Shooting Death of 35-Year-Old Ruled Homicide

By Linda Cicoira

The recent shooting death in Gargtha of a former Eastern Shore man with family ties to that area is being investigated as a homicide.

Steven (Lil Scrappy) E. Pettit, 35, of Salisbury, Md., was found dead from a gunshot wound to the head at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, according to a prepared statement released by State Police Sgt. Michelle Anaya.

State Police received a report that an unresponsive driver had run into a house on the 27000 block of Gargtha Landing Road, not far from Lankford Highway. Pettit’s body was found in a 2006 Lexus that he was driving, Anaya said. The residence was not occupied when the incident occurred.

Pettit’s cousin said police had two suspects in custody and that they were riding in the back seat of the vehicle and had robbed Pettit.

“This is an active ongoing criminal investigation,” Anaya said Wednesday. “Any information published can hinder this investigation and prohibit the agent from making an arrest. Details about the incident will not be released at this time.”

Donna Price of the Medical Examiner’s Office in Norfolk confirmed Wednesday that the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death was a homicide.

According to his obituary, Pettit was born in Tacoma, Wash., and educated in Accomack County Public Schools. The father of two sons, he was buried Sunday.

Santa Claus was busy hearing the wish lists of local children when he met a shy little boy at the Eastern Shore Public Library recently.
By Linda Cicoira

A week before emergency medical technician (EMT) David Adams of Eagle Sound Estates lost his job, he heard the buzz about the possible closure of the private ambulance service for which he worked.

He discounted the talk after being assured by his boss there was nothing to it. “Don’t believe the rumors until you are told by me,” the supervisor advised.

So, when Adams worked his usual 24-hour shift for First Med, Inc. last Friday, he never imagined it would be the last.

Saturday evening, exactly a week before his 57th birthday, Adams got the news of the layoff. “Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas to me,” he said in a telephone interview Monday night.

Nicole Colburn of Guilford worked for the company for four years. She basically learned of the closure on the social network Facebook.

“This affects 2,300 employees in six states,” she said. “We were the 4th largest ambulance company in the nation. I’m not sure how you go from that to closing the doors. It was a shock.”

Colburn said that in retrospect, the warnings were there. In the previous weeks, employees were notified that insurance coverage had not been paid. They got a second letter the same day informing them that the insurance had been paid. “They blew it off as a computer glitch,” she said.

Then holiday pay was reduced from eight hours for those who had off for Thanksgiving to no pay for those who didn’t work the holiday and from double-time to time-and-a-half for those who worked.

Colburn said there were several ambulances that had to be repaired but the garage wouldn’t release them because “we heard they couldn’t pay the bill.”

Then there was talk that the company had to take out a bank loan for payroll.

Adams and about 30 fellow employees from the Nassawadox branch of the company applied for unemployment benefits Monday. Their five ambulances now sit idle just across the street from Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

They will no longer transport residents to and from dialysis or doctors’ appointments. They also won’t be taking those who don’t have other transportation home from the hospital.

Adams said the company also transferred patients to other facilities where more care could be provided. Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters was a frequent destination. And those who reside at assisted living homes like Quail Run, Riverside Rehabilitation or Heritage Hall also rely on the service.

Local rescue squads will not be able to take up the slack, Adams said. “The volunteer companies’ role is to take people to the hospital,” not to give them a lift home.

Employees met with the company early Monday afternoon. They were informed the business would file for bankruptcy under Chapter 7, which is also called straight or liquidation bankruptcy. It will not be reorganized.

“There is a little bit of fear that I won’t get paid,” Adams said. “They swore up and down that we would be.” He said paychecks are usually issued every week. He expects the final one today.

Married for 34 years with grown children, Adams is one of the lucky ones in that his wife has a good job purchasing telecommunications for a defense contractor.

“It’s just the two of us sitting here at the house in Atlantic,” he said. “Now we’re going to have to figure out how to sell it. Obviously there’s no work here for me now.”

Colburn is an EMT Intermediate, which means she can provide advance life support. She also is working for Accomack Public Safety on a part-time basis and is in line for one of three full-time positions that were just established.

But there are plenty of others who have to pay bills and aren’t sure how they will manage.

“We’re just all devastated, we re-
ally are,” said Arlene Bell of Melfa. “I worked Saturday. We kind of refused to go home. We made sure our patients got into dialysis and back out. They all became like family to us. Those are the ones I feel sorry for.” About 15 local folks used First Med to get to dialysis.

Bell’s daughter, Brittany Buckner, also worked for the company. “She has three children,” said Bell. “Her husband was shipped to Kuwait. He’s in the Army. I not only have to worry about me, I have to worry about them too.”

John Hilton, an EMT-Enhanced was a lieutenant with the company. “I’ve been there almost 12 years” — not long after the business, Eastern Shore Ambulance, was established off the dining room table of husband and wife, Dennis and Margaret Taylor, formerly of Sanford, in 1988.

That company expanded to Portsmouth, said Hilton. It was eventually sold to First Med. “A lot of the people who worked in the Portsmouth office live over there. Some were from here originally.” He guessed another 30 to 35 worked from that base.

“I’m lost right now. I’m used to getting up and going to work,” Hilton said. He estimated that there were between 15 and 20 road personnel and 10-15 office workers in Acomack and Nassawadox. “Right now, some of the upper-level management might be still working” to get an inventory of assets together for the bankruptcy.

“I really don’t know what totally happened,” Hilton said.

Adams said he heard a lot of money was dumped into a new company that was purchased in Ohio. He doesn’t expect to find another job on the Shore as an EMT. Besides working for government public safety departments in Acomack and Northampton counties, there’s only one private ambulance service left on the Shore. “Several of us have gone over to apply at Virginia Lifeline Ambulance of Chincoteague,” he added.

Hilton is hopeful that a couple of companies from “across the bay” will step up. “I may try to apply for one. I was one of the higher levels of pay (and) will have to take a cut.”

“It wasn’t a bad job, Hilton continued. “We knew our patients. We saw them at least three times a week, sometimes more. We would kid around a lot. It had its trying times … but it could also be a fun time.”

“I feel confident there will be other companies to do the non-emergency transports,” Acomack’s Public Safety Director Jeff Terwilliger said Tuesday. “Is it possible that a 911-unit will be used on an extreme situation” to transport a patient to another facility?” he said. “That could happen. I don’t anticipate it being great on us. More calls are possible. We’ll continue to monitor it and make adjustments if necessary.”

“So far it has not affected us,” said Susan McAndrews, vice president of strategic development for Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. She said another company, Medical Transport of Virginia Beach, would take patients where they need to go. “So far they’ve been helping us out,” McAndrews noted.

The local health department was concerned and also offered to help get patients to dialysis, said McAndrews, who referred one patient to that agency. In addition, she said, Hollye Carpenter of Northampton County Emergency Services reported that there has not been an influx of 9-1-1 calls.
Accomack Looks to New Wastewater Treatment Demands

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack officials want to build a wastewater treatment system at the Industrial Park in Melfa that would handle 100,000 gallons per day and serve areas between there and Accomac.

The cost is estimated at $3.25 million and would include service for the new hospital in Onley and disposal on about 85 acres beside the fire-training center on Beacon Road.

The effluent would be discharged below the tilling level. Accomack Director of Public Works Stewart Hall said the affected farm was most recently planted with soybeans.

Late last week, county supervisors unanimously agreed to apply for permits from the Virginia Department of Health that would allow for a treatment system to utilize the “existing force main” (in reverse) with start-up within a year.

“We have to perform due diligence,” said Supervisor Robert Crockett. “We need an option in case things don’t work out with Onancock.”

A breakdown of estimated costs for the new operation includes $1.4 million for wastewater treatment, $600,000 for disposal, $290,000 for transmission piping, more than $200,000 for engineering, $300,000 for a lift station and $50,000 for a generator.

In other business, the supervisors voted unanimously to save a total of about $156,000 by taking advantage “of historic lows in interest rates.” Refinancing is set to close by Dec. 19. The plan is to go from 3 percent to 1.66 percent on literary loans and from 3.06 percent to 2.93 percent on social services building bonds. The total amount to be refinanced is nearly $7 million. The Economic Development Authority and the School Board will be asked to approve the plan later this month. The latter panel will be asked to authorize a school for collateral for the literary loan.

Special Election for Northam’s State Senate Seat Set for Jan. 7

Gov. Bob McDonnell has set Jan. 7, 2014, as the date for the special election to fill the seat of state Sen. Ralph Northam, who was elected lieutenant governor and is resigning from the Senate, effective Jan. 11.

“The 6th District of Virginia has greatly benefited from Senator Ralph Northam’s representation over the last five years,” said McDonnell. “Ralph will now go on to serve all Virginians as lieutenant governor when he succeeds my great friend, Bill Bol- ling. In light of the 2014 General As- sembly Session beginning on January 8th, it is critical that we quickly fill this vacancy … to ensure that voters are represented as soon as practica- ble. Therefore, I have called this election for January 7th.”

Vying for Northam’s seat are cur- rent Democratic state Del. Lynwood Lewis of Accomac and Republican Nor- folk businessman Wayne Coleman.

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Northampton Looks To Survival Without ER

By Ron West

Northampton supervisors heard Tuesday from former Supervisor Spencer Murray on alternatives for providing emergency care after Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital shuts its doors in Nassawadox and moves to a new facility in Onley in two years.

Murray presented the findings of the Ad-Hoc Emergency Care Committee charged with studying the issue. He reported that despite efforts to locate a site for an emergency facility in Northampton County to save what could be a long trip to the new hospital, that option would likely be far too expensive without some form of outside financial assistance. Instead, ambulances could be forced to head south to a Hampton Roads hospital.

The committee recommends a minimum of 15 medics and two ambulances be added to the county’s Emergency Medical Services to handle anticipated increased emergency calls and length of transport. The impact on the county budget would be just under $700,000 for salaries and benefits.

The need to provide at least three helicopter landing sites for transport of serious cases will add to the county’s cost as well.

The committee recommends providing night and weekend care by a physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner and then adding services over time.

The supervisors agreed to extend the ad-hoc committee’s deadline for a final report to Feb. 11, 2014.

County Voting Registrar Terry Flynn reported that the recount for the state attorney general’s race would be conducted locally on Dec. 17 at the courthouse. The public can observe the process, but will be required to stay out of the way. Representatives of each candidate will be in attendance.

Providing the supervisors with a final update of the 2013 Tall Ships weekend visit to Cape Charles, Dave Steward reported that 7,000 to 8,000 individuals visited the harbor from June 14-16, when the ships were in the harbor. He said Cape Charles received substantial income from the visitors. The county provided funding to assist in drawing the ships to the county. Steward urged the supervisors to do the same for a similar event scheduled for June 14-15, 2014.

Northampton Schools Superintendent Dr. Walter Clemons addressed a question posed by the supervisors at their November session regarding staffing and salaries. He noted that it is important to insure that teacher salaries are competitive to facilitate retention. Supervisor Oliver Bennett, a Northampton teacher himself, asked how long it had been since county teachers had received a step increase in pay, to which Dr. Clemons responded that it had been five years. Bennett noted that the new elected school board has indicated that it sees step increases as an important agenda item for 2014.

WANTED: FRANKLIN CITY PHOTOS

Chincoteague Bay Field Station (CBFS) staff and Shippensburg University faculty member Dr. Sean Cornell will join Atlantic Supervisor Ron Wolff’s meeting Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Captain’s Cove Marina Club.

Cornell will discuss plans for shoreline and marsh restoration at the CBFS Greenbackville property. To ensure that researchers approach the restoration with the property’s full history in mind, Cornell is asking residents to bring old photographs of Franklin City and Greenbackville, which he can scan at the event.

New Museum in Onancock

Wanda Guy, a member of the Board of Directors of the Waterman’s Museum of Virginia’s Eastern Shore, shows off a picture of her parents, the late Phyllis June Smith and George Fosque Smith, which is part of the museum exhibit that will open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the former Onancock School. The couple were at the Onancock Harbor aboard the vessel, Regenia, which was built by Guy’s grandfather. Capt. George Smith, was a waterman all his life. Of the photo, Guy said, “He was where he loved to be, on his boat, and she was where she loved to be, on his back.” The two were married for 58 years. About 1,600 photos and other artifacts are among the memorabilia donated from across the Shore that will be on display. Prior to this opening, the collection was used as a traveling museum with Professor Paul Ewell, a Shore native and instructor at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk.
David James Tull, 31, of Oxford Street in Pocomoke City, Md., pleaded guilty to two felonies and a misdemeanor charge of embezzlement at Asplundh Tree Expert Company, occurring between 2010 and 2011. A presentence report was ordered. Tull is free on bond.

Northampton Circuit Court
A Machipongo man who used a vehicle as a weapon during a drunken crime spree was sentenced Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to 46 years in prison, with all but three years suspended.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III gave Christopher Tazewell, 30, of Seaside Road five years each for three counts of unlawful wounding, to run concurrently, with four years suspended; a 12-month suspended term for assault and battery; a five-year suspended term each for hit and run and destruction of property; five years each for two counts of reckless disregard for life of a child, with four years suspended; five years for a third DUI, with all but six months suspended; five years for a third offense of driving without a license, with all but six months suspended; and a $1,000 fine for DUI.

Witnesses told Trooper B.D. Kennedy that Tazewell struck a car that had stopped just north of B&B Market at the corner of Lankford Highway and Machipongo Drive on March 11. The defendant’s 3-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old child were riding in the back of the vehicle he was driving. He is accused of stealing it several days earlier. It belongs to Ayisha Vann, the mother of the younger child. Tazewell was arrested at the nearby market where it took three officers to restrain him, Kennedy reported.

Tazewell, a trusty at Eastern Shore Regional Jail, apologized. He admitted he has a drinking problem and said he is in Alcoholic Anonymous classes at the facility.

“It’s unfortunate that the time you’ve spent in jail over the years has not gotten your attention,” Lewis said. “You just haven’t gotten the message that you can’t do this stuff. You need to be taken out of society for awhile ... you seem like a nice guy ... you need to be put away so you won’t hurt someone else.”

Tazewell was on probation when the most recent crimes occurred. A prison term of a year and five months was imposed for assault and battery of a family member.

Corey A. Beckett, 34, of Tasley pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine on April 23. Sentencing was deferred pending completion of a presentence report.

Judgment was withheld for a year in accordance with First Offender Status for Frederick Eugene Walker, 55, of Exmore who pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine. He was ordered to stay drug free for a year while submitting to random screenings, and perform 100 hours of community service.

Amy Sue Duer, 22, of Exmore was sentenced to five years each for credit-card theft and credit-card forgery and 12 months for petty larceny, to run concurrently. All time was suspended.

Gerome Jay Hudson Jr., 63, of Norfolk was sentenced to five years each for two counts of credit-card fraud and a count of credit-card theft, to run concurrently, with all but 11 months suspended. He was ordered to pay $374 restitution.

Accomack District Court
A Norfolk man was charged with moving illegal drugs in Accomack County late last week, according to papers filed in Accomack General District Court.

Hector Nicholas Soto, 28, of Armfield Circle was charged with transporting “one ounce or more of cocaine, coca leaves or a salt compound, derivative or preparation” on Dec. 6. He was arrested the same day.

The $75,000 unsecured bond that was set means he was freed without paying a fee. Special Agent Scott Wade of Eastern Shore Drug Task Force (ESDTF) investigated. A preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 27, 2014.

Tabora Jermaine Bailey, 30, of Seaside Road in Painter was charged Dec. 5 with possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Bail was set at $5,000. His preliminary trial was set for Jan. 27.

Robert Franklin Baytops IV, 20, of Pettit Lane in Horntown was charged Oct. 24 with burglary of a dwelling and stealing four pairs of shoes belonging to Hendrick Townsend. He was arrested Dec. 4. Baytops is free on $2,000 bond. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan. 13.

Josie Marie Kerrick, 28, of Seagull Drive on Chincoteague is accused of obtaining property belonging to Walmart in Onley by false pretenses on Nov. 20. She also was charged with misdemeanor shoplifting. Kerrick was arrested on Dec. 9. Bond was set for $3,500. A preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 27.

Fred Douglas Lykes, 57, of Church Street in Onancock was charged with obtaining property belonging to Sonic, Inc. by false pretenses and a third offense of petty larceny on Nov. 20. He was arrested Dec. 5 and is being held without bond. A preliminary hearing will be held Jan. 27.

Abidan Ordonez-Cruz, 21, of Wallops Island Road in Assawoman was charged with two counts of forging a public record on Sept. 28. He was arrested Dec. 5, and bail was set at $5,000. A preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 13.

James Michael Carpenter, 25, of Cattail Road in Mears will not be prosecuted on a charge of making a threat to blow up another man’s house and kill his family, court records show.

Jennifer East, 26, of Bunker Hill on Chincoteague was convicted Monday of making a threat by telephone, a misdemeanor. She was originally charged “with knowingly communicating in writing a threat to kill or do bodily injury to another.” East was fined $150.

Melvin Edward Tipton, 42, of Cook Street in Parksley was convicted of petty larceny of property belonging to Brenda Prollitt on June 25. He initially was charged with grand theft. Tipton was given a six-month suspended sentence.

Northampton District Court
Printice A. Wiggins of Cheriton has been charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, according to records filed in Northampton General District Court. The complaint was filed Tuesday by Lt. A.J. Ferebee of Northampton County Sheriff’s Office. A Jan. 23 preliminary hearing was set.
Accused Arsonist Denied Bond and Change of Venue

By Linda Cicoira

Accused arsonist Tonya Susan Bundick will spend the holidays in Eastern Shore Regional Jail in accordance with a ruling made Wednesday by Judge Glen A. Tyler in Accomack Circuit Court. The first of two trials and a hearing regarding evidence were set for January.

Bundick, wearing a dark-blue, short-sleeved jailhouse jumpsuit that indicated the cellblock where she is being held, took the witness stand to ask Tyler to move her trial to Emporia, Va., where she contended she would get a fair trial, and to set bond for additional charges that were made earlier this month.

In October, Tyler agreed to move the proceedings to Virginia Beach, which is in the same circuit as Accomack. He reasoned it would be hard to find residents of the Eastern Shore to serve who aren’t relatives or friends of victims, police officers or firefighters associated with dozens of fires deliberately set between November 2012 and April 2013.

But the 40-year-old mother of two wanted to go even farther away. She asked Tyler to move the proceedings to Emporia because of what she said was negative publicity from television and newspapers in Hampton Roads.

“A lot of video that was broadcast centered on me … that I was the one who started the whole thing … I will not get a fair trial,” she complained of a confession made by Charles Robert Smith III and televised in the area. “It just put an image out there that people are going to remember without adequate proof.” Smith was Bundick’s fiancé at the time of the arsons.

In late October, Tyler informally appointed Allan Zaleski of Norfolk to represent Bundick after her initial lawyers were removed due to a conflict of interest. Zaleski and his son, Alexander Christopher Zaleski, were appointed officially Wednesday, although the state will only pay the elder Zaleski.

Allan Zaleski asked Tyler to watch a DVD of the Smith’s broadcast before making a decision. Tyler accepted the disc into evidence, but said he would not watch it because it wasn’t relevant.

“Widespread publicity was not behind the first change of venue,” Commonwealth’s Attorney Gary Agar said. “You can still question prospective jurors,” he continued, arguing that reports were made as far as Beijing and London. “How will you escape publicity?” he asked.

Tyler agreed. “They would have had to try O.J. in Borneo (southeast Asia)” based on that concept, he said.

Agar was opposed to bond for Bundick. She was free on $30,000 secured bond for the first two charges — arson and conspiracy — in connection with an April 1, 2013, fire. On Dec. 2, when a Grand Jury indicted her on 62 counts of deliberately setting fires, including one at a local church, Bundick said she waited at the bail bondsman’s office to hear what the jury decided. When she got the news, she turned herself in.

Zaleski asked that the initial bond be continued and that Bundick be released on her own recognizance for the other charges. “The best test of her danger to the community” and possible flight risk “has been assessed,” he said.

Agar argued she should remain in jail because she could face a lifetime in prison. “Her potential for leaving the area is very great,” he said, noting that she is unemployed and her children are in the care of others.

Bundick said she had been living in Parksley with family who provided her with room and board, that she helped those and other family members and that she had income-tax return money to assist her.

Tyler said he set the bond because after a while, it appeared that more charges were not going to be filed. “Now circumstances are entirely different.”

The judge postponed making a decision regarding Zaleski’s motion to keep information about the later charges from the trial for the alleged April 1 crimes. Agar was opposed because he “must prove knowledge or (a) scheme.” But, Tyler said, he needs “to know what the commonwealth plans to introduce.” A hearing on that motion was set for 1:15 p.m. Jan. 9 in Accomack. Bundick’s first trial was scheduled for Jan. 13 and 14 in Virginia Beach.

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Brad Ford’s students, along with church choirs, will sing carols before the tree lighting.

After it, the annual Exmore Christmas Parade will begin at the County Line Station.

GEBCA has asked Main Street businesses to decorate their buildings for the holiday season. The Public Works department has decorated the town and tree with lights, bows, and wreaths and all the trimmings.

To join GEBCA, call President Ken Dufty at 442-7889.

The library at Cape Charles will feature children’s activities Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m., when a tour of Cape Charles churches also will be conducted. Decorated historic homes will be a part of the B&B Holiday Cookie Trail from 1 to 4 p.m.

Progressive caroling will take place in Cape Charles Tuesday, Dec. 17, with hayrides, hot chocolate and cookies. The public is welcome to participate.

Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company will hold its annual Breakfast With Santa Buffet — which includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, scrapple and drinks — Saturday, Dec. 21, from 7 to 11 a.m. The cost is $7 for adults and $3 for children under 6 (age 2 and under free).

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Carmie Savage of Painter and William Cullen, also of Painter, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Regina Marie (Gina) Cullen to Tyler Paige Ames, son of Paige and Suzanne Ames of Exmore.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Nandua High School and Virginia Wesleyan College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in art education. She is an art teacher at Broadwater Academy.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Northampton High School and Longwood University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. He is a seed manager at Crop Production Services.


Local Agency Earns Grant To Help Victims

The Avon Foundation for Women has awarded a $7,500 one-year grant to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ESCADV) to provide direct services to domestic violence victims. Pictured (from left) are ESCADV Board President Peaches Dodge and ESCADV Executive Director Cristi Lawton. In addition to the grant, Avon representatives also donated many items for shelter clients.

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If you would like to contribute to Members Helping Members, you can do so by checking the box on your ANEC bills which reads “Check This Box to Donate to Members Helping Members, Inc.” ANEC will then add one dollar a month to your bills and forward the proceeds to Members Helping Members.

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**Obituaries**

**Franktown Native Dies**

Long-time resident of Chapel Hill, N.C., Mr. Charles Dunning Nottingham II, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2013, at Carolina Meadows at the age of 94.

Born in Franktown, he was the son of the late Judge John Edward and Maude Taylor Nottingham. Mr. Nottingham graduated from Hampton Sydney College and Cornnell School of Hotel Administration and attended University of Virginia Law School. He served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander. After his service in World War II, he worked for The Lake Placid Club, Sheraton Hotels in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. He and A.E. Finley established the University Inn and Pines Restaurant in Chapel Hill and the Triangle Motel and College Inn in Raleigh, N.C.

In retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham traveled the world, often visiting places where Mr. Nottingham served during World War II. He was a founding member of the A.E. Finley Foundation, responsible for donations to numerous charities and universities every year. Mr. Nottingham believed that education was of paramount importance. He was a member of University Baptist and Christ U.M. Church.

His beloved wife, Bee, passed away in 2002. Mr. Nottingham was predeceased by a brother, John E. Nottingham, and is survived by his brother, Ben G. Nottingham of Raleigh; children, Nancy Nottingham Tyler (Jim) of Charleston, S.C., and Charles Dunning Nottingham III (Gail) of Chapel Hill; and grandchildren, Jessica Nottingham Scott (John) of Austin, Texas, and Charles Dunning Nottingham IV of Charlotte, N.C.

A service of celebration was held in the auditorium of Carolina Meadows Monday, Dec. 9.

Memorial donations may be made to the Employee Appreciation Fund, 100 Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

**Parksley Man Dies in Fla.**

Mr. Russell “Dale” Corbin Jr., 52, of Parksley passed away at the home of his parents in North Fort Myers, Fla., Monday, Dec. 2, 2013.

Born in Baltimore, Md., he was a son of Russell Dale Corbin and Ruth Ann Young Corbin. Mr. Corbin was a draftsman and surveyor, and greatly loved fishing and his Harley motorcycle.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his son, Cody Corbin of Parksley; Cody’s half-brothers, Chucky McGordy and Christian Sanchez and their mother, Michelle Sanchez, all of Bloxom; sister, Kimberly Giuliani (and husband, Joe) of Chapmaig, Ill.; brother, Kevin Corbin (and wife, Lisa) of Bloxom; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was conducted from Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Saturday, Dec. 7, by Pastor Bob Boyce.

Memorial donations may be made to the auditorium of Carolina Meadows and Chapel Hill and the Triangle Motel and College Inn in Raleigh, N.C.

**Former Supervisor Dies**

Mr. Elvin Richard Custis Jr., 83, of Belle Haven passed away Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013.

A native of Craddickville, he was the son of Charlotte Sturgis Custis of Craddickville and the late Elvin R. Custis Sr. Mr. Custis was a retired farmer and businessman and a devoted member of Craddickville U.M. Church, where he previously served on the administrative board and taught Sunday school. He served on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors for 28 years, was a member of the Rutians for 52 years, served as Delmarva district governor, past president of Accomack County Farm Bureau, on the Accomack County Board of Supervisors and as a lifetime member of Exmore-Belle Haven Moose Lodge.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his wife, Linda Coulbourne Custis; son, Elvin Richard “Richie” Custis III (and wife, Deanna) of Cradockville; daughter, Wanda Annis Isdell (and husband, Fuzzy) of Belle Haven; sister, Sue Custis Lewis (and husband, Jimmy) of Orange, Va.; brother, Russell S. Custis (and wife, Doris Mae) of Cradockville; grandchildren, Erin Cole Isdell of St. Petersburg, Fla., Dylan Trevor Custis, Chase Manning Custis and Sawyer Bryant Custis, all of Craddickville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held, Saturday, Dec. 7, at Belle Haven Cemetery, with Rev. Rob Kelly officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Audubon Society, 11624 Occohannock Rd., Exmore, VA 23350; or Cradockville U.M. Church, c/o Mrs. June Custis, PO. Box 66, Cradockville, VA 23431. Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

**EMS Officer Dies**

Mr. Orris James “Jimmy” Rowley III, 59, of Parksley passed away Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

Born in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Orris James Rowley Jr. and Jessie Walker Rowley.

Mr. Rowley held numerous positions within the Emergency Medical Services, Fire Department and Masonic community. He was a magistrate for the Virginia Supreme Court, having jurisdiction over the Seventh Magisterial Region, and was a member of the Virginia Magistrates Association. Mr. Rowley was a past supervisor and dispatcher for Eastern Shore 9-1-1 Center.

He was a past master for the former Parksley Lodge 325 AF/AM and a member of Central Lodge 300 AF/AM in Onley and had been a Masonic Lodge instructor and lecturer. Mr. Rowley was a past exalted ruler for BPOE 1766 Elks and had served as treasurer and was currently secretary for St. Thomas U.M. Church.

Mr. Rowley was immensely involved in the fire company and had been a member of Parksley Volunteer Fire Company for 44 years. He served as a past president, past chaplain and current secretary and Rescue Squad captain for the company. He also was involved in the DelMarVa Volunteer Fireman’s Association, where he served as a past president and current chaplain and parliamentarian.

Mr. Rowley was one of the first certified paramedics on the Eastern Shore and had served as a member of the Eastern Shore EMS Council. He was a chairman of the Accomack County Fire Commission Memorial Committee and was a longtime VA EMS instructor.

He is survived by an uncle, Brice Walker, several cousins and countless friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Grace U.M. Church in Parksley. Interment was in Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 14, Parksley, VA 23421.

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

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

**Onancock Resident Dies**

Mrs. Karen Mary Cieslik, 72, of Onancock, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., passed away at her residence Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013.

Born in Philadelphia, she was a daughter of the late John and Genevie Master son Cummings. She was a legal secretary and member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley.

Mrs. Cieslik is survived by her husband, Stanley L. Cieslik; daughters, Joanne McGovern of Onancock and Cheryl Ann Milford of Gastonia, N.C.; brothers, John Francis Cummings (and wife, Kaki) of Philadelphia and Robert Cummings (and wife, Kathleen) of Moores ton, N.J.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three nieces; and two nephews.

A private service will be held.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

**Richard ‘Dickie’ Morgan**

Mr. Richard Preston “Dickie” Morgan, 62, of Pungoteague died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, at his home.

Born in Nassawadox, he was a son of Margaret Taylor Morgan of Onancock and the late Charles Eugene Morgan Sr. Mr. Morgan was one of a kind. He always took time to speak to everyone. He was a friendly face of the family exterminating business, Charles E. Morgan & Sons Co. When he wasn’t working or chatting with friends and family, you could bet he waspower- and weightlifting.

Mr. Morgan was a member of Rock Church on the Eastern Shore.

In addition to his mother, survivors include two wives, Becky W. Morgan and April Morgan; children, Chad Mor-
C&P Retiree Passes Away


Born in Nassawadox, she was a daughter of the late Everett “Licker” Edwards and Margaret Lilliston Edwards. Mrs. Bradley retired from C&P Telephone Company, was a member of Market Street U.M. Church, and enjoyed boating with her late husband.

Mrs. Bradley was predeceased by her husband, Marvin Turner Bradley; a sister, Jill Godwin; and a brother, Bruce Edwards. Survivors include her daughter, Ann Price Bradley Obenshain (and husband, R. Dodd) of Acquacocca; granddaughters, Lauren B. Pruitt (and husband, Jason) and Alysa D. Obenshain; sisters, Betty Belle Branch and Jackie Spicer; brother, John R. “Ronnie” Edwards (and wife, Shirley); close friend and companion, Bill Fitzgerald; brother-in-law, Edgar B. Bradley (and wife, Sylvia); and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Monday, Dec. 9. Interment was in Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Market Street U.M. Church, 75 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417; or to Harbor Town U.M. Church, P.O. Box 137, Onancock, VA 23422. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Holly Farms Retiree Dies

Mr. Randolph Lee Drewer, 84, of Saxis died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at Hartley Hall Nursing Home, Pocomoke City, Md.

Born in Saxis, he was the son of the late Claude Wesley Drewer and Hilda Northam Drewer. Mr. Drewer was a retired truck driver for Holly Farms. He was a member of Pocomoke U.M. Church in Grontos, a loving family man, and avid fisherman.

Mr. Drewer was predeceased by his wife, Reva Mister Drewer. He is survived by his brothers, Claude Wesley Drewer Jr. (and wife, Vicki) of Snow Hill, Md., and Charles Northam Drewer of Dundalk, Md.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Downing’s Cemetery in Oak Hall by Rev. Maury Enright.

Memorial donations may be made to Pocomoke U.M. Church, c/o Jeff Williams, 25398 Messongo Rd., Temperanceville, VA 23442. To sign the guest book, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Pungoteague Woman Dies

Mrs. Joan Casler, 82, of Pungoteague died Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at home.

A native of Toms River, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Alma McKelvey Clayton. She was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church.

Mrs. Casler is survived by her husband, William E. Casler; children, Linda Joan Curtis (and husband, Joe) of Portsmouth, Va.; granddaughter, Jeana Harris; and great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was predeceased by a daughter, Wendy Lee Daugherty.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at Maranatha Baptist Church by Rev. Michael Muender.

Memorial donations may be made to Maranatha Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1423, Exmore, VA 23450. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Onancock Man Dies

Mr. Ronald Arthur Brady, 78, of Onancock, formerly of Brick Town, N.J., died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore in Onancock.

Born in Morristown, N.J., he was a son of the late Howard and Evelyn Marie Cole Brady. Mr. Brady held many jobs with Ford Motor Company, retiring after 30 years of service. He was a United Methodist, served in the U.S. Army, and was an avid car buff, enjoying classic and hotrod automobiles.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Brady; son, Robert Brady (and wife Antoinette) of Bridgeport, Texas; granddaughter, Courtney Brady; sisters, Barbara Martin and Beverly Rongo; brothers, Wendell, Dave, Mark and Bill Brady; the mother of his children, Corinne Stanton of Fort Myers, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sons, Dale and Mike Brady; and a brother, Jim Brady.

A memorial service will be held at Market Street U.M. Church in Onancock Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Albert L. Crockett officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore, 23610 North St., Onancock, VA 23417. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Onancock Retiree Dies

Mr. Hugh Kellam Richardson, 71, a resident of Quail Run Assisted Living in Nelsonia since 2005, former driver for Holly Farms. He was a member of Market Street U.M. Church, c/o Jeff Williams, 25398 Messongo Rd., Temperanceville, VA 23442. To sign the guest book, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.
### Non-credit Schedule

**Spring 2014**

**Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Services**

**Call 757-789-7979 or 757-789-1751**

www.es.vccs.edu

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<td>ITEC 1100</td>
<td>Mainly for seniors - an afternoon course at a leisurely pace. Get started with your new computer: learn about Windows 7, writing and printing documents, loading pictures, music &amp; movies. Get connected to the internet and surf the World Wide Web, send and receive emails, set up your calendar and maintain and secure your system. Textbook included.</td>
<td>Mike Maciejewski</td>
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<td><strong>Introduction to Computers</strong></td>
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<td>Follows the same textbook (included) and curriculum as &quot;Computers for Seniors&quot; above. Evening class, slightly faster. Seniors also welcomed. Textbook included.</td>
<td>Mike Maciejewski</td>
<td>Mon &amp; Wed: 5:00pm – 7:30pm Feb 17-19, 24-26, Mar 10-12</td>
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<td><strong>Microsoft Word - Office 2010</strong></td>
<td>ITEC 3101</td>
<td>Write business reports, letters, envelopes, labels, mail-merges, graphic -inserts, tables. EARLY BIRD SPECIAL! Register by January 12th, save $10.</td>
<td>Karon Eichelberger</td>
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<td>ITEC 3201</td>
<td>The spreadsheet program, for tables, budgets, calendars, invoices, with formulae, calculations and graphs. EARLY BIRD SPECIAL! Register by January 12th, save $10.</td>
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<td>Give on-screen presentations, sell your products, report your findings, tell your stories.</td>
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<td>Basic introduction to Microsoft Office 2010, covering Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access: alternative to the 3 classes above, and follow-on for students of 'Computers for Seniors' and 'Introduction to Computers' above.</td>
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<td>ITEC 1145</td>
<td>90% of users make and record deposits: 84% of users review reports for business insights: 82% of users make payments: 77% of users prepare for taxes: 77% of users enter and track bills. (<a href="http://quickbooks.intuit.com/pro">http://quickbooks.intuit.com/pro</a>) Textbook included.</td>
<td>Mike Maciejewski</td>
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<td><strong>Hair Braiding &amp; Weaving</strong></td>
<td>COSM 1000</td>
<td>Get a salon job, or start your own business! Learn consultation, facial and head shapes, safety and sanitation, history of braiding, single braids plait two strand, single braids with extensions, cornrows, cornrows with extensions, wigs, weaves bonded, weaves sewn-in. All materials provided. Awards ceremony April 3rd: 5:00pm - 8:00pm.</td>
<td>Ebony Marcellin-Brown</td>
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<td><strong>AIPB Bookkeeping Certification</strong></td>
<td>ACCT 1000</td>
<td>Students are prepared to take all parts of the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers (AIPB) exams, which entitles graduates to use &quot;CB&quot; after their name. Most suitable for students with some practical or academic knowledge of &quot;double entry bookkeeping&quot;. All materials included except AIPB membership and exam fees.</td>
<td>Rebecca Crockett, CPA</td>
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<td>HLTH 1801</td>
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<td>Tamara B. Pruitt, RN</td>
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**Look out for:**

Ecotourism Certification beginning in March
Outboard gas engine maintenance beginning in February
Inboard diesel engine maintenance beginning in April
ServSafe food safety certification beginning February.

2014 is “WDS Customer Service Year”: look out for short courses for hotels and restaurants, retail outlets and service industries.

ESCC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.
The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:
Dean of Learning Resources, 29300 Lankford Hwy., Melfa, VA 23410; 757.789.1723.
**Property Transactions**

- From Robert and Suzanne Taylor  
  To Julie Elbers  
  Lots 88 & 89, Duncan Manor Development  
  For $187,500

- From MF Olde Mill, LLC  
  To Steven Reese and revocable trust  
  Lots 26 and 27, Wattsville  
  For $130,000

- From Alfred Parks  
  To Scott Thielbar  
  Tangier parcel  
  For $10,000

- From Adam, Ellen, & Samuel Ashby  
  To The Michael Bogdon Living Trust  
  Property near Belle Haven  
  For $210,000

- From Audrey, Eugene & Zenia Jackson  
  To Elizabeth and Eric Walters  
  Property near Cheriton  
  For $4,000

- From Gallop Court, LLC  
  To The Laia Moretto Revocable Trust  
  Lot 6, Kings Creek Landing, Cape Charles  
  For $25,000

- From Margaret Lee & Harold Tilghman  
  To Mark Richards  
  Property in Nassawadox  
  For $155,000

- From Neldon and Nina Jarvis  
  To The Richard Christopher Gass Revocable Trust  
  Property in Elliott’s Neck  
  For $1,130,000

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- From Furlong Baldwin & Mary Peacock  
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  To Christopher Melton  
  102 Gwynn Ct., Kings Creek Landing in Cape Charles  
  For $15,000

- From David and Linda Taplin  
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  To John Morrison, Carol Schultz and Carl Freezer III  
  Lot 512, Unit 1, Trails End  
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**REMINDER**

**YOU CAN NOW PURCHASE 2014 DOG & CAT LICENSES**

Notice is hereby given that Dog and Cat Taxes are due and payable  
**JANUARY 1, 2014**

All owners are hereby notified that their taxes must be paid to the Treasurer not later than February 1, 2014 in order to avoid penalties. Evidence that dog and cat has been vaccinated against Rabies MUST be provided at the time of issuance of license.

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**License must be worn by Dog according to law.**

**ALL DOGS & CATS 4 months old or older must have license. Minimum penalty, fine and costs, is mandatory for violations. Any animal that has been spayed or neutered will be sold an Unsexed Tag.**

**Tags can be purchased at the Treasurer’s Office, Northampton County, Virginia.**

**Or**

Payment can be mailed with copy of Rabies Vaccination to  
P.O. Box 598, Eastville, VA  23347.

For Further Information, contact the  
**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
AT 757-678-0458.
Let’s Get Real!

Story and photo by Ron West

How many times have you found yourself looking at the cost of things for your family and thinking, “Get Real! It can’t cost that much”? How much does a house cost? Why do I need insurance if I’m only renting that house?

These and dozens of other questions were being asked by 80 ninth graders from Broadwater Academy and Northampton High School at the county’s annual Reality Store, conducted recently in Machipongo. Coordinated by the Northampton County Extension service and 4-H program, the event features booths to “sell” a variety of life’s necessities to students suddenly thrust into the role of being an adult. Most had to grapple with how to provide food for their family, daycare, and a multitude of other things that quickly caused their “paychecks” to evaporate.

While some students received the welcome news that they were a teacher, lawyer, or doctor, others were told they were slinging burgers because they dropped out of school and quickly became parents. Welcome to life.

After being assigned their role in life, students stopped by the “bank” to get their first month’s “pay.” Many were surprised when the amount at the left did not equal the one on the right. “I thought you said I was getting paid $2,500 per month?” “Yes,” they were told, “but that’s before taxes and other deductions. Now you only bring home $1,700, and you need a place to live, food to eat, transportation, and much more for your family.”

As students wound their way through the labyrinth of booths, they watched their meager funds disappear. Some found they had to downgrade from a shiny new Mustang to a used car or from buying a three-bedroom home to renting a one-bedroom apartment.

The process did cause some students to think creatively. Two even figured out that they could save money by renting a two-bedroom apartment as roommates rather than going it alone.

One thing emphasized by the many workers in the various booths was the need to stay in school as long as possible to prepare for a well paying job. Most were handed a card at some point in the day that was either good news or bad news. “Hi, you attended night classes at the Community College and are getting a raise” or “Congratulations, you are going to have another child.”

Just like real life.
| FRIDAY DEC. 13 | ★10 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
- Sage Restaurant, Onley - 442-2474  
★noon - AA mtg. - UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock  
★12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: Gout From 2600 B.C. Until Today - ESCC, Melfa  
★6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: $6/single or $10/family  
★6:30 p.m. - Holiday Dinner At Ker Place - Onancock - 787-8012  
★7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486  
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven  
★7:30 p.m. - Texas Hold'em Tournament - Parksley VFC  |
| SATURDAY DEC. 14 | ★9 a.m. - Zumba Class - Chincoteague YMCA - $5 - 336-3535  
★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Greens, Gifts and Goodies Sale - Woman's Club, 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley  
★11 a.m.-4 p.m. - Holiday Open House - Ker Place, Onancock - 787-8012  
★noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock  
★6:30 p.m. - Joint Christmas Program with New Mt. Zion and Ebenezer Baptist churches - New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 17450 Coal Kiln Rd., Painter - 442-2425  
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.  |
| MONDAY DEC. 16 | ★10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-3635  
★5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock  
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley  
★6 p.m. - Central Shore Lions Club - Sage Diner, Onley  
★6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley  
★7 p.m. - SPOTS mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley  
★7:30 p.m. - Accomack County Taxpayers’ Assn. mtg. - Accomack Cty. Administration Bldg.  |
| TUESDAY DEC. 17 | ★9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Chincoteague  
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★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC  |
For more than 90 years, the Auxiliary has touched our community. That’s something else we can celebrate this holiday season.

Resolution of the Board of Directors of Riverside Shore Health

Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation for The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Let it be known that the members of the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary have provided outstanding service and exemplary dedication to the Eastern Shore community through their work to support the Hospital and its patients, physicians and staff;

Be it further known that through their representation on the Hospital’s Board of Directors, they have continually demonstrated devotion to quality healthcare and patient satisfaction;

Be it further known that the Auxiliary was formed years before the original Northampton Accomack Memorial Hospital was built and indeed is responsible for raising funds to build the original Hospital. This unwavering support has continued from the 1920s to the present day;

Be it further known that the Auxiliary has been and continues to be an integral part of the expansion of services and they have touched every patient and family member served by the hospital;

Therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Directors of Riverside Shore Health, that this body joins the many patients, physicians and staff of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation for the Auxiliary’s devoted service;

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary is directed to include this Resolution in the minutes of this meeting, and to provide a suitably prepared copy for the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Passed by unanimous vote in Nassawadox, Virginia, on the 22nd day of October 2013.

RIVERSIDE SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, Inc.

By: Robert W. Leatherbury

Robert W. Leatherbury, Chairman of the Board
**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★★★

* Moderate ★★ Challenging

★★★ HOO BOY!

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I sometimes wonder what my life would be like if I didn’t enjoy sports so much.

Maybe I would be able to restore a vintage car or do some home improvement projects around the house. If I used the time I devote to sports to other pursuits, I might be able to converse about the best wines or know considerably more about the stock market.

Then there is the cost of being a sports lover. Golfers need the newest driver even though the garage has a bag stuffed with perfectly good clubs, fishermen buy the hottest lures although the tackle box is overflowing with every color under the rainbow, and hunters want shotguns that reach extra 10 yards when the trusty double barrel sits in the gun cabinet collecting dust.

Like a popular song on the airwaves states, “It’s not easy to be me.”

Not that I’m seeking sympathy for my obsession — some might say addiction — because participating in and following sports got me this job, which I truly enjoy. But you would think that after watching two high-school games on a Friday night, I would turn to something else on the weekend.

And yet, this past weekend when the weather was plain awful — that is a relative description when compared to our northern neighbors — I found myself channel surfing a variety of college football games, college basketball, golf and NFL football.

To prove I don’t go all in on sports, I don’t do the NBA until late in the playoffs, and I never watch hockey.

Feeding my addiction is a free season of NFL Ticket, enabling me to watch every NFL game each weekend. With my Redskins so woeful this year, I am free to search for the best games on the tube.

Sunday had some fantastic finishes in the Raven-Vikings game, there were five touchdowns in the last two minutes and five seconds, the Patriots scored two touchdowns in the last 1:01 and still had to survive a last second field-goal attempt, and the Steelers almost pulled off a miracle play by laterally passing the ball for 75 yards for the winning score, only to have the runner ruled to have stepped out of bounds at the 13-yard-line.

There was a 64-yard field goal in Denver that broke a longtime record held by a number of kickers, including my favorite, Tom Dempsey, who did it with half a foot back in 1970.

Mixed in there this weekend was Zach Johnson holing an 85-yard wedge shot on the final hole to force a playoff with Tiger Woods, won by Johnson.

Speaking of fantastic finishes, a high-school student asked me this week if the recent Auburn return of a missed field goal to beat Alabama in the last second of the game was the best finish to a game I ever saw.

That’s a tough question. I was born the same year Bobby Thompson hit the “Shot Heard Around the World” to give the Giants the pennant over the Dodgers, so I obviously don’t recall that moment.

But I did witness the Immaculate Reception by Franco Harris of the Steelers to beat Oakland, the Hail Mary by Boston College’s Doug Flutie, the improbable dunk by Lorenzo Charles to give N.C. State a national championship, Michael Jordan’s iconic pose after hitting the game winner against Utah, Carlton Fisk’s shot off the foul pole in Boston to win a World Series game, and Duke’s Christian Laettner’s buzzer beater to beat Kentucky.

Fantastic finishes can be flavored by the team you root for. Home runs by Yankees Chris Chambliss and Aaron Boone to win playoff series recall more pleasant memories to me than Bill Mazeroski’s game winner over my Yanks in 1960, a shot I saw as a 9-year-old who stayed home from school that day to watch the seventh game of the World Series.

Not a good day for me, as my mother will attest.

The first person I thought of when Chris Davis sailed 109 yards after Alabama attempted to win the game with a 57-yard field goal, only to have the lumbering Bama linemen futilely try to tackle Davis on his victory run, was my golfing buddy Charlie Cameron.

Charlie is all about Auburn. Callers to his cell phone are greeted by the Auburn fight song, his head covers for his golf clubs tout Auburn, and almost every par putt that drops is celebrated with a “War Eagle” shout.

Charlie said that after the Auburn win, he awoke that night every few hours and could only giggle about the outcome. Sports fans know the feeling.

That’s why, as an avid Duke basketball fan — I probably root for two of the most hated teams in sports in the Yanks and Dukies — I still rate Laettner’s shot as the best finish ever.

Charlie, who was in Alabama watching the Auburn game on TV with family this Thanksgiving weekend, shared with me an item from that memorable game.

By the next day, they were selling T-shirts with the score of the game on one side and the message, “Hey Nick, have you got a second?” on the back.

There’s nothing like a great rivalry to ramp up the sweetness of a great finish if you are on the right side.

To me, sports is so much better than reality TV or drama shows because you can’t script this stuff. People would never believe it.

One of the best inventions for the modern sports viewer is the DVR.

In the typical football game there are only about 12 or 13 minutes of actual football action in a three-hour game.

Many times I record the game and watch it without commercials or waiting for the players to snap the ball. Whether it is designed or not, a hit on the forward button is the perfect timing between plays. Try it sometime.

Other times I read a book and look up only when I hear the announcer raise his voice on a good play. I just flip it back a few seconds and see the play. Or I can wait for the instant replay, an automatic on even the most routine of plays.

So what do I read when watching a game on TV? Many times it’s a sports book. Two of my recent reads included “Over Time, My Life as a Sportswriter” by Frank Deford, one of my all-time favorite writers, and “An Accidental Sportswriter”, by Robert Lipsyte.

But to prove I have a few other interests, I just finished the recently released Pat Conroy book, “The Death of Santini,” and then reread chapters from Conroy’s “My Reading Life.” Conroy is tops on my list of authors.

And in the last week, I finished a book I gleaned from my son’s library, “The Last Stand” by Nathaniel Philbrick, about Custer, Sitting Bull and the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

I liked it so much I added Philbrick’s “The Mayflower” to my Nook library.

As a book lover since a young child, I never thought I would see the day I would own a Nook, but the accessibility to almost any book is hard to beat.

And now I am enjoying a book by an old friend, Chris Jones, who just released “Sandbars, Sandlots and City Streets,” with his daughter, Katherine.

Full of local references, it is a book I recommend putting on your Christmas list.

Sunday night I was so saturated with sports, rather than watch the Panthers-Saints game, I watched a rerun of Downton Abbey, a guilty pleasure of mine and also highly recommended.

Who would have thought?
Decoys on Display at Wildlife Refuge

The Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, Cape Charles, will display a collection of decoys in the Visitor Center on Dec. 14 and 15. Along with the decoys, the refuge also will be showing the film, “Spirit of the Bird,” throughout the two days.

The event will kick off Saturday at 5 p.m. Guest speaker George Reiger will open the evening with a presentation before the film.

On Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m., local decoy carver P.G. Ross will demonstrate the art of decoy carving. The film will be shown Sunday throughout the day.

For more information, contact Jennifer Lewis Braatz at jennifer_lewis@fws.gov or 331-2760, ext. 123 or go to www.fws.gov/refuge/eastern_shore_of_virginia/

Hunters for Hungry Seeking Donations

The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Hunters for the Hungry greatly needs deer donations during this final month of the deer hunting season. With the recent restriction of doe harvest days by the VDGIF, deer donations are down from the same period in the past. Now that the restriction has been removed for the remainder of the season, the chapter is asking hunters to donate deer to the program.

Deer must be properly registered and field dressed only, not skinned out. The deer may be taken to the refrigerated trailers at The Food Bank in Tasley and BB Convenience on Lankford Hwy in Machipongo. Brent Powell also receives deer at his processing location in Wachapreague off Bradford's Neck Road. There is no cost to the hunter to donate the deer to the program.

The program is a non-profit organization and contributions are deductible as allowed by law. With 2013 closing, the chapter encourages any final year donations to pay for the processing costs for the deer. Donations, made out to “Hunters for the Hungry” may be sent to Worth Saunders, chapter director, at P.O. Box 1702, Parksley, Va. 23421.

Tech Oyster Roast

The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association will be having its annual oyster roast on Jan. 11 at the Onancock Elks Lodge. Social hour will begin at 4 p.m., with food served at 5 p.m.

The proceeds from will be used to fund scholarships for local high-school students entering Virginia Tech.

There will be oysters, clams, clam chowder, chicken, desserts, and drinks included in the ticket of $30 in advance. Tickets for students are $10 and only 200 will be sold. There will be a silent auction. A representative from the school's admission department will be present to talk with prospective students and their family.

Tickets are available from Bundick Well & Pump in Painter; Farm Bureau Insurance offices in Accomac and Eastville; H.W. Drummond in Belle Haven, Greenbush, and Oak Hall; and Bayside Rehab in Belle Haven and Parksley.

Boating Class Set

Boaters need to be aware of the Virginia Safety Education Compliance Requirements.

To operate a Personal Watercraft (the deadlines are: July 1, 2013, age 45 or younger; July 1, 2014, age 50 or younger; and July 1, 2016, all ages.

If you are interested in sharpening your boating skills, mark your calendar for Jan. 30 for a Boating Skills and Seamanship Class to be taught at Captain’s Cove Marina Club in Greenbackville.

The class will be put on by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-06 Chincoteague and will be held Monday and Thursday evenings for four weeks beginning at 7 p.m. Preregistration is required to ensure that sufficient materials will be available.

For additional information, email jeconquest@verizon.net

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SPORTS SHORTS
Broadwater Plays 4 Hoop Contests in 5 Days

Story and photo by Bill Sterling

Broadwater defeated Banner Christian Academy of Richmond 78-76 in the Atlantic Shores Tip-Off Tournament after dropping the first two games of the tourney.

The Tip-Off featured top teams from Virginia, in addition to other squads, including an Australian team and a Maryland school with a 7-foot starter.

Michael Riopel led the Vikings with 33 points in its lone victory. Brendon Burrows, who made the 10-man All-Tournament team, contributed 20 points. Matt McCaskill added 18.

The Vikings held a 37-30 halftime lead after outscoring Banner 24-8 in the second quarter. Zach Grant led Banner with 27 points.

In its second game, Broadwater fell to Hampton Roads Home School 70-61.

Burrows led the Vikes with 25 points with McCaskill and Riopel adding 15 and 12 points, respectively.

The two teams were tied at 26 points after a half, but Broadwater's cold shooting allowed Hampton to take an 11-point lead after three quarters. The Vikings cut the margin to 2 in the final quarter, but never took the lead. B. Messer led the victors with 16 points.

In the tourney opener, the Vikings were topped by Bishop Sullivan Catholic — rated the sixth best team in Hampton Roads by the Virginian-Pilot — by a 74-45 score. Bishop Sullivan used a 23-4 third-quarter run to blow open the contest.

Burrows had 16 points for Broadwater.

Weather Delays Hoopsters

Weather has wreaked havoc on the Shore District basketball schedule. The Northampton opened their season last night, and after weather canceled games last Thursday and Tuesday nights, no district teams had met this season for either boys' or girls' teams. Until last night in games after deadline.

Tonight, the Chincoteague boys host Holly Grove at 6:30 p.m. Nandua hosts Lancaster tomorrow, with the girls' game at 1 p.m. and the boys' game at 3 p.m. Northampton boys host Alliance tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and then travel to Broadwater Monday for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

On Tuesday, the Nandua boys host Arcadia and the Lady Warriors visit Arcadia. Both games tip off at 7 p.m.

Northampton and Nandua Wrestlers Open Seasons

Northampton opened the 2013-14 season with four dual matches at Norview High School Saturday.

In the opening match, the Jackets lost to Smithfield 66-18, then lost its second match 55-21 to JR Tucker. The Jackets lost their third match to Thomas Dale 49-24, then lost their fourth match to Deep Creek 57-13.

"It was a tough day," said Jacket coach Will Leland, "but it wasn't from a lack of effort as the kids wrestled hard. We are a 1A school and we wrestled all 5A and 6A schools. We have a young and inexperienced team, and we were also wrestling without two wrestlers who are hurt, including Charlie Demarino, who finished third in the state last year. We had six young men wrestle their first matches in competition ever. We have a lot of work to do, but it's going to be fun watching these young men continue to improve and grow throughout the season."

Leland noted that Steven Wilson went 4-0 this weekend with an exciting overtime win among his victories.

Nandua had a dual wrestling match last week, defeating King and Queen 42-30 and falling to Peninsula Catholic 51-22.

Against King & Queen, Jack Schrieber (113), Mathew Tyler (120), and Thomas Reid (152) scored winners by pins.

Against Peninsula Catholic, Shrieber, Tim Oliveri (138) and Tyler scored wins by pins. Reid scored a major decision.

"We gave up 18 points to forfeits due to injuries, so overall I was very satisfied with the results," said Nandua coach Nathan Metzger. "The Nandua wrestlers came out and wrestled hard right from the get-go, displaying a level of wrestling I wasn't expecting 'til mid-season."

Metzger added, "Thomas Reid and Tyrek Collins are the only wrestlers on the team whom I have worked with for the past four years and am looking for strong seasons out of them both. The team is also lucky to have Tim Oliveri, who transferred in from Appomattox School District this year. He has brought a lot of experience and leadership with him and should be a main contributor and positive role model for the rest of the team."

Arcadia wrestlers open their season today at Parkside in Salisbury under first-year head coach Chase Godfrey.
Broadwater Nips Northampton in Foul-Prone Contest

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Broadwater rebounded from a 9-point deficit at halftime to nip Northampton 45-42 in girls’ basketball Friday night at Eastville. The visiting Vikings hit only one field goal in the first half, yet scored 19 points by hitting 17 of 26 free throws. For the game, Broadwater was 29 of 50 from the foul line, while Northampton was only 3 of 11 from the charity stripe.

Northampton’s Whitney Metz scored 7 points in the first quarter, but was ejected early in the second quarter when the referee called a flagrant foul as Metz had the ball and was driving, shoving off a defender. It was her third foul.

The Jackets’ Briana Williams picked up her teammates with 10 points in the second quarter to stake Northampton to a 28-19 halftime lead. From the foul line, Kathleen Kraft was 6 of 10, Katie Wendell was 5 of 9 and Jenna Hare was 5 of 7 for Broadwater to keep the Lady Vikings in the game.

In the second half, Broadwater went to a pressing defense that produced numerous turnovers and drives to the hoop, where many of the Jacket fouls occurred. The Vikings still trailed by 8 entering the final quarter, but Anna Sexauer made a steal and converted a basket, then Kraft hit two free throws to tie the score at 37 and Wendell hit a runner to give Broadwater its first lead since early in the game. Kraft had 14 steals in the game, and all 11 of her points came from the foul line.

Wendell scored 8 of her game-high 15 points in the final quarter, and Kraft hit 5 of 8 free throws to help Broadwater maintain the lead. Northampton only managed to score 5 points in the fourth quarter as the Lady Vikings scored 16.

“Our pressing defense brought us back,” said Broadwater coach Ralph Dodd. “We couldn’t hit anything in the first half, but we hung in there and played hard the entire way.”

Northampton coach Leo Owens said that despite losing a key player, his team had control of the game at halftime. He cited turnovers and some poor decisions in the second half as contributing to the loss.

Williams led the Jackets with 12 points. Jabria Brown had 9 points.

Lady Vikings Fall to AS

The Broadwater girls fell to Atlantic Shores 55-41 Monday night at the Viking gym.

Katie Wendell had 21 points to lead the Lady Vikings, while Anna Sexauer scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Atlantic Shores was led by Jule Kassack with 25 points, 21 coming in the first half.

“We need to be more aggressive on defense,” said Viking coach Ralph Dodd, “but they hit five 3-pointers, some from really long range. It’s hard to defend that.”

Arcadia Girls Fall to MWGS

The Arcadia girls dropped a 53-14 decision to Maggie Walker Governor’s School in Richmond Saturday.

Freshman Jaquiagia Tull led the Lady Firebirds with 9 points, Sarah Jones dropped a 3-pointer in the third quarter and freshman Normaya Harris hit two free throws.
Rockfish Tourney Winners

Rockfish Riot winners in a fishing tournament sponsored by Chris’ Bait and Tackle to benefit the Northampton Toy Closet were: first place, Aaron Reed, 56.8 pounds; second place, Bobby Chrisman, 52.7 pounds; third place, Melvin Crutchfield, 50.8 pounds. The tournament included 32 anglers and raised $663 in addition to toys for the Toy Closet. Reed is pictured on the right.

Arcadia Edges Maggie Walker 39-38 in Season Hoop Opener

Arcadia edged Maggie Walker Governor’s School from Richmond 39-38 Saturday at Oak Hall.

Taylor Major led the Firebirds with 19 points.

Arcadia coach Alvin Justis said, “Walker was very big, and fundamentally sound. Fortunately for us, neither of the teams played very well, especially with this being our first game.”

Maggie Walker led 18-16 at halftime, but the Firebirds rallied to hold a 27-21 lead late in the fourth quarter and then withstood a run by Walker to gain the victory by the narrowest of margins.

Northampton Wrestlers Win Two Over Richmond Squads

The Northampton wrestling team won two meets against larger Richmond schools Wednesday. The visiting Yellow Jackets defeated Varina High School 45-27 and topped Henrico High School 48-26 in a meet held at Varina High School.

Coach Will Leland said, “Many of our young wrestlers stepped up. This team is taking the steps it needs to get better week by week.”

Coach Leland said he appreciated several Northampton wrestling alumni who attended the match to support the team.

Northampton competes in a two-day tournament in Salisbury, Md., starting today.

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William Lewis (at left) won the Atlantic Rockfish Derby with a 50.57-pound stripers last weekend. Anthony Pioli won second place with a 48.20-pound rockfish, Wayne Evans was third with a 34.15 pounder and Greg Ford had a 33.91-pound rockfish for fourth. A total of 66 anglers caught five fish in extremely poor weather conditions. The tourney benefits Atlantic Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company.

Photo courtesy of Chris’ Bait and Tackle

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Help Wanted

Northampton County Sheriff’s Office is accepting applications for:

**Correctional Officer**

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays.

Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED.

Certifications must be obtained within one year of employment.

Applications may be obtained from Northampton County Sheriff’s Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the County’s website @ www.co.northampton.va.us

Deadline for applications: December 20, 2013.

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Town of Ocean City/Maryland Transportation Department**

Seasonal Positions

Ocean City Transportation will begin hiring in January. We are looking for Bus Drivers, Vehicle Maintenance Techs, ADA Van Drivers, Account Clerks, Trim Drivers, Trim Conductors, and Ticket Sellers. Two forms of ID, a copy of your driving record for the past 3 years, current within 30 days of application and Social Security Card must be presented. Bus Drivers, Trim Drivers, and Vehicle Maintenance Tech positions require a valid Commercial Driver’s License with air brake, and passenger endorsements, along with a current DOT Medical Certificate.

Application packets are available at our Dispatch Office, 204 65th Street, Bldg F, beginning 01/07/14.

Phone: 410-723-1606.

Completed applications for the Bus Division will be accepted beginning 01/14/14, Tuesday through Thursday 9 am-12 pm and 1 pm-3 pm. Completed applications for the Tra m Division may be returned beginning 02/11/14 during the same time frames and days.

www.oceanicitymd.gov

Classified Ads, Real Estate Ads, Auctions & Legal Notices

**Announcements**

To My Beloved Mother:
Charlotte V. Anderson
It was 1 year ago today that God called you home. God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. He put his arms around you and whispered, “Come with me.” Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, a tender soul at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best. Gone but not forgotten.

From,
Your son,
Garry Lee Tyler, and family

**Avon Representative Needed** – Call 757-710-2075. $10 start-up fee. I.D. required.

**Auto Supplies**


**Boats, Etc.**


‘83 CHRIS-CRAFT - 31’ Commander, flying bridge, twin TAMD 41 Volvo diesel, low hours, all new electronics, offshore fishing gear available. $17,000. REDUCED to $15,500. Call 757-999-0002.

23’ BAYLINER - 5.7 I/O, 9.9 aux. motor w/ hyd. lift, anchor puller, sink, fridge, stove, head, sleeps 4. trailer, $8,995. 757-302-1185

18’ MERCURY OB 4-STROKE 9.5 H.P. - Less than 20 hrs., fresh water use only, all documents, stand and fuel tank, asking $1,600. Call 757-336-6231.

QUINBY AREA - 14 ft. Duck Boat for sale w/motor. Call after 6 p.m.: 442-6422.

22 FT. AQUASPORT - Cutty Cabin, 140 h.p. Evinrude (low hrs.), 4-wheel trailer, new tires, stainless rollers & bearings, power steer, $2,400. Call 757-894-0860.


97 21 FT. OMC NUPHOTUNCE CUTTY CABIN - 150 h.p. Johnson engine (completely refurbished), many extras. Boat & trailer in very good running cond. Call for details. $8,500 OBO. 824-0236.

MUST SELL - 01 Trophy Bayliner w/center console, GPS, Bimini top, trailier, many extras all in good condition. $3,500. 757-442-5436.


**Help Wanted**

Heritage Hall Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center – Nassawadox, managed by American HealthCare, LLC is seeking Part-time CNA candidates for our 145-bed center, located at 9468 Hospital Avenue in Nassawadox, Virginia.

As a CNA, you will be responsible for the direct care of residents and the supervision of all non-professional personnel in the Nursing Department. Candidates must have graduated from an accredited nursing program, and hold an active CNA license in the state of Virginia.

We offer a highly competitive salary and benefits. Please send your resume to alewis@ahc.cc or call P.O. Box 176, Nassawadox, Virginia, 23413 or call the facility at 757-442-5600 to set up a confidential interview. Applications will also be accepted in person at 9468 Hospital Avenue in Nassawadox, Virginia.

Equal Opportunity/ADA/Affirmative Action Employer

Minorities, Women & Veterans are encouraged to apply.

**TOWN OF EXMORE, VIRGINIA POLICE OFFICER**

The Town of Exmore is now accepting applications for the position of full-time Police Officer. Duties entail full police services to the community. Current Virginia law enforcement certification as a Police Officer is required. The Town of Exmore has a competitive salary plan and offers a full range of benefits to full-time employees. Applicants who cannot meet the minimum requirements described in Section 15.2-1705 (A) of the Code of Virginia will not be considered.

Applications, together with copies of the job description and the statute referenced above, may be obtained at the Exmore Town Office, 3305 Main Street, Exmore, Virginia 23350 during ordinary business hours. Completed applications received after 4:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 will not be considered.

Questions regarding this position should be directed to Exmore Police Chief Angelo DiMartino at 757-442-3114 X15.

The Town of Exmore is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**30’ SPORTSCRAFT 300 Sea Eagle** Updated 350 Vortex 315 h.p. Low hrs. Reduced to $10,000 OBO. Selling due to illness. 854-1834.

**BOAT WHEELS - 4-blade, 1 pair, 19” x 23” x 12” shaft**. $650. Call 757-999-3437 & leave message.

**98 SUNBIRD CUTTLY-CAB - 130 h.p. Evinrude**, 222 hours, w/trailer. $5,000. 757-709-1191, leave msg.

**BOAT WHEELS - 3-blade, 1 pair, 22” x 23” 1/2” shaft**. $650. Call 757-999-3437 & leave message.

**28’ CARVER MARINER**

Two 305 Mercruiser engines (low hrs), 2 4-blade, microwave, compass. Recently hull & painted. NOW $15K OBO. 757-619-8841

**77 20’ PENN YAN**


**PRO SPORT PROKAT**

‘02, 27 ft., twin 130 h.p. Hondas, trim tabs, radar, 2 GPSs, VHS radio, auto pilot, elec. anchor, windlass, outriggers, down- riggers, 3-axle trailer, plus extras, $32,000. 757-789-3893.

**17 FT. CENTER CONSOLE PRO-LINE - w/115 h.p. Johnson. Great shape!** 757-710-6459

**2005 22 FT. TROPHY PRO**

-W/150 h.p. Mercury Saltwater, color d/f, g/p.s., Bimini cover & full cockpit enclosure, 1 new battery, seat covers, exc. cond., $7,500. NOW $6,500. 304-671-1879

**91 SEARAY SUNDANCER**

-28’, 10’6” Beam, Twin Mercruiser 150.OLX Engines; A/C/heat, w/reverse cycle boat, nice galley, head w/shower, sleeps 6, 2 custom canvases, much more. 787-3454

Christmas Trees

YOU CHOOSE, WE CUT $15 each. Balled & burlapped live trees, to plant after Christmas. $85/ft. Five Deer Farm, 410-957-2105.

LIST YOUR YARD SALE STARTING AT ONLY $10 Call The Eastern Shore Post at 757-789-POST
PROHIBITED VENT-FREE FIREPLACE: 15,000-30,000 BTU. Blower & thermostat, walnut finish. $300/cash only. Call 757-824-0236.

1 TOOLBOXES FOR F-150 OR CHEVY PICKUP - Asking $100 each. Call 757-678-2566.

SIMPLICITY BASINET - Like brand new with music and vibrations. $75. Call 757-854-1637.


TUNGSTEN WEDDING BAND FOR SALE - Size 9, $50. Call 757-894-8908.

1.5-ACRE LOTS for sale. Melfa. Only $449/mo. w/ $0 down. No credit check. Includes well & septic. Call 302-674-5540.

NEW 3BED, 2BATH homes for sale. $500 deposit. Call 757-846-9100 for details.

LOOK!! Do you have a work permit? You can buy a house. For details 302-846-9100.

OWN YOUR OWN LAND? $0 down on your new home. Call 302-846-9100 for details.

MIRA! TIEMAS PERMISO de trabajo? Puedes comprar una casa de 3 recamara, 2 baños y para los requisitos.

Office Space For Lease


NEWTONVILLE APARTMENTS


irtual Technology & programing. Excellent opportunity for the tech enthusiast.

For Sale

MAPPsville - 3BR, 2BA doublewide. $700/mo. Text 757-3317.

MELFA - 3BR. $550/mo. & $550/dew. Call or text 757-3317.

MOBILE HOME PARTS for sale. We also move mobile homes. Dreamland Homes, Rt. 13, Accomac, VA. 757-8232

PARKSLEY AREA - 1BR, w/ ceramic bath, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, W/D, central heat & air. $550/mo. + sec. dep. + credit check. 757-778-8997.

HARTLEY HALL

Senior Housing in Poquoson City, Md., is accepting applications for 1-bedroom and efficiency apartments in an elderly housing subsidized apartment complex. Contact 757-957-2252 or visit office at 1006 Market Street in Poquoson City. Equal Housing Opportunity.
'04 F150 4X4 FORD XLT LARIET - All options, 200K mi., mechanically & physically sound. $7,800. Call 757-620-9042 or 757-653-0371.

'03 TOYOTA TUNDRA - 78K mi., 2WD, auto., new tires, V6, tow package, good cond. $12,500. Call 757-767-7640.

'00 LINCOLN TOWN CAR CARTIER - 1 owner, like new (inside & out), loaded w/every opt., 71K mi., dealer serviced, gar. kept, silver w/dove-grey interior, moon roof, heated seats, new brake job, great gas mge. (22-26 mpg), Asking $6,500. 442-7684 or 710-0424.


'79 4X4 CHEVY 3/4 TON - Stake body, low miles, great work truck. $2,800. Call 757-710-9188.

'00 MUSTANG - 150K mi. New tires, brakes clutch & windshield-wiper motor. $4,300 Firm. Call 710-7571.

'90 FORD 3/4 TON PICK-UP - $1,000 (needs work.) 442-7507.

'01 CHEVY EXT. CAB - 1/2 T., 64,800 mi., red, matching top, bedliner, new brakes, $9,995. 410-957-0903 or 410-726-5687.

'04 F-350 SUPERCREW - diesel, 4x4, long bed, lift kit, off-road tires, tinted windows, billet grille. $17,500. Call 757-710-4143.

'98 GMC TRUCK - Ext. cab, 3-door, 5.7 V8, 235K mi., $3,200. 999-4999.

'96 CHEVY IMPALA 2-dr. sedan. $1,800 firm. 442-2263 after 5.

'1983 SILVERADO CHEVROLET PICK-UP - Auto., trans., power steering & brake, AC, cruise control, 44K original miles. $10,000 or make offer. 787-8885.

'44 WILLY’S ARMY JEEP - Runs, needs work. JUST REDUCED: $3,000. Call 757-9151 or 709-9456.

'98 MONTE CARLO - Classic, 45,000 actual miles, AM/FM cassette, power brakes & steering. $8,800. 442-5009.


'04 HARLEY FAT BOY - PEANUTS, Triple Exhaust, 6,773 miles. Asking $9,500. Call 757-709-1117 or 757-709-4963.

'07 HARLEY DAVIDSON - Super Glide Custom. 2100 miles. Garage kept. $7,500. Now Only $3,100, 710-8676 (After 4 p.m. only, please.)

'05 SPORTSTER HARLEY - 2,000 miles, blue, $7,500 negotiable. Excel. cond. 757-9107.


'88 BMW MOTORCYCLE - K100RS, 52K miles. Has a solid engine. 6,773 miles. Asking is $3,000. OBO. 50 m.p.g. Call 757-694-5332.


'02 HONDA SPORT TRAC 250 - Runs great, new brakes, $1,600. Call 757-710-8597.

LEGAL ADVERTISING
REQUEST FOR BIDS
Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center
24577 Mary N. Smith Road
Accomac, VA 23301

The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association, Inc. (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) requests that qualified contractors submit a bid in accordance with planned renovations necessary to ensure compliance with local codes and ordinances. The Eastern Shore Virginia Community Foundation is a co-sponsor of this project known as PHASE I; which includes the renovation/creation of handicapped accessible restrooms and ramps, renovation of the cafeteria and kitchen, installation of fire-rated doors and partitions, and repair of the boiler. Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference and tour the facility on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 1:30 PM. For additional information telephone 757-709-3287.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
6234 Clark Street, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2008, and recorded at Instrument Number 2008083890 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan of $191,850.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

January 9, 2014 at 2:30 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of Tract 1: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated on Chincoteague Island, in the Town of Chincoteague, Accomack County, Virginia, and bounded: On the Northeast, by Clark Street; on the Southwest, by the land now or formerly owned by John B. Watson; on the Northwest, by the land formerly owned by L.F. Sharpary and later owned by E.B. Sharpary, wife of W. Sharpary; on the Northwest, by the land now or formerly owned by Minnie Jester, said lot of land is 58 feet wide on Clark Street and 55 feet wide on the Sharpary line, which is the Southwestern boundary.

Tract 2: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated on Chincoteague Island, in the Town of Chincoteague, Accomack County, Virginia, and designated as Number 19 on a plat survey made by William Gillespie, on the 10th day of February, 1947, which said plat is attached to a certain deed from William T. Sharpary, et al to Bridgell L. Sharpary, dated March 5, 1947, and recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Plat Book 6, at page 95, and to which said plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description and the metes and bounds. Said lot of land being described and bounded as follows: On the Northeast, by the land now or formerly owned by the same person as Charles S. Jeffries, who is the same person as Charles S. Jeffries, for a distance of 55 feet; on the Southeast, by Lot No. 20 shown on the aforesaid plat for a distance of 86.12 feet; on the Southwest, by Sharpley Road for a distance of 55 feet and on the Northwest, by Lot No. 18 as shown on the aforesaid plat now or formerly owned by Russell Thornton for a distance of 86.53 feet, 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 $21,000.00 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 said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee’s fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, if 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 at the seller’s cost, 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)
7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 750
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
301-907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com

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TRUSTEE’S SALE OF
23328 STAUNTON AVENUE,
PARKSLEY, VIRGINIA 23421
COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 03/29/06, in the original principal amount of $69,788.11 recorded in the County of Accomack, Virginia, as Instrument No. 2006061979, 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 December 17, 2013, at 1:00 pm, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: ALL THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO-WIT: ALL THAT CERTAIN HOUSE AND LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN WHITTING STREET, WESTHAM, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF WHITTING STREET AND STAUNTON AVENUE, THENCE PROCEEDING SOUTH ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF STAUNTON AVENUE FOR A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A CERTAIN 15-FOOT ALLEY, THENCE TURNING AND PROCEEDING IN AN EASTERNLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID ALLEY FOR A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET, THEN DIRECTING AND RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF WHITTING STREET, THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING WEST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF WHITTING STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; IT BEING LOT NO. 440 AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAT OF TOWN OF PARKSLEY, WHICH SAID PLAT IS ATTACHED TO AND RECORDED ALONG WITH A CERTAIN DEED FROM THE PARKSLEY LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY TO THE ACCOMACK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD. 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 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 servicing 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 301-490-3361 or www.mwc-law.com

DOLGENCORP, LLC, Trading as Dollar General Store #3670, 25296 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA 23418

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Robert Stephenson & Larry Gatta Jr., Managing Members of LLC

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first two required legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

DOLGENCORP, LLC, Trading as Dollar General Store #481, 24325 Bennett Street, Parksley, VA 23421

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Robert Stephenson & Larry Gatta Jr., Managing Members of LLC

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first two required legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

CIVIL CASE NO. CL13000344-00

vs.

ROBERT LEE WILSON
ROSETTA WILSON

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:

PARCEL I: All that parcel of land in Northampton County, Virginia, being Lot 3, Subdivision of Marian Elliott and designated as parcel no. 0112B-02-BLK-00-003.

PARCEL II: All that parcel of land in Northampton County, Virginia, being Lot 4, Subdivision of Marian Elliott and designated as parcel no. 0112B-02-BLK-00-004.

standing in the names of Robert Lee Wilson and Rosetta Wilson, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to determine whether Robert Lee Wilson and Rosetta Wilson are living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of their heirs, devisees and successors in title; 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 Robert Lee Wilson and Rosetta Wilson.

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 January 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 4th day of December, 2013

Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:

JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
F.O. Box 1410
7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)798-7000

Hi! I’m Hannah...I’m the purrfect cat to adopt from the SPCA.
Call today: 787-7385.
TRUSTEE’S SALE OF
36394 SEASIDE ROAD, PAINTER, VIRGINIA 23420
COUNTRY OF ACCOMACK

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 03/14/12, in the original principal amount of $120,000.00 recorded in the County of Accomack, Virginia, as Instrument No. 2012014989, 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, 23310 on December 17, 2013, at 1:00 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 LOCATED NEAR BELLE HAVEN STATION, PUNGOTEAGUE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED BY METES AND BORDERS AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT AT THE SOUTHERNMOST CORNER OF SAID LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE NO. 600 FROM WILLIS WHARF TO MAPPSBURG, AND A 20 FT. STRIP OF LAND OWNED BY C. V. SMITH, THENCE RUNNING NORTH 27 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 5 FEET TO A PIPE, THENCE CONTINUING ON THE SAME COURSE A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A PIPE, THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING NORTH 62 DEGREES 34 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO A PIPE, THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 27 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A PIPE, THENCE CONTINUING ON THE SAME COURSE A DISTANCE OF 5 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 62 DEGREES 34 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINS ONE-THIRD (1/3) ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND IS DESIGNATED AS LOT NO.6 ON PLAT ENTITLED “PROPERTY OF C. V. SMITH, LOCATED NEAR BELLE HAVEN R. R. STATION, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA”, MADE BY J. B. GIBB, C.L. S., AND DATED OCTOBER 6, 1971, SAID PLAT OF SURVEY BEING MADE BY J. B. GIBB, C.L. S., AND DATED OCTOBER 6, 1971, SAID PLAT OF SURVEY BEING MADE BY J. B. GIBB, C.L. S., AND DATED

CLARENCE V. SMITH ET UX TO JAMES F. BEACH ET UX, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 208, DEED NUMBER 95733. 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, including but not limited to, taxes, court fees, notary fees, and other public charges, which 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 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 (15) 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 aforementioned 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, University Drive, Suite 202, Fairfax, VA 22030. For information contact: Abby Moynihan, McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, attorney for Substitute Trustee at 301-490-3361 or www.mwc-law.com

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Our staff would like to wish a Blessed Merry Christmas and a very good year in 2014. There’ve been so many on the Shore that have lost loved ones, including me and my dear Jeannie. To you all: God bless each and every one of you and your family. May the coming year be a good one for us all.

Chester & Linda Jackson & Staff

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Virginia: In the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton

The Board of Supervisors or Northampton County, Virginia

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. CL13000345-00

vs.

The heirs and devisees of

Mary D. Wright

The heirs and devisees of

HeLEN VIRGINIA WRIGHT

MARONEly WRIGHT

SARAH CHAPMAN

THOMAS CHAPMAN

THOMASINA CHAPMAN

TEANDA CHAPMAN

ZUELANA CHAPMAN

JAKLIBE WICKS

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 Weirwood, Northampton County, Virginia, being 4.00 acres, more or less, and designated as Parcel no. 00020-0A-BLK-00-086 standing in the names of Mary D. Wright, (also known as Mary B. Wright), and Charlie Wright, (also known as Charles Wright), 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 Mary D. Wright, (also known as Mary B. Wright), and Charlie Wright, (also known as Charles Wright); that due diligence has been used to determine whether Helen Virginia Wright, Maronely Wright, (also known as Mary O. Wright), Sarah Chapman, Thomas Chapman and Zuelina Chapman are living, devisees and successors in title of Mary D. Wright, Charlie Wright, Helen Virginia Wright, Maronely Wright, Sarah Chapman, Thomas Chapman and Zuelina Chapman; that Thomasina Chapman is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 21-20 34th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11106; that Treanda Chapman is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 16 E. 116th Street, New York, NY; and that Jakubie Wicks is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 156 Carlton Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306.

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 January 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 4th day of December, 2013
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:

JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
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TRUSTEE’S SALE OF
28415 WHITE'S NECK ROAD,
PARKSLEY, VIRGINIA 23421
COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 09/24/09, in the original principal amount of $191,276.00 recorded in the County of Accomack, Virginia, as Instrument No. 200904188, 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, as follows: On December 17, 2013, at 1:00 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, PIECE, OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED NEAR WHITE’S NECK, METOMPINK MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY ONE AND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTHS ACRES (1.523 A.), MORE OR LESS, AND SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED “PROPERTY SURVEY FOR THOMAS J. KELLY,” DATED OCTOBER 9, 1996, BY JOHN H. PLUMMER AND ASSOCIATES, INC., WHICH PLAT IS ATTACHED TO A DEED DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1996 AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN DEED BOOK 732, AT PAGE 407, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN. 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 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, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) entered into 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 301-490-3561 or mwb-law.com

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. CL13000343-00

vs.

ROBERT A. SMITH
PETER L. DONOHOE
CECILIA L. LANG
FRANCIS W. SMITH
COMMONWEALTH OF 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 Church Neck, Eastville District, Northampton County, Virginia, being 7.61 acres, more or less, and designated as parcel no. 00028-06-BLK-00-006A. Standing in the names of Robert A. Smith, Francis W. Smith, Peter L. Donohoe and Cecilia L. Lang, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that Robert A. Smith, Peter L. Donohoe, Cecilia L. Lang and Francis W. Smith are nonresidents of the state of Virginia, all having a last known post office address of 3 Taj Drive, Worcester, MA 01605.

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 January 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

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SOMERSET COUNTY, MD DEPARTMENT OF
TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Housing and Community Service Division

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – REPLACEMENT HOUSING

The Somerset County Department of Technical and Community Services is seeking bids for replacement housing work needed due to Hurricane Sandy damage.

All contractors must possess the following qualifications in order to bid:
1. Must be licensed to work in the State of Maryland.
2. A Workman’s compensation insurance policy.
3. Must not be listed on federal debarment list.
4. Must have the ability to submit a 5% bid bond, 100% performance bond and 100% payment bond.

All interested firms are invited to contact the above office at the Somerset County Office Complex, Room 211, 11916 Somerset Ave., Princess Anne, MD for bid information. Sealed bids must be returned by 4:00 pm January 6, 2014. All bids will be opened, recorded and publicly read aloud at this time. The Bid Review Committee will meet shortly thereafter and review bids for compliance and feasibility. This Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held 2:00 pm December 18, 2013. Specific information will be provided at this time.

Funding for this activity is made available through the federally funded Community Development Block Grant Program. Minority and disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to apply. Federal Section 3 hiring requirements apply to this contract.

For more information, contact Mark Konapelsky of the Somerset County Department of Technical and Community Services at 410-651-1424 or at mkonapelsky@somerset.md.us

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5. Must be RRP Certified by EPA

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Frozen Self-Basting Turkey Breasts $1.49/lb.
Shurfine Deli Gourmet Virginia Cooked Ham $2.99/lb.
American Cheese $2.99/lb.
The perfect example is the case of the stolen Christmas tree that was snatched from the Wachapreague gazebo earlier this month. Where is the logic in stealing a Christmas tree? You can’t eat it. You can’t hide it (very well) and you certainly can’t haul it away easily.

You can’t keep a 10-foot fir tree as an investment. And the new lights on it, well, we all know about trying to replace or get those to work in the future. The crime is just plain and simple illogical. And more importantly, it is mean and hurtful.

“It is curious how often you humans manage to obtain that which you do not want,” Spock once said. Another time he summarized, “After a time, you may find that having is not so pleasing a thing, after all, as wanting. It is not logical, but it is often true.”

With obvious irrational thinking, “they drove right up” and took the symbolic plant, said Mayor Fred Janci. “You could see their tracks.”

The tree was stolen just hours after 50 to 60 town residents attended a lighting ceremony. Some folks then went on a hayride, stopping here and there to go caroling around the Little City by the Sea. At about 11:30 p.m., Janci went to turn off the lights and found the tree had gone missing.

I think I’d rather imagine that, like Frosty the Snowman, the tree just walked away. But we all know that logically, a Grinch is responsible.

“If I were human, I believe my response would be, ‘Go to hell,’ ” Spock said in the Final Frontier. That might be fitting, except it is Christmastime and one shouldn’t act so crass.

“We can’t let that stop us,” Janci said of the theft. “We can’t let that ruin our Christmas or our Christmas spirit.” So several people in town worked together to get another tree. Those Wachapreaguers know the true meaning of Christmas.

And for those wishing to live in Whoville, Spock said it best, “Nowhere am I so desperately needed as among a shipload of illogical humans.”

To those who stole the Christmas dog from a Northampton man’s house, even Spock would be speechless. I recently read of a Dutch company that is planning to send “four lucky Earthlings to colonize” Mars with the catch: “They won’t ever come back.”

I think that would be the perfect destination for dog thieves, minus the dog of course.

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