sometimes I dry my hands and then wipe my windowsills or use them to dust off the bottom of kitchen chair legs.

Recently I read that instead of using deodorant, one could rub pine needles under his or her arms. That would save a buck or two and they are pretty abundant here. Are you willing to try it?

Yes. There are those who claim to be saving the environment. I’m not sure I believe it, although I have no idea what their real reason is for not flushing the toilet. They even have a little jingle that they sing about it. I refuse to repeat it.

But this related tip is interesting. I’ve been told one can save plenty of cash by frequenting public restrooms and friends’ bathrooms more often to save on toilet paper.

OK, so we’ve tackled cheap. Now let’s move on to sensible ways to save money. Quit smoking! I’m shocked to report that when I started the dirty habit, cigarettes cost 34 cents a pack. It was the early 1970s. I quit more than 25 years ago. Based on the original price, I’ve saved more than $3,300. At today’s prices, I’ve saved more than $49,000. YIPPEE!

Break treats in half. That includes Rice Crispy treats for you and biscuits for your pup. Break treats in half. That includes Rice Crispy treats for you and biscuits for your pup.

I say never throw anything away and remember where you put your stuff. And the number one way to save a buck is … drum roll please … don’t clean the house as often and you won’t use so many cleaning supplies. Oh, yeah.

Drones Could Change Lives on Eastern Shore

Dear Editor:

You might be aware that about four months ago, a large drone launched from Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland crashed on a small island west of Salisbury.

Drones have been made from old gutted military jets for years and there is even one the size of a 747 aircraft. They can be as little as a bug. There are laws that limit the airspace they can use and the altitude at which they can fly. The FAA is about to expand the airspace for drone use. I could buy a drone tomorrow for $300 if I obey those rules.

A two-year moratorium law proposed in Virginia would be a good thing because it would allow discussion about drones and give time to inform the public.

The main problem with the drone program is that everyone loves this new technology and no one seems to be questioning it. Discussion is what is needed.

I attended a conference about drones and the most adamantly opposed people were the engineers who actually design and build them. Their biggest fear was autonomous drones that would operate with no human control.

Drones (the old modified jet planes) have been used for years for target practice, mainly by the Navy. Don’t let’s be so foolish as to go into this with our eyes closed. We have lots of tomato fields here on the Eastern Shore because a lot of places will not allow them. We have lots of chicken houses here because a lot of places will not allow them. We just approved touch-and-go landings at Wallops and a lot of other communities would not want these. I was questioning touch-and-go drone landings from Wallops to and from aircraft carriers.

Again, the main thing is to study and discuss this technology and pass laws for the use of drones. There is a whole huge section of southeastern Colorado where people have been fighting the takeover of the airspace for drone use. This will be a horrendous problem in the future.

Sometimes it helps to remind people that maybe England, France, Israel and the United States are the only countries with drones NOW, but how would they like having Japanese or Chinese or even Canadian drones flying over our houses? That would not be a pretty sight nor a pretty noise.

That is why more time is needed for the public to digest what this all means. I question how many jobs would come to the Shore as a result of drones. These drones can be operated out of Wallops by someone in California. At present, most of the military drone used in Yemen and Pakistan are flown by military personnel living in Nevada. Let cool heads prevail and allow time to study this issue which could greatly change the lives of the people of the United States, including the Eastern Shore.
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