Grand Jury Hands Down Gang-Related Indictments

By Linda Cicoira

Two 21-year-old men were indicted Monday by an Accomack Grand Jury on charges of being members of the “Bloods” and committing crimes in association with the street gang while being inmates at the county jail.

Tyvon Lyncurtis (Teddy) Smith, 21, of Diamond Spring Boulevard of the Parksley area and Sied Dontay Hopkins, 21, of East Main Street in Onley are accused of beating Patrick Wescott, 41, of Silver Thorne Road in New Church, who was also incarcerated at the jail, on Jan. 1. Wescott has since been moved to Eastern Shore Regional Jail in Northampton County, but he was brought to Accomac to testify against the other two during a preliminary hearing last month.

Charges were not filed until July when another case against Smith fell apart because witnesses did not appear in court or couldn't remember when asked about an incident in which Smith was accused of opening fire on a house in Rolling Acres last November. It was later learned that the witnesses’ house was hit by gunfire the weekend before the trial.

At the preliminary hearing, Wescott testified that Smith and Hopkins “grabbed and stomped me,” Wescott said. “I had blurred vision from getting stomped in the head.”

A State Police special agent identified Smith making gang signs and wearing team clothing favored by the Blood gang in several photos confiscated from Smith’s

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Perdue Refund Likely Significant

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack County is being ordered to refund some of the taxes collected from Perdue Farms in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 and it could be as much as $650,000.

Commissioner of the Revenue Leslie Savage said the state tax commissioner ruled that Perdue should be assessed as a vertically integrated manufacturer and not a processor, as it has been.

“Nothing’s been resolved at this moment,” she added. The Board of Supervisors will have to approve the refund and decide from where the funds will come.

Asked if Tyson Foods, Inc. also will get money back, Savage replied, “I’ve not heard a word.”
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Beetles Destroying Chincoteague Woods

By Linda Cicoira

Some call them Southern Pine Beetles while other refer to them as Pine Bark Beetles. One thing is for certain: There is no mistaking their fierceness or the devastation they are causing.

Chincoteague Island is losing its fight,” Supervisor Wanda Thornton told the Chincoteague Town Council Monday. “This is a tremendous issue … this is really extensive through the island.”

Thornton asked the town to provide a place to burn as many as 1,000 trees that need to come down to stop the infestation from continuing to spread. “We have our own property we can burn ours on,” she said of her campground. “These other people don’t.”

“We must act very quickly. This is one of the most important issues facing us right now,” Thornton said. “They’re dying right now … we need to inform the public about how serious a situation this is.”

Former Councilman John Henry Howard attended the session to give his opinion since he is in the tree removal business. “Bunker Hill, ride down there. Not a pine cone or a sha. Nothing on them. I’m talking about 1,000 trees,” Howard said.

The beetles “took down 20 on Piney Island,” he said. “They’re everywhere. I’ve been on South Main. You’re eat up with ’em right here in town. I can’t take that tree somewhere and get rid of it because I’m going to infest someone else. It has to be burned. I don’t know what people are going to do. Throw it back in the woods somewhere and it’s going to be no end. All the bark falls off of them as soon as you test them.”

“In Tom’s Cove we had six, in two weeks we had 60 some,” Howard reported. He said, the problem should be addressed “once you get more than two or three limbs” infested. “Just say goodbye.”

Thornton agreed, but is worried about the loss of the pines. “These trees provide a service in case of a storm,” she noted. “Assateague looked like you dropped a bomb … when it devastated the area.”

Town Manager Rob Ritter said the town has to find out if enough room will be available after spoils that are being dredged nearby are moved.

Mayor Jack Tarr said removing that many trees would cost “a huge amount of money. We have to get them down and haul them … they do have an incinerator that they can bring in … there are other options out there, but there are costs.”

Thornton said she plans to get in touch with the county to determine if anything else can be done.

Howard said if the trees are cut into chips, they can be taken to the prison in Princess Anne, Md., for burning.

But Public Works Director Harvey Spurlock nixed that idea. He said they would not be allowed to transport the debris across the state line.

In other business, Charles Chip Lewis, who lives on the mainland, urged council to consider lowering sublease fees at the harbor for working watermen who live on the island. He said the difference is about $1,200. “It wouldn’t help me,” but it would benefit young watermen from Chincoteague.

A letter to Chincoteague officials from Town Attorney Jon Poulson also was referenced Monday. The lawyer wrote that he will retire, effective Dec. 31. “I have been trying to retire for many months,” Poulson said. “The only way to do it is simply do it.” Poulson has represented Chincoteague for more than 25 years.
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Accomack Schools’ Enrollment Up, As Is Number of Non-English Speaking Students

By Linda Cicoira

Enrollment at Accomack County Public Schools is up by more than 100 students compared to last year; the largest portion is in elementary school.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Hall reported Tuesday that there are 5,310 students in a recent tally. There are usually about 5,200.

A breakdown showed 2,664 are elementary-school pupils — 573 at Accawmacke, 255 at Chincoteague, 626 at Kegotank, 653 at Metompkin, 530 at Pungoteague and 27 at Tangier Combined School.

There are 1,147 middle-school students: 491 attend Arcadia Middle, 85 attend Chincoteague Middle, 561 are at Nandua Middle and 10 are at Tangier.

There are 1,499 students registered at the county’s high schools. Arcadia has 590, Chincoteague has 206, Nandua has 675 students and Tangier Combined has 28.

Of the 626 at Kegotank, 268 are designated as English as a Second Language (ESL) students. “We didn’t expect the influx,” Elementary School Coordinator Dr. Mary Beth Haines told the School Board. “We’ll hire more (language teachers) if you would like us to ... everyone is not certified. Some are working toward it,” she added.

School Board member Audrey Furness wanted to act immediately to hire more language teachers, but no action was taken.

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Residents Voice Opposition to Proposed Motel

By Ron West

The applicant for a new motel that would be placed near the entrance to Kiptopeke State Park faced a less than receptive audience at Tuesday’s Northampton County Planning Commission session.

At issue was a request by Kiptopeke Villas, LLC for a special-use permit (SUP) and zoning change to build a 12-unit motel at the intersection of Arlington Road and Kiptopeke Drive. The applicant requested that the property be rezoned from a hamlet to a commercial district to allow for a mass drainfield.

Speaking for the applicant, Bill Parr noted that until the most recent zoning change, the property in question as well as much of the surrounding area, was zoned commercial. In the early 2000s, the supervisors rezoned the area to prevent commercial development along the Lankford Highway corridor.

Parr stated that the motel could serve summer tourists and house off-season workers temporarily. Parr emphasized that this would not be a low-income housing unit as some opponents have suggested.

The estimated cost for the motel is $750,000 and while the applicant has asked for a mass drainfield permit, Parr said that if the Health Department deemed it unnecessary, it would not be built. “It’s time to welcome development in Northampton County,” he said.

Speaking in support of the project, Deborah Hill stated that she did not see any problems with the small hotel being located near the state park. “We need more things in the area,” she said.

Following Hill, nearly a dozen individuals spoke in opposition to the project. Speaking as a representative of the nearby subdivision, Terry Ramsey noted that their covenants do not allow for commercial development in the area. He noted that many of the nearby homes had been built in the last five years and that building a motel nearby would pose a risk to their property values. Ramsey said he owned property nearby and had hoped to build a retirement home.

Thomas Carlyle said he enjoyed visiting the area and was looking at possibly building a home in the county, but was concerned about having a motel nearby.

Justin Wheeler said a motel would not fit in the area and worried that some of those who stayed there might pose a safety risk.

Christine Snook stated that the motel belongs on the highway and could not be economically successful if it was off the road.

Gary Gordon suggested that a motel would tend to increase crime and other problems to the area.

Responding to those opposing the motel, Parr noted that Kiptopeke State Park rents properties and has more than 100 campsites. Statistics show that nearly half a million people visit the park annually. “A motel is no different than the park with regards to transients staying in the area,” he said.

Commissioner Mike Ward questioned why the applicant did not just ask for a SUP to build a 10-unit structure, as allowed in a Hamlet District by the current Zoning Ordinance. He added that those who purchased property in the area should have been aware that until the early 2000s, the area in question had been zoned commercial and that as such, businesses could have been built in the area.

Commissioner Dr. Mark Freeze said that everyone wants to see the county thrive economically, but nobody seems to want to have anything built near them. He added that it is not up to the Planning Commission to determine what makes good economical sense for prospective businesses.

In the end, the commissioners voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors deny the request to rezone the property as commercial, but to allow the property to be used as apartments and to support the request for a mass drainfield, if one is needed.

The matter again will surface at the Oct. 14th meeting of the Board of Supervisors when another public hearing on the project will be held before the supervisors vote on the issue.
are known to not have any cameras or security systems in operation. Sewell said, adding that these individuals are targeting businesses that do not leave their doors unlocked after business hours and they do not leave their homes on weekends or holidays. Sewell said that security alarms and cameras would be an added asset and deterrent for criminals, and he encouraged business owners and residents to make sure their homes are secured.

Kelvin D. Sewell encourages business owners and residents to be complacent about security. Police Chief Sewell said that the installation of security alarms and cameras can deter individuals from trying to hide in the darkness. In addition, the installation of security alarms and cameras would be an added asset and deterrent for criminals. Sewell said, adding that these individuals are targeting businesses that are known to not have any cameras or security systems in operation.

Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company will hold a community yard sale on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the firehouse. The fee for a booth is $5, as is the cost for table rental. Refreshments will be sold throughout the day.

For more information, call Sue R. at 331-4715 or Kellie at 757-761-0390.

The Fifth Annual SPCA Eastern Shore “Best Friends Walk Together” Pet Walk will be held on Onancock Saturday, Oct. 18 (rain date Oct. 25). Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Onancock Town Gazebo Park on Market Street. Participants can register and walk any time between then and 1 p.m., choosing either a one-mile walk or a 2.5-mile walk, with rest stops along the way.

The costume contest will start at 9 a.m. There will be awards for the Best Dressed Adopted Pet (open to adopted pets only), Scariest Pet, Cutest Pet, Most Un-canine (dressed like another species) Pet, and Most Original Costume.

Throughout the morning, Jim Leeth will be at the park giving agility demonstrations with his dog Zada, an SPCA Eastern Shore alum who has become a therapy dog and AKC agility champion since finding her forever home. In addition, the public will have an opportunity to let their own pets try their skills on some of the agility equipment under Leether’s supervision.

The 2015 SPCA Eastern Shore Rescue Pets calendar will be on sale, along with shelter T-shirts, hats, and tote bags. There is a $10 entry fee to participate in the walk, but that fee is waived for anyone who raises $25 or more in pledges. Prizes will be awarded to anyone raising $50 or more in pledges.

Pledge forms are available online at www.shorespca.com or at the SPCA shelter in Onley.

All pets must be leashed, and historically almost all have been dogs, but if you have a pet of another species who would like to participate, just leash him or her up and join in the fun.

Onley’s Veterans’ Celebration will be held Saturday, Nov. 8, with a parade of veteran organizations, military units, bands, antique cars, Corvettes, motorcycles, civic groups, police departments, and fire equipment.

The parade kicks off at 11 a.m. from Onley Road and proceeds down Coastal Boulevard to East Main Street, past the Town Office and reviewing stand and ending at Forest Road.

After the parade, the public is invited to join the mayor, council and Celebration Committee for a picnic and musical entertainment at the Onley Fire and Rescue building on Maple Street.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade or volunteering their time is asked to call Jamye Salazar at 787-3985.

Community News Items can be faxed to the Eastern Shore Post at 789-7681 or e-mailed to editor@easternshorepost.com
Exmore Focuses on Its Future

By Ron West

With an eye toward the future, Exmore Town Council began reviewing its Comprehensive Plan. Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) regional planner Connie Morrison led a discussion of how the process could help town leaders develop a plan of action for the coming decade. Morrison noted that the existing plan is 10 years old and some residents in parts of Exmore added via an agreement with Northampton County a few years ago have never had an opportunity to take part in helping shape the town’s future.

The 20 residents at the session reviewed a list of goals from the current Comprehensive Plan, selected those they still support and added new ones they believe should be pursued. Morrison and Mayor Doug Greer Sr. urged any resident who missed the session to pick up information on the planning process at the Municipal Building. Morrison noted that any resident can make comments and suggestions for the plan by completing a form available at the municipal building and emailing her at cmorrison@a-npdc.org or calling her at 787-2936 (ext. 127).

Town Manager Robert Duer reported that he is helping department heads cross train so when council selects his replacement, there will be a viable candidate. Duer said the town’s finances continue to improve as the town’s reserves continue to grow.

Improvements to the Town Park continue to be made with the addition of public restrooms as well as plans to add an enclosed structure for use by the public for events such as family gatherings. Duer indicated that a small fee might be charged for use of the building once it is completed.

Council reviewed a special-use permit (SUP) requested by Eastern Shore Outfitters to allow them to begin processing game for hunters. The SUP, which would allow the company to butcher and process game on the premises, was supported by the Town’s Planning Commission. Following a brief discussion, council voted unanimously to support the request.

Utilities Director Taylor Dukes reported that the town’s water consumption is holding steady since repairs were made to the well. Just over 3 million gallons were pumped in September, well below the 5 million per month prior to discovery of problems with the older well. The changes should allow the town to meet the requirements of its water withdrawal permit.

Police Chief Angelo DiMartino reported that revenue from fines continues to increase. DiMartino asked council to fund an additional video camera for one of the department’s vehicles. Council agreed unanimously to support the request.

Wallop Launch to Space Station Set for Oct. 24

Orbital and NASA have announced the next launch of the Orb-3 cargo delivery mission to the International Space Station (ISS) for Oct. 24, with a targeted lift-off of 7:52 p.m. from Wallops Flight Facility.

Orbital will launch the Antares rocket carrying the Cygnus cargo logistics spacecraft well ahead of the timeline necessary to accomplish a rendezvous and berthing with the ISS on the earliest possible date, Nov. 2. The launch schedule builds flexibility into the overall mission schedule in the event of an unexpected disruption, such as adverse weather at the launch site.

Following its launch, the Cygnus spacecraft will remain in orbit for approximately eight days before embarking on a series of carefully timed thruster burns to maneuver it into close proximity to the ISS before it is grappled by crew members Reid Wiseman and Barry Wilmore, who will be operating the station’s robotic arm.

The Orb-3 mission represents the fifth launch of the company’s Antares rocket in its first 18 months of operations. Orbital will deliver its largest load of cargo to date, carrying approximately 5,050 pounds (2,290 kilograms) of cargo to the ISS for NASA.
Retired Waterman Dies

Mr. Clifton Curtis, 88, of Plantation Road, Onancock, passed away Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parkslcy.

Born in Clam, he was the son of the late Archie and Addie Annis Curtis. Mr. Curtis was a hard-working retired waterman and a member of Onancock Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Watkinson Curtis; daughter, Brenda Thornton of Parkslcy; grandson, John Curtis Killmon (and wife, Krista) of Parkslcy; great-grandson, Jordon Connor Killmon; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son, Mark.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, Oct. 4, at Mount Holly Cemetery in Onancock by Rev. Andy Cobb.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parkslcy.

Onley Woman Dies

Mrs. Ruby Dic Setaro, 64, of Onley died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, at home.

A native of Piggie, she was the daughter of the late John W. Voyles and Ruby Fluhart Voyles Mears.

Mrs. Setaro was predeceased by her husband, Peter Joseph Setaro. She is survived by her daughter, Ester Nichol-setaro; husband, Peter Joseph Setaro. She is survived by her daughter, Ester Nichol-setaro; husband, Peter Joseph Setaro.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his children, Elizabeth Danielle (Danni) Byam of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Zachary (Zack) Clarke Byam of Pittsburgh, Pa.; sister, Pamela Byam Tinsley; brother-in-law, David F. Tinsley; nephew, John Byam Tinsley (and wife, Kaitlyn Amelia); in-laws, E.A. and George McMath of Onley; and sister-in-law, Virginia (Ginny) Harlan McMath of Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Joe Smith, Rev. Judith Joness and Minister Anthony Coughlin.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or Community Church of God, 9079 Birdsnest Dr., Birdsnest, VA 23307. Online condolences may be made to www.foxandjamesfh.com

Arrangements were made by Fox and James Funeral Home, Eastville.

Centenarian Passes Away

Mrs. Helen Shrieves Sarsitis, 100, of Onancock passed away Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore in Onancock.

Born in Chesapeake, Va., she was the daughter of the late Edgar Robinson and Rose Powell Shrieves. She was a graduate of Onancock High School, later employed by Sweetheart Bakers and C.D. Marsh Jewelers, and sold Avon. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting, and was a longtime member of Riverview U.M. Church in Chesapeake.

Mrs. Sarsitis was predeceased by her husband, Theodore John “Ted” Sarsitis, sister, Lena Shrieves Marsh and husband Gordon Coles Marsh; brother, Harold Edgar Shrieves and wife Betty; and nephews, Quinton C. Marsh and Clifton D. Marsh. Survivors include her nephew, William H. “Bill” Shrieves (and wife, Jean) of McDaniel, Md.; nieces, Debbie Moore (and husband, Prentiss) of East Point, Onancock and Joe Ann Marsh (wife of her late nephew, Clifton D. Marsh) of Onancock; great-nieces, Cherie Marsh Tapman (and husband, J.C.) of Onancock, Becky S. Hardner (and husband, Joe) of Norfolk, Va., and Heath C. Moore of Newport News, Va.; great-nephews, Coles Marsh and Gail, of Milton, Del., Dru Marsh (and wife, Mary-Ellen) of Onancock, Gordon Marsh (and wife, Kelly) of New Church, Tyler Marsh (and wife, Michelle) of Onancock, William “Will” Shrieves (and wife, Sonya) of Front Royal, Va., and Chris Moore (and wife, Courtney) of Salisbury, Md.; many great-great-nieces and nephews; several great-great-nieces and nephews; and her dear friends, Charles and Deanie Williams of Onley.

A celebration of life will be held at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore, Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Joe McKnight officiating. Interment will be private in Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or Riverview U.M. Church, 20469 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Birdsnest Native Dies

Constance Downing Corbin Keech, 84, died Saturday, October 4, 2014.

She was born in Birdsnest, the daughter of James William and Dorothy Ann Higbee Downing and grew up on Myrtle Grove Farm. She first married Dale H. Corbin in 1950 and then married William Dexter Keech in 1968. After marriage, she lived most of her life in Chesapeake, Va.

She is survived by a son, James Stephen Corbin, grandson, Teddy, granddaughter, Tracy C. Quin, and great-grandchildren, Clayton R. 3rd and Sarah Lynn; daughter, Rié C. Carroll, and granddaughter, Kelly; daughter, Sandra C. Perkins, and son-in-law, John; grandson, Matthew Ray Perkins, great-grandson, Philip, and great-great-grandson, Kayden, and granddaughters,
Lauren and Rebecca; grandson, Daniel Perkins, and great-granddaughters, Hailey and Danielle; granddaughter, Allan Perkins and great-granddaughter, Nicholle; daughter, Andrea Eve C. Robertson, and son-in-law, James; granddaughter, Raven Spruill, and great-grandchildren, Aarrionna and R.J., grandson, Wesley Spruill, and great-grandson, Dylan and Jamie Spruill, and great-grandsons, Lance and Brock; daughter, Irene K. Brown, and son-in-law, Joseph, and grandsons Andrew and Caleb; and daughter, Jenifer Gwen Kech. She was predeceased by a son, Anthony Dale Corbin, and is survived by her daughter, Catherine Corbin, and great-grandchildren, Anthony, Robert, Jonathan and Tiffany. She also is survived by her sisters, Gwen D. Riggin, Delores “Bill” D. Bott & Ada Faye D. Wilson, several nieces and a nephew, many cousins and extended family.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore by Rev. Jonathan Carpenter. Interment was in Red Bank Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, Southeastern Virginia Chapter, 6350 Center Dr., Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502; or to Red Bank Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Mike Zodun, P.O. Box 564, Belle Haven, VA 23306. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Retired Teacher Dies

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Bell Taylor, longtime resident of Onancock, passed away Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore. She was 102.

Born in Eastville, she was the daughter of the late Bailey Alfred Ames Bell and Frances Elizabeth Thomas Bell. Mrs. Taylor grew up in Birds Nest along with her husband, Robert Dighton Taylor Jr.; step-mother, Mattie Wise Bell; and brothers, Bailey Thomas Bell and Frank Wise Bell. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Bell “Peggy” Brown (and husband, Newton) of Onancock; son, Robert “Bobby” Dighton Taylor III (and wife, Suzanne) of Onley; grandchildren, Ginny Brown, Nanette Knapp, Newton Brown, Betsy Manning, Dyke Taylor, and Scott Taylor, and their spouses; and great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Knapp, Whitney Knapp, Colin Brown, Eric Brown, Connor Manning, Adam Manning, James Taylor, Reed Taylor, Caroline Taylor, and Lauren Taylor.

A celebration of Mrs. Taylor’s life was held at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore Tuesday, Oct. 7, with Rev. Joe McKnight officiating. Burial was private in Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or Onancock Baptist Church, 1 Crockett Ave., Onancock, VA 23417. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Chincoteague Woman Dies

Mrs. Alice Frances Hudson, 84, of Chincoteague Island passed away Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

Born in Crab Orchard, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Timothy and Polly Pittman. She worked with her husband as custodians of Chincoteague Elementary School for 16 years. Mrs. Hudson was a member of Union Baptist Church in Chincoteague Island and Accomack Chapter 62 Order of Eastern Star.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, neighbor and friend. She enjoyed making the beaded bracelets for her church that were passed out at Pony Penning, along with a tract. She loved sitting on her front porch, with her two birds and little white cat, named Glorybound, reading, watching the cars and people pass by, and listening to Southern Gospel music.

Mrs. Hudson was predeceased by her husband, Ira C. Hudson; a son, Daniel Joel Hudson; and a sister, Naomi Ruth Pittman of Crab Orchard, W.Va. She is survived by her daughters, Ruth Shrieves, and Caleb; and daughter, Jenifer Gwen Whitney, several nieces and nephews, many cousins and extended family.

Funeral services will be held today, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, with Rev. Kevin Eley, officiating. Burial will take place in Downing’s Cemetery in Oak Hall.

Memorial donations may be made to Union Baptist Church Widow Fund 6365 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Arrangements were made by Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague Island.

Retired LPN Passes Away

Ms. Ellen Jean Peirson, 76, of Hacksneck passed away Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in West Chester, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Orville L. and Sara Rose Coursey Peirson. Mrs. Peirson was a registered nurse, who very much valued her calling to help those in need. She proudly dedicated her life to others, serving as a missionary in Colombia for 14 years, and as an instructor for the LPN program at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital for 18 years. She was a longtime member of Onancock Baptist Church.

Survivors include her brothers, Donald Lee Peirson (and wife, Nancy) of Harrison Valley, Pa., Joseph Edward
Car Care

Hands-Free ≠ Safe

With three out of four drivers believing that hands-free technology is safe to use, Americans may be surprised to learn that these popular new vehicle features actually may increase mental distraction, according to new research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

The results, which build on the first phase of the foundation’s research conducted last year, suggest that developers can improve the safety of their products by making them less complicated and more accurate—a point AAA hopes to use in working with manufacturers to make hands-free technologies as safe as possible for consumers. While manufacturers continue their efforts to develop and refine systems that reduce distractions, AAA encourages drivers to minimize cognitive distraction by limiting the use of most voice-based technologies.

“We already know that drivers can miss stop signs, pedestrians and other cars while using voice technologies because their minds are not fully focused on the road ahead,” said Bob Darbelnet, chief executive officer of AAA. “We now understand that current shortcomings in these products, intended as safety features, may unintentionally cause greater levels of cognitive distraction.”

Using instrumented test vehicles, heart-rate monitors and other equipment designed to measure reaction times, Dr. David Strayer and researchers from the University of Utah ranked common voice-activated interactions based on the level of cognitive distraction generated. The team used a five-category rating system, which they created in 2013, similar to that used for hurricanes. The results show:

• The accuracy of voice recognition software significantly influences the rate of distraction. Systems with low accuracy and reliability generated a high level (Category 3) of distraction.
• Composing text messages and emails using in-vehicle technologies (Category 3) was more distracting than using these systems to listen to messages (Category 2).
• The quality of the systems’ voice had no impact on distraction levels; listening to a natural or synthetic voice both rated as a Category 2 level of distraction.
• The study also separately assessed Apple’s Siri (version iOS 7) using insight obtained from Apple about Siri’s functionality at the time the research was conducted. Researchers used the same metrics to measure a broader range of tasks, including using social media, sending texts and updating calendars. The research discovered that hands- and eyes-free use of Siri generated a relatively high Category 4 level of mental distraction.
• To put this year’s findings in context, last year’s research revealed that listening to the radio rated as a Category 1 distraction, talking on a hand-held or hands-free cell phone resulted in a Category 2 distraction, and using an error-free speech-to-text system for emails or texts was a Category 3 distraction.
FRIDAY OCT. 10
★ 10 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
★ 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.
- Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: $6/single or $10/family
★ 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Downing’s UMC, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Municipal Bldg., Exmore
★ 7:30 p.m. - Texas Hold’em Tournament - Parksley VFC
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

MONDAY OCT. 13
★ 10 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-3635
★ 11 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox
★ 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock
★ 5:15 p.m. - Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg. - library, Cape Charles
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★ 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
★ 7 p.m. - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group - Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Hwy., Exmore - 442-7722
★ 7 p.m. - Northampton Cty. Parks & Recreation Dept.
Line-Dancing Class - Indiantown Park, Eastville - 678-0468
★ 7:30 p.m. - Fall Revival (Oct. 13-16) - Parkesley Church, Temperanceville
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 26405 Horsey Rd., Temperanceville

WEDNESDAY OCT. 15
★ 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 10 a.m.-noon - Accomack AARP mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 10:30 a.m. - Alzheimer's Caregiving Group - Grace UMC, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley - 787-2592
★ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg.
- NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access.
★ noon - AA mtg. - UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock
★ 2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
★ 5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369; Church: 787-2039
★ 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 442-6391
★ 6 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley)
- Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
★ 6-10 p.m. - EMS Academy - E.S. Regional Training Center, Melfa
★ 6:30 p.m. - E.S. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #62 mtg.
- Market St. Grill, Onancock - 709-5212
★ 7 p.m. - Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group mtg.
- Riverside Shore Cancer Center, Nassawadox
★ 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - RSMH, Nassawadox
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter VFC

SATURDAY OCT. 11
★ 8 a.m.-noon - Pastoral Council Yard Sale - St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Onley - rain date: 10/18
★ 8 a.m.-1 p.m. - Missionary Society Yard Sale - Gaskins Chapel AME Church, Onancock
★ 9 a.m. - Zumba Class - Chincoteague YMCA - $5 - 336-3533
★ noon & 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

SUNDAY OCT. 12
★ 9:30 a.m. - AA mtg. - Cokesbury Church, 13 Market St., Onancock
★ 1-10 p.m. - EMS Academy - E.S. Regional Training Center, 28598 Beacon Rd., Melfa
★ 2:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley
★ 3 p.m. - First Baptist Church Gospel Choir Anniversary - First Baptist Church, Mappsville

TUESDAY OCT. 14
★ 9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★ 10 a.m. - Bingo - Acomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★ 10:05 a.m., 5:30 p.m & 6:20 p.m. - POUND Fitness Class - ESO, Belle Haven - 442-3226
★ 5:30 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Belle Haven UMC - 442-9776
★ 6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-2059
★ 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★ 7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville
★ 7 p.m. - Disabled American Veterans’ mtg. - Vietnam Veterans’ Hall, 25534 Main St., Onley
★ 7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg. - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague
★ 7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Atlantic UMC - 824-5386
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Atlantic Methodist Church, 10044 Atlantic Rd.

THURSDAY OCT. 16
★ 9:30-11 a.m. - Community Fellowship - Grace UMC, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley - refreshments, white elephant bingo, puzzles, games - bring one or more prizes for the white elephant table & 1 can of food for the food bank - 665-4849
★ 10 a.m. - Tales for Tots Prgm. - Chincoteague Island Library - Ages 3 to 5 - Guardian must accompany child - 336-3460
★ 10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - library, Accomac
★ 10:30 a.m. - Story Time - Cape Charles Memorial Library
★ 2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour - library, Nassawadox
★ 4 p.m. - Chess Club - Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages, levels welcome
★ 5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg. - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - $1 donation/week
★ 6 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 787-2903
★ 6:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
★ 6:30 - Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Onancock
★ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Melfa
★ 7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC
★ 7 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Atlantic UMC
★ 8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ UMC, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague
Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital
OPEN HOUSE EVENT | OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2014

Riverside Health System and Turner Construction are holding an Open House for the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Project in Onley, VA. All interested subcontractors, vendors, suppliers and other interested parties are invited to attend this event to learn more about this new project, meet the project team and explore the opportunity to be part of this project.

**Project Description:**

The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital is a planned community hospital with nursing beds, emergency department, diagnostic imaging, and surgery. Also included will be a Cancer Center and an office building.

**When:** October 15, 2014  
Time: From 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Where: Aqua Restaurant  
900 Marina Village Cir  
Cape Charles, VA  
23310

**When:** October 16, 2014  
Time: From 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Where: The Jackpot  
6262 Marlin St  
Chincoteague, VA  
23336
ESCC Summer Honor Students Announced

Eastern Shore Community College recognizes the following students for their academic achievement during the summer 2014 semester.

**Merit List** (students enrolled in six or more credits with a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.799) – José Alfredo Alvarado Jr., E’Wayna Charnise Anderson, Vincent J. Bailey, Paula A. Blackwell, and Rodney N. Parks.

**Dean’s List** (students enrolled in six or more credits with a grade-point average of 3.50 to 3.799) – Tiara Shardea Miller.

**President’s List** (students enrolled in six or more credits with a grade-point average of 3.80 or higher) — Naomi D. Campbell, Lucinda Marie Chandler, Kristin Ann Harlow, Joan Marie Loe-Campbell, Lucinda Marie Chandler, average of 3.80 or higher) — Naomi D. Blackwell, and Rodney N. Parks.

**Paul Kim to Direct Shore Orchestra**

Conductor, composer, and violinist Dr. Paul S. Kim recently accepted the position of music director of the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore. He will begin rehearsals with the Orchestra this month, preparing for the Christmas Music Festival to be held at the Historic Cokesbury Church in Onancock on Dec. 13 and additional concerts in 2015.

Currently assistant professor of music at Old Dominion University and director of the ODU Symphony Orchestra, Kim teaches violin and conducting and oversees the Department of Music’s string program. He previously served as assistant conductor and principal second violinist of the Piedmont Symphony Orchestra, and has been a guest conductor with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra, and Charlottesville & University Symphony Orchestra.

“I am excited about this opportunity to work with a group of dedicated amateur players who are eager to build their musical skills while bringing classical performances to the people of the Eastern Shore,” said Kim.

Founded in 1999 by Dr. Peter Dun- don, the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore is a string orchestra concentrating on classical repertoire, with musicians drawn from several Eastern Shore communities. For the past five years, the Orchestra has been under the baton of Professor Lee Jordan-An- ders of Virginia Wesleyan University.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Kim has composed more than 20 original works for small and large ensembles. His arrangements of Radiohead songs for string quintet have been performed on NPR’s Performance Today as well as at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Aspen Music Festival. As a violinist, he is a member of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and former member of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and the McLean Orchestra.

As Music Director of the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, Dr. Kim will select the repertoire, conduct weekly rehearsals during the season, and lead all performances.

Board Chairwoman Marion Naar said, “As we begin our 15th year of performing on the Eastern Shore, we are thrilled to have been able to secure the services of a musician as accomplished as Paul Kim. Our players are eager to begin what I’m certain will be a great season.”

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  To Michelle and Tivo Romero
  Lot 46, Arlington Chase Rd., Cape Charles
  For $10,000

• From Robert Fleming
  To Darrell and Patsy Divito
  13449 Deerfield Trail in Machipongo
  For $410,000

• From Carol Hampton and William Wilson Jr.
  To John and Vickie Tomlin
  Property in Cheriton
  For $42,000

• From Misty Properties, Inc.
  To Amy and Michael Plew
  Unit 25-809 Fairways II in Bay Creek
  For $175,000

• From Mildred Weathers
  To Charlotte Weathers
  Property in Jamesville
  For $12,000

• From Denise Beard
  To David and Linda Rogers
  Lots 166-166A in Vaucluse Shores
  For $82,000

• From Daniel Ewing
  To John Cox
  Lot 16 at Pine Meadows in Wardtown
  For $26,500

• From Joseph Esterly
  To Linda Chaplain
  Property in Wilsonia Neck
  For $8,000

Marriage Licenses Issued

• Carle Elder, 42, and Temeko Leshea Walter, 30, both of Exmore
• Steven Eric Wilson, 46, and Lisa Sparrow Weber, 45, both of Machipongo
• John Christopher Perry, 28, and Toni Li An Strausbaugh, 27, both of Glennville, Pa.
• Robert Jason Wagner, 37, and Danielle Ann Parks, 39, both of Parksley
• Harold Lloyd Dixon Jr., 52, of Houston, Del., and Joyce Ann Rowley, 56, of Harrington, Del.
• John Franz Pepper, 65, and Doris Ellen Reinartsen, 75, both of Greenbackville
• David Daniel Smith, 56, and Christine Virginia Dowell, 55, both of Newark, Del.
• Jess David Savannah, 24, and Cassandra Catherine Merscham, 22, both of Quinby

Virginia Cooperative Extension
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EASTERN SHORE Drinking Water Clinic
What do you know about your well water quality/water system?
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Chincoteague CENTER
Fall Indoor Yard Sale
Saturday, October 18
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SAXIS: Darling 2BR/1BA Bungalow on ½ acre w/164 sq ft could be your home away from home. Deeded access to the waterfront and beach area with unobstructed views of the Pocomoke Sound. MLS#40109 $450,000 Stella Rohde 757-701-2025/Anne Kyle Doughty 757-710-3244

ONANCOCK: 2nd floor unit providing waterfront views of Ed Creek. Queen BR w/fireplace w/new remodeling in kitchenette that includes a new kitchenette, shower area, plus a large unfinished storage space. Just shy of ½ acre. MLS#39892 $125,000 Kathy Weiner 757-646-3199

CAPE HAVEN: Waterfront 2BR/2BA home designed for carefree shore living. First floor offers workshop, bedroom and inviting sunroom. MLS#40091 $249,000 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395

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PARKSLEY: In need of some TLC, this Victorian offers 6BR/4BA over 2,700 sq ft of space ideal for entertaining family and friends. Enjoy all of this history, the house and the grounds. MLS#38859 $129,000 Bella Robinson 757-710-2948

CAPT. COVE: 3BR/2BA beach home close to all the amenities that Capt. Cove has to offer. 1st floor master suite with a walk-in closet and private balcony. MLS#40106 $251,000 Cindy Gillett 757-990-2526

ATLANTIC: Perfectly positioned 2BR/2BA Ranch w/1624 sq ft of living space. MLS#40081 $159,900 Terry Bowling 757-710-0914

BACK BAY: 13BR/3BA 6,000 sq. ft. LR w/ fireplace, updated kitchen and more room than you can find use for. Diamond in the rough, grand foyers on each level. Perfect for a B&B. 6 rooms on 1st floor and 7 rooms on 2nd floor. MLS#39880 $675,000 Cindy Gillett 757-990-2526

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REHOBOTH: 2BR/2BA luxury townhouse with water views of the Pocomoke River. MLS#38870 $265,000 Anne Kyle Doughty 757-710-3244

PARKSLEY: This lot in town would be good for a shop or garage or boat storage or extra yard. MLS#38450 $58,000 Michael Stephens 757-710-0811

REDUCED: darling 2BR/1BA Bungalow on ½ acre w/164 sq ft could be your home away from home. Deeded access to the waterfront and beach area with unobstructed views of the Pocomoke Sound. MLS#40109 $450,000 Stella Rohde 757-701-2025/Anne Kyle Doughty 757-710-3244
Last Week’s Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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f you want to see tomorrow’s high-

school football stars today, check

out the action at the Pop Warner

Football and Cheer League at Parks-

ley this Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

at Metompkin Elementary School in

Parksley.

Starting with the Tiny-Mite play-

ers, ages 5-7, with a weight range

of 35-75 pounds, and then moving to the

Mitey-Mites, 7-9, with a weight range

of 45-90 pounds, and concluding with

the Pee Wees, 9-11, who range from 75

to 120 pounds, local players will line

up tomorrow morning and show the

fundamentals they have learned since

practice opened on Aug. 1.

“We are teaching more than foot-

ball,” said Alan Hall, commissioner of

the Eastern Shore Gators, the newest

of 13 members of the Henlopen Pop

Warner, Inc., which spans Delmarva

and has been in existence for 25 years.

“We feel this will help local high

schools and improve the level of East-

ern Shore football in the future,” said

Hall. “Many of the schools they are

now competing with in Maryland and

across the bay have football players

who grew up in Pop Warner football.

If a kid is beginning to learn the fun-
damentals of football in the eighth

grade and is competing with athletes

who have been playing for six or seven

years, he will be at a disadvantage.”

Hall coaches at the Tiny-Mite level,
one of three Eastern Shore Gator teams

who travel throughout Maryland and

Delaware to compete against other Pop

Warner leagues. Home games are at

the Metompin Field, built this year,

with the help of a $1,500 grant from

Wal-Mart and the support of other

sponsors.

Hall said it costs $275 to outfit each

player in the league, but the player

fee for the league was only $100 with

the help of sponsors. “We’ve received

tremendous support and hope to add

more teams in the upcoming years,”

said Hall.

There are seven levels in Pop War-
nner football, with the age range topping

out at 14 years old. Pop Warner football

has been around since 1929 when it

was founded in Philadelphia, Pa., and

named after a Hall of Fame football

coach from the early 1900s. Today, more

than 250,000 youth participate in Pop-

Warner-sanctioned football programs.

Safety is of the utmost concern

with Pop Warner officials. Coaches

must complete a rigorous certification

program which stresses safety

issues, including proper tackling

techniques, injury prevention and

first-aid certification.

Because players are limited to com-

peting against players in their own

weight range, the injury rate for Pop

Warner football players is less than

one-third the rate in high-school foot-

ball. In fact, the U.S. Consumer Prod-

uct Safety Commission states there

are 12 percent fewer injuries per cap-

ita among 5- to 15-year-olds in Pop

Warner football than in organized soc-

cer for the same age range.

“Every player must complete 20

hours of conditioning drills before be-

ing allowed to compete in a game,” said

Hall. “When they do play, it is all about

the team. We don’t keep track of person-

al statistics like touchdowns or sacks.

Every player must get in the game a

minimum number of plays, but we usu-

ally have them in there more than the

minimum. We are looking to promote
discipline and teamwork, not winning.”

Check it for yourself tomorrow morn-
ing. There is no admission feel, but they
would appreciate your support.

An Eastern Shore Gator makes a
tackle.

Eastern Shore Gators (right) line up to defend against a Pop Warner squad from Delaware. The Gator teams
will be in action tomorrow morning at their field at Metomkin Elementary School in Parksley.
Ducks Unlimited Social Nov. 22

The Eastern Shore Chapter of Ducks Unlimited announces its event of the season — a DU Membership Social, to be held Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo.

The gates will open at 4:30 p.m. and the event will kick off with music by DJD Productions, which also will offer a photo booth. An Eastern Shore Oyster Roast will begin at 5:30 p.m. with an all-you-can-eat menu of roasted oysters, steamed clams and barbeque with all the fixings.

Silent and live auctions will feature artwork by local Eastern Shore carvers and artists, including “Artists of the Year” Don and Donna Drew of Copper Creations. Raffles for guns and many other items will be ongoing throughout the evening.

Advance ticket prices for this event are $50 per person or $75 per couple, which includes food and an annual membership to Ducks Unlimited. Tickets purchased at the door will be $100 per person, no exceptions.

Tickets can be purchased at the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo, Branscome office in Tasley, Chris’ Bait & Tackle in Capeville, Eastern Shore Outfitters in Exmore and Island House Restaurant in Wachapreague, from DU committee members or on-line at www.ducks.org/virginia/events/36257/eastern-shore-oyster-roast-dinner For more information or tickets, contact Brandon Sterling at 442-2678.

Abell To Speak at Anglers’ Club

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers’ Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Oct. 13, at the Sage Restaurant in Onley, beginning at 7:30 p.m. It will feature a presentation by Capt. Matt Abell of Seahawk Sports Center in Pocomoke, Md.

One of the most accomplished anglers in the area, Abell will talk about fishing for yellow perch, white perch, pickerel, and striped bass on the Pocomoke River, and share the knowledge that he’s gained from a lifetime of local fishing, as well as from taking friends, family, and customers on charter trips. His website is www.seahawksports.com

The public is invited and new or prospective members are welcome.

Hospice Run/Walk on Refuge Oct. 11

Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge invite the public to join them on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 8 a.m. for the sixth annual Circle of Life 3.2-mile run and one-mile walk to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week.

To learn more about the race, visit www.hpces.org or call 787-3310.

Special Olympics Benefit Oct. 19

A benefit for Special Olympics (Virginia) Eastern Shore will be held Sunday, Oct. 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event, Special Olympics (Virginia) Awareness Reception (SOAR), will take place at Kings Creek Inn in Cape Charles.

The benefit will feature live music as well as a silent and live auction of local artwork, vouchers for hotel and B&B stays, local seaglass jewelry, crafts, gift baskets, and other item.

Tickets are $15 in advance ($20 at the door), available at Kings Creek Inn, Rayfield’s Pharmacies, H&H Pharmacy, The Book Bin and the ESCSB Vocational Center, or contact Dorie Arthur (757-705-0638) or Lori Colonna (757-287-6146) for more information or to donate.

All proceeds will benefit the local Eastern Shore program currently serving approximately 75 athletes from both counties. Tickets will include one glass of wine, hors d’oeuvres, and a chance to win a door prize.

Softball Tourney To Aid Friends

Northampton County Parks and Recreation and the Friends of Northampton County Parks and Recreation will host a men’s softball tournament Saturday, Nov. 15, beginning at 10 a.m. Teams and spectators are required to bring a non-perishable food item and/or a new unwrapped toy to be donated to the Eastern Shore Food Bank and Toys for Tots.

The Friends of Northampton County Parks and Recreation is a non-profit group raising money and interest in Northampton County for a community pool. It will have a booth set up during the tournament for anyone wanting to become an official member or wanting more information about the community pool.

Nandua Softball Camp Oct. 17-19

The annual Nandua softball camp for girls ages 8-13 years old will be held at Nandua High School Friday, Oct. 17, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. The camp will focus on fundamental softball skills and pitching. The fee is $50.

Contact Lynn Williams at 757-710-4242 or Lynn.Williams@accomack.k12.va.us for more information.

VMRC - Friend or Foe?

For the last few years, the VMRC has made working on the water a NIGHTMARE!! Below are some of the many new restrictions that have been imposed:

1- Having to wait a year or more to have an agent work a valid Commercial Card.

2- “Peeler Potters” have had their number of pots reduced and the size of peelers have been increased, as well as taking away 6 weeks from the regular crabbing season.

3- A “Peeler” Crabber and a “Bank Trapper” are unemployed from Sept. 15th to Dec. 1, which, if he is lucky enough to have a dredge license and boat, or is able to work with someone who does, he can go back to work and will only be unemployed for 2½ months.

(Accomack County is the ONLY county in the State of Virginia that does not open its oyster season on OCT 1.)

4- Maybe the VMRC is planning to give the “Peeler Potters” a job to reimburse them for the 2½ months of lost time like they did for the “Crab Dredgers”?

5- In November and December 2013, there were over 2 million dollars of oysters caught on the 2 oyster rocks off Saxis. Now, the VMRC is trying very hard to lease 236.98 acres. These rocks have been public for 35-45 years (They were held for a few years by 2 private planters, but then they were given up and they reverted back to public).

6- This past August 2014, a VMRC department head was invited to go out on a boat so we could show him what he was trying to take away from the “Commonwealth People.” His response to our invitation, he was too busy!! HIS JOB IS REPLENISHMENT & CONSERVATION!! SOUNDS MORE LIKE DEVASTATION AND DESTRUCTION to the 150 local families that are being affected.

If you are interested in helping the local watermen in your communities, please contact Arnold Evans at 757-894-0974, or atbardinellijoy@yahoo.com We welcome your participation in helping us to save our way of life.

Thank you from your local watermen.
Losing Streak Over; Northampton Celebrates 46-26 Win

**Story and photo by Bill Sterling**

At long last, the 37-game losing streak by the Northampton football program ended with a convincing 46-26 win over Middlesex Friday night at Hamilton Field in Eastville.

“I am almost speechless,” said Jacket coach Ty Traister following the game. “I am just so proud of this team. The guys have worked so hard and been through so much. They really deserve this win. We approached this game differently than in past weeks because we felt we had a shot at winning. There’s not a player on this team who has been on the field for a win. They didn’t know how it felt. Now that they do, I think we will be more confident and can improve even more as a team.”

The three-pronged attack of Dyshawn Beckett, Tamaze Brisco and Hakeem Berry fueled the Jacket offense. Beckett had three touchdowns, including a 55-yard dash on fourth-and-long to seal the win. Brisco, only a freshman, had a pair of touchdowns, and Berry tallied one 6-pointer.

Hakeem Berry had huge games, but it was such a great team effort on both sides of the ball it’s hard to single out a few guys,” said Coach Traister.

Northampton took a commanding 32-6 halftime lead when Beckett scored on a three-yard run with only six seconds left before intermission.

Middlesex struck back early in the third quarter with a long touchdown pass, but Beckett, facing a fourth-and-13, escaped from the pocket on a pass play and dashed down the left sideline for a 55-yard score to give Northampton a comfortable lead. A deflected pass completion from Beckett to Jean on an earlier fourth down kept the drive alive.

Northampton had suffered through three consecutive 0-10 seasons and after losing the first four games this season, the Jackets’ losing streak stood at 37, dating back to the 2010 season.

The Jackets face winless Arcadia tonight at Oak Hall with a 7 o’clock kickoff.

“I told the guys after last week’s game that we were starting over and we were 0-0. Now we’re 1-0 and we are only going to get better from here,” said Traister.

Firebirds Fall to Colonels 12-8 on Late Touchdown

After taking an 8-6 lead on a Control Brown 32-yard touchdown run with 6:39 to play, Arcadia saw Colonel Richardson storm back to score with 4:40 to play and claim a 12-8 win Saturday at Federalsburg, Md.

“It was a close game and a good game, but we didn’t get the win,” said Firebird coach Tony Nock.

The Homecoming game for Colonel Richardson featured two teams each seeking its first win. The Colonels scored late in the first half when they lined up for a short field goal but faked it and scored a touchdown on a pass from Sean Bowens to David Dickerson.

Brown’s score gave the Firebirds a brief lead before Bowens hit Dyhlan Nepert for a 39-yard completion to the 2-yard line, where Apollos Murat scored for the go-ahead touchdown.

Nepert picked off a Firebird pass on the last possession to preserve the win.

The Firebirds were led on defense by Keyandre Bundick with 13 tackles and Tyric Harris and Quanni Payton with 10 each. Jamal Savage and Rickie Shrieves contributed eight tackles each.

Brown led Firebird rushers with 45 yards on six carries. Travon Copes had 55 yards on 10 carries.

Arcadia hosts Northampton tonight with a 7 o’clock kickoff. “You have got to tip your hat to Northampton for getting their first win,” said Nock. “They’ve got some good players who hung in there when things were tough. I feel like we should have two or three wins, but we don’t and need to keep our chins up and come out playing hard,” added Nock.
Chincoteague Rout Rappahannock Co. 54-0

Chincoteague rolled to its 11th consecutive win with a 54-0 shellacking of Rappahannock County Friday night at home, raising its season record to 6-0.

“We got things rolling early, then were able to sit our starters and get plenty of playing time for our young players,” said Pony coach Nick Howard. “It’s good we can keep our starters healthy going into our final four games of the season.”

The Ponies scored on the opening kickoff when Anthony Wailes returned it 79 yards up the middle for a touchdown. Wailes soon followed with a 10-yard run before Fosque scored on runs of 60 and 71 yards.

At that point, Chincoteague had a 27-0 lead in the first quarter, having run only five offensive plays.

Noah McGee completed the first-quarter scoring with a 10-yard run. Chincoteague went to its bench in the second quarter. McGee broke loose for a 58-yard scoring run, then Collin Derrickson, after recovering a fumble, scored on a 28-yard quarterback sneak.

“I was more pleased with our defense than anything,” said Howard. “We worked on fundamentals all week and went into the game trying to get a shutout. We’ve had some breakdowns on defense earlier this season that we needed to fix.”

Derrickson, Tyler Metler and John Wailes each had one interception for the Ponies. Bailey batted down two passes in addition to returning a recovered fumble for a touchdown. Dustin Holloway had five tackles.

Chincoteague has now piled up 1,172 yards along with a string of long touchdown runs in only six games.

“Chincoteague, with the smallest enrollment of any public school playing football in Virginia, schedules several private schools and does not play a required district schedule to qualify for postseason playoffs. The Ponies now seek to post the only unbeaten season in school history. In fact, seven wins are the most any Chincoteague squad has recorded, with that mark having been reached in both 2002 and 2003.

“When we are done with the season, we are done,” said Howard. “I would like to have this team in the playoffs, but we will have to do our best to win the games on our schedule.”

Chincoteague is off this week, then faces the Hampton Generals, a team it already has beaten, before ending the season with unbeaten Fuqua and Greenbrier, now 4-2.

“The two toughest teams we will face all season are our final two games,” said Howard. “Fuqua has a really good team this year, and Greenbrier is athletic. But first, we need to concentrate on the Hampton Generals before we think about those games. They’ve got some good players, too.”

Dustin Holloway, Isaac Haymond, and Malik Bland gang tackle a Rappahannock County runner Friday night in the Chincoteague’s 54-0 win.
Nandua's Anthony Smith, 2, races for the outside on a sweep against Washington Friday night. Nandua was on the short end of a 14-6 score.

Nandua Tripped by Washington in 14-6 Loss at Home

Nandua fell to 3-3 with a tough 14-6 loss to Washington at Onley Friday night.

The Warriors had a 6-0 lead in the third quarter on a Tyreim Blake 3-yard run after a scoreless first in half in which both teams moved the ball but could not reach pay dirt.

“It was a disappointing loss filled with missed opportunities,” said Nandua coach Chris Miles after the game.

Washington took the lead in the fourth quarter with two touchdowns, the first coming on a 4-yard run by Aaron Baines. Nandua responded following that score with a long drive fueled by two long runs by Blake, including a 19-yard dash. However, Blake had the ball stripped just before crossing the goal line with the Jaquars receiving the fumble. Washington drove the length of the field and scored on Jamarkus Brunskin’s touchdown pass to Lawrence Bonneville.

Blake rushed for 108 yards on 14 carries and completed 3 of 6 passes for 53 yards. Anthony Smith added 88 yards on nine carries. Jakorah Parker caught two passes for 47 yards.

Mahagee Wise and Trevon Cooper led the Nandua defense with 10 tackles each. Nick Joseph and Cedric Walters added seven tackles each.

Nandua plays Snow Hill tonight with the Jaquars reeling 42-14 on the road.

Arcadia JV Bows to CR

The Arcadia JV lost to Colonel Richardson 24-0 last week. Firebird coach Yardley Townsend said Trey Ballard had a good game on defense with several quarterback hits and 74 yards rushing on 10 carries.

The Broadwater Vikings gridiron team held a 7-0 lead over rival Isle of Wight Friday night, but gave up 28 unanswered points to the Chargers, falling 42-14 on the road.

Tyler Major opened the scoring for the Vikings on a two-yard run with 1:12 left in the first quarter. Thomas Scott kicked the extra point.

But Isle of Wight owned the second quarter with three touchdowns, all on two-yard runs, the last one with 21 seconds remaining in the half.

The Chargers tacked on another score less than two minutes into the second half before Viking quarterback Austin Murphy hit R.C. Cooley on a 45-yard touchdown pass.

Isle of Wight struck back with an 85-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter and added its final touchdown with 44 seconds remaining, to make the final score 42-14.

Murphy was 10 of 21 passing for 100 yards and a touchdown. Major Morgan had five catches for 42 yards, while Cooley had three grabs for 54 yards and a touchdown.

Tyler Major ran for 109 yards on 19 carries and now has 824 yards rushing on the season.

On defense, Jimmy Lord and Cortland Bunce had 12 tackles each, with Taylor Major and Keegan Czesak making eight tackles each.

Dontae Weatherly had a fumble recovery.

Broadwater, now 2-3 and ranked fifth in Division IV in the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association, with the top four teams making the state playoffs, plays Portsmouth Christian Saturday with a 7 p.m. kickoff.
Nandua took three straight from Arcadia Tuesday night at home, winning 25-20, 25-15 and 25-15. Coach Le’Andra Sabatino called it a team effort. Shyanne Gordon led the Lady Warriors with nine kills and two digs. Sarah Puchalski had 12 digs and six kills. Kimberly Wert had an ace, seven digs and four kills. Ashley Fisher had four aces.

For Arcadia, Lizzy Snyder had four kills and an assist, Taylor Lewis had three kills and two assists, Cana Lankford had three kills and five assists with Tatyannia Trader adding three assists.

Nandua swept Chincoteague in three sets last Thursday, 25-13, 25-11 and 25-15. Wert led the Lady Warriors with four aces, 18 digs and three kills. Caroline Harvie had an ace, 10 digs and two kills.

Jackets Sweep Franklin
Taylor Webb had seven aces, eight kills, six assists and 10 digs. Kennedy Webb had seven kills, seven assists, 10 digs and three aces. Makayla Wilson added four kills and three aces, while Taylor Nadeau had four kills and Angela Head had five assists.

“We have been working on a new serve receive formation and that improved our team passing statistics quite a bit,” said Northampton coach Cathy Doughty.

Sarah Jones Qualifies for State Golf
Sarah Jones of Arcadia qualified for the girls’ state tournament with an 81 in the 2A East Regional Golf Tournament Monday at The Resort Manor in Farmville. Schisler had qualified for the tourney with a 116 in the conference tournament at Dogwood Trace Golf in Petersburg. Schisler and Cody Britton, who shot 122, finished fifth and sixth, respectively, and made the all-conference tournament.
Arcadia Runners Pace CC Meet

Arcadia’s Hector Cime won the boys’ cross country run Monday at Eastville, with Southampton winning team honors with 31 points over second-place Northampton with 41 and Arcadia, 60.


Arcadia’s Rachal Lankford won the girls’ cross country run at Northampton on Monday in 24:35.

Arcadia won the meet with 30 points, narrowly defeating Southampton with 34. Nandua was third with 60. Other local runners in the top 10 were Caroline Hiler of Northampton, second in 25:11; Sophia Siemenski of Arcadia, third in 25:38; Celeste Briones of Arcadia fifth in 26:20; Nandua’s Ellie Harvie sixth in 26:26; and Arcadia’s Jo Fuller 10th in 27:39.

NCEF Golf Tournament Oct. 15

The Northampton County Education Foundation’s 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Bay Creek Golf Club in Cape Charles with a noon shotgun start.

The $400 team entry fee covers the greens fee, carts, lunch, dinner, and prizes. Hole sponsorship is $250 for non-playing sponsors or $600 with team. The entry should include names of team members, a contact phone number and an email address. Make checks payable to NCEF and mail to P.O. Box 323, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

For more information, call Crosby Johnson at 331-2932 or 678-6212.

Teeling Completes Delmarva Rowing Trip

Andy Teeling of Belle Haven completed a 450-mile rowing trip around the Delmarva Peninsula when he landed at the headquarters of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation recently in his hometown of Annapolis, Md. Teeling started out in 1979 in a boat he built and made it down the Chesapeake Bay and up to Chincoteague before he had to start college. Last May, 35 years later, Teeling left Chincoteague in a larger boat he also built and wound his way north before crossing the peninsula through the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. Two weeks ago, he made the final 38-mile trek across the Chesapeake Bay, where he was met by his mother, who had prepared a hot meal and provided a warm bed. Teeling began the trip as a single man and completed it married with two sons.

DU Greenwing Event Oct. 19

The Eastern Shore Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will host a youth “Greenwing” event in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy at Brownsville Farm near Nassawadox Sunday, Oct. 19, from noon until 4 p.m.

The event will be open to children of all ages, although activities will target 8- to 17-year-olds. The purpose of the event is to encourage local youth to take an interest in outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation.

Ducks Unlimited membership as a “Greenwing” will be available for $15, which includes a magazine subscription, duck call, T-shirt and chance in a raffle to take home door prizes that include a BB gun, Greenwing knife, and archery set. Siblings and parents can attend free. This year’s event will include a duck-calling contest for various youth age groups.

Participants can enjoy several hunting retriever demonstrations, a live farm animal exhibit by Pfeiffer Stables, a visit with McGruff the Crime Dog and an opportunity to sign up with the Identa-Kid Program. Greenwings and their friends and families also can observe demonstrations throughout the day, including metal sculpture, gun and boating safety, bluebird house building, a touch tank of cool marine critters and law-enforcement K-9 units. Staff from The Nature Conservancy will be on hand to talk about eelgrass and oyster restoration efforts and shorebirds in the area.

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Parcel 1: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated near Deep Hole, Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia, shown as "Daniel Hill Heirs" on a certain plat of survey entitled "SURVEY SHOWING PROPERTIES OF EDNA COLLINS, STANLEY REED, AND DONALD THORNTON, CHINCOTEAGUE, ACCOMACK CO. VA.", DATE: 9/22/81, MADE BY R.L. BEEBE C.E., which plat is recorded as Instrument Number 201103128 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, as Parcel No. 03IBA20000050A and Parcel No. 03IBA20000050C.

Parcel 2: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated near Deep Hole, Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia, shown as "Shell Road (Approx. 10' Wide)" on a certain plat of survey entitled "SURVEY SHOWING PROPERTIES OF EDNA COLLINS, STANLEY REED, AND DONALD THORNTON, CHINCOTEAGUE, ACCOMACK CO. VA.", DATE: 9/22/81, MADE BY R.L. BEEBE C.E., which plat is recorded as Instrument Number 201103128 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, commonly known as the "Timothy Hill Road" or "Timothy Hill Lane", Parcel 2 hereinafter described, as shown on said plat; and on the Northwest by Deep Hole Road and the "Hill Cemetery", as shown on said plat; and on the Northwest by Deep Hole Road and the "Hill Cemetery", as shown on said plat. Said lot or parcel of real estate is shown on the Tax Maps of Accomac County, Virginia as Parcel No. 03IBA20000050A and Parcel No. 03IBA20000050C.

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In this proceeding, the PETITIONER seeks to acquire by condemnation the fee simple interest to certain pieces or parcels in any and all easements of access, light or air incident to the land located at 34267 Horntown Road, GPINs 3859-53-6034 and 3859-53-7013, and situated in Accomack County, Virginia, for the use and purposes of the petitioner as are necessary for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a highway system known as Route 709, state secondary system, State Highway Project 0709-001-208, RW201 in the County of Accomack, Virginia, all of which are described more particularly in the petition and exhibits attached thereto on file in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, to which reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description thereof; and for the appointment of commissioners or the empanelment of a jury to ascertain just compensation to the owners of any estate or interest in the property to be taken or affected as a result of the taking and the use thereof by the petitioner.

For such purposes, the Petitioner will apply to the Court, sitting at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Acomac, VA 23301, on the 7th day of November, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as Petitioner may be heard, for the empanelment of a jury to ascertain just compensation as aforesaid.

It appearing by Affidavit filed according to law the following owners are not residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or their names and addresses are not known and that due diligence has been used by and on behalf of the PETITIONER to ascertain such names and addresses without effect: Heirs, Devisees, Assigns or Successors in Title of Albert Frederick Kane, Unknown Owners and Parties Unknown, or if they be dead, to ascertain who would be the heirs, devisees and successors in title, and in what country or corporation they now are, it is ORDERED that the aforesaid owner does appear within ten (10) days after due publication of this Order in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County and do what is necessary to protect his interests; and it is further ORDERED that if any of the above named owners desire to assert any objection or defense to the taking or damage of this property or to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case, and to proceed with the empanelment of a jury he shall file his answer and grounds of defense designating the property in which he claims to be interested, the grounds of any objection or defense to the taking or damage to his property or to the jurisdiction of the Court to hear the case and to proceed with the empanelment of a jury for the determination of just compensation. Should any such owner fail to file their answer and grounds of defense as hereinafter provided, such failure shall not preclude the owner from appearing on the date set for the empanelment of jury nor from presenting evidence as to the valuation and damage nor from sharing in the award of just compensation according to their interests thereon or otherwise protects his rights, but such failure shall preclude such owner from any other defense by way of pleas in bar, abatement or otherwise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks in The Eastern Shore Post, the publication having general circulation in Accomack County and that a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia.

BY: Caretta S. Duncan, Deputy Clerk
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Dear Editor:

I read two articles and one letter to the editor regarding Northampton County Public Schools in the Friday, Oct. 3, edition of the Eastern Shore Post. The first was entitled: Can Northampton Afford to Build New Schools? I believe they cannot afford NOT to build them.

It is time the county starts investing in our children again. Yes, population is declining and school enrollment is lower. However, the children who are growing up in Northampton deserve inviting, engaging learning environments, not a run-down building combining 7-12 graders. I believe if we build better facilities and keep making the needed improvements to earn and keep accreditation, enrollment will increase. Many Northampton parents are sending their kids to private schools, home-schooling, or lying and stating they live in Accomack to provide education for their children.

In the second article, an outside consulting firm told the county that the educational opportunities available would pose a significant barrier to businesses looking to relocate to our area. It suggested the county invest in education. What is the use of paying for these studies if we do not take the expert advice given?

No Northampton County resident wants a tax hike. But the idea of phasing it in over several years does make it manageable. I also agree that the county should not borrow more than it can afford to repay. But we have borrowed to provide new county offices and a jail. What about borrowing for the future and building some new schools? Waiting five years to start is a long time. Children in the seventh grade or higher will have graduated by the time the new schools are built. Even though I do not have a child attending Northampton schools, I would be willing to take a tax increase to support the children who do and the teachers who work there.

The letter to the editor referenced a silver lining for Northampton Public Schools. I believe there are many silver linings. Yes, we have a long way to go. But improvements are being made, and they should be celebrated. We did not get into this mess overnight. I remember when I was in school, Northampton County had Blue Ribbon schools and people from Accomack were trying to send their kids to Northampton. We can get back to those days, step by step. As long as improvements are happening, give the administrators and teachers the time and support they deserve. Let’s work with them instead of complaining they aren’t improving quickly enough.

I know that children can learn in ugly buildings. And that you can have beautiful buildings where nothing is taught. But technology, education and children are changing. Our students need facilities equipped to help them learn in the best environment possible.

Board of Supervisors, I call on you to take a stand for our children. Work with the School Board to start dreaming and designing. Then, look for grants and other funding sources to make that dream a reality. Northampton County residents, I ask that you be willing to accept a tax hike if necessary, for the sake of our future. It will take all of us working together — but it can be done.

Michelle K. Surran, Exmore

Schools CAN Be Improved

STEM Was Waste of Money

Dear Editor:

Confusion and lack of vision seem to be the normal operating tools of government in Northampton County, an obvious observation from the Sept. 29 meeting.

Why pay a reported $220,000 to DJG Architects for a report on what to do with an old rundown, outdated, energy hog building that consumes $110,000 yearly just sitting there doing nothing? Which universe has common sense evaporated into? The DJG report could easily have been performed for $5,000 - $8,000 in this day of computerization. Being a retired building contractor, I understand this is one way architects make high salaries when dealing with government bodies, but just why do the supervisors lack the ability to think this through on their own in the first place?

And what decision was made by the supervisors at this meeting concerning the Machipongo school? Let it sit there a while longer. We don’t know what to do. We have plenty of taxpayer money to spend, they must think. Let’s just keep spending $9,166 a month to let the building sit and deteriorate. This is a welcome sign to Shore visitors and perspective investors. Letting the building sit vacant costs $2,291 per week in one of the poorest and least educated counties in Virginia.

A large part of the EMS issue now under consideration could have been solved with that $220,000. Garages are needed to house the EMS trucks. If approached creatively, not simply squandering money because it’s the taxpayers’, four separate commercial metal buildings with concrete slabs could have been constructed in Northampton County for approximately $100,000 total. Look toward the Randy Custis Memorial Ball Park. Ask Phil Custis how his first metal structure was built for $7.50 a square foot. If the supervisors had allocated that $222,000 correctly toward the EMS issue, it would have left $120,000 as an emergency EMS fund to be intelligently used as needed. And it’s the EMS staff who know their needs best. Continuing to jointly use volunteer fire department buildings, as in Nassawadox and Melfa, is an excellent way to buddy up on community needs as opposed to increasing ill-conceived bureaucracy and tax burden.

The rest of the ideas being packaged into the old Machipongo school have little economic viability or real need. Just how is county Economic Development Director McSwain earning his $125,000 salary plus benefits? Only the ill-informed would believe redemption is around the corner by following the same ideas that have led this county into decline. If you want to pay more taxes and face uncertain and unwelcome political decisions, by all means come to Northampton County and invest your money.

It’s easy to see that change is coming next election.

Jim Welch, Melfa

New Library Poses Cost Issues

Dear Editor:

When making a decision to spend taxpayers’ money, elected officials need to provide all the information to the citizens. Accomack County, as well as the other counties in Virginia, is receiving less revenue from the state due to the state deficit. Every year new mandates are passed down to the counties that cost additional money and require the counties to hire more employees to administer them. Most Accomack County and School Board offices are overcrowded, which makes it difficult to adequately provide a working environment to conduct business.

The Eastern Shore Library Board is requesting the taxpayers of Accomack County to fund a new multimillion dollar library. The design is beautiful, the cost is great, and if we had a huge tax base, we could provide the funding. The referendum on the Nov. 4 ballot is only Phase 1 of the library; Phase 2 will require additional millions. It is true; we can borrow the money without raising taxes, but other needs which provide core government services will have to wait. The money is not free; taxpayer dollars must repay the bond as well as interest.

There are many financial needs and not enough money, which means we must prioritize to ensure that we aren’t forced to raise taxes. We must separate the wants from the needs. For the current fiscal year, the Eastern Shore Library Board of Trustees will receive approximately $346,000 from Accomack County, $112,000 from Northampton and $142,000 from the commonwealth to operate. If the new library is built, it will require an additional $100,000 per year to operate.

Everyone recognizes the valuable service the public library provides and the many hours of time donated by our citizens, but we must live within our means. The Board of Supervisors suggested other alternatives, such as building an addition on the current library and expanding the parking area, which would save millions of dollars. The Library Board would not consider any plan other than a new library.

Accomack County does not own the current library, nor will it own a new one, if built. The Eastern Shore Library Board of Trustees, an appointed body, owns and operates the libraries in Accomack and Nassawadox.

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