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Accused Arsonist Leaves Jail

Story and Photo by Linda Cicoira

Toting a clear plastic bag of books and papers and dressed in the T-shirt, rolled-up green pants and large white hoop earrings she was wearing on the night she was arrested in April, Tonya Susan Bundick was released from Accomack Jail Monday after being incarcerated for more than 5½ months.

In an effort to avoid members of the press, two county deputies escorted the accused arsonist out the side door and then drove her to the magistrate’s office around the corner. There she signed bond documents and was set free until her trial in November.

Eastern Shore Bail Bonds of Accomac posted the $30,000 needed for her get-out-of-jail card. Five weeks ago, Judge Glen A. Tyler set the amount. Before that Bundick was held without bond. Defense lawyer Shannon Dunham of Eastville brought the required $3,000 (10 percent) to the company Monday morning. “Due to confidentially reasons, I cannot disclose” who came up with the funds, said Michael Allen, an owner of the bond business.

The 40-year-old Hopeton woman’s name is now a household word as allegations and photos of her and her fiancé, Charles Robert Smith, 38, were published by news agencies around the globe. Bundick is facing counts of arson and conspiracy. Smith, who is still being held in jail with bond denied, was indicted on 68 counts of arson and conspiracy.

Dunham filed a motion last week asking Tyler for a change of venue, the legal term for moving a trial to a new location. Tyler will hear arguments on the motion Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, Carl Bundick, who represents Smith, also known as Charlie Applegate, asked that the court suppress “all evidentiary matters and items seized by the government during a warrant-less seizure and search of” Smith and the vehicle the couple were in when they were arrested on April 1.

The lawyer is arguing that the seizures violated Smith’s “fourth, fifth and sixth amendment rights of the Constitution of the United States.”

“No probable cause and/or ... existed after such initial seizure,” Carl Bundick wrote. “No voluntary consent existed for such seizure or search.”

The lawyer says Smith was not given a “Miranda warning ... in this case.”

Nearly 80 arsons were reported in Accomack from November 2012 to April 2013. Smith confessed to setting a majority of the blazes, according to court documents. He told police Tonya Bundick set 15 blazes.
Citizens Voice Opposition to Wastewater Plan; Businesses Fear Competition

By Ron West

The Northampton Board of Supervisors conducted a two-hour public hearing Monday on a special tax district to fund a proposed wastewater pipeline south of Cheriton.

A crowd of approximately 100 citizens came to voice their opinion of the project, which has been proposed as a way to attract new businesses.

County Administrator Katie Nunez noted that a misconception many hold is that the special tax district would be for residential as well as commercial properties. In fact, it would apply only to commercial and industrial zoned parcels south of Cheriton and an area just south of the Cape Charles traffic signal. At no point, stated Nunez has the PSA recommended that residential units be included in the plan.

There are 68 parcels with an assessed total value of $17.8 million in the proposed special tax district area, most of which are undeveloped. The projected cost for the infrastructure needed to run wastewater lines from the district into the new wastewater facility in Cape Charles is estimated at $1.8 million, to be shared between the county and the owners of the parcels that might benefit directly from the lines.

According to Board Chairman Willie Randall, the 25 percent portion for the county has been included in the general budget approved in the spring. The owners of the affected parcels would pay at a rate of 52 cents per $100 assessed value, in addition to what they currently pay in real-estate taxes.

Nunez noted that Cape Charles citizens might see a rate decrease if new customers are added to the system.

Approximately 20 speakers addressed the board; all but one spoke in opposition to the special district.

Stating that he represented Cape Charles Business Association, George Prota said members are concerned over the possible loss of customers if new businesses are developed on Lankford Highway near the entrance to the town. He urged the board to put the plan on hold.

Granville Hogg, a candidate for the District 1 board seat in the November general election, called the plan a “protection racket (which) … needs to be a county decision, not a board decision.”

Cape Charles Marine Owner Phil Morris called for the plan to be put to a referendam for the citizens of the county. Morris questioned the results of the PSA survey which drew a poor response.

R. Dodd Obenshain, CEO of A&N Electric Cooperative, voiced concerns over how the A&N’s electric grid might be affected by the special tax district.

Speaking on behalf of some residents of the Parson’s Circle area, Catherine Campbell said some residents support the project. She added that a medical center attracted to replace the soon-to-be-lost hospital would need to have access to the nearby wastewater facility. One reason that has been given for the hospital’s move to Onley is the lack of a regional wastewater system.

Debra Bender, who has spoken repeatedly on the topic at other meetings, stated that people do not trust the PSA and do not believe wastewater lines are needed. She stressed the need to support the current businesses in Cape Charles before encouraging development of new businesses along Lankford Highway. Bender said she had a petition signed by 262 people who oppose the project.

Former County Planning Commission member Mary Miller worried about how the project would be funded. “Many people don’t need it and can’t afford to connect to it,” she said.

Eyre Baldwin said he supports a regional wastewater system, but not the one proposed. He questioned some of the cost figures presented by the PSA and noted that a mass drainfield could be built in another area to handle the wastewater rather than funneling it to the Cape Charles facility. Bob Meyers said there already is room in Cape Charles to support new business opportunities where there already is water and wastewater, and the county should encourage that as opposed to new businesses in the highway.

David Boyd of the Tower Hill subdivision stated that the residents in his area oppose the planned wastewater lines. “The county is losing population, not gaining it,” Boyd said.

Cape Charles Councilman Frank Wendell spoke in opposition to the plan. He urged the board to hold additional public meetings on the issue prior to voting on it. “It’s not being business friendly for the county to impose more taxes on the people,” Wendell said. He noted that the county would be putting additional taxes on existing businesses without knowing that new businesses would come to the area.

Garrison Brown called on the board to spend more money promoting existing businesses than on an uncertain project.

Mike Steelman said he hopes the large turnout will give the board enough reason to reject the project. He asked to see the information that the board had showing the need for the pipeline.

Roger Buyrn cited concerns over additional traffic that might be generated on Lankford Highway by new businesses. He suggested that it would be wrong to encourage strip development along the busy highway and urged the board to focus on additional industry as opposed to more commercial development.

The consensus of the others who spoke was for the county to back away from the project.

Nunez read an additional three letters and e-mails into the record; two urged the county to move forward with the plan. One asked for his commercial property to be added to the properties being considered for the special tax district.

Following the public input session, each supervisor addressed the issue. Supervisor Larry LeMond agreed that the funding plan for the district would place a lot of tax on the commercial properties affected, but the county needs a wastewater system if it is ever to attract new businesses. “We need to get over the hurdle of a lack of infrastructure in the county,” LeMond said.

Supervisor Rick Hubbard noted that a lot of bad information is being disseminated by some individuals. He urged everyone to seek real facts before making judgements about it. Hubbard noted that the county needs a wastewater system to attract new businesses and everyone needs to work together to attract jobs to help fix the economic problems in the county.

Supervisor Larry Trala echoed concerns over the lack of infrastructure to attract new jobs to that area. “The PSA has done a lot of work and is not trying to hurt anyone,” he said.

Supervisor Oliver Bennett, a lifelong educator in the county’s school system, said he is tired of seeing so many young people leave the area after graduation from high school. “Some come back but other do not. They need a better way of life here,” he added.

Randall emphasized that the plan is not finalized. “No vote will be taken on it tonight,” he assured, adding that the supervisors will continue to review it.

Randall asked those in attendance to present the board with any better ideas that they might have to help the county’s economic problems.

In the end, the board voted 5-0 to table the special tax district.

In other business, the board heard from School Transportation Director Chris Truckner with regards to the recent bus-route changes enacted by the School Board. Truckner explained that some students must walk between four-tenths and five-tenths of a mile to reach their assigned stops and no student has to walk along Lankford Highway.

 Asked by Trala if the buses still stop for students on Lankford Highway, Truckner replied that it is considered safer for buses to do so rather than stop on some of the back roads. Truckner quoted from Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) guidelines regarding bus safety and the amount of room needed for turning around, as well as the proper stopping distance for displaying warning lights prior to making a stop.

Truckner told the board the school system still is short four drivers.

Bennett noted that he had been with the schools for nearly 40 years and as a coach had driven a bus for a long time. He said the buses have been stopping on Lankford Highway for as long as he can remember. Bennett added that he still is concerned that the system had not provided a written plan on how it would address the complaints that had been filed by a large number of parents.

Randall called for a decision regarding the $215,853 in unused school funds from the FY 2013 budget, which had been tabled at an earlier board session. The School Board has asked the supervisors to allocate the unused funds for the school capital improvement fund. Bennett called for the Board to continue to table the matter pending written plans for the bus routes as well as for the maintenance of the buildings. The board voted unanimously to table it.
Effort To Catch Those Who Would Steal Benefits Is Intense

By Linda Cicoira

Between 2009 and 2013, Accomack residents fraudulently obtained benefits from the county’s Department of Social Services to the tune of more than a half million dollars, Investigator Jack Thomas reported Wednesday.

He not only catches the culprits, but then collects payments either by getting the money up front or garnishing paychecks. And when all else fails, he intercepts tax refunds.

Thomas recouped the majority of the benefits, $463,200 of the $525,435 in the last five years. A breakdown showed $259,838 was gotten back through upfront payments or garnished wages and $203,452 was obtained through tax refunds.

“We’re very proactive trying to identify fraud before benefits are issued,” said Thomas. “If at any time … the eligibility worker suspects possible fraud, I go investigate before the individual is given any benefits. If it’s determined that fraud exists, benefits are not issued or are reduced. This has resulted in a huge savings in TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), food stamps and especially in the fuel and cooling programs,” the investigator added.

A client who is caught is disqualified and becomes ineligible to receive benefits for 12 months, 24 months or permanently, “which results in huge savings,” Thomas continued.

“As a result, in the five years the total savings has been $1,547,955. In fiscal 2013, more than $300,170 was saved through fraud probes.

In the previous year, nearly 78 percent of residents (98 of 126) who asked for air conditioners through a cooling program gave fraudulent information on their application, Thomas reported. Investigations saved $47,850.

This year, Thomas said, people reacted to the department’s serious stand on preventing fraud. The figure dropped to 67 percent, with 56 of the 84 applicants giving false information. About $29,100 went unspent due to home checks for air-conditioning units.

“This is the wildest thing that I’ve ever seen,” Thomas said, explaining that he was looking for an address in Belle Haven. He had ridden by the house and had to turn around to go back when he spotted an air conditioner in a window of the residence from across the field.

“I think they saw my car when I went by,” Thomas continued.

When he knocked on the door, a woman answered and denied having an air conditioner. When he walked around the house to double check, the unit was gone. Upon further investigation, he found the woman had pulled the unit out of the window and covered it with clothing on a bedroom floor.

“She had to have seen me ride by,” he said.

Another woman, who didn’t answer her door, found the note he left and called the office to explain that she had found the unit at the dump that morning and it already had failed, so she took it back.

“Our bottom-line goal is to help folks while at the same time holding those accountable who cheat,” he said. “Hopefully by doing all of these things, we reduce fraud, save tax dollars and add integrity to all programs.”

by Linda Cicoira
Accomack Finance Director Says Economy Looking Up

By Linda Cicoira

Additional garbage, tax collection methods and spending were among the topics highlighted in Accomack County’s fourth-quarter financial report to the Board of Supervisors.

More garbage was received at Accomack landfills in FY (fiscal year) 2013 than in the previous three years, causing officials to conclude that economic conditions have improved.

Finance Director Mike Mason reported last week that in FY2009-10, 39,154 billable tons of debris were received, compared to 38,466 in FY2010-11 and 37,028 in FY2011-12. For the period ending June 30, 2013, Mason said, 39,014 tons were received.

“The garbage man is the first person” to see economic recovery, Mason concluded.

Leachate disposal expenses totaled $456,000 in FY2013, up from $338,000 in FY2012. Mason reported that spray irrigation scheduled for this fall “will almost completely eliminate the cost.”

Meanwhile, the Airport Enterprise Fund’s “current revenue streams will not sustain operations in the future” due to a “declining revenue base” and limited “options that do not result in service reductions.” Mason explained that some of the department’s “key customers” were lost.

In addition, Parks and Recreation expenditures are on the rise and the fund balance is at “an all-time low.” The county’s Parks and Recreation Department exceeded its appropriation by $24,000, while the Wallops Research Park went over by $31,000 because the bond sale originally planned in May did not occur until August.

“Capital Funds provided for grant matching are mostly committed to existing grants leaving little for future projects,” Mason continued. Grant matching funds provided by the General Fund are less than half of the amount provided in 2008. “Staff is thoroughly aware of this issue and is working on solutions,” Mason added.

The finance director also noted, “Irregular delinquent tax collection activities” by Treasurer Dana Bundick “make accurate budgeting impossible.”

“One year, DMV (Division of Motor Vehicle) stops are utilized. The next year they are not,” Mason said. “One year delinquent notices are sent. The next year they are not. Finance and IT can only offer assistance to the treasurer. We have no authority to intervene.”

Taxes, penalties and interest collected totaled $280,243 in fiscal year 2010 when DMV collection stops were not used, he said. The stops keep those who fail to pay personal property taxes from renewing vehicle registrations. The next year the technique was used and $852,158 was collected. Then in FY2012, Bundick did not use the method and $258,971 was taken in compared to FY2013 when $1,039,889 was collected with use of DMV stops, said Mason.

The finance director said Bundick has not issued the stops so far this year, but says she plans to do so by Dec. 31. Bundick did not attend the session.

The county’s major revenues were up 1.6 percent for the final quarter of FY2013, compared to the prior year. For the entire fiscal year, major revenues were up 4.5 percent compared to FY2012.

The real-estate tax grew by 1.7 percent over the prior year when budget estimates called for 8 percent growth. Personal-property taxes grew by 10.3 percent. The estimate called for 6.9 percent growth. Sales and use taxes grew by 5.6 percent over the last fiscal year. Communication taxes were estimated for 4 percent growth and wound up having a .3 percent increase.
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Aacomack Circuit Court
Two county men were given lengthy prison sentences last week in Aacomack Circuit Court for selling cocaine, according to court records.

Ceylon L. McLaughlin, 38, of Germain Lane in Parksley pleaded guilty to a second offense of possession with intent to distribute cocaine on Sept. 12, 2012. He was sentenced to 30 years with all but five years and six months suspended. Three of those years are mandatory for the crime.

Upon release McLaughlin was ordered to be on good behavior for 24 years and six months. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was placed on indeterminate probation.

Terrell Termaine Sample also known as Tirrell Sample, 35, of Daugherty Road in Accomac pleaded guilty to a second or subsequent offense of distributing cocaine on July 10, 2012.

He was sentenced to 25 years in prison with all but three years suspended. Upon release Sample was ordered to be on good behavior for the remaining 22 years. He will also be on supervised probation for an indeterminate period. Court records show he has prior convictions for four counts of distribution and a count of possession of marijuana.

Both pleas came in an agreement with Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney Matthew Brenner who amended the indictments and recommended the terms.

Aaron Troussaint Davis, 46, of Cooper Lane in Accomac pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property, felony shoplifting and grand larceny in connection with March 2013 incidents. The thefts involved property belonging to Dollar General in Onley. Judge W. Revell Lewis III accepted the pleas and continued the case pending completion of a presentence report. Davis was remanded to jail.

Charles Stewart Young, 37, of Hartman Avenue in Onancock pleaded guilty to 2012 crimes of grand larceny, malicious wounding and two counts of burglary. Young confessed to breaking into the home of David Alberton and Onancock General Store and stealing property. He also admitted to stabbing Lisa Bundick, a worker at G.F. Horne Assisted Living, where he resided. A presentence report was ordered.

Maurice Anthony Holden, 32, of Airport Road in Melfa pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice, a misdemeanor. He was initially charged with assault and battery of Deputy W. Hartshorn of the Aacomack County Sheriff's Office. Holden was sentenced to a year in jail with 11 months suspended, which he could serve on weekends. Good behavior and supervised probation were ordered for five years.

Jennifer Kaye Aeppli, 39, of House Point Lane in Onancock pleaded guilty to petty larceny. She was originally charged with grand larceny. Aeppli was sentenced to 12 months in jail with all but four days suspended. Restitution of $1,312.11 to Farm Bureau Inc. was ordered. Good behavior was ordered for three years.

Kelly Elaine Bynum, 27, of Drummondtown Road in Melfa was sentenced to five years in prison with all but a year suspended for felony shoplifting at Dollar General in Parksley on Aug. 1, 2012.

Northampton Circuit Court
A 65-year-old Cape Charles man pleaded guilty Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to possession with intent to distributing cocaine, according to Commonwealth Attorney Bruce Jones.

A presentence report was ordered for Harry J. Anderson of Monroe Avenue. The offense occurred on Dec. 27, 2012.

Theany Tor, 53, of Eastville pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine on Dec. 19, 2012. Tor was sentenced to 10 years in prison with all but 90 days suspended. His driver’s license was suspended for six months.

Shekia Thomas, 20, of Birdsnest pleaded guilty to illegally obtaining and using a credit card and credit card fraud on Feb. 28 and April 30, 2013. The cases were continued pending completion of a presentence report.

Everado Maldanado Rosales, 21, of Clayton, N.C. pleaded guilty to a third offense of DUI on Feb. 24, 2013. A presentence report was ordered.

Robin Mae Orsinger, 41, of Cape Charles was sentenced to ten years in prison each for obtaining money by false pretenses, welfare fraud and forgery. The terms were set to run concurrently with all but 10 months suspended. Restitution of $1,102 and indefinite probation were ordered.

Jermaine Montel King, 29, of Salisbury, Md. was sentenced to five years for grand larceny and 12 months each for assault and battery and assault and battery of a family member. The terms were set to run concurrently with all but two months suspended. Five years of supervised probation was ordered.

Arkiece (Dyce) Montwelle Davis, 28, of Exmore pleaded guilty to providing a cellular telephone to an inmate. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail.

Eastern District of Va. Federal Court
Jarrid Delmont Cropper, 41, of Northampton County was sentenced Monday to 300 months (25 years) in prison, followed by five years of supervised release, for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and 280 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Dana J. Boente, acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Justin K. May, resident agent in charge for the Drug Enforcement Administration-Norfolk Resident Office, made the announcement after sentencing by Senior U.S. District Judge Robert G. Doumar.

Cropper waived indictment and pleaded guilty to a Criminal Information on Feb. 19. He has sold cocaine on the Eastern Shore of Virginia since 1997. Cropper was known to travel to Norfolk, Va., from the Shore to purchase large quantities of cocaine and then transport it back to the Shore for distribution. Cropper broke down the cocaine to smaller quantities and delivered multiple-ounce quantities to mid-level dealers and users for an increased profit. Cropper also used and directed couriers to transport the cocaine on his behalf in an effort to avoid law-enforcement detection.

This case is the latest in an investigation that has been ongoing for years on the Eastern Shore. In early 2009, the Drug Enforcement Administration-Norfolk Resident Office, and the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force initiated an investigation dubbed “Operation Baker’s Dozen,” targeting several known long-term and large scale narcotics traffickers on the Shore.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration – Norfolk Resident Office and the Virginia State Police Eastern Shore Drug Task Force. Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura M. Everhart prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

Aacomack District Court
Shawn Vanelle Little, 46, of Brainard Street in Parksley was arrested Sept. 19 and charged with stealing property worth more than $200 belonging to Julie Hall, according to records filed in Aacomack General District Court. He was arrested that day and is being held in Aacomack Jail without bail. Chief W.T. Carpenter of Parksley Police Department investigated.

In another case, a charge of assault and battery of a law enforcement officer will not be prosecuted against Fred Douglas Bailey, 64, of Parksley. Records allege the incident occurred on July 6, 2013.

Joseph Samuel Davila, 25, of Parksley was initially arrested and charged with assault and battery on an officer on Aug. 5, 2013. He pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of misdemeanor assault and battery Monday and was sentenced to eight months in jail with six months suspended. Davila was also fined $150.

Northampton District Court
A Nassawadox man was charged with grand larceny last week, according to records filed in Northampton General District Court.

Forty-two year old Walter Merrill Lewis III was arrested for the alleged Sept. 18, 2013 offense the same day. The complainant was Jay Bell. An October preliminary hearing was set.
New Tourism Director Will Arrive from Texas

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission has hired Kerry Allison as its new executive director. Commission Chairwoman Lisa LaMontagne announced the hiring Wednesday.

Allison will begin her duties Oct. 14 in the new Tourism Commission offices at 25A Market St. in Onancock.

“We conducted an extensive search for a professional who could help us advance the commission’s mission of tourism development,” LaMontagne said.

“Allison’s extensive experience in marketing, technology and media as well as her award-winning content writing will be a great asset to the Eastern Shore. We’re delighted to welcome her.”

Allison, who is from Virginia, will be relocating from San Antonio, Texas, to the Eastern Shore, where she has extensive family. She was with the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau, where she managed digital marketing. Her marketing experience includes strategic planning, website management, digital and print advertising, public relations and print and digital content development. In addition to tourism, Allison has worked for global banking and high tech Fortune 500 companies, higher education and non-profit management.

“I have been enjoying the Eastern Shore while visiting family for many years and look forward to living here and applying my skills and experience to help it thrive,” Allison said. “I am particularly excited about the authenticity of the communities and can’t wait to spread the news of the beauty of the Shore.”

Northampton Job Fair Tuesday

The Northampton County Chamber of Commerce will host its semi-annual Job Fair at the former Northampton Middle School Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free.

Those seeking employment will be able to speak directly with employers about open positions. Job seekers should wear business attire, be over 18 years of age, and be prepared to interview and fill out applications on site.

Eastern Shore One Stop, in partnership with Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Services, will present two instructional seminars: “First Impressions Count” and “How To Get Your Application Noticed.”

Space Station Rendezvous Delayed to No Earlier Than Saturday

Managers from Orbital Sciences and NASA decided Monday morning to postpone the approach, rendezvous, grapple and berthing operations of Orbital’s Cygnus cargo logistics spacecraft with the International Space Station to no earlier than Saturday, Sept. 28.

Cygnus’ rendezvous now will follow the launch and arrival of three crew members of Expedition 37-38 on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Michael Hopkins of NASA and Oleg Kotov and Sergey Ryazanskiy of the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) departed from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and arrived at the space station.

Orbital has confirmed that earlier this week, the Orbital team developed and tested a software fix for the data format mismatch that necessitated a postponement of the first rendezvous operation that was scheduled for the early morning of Sunday, Sept. 22. However, that process, together with the Soyuz crew operations, resulted in a tight schedule to the point that both Orbital and NASA felt it was the right decision to postpone the Cygnus approach and rendezvous until after Soyuz operations.

An exact schedule for Cygnus was yet to be determined as of presstime.

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Concrete Idea for Cape Charles

By Ron West

While there have been many proposals for economic growth in Cape Charles, one that is cast in stone — or concrete as it were — was presented at last week’s session of Cape Charles Town Council.

John Chandler of Bayshore Concrete Products discussed three prospective projects that hold the potential for 300 to 400 jobs in the next two years. The expected influx of larger ships to many East Coast ports as a result of the expansion of the Panama Canal could mean several bridges will be too low.

Chandler discussed two limiting factors that need to be addressed: access to the plant from Lankford Highway and the need to construct a pair of 250-foot long piers near the 1,000-foot wide harbor entrance.

A solution for the first limitation is in the works with a new road that is now part of the six-year Virginia Department of Highway (VDOT) road plan. The new road would provide a connector road from the Bayshore property at Old Cape Charles Road and then cut northeast to Stone Road near the traffic signal. The road may become a reality in the next few years.

The need for access for longer piers for larger barges means would allow longer and wider barges to tie up and be loaded with concrete structures twice the size of what can currently be handled at Bayshore.

With regards to the use of the railroad for shipping, Chandler indicated that Bay Coast could see as many as 200 more rail car shipments a year leaving town.

In other business, several people spoke against the proposed Public Service Authority (PSA) recommendation to provide wastewater treatment to commercial properties near the Cape Charles traffic signal.

Deborah Bender stressed the need to protect local businesses from possible competition that might spring up along Lankford Highway.

Mike Steelman and others echoed Bender’s concerns.

Council discussed a proposal to re-

view and possibly refinance some of the town’s debt. David Rose of Dav-enport and Company, LLC offered to review the amount of debt that the town currently has and make recommendations on how best to refinance it.

Councilman Frank Wendell urged council to spend more time reviewing the contract proposal by Davenport and noted that loan payments by the town constitute a tax on property owners. Wendell’s suggestion that council table the recommendation failed to gain support and council voted 4-1 (Wendell voting against) to have Daven-
port and Company move forward with its review and recommendations.

Vice Mayor Chris Bannon stated that it is not an issue of commercial growth at the traffic signal but rather the loss of the hospital that is going to kill the town. Looking around the room, he noted that many of those in attendance were likely to need medical care at some point. The lack of a nearby hospital will make it less likely that newcomers would want to live in Cape Charles. He stressed the need to find a company that would be interested in locating a 24/7 emergency room in the area.

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Saturday, Oct. 5
The women of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Jenkins Bridge will hold an indoor yard sale in the parish hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will feature a lawn mower, a weed trimmer, kitchen and household items, craft accessories, linens, jewelry, glassware, children’s items, books, picture frames, baked goods and gift ideas. For information, call 824-5043.

Hall’s Chapel Church in Salisbury will begin with the message, "Sunday School Songs."

Sunday, Oct. 6
Annual Homecoming will be celebrated at Mt. Zion Independent Methodist Church in Withams at 3:30 p.m. Pastor T.D. Hackett of Snow Hill Ebenezer U.M. Church will deliver the message.

Monday, Oct. 7-Wednesday, Oct. 9
Metomkin Baptist Church in Parksley will hold its Fall Revival. Dr. Michael Scott of Galilee Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, Mich., will be the revivalist. Praise and worship will begin at 6:45 and the service will begin at 7 each night.

Saturday, Oct. 12
Refuge Temple Outreach Ministry in Pocomoke City, Md., will hold Family and Friends Day at 3 p.m. The guest preacher will be Pastor Jesse Jones of Temple of Refuge in Newport News, Va.

St. Luke AME Church in Daugherty will host the Community Anointed Gospel Singers’ Third Anniversary at 5 p.m. Many singing groups, praise dancers, and other talents, will be there to praise and glorify God.

Monday, Oct. 14-Thursday, Oct. 17
New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Temperanceville will hold its Fall Revival with revivalist Rev. Richard Holland of Redemption Church in Baltimore, Md.

Saturday, Oct. 19
Ebenezer Baptist Church in Exmore is sponsoring its 2013 Seasoned Seniors Conference from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The conference is free and lunch will be provided. It will provide information on cataracts/glaucoma/eye care, neurological and stroke issues, nutrition, available services for season seniors and In-Home Safety; as well as balance testing, blood pressure checks, and cholesterol and diabetes tests. This conference is open especially to those 55 and older, but caregivers also are invited. Registration is required. Please call 442-2684 or 709-0636.

Sunday, Oct. 20
A Women and Men in Pink Service in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month will be held at Mt. Zion Independent Methodist Church in Withams at 4 p.m. Min. Sheila Savage-Goodman of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Temperanceville will deliver the message.

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Church Organ Concerts Planned
Hungars Episcopal Church in Machipongo invites the public to four free concerts on its new 969-pipe organ:
• Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. - organist Stefan Dulcie, Hungars Church and Christ Church music director, with Andrew Muender, pianist;
• Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. - organist Timothy J. Brumfield, director of music at Christ Church in Riverdale, N.Y., and member of the Grammy Award-winning Paul Winter jazz consort;
• Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. - organist Elizabeth Melcher Davis, DMA, Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, Va.;
• Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. - Special Christmas Concert.
Retired Pharmacist Dies

A native of Cape Charles, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd B. and Florence Manley Kellam. She graduated from Cape Charles High School, attended Maryknoll College in Scranton, Pa., and graduated from Philadelphia College Pharmacy and Science in 1952 with a degree in pharmacy. At the time of her graduation, Mrs. Morrell was one of the few women practicing pharmacy.

Mrs. Morrell worked in Exmore as a pharmacist for Lloyd’s Drug Store and later for what was then known as Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital, where she opened its first pharmacy. Later she moved to Springfield, Va., and served as chief hospital pharmacist for Arlington Hospital. She continued the practice of retail pharmacy in Orland Park until her retirement.

Mrs. Morrell will be remembered as a fun-loving, caring friend, who was beloved by all, especially her family.

Mrs. Morrell was predeceased by her husband, Alex Morrell; and a son, Michael Morrell. She is survived by her son, Paul, of Troy, Mich.; daughters, Barbara Ann Neuzil (and husband, Allen) of Davis, Ill., and Paula Aubin (and husband, Marc) of Pompano Beach, Fla.; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Morrell; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and brothers, Lloyd J. Kellam of Exmore and George E. Kellam of Gulfport, Miss. She was predeceased by a sister, Dorothy Rhodes.

A memorial service will be held during the regular Sunday Mass at St. Charles Catholic Church Sunday, Sept. 29, at 9 a.m. Interment will be held immediately following Mass at the St. Charles Columbarium.

Memorials donations may be sent to St. Charles Catholic Church Building Fund, 545 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310.

Retired Orthopaedist Dies


The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman Holcomb Jr., and raised in Beverly Farms, Mass., he attended The Fessenden School and Milton Academy in Massachusetts and graduated from Yale University in 1963 with a bachelor of arts degree in history. Dr. Holcomb completed his medical degree at Yale Medical School in 1968. As a young man, he worked at a mission hospital in Ghana, volunteered in Mexico for the American Friends Service Committee, and sailed to Quebec and Labrador for the Grenfell Mission. From 1970-72, he served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at McMurdo Station, Antarctica, as flight surgeon for Operation Deep Freeze. Dr. Holcomb completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Virginia hospital in Charlottesville in 1977, and started his orthopaedic surgery practice on the Eastern Shore of Virginia that same year. After practicing locally for 20 years, he worked as a traveling “locum tenens” surgeon throughout the coun-

Heritage Hall Resident Dies

Mrs. Irma Genevieve Humrell, 91, passed away at Heritage Hall in Nassawadox Friday, Sept. 13, 2013.

Born of French parents, Joseph and Lucie Lamble, she lived in Iowa until she was 89 when she moved to Virginia to be near her niece and her husband, Carol and Malcolm Russ. She worked as a bookkeeper for various organizations, but her favorite was Cole Furniture. She was passionate about beach-combing for seashells, birdwatching and gardening — activities she shared with her late husband, Luman Humrell. She also loved hot-air ballooning.

Mrs. Humrell is survived by numerous family and friends, including a great-great niece and nephew and a step-great-grandson.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or to Riverside Cancer Center, P.O. Box 17, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

Friends are invited to visit website www.doughtyfuneralhome.com for memories of her and to leave a note for the family.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore.

Nassawadox Man Dies

Mr. David Charles Glowacki of Nassawadox died peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013, at the age of 68 after a two-year battle with throat cancer.

Originally from Virginia Beach, he is survived by his wife, Carol Ward Glowacki; mother-in-law, Shirley Willis of Chesapeake, Va.; step-children, Jennifer, Douglas and William Koenning, all from Texas, and William’s wife, Amanda Shealy Koenning, and their children, Alyssa and Tyler. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Margaret Glowacki.

A wake service was conducted Friday, Sept. 20, by Father Michael at St. Charles Catholic Church in Cape Charles. A full funeral service was conducted Saturday, Sept. 21, by Carol’s brother, Rev. Jay McCoy, at Holland Road Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Va. Burial was private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Woman’s Club of Onancock; the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, and the American Friends Service Committee.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore.

Betsy McMath Ewell

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth McMath Parker Ewell, 93, known to her family and friends as Betsy Anne, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013, at her home in Onley.

Mrs. Ewell was born in the home of her grandparents, Annie Dunton Nottingham Tankard and Edward Garrison Tankard, in Franktown. She lived on a farm outside Onley until she was 2, when her parents moved to the new family home on Maple Street in town.

On April 26, 1941, Mrs. Ewell married David Augustus (Gus) Parker, and their first son, David McMath Parker, was born Aug. 22, 1943, and a second son, George Tankard Parker, was born Aug. 29, 1946. During the boys’ youth, Mrs. Ewell was president of the PTA, a Club Scout den mother, and a Sunday School teacher. In later years, she was active in the Woman’s Club, DAR, and Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, and was a charter member of Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club.

Mrs. Ewell joined Onley U.M. Church at the age of 12, and at the time of her death, was the oldest member of the church.

On Christmas Eve 1962, Mr. Parker died as a result of an accident. On Oct. 4, 1969, she married Claude R. Ewell, and moved to his farm outside Parksley. Her lifelong love of animals continued during her years on the farm, and she purchased a Maltese dog, “Joy,” that became a constant companion.

Mr. Ewell died on Feb. 13, 1995, and Mrs. Ewell moved back to Onley to live in the home her parents built in 1920. Nothing gave Mrs. Ewell as much pleasure as the love of her sons and their families.

In addition to her sons, David McMath Parker (and wife, Mary Esther) and George Tankard Parker (and wife Vicki), survivors include her grandchildren, Kristin Anne Linton (and husband, Kevin) of Onley, Charles David Parker of Pasadena, Calif., and Sophie Elizabeth Parker of Onancock; a great-grandchild, Kyle David Linton of Onley; brother, George Nottingham McMath (and wife, E.A.) of Onley; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, Edward Tankard McMath and Albert Joseph McMath II.

Gravesides services were conducted at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock, September, Sept. 20, by Rev. G. Wayne Parsley. Honorary pallbearers were Charles David Parker, Kyle David Linton, Norman Kevin Linton, A. Joseph McMath Jr., Edward Tankard McMath Jr., James Ernest Parker Jr. and Harry Thomas Parker.

Memorial donations may be made to Onley U.M. Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

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try. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Upon moving to the Eastern Shore, Dr. Holcomb immersed himself in learning about the local culture, natural environment, history, architecture, and people. He committed countless hours of leadership and volunteer work to numerous organizations — always with his characteristic warmth, generosity and kindness. He served on the boards of Shore Memorial Hospital, the Arlington Foundation, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, where he greatly enjoyed seeing the historic 1904 log canoe Annie C restored for permanent exhibit at Ker Place. He was a founding director of both Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore and the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust. He also was one of the early volunteers and a former director of the Barrier Islands Center, where he served for many years as the collections manager until his recent illness. Dr. Holcomb personally catalogued over 7,400 historic Eastern Shore artifacts for the Barrier Islands Center.

Dr. Holcomb had many interests and talents, including woodworking, sailing, painting with watercolors, and maritime history. In his later years of “semi” retirement, he enjoyed traveling the world with his wife, Nancy. All who knew Dr. Holcomb knew of his passion for clocks and his skill at repairing them. Visitors to Warehouse would be regaled by his large collection of clocks, all of which rang, in unison, exactly on the hour.

Dr. Holcomb is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Tucker Lawson Holcomb; sister and brother-in-law, Hilary and Al Creighton; nephews and their families, Mory, Sarah, Sam and Andy Creighton, and Peter and Kitty Creighton; step-sons and their families, Paul, Ingrid, Sophie, Carrie and John Watson, Tucker, Liz, Tatum and Henry Watson, and John Watson; and step-daughters and their husbands, Kellam White, Caraline White and Paul Campsen, and Somers and Jonathan Farkas.

Funeral services will be held at Hungars Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. Sept. 28.

Memorial donations may be made to the Barrier Islands Center, P.O. Box 206, Machipongo, VA 23405; or to the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust, P.O. Box 1114, Exmore, VA, 23350.

Hunting Creek Man Dies

Mr. Robert Wesley “Bobby” Parks, 50, of Hunting Creek passed away Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

Born in Nassawadox, he was a son of the late Bobbie Lawson Parks and Shirley Anne Shores Parks. Mr. Parks was a waterman and carpenter.

Survivors include his step-brothers, Rudy Wright of Bloxom and Michael Wayne Parks of Accomac; step-sisters, Brenda Lee Wright of Southside Chesconnessex and Diane Berlanga of Bloxom; step-mother, Ann Wise Parks of Bloxom; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by a sister, Deborah Ann Parks; and several aunts and uncles.

There will be a memorial service Sunday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. at Calvary U.M. Church in Huntering Creek, with Pastor Elizabeth Freund officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary U.M. Church, P.O. Box 1254, Parksley, VA 23421. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Jamesville Resident Dies

Mrs. Barbara Ann Haley Siersema Williamson, 81, of Jamesville passed away Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, at Heritage Hall in Nassawadox.

A native of Lakewood, N.J., she was

(Obituaries Cont’d. on Next Page)
Mrs. Williamson was predeceased by her husband, Duaine Charles Williamson; a son, Earl Onno Siersema III; and a nephew, Robbie Mayer. She is survived by her children, Anna Marie Potter (and husband, Fred) of Point Pleasant, N.J., John Christopher Siersema of East Laurenberg, N.C., Mary Janine Cafferty (and husband, Mike) of Monroe, N.C., Stephen Kelly Siersema (and partner, Robert Quinones) of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Kara Elizabeth DeCarlo (and husband, David) of Jamesville; sisters, Agnes “Cis” Mayer of Lakewood, N.J., and Joy Hooper of Groton, Conn.; and grandchildren, Charles, and Geni Hooper.

A Funeral Mass will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 28, at noon at St. Mary of the Lake, 43 Madison Ave., Lake-wood, N.J., by Father Michael Sullivan.

Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore.

Avid Outdoorsman Dies

Mr. James David Stern Jr., 68, of Belle Haven passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013.

A native of Yardley, Pa., he was the son of the late James David Stern Sr. and Edythe Overbeck Stern. After moving to the Eastern Shore he was employed by Zieger & Son’s for 13 years and then was manager of The Robert S. Bloxom Eastern Shore Agricultural Complex until his recent retirement. Mr. Stern was an avid hunter and fisherman and proudly served as volunteer coordinator of the Eastern Shore Hunter Safety Education Program.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Norris Stern; children, Susanne Stern Kirsch (and husband, Dan) of Middle- town, Del., James David Stern III of Willis Wharf, Jason Grant Stern (and wife, Susan) of Keller, Jennifer Jeanne Stern and Chris Dellinger of Suffolk, Va., Jeana Lee Stern and Ryan Horner of Exmore; sister, Linda Stern Feinstein (and husband, Marc) of Newtown, Pa.; grandchildren, Zachary Kirsch, Adam Kirsch, John Kirsch, Walker Stern, Parker Stern, Akeely Stern, Trinity Stern, Liam Stern and Mason Horner; sister-in-law, Sue Norris Speakman (and husband, Tom) of Still Pond, Md.; brothers-in-law, Howard Keith Norris (and wife, Kathy) of Zeeland, Mich., and Robert Eames of Pungoteague; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Patricia Stern Eames.

A celebration of life will be conducted today, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m. at Frank-town U.M. Church by Rev. Alex Joyner. Memorial donations may be sent to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Lake, 43 Madison Ave., Lake-wood, N.J., by Father Michael Sullivan.

Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Infant Passes Away

Infant Ke’Miyah M. Thomas of Nassawadox died there Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

A funeral service will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. at Smith & Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Exmore. Interment will be in New Mt. Zion Baptist Cemetery in Painter.

Retired Letter Carrier Dies

Mr. Newman Rob Merritt, 86, of Chincoteague Island passed away Monday, Sept. 23, 2013, at his home. Born on Chincoteague Island, he was the son of the late Aletia (Tarr) and Leslie Upshur Merritt. Mr. Mer ritt was a member of Union Baptist Church and American Legion Post 159. He worked as a letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office on the island. Mr. Mer ritt served in the U.S. Army Air Force.
He was an avid hunter and waterman, known for generously sharing his stories and knowledge.

Mr. Merritt is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Ann (Jones) of Chincoteague Island; daughters, Patti Merritt of Chincoteague Island and Jane Daisey of Accomac; granddaughter, Sara Daisey of Virginia Beach, Va.; several nieces and nephews; and special friend and son he never had, Ray Twiford of Wattsville. He was predeceased by three siblings, Carl and Paul B. Merritt, and Blanche Matthews.

A memorial service was conducted at Salyer Funeral Home on Chincoteague Island Thursday, Sept. 26, by Rev. Kevin Eley.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417. Condolences may be offered at www.salyerfh.com

Arrangements were made by Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague Island.

Accomac Resident Dies

Mr. Richard “Bill” Smith Jr., 57, of Accomac passed away Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013, at his residence.

Born in Nassawadox, he was the son of Richard Smith Sr. and the late Rose Marie Collins Everett.

Aside from his father, survivors include his son, Richard Smith; daughter, Christy Shupe of Exmore; brother, William Everett Jr. of Accomac; nieces, Krista and Jada Everett; nephew, Jeremy Everett; cousin, Cheryl Bibbins of Accomac; and several other cousins.

A funeral service will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. from Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley. Interment will follow in Parksley Cemetery. The family will receive friends this evening, Sept. 27, from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Onley Resident Dies


Born in Perth Amboy, N.J., she was a daughter of the late Graves and Anna Johannsen Graversen. Mrs. Cannon was a former district director for the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and a Lutheran.

Mrs. Cannon was predeceased by her husband, William Henry Cannon. Survivors include her daughters, Christine Guemple of Onley, and Faye H. Fair (and husband, Ray) of Pocomoke; grandchildren, Emily and Jack Guemple, and Leia and Caitlin Dudek; lifelong friend, Fran Decibus of New Jersey; several nieces and nephews; and two step-daughters. Mrs. Cannon had two half-sisters, and in addition to her husband and parents, was predeceased by two brothers, George and Lief Graversen; and a step-daughter.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of Williams-Onancock Funeral Home, Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Onancock Cemetery. There will be a visitation at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association-USA, National Headquarters, 3300 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson, AZ 85718, or www.mda.org. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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Milestones

**AWARDS**

- Morgan Kempster has been selected for admission to Virginia Commonwealth University’s doctor of physical therapy program.

- Morgan Kempster will start his medical training next June at VCU’s Medical Center in Richmond.

**Marriages**

De’Nae Wynder To Wed Tramaine Campbell

Vows will be exchanged between De’Nae Shaunta’ Wynder and Tramaine De’Ronta Campbell of Portsmouth, Va., Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, at 3 p.m. at New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Exmore.

The bride is the daughter of Sylvia Upshur of Newport News, Va., and Keith and Chrystal Wynder of Chesapeake, Va.

The groom is the son of Deborah and Nathaniel Strand of Richmond, Va., and Danny Campbell of Eastville.

Invitations have been sent.

**Births**

- A daughter, born to Jimmy and Amber Giddings of Sanford Aug. 2
- A son, born to Alexeus Berryhill of Melfa Sept. 12
- A son, born to Megan and Edward Ames IV of Parksley Sept. 16
- A daughter, born to Sandra Sanchez Perez of Franktown Sept. 17
- A daughter, born to Teslyn and Ian MacDonald of Painter Sept. 18

**50-Year Reunion**

Chincoteague High School’s Class of 1963 recently held its 50-year reunion on a dinner cruise on the Suicide Bridge Paddle Wheeler in Hurlock, Md., on the Choptank River. Pictured are: back row - Van Jester, Roy Tolbert, Eddie Moran, Robert Reed, Mary Parker, Gail Horner, Susie Santiana, Ann Stubbs, Eugene Bloxom, Margret Willard, Paul Tatem, Tony Davidson, Carolyn Reed, David Burgess, and Ricky Quillen; seated - Nancy Davis, Sheila Gallagher, Barbak Kambarn, Loretta Miller, and Faye Wilson. Classmates not in attendance were: Ronnie Birch, Jan Gladding, Bill Berry, Etta Chesser, Adele Williams, and Eugenia Mead.

**Eastern Shore Agency Earns State Award**

The local agency, Rural Family Development of the Virginia Council of Churches, was among those recently honored by the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services for outstanding commitment to hiring and supporting people with disabilities in the workplace.

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Northampton Flaunts Its Economic Development Potential

Story and Photo by Ron West

Several dozen citizens and visitors to Northampton County were treated to an economic development field trip last Thursday as they toured sites in Cape Charles, Cheriton, and Oyster.

Beginning at Bay Creek, the nearly completed Beach Club and Fitness Center was showcased. The club will feature 19,000 square feet for multiple pools, workout space, and a lounge area. The center’s director, Tom Stevenson, stated that access to the center will not be limited to those who live in Bay Creek but rather will be open to anyone with a desire to join and the price of admission.

A few minutes from Bay Creek, Cape Charles Yacht Center is taking shape on the south side of Cape Charles Harbor. Positioned on 120 acres, it is expects to be lifting superyachts from the harbor later in the fall. A 75-ton boatlift, capable of lifting boats up to 80 feet long, is due within weeks, with a 200-ton lift in the design phase. The center offers 1,000 feet of dockage and 4,300 feet of buried utilities to service incoming vessels. The 18-foot channel depth leading to the inner harbor is expected to make it accessible for a wide range of vessels.

To emphasize this, moored at the dock as guests arrived, was a $12 million yacht, the type of vessel that might be lifted and serviced in the near future. According to information provided at the site, there is a limited number of sites in the country that can handle such large vessels.

It is hoped that the trickle-down effect for Cape Charles is significant, with employment opportunities, dry storage, and fuel and parts sales in addition to a need for places for employees and owners to stay and eat.

With the addition of new breakwaters proposed for the harbor as well as a pair of 250-foot piers at Bayshore Concrete, the yacht center will be in a well-protected harbor.

Development opportunity Number 3 of the field trip in the lower end of the county focused on the small community of Oyster. Efforts are underway to encourage ecotourism to the area through the use of kayak and small boat tours, expansion of aquafarming opportunities on the seaside, and fueling and dock space for visiting vessels.

The $12 million yacht Salacia, based in Palm Beach, Fla., made a stopover in Cape Charles. The vessel is 114 feet long and weighs in at 191 tons, yet could be handled by the new lift that is planned for the yacht center some time in 2014. She has a crew of five to operate her. With a fuel capacity of over 9,000 gallons, Salacia has a 3,500-mile range which could get her to the Mediterranean Sea.

Limiting factors for the area are the shallow channel leading into Oyster Harbor, the lack of aids to navigation through Sand Shoal Channel, and severe shoaling in several portions of the Virginia Inside Passage north and south of the entrance to Oyster Channel. While handicaps to larger vessels that might want to visit the harbor, they are not insurmountable. Dredging could be accomplished through private or public funding and aids to navigation could be re-established.

The bottom line for the three-stage field trip was that jobs may soon be generated in a variety of areas for all three sites. As one speaker noted, more jobs mean an opportunity for the county to grow, broadening the tax base and thereby helping to reduce the tax burden on residential property owners.
## Property Transactions

- **From Gene Taylor and Douglas Estes**
  Property near Bayview
  For $6,500

- **From Phyllis Bienkowski**
  To Roger and Kathie Degeorges
  Lots 2432, 2433 and 2434, Section 5, Captain’s Cove
  For $125,000

- **From Penelope C. Davis**
  To James Champion
  Lot 1 at Guys Landing near Cheapside
  For $46,000

- **From Lynwood Turner**
  To Phyllis Wyner
  Property near Capeville
  For $6,500

- **From Anne Dunton**
  To Bernice and Gordon Wilson
  Property in Nagsawoodo
  For $150,000

- **From Bridge Tenders, LLC**
  To Michael M. Bogdon Living Trust
  Property near Belle Haven
  For $810,000

- **From Stock Loan Services, LLC**
  To Leslie and Sondra Wade
  Property near Cheapside
  For $5,000

- **From Carline Kellam**
  To Harry Holcomb III
  Property near Franktown
  For $77,425

- **From Magaly Evans**
  To Frances McCleary
  11578 Westfield Ave. in Exmore
  For $58,800

- **From Patrick Hand**
  To DC Building, Inc.
  Lots 12 & 30, Selma Farm in Eastville
  For $28,500

- **From Phillip Custis**
  To John Tankard III
  Property near Exmore
  For $149,600

- **From John and Margaret Hoinski**
  To Christine and Grayson Travis
  Property near Cedar Grove
  For $50,000

- **From Capstone Resdev, LLC**
  To Klaus Heath
  Property near Capeville
  For $62,000

- **From Capstone Resdev, LLC**
  To Doug Williams
  4 lots in Cheriton
  For $10,000

- **From Capstone Resdev, LLC**
  To Amanda Hurley
  Property in Cheriton
  For $110,000

- **From Chincoteague Bay Trails End**
  James and Patricia Zweemer
  Lot 30, Unit 3, Trails End
  For $9,000

- **From Chincoteague Bay Trails End**
  To Virginia Robinson & Theophil Hollis
  Lot 139, Unit 3, Trails End
  For $4,000

- **From John and Teresa Griffith**
  To David, Brenda, Candace and Deanna Poag
  Lot 143, Unit 2, Trails End
  For $9,000

- **From Secretary of HUD**
  To Regan Cowling
  Atlantic District property
  For $85,000

- **From Mark Sinclair**
  To Elbert and Nichole Adams
  Nancoc Gardens parcel
  For $370,000

- **From Mary Radziejewski**
  To Mark and Jane Shields
  Lots 75 & 76, Section 6, Captain’s Cove
  For $235,000

- **From Special Commissioner James Elliott and Janice and Ralph Harmon**
  To GAACC Holdings, LLC
  Pungoteague parcel
  For $1,500

- **From Walter Wessells**
  To Ashley Pruitt and Darryl Hurley
  Parksley parcel
  For $62,000

- **From Stephanie Howard**
  To Michael Mayo & Christine Whorton
  Chincoteague parcel
  For $10,000

- **From Thomas Moskios**
  To James and Melanie Carey
  Lot 101, Section 10, Captain’s Cove
  For $173,000

- **From Paul Wirth**
  To Mark Sinclair
  Locustville parcel
  For $195,000

- **From CCG Note, LLC**
  To Wayne and Barbara Randall
  Lot 177, Section 9, Captain’s Cove
  For $7,000

- **From Joseph, Gay and Elizabeth Finder and Anne Batchler**
  To Churchill Finder and Sally Gamble
  Lot 77, The Greens
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- **From Timothy, Helena & Craig Wright**
  To Carey Claycomb & Michelle Jeffrey
  Lot 633, Unit 1, Trails End
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- **From Carol Hite & Anthony Joseph Rzasa Sr. Trust**
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- **From Secretary of HUD**
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- **From Stephen and Brenda Halbrook**
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- **From Veronica Bilger**
  To Thomas Kirwan
  Fox Grove parcel
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- **From Thomas and Judy Franko**
  To Judy Franko
  Acomaco parcel
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- **From Don and Norma Adkins**
  To Sandy Dollars, LLC
  Lot 1201, Section 1, Captain’s Cove
  For $449,500

- **From Mark Shaw**
  To Lynn and Kristine Paxson
  Chincoteague parcel
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- **From Joseph and Barbara Milyko**
  To Zachary Drake
  2 Hallwood tracts
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- **From Robert and Michelle Faulkner**
  To William and Tracy Faulkner
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- **From Walter Prichard**
  To Richard Roop
  Lots 280, 281 & 282, Unit 3, Trails End
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- **From William Stilwagen**
  To Michael and Vanessa Fitzgerald
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  For $90,000

- **From Donald and William Schink**
  To Thomas and Ann Mooney
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- **From Phillip Ettinger**
  To Gary and Sherri Stewart
  Lot 268, Oyster Bay
  For $59,800

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**Court Records**

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**Property Transactions**

- **To Frances McCleary**
  Property near Franktown
  For $5,000

- **To Harry Holcomb III**
  For $5,000

- **To Leslie and Sondra Wade**
  Property near Belle Haven
  For $810,000

- **To Michael M. Bogdon Living Trust**
  Property near Belle Haven
  For $150,000

- **To Magaly Evans**
  To Frances McCleary
  11578 Westfield Ave. in Exmore
  For $58,800

- **To Patrick Hand**
  To DC Building, Inc.
  Lots 12 & 30, Selma Farm in Eastville
  For $28,500

- **To John Tankard III**
  Property near Exmore
  For $149,600

- **To Christine and Grayson Travis**
  Property near Cedar Grove
  For $50,000

- **To Capstone Resdev, LLC**
  To Klaus Heath
  Property near Capeville
  For $62,000

- **To Doug Williams**
  4 lots in Cheriton
  For $10,000

- **To Amanda Hurley**
  Property in Cheriton
  For $110,000

- **To Chincoteague Bay Trails End**
  James and Patricia Zweemer
  Lot 30, Unit 3, Trails End
  For $9,000

- **To Virginia Robinson & Theophil Hollis**
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**Marriage Licenses Issued**

- Javon Folando Ayers, 35, of Painter and Terell Denise Smith, 38, of Machipongo
- John Edmond Brooks Johnson, 34, and Erica Ann Ramsey, 28, both of Cape Charles
- Brandon Thomas Fitchett, 25, and Jessica Anne Gonzalez, 26, both of Exmore

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**To Alejandro Cornejo**

- Onley parcel
  For $15,250

- From Dorothy and Harriett Harman
  To Rubin and Sharon Hughes
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Northampton County Officials Find Reasons for Optimism

By Ron West

Gauging the health of a person can post a daunting challenge even for medical professionals. Gauging the health of a government at any level is just as difficult and may change as often as the weather.

Northampton Board of Supervisors Chairman Willie Randall and County Administrator Katie Nunez attempted to diagnose the health of Northampton County at a gathering at Kiptopeke Elementary School this past week.

As part of the effort, Randall listed goals that supervisors had set. First among them was improvement of the educational health of the area. Randall noted that Northampton County is the only public school system in Virginia that offers free universal Pre-K education.

The second goal was economic development. Efforts to make the county more economically self-sufficient have been hindered by a number of factors. Randall stressed that the current supervisors want to dispel the idea that the county is unfriendly to businesses. Toward that end, the board has moved to update the Zoning Ordinance, which some in the County believe has hindered economic growth. The county’s Comprehensive Plan also is under review.

Another factor that compute in the state of the county is the actual level of health care available. Randall addressed the pressing need to attract a healthcare provider to fill the void that will be created when Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital is moved to Onley in two years.

If no local emergency room is available when that time comes, approximately half of the population of the county will face the prospect of traveling across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel for services. Randall said it may be necessary for the county to subsidize a provider’s move for it to be economically feasible for a company to operate locally.

Area resident Bob Meyers suggested that it might be in the county’s best interest to investigate a way to offer wastewater services for the three medical centers that will remain in Nassawadox after the hospital moves north.

Meyers also suggested that one of the vacant structures in Cape Charles could provide a site for a medical center’s emergency room without having to build a new structure. Randall commented that while that is an option, most health facilities prefer to be closer to the main highway.

Nunez briefly discussed the debt service that the county is currently working to pay down. She listed capital improvements such as the Courthouse complex, Regional Jail, schools, and County Administration building as responsible for the County’s debt. She added that refinancing the debt will reduce the amount owed by $6 million over the next two decades. The current debt service left to pay is just over $41 million.

Other county officials reporting on their departments included Mike Thorne, who stated that the county’s buildings are in good physical condition.

Parks and Recreation Director Laura Jenrette listed a wide array of opportunities available for area residents at Indiantown Park, most of which cost little or nothing.

Director of Solid Waste Management Ronald Rowe discussed efforts to increase recycling at the county’s five waste collection centers. (A sixth and final center located at the north end of Eastville is slated for completion later in the fall.)

Rowe noted that the amount of recycling has increased steadily over the past few years and currently stands at about 27% of what is delivered to the centers by residents of Northampton County. He stated that nearly 500 tons of recycled materials had been collected in 2012. Rowe concluded by noting that metal recycling efforts had netted over $15,000 for county coffers last year.

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**Fall Semester 2013: Non-credit healthcare certification courses:**

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The Personal Care Aide (PCA) program is a 40-hour non-credit course based upon the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) Personal Care Aide Training curriculum.

Graduates of this program are authorized to provide personal care nursing aide services to Medicaid Waiver recipients. The course is taught by a Virginia licensed RN and class size is limited to 10 students.

This class runs Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:00pm to 9:30pm, October 14th to December 4th, 2013. $395 includes textbooks

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Applicants are required to have graduated from high school or passed the GED. (ESCC also offers GED instruction and testing.) For more information or to register for any of the above classes, call 757-789-7979. Full payment by cash, check, money order or credit card, must be received at the time of registration.

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Northampton County Day Set for Oct. 5

The fourth annual “Northampton County Day” takes place on Saturday, Oct. 5, and is a celebration of family and community. It will again focus on fitness-related activities, healthy foods and safe lifestyles. All are welcome to this free gathering that begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m.

This fun-filled event is held on the campus behind Northampton High School in Eastville. In addition to many educational exhibits, there will be face painting, golf instructions, inflatable bouncers, a honey bee display and many other activities for the younger set.

Over twenty community and service organizations have committed to come out and meet Eastern Shore families and discuss their programs.

“Northampton County Day” is coordinated by the Northampton County Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization that has embraced a mission to mobilize the community resources necessary to promote student performance and excellence in teaching in Northampton County Public Schools.

“The event was conceived to enrich and celebrate the relationship between our public schools and the families they serve,” said Bill Payne, a foundation board member.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

**Last Week's Answers**

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For two  Garden  Kettle  Parlor
Party  Pots  Room  Service
Set  Shop  Towel

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★

★ Moderate  ★★ Challenging  ★★★ HOO BOY!

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The Northampton football team must sometimes count its victories in ways other than what the scoreboard reads at the end of the game.

The Yellow Jackets are 0-4 after a winless season the past two years. Yet, the players keep working and striving for improvement with the hope success is around the corner.

Whatever the result, they are all in together, and that is never clearer than when talking to the one player who would seemingly stand out.

Chelsea Frisby, you see, is a girl playing a boy’s game, but for her it is not about being recognized or doing something unusual.

“I’ve been around football all my life and wanted to prove to myself I could do this,” said the 17-year-old redhead this week.

She was reluctant to be interviewed and did so only after checking with her teammates and her coach.

In her household is also another Northampton senior, her step-brother, Charlie Demarino Jr., who plays golf, runs cross country and wrestles at school.

“He has been great. It’s hard to describe how much he supports me.”

In fact, Chelsea expected to be teased and singled out, but has found none of that.

“There has never been a moment where I felt I made a mistake. I psyched myself out at first on how much it might hurt to get hit. And it did hurt, but not as much as I thought it would,” said the 5-4 inch, 120-pound free safety who sometimes plays on special teams.

Frisby played in the preseason scrimmages and has appeared in two games.

“The coaches are careful not to put me in a situation that would not be good for me,” she said. “I told them if I never got in I would be there for the team, cheering them on, taking stats, helping where I could.”

But she says her highlight to this point was keeping a runner from scoring in a preseason scrimmage.

“To be honest, we might have fallen down together, but he didn’t make it to the end zone.”

Coach David Farlow said he is happy to have Chelsea on his team. “She has been here from the start, from weightlifting to preseason to now after four games. She has a great attitude and gets along well with her teammates.”

Farlow said he is torn about getting Chelsea playing time and not seeing her hurt. “I have a daughter too, and I try to be protective of her. But if the right situation is there, we try to get her in the game. She puts her time in just like the other players, and she takes it seriously.”

Frisby keeps a busy schedule — also teaching a youth class at an Exmore church and working at a Cape Charles restaurant while making four A’s during the last grading period — and said that after graduation she wants to be a chef in the Navy. She believes the lessons she has learned in football will help her.

“Teamwork and sticking it out are things that will help me. I am committed 100 percent to the players and the coaches on this team for the season.”

Besides the name of a girl, the Northampton roster also may have the best name I have ever come across for a football player. Listed at 6’1” and 200 pounds is Rocky Mountain. His real name is Reginald, but he has been known as Rocky for so long, that’s how they list him in the program.

Coach Farlow said Mountain is a “solid” player with upside potential.

Chelsea Frisby stands on the sideline in last week’s game against Windsor. The 17-year-old senior joined the football team this season after being a cheerleader for the past three years.
Men’s Basketball League to Start

Men’s basketball will begin Monday, Oct. 14, at Northampton Middle School. There will be two different leagues: a 35 and over and an 18 to 34 league. Team rosters may have up to 15 players. Registration fees of $300 per team are due no later than Monday, Oct. 7.

For a coach’s packet, call Northampton County Parks and Recreation at 678-0468.

Greenwing DU Event Oct. 20

The Eastern Shore Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will host a youth “Greenwing” event in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy at Brownsville Farm near Nassawadox on Sunday, Oct. 20, from noon until 4 p.m. The event will be open to children of all ages, although activities will target 8- to 17-year-olds.

Ducks Unlimited membership as a "Greenwing" will be available for $15, which includes a magazine subscription, duck call, T-shirt and chance in a raffle for a shorebird decoy made by a local carver, an air rifle, a “Greenwing” knife and other prizes. Siblings and parents are free. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs free for everyone as well. This year’s event will include a duck-calling contest and decoy contest for various youth age groups.

Other hands-on activities throughout the day will include carving and archery demonstrations, gun and boating safety, shorebird/eelgrass/oyster stations, a visit with McGruff the crime dog, demonstrations by several law-enforcement K-9 units, building bluebird houses, a touch tank of cool marine critters and the opportunity to sign up with the Identa-kid program.

For more information and directions Brownsville, contact P.G. Ross at 709-4058 or rossdecoys@msn.com

Men’s Softball League in Northampton

Men’s adult softball will begin Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Indiantown Park. Team rosters may have up to 20 players per team, ages 16 and up. Registration fees of $200 per team are due by Monday, Oct. 7.

For a coach’s packet, call Northampton County Parks and Recreation at 678-0468.

Blues Softball Pig Roast Oct. 12

The Fishermen’s Inn Blues will hold its annual pig roast Saturday, Oct. 12, at 1 p.m. on Second Street in Keller.

All former players from 1973 to 1993, family and friends are welcome. Fresh pork and beef barbecue and chili will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring covered dishes and drinks.

For more information, call 787-4532.

Legion Golf Tourney Oct. 11

The American Legion Post 56 Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at Bay Creek in Cape Charles.

There will be a noon shotgun start, with dinner and awards to follow. The cost is $400 per foursome or $100 per individual.

Make checks payable to American Legion Post 56 and send to American Legion Post, P.O. Box 357, Cheriton, VA 23316. Call Scott Heneghan at 757-619-2570 or Charlie Durnouchelle at 331-2463 for more information.

Deer Hunt at Wildlife Refuge

Refuge Manager Susan Rice announced the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge will be conducting its annual deer hunt this fall. The archery hunt will begin on Oct. 21 and run through Nov. 2, excluding Sunday, Oct. 29. The firearms hunts will be on Dec. 7-14, excluding Dec. 8. The visitor center and photo blind will be open for information and wildlife observation; however, the remainder of the refuge, including the Wise Point Boat ramp, will be closed on firearms hunt days for safety reasons.

The hunt is conducted to minimize deer browse on vegetation, which is needed by migrant birds and other wildlife for shelter, feeding, and resting.

Hunt participants are chosen by lottery each day and selected hunters must meet all state hunting license requirements and must purchase a refuge permit. Refuge hunt permits are $30 and cash, checks, or money orders will be accepted in payment. Payment should be made out to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.

For more information, contact the refuge at 331-2760, ext 115, or visit www.fws.gov/northeast/easternshore/

Kiptopeke State Park Hunting Set

A muzzleloading-shotgun and archery hunt will be held at Kiptopeke State Park Dec. 4-5, with the reservation period now underway. Call Kiptopeke State Park at 331-2267 for more information.

Ashe Pistol Tourney Oct. 12

The 15th Annual Trooper Troy D. Ashe Memorial Police Pistol Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12, at 9 a.m., at Eastern Shore Safaris Hunting and Fishing Lodge in Jamesville.

For additional information regarding the tournament or scholarship opportunities, call 757-710-3950 or visit the tournament website at www.troashempt.com
Nandua Takes Volleyball Lead in Shore District

Nandua won a key matchup with Northampton last Thursday at home to take the early lead in the Shore District volleyball race.

The Warriors needed five sets in a close contest and were down 2-1 in sets before rallying. Scores were 25-19, 14-25, 24-26, 25-15 and 15-7.

Nandua was led by Tsara Nock with five aces, five digs and 18 assists. Caroline Harvie had five aces and four kills, with Sara Puchalski adding five digs and four kills. Ashley Fisher had four aces and six assists.

Northampton was led by Kennedy Webb with seven aces, six digs and three kills, Taylor Webb with 13 digs, three kills and two aces, and Olivia Boswell with seven kills. Shana Harrison added three kills and two digs.

Taylor Nadeau had a string of seven straight serves to propel Northampton to a come-from-behind win in the third set when the Warriors had set point.

Nandua and Northampton have a rematch Tuesday in Eastville.

On Tuesday, Nandua remained unbeaten in the district with a 25-14, 25-22 and 25-13 sweep of Chincoteague. Harvie led the Lady Warriors with six aces, six digs and five kills. Nock had eight aces and 13 assists. Amanda Baylis had three aces and five kills.

Chincoteague was led by Emily Haugh with four aces and seven digs and Sarah Turner with three digs and two blocks.

Chincoteague defeated Worcester Prep Monday night at home in five sets, winning the finale 15-11.

Haugh led the Ponies with seven aces, four kills, five digs and three blocks. Laurent Cherrix added three aces, while Stella Everett had eight digs.

Last Thursday, Arcadia earned a district volleyball win with a sweep of Chincoteague by 25-13, 27-25 and 25-16 scores.

Kennedy and Taylor Webb led Northampton to a sweep over Arcadia Tuesday night with seven and six aces, respectively, while Shana Harrison and Briana Williams had four kills each.

Broadwater Drops Pair in Volleyball

The Broadwater volleyball team lost a pair of games this week, falling to Portsmouth Christian on Monday and then Denbigh Baptist on Tuesday, both by 3-0 scores.

Broadwater’s record is now 6-4 with a home game against Stonebridge on Tuesday.

The Lady Vikings fell to Portsmouth by 25-16, 25-10 and 25-20 scores. Against Denbigh, Broadwater dropped the first two sets 25-9 and 25-15 before coming back to play its best set, but fell short at 25-23.

On the season, Kathleen Kraft leads the teams in kills with 45, Katie Wendell has 16 serving aces, Savanna Davis leads in assists with 120 and Jaime Bloxom has 49 digs.
Arcadia Nets First Win with 29-14 Defeat of Snow Hill

Arcadia earned its first football win of the season with a 29-14 defeat of Snow Hill Friday night. Playing its third consecutive game on the road, the Firebirds now will have their first home game tonight against Nandua in a key Shore District tilt.

“We got a win that we needed,” said Firebird coach Tony Nock. “The boys have been working hard, and it was good to see them rewarded.”

Arcadia opened a 13-0 lead in the first quarter on touchdown passes of 55 and 17 yards from quarterback Josh Sanns to Taylor Major.

Sanns added a 7-yard TD run in the second quarter to give Arcadia a 21-6 halftime lead.

John Wright had a 47-yard run in the fourth quarter for the Firebirds' final score.

Wright had 122 yards on 13 carries to lead the Firebirds.

Tyler Major had 79 yards on seven carries, all in the first half, after being banged up just before half time.

Travon Copes had 55 yards on 12 carries.

Sanns was 4-of-6 for 137 yards and two touchdowns, with Taylor Major grabbing three for 122 yards and the pair of touchdowns.

On defense, Coach Nock said Caleb Lucy played an outstanding game at safety, breaking up several passes.

Nandua Blanked 44-0 by Powerful Essex

Nandua suffered its third straight loss Friday night at home when Essex handed the Warriors a 44-0 defeat.

The Trojans, who advanced to the state championship game last season and recorded a 14-1 record, remained unbeaten for the 2013 campaign with a wide-open attack that strikes quickly and primarily through the air.

Essex had touchdown passes of 45 and 40 yards in the first half, including one with less than 10 seconds remaining, to jump out to a 28-0 lead in the first half.

Essex added two more scores in the third quarter before a safety in the final quarter made the final 44-0.

Nandua’s offense was bottled up all night as the Warriors only completed one pass for 15 yards and gained a total of 46 yards on the ground, with Tyreim Blake leading the team with 13 yards.

With injuries causing a number of players to sit out, Nandua coach Chris Miles was forced to start younger players against the experienced Essex squad.

“It was very happy with how they played against Essex, they never quit and they played hard to the end of the game,” said Miles.

Nandua travels to Arcadia tonight for an important district matchup.

Vikings Receive Forfeit

Broadwater's scheduled game with Hampton Christian last Saturday was forfeited to the Vikings. Broadwater travels to Kentson Forest tonight.

Chincoteague Still Seeking First Win, Falls to P. Christian 49-18

Chincoteague fell 49-18 Friday night to Portsmouth Christian, but despite the Pony 0-4 record, Coach Nick Howard is seeing signs of improvement in his young squad.

“We are playing much better and the wins should follow soon,” said Howard, whose roster is dominated by junior and sophomore starters.

Friday night, tailback Randy Bowden rushed for 86 yards on 13 carries, including a 60-yard touchdown run.

Quarterback Larry Harper also had a 5-yard touchdown run, with Anthony Wales getting the third Pony score on a 65-yard dash. All three kicks failed following the touchdowns.

On defense, Cory Reiffer and Wales each had 10 tackles. Bowden also had two interceptions.

On Saturday, Chincoteague travels to play the Hampton Generals, a homeschooled team.

The Ponies don't return home until an Oct. 18 rematch with the Hampton Generals.
Northampton Winless with Windsor 35-0 Whitewash

Story and Photo by Bill Sterling

Coach David Farlow of Northampton said he saw progress Friday night despite his Jackets losing to 0-4 with a 35-0 loss to Windsor at home.

“The entire defense played well, but once again we shot ourselves in the foot with turnovers on our side of the field,” Farlow said. “A bobble pass leads to an interception return for a touchdown, and two fumbles inside our 15 put you in a hole that is hard to come out of. The seniors have taken to heart the idea of ‘we just don’t quit’ and the coaching staff couldn’t be prouder of the kids. We are young and undersized, but we leave every ounce on the field. We are improving and will get some success soon.”

Sophomore Dyshawn Beckett played well for the Jackets in only his second start at quarterback, completing four of nine passes for 84 yards, with junior Daniel Jean helping the offense both as a receiver and runner.

Senior Jake Green led all rushers with 43 yards from his fullback spot and also blocked well for sophomore Greg Smith, who ran hard to garner 34 yards.

Northampton is at home against Lancaster tonight. Lancaster lost to Middlesex last week 32-23 and is 2-1 on the season.

Northampton’s Greg Smith, 40, wards off a Windsor tackler for a nice gain Friday night at Eastville. The sophomore tailback had 34 yards rushing on the night.

Jackets Win Cross Country Meet

Northampton won both the boys’ and girls’ divisions of a cross country meet Wednesday at home that included Arcadia, Nandua and Broadwater. Arcadia was second for both boys and girls.

Arcadia’s Logan Godwin kicked in the final 400 yards to win the boys’ division in 19:28, with Evan Lawrence of Nandua, 19:40; James Teeling of Northampton, 21:42; and Sammy Pineda of Northampton, 22:20 following.

Arcadia’s Kristina Dedicatoria won the girls’ race in 23:27, with Northampton’s Madisen Lewis, 23:50; and Caroline Hiler, 23:53; second and third.

In the Southside Invitational meet at Southampton last week, Northampton’s Caroline Hiler and Lewis were first and second among 55 runners. Whitney Metz finished 19th, but the Jackets did not field the required five runners to have a team. The boys finished third among five schools, defeating Group AA Parkview and Franklin.

Teeling placed 11th in 20:35, followed by Sammy Pineda, 12th, 21:01; Tucker Spady, 24th, 22:30; and John Delmar, 26th, 22:42.

Jackets Field Hockey Win in Overtime

Northampton’s Erica Head moves the ball upfield in field hockey action Tuesday at Northampton, where the Lady Jackets avenged an earlier 3-0 defeat to Holly Grove with a 2-1 overtime win. Head scored the winning goal in overtime with a perfect assist from her sister, Sarah Head, after the teams were knotted at 1 at the end of regulation. Coach John Gorman called Erica Head “the team’s MVP, controlling the midfield.”

Gorman also said Katie Spady stepped up in her first game as goalie, making critical saves to keep Holly Grove from scoring. Rima Horé scored the first goal for Northampton, which goes on the road for the next four games.
Local Golfers Compete in Conference Tourney

The Conference 33, which includes Arcadia and Nandua, held its golf tournament Monday at Kiskiak Golf Club near Williamsburg.

Maggie Walker Governor School won the tournament with a 348, Bruton finished second with a 358. Nandua finished fourth with a 408 and Arcadia finished fifth with a 428.

From the Shore District, Mason Grove with an 85, Leslie Ibarra, 86, and Sarah Jones, 88, all qualified for the regional tournament to be held Oct 7.

Bay Fishing Challenge

Ethan Hart was the outstanding youth angler, winning for bluefish (1.74-pound and 1.26-pound), croaker (1.36-pound) and speckled trout (3.50-pound) catches. Youth division winners were: (from left) Abigail Bull, Ethan Willett, Ethan Abell, Jordan Amadeo, Ethan Hart and Wesley Smith.

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Barbara Custis Music and Fall Festival to Benefit Youth Sports

By Bill Sterling

The third annual Barbara Custis Music and Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5 will feature a lineup of music and games, an antique car show, food and much more for $5 per person, with children 12 and under free.

The event, to be held at the Randy Custis Memorial Park in Nassawadox from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., benefits Shore Little League, which is home to more than 1,000 youth who play baseball, softball, soccer and youth football.

“We need the support of the community so we can support our youth,” said Phil Custis, husband of Barbara Custis, who passed away from ovarian cancer in December of 2010. The couple established the Randy Custis Memorial Fund in tribute to their son who was killed at the age of 9 by a drunk driver in 1978.

From a single field, the park has grown to five baseball and softball fields, four soccer fields, a baseball field and a volleyball court. Lights added two years ago provide night baseball for youth.

However, Custis said insurance, equipment and maintenance costs continue to rise, and this annual fundraiser is important to the park’s operating budget.

The line-up of music includes Terry Spence from 11 a.m. to noon, Heather & Nathan Travis from noon to 1 p.m., Johnny Mo, The Musical Chef, from 1 to 2 p.m. and Loaded Goat from 2 to 3 p.m.

In addition to the music, there will be a cornhole tournament, a volleyball tournament, a bouncy house for the kids and a police K9 demonstration.

To enter the cornhole tournament, call Steve and Jen Lewis at 414-1435. Cost for the cornhole tourney is $25 per team, with 15 and younger free. To enter the volleyball tournament organized by Kathy Doughty, call 678-5151, ext. 4064. Cost is $5 per individual. Participants also can register on the day of the event.

Vendor tables are available by calling Spen Custis at 710-0728 or Phil Custis at 442-4121.

Custis said sponsorships will go to support the park, but a portion of the entrance fees will be donated to fighting ovarian cancer in honor of his wife.

“We really hope the people who use this park and those who want to have a place for our youth to enjoy sports will support this event,” said Custis.

Johnny Mo will perform at the Barbara Custis Music Festival.

Softball Camp Held at Nandua

More than 50 youth attended the Nandua Softball Camp held by Coach Lynn Williams recently. Participants learned the fundamentals of softball and worked with coaches on sharpening their skills.
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**'07 Harley Davidson – Super Glide Custom. 2100 miles. Garage kept. $15,000. Now Only $13,000. 710-8676 (After 4 p.m. only, please.)**

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 13-245

vs.

MAHLON GODWIN, if living
MAHLON GODWIN
TOWN OF SAXIS, VIRGINIA

Defendants

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 in the Town of Saxis, County, Virginia, being 24 feet by 34 feet, and designated as parcel No. 022B2A00012800, standing in the name of Mahlon Godwin, 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 whether Mahlon Godwin if living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of his heirs, devisees and successors in title; 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 Mahlon Godwin.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Northampton; that a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this court is held; and that a copy of this Order be mailed to the County Administrator, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA or mailed to P.O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia, until 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Friday, October 18, 2013, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after said time will be returned unopened. Bids should be addressed to the attention of Mike Thornes, Director of Public Works, and available for public inspection at the office of the County Administrator, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia. Copies are available at no cost.

September 3, 2013

TRACI L. JOHNSON,
CLERK OF COURT

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
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Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)898-7000

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

v.

PHILISHIA JAMES SMITH
and
ALEXANDRIA PRYOR
and
800 CARTONS OF TAX-PAID CIGARETTES,
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: Philisha James Smith
Alexandria Pryor

The object of this suit is to the forfeit to the Commonwealth of Virginia 800 cartons of tax-paid cigarettes seized from the Defendants pursuant to the provisions of Va. Code §19.2-386.21. A hearing in the matter will be conducted by the Court on January 13, 2014. And, it appearing by an affidavit duly having been made and filed according to law that Philisha James Smith and Alexandria Pryor are not residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that their last known addresses are those set forth above, it is therefore ORDERED that the said Philisha James Smith and Alexandria Pryor appear no later than November 29, 2013, in the Clerk’s Office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect their interests.

And, it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Northampton; that a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this court is held; and that a copy of this Order be mailed to the Defendants Philisha James Smith and Alexandria Pryor at the addresses shown by the aforesaid affidavit.

September 3, 2013

TRACI L. JOHNSON,
CLERK OF COURT

I ask for this:
Beverly Powell Leatherbury
VSB #18860
Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney
P. O. Box 690
Eastville, Virginia 23347
(757) 670-0455

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Northampton County Circuit Court
5229 The Hornes, P.O. Box 36, Eastville, VA 23347

Commonwealth of Virginia in re
TIMOTHY RAY WEEKS, JR.

The object of this suit is to:
CHANGE THE NAME OF TIMOTHY RAY WEEKS, JR., A MINOR, TO TIMOTHY LELAND BELOTE.

It is ORDERED that TIMOTHY RAY WEEKS, SR. appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before NOVEMBER 13, 2013.

I, William A. Cathell Jr., will not be responsible for any bills as of this date, September 24, 2013, other than those created by me personally.

Willis Wharf Dock Repair Project
Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids for the replacement of all decking, stringers, and deteriorated timber piles at the County owned Willis Wharf Marina, in Willis Wharf, VA will be received at the office of Mike Thornes, Director of Public Works, 5181 Stumptown Drive, Eastville, VA or mailed to P.O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia, until 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Friday, October 18, 2013, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after said time will be returned unopened. Bids should be addressed to the attention of Mike Thornes and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope “Willis Wharf Dock Repair Project”.

The work consists of removing two side docks at the boat ramp, rebuilding the center boat ramp dock, removing and replacing all decking, stringers, diagonal bracing and deteriorated timber piles on two finger piers.

Copies of the plans and contract documents are on file and available for public inspection at the office of the County Administrator, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia. Copies are available at no cost.

The County of Northampton reserves the right to award the bid in whole or in part, to waive technicalities or irregularities, and to award the bid that best serves the County’s interest.
TRUSTEE’S SALE OF
28039 CHERRY HILL COURT, HALLWOOD,
VIRGINIA 23359
COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 05/15/03, in the original principal amount of $126,000.00 recorded in the County of Accomack, Virginia, as Instrument No. 200303416, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the building housing the Circuit Court of the COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VA located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia, 23301 on October 8, 2013, at 2:00 pm, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE NEAR GROTON TOWN, METOMPKIN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, containing 3,592 ACRES, AND BEING SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED “PHYSICAL SURVEY, PART OF PROPERTY OF HENRY E. JOHNSON, ET UX. NEAR GROTON TOWN, METOMPKIN DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA” DATED APRIL 17, 1995 AND MADE BY EASTERN SHORE SURVEYORS, LTD., A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS ATTACHED TO THAT CERTAIN DEED DATED APRIL 20, 1995 FROM HENRY E. JOHNSON AND WANDA J. JOHNSON TO SAM V. SE-RIO. FURTHER REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT BEING HAD FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREBY. AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF A CERTAIN FIFTY-FOOT (50 FT.) OUT- LET CONNECTING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO BETHEL CHURCH ROAD (VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 687), SAID POINT BEING 460.0 FEET SOUTH 64 DEGREES 14’ 14” EAST FROM THE PRESENT THIRTY FOOT (30 FT.) RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR BETHEL CHURCH ROAD, AS SHOWN ON THE SAID PLAT, AND THENCE RUNNING NORTH 25 DEGREES 45’ 02” EAST A DISTANCE OF 343.45 FEET TO THE SOUTH END OF THE EASEMENT CONTAINED IN A DEED OF TRUST DATED JUNE 25, 2007, AND RECORDED AT Instrument No. 200704657 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ACCOMACK COUNTY, VA. THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING NORTH 77 DEGREES 29’ 05” EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 255.50 FEET TO A POINT, THEN TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 57 DEGREES 02’ 59” EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 155,70 FEET ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF A DITCH SEPARATING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM THE PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OF JOHN R. GROTOM TO A POINT; THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 27 DEGREES 45’ 40” WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 482.23 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THAT CERTAIN FIFTY FOOT (50 FT.) OUTLET LEADING TO BETHEL CHURCH ROAD; THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING NORTH 64 DEGREES 14’ 14” WEST ALONG THE SAID OUTLET FOR A DISTANCE OF 337.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AND BEING BOUNDED ON THE WEST, BY A CERTAIN FIFTY FOOT (50 FT.) OUTLET BELONGING TO HENRY E. JOHNSON AND WANDA J. JOHNSON; ON THE NORTHWEST BY THE REMAINDER OF THE NORTHWEST PART OF HENRY E. JOHNSON AND WANDA J. JOHNSON; ON THE NORTHEAST, BY THE

Lands now or formerly of John R. Groton; on the East, by the remaining lands of Henry E. Johnson and Wanda J. Johnson; and on the South, by that certain fifty foot (50 ft.) outlet belonging to Henry E. Johnson and Wanda J. Johnson, and on the South, by that certain fifty foot (50 ft.) outlet belonging to Henry E. Johnson and Wanda J. Johnson and leading to Bethel Church Road, as shown on the aforesaid plat. Together with a permanent easement and right-of-way in common with others to use that certain fifty-foot (50 ft.) outlet which lies to the west of the herein described real estate and that certain fifty-foot (50 ft.) outlet which lies to the south of the herein described real estate for ingress, egress and access to and from Bethel Church Road (Virginia State Route 687). Terms of Sale: Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs. Real estate taxes, water/sewer fees and other public charges will be prorated as of the date of sale. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon the conclusion of the Substitute Trustee’s sale. Terms: A bidder’s deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within 15 days at the office of the Substitute Trustee. Time of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen (15) days of the date of sale, the deposit will be forfeited. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser’s acquisition. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold “AS IS” and without representation or warranties of any kind. The improvements thereon now known as 23578 Front Street, Accomack, VA 23301 Tax I.D. No. 086-A1-A0-00-0078-00, and as more fully described in the aforesaid deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold “AS IS,” WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of $20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, in cash or cashier’s check payable to the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE will be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date any funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee’s fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the Seller’s attorneys at settlement, a fee of $445.00 for review of the settlement documents.

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

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for Commonwealth Trustees, LLC)
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Bethesda, Maryland 20814
301-907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com
TRUSTEE’S SALE OF
9323 OCCOHANNOCK NECK ROAD,
EXMORE, VIRGINIA 23350
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 06/21/06, in the original principal amount of $50,000.00 recorded in the County of Northampton, Virginia, as Instrument No. 060001963, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the building housing the Circuit Court of the COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, VA located at P.O. Box 36, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, 23347 on October 8, 2013, at 01:00 pm, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE NEAR WARDTOWN, FRANKTOWN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 2.248 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY CAPTIONED “SURVEY OF PROPERTY OF MILDRED R. PARKS NEAR WARDTOWN, FRANKTOWN DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA” DATED JANUARY 22, 1996, RECORDED IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TO WHICH PLAT IS ATTACHED AND RECORDED WITH THE DEED IN DEED BOOK 280, PAGE 6, AND IN PLAT BOOK 24, PAGE 48, SAID PARCEL BEING BOUNDED ON THE EAST, NORTH, AND WEST BY OTHER LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF MILDRED R. PARKS, AND ON THE SOUTH BY VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 183.

TERMS OF SALE: Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs. Real estate taxes, water/sewer fees and other public charges will be prorated as of the date of sale. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser im-mediately upon the conclusion of the Substitute Trustee’s sale. Terms: A bidder’s deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within 15 days at the office of the Substitute Trustee. Time is of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of the sale date, the deposit will be forfeited. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser’s acquisition. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold “AS IS” and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. 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, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) 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 the Purchaser’s deposit without interest. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The Substitute Trustee is Surety Trustees, LLC, 4021 University Drive, Suite 202, Fairfax, VA 22030. For information contact: Abby Moynihan, McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, attorney for Substitute Trustee at 301-490-9361 or www.mwc-law.com.

NOTICE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On October 30, 2013, 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 County of Northampton, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes.

Kirby, Deborah T. & Jason M.  01A1-02-BLK-00-008
Savage, Dinika  00650-01-BLK-00-001
Savage, Lula  00010-0A-BLK-00-111C
Smith, Robert A., Donohoe, Peter L., Lang, Cecila L. & Smith, Francis W.  00028-06-BLK-00-006A

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the law office listed below. The profits from the sale of property herein shall become a part of the tax and together with all other costs, including reasonable attorney’s fees set by the court, shall be collected when payment is made whether or not court proceedings have been initiated.

CYNTHIA BRADFORD
TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission, scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Building, Melfa, Virginia, has been moved to Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at the STAR Transit Building, 21250 Cooperative Way, Tasley, Virginia.
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA  Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 13-225

vs.

The heirs and devisees of JULIA H. KELLEY
ZEKEVA MONIQUE KELLEY
HENRY P. CUSTIS, JR., TRUSTEE
SHORE BANK
EQUITY TRUSTEES, L.L.C.
NATIONSCREDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION
PLATINUM FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP
A & N ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Defendants

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 Horntown, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 285, Unit 2, Chincoteague Bay Trails End, and designated as parcel no. 029A20100028500.

standing in the names of Hyman Goldstein, Etta R. Goldstein, Kathleen Brewer, Ronald Goldstein, and Judy Bailey, 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 names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ronald Goldstein; 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 post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ronald Goldstein.

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 October 16, 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 13th day of September, 2013
Nancy-Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
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Prohibit Hunting With Dogs

Dear Editor:

Too few people seem to understand the problems created by allowing deer hunting with dogs in Accomack County. I recently spoke with a resident about the problem and he did not realize that the lawman protects the deer hunters, but not him as a property owner. Not only were the dogs on his property, but the hunters told him they were allowed to be there to retrieve their dogs. They became “feisty” and told this old man to get out of their face. He mistakenly thought no trespassing signs would legally keep unwanted people out. As a World War II veteran, he could not believe America allowed complete disregard for his rights as a citizen and property owner. I assured him that most places do protect a citizen’s right and perhaps Accomack County would be next.

The Accomack Board of Supervisors will hold a public meeting on the deer dog issue on Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School. If you would like to see property rights restored and safety returned to our Accomack roadways, please attend this meeting and show your concern. Let’s send a strong message to the supervisors that we want this practice stopped and our rights as Accomack citizens restored.

George E. Petersen, via email

BaySys Building Not the Answer

Dear Editor:

In discussions related to the proposed new library, questions have been raised about the possibility of renovating existing buildings, especially the former BaySys building, instead of building a new facility.

The main library at 11,500 square feet is too small to meet state standards for the population it serves. The minimum size should be 17,000 to 30,000 square feet. A 2012 analysis found the former BaySys building has gross floor space of 10,973 square feet with net usable floor space of 5,854 square feet. The architect indicated the space is not terribly flexible because of load-bearing walls which cannot be removed and noted the partial flat roof “leaks like a sieve” and cannot be pitched because of the HVAC equipment on it.

In August 2011, library board members toured the BaySys Building and discovered a number of issues: a leaking and deteriorating roof, vertical cracks on all four corners, aging systems such as the HVAC, and a concern if the existing structure could handle the necessary loads that a library would entail and meet current fire codes. Handicap access would add cost to modifications. At 10,973 square feet, it is smaller than the current library, and has two stories, which would mean hiring more staff.

Even if the inside were completely gutted and a new wing added, the result would be slightly more usable square footage than the current library with no more room for expansion to reach the state standards. There is very little land behind the building to expand parking and the land on the side holds water after heavy rain.

After consideration, the Library Board concluded that the library would be trading one inadequate building for another.

Another suggestion has been expansion onto land adjacent to the current library. In 2009, the library board made two offers to purchase five lots behind the current building; both were rejected by the seller. The Friends of ESPL are hopeful the committee formed from the county supervisors and library representatives comes to an agreement soon so work can start on the new library at the Shore Parkway location in Onley.

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