August 28, 2015

**Exmore Woman Dies in Collision Near Her Home**

*Story and photo by Linda Cicoira*

An 80-year-old Exmore woman died after her vehicle was struck crossing Lankford Highway Tuesday afternoon, according to Sgt. Jason Campbell of Exmore Police Department.

Sarah Lee Walker of Occohannock Road was driving from Oakland Drive to Bayside Road at about 3:25 p.m. in a 2006 Ford Taurus.

Walker was ejected from her vehicle and died at the scene. Campbell said it was not known where she was going. She was alone in the car and was not wearing a seatbelt, he added.

Walker's car was hit by a 2011 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Susan McEntire. She and her husband, Daniel McEntire, the only passenger in that vehicle, were taken to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox. The extent of their injuries was not available.

The McEntires live in Milton, Del. The incident remains under investigated, Campbell reported. A State Police reconstruction team was called in. Officers from that agency and Northampton County Sheriff’s Office assisted.

The Virginia Department of Transportation also came out to help with traffic control.

Rescue units from Exmore, Nassawadox, and Melfa also responded to the scene and Nightingale air ambulance was dispatched from Norfolk.

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**County Money Withheld from Fire Companies Until They Comply with Requirements**

*By Linda Cicoira*

Accomack is withholding nearly $360,000 from three volunteer fire and rescue companies because they have not completed audits that are required by the county.

The units are among 31 agencies that receive more than $10,000 annually, according to Finance Director Mike Mason.

Parksley, Tangier and Melfa VF&RCs (volunteer fire and rescue companies) have not received the $119,900 in county funds that each normally would be allotted. The other 28 agencies completed the audits. Saxis VF&RC just recently came into compliance and will be paid $119,900.

Two installments are paid to the agencies, the first in February and the other in July, Mason said. Audits can cost anywhere from $1,500 to $4,000 depending on how prepared the agency’s paperwork is, he added.

“Our position is pretty simple,” Mason explained Tuesday. “You have to comply with the policy and supply the audited financial statements in the time frame specified in the policy. Failure to comply results in the holding of funds.”

Mason said Melfa and Tangier companies are both currently engaged in an audit. I expect delivery soon, albeit

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The Northampton County Board of Supervisors inched closer to a final version of the much discussed and debated zoning ordinance that has polarized much of the county over the past two years.

A number of requests to change the district designation for properties was tackled by the board. Most were for parcels under an acre and were rezoned to match the surrounding areas.

The issue that drew several of the 20 plus members of the public in attendance was how the county would deal with the potential of poultry houses sprouting up on agricultural land.

County Planning and Zoning Department staff provided a list of the sites currently able to meet the zoning regulations, including setbacks, for at least one poultry house.

They emphasized that while the parcels are large enough to meet the current zoning requirements, only three are north of Eastville. According to board Chairman Rick Hubbard, the poultry industry has indicated that areas north of Eastville are more desirable for siting poultry houses because of the proximity to the poultry processing facilities in Accomack County.

The board discussed the possible need to increase the setback distances as well as to consider the prevailing winds that might affect odors associated with poultry operations.

Long Range Planner Peter Stith told the board that the number of parcels large enough to host at least one poultry house in the 50-foot by 600-foot range is very limited.

Another factor that would come into play with regards to siting poultry houses in the county would be water usage. Depending on the number of houses on a given parcel and the amount of water needed for each, the property owner would likely need to apply to the state for a water withdrawal permit.

Prior to concluding the discussion, staff member Melissa Kellam emphasized that there are no site plans before the county to locate a poultry house in the county and that in her 20-plus years with the county, only one individual had applied to do so and that request had not been successful.

Hubbard said the board would continue to review the zoning regulations for poultry houses.

The board reviewed policies regarding lot coverage with regards to the amount of impervious area that could be allowed for a given property. According to Kellam, that number is 16% and would include the structures on the property as well as associated paving such as with a driveway. Supervisor Oliver Bennett asked if he were to pave his driveway if it would cause him any problems with regards to regulations. The response was that it would depend the size of his property and the amount of property covered as well as the amount of land disturbed in the process. Current regulations by the state govern the amount of property that can be disturbed. If the amount reaches a threshold of 2500 square feet it could require additional site and engineering plans as well as a stormwater retention pond, all of which would dramatically increase the costs associated with the project.

A final point of discussion for the Board centered around the Future Land Use Map (FLUM). The FLUM serves as a tool to help with producing the county's zoning map. Supervisor Hogg asked if the staff could review the density for some of the districts. One point of contention for Supervisor Hogg was that regarding the use of accessory residential buildings. He stated that he was not in favor of allowing them in the county by right, noting that he preferred to require a special use permit for anyone seeking to have one on their property.

Supervisor Larry LeMond questioned the need to have the staff review the density allowed for the whole county, suggesting that if Supervisor Hogg had a specific area of the county in mind that they could ask the staff to provide that to the Board.

The board then went into closed session to review possible offers regarding the acquisition and or disposition of publicly held property.

Northampton Supervisors Work To Map County’s Future

By Ron West

Onley Preschool was established in 1992 to meet the ever growing demand for dependable, quality daycare in the central Accomack County area. Conveniently located behind Walmart in Onley, Onley Preschool provides a safe, caring environment for many working and non-working families. Our curriculum is very respected with education officials at both public and private schools. We teach age appropriate skills, structure, and social skills, so your child is prepared for their transition to kindergarten.

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Proud of our Quality Care and Education - Onley Preschool. Call Linda Taylor for more information or to enroll your child at 787-1867.
A Parksley man who taught school in Pocomoke, Md., is free on a secured $100,000 bond after being accused of 24 sex crimes involving four of his young female students.

William Albert Cathell, 42, of Parksley Road was released from the Worcester County Jail in Snow Hill, Md., Thursday, Aug. 20. The condition of bond is that he have “no contact with minor children while (the) charges are pending.”

Maximum terms for the offenses would be 197 years in prison and $27,000 in fines.

Records show Cathell, who taught at Pocomoke Middle School for the last decade, is divorced and has been living with his girlfriend, who is also a teacher. He earned $65,000 annually at his job as a foreign language instructor.

Cathell was arrested in Accomack County. He waived extradition and was held without bond until he was taken to Maryland. The entire bond was required to be paid up front in either money or real estate. His travel was not restricted.

The major complaint that was recorded in court documents was that Cathell grabbed the girls on the buttocks. One student’s breast also was touched, according to the allegations. The alleged offenses occurred in the classroom, where he had “temporary responsibility for supervision of the girls,” whose names are being withheld because of their ages.

The first girl listed in the charges is a 13-year-old seventh grader. She told police “the first incident occurred when she was in the sixth grade, which would have placed the incident sometime between Aug. 1, 2013 and June 14, 2015.”

She said the class was “doing piñatas and they started drawing … she backed up and she bumped into him. The children interviewed advised that it was a common practice for the defendant to stand ‘too close’ to female students.”

As she moved forward away from the defendant, he reached and grabbed her buttocks with his hand. The girl responded by saying, “excuse me.” On June 10, 2015, she said, “The class was working on a project and the defendant just walked over and grabbed her buttocks. The defendant didn’t say ‘excuse me’ or anything. He just walked away.”

Another 13-year-old was in the sixth grade in May 2015. She told authorities, “The defendant was talking with her and he was standing too close. The defendant was pointing his finger at her chest while he was talking … she wanted him to back up. While he was talking to her he reached forward and touched her breast with his finger. Teen stated that it is her belief that the defendant touched her breast on purpose.”

A third girl, a 13-year-old eighth grader, said an incident occurred this June. “She stated they were … doing projects on Don Quixote,” according to court records. “She was standing around the table and the defendant walked up behind her. The defendant grabbed (her) on her buttocks. She stated that the defendant’s hand was cupped open at the time.”

The fourth girl, now 13 years old, told police the first incident occurred when she was in sixth grade. The class also was doing piñatas. “She was standing up by her chair and the defendant walked by her and touched her buttocks with his hand.”

The second time was when she was in the eighth grade. “It was during the second semester. … The class was doing a project to see how much flour students could carry in a tote. She stated while carrying the tote with the flour in it she leaned back but didn’t fall down. … Defendant reached and grabbed her buttocks with his hand. She told investigators, ‘I would have understood if he put his hand on my back, but not my butt.’ ” The incident was witnessed by a male student, who is also not being identified because of his age.

Cathell was charged with five counts of sexual abuse of a minor, with two charges allegedly involving one girl and one for each of the other girls. The maximum sentence for the crime is 25 years in prison.

He was charged with two third-degree and two fourth-degree sexual offenses for two of the girls and one each for the other two girls for a total of six third- and fourth-degree charges, each having a maximum sentence of a year plus a $1,000 fine. Cathell also was charged with counts of assault in the second degree, with maximum sentences of 10 years and a $2,500 fine.

According to Carrie N. Sterrs of Worcester County Public Schools, “Mr. Cathell was placed on administrative leave on June 16, and he remains on administrative leave until legal proceedings have concluded.”

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Garry Cordell Horsley, 60, of Boston Road in Painter was charged with felony driving under the influence on Aug. 21. Accomack Deputy J. Sharp investigated. Bail was set at $3,500.

Kendall (Kenny) Darrell Bibbins, 47, of Joynes Neck Road in Acomac was charged with knowingly giving false information to the sex offender registry on May 26. Trooper T.M. Albright investigated. Bobbins is being held on $4,000 secured bond.

Shelly Fox, 30, of Chicken City Road in Chincoteague was charged with three counts of forgery checks totaling $550 between Aug. 3 and 7. Investigator C.A. McPherson of Accomack County Sheriff’s Office handled the case. Unsecured bond was set at $1,500. She was arrested Aug. 11.

Alvin Stoops, 54, of Saxis Road in Sanford was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle and stealing property worth less than $200 belonging to Donna Kelly, both on Aug. 23. He is being held without bond. Stoops was arrested Aug. 24. Accomack Deputy B.K. Misener investigated.
State Commission Modifies Oyster Harvest Regulations

Story and photo by Linda Cicoira

Despite opposition from local watermen, changes in oyster harvest regulations were approved Tuesday by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

“This is our livelihood,” Laurie Pruitt of Tangier told the commission. “I have three children. That’s how they get fed. This is what we do. We’ve had two good years. Let’s go until we have to sit and talk about other options.”

Ron Hubbard of Saxis talked about four years ago when the bushel limit was 10. “We didn’t have a problem catching that and now there’s an eight-(bushel) limit and it’s even better than it was before. ... What’s going on? Things are really good. Why are we here?” he asked. “I think it should be left alone. Things are going to be better than ever.”

Another Saxis waterman complained that Areas 9 and 10 should be opened. “There were 24,000 bushels caught ... all of a sudden we’re in dire straights. Consider opening those areas up. That’s a million oysters ... I’m talking about Pocomoke Sound. I don’t see the reason for not opening it up. I don’t see how we’re hurting anything.”

“I’m ready to go back to work so I can pay my house payments for the next 12 months,” said Richie Turner, who did not mention where he lives. “We’re a month away and there’s no decision ... it’s hard for everyone in this room.”

Don Porter of Saxis also argued the Pocomoke Sound issue. “We’ve got three rocks up there ... they’ve got oysters in ‘em ... if I can catch eight bushels, I can make a living. ... We would appreciate you all thinking about these three rocks and get them open.”

“Sounds like to me there are a lot of closed areas that should be opened ... Saxis and the Pocomoke Sound,” said Kenny Heath, also of the Shore. “I’ve been working on the water all my life ... every time you get into something, you take it away.”

The changes were made in an effort to “protect oyster stocks, the stability of the oyster fishery and the clutch and future productivity of public oyster beds.”

Under the changes:
- Those “currently eligible to purchase an oyster hand scrape or oyster dredge license” who have not done so “after June 30, 2013 become ineligible ... after Nov. 30, 2015”;
- Those who bought an oyster hand scrape or dredge gear license but reported no harvest during the 2013-14 or 2014-15 season become ineligible to purchase a license after Nov. 30, 2015.
- Those with licenses who reported fewer than 20 days of harvest during the past two seasons cannot buy licenses for scrape or dredge after Nov. 30, 2015.
- A gear transfer process is to be established beginning Jan. 1, 2016, with licenses “to be transferred within families, at death or between commercial fishermen under prescribed conditions.”
- There will be an appeal process for commercial fishermen regarding license ineligibility.
- Oyster patent tong licenses are to be added to the list of suspended license sales and the suspended license sales are to be limited to the period beginning July 1, 2013.
- From Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2015, it shall be unlawful to take, catch or possess oysters on Fridays from public grounds or unassigned grounds from all oyster hand scrape and dredge areas open for harvest.
- A maximum of eight bushels per man is allowed, with the vessel limit determined by the number of registered commercial fisherman licensees who have paid the oyster resource user fee multiplied by eight for all hand tong areas, except the James River and for the Deep Rock Patent Tong Area.

The commission also failed to pass a proposal to limit the harvest to eight bushels per licensed commercial fisherman who has paid an oyster resource user fee, with a maximum daily vessel limit of 16 bushels. That regulation remained at the current 24-bushel limit per vessel.

The family of Jerri and T-Bone Wharton Williams thank you for the cards, calls, and texts. Your many acts of kindness will be one of our most treasured memories.

Our pets mean a lot to us. They are part of our family. It is nice to know that there are people in this world who love their pets and understand the feeling when you lose a pet.

God Bless,
Sandra Wharton Williams & Jimmie Williams
More Accomack School Administration Salaries Disclosed

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack County Public Schools (ACPS) officials released the salaries of two new administrators this week.

Paul Brabazon, who was a logistics analyst/transportation specialist with Broadway Services in Baltimore, Md., was hired as the division’s new transportation supervisor at an annual salary of $64,058, according to Jason Baldwin, ACPS’s chief of staff. That company coordinates student, staff, equipment and supply transportation services for Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Medical Centers.

“He managed fleet coordination and scheduling, including long-range, ongoing, on-call and just in time,” said Baldwin. “He developed and implemented safety training programs for the company.”

Prior to that, he worked for Allegheny Transfer Company as an account representative, Greenmount Transportation as director of business development, and Fischer-Hughes Transport as operations manager.

Baldwin said Brabazon has a total of 23 years of transportation experience. He has an undergraduate degree in industrial psychology from Lehigh University and an occupational degree in transportation from the Academy of Advanced Traffic.

Dr. Sally Blanchard, the new Human Resources (HR) coordinator, started the job on Aug. 3 and has an annual salary of $89,912.

Her arrival was announced late last month but the salary was not disclosed. She has 34 years of experience in similar positions in three different school divisions, including Williamsburg-James City County. Blanchard will plan, direct and administer all HR functions for the division.
Coalition Against Domestic Violence Benefits from Service of Others

The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ESCADV) has teamed up with volunteers from BB&T to give the ESCADV shelter a facelift by painting the interior of the shelter building. Associates from BB&T (Mappsville, Onley and Exmore) volunteered several hours of their time this summer to help paint the walls, ceilings and trim.

“ESCADV has provided emergency shelter to hundreds of people over the past few years. This equates to significant wear and tear on our shelter facility,” said Cristi Lawton, executive director of ESCADV. “As such, we are delighted and honored to partner with BB&T to make needed improvements.”

ESCADV Shelter Services Advocate Maria Alfonso, who supervises shelter operations, added, “Painting is hard work, but now each room looks brand new and inviting. It has transformed the look and feel of every space in a very positive way. ‘Calm’ and ‘soothing’ are the words that now come to mind when you step through the front door.”

ESCADV staff, shelter residents, and several additional volunteers, including a group from the Onancock Rotary Club, also helped paint the shelter.

ESCADV invites other members of the community to join in as they work to improve the shelter, inside and out. To volunteer or for information about additional projects, contact Cristi Lawton, executive director, at clawton@escadv.org

“We wanted to work with ESCADV because of the great work they do on the Eastern Shore,” said Connie Campbell, BB&T branch manager. “We’re proud to team up with them and help in any way we can.”

BB&T volunteers helped to paint ESCADV’s shelter this summer.

The BB&T volunteers are taking part in the company’s seventh annual Lighthouse Project. The teams have each selected a project to assist a non-profit agency to make a positive impact on the lives of people in need.
SAMMY MARSHALL MEMORIAL CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

And the 2015 Saxis Island Yard Sale and Saxis Island Museum Open House

Sept. 12, 2015 10-2 PM  Registration Starts @ 9 am
Place: Saxis, VA at the Saxis Town Harbor

Cost: $12 - Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 entries
Top 30 cars/trucks will receive trophies
One trophy will be awarded for best antique vehicle and one trophy will be awarded for best newer vehicle
One Sammy Marshall Trophy to be awarded in his honor.

Other show information:
Food vendors will be available. We have two restaurants open and Sherrye’s Snack Shack offers a variety of snow balls and ice cream. Entertainment will be provided by the New Vision DJ.
Over 50 town residents participated in last year’s yard sale, so there will be lots of bargains available throughout town.
There will be a 50/50 drawing
There will be a raffle at the museum with over a $1000 worth of prizes from local carvers.

All proceeds from the car and truck show will be donated to local charities in Honor of Sammy Marshall.

The Saxis fishing pier is open and located in the vicinity of the show. While folks admire our cars, you can wet a line.
COMMUNITY NOTES

Chincoteague Bay Field Station will host its first farm-to-table style dinner, Serving Up the Shore, on Friday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. at Chincoteague Bay Field Station’s campus in Wallops Island.

It will feature the culinary creations of local chefs Rosie Moot (Pico Taqueria), Gail Beard (The Farmers Daughter), Matt Fenton (CBFS), and Lisa LaMontagne (The Inn at Onancock). The dinner will incorporate locally sourced veggies, seafood, poultry, and dairy, as well as a selection of beverages produced on the Eastern Shore.

Local producers include Shine & Rise Farm, Copper Cricket Farm, Ballard Fish & Oyster Company, Bradford Bay Farms, Chesapeake Bay Farms, and Evolution Craft Brewing Company.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased at www.cbfieldstation.org or by calling 824-5636. All proceeds for Serving Up the Shore will go toward providing scholarships and free programs for local students.

TripAdvisor®, the world’s largest travel site, has once again chosen Chincoteague Island as a premier destination in its latest search for the most affordable fall vacation rentals. Chincoteague Island secured a spot in the “Fall Savings: 23 Affordable Dream Destinations for Autumn Vacation Rentals.”

The caption below the photo beckons the visitor to “change the pace from big city beach resorts and head to Chincoteague Island this fall, where you’ll save more than any other Virginia vacation destination. No crowded boardwalks or traffic jams here.”

With over 1,000 locations analyzed, Chincoteague Island received a rental score of 4.50/5 and was praised by travelers for its unspoiled beauty and nature.

Cape Charles Ready for Further Harbor Improvement

By Ron West

Cape Charles Town Council reviewed proposed improvements for the town harbor.

Assistant Town Manager Bob Panek reported that the dredging of the inner harbor is slated to begin in September and run through the end of the year. Earlier in the year, the outer harbor was dredged. Much of the sand was used to replenish and grow the town’s beachfront. In preparation for the inner harbor dredging, the inland spoils area near the entrance to the town has been cleared.

Panek noted that the dredge pipeline will come ashore near the Shanty restaurant and run eastward past the “Hump” to the spoils site. It is not anticipated that the dredging will cause any interruption to the harbor area parking, but vessels entering and leaving the harbor will need to use caution to avoid the dredge itself. As the dredge pipe has already begun to arrive in the harbor, boaters are urged to use caution, and operate at a no-wake speed to avoid damage.

A second project, one that has been in the works for several years, will be the addition of a third offshore breakwater to protect the inner harbor from wind-driven waves from the west and southwest. The estimated cost of the breakwater is about $860,000 with 75 percent coming from the Virginia Port Authority and the remainder from town bonds.

“We anticipate the invitation for bids (for the project) to be advertised in September,” Panek said.

Hydrographic surveys have been conducted and the specifications for the project are based on the new water depths.

In other actions of the evening, council voted unanimously to authorize the town manager to execute the FY 2016 Fire Programs Fund Disbursement Agreement with the state.

The Virginia Fire Programs Fund is derived from 1 percent of fire-related insurance coverage. Approximately 75 percent of the total fund goes directly to cities, counties, and incorporated towns as Aid to Localities for training, construction of training centers, firefighting equipment, and protective clothing. Allocations are based on population. In previous years, the town has received $10,000 from the program.

Police Chief Jim Pruitt reported on the Electronic Summons Systems Ordinance recently approved by the General Assembly. The program assesses an additional $5 to the cost of criminal or traffic cases in Northampton District and Circuit courts for any violation of any statute or ordinance, which arises in the town.

The additional fee will provide funds for software, hardware, and associated equipment costs for the implementation and maintenance of the electronic summons system. The assessment will be collected by the clerk of court and remitted to the town treasurer.

Weirwood Clean-Up Underway

Spencer Murray (second from right) has announced that he and Jane Cabarrus (far right) are undertaking the clean-up Weirwood. The first of the abandoned structures to be demolished was the old store, owned by George T. Mapp (far left). Its remains, in the background, were burned as a training event by Northampton Fire Department, represented by Chief Jim LeCato (second from left). No one is being displaced during the project, according to Murray, who said permission to demolish other abandoned structures has been obtained from an owner who is a native of the Shore but now lives in New Jersey. Murray is securing all property owner permission and necessary county permits. Murray said he would like to see such a project extended countywide.

HUGE EXMORE TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Sept. 19, 2015 8am - 3pm
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Childhood Friends Publish Children’s Book

Belle Isle Books, an imprint of Brandylane Publishers, Inc. of Richmond, Va., has released a new children’s book written by Anna Burger and illustrated by Laura Craig, both Shore natives and friends since grade school.

“Pea Soup and the Seafood Feast,” a tale for young readers, centers on Jack, a boy who scrambles to come up with an alternative when his mother announces that pea soup is on the dinner menu. Jack sets out on the Chesapeake Bay to catch his own seafood feast and discovers a newfound appreciation for sustaining marine life.

Burger, a first-time author, acknowledges that the “water-oriented storyline” was “inspired by my childhood growing up on the Eastern Shore.” She grew up on Onancock Creek, where she received her first boat at age 12 and learned how to crab and fish from her father and grandfather. After several years practicing law, she is now following her first love — writing. She now lives in Onancock with her husband and young son.

Craig was raised on the Shore and currently lives with her husband and daughters in Fredericksburg. A hobbyist painter all her life, Craig is now a professional artist.

Pollios Receive Waterway Guardian Award

Shorekeeper Executive Director Jay Ford (right) poses with Michael and Deb Pollio and their Shorekeeper Waterway Guardian Award, a bronze of a black skimmer sculpted by David Turner. The Pollios received the award at the Shorekeeper’s annual Clamboree on Aug. 15. Epitomizing grassroots clean water advocacy, the Pollios were honored for their on-the-water monitoring as creekwatchers on Pungoteague Creek. Over the years, they have removed marine debris, monitored wildlife, marked drains for stormwater runoff, attended education programs, and championed the message that clean water is a right. Said Ford, “Their specific work as creekwatchers of reporting and monitoring Pungoteague Creek is a model for others to follow, and we at the Shorekeeper hope this award may help encourage others to join this Eastern Shore program.”

ESLM Recognized for Safety

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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New Normals

• a daughter, born to Kenitra Pettit and DeJuan Hickman of Accomac Aug. 14

• a daughter, born to Tyeshia Allen and Archie Collins of Cape Charles Aug. 16

• a daughter, born to Latoya Jones and Demetrick Downing of Nassawadox Aug. 19

• a son, born to Christina Hudgins and Taquan Davis of Nassawadox Aug. 19
Obituaries

Former Accomack School Bus Driver Dies

**Mrs. Bonnie Young**, 70, of Mears, wife of Robert Young, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, at her residence in Mears.

Born in Wachapreague, she was the daughter of the late Norman and Margaret J. Bradford Isdell. She worked at Parksley Shirt Factory and later served as a bus driver for Accomack County Public Schools.

Other than her husband, survivors include her daughters, Jo Henry (and husband, Henry) of Delmar, Del., Jodi Taylor (and significant other, John Lord) of Parksley, and Jane Travis of Fruitland, Md.; son, Talley Young (and wife, Emily) of Mears; sister, Pauline Small (and husband, J.D.) of Onley; brother, Robin Marsh of Parksley; half-brother, Eddie Isdell of Parksley; half-sister, Gayle Isdell of Salisbury, Md.; grandchildren, Danielle Taylor, James Merritt, Jody Taylor, Joni Travis, Joshua Travis, John Travis, Gloria Grillone, Julia Franklin and Jackson Cain; and great-grandchildren, Lauren Travis, Savannah Travis, Kylie Bennett, Mariela Gonzalez, Jasmine Simmons, James R. Merritt III, Toby Travis, Hayley Travis, Natalie Thomas and Ethan Gonzalez.

A graveside service was conducted Saturday, Aug. 22, at Wessells Cemetery by Rev. John Cullop.

Memorial contributions may be made to Modest Town Baptist Church, c/o William West, P.O. Box 66, Nelsonia, VA 23414; or Riverside Hospice. To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Retired Postal Clerk Passes Away


A native of Birdsnest, she was the daughter of the late James K. and Nellie Boole Carpenter. Mrs. Phillips was the youngest and last living of 14 siblings, a retired postal clerk and an active worker in Community Church of God at Birdsnest for many years.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Ember Lee Davis (and husband, John) of Columbia, Mo.; nephews, Jim Carpenter (and wife, Emily) of Willis Wharf and Austin Carpenter of Los Angeles, Calif.; numerous nieces and her late son’s companion, Marion L. Goyette of Woodbridge, Va. She was predeceased by her son, Vincent Duane Phillips.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, Aug. 25, at Red Bank Baptist Church Cemetery by Rev. Tommy Kellam.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Church of God, 9079 Birdsnest Dr., Birdsnest, VA 23307. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Former Central High Valedictorian Dies

**Mrs. Rosemarie Naomi Martyn**, 58, of Wilmington, N.C., formerly of Lynchburg, Va., and Quinby, completed her battle with cancer and went into the arms of her Savior Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015.

She was born in Hampton, Va., to the late Franklin Delano Kellam and Marie Wilhelmina Kellam. She grew up on the Eastern Shore, where she graduated valedictorian from Central High School. She received her bachelor of science degree from Mary Washington College and her master’s from Lynchburg College. Her education in mathematics and business allowed her to be successful for 34 years in the nuclear industry, where she was employed with B&W in Lynchburg for 16 years and G.E. in Wilmington for 18 years. Mrs. Martyn was a respected representative of her industry at many professional conferences in the U.S. and internationally.

She was a master gardener with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension program and a volunteer at the New Hanover County Arboretum. Mrs. Martyn also volunteered with Junior Achievement, tutored at Wrightsboro Elementary school, and organized GE volunteers for the Science Olympiad for many years. She enjoyed running and ran many races, including the 25th Marine Corps Marathon.

Mrs. Martyn was an active member of Ogden Baptist Church, where she was involved with the children’s ministry, her Sunday School class, and the outreach and ladies’ programs. She desired that all come to know that God loves them and desires they have a relationship with Him by accepting His Son, Jesus Christ, as their Savior.

Mrs. Martyn is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Thomas Ernestine Martyn; son, Jeffrey Thomas Martyn of High Point, N.C.; daughter, Kimberly Rose Martyn Silverman (and husband, Daniel) of Kernersville, N.C.; grandsons, Adam Perry and Andrew Ross Silverman; sister, Peggy Byrd; brothers, David Kellam and Mark Kellam; special uncle, A.J. Kellam; extended family members and Isabella.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 25, at Ogden Baptist Church. Interment was at Oleaner Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations may be made to Ogden Baptist Church, 7121 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28411. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.andrewsmortuary.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Former Executive of Bank, A&N Dies

**Mrs. Irene Johnson Parks Hastings**, 95, of Laurel, Del., formerly of Pocomoke City, Md., and Parksley, passed away Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015, at Hope Mills Retirement Center in Hope Mills, N.C.

A daughter of the late Janie E. Johnson Watson and William Frank Johnson, she was a graduate of Pocomoke High School, class of 1937, Beacon Business College in Wilmington, Del., and USDA School of Accounting. She held executive positions at A&N Electric Co-op in Parksley and Bank of Hallwood in Hallwood,
having lived in Parksley for 28 years.

Her first husband, Oliver F. Parks Jr., passed away in 1992. Making her home in Laurel since 1978, she was an associate member of Centenary United Methodist Church in Laurel and a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Parksley. At Centenary Church, she was a member of UMW and of Martha – Ruth Circle. She was a former treasurer and long-time member of Laurel New Century Club, financial secretary of Martha Rebekah Lodge 21, treasurer for Laurel Chapter 18 OES, former member of The Board of Directors at Laurel Senior Center, and a member of AARP 1084 of Seaford, Del., Seaforth Chapter 7 OES, Nanticoke Hospital Auxiliary, and Laurel and Bethel, Del., historical societies.

She is survived by her son, Dallas F. Parks (and wife, Susan) of Rafeord, N.C.; daughter, Diane Parks Kellam (and husband, Nicky W.) of Chattanooga, Tenn.; grandchildren, Neil W. Kellam (and wife, Jennifer) of Chattanooga, and Trevor D. Parks (and wife, Pennie) of Austintown, Ohio; granddaughter, Kelly Kellam Harris (and husband, Clint) of Mayfield, Ky.; great-grandsons, Holden Ross Harris, Lincoln Cole Harris, and Kaleb Wayne Kellam; great-granddaughter, Kaylee Renee Kellam; niece, Betty Lou Outen of Pocomoke City, Md.; and nephew, Wayne Wilkerson of Pocomoke City. She was preceded in death by her husband, G. Lee Hastings; two sisters, Eunice J. Killmon Mears, he was a brick mason and an avid car enthusiast and antique collector.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his stepson, Bobby Barnes; daughter, Danielle Mears; son, Jonathan Mears; daughter, Brooke Mears; stepson, Tyler VanScoy (and wife, Heather); stepdaughter, Lillie VanScoy Stevens (and husband, Travis); brother, Larry Mears (and wife, Sandy Hart Mears); and grandchildren, Justin VanScoy, Ethan VanScoy, Isaiah Stevens, Karsten Stevens, Havana Stevens, and Henry Barnes.

A memorial service was conducted from Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Wednesday, Aug. 26, by Rev. John Cullop.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one’s choice. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Retired Aerospace Engineer Dies

Mr. Robert “Bob” Arthur Patterson, 87, of Salisbury, Md., formerly of Onancock, husband of Susan Hennessey Patterson, passed away Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury.

Born in Anniston, Ala., he was the son of the late Oscar and Buena Vista Willingham Patterson. He received his undergraduate degree in engineering from Auburn University and his master’s in physics from the University of Florida. Mr. Patterson was an Air Force helicopter pilot veteran, having served as a first lieutenant. He later was a pilot for TWA and an aerospace engineer with both Boeing and NASA, retiring in 1995.

Other than his wife, survivors include his two sons, Robert C. Patterson and wife, Connie, of Assawoman and their daughter, Rebecca Staub, and her son, Thomas Staub, and Brian Patterson and wife, Beverly, of Onancock and their children, Elise, Don and Zach; and two daughters, Elise Evans and husband, Greg, of Hebron, Md., and their children, Jordan, Kaitlin, Megan and Liam, and Susan Patterson of Washington, D.C.

A funeral service with military honors was conducted Wednesday, Aug. 26, from Thornton Funeral Home in Parkesly, with Rev. Erik Tabinowski officiating. Interment was at Parkesly Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Lifelong Bloxom Resident Dies at Home

Mr. Johnnie Arden Mears, 65, husband of Sandra VanScoy and a lifelong resident of Bloxom, passed away at his residence Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015.

A son of the late Johnnie and Mamie Killmon Mears, he was a brick mason and an avid car enthusiast and antique collector.

The National Parkinson Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131. To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Former Chincoteague Resident Dies

Mr. William C. Merritt Jr., 66, of Virginia Beach, Va., passed away suddenly Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015.

Born in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Norma Marshall and William C. Merritt Sr. and was raised lovingly on Chincoteague Island. After graduating from Chincoteague High School, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard until 1972 and then completed an apprenticeship for the Department of the Navy in 1974. Mr. Merritt retired from the Department of the Navy’s Public Works Center in 2004 after 35 years of service to the U.S. government. He then began his second career as the president/CEO of the NMA Federal Credit Union after serving 20 years on its board. Mr. Merritt loved working with the credit union’s five branches. He loved doing anything outdoors and treasured his family, friends, golf buddies, and his NMA Credit Union family.

Mr. Merritt is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ginny Caldwell Merritt; son, Ryan Marshall Merritt (Wendy); daughter, Virginia Joan Merritt; step-sister, Lana Budd; sisters, Linda Cope (Dennis) and Lisa Jardine (Dave); brothers, Mickey Merritt (Randi) and Randy Merritt (Pam); mother-in-law, Joan Caldwell; sisters-in-law, Amy Ratliff (Jai) and Leigh Caldwell; three beloved granddaughters; a grandson-in-law; a great-granddaughter; 12 nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. His father-in-law, Charles Caldwell, predeceased him.

Mr. Merritt’s funeral will be held at the National Parkinson Foundation. For more information, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home, Parkesly.

Church, Community Activist Passes Away

Mrs. Barbara Thomas, 72, of Pocomoke City, Md., wife of Dallas Adele “Butch” Thomas, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015, at her home.

Born in Nassawadox, she was the daughter of Dorothy Hartman Davis of Mapsville and the late Preston Carl Davis. Barbara and Butch married on July 29, 1960, after they had met at a Parkesly High School football game and fell in love. She spent her entire life on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, but loved traveling with family and friends. She loved talking with everyone in the community and worked at several boutiques and jewelry stores across the Shore. A very active member of the Southern Baptist Church, she was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church in 1955. She taught GA’s, Mission Friends, Adult and Children’s Sunday School and was an active member of several Baptist church choirs. She loved mentoring the youth of the area and was a babysitter to many children who loved her gentle care. Mrs. Thomas gave care and assistance to those in need and was a past president of the Junior Women’s Club of Pocomoke.

Other than her husband, survivors include her loving sons, Anthony Thomas of Pocomoke and Sean Thomas of Chicago, Ill.; sister, Deborah Anne Howard (and husband, John Henry); brother, Preston Carl Davis; nephew, Nicholas Howard; niece, Leslie Howard-Tenbusch; great-niece, Nicole Howard; daughter, Lisa Gordon; special friends, Jean Linton, Betty McDaniel, Mary Frances Davis and Laura Hart; and numerous friends on the Eastern Shore and from her travels.

A funeral service will be conducted Saturday, Aug. 29, at 2 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Bloxom by Rev. Danny Shreaves and Rev. John Gillespie. Interment will follow in Wessell’s Cemetery in Bloxom.

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

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home, Parkesly.
Monthly Church Bulletin

Friday, Aug. 28

† Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Melfa will hold a roast beef dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The menu also will include baked corn, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert and tea or coffee. Eat in or carry out. The cost is $8. To place early orders, call 710-4920, 710-0392 or 710-8730.

Saturday, Aug. 29

† Leatherbury Church in Onancock will hold a yard sale from 7 a.m. to noon. Items for sale include clothes, books, and kitchen items.

† A Clothes Closet offering free clothes will be open at Travis Chapel United Methodist Church in Oyster from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome. Call 331-0162.

† African Baptist Church in Cheriton and Antioch Baptist Church in Treherneville are sponsoring a trip to Ocean City, Md., departing from Cheriton at 9 a.m. and returning at 9 p.m. Each seat is $20. Participants will be picked up at the old Fresh Pride in Exmore, Four Corner Plaza in Onley, and Stuckey’s in Nelsonia. Call 710-1490.

† New Allen AME Church in Franktown will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $8.

† St. John’s United Methodist Church in Atlantic will present JAM (Jesus and Me) Back-to-School Rally from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be food and fun for ages preschool to Grade 6. Please bring a school supply.

† St. Mary’s Baptist Church in Jamesville will observe Jamesville Day from noon to 4 p.m. There will be food, fun and fellowship.

† A “Hat & High/Highest Heel Extravaganza” will be held at St. Luke AME Church in Daugherty at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to fashion their hats and high heels. Minister Cheryl Pollins will be the speaker.

† Bethel Baptist Church in Franktown will hold a Taste of States Night at 5 p.m. where everyone can come out and enjoy the taste of different states. A donation of $10 is asked for each person. For more information or to select a state, contact 757-350-0641. This program is sponsored by the Pastor Anniversary Ministry.

Sunday, Aug. 30

† St. Mary’s Baptist Church in Jamesville will observe Family & Friends Day at 11 a.m. Sneads Memorial United Methodist Church in Keller with Pastor James Nock will be the guests.

† Hollies Baptist Church will have its first service with new pastor, Rev. Caleb Horne, at 11 a.m. At 4 p.m., there will be a Hymn Sing. with Rose Pruitt Sonny Kellam, Scott Williamson, Pastor Donnie Bailey, Bobby and Etta Chester, and the Narrow Path.

† St. John’s United Methodist Church in Atlantic will hold a “Blessing of the Bikes” at 2 p.m. There will be a community picnic, and bike and truck show at 3 p.m.

† At 6:30 p.m., Cheriton United Methodist Church will observe the third annual Sunday of Hope, a special service to celebrate hope in the fight against cancer. The Community Choir and Terry Thomas will perform.

Saturday, Sept. 5

† St. Mary’s Baptist Church in Jamesville will hold a yard sale at the corner of Lankford Highway and Occohannock Neck Rd. in Exmore from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

† The Holy Smokers Men’s group of Hungars and Christ Episcopal churches will hold a barbecue dinner from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Christ Church in Eastville. With North Carolina-style barbecue chef Tom Westcott on hand, dinners will include pork barbecue, baked beans and cole slaw for $10. Soft drinks and water will be available for purchase. Take-out and pints of barbecue will be available.

 This is the first fund-raising event for this group of men and they wanted to support a local charity. After a presentation by Jenny O’Neill, executive director of the Eastern Shore Literacy Council, the group decided to raise funds to bring the gift of literacy to more adult learners on the Shore. Tickets can be purchased at the parish house at Christ Church, Rayfield’s Pharmacy in Cape Charles and Nassawadox, HW Drummond in Belle Haven and Greenbush, J.T. Holland State Farm Insurance in Nassawadox, SunTrust Bank in Cheriton and the Eastern Shore Literacy Council office at Eastern Shore Community College. Tickets also will be sold the day of the barbecue. For additional information please call Buddy Hickman at 442-2321 or Dr. Barney Selph at 331-1589.

Sunday, Sept. 6

† Cropper Day Service will be held at 10 a.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Horntown.

† House of Prayer United Methodist Church in Bloxom will hold a Back to School Fair from noon to 2 p.m. There will be refreshments and discussions about etiquette on the bus and in the classroom and how to deal with bullying.

Saturday, Sept. 12

† St. Luke AME Church in Accomac will celebrate the first anniversary of Brother Robert Boatwright at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27

† The Glorious Church of Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith in Onancock will present the Hallelujah Gospel Singers of Accomac in concert at 3:30 p.m.

Clergy Will Host Candidate Cook-Out

The Instruments of Change (IOC), a clergy group of Northampton County, will host a cook-out featuring candidates seeking office in the November election Sept. 6 at Central Park in Cape Charles from 2 to 6 p.m.

The purpose of this cook-out is to provide a venue for candidates to meet voters and to share their desire to serve the people.

Entertainment will be gospel singing. Music will be provided by Heather and Nathan Travis, recording artist Priscilla Ames, and Jamie Lewis accompanied by the Community Choir.

Food will be available.

The event is open to the public.
**MISSING MAN**

Danny Decatur, pictured at left, has been missing from Keller since 8:20 a.m. Tuesday, according to his sister.

If you’ve seen him or have any information about his whereabouts, please call Bonnie, his sister, at 787-7203.

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**Bay Stewardship Course Offered**

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) is accepting applications for its Eastern Shore adult education course, VoicEs (Volunteers as Chesapeake Stewards), which runs from Sept. 22 to Nov. 17.

The course of evening classes will focus on water quality and stewardship, and feature in-depth sessions taught by bay experts from CBF and other regional institutions and organizations.

Classes will meet Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8:30 at Eastern Shore Community College. Course topics will include local and baywide restoration efforts; Chesapeake Bay history, culture and ecology; current and upcoming legislation; citizen action and advocacy; fisheries updates; and agriculture and the watershed.

A bay-related field trip is included in the course, as is discussion of Virginia’s Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Blueprint aimed at restoring creeks, rivers, and the bay.

Following the class work, participants will be asked to perform a minimum 40 hours of bay-related volunteer service. Graduates receive CBF’s designation as a Chesapeake Steward.

A $30 fee per individual ($50 per couple) will cover the costs of materials and field trips.

Registration is available online at https://www.cbf.org/events/voices/va-eastern-shore-registration, or call Tatum Ford at 757-971-0366, or e-mail tford@cbf.org.

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**Planners Looking for Input from Citizens**

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) is collecting feedback from the people of the Eastern Shore for the 10-year Regional Plan.

This plan, once adopted, will govern the actions of the A-NPDC. A short survey of approximately 10 questions is available through Sept. 15. Also included are four open-ended questions about your ideas.

The results will be fed into a system that will be searched for common themes so that the A-NPDC can concentrate on things that unite us.
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• Carlos Francisco Guerrero Cayetano, 26, and Adriana Sandate Garcia, 24, both of Parksley
• Walter Lee Taylor Jr., 28, and Jessica Lynn Thornes, 25, both of New Church
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• Christopher Lee Layton Sr., 42, of Pocomoke, Md., and Kristi Lee Speechley, 36, of Cape Canaveral, Fla.
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• Andrew Kennet Miles, 29, of Onancock and Jennifer Diane Huffman, 24, of Melfa
• Erick Alejandro Cardona, 26, and Jeanette Perez, 22, both of Mappsville
• Daniel Wade Belfils, 26, and Haley Ann Winters, 20, both of Marion Station, Md.
• Rupert Gonzalez Roblero, 39, and Floridalma Martinez-Ramirez, 34, both of Parksley
• Todd Matthew Brophy, 35, and Brittany Renee Scott, 28, both of Wachapreague
• Israel Saul Stetar, 33, of Colliers, W.Va., and Allyson Marcella Ward, 33, of Columbus, Ohio
• Rickey Allan Van Fossen, 56, of Melfa and Tracy Ann Woodruff, 56, of Hacks Neck
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Hurricane Probes Intensify

With last weekend’s arrival of the NASA Global Hawk unmanned aircraft at Wallops Flight Facility, scientists and pilots now are ready to start the NOAA-led mission to improve hurricane forecasts of track and intensity using data collected by the Global Hawk during hurricanes.

NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) will work with NASA scientists on the mission called Sensing Hazards with Operational Unmanned Technology (SHOUT). The mission will move the Global Hawk closer to use as a weather forecast observations tool.

“We’re flying the Global Hawk above hurricanes and other severe storms to refine it as a new, powerful tool with the potential to contribute to better forecasts of where hurricanes go and how intense they are,” said Robbie Hood, director of NOAA’s Unmanned Aircraft System Program. “The mission is part of NOAA’s work to improve our nation’s preparedness and resilience to hurricanes and other severe storms.”

From now until the end of September, pilots and scientists from NOAA, NASA and partners will direct a series of Global Hawk flights out over the Atlantic Ocean basin to collect data on temperature, moisture, wind speed and direction. The real-time data will go into National Weather Service forecast models for use by the National Hurricane Center.

“The Global Hawk allows us to stay over these weather patterns a greater amount of time than manned aircraft,” said Gary Wick, NOAA’s lead scientist for the mission. “It provides us with an observing tool that has the endurance of a satellite but provides finer resolution data and the precision of an aircraft.”

The Global Hawk is equipped with instruments to profile the inner workings of storms, including:

• Dropsondes developed by NOAA and the National Center for Atmospheric Research that are released from the aircraft to profile temperature, pressure, wind speed and direction;

• NASA-developed radar designed to measure precipitation and wind speed;

• A microwave sounder from NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory to take vertical profiles of temperature and humidity;

• A NASA lightning instrument package to measure the electric field of thunderstorms.

This season, scientists also will test whether the data from the Global Hawk can help replace data collected by satellites in the unlikely event that a satellite goes down.

“We’re hopeful that won’t occur, but we need to evaluate all options,” said Wick.

The Global Hawk, managed by NASA’s Armstrong Flight Research Center in California, allows data collection from 60,000 feet, an altitude nearly 20,000 feet higher than manned aircraft, to the ocean surface. It can gather weather data continuously for up to 24 hours.

SHOUT is funded in part by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, passed by Congress in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

For more information on SHOUT, go to http://uas.noaa.gov/shout/
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late.” He was unsure about Parksley’s status.

“We are in the process,” Parksley VF&RC President Freddie Matthews said Wednesday. “Our supervisor knows it. We had a death, Jimmy Rowley, our long-time secretary. He had everything on thumb drives. Couldn’t get all the information off so we had to start fresh.” Rowley died in December 2013.

Mason said due dates vary based on the agency’s fiscal year. Parksley VF&RC’s audit was due Sept. 30, 2014. “When it comes around (again), it will be year two” of noncompliance, Mason said, noting that reminder notices were sent by both his office and the Accomack Department of Public Safety.

Melfa VF&RC’s audit was due on Jan. 31, 2015. Tangier VF&RC should have had its audit turned in by March 31, 2015.

The agencies also are required to submit information about how they spent the money. “Obviously, they can’t submit how they spent the money,” Mason said of the four companies, “since we haven’t given them any. They haven’t reached out to me about the funding at all. They have other sources of income … for example, ambulance billing.”

Though the VF&RCs are assisted by paid county fire medics, that service is not affected by the noncompliance of the volunteer companies. The funds are not permitted to be used for political means or for fundraising, said Mason. They “must be in the delivery of public safety.” The “money comes from the general fund tax levy.”

Mason explained that the purpose of auditing “is to express an opinion on the financial statements and part of expressing an opinion is (finding) that they are materially correct.”

Fire and rescue companies from the rest of the areas complied and received between $111,900 and $119,900, depending on their services.

Other agencies and departments that completed the audit and received county funds were Accomack’s School Board, $16,668,344, Department of Social Services, $724,111, and Health Department, $500,833; Eastern Shore 911 Commission, $595,164; Eastern Shore Public Library, $345,907; Eastern Shore Community College, $263,028; Eastern Shore Community Services Board, $134,995; Star Transit, $124,867; Eastern Shore Tourism Commission, $86,853; Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, $70,703; Captain’s Cove & Greenbackville Mosquito Control, $52,500; Eastern Shore Area on Aging/Community Action, $23,430; Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District, $21,154; Eastern Shore Groundwater Committee, $19,721; Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission, $19,307; and Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, $15,000.

\textbf{NEW RADIO STATION COMING TO THE SHORE}

Independently owned and locally operated radio station 96.5 CTG has received FCC approval on the acquisition of a frequency for a new radio station.

“We’re thrilled to expand fun, locally-programmed radio for the Shore,” said CTG Manager Greg Bojko. “CTG is unique by design. We operate like radio did in the ’80s and ’90s with live, local personalities, allowing us to be timely with news, weather and events happening across Delmarva.”

A tower site for the new radio station should be secured within the next couple of weeks.

“This expansion will allow us to reach a significantly larger coverage area on the Shore,” Bojko said.

CTG currently plays a variety of fun, upbeat hits from the ’70s through today, featuring core artists like Fleetwood Mac, the Eagles, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Billy Joel, Journey and Bruno Mars.

Programming plans and a launch date for the new radio station will be announced in the weeks ahead.
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There will also be a Bake Sale to benefit the Alzheimer’s Association!
SunTrust Gives to Educational Initiatives

SunTrust Bank Foundation has awarded a total of $5,000 in grants to Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore and the Northampton County Education Foundation.

In a joint award presentation of $2,500 to each organization, Adair Tyler, SunTrust Eastern Shore vice president and financial adviser for SunTrust Investment Services, stated, “This is just the first step in an ongoing partnership between SunTrust and the two organizations to promote the school and life success of young people on the Eastern Shore. We believe that starting early to promote children’s school readiness and then supporting quality public education is the surest way to promote economic development and the well-being of the citizens of the Eastern Shore.”

Commenting on Sun Trust’s contribution to the two organizations, Mark Johnson, SunTrust vice president and community development manager for Hampton Roads, stated, “There are few factors more essential to our physical and mental well-being than the economic vitality and quality of life in the communities in which we live. Just as each individual is a member of a community, so are corporations members of the community in which they operate and thus enjoy the privileges and bear the responsibilities of caring for those communities.”

Smart Beginnings Eastern Shore is a coalition of 40 agencies, organizations, businesses, and concerned individuals who share the principle that quality early childhood programs can reduce the effects of poverty so prevalent among children on the Eastern Shore and that programs that promote school readiness and well-being are important for all children from birth to age 5.

The Northampton County Education Foundation was established to engage the community and mobilize resources to promote student performance and excellence in teaching in Northampton County’s public schools. By building partnerships with businesses, non-profit organizations and other stakeholders, the Northampton County Education Foundation works to strategically direct community resources for the betterment of the public schools.
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The local football season got underway last weekend with Northampton wallowing West Point and Broadwater steamrolling Cape Hatteras out of North Carolina.

All area schools are in action tonight as Chincoteague hosts Broadwater, Arcadia takes on visiting First Flight, Nandua entertains Rappahannock and Northampton seeks a second win at home against Mathews. All kickoffs are at 7 p.m.

Coaches and players have been working since early August to prepare for the upcoming season. Most fans who follow football know the head coaches of local teams, from Nandua’s Tom Rotkowski, in his first full year as a head coach, to Broadwater’s Noble Palmer, who appeared in the Northampton program last week as a member of the undefeated 1960 Yellow Jacket team and has coached for almost a half century, much of that time in football, but he also had a stint at Great Bridge, where his softball team won three state titles.

There also are two local assistant football coaches who have a long history with the game. They might not get the attention the head coaches receive, but they are appreciated by their players and the coaching staff.

Chincoteague’s Joe Leigh is coaching his 50th year this season, including 16 as a defensive line coach at Mount Union, a Division III powerhouse that won seven national titles during his time there.

Leigh was the head coach at Raven- na High School in Ohio for 18 years and also coached the wrestling team. Prior to that, he was an assistant football coach at St. Mary’s High School in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was a four-year letter winner as a center at Hi ram College.

“I played football 12 years and have coached for 50 years. It’s been a big part of my life,” said Leigh last week while running his Pony linemen through drills.

Leigh, who retired to Chincoteague because of his love of fishing, said this is likely his last year. “Next year I will have grandsons who will be playing football. I need to spend some time with them and watch them play.”

Northampton’s Joe Ortelli played quarterback and defensive back at Kutztown University before embarking on a long career in high-school coaching in his native Pennsylvania.

He has served as a head coach for 25 years and as an assistant for the same span. After retiring to the Eastern Shore after a career as a teacher, he took over the Northampton football program and then stepped back to become an assistant coach.

“I have been involved with football since Midget League when I was about 4,” said Ortelli Friday night. “That’s 67 years either playing or coaching. That’s a long time,” added Ortelli, who hinted he may be capping his career with this season in Eastville.

His head coaching career in the Le- high Valley includes stints at Pius X, Pocono Mountain and Emmaus.

While at Pocono Mountain, he was Monroe County’s coach of the year, and at Emmaus, he led the Green Hornets to a championship in 1981.

In 2010, Ortelli was inducted into the McDonald’s/Lehigh Valley All-Star Classic Hall of Fame.

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**Literacy Golf Tourney**

The Eastern Shore Literacy Council 19th annual Drive for Literacy Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 2, at Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with an awards ceremony following the round. There will be door prizes and awards for first, second and third place, both net and gross. The entry fee is $400 for a team and $100 for a player.

Make checks payable to Eastern Shore Literacy Council and return by Sept. 22 with name, address, contact information and handicap to ESLC, 29300 Lankford Hwy., Melfa, VA 23410. For more information, contact 789-1795 or email esliteracy@gmail.com

**Kids’ Fishing Day**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers’ Club will hold a free Kids’ Fishing Day Sunday, Sept. 13, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Saxis Fishing Pier. Children 3 to 15 years old can participate and must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is at noon and rods and reels will be provided to the first 50 children. A cook-out and prizes will be awarded for the largest and second-largest entries in eight categories: croaker, spot, bluefish, flounder, gray trout, speckled trout, sand mullet, and red drum (18 to 26 inches long). For more information, call 787-2460 or email jhungiville@esvachamber.org

**YMCA Youth Soccer**

The YMCA youth soccer league will kick off the week of Aug. 31 for kids 6 and up. Practices will be held up to twice a week, with games being played on Saturdays. There will be a beginner clinic on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 p.m. All practices and games will be held at the soccer fields in Onancock. There also will be Little Kickers soccer on Mondays at 5:15 p.m. for kids ages 3-5 beginning Sept. 7, with practices and games held at the YMCA. The cost for both of these sports is $35 for members and $45 for prospective members. Call the Y at 787-5601 for more information.

**NCEF Golf Tourney**

The Northampton County Education Foundation (NCEF) will hold its 9th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 9, at Bay Creek Golf Club in Cape Charles with a noon shotgun start. Proceeds will support the foundation in its mission to mobilize resources to promote student performance and excellence in teaching in our public schools.

The $440 team entry fee and individual golfer entry fee of $125 covers the greens fee, carts, lunch, awards, reception, and prizes. Hole sponsorships are $250 for non-playing sponsors or $600 with a team. Major sponsorships are also available. Golfers’ entry submissions 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 331-2932 or 678-6212.

**Fall Flag Football League**

Northampton Parks and Recreation will begin its 2015 Youth Flag Football League Saturday, Sept. 19, at Indianan-Town Park for ages 5 to 16. Practices for registered players will begin on Aug. 24 and be held once a week. Games will be played each Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. if weather permits. Players and coaches interested in participating in this league must contact Northampton Parks and Recreation to receive registration and/or coach’s packets. Volunteer coaches are needed for this program. Coaches will have the opportunity to coach their child as well as receive a free scholarship for their child’s participation. Registrations are due by Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. For information about this program or coaching, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 678-0468 or email parks@co.northampton.va.us

**Gaskins Golf Tourney**

The Sons of Allen Gaskins Chapel AME Church will hold the fifth annual Golf Tournament, Sept. 5, at Nassawango Golf Course in Snow Hill, Md., with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is $80 per individual, with overall lowest score the tournament champion, with three brackets to be determined at time of registration. All golfers entering the tournament will be eligible for a $5,000 putting contest with one winner from 50 feet.

Send entry and sponsor form with payment to Gaskins AME Church, Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 447, Melfa, VA 23410. For more information, call Gregory Bagwell at 757-710-7305.

**Sheriff’s Tourney Set**

The 14th annual Northampton County Sheriff’s Office Golf Tournament to benefit Hospice of the Eastern Shore and The Randy Custis Memorial Fund will be held Friday, Sept. 18, at Bay Creek Golf Club at noon. The entry fee is $440 per team or $110 per player, which includes greens fees, carts, lunch, dinner, drinks and prizes. Hole sponsors are $300 for non-players or $700 with a team registration.

Send names of players with handicaps, contact phone number, email address and check payable to Friends of Hospice of the Eastern Shore and The Randy Custis Memorial Fund and mail to P.O. Box 113, Eastville, VA 23347. Call 678-0440, ext. 751, or 678-0458 for more information.

**Men’s Basketball**

Northampton Parks and Recreation will begin its 2015 Men’s Basketball League Monday, Oct. 5, at Northampton Middle School. The registration fee is $300 per team, up to 15 players per roster for anyone 18 and over. Games will be played Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Teams interested in participating in this league must contact Northampton Parks and Recreation to receive a coach’s packet. Packets and league fees are due by 4 p.m. Sept. 25.

For more information, contact the office at 678-0468 or email parks@co.northampton.va.us

**October Fest Golf**

The October Fest 2015 Golf Tournament, sponsored by Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, will be held Friday, Oct. 30, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. at Bay Creek Golf Club in Cape Charles. The entry fee of $110 per person includes greens fee, cart, lunch, on-course beverages and awards reception. There are also various levels of sponsorship available.

Provide name, address, phone number and email address with entry.
Beckett Runs Wild as Jackets Sting West Point, 42-14

Story and photo by Bill Sterling

It was the Dyshawn Beckett show Friday night at Hamilton Field in Eastville as Northampton opened its season with a 42-14 win over West Point, making a statement that the 2015 campaign will be different than the past four-seasons span, during which the Jackets had only one win.

“Everything feels different this season,” said Northampton coach Ty Traister. “These players are hungry for some wins. They’ve worked hard and want to change things here. We just can’t be satisfied with this. We need to feed on this win and keep improving. The only negative that can come out of tonight is if we stop working to get better.”

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Following that opening score, Beckett ripped off an 80-yard touchdown run and a 2-point conversion to knot that game at 8. Then, after the Jacket defense stopped West Point by the shoulder pads. He refused to go down on the ensuing drive.

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“Got a great effort tonight,” said Jacket coach Traister. “I don’t know how Beckett’s heart fits inside his shoulder pads. He refuses to go down on the first hit. He doesn’t look like a power back, but he is, and then he has moves to make people miss and the speed to pull away.

“One of the big differences in our program is just the numbers. We have 60 people out at practice between varsity and JV. Only 17 showed up at our first practice last year. It’s like night and day compared to a year ago.”

Northampton will host Mathews, winner of two games in 2014, tonight at 7 p.m. “The administration and the school have been really supportive,” said Traister. “I know it’s been a long time since Northampton won the first game of the football season. I hope people come out and see what we have going on here.”

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Broadwater overcame an early 6-0 deficit to Cape Hatteras to score 47 unanswered points, including 34 in the first quarter, to open its season with a 47-6 win Saturday at Bynum Field in Exmore.

The Vikings went three and out on their first series before Hatteras’ Matthew Tolsen hit Noah Ranno on a halfback option pass for 89 yards only three minutes after the opening kick.

Tyler Major scored the first of his four touchdowns on the Vikings’ next offensive play with a 53-yard run, then followed with a 54-yard dash to the end zone on the next series after Hatteras fumbled the kickoff.

Hatteras fumbled again on the ensuing kickoff, and Taylor Major joined his brother in the scoring column with a 19-yard run.

Before the quarter was over, Viking quarterback Austin Murphy threw to Chris Locklear for a 17-yard touchdown, and Tyler Major scampered for a 40-yard scoring run, giving Broadwater a 34-6 lead after a lengthy first quarter.

Viking coach Noble Palmer sat his key players after the first quarter, and Locklear, playing quarterback, reversed field and scored on a 38-yard run with 5:16 left in the first half.

Both teams took frequent water breaks on a hot day made tougher by the lack of depth for both teams. Broadwater’s roster includes only 18 players, but Cape Hatteras made the long trip with just 14 players.

In the second half, the only score was a 19-yard run by Tyler Major, who finished the day with 146 yards on eight carries. Thomas Scott had 40 yards on five carries and was 4 of 6 on extra-point conversions.

Major Morgan had two catches for 35 yards and also kicked an extra point in his only attempt. On defense, Morgan led the defense with nine tackles and a fumble recovery. Jimmy Lord had six tackles, and Sawyer Colubourne had four tackles plus two interceptions. Jack Salm and Casey Wescoat had four tackles each. Liam Kelly and Locklear also had a fumble recovery each.

Broadwater travels to Chincoteague tonight for a 7 o’clock kickoff. The Vikings lost to the Ponies 42-30 last season after holding a 30-14 lead with 6:14 remaining in the third quarter.

In field hockey, Northampton lost in a scrimmage to King’s Fork 2-1, giving up a goal with five seconds remaining. Erica Head scored the lone Jacket goal. The team opens at home on Tuesday against Jamestown at 6:30 p.m.

Corey Riefler has signed to play baseball at Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kans. At Chincoteague, Riefler earned first team All-District honors in 2014 as a pitcher and outfielder, going 6-0 and hitting .374. “I am very excited to add Corey to this signing class,” said Coach Jimmy McDonald. He is exactly the kind of kid we are looking for in a student athlete here at MCC.” Corey is the son of George and Michelle Riefler.
**Depth-Shy Chincoteague Looks for Encore**

*Story by Bill Sterling*

Last year, Chincoteague had one of its largest squads in school history with 38 players while tying a school record with seven wins against two season-ending losses that were partially due to key injuries in the backfield.

With the smallest enrollment of any public school in Virginia competing in football, Chincoteague was hoping to avoid injuries this season. Scratch that, says Pony coach Nick Howard.

Before the first practice, the Ponies lost four starting linemen due to baseball injuries last spring and freakish accidents while volunteering on the island over the summer.

Consequently, the Ponies are only 24 strong, and once again, undersized and lacking in depth.

But there is Gardner Fosque, the powerfully built running back who gained over 1,600 yards and scored 25 touchdowns in those nine games. Those stats are even more impressive when one considers Fosque was limited to four carries or fewer in several games that were blowouts. In a 54-0 shellacking of Rappahannock County last season, the senior had 169 yards on four carries.

With a depleted line, Fosque will be hard-pressed to duplicate those numbers. But the backfield should be balanced with quarterback Collin Derrickson leading the attack and Cody Britton and Issac Raymond both carrying the ball and leading Fosque through the hole.

Smallish but tough Chris Conser will take over at center with Noah Jester and Ryan Moltedo the guards and Lane Campbell and Justin Newsome the tackles.

Trevor Reed, John Wailes, Jaquan Persinger and Matt Reed will be among the receiving targets for Chincoteague, which might be forced to pass more than last season. Derrickson, who is a first-year starter, saw ample playing time last season and should be up to the task.

Defensively, Coach Howard feels the Ponies are better suited to overcome the unfortunate injuries suffered before the first snap.

The offensive starters on the line will see plenty of action on defense, but Malik Bland, Jacob Dove, Noah Jester, Garret Gilfoyle and newcomer Chris Fox will provide capable reinforcements while Tyler Mettler, Voshawn Davis, and Dustin Holloway will be among the linebacking corps. Senior Noah McGee and newcomer Chase Demay will see action at corner back.

The kicking game is in good hands with punter Kyle Blacksher and place-kicker Josh Bale.

“Our goal this season is to finish .500,” says Howard. “The boys are working really hard this year and doing everything we ask of them.”

The Ponies open tonight at home with Broadwater, a team they edged last season with a fourth-quarter comeback fueled by Fosque’s 80-yard touchdown run.

For the first time in over 20 years, Chincoteague also faces Northampton, a team that should be improved over last season. With the Ponies depleted by injuries and graduation, it should be an interesting match-up.

“Hopefully, we can stay healthy and win some of those games that can go either way,” says Howard. “Stopping teams on defense might be the key.”
Nandua Must Fill Holes, Will Rely on Defense

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Last year, the trio of Tyreim Blake Jakorah Parker and Anthony Smith, all three-year starters for Nandua, gained almost 85 percent of the all-purpose yards, with Blake and Parker each surpassing 1,000 yards and Smith just short of that mark. That trio also accounted for 37 of the 48 touchdowns scored by the Warriors last season.

“We’ve got some big shoes to fill in the backfield,” said Warrior coach Tom Rotkowski, “but these young guys are looking good in practice and are anxious to show what they can do. It helps that we’ve got some experience back on the line.”

Trevor Wessells, the only returning Warrior to gain more than 30 yards rushing last season, also tallied six touchdowns last season and provides points in the kicking game as well.

In preseason, Kelly Reagan, a Broadwater transfer, was taking most of the snaps at quarterback and showed a deft touch throwing the ball. Jaden Davis is more of a running option at quarterback and can play wide receiver.

Carrying the ball will be Quashon Reid, Daquan Bailey, Hunter Cooper, William Gunter, Robert Bailey, Trevor Cooper, Melquan Davis, George Abrogabir, Billy Kellam and Gabe Francis.

Scraping the single wing that the Warriors have used for three years, Coach Rotkowski says several in that group will be used as an H-back in a spread offense that should feature more passing than in the past.

“We need to be two-dimensional in our attack,” said Rotkowski, who will lean on Mahagee Wise as a wideout as well as Waylon White, Adrian Matthews, Evan McGregor, Dontrail Johnson and Parker Taylor.

The line should be a strength, with 2014 All-District selections Jhamir Poulson and Tevin Custis leading the group and Jeffrey Kelly, Cedric Walters, Adrian Clark, James Keyshawn, Nick Joseph, Zeth Harvey, Kwame Opoku, Ryan Shea, Joseph Byrd, Isaiah Sabatino, Cullen Pruitt and Lloyd Jacob adding plenty of experience and depth. Wise was also an All-District pick at defensive end last season.

“We’ve got 20 seniors (compared to only 10 juniors), so we’ve got some players who have seen game action. I am also expecting our guys coming up from JV to make an impact,” says Rotkowski.

Nandua finished 7-4 last season with a one-sided loss in the state playoffs. Just making the playoffs for the fourth consecutive season will be a reasonable target for the Warriors.

Tonight’s home opener is with Rappahannock, which finished 7-5 last season and will provide a tough test for the Warriors. Maryland games with Bennett and Cambridge later in the season also will pose challenges.

In the district, there are the two highly anticipated matchups with Arcadia and only one game against Northampton.

Coach Rotkowski, in his first full year as the Nandua coach, believes defense will have to carry the day until the newcomers on offense start to gel. But he believes the offense, under the direction of assistant Coach Rick Barnes, will do just that.

Tonight will be the first opportunity to shine.
Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Arcadia returns several key players this season and with some promising newcomers, they could lead the Firebirds to a much improved season after a tough 2-8 campaign in 2014.

Starting at quarterback with Jamal Savage, a speedy, versatile performer, and then countering with 2014 All-District fullback Contrell Brown, a powerful, 6’4”, 270-pounder who will pose a match-up problem for most teams, the Firebirds have weapons that also include running backs Terrell Wharton, Tyquan Payton, Jaquan Wharton, Kerric Hickman and Paul Brown and wide receivers Devon Rogers and Richie Shrieves.

The line has good size with the return of 2014 All-District selection Koby Linton, a solid 230-pounder. Also providing bulk are Lucas Thompson 250 pounds; Rishon Townsend, 240 pounds; Brandon Townsend, 220 pounds; and a trio of sophomores: Quinton Taylor, 240 pounds; Armoniee Wise, 230 pounds; and Quazaon Davis, 225 pounds.

With Brown anchoring the defense as a noseguard, the Firebirds should be tough to run on.

Linebacker Tyric Harris, an All-District pick last year, can deliver a hit, and Savage and Shrieves also earned All-District honors on defense last year.

Paul Brown has a nose for the ball.

With only 24 players on the squad, Coach Tony Nock will have to look to almost every player during the game. Seeing action at running back and in the defensive backfield will be Clem Jones, Dominic Simenzski and Briden Bibbins. Trey Ballard and Shykeem Jacobs are Firebird running backs and will play defensive end and linebacker, respectively, on defense. Kobie Henderson will see action on the offensive and defensive lines.

Logan Godwin and Cameron Vandenevye will handle the kicking duties and should see action at wide receiver and defensive back, as will Emmanuel Hickman.

The schedule is kinder to the Firebirds this season as perennial playoff teams like King William and Sussex, which have opened the past two Arcadia campaigns, have been replaced by First Flight out of North Carolina and Franklin, a good program but a 1A school that won only three games last season.

First Flight lost a 1-point decision to a state rival last week.

The Firebirds meet Broadwater on Sept. 25 and end the season with Northampton at home. Arch-rival Nandua visits Oak Hall the third week of the season.

“Like a lot of teams, we don’t have much depth,” said Arcadia coach Tony Nock, “but we’ve got some guys who have been in the thick of things and are looking to make a good showing. They have been working hard in pre-season.”

Nock said he was pleased with last week’s scrimmage against Chincoteague. “If we get things settled down, we should have a good showing against First Flight.”

Paul Brown (left) proved to be a key player in a tough Firebird defense last season, while 6’4”, 270-pound Contrell Brown (center) anchors the defense as a noseguard and is a powerful running back. Jamal Savage (right) will lead the team at quarterback and is a breakaway threat.
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CHINCOTAGE: Diamond in the rough with good floor plan and several upgrades started. MLS#40350 $119,900

WILLIS WHARF: 14 ac. of privacy on Chincoteague Island! Subdivided into 4 parcels, Off market! MLS#40208 $109,900

CHINCOTAGE: Beautiful location & spectacular views of the Chincoteague waterways w/this 2BR/1BA Townhouse on North Channel Road. Great location, w/panoramic views of the waterway!

ONANCOCK: Beautiful lot with a 3BR/2BA home & 2 full bathrooms, 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors & lots of cabinets. MLS#40035 $249,000

WILLIS WHARF: Inviting & roomy 4BR/2BA true Eastern Shore style home on over 1/2 acre. Traditional large rooms, floor to ceiling windows & wood floors throughout. MLS#40409 $159,900

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AmeriCorps Seminar Held for Grant Opportunities

AmeriCorps is holding a seminar today from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Building in Melfa. The purpose is to connect nonprofits, schools, public agencies, community and all faith-based groups with volunteers and grants.

Congressman Scott Rigell’s office and United Way of the Eastern Shore will co-host the event. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Deborah Christie at 442-4790 or Dawn Byrd at 787-5622.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

$500 Reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the theft of this bike. It was stolen in Quinby. Call 757-302-3175 with any information.

Agent wanted to work in Chinacotage. Experience preferred but not required. Must be self motivated and dependable. Respond to kenny@thebaxterinsurancegroup.com

CLASS A TRUCK DRIVER with TWIC card. Call Roy at 757-894-5859.

WAITSTAFF/HOST/CASHIER - Energetic team player needed at The Great Machipongo Clam Shack, Nassawadox. Apply in person. No phone calls.


ALL POSITIONS AVAILABLE - Apply in person at Yuki-Yuki & Joe’s in Eastville, Va.

SERVICE TECH NEEDED Plumbing & electrical exp. necessary. CDL pref. No phone calls. Please come to Boggs Water & Sewage, Melfa.

RETAIL POSITION AVAILABLE – 3-4 days per week. Apply in person: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Peace Token, Rt. 13N, New Church, Va.

REID & TAYLOR ROOFING – Painter, Carpenter & Roofer needed. 678-6169.

PT DRIVER NEEDED with B-CDL. Need person to climb & do tree work. Must live in Chinacotage area. 757-894-1249.

RETAIL SALES/CUSTOMER SERVICE – Greet & assist customers, computer skills needed to perform various duties. Some evenings & weekends req’d. Apply in person at 25044 Lankford Hwy or online: employmentdsps289@gmail.com

The Sheriff’s Office of Northampton County is accepting employment applications for:

Jail Medics

This position will be working in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail and the job will require shift work, days, nights, weekends, holidays, and required to be on call at times.

Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Applicant must possess a minimum the following: LPN or higher certifications preferred and work experience.

Applications may be obtained in person from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, 5245 the Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or through application are also available online at www.co.northampton.va.us

Deadline for applications: August 31, 2015.

Northampton County is an EOE.

Bus Driver - Seasonal Position (6 to 9 months)

ECMHSP is now accepting applications for Bus Driver for a Migrant Head Start Program. Responsible for providing transportation for children. Preferred: High School Diploma or GED, Commercial Driving License (class A or B), with P & S endorsement. School Bus Driver Certificate of Training and documented years of experience experience driving a bus. Accepted: High School Diploma or GED, Commercial Driving License (class A or B), with P & S endorsement. School Bus Driver Certificate of Training. Personal Leave and employer-matched retirement plan.

Open Continuously

Exmore Transportation Office

Jennifer Santiago

4084 Lankford Highway

Exmore, VA 23350

863-412-6933

EOE, ADA

Northampton County based General Contractor seeks experienced help. Desired skills include carpentry, painting, roofing and general construction experience. Must have a driver’s license and own transportation. Pay commensurate with skill level. Please call to set up an interview. (757) 331-4560.

FT Propane Service Technician

Requires CDL w/Hazmat, DOT physical @ Gas Check Certification. Experience identifying/diagnosing gas leaks & installing/removing propane lines, tanks & appliances. Competitive salary w/comprehensive benefits & vehicle provided. Hiring process includes background check & pre-employment drug test. Contact Vernon Rickards @ the Pocomoke Branch of Pep-Up @ 410-957-9535.

Boats, Etc.

‘05 19-ft. 6-in. CAPE HORN CC - 8-ft. 6-in. beam, 150 h.p. 4-stroke-injected Yamaha (685 hrs.), trailer & lots more. $15,000. 757-789-3656.

‘20 FIBERGLASS CHINACOTAGE SCOW - 90 h.p. 4-stroke Yamaha w/lower hrs., Brand new Bunk float-on trailer, center console, VHF radio, depth finder, compass. Boat can be seen in Wachapreague. 787-8255

‘01 18’ TRUMP BOAT - 50 h.p. Yamaha motor, trailer, Binini top, low hours, good cond. BEST OFFER. Call 757-336-5112.

Placed your help wanted ad in the Eastern Shore Post and find help faster! Call for free pricing at 757.789.7678.

Northampton County Sheriff’s Office is accepting employment applications for:

Correctional Officer

Job will require shift work, days, 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.

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Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:

SENIOR CLINICIAN & CLINICIAN

Responsible for providing outpatient services and assessments.

• The Senior Clinician must be a LMHP in the state of Virginia.

• The Clinician must have a related master’s degree with relevant work experience and be eligible to register for supervision to become a LMHP.

MENTAL HEALTH SKILL BUILDING SPECIALIST(s)

Responsible for supporting the needs of individuals with mental illness in order to maintain them in a least restrictive, community-based environment.

• The individual selected for these positions must be a Qualified Mental Health Provider (QMHP) as defined by Medicaid regulations.

LEAD COMMUNITY INTEGRATION INSTRUCTOR

Responsible for the planning, organizing, and supervision of community-based training and integration activities for adults with intellectual disabilities.

• A high school diploma or the equivalent with relevant work experience is required.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AIDES (part-time)

Days, Weekends and Evenings

Responsible for providing direct care services for individuals in the day support and residential programs.

• A high school diploma or the equivalent with relevant work experience is required.

Successful candidates must be forward thinking, energetic and ready to make a positive change in the lives of the people of the Eastern Shore.

The individuals selected for these positions will receive competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefit package that includes retirement and life insurance through the Virginia Retirement System, health insurance, PTO in addition to state holidays.

Interested individuals should apply through the ESCSB’s website at www.escsb.org.

A thoroughly completed ESCSB application is required. A resume may accompany the application but will not be considered alone.

ESCSB is an EOE

Sell that old car or jet ski you have in the back yard.

Only $30 gets it listed until sold. CALL ANGIE AT 789-7678.

Become your mom’s favorite kid: put her picture in the Eastern Shore Post for her birthday! Call 757.789.7678.

MERCURY OUTBOARD PROPELLER SS 22- PITCH - Like new. $450. 757-1000-7366.

00 MAXUM 2800 SCR twin 4.3L V6 engines. Exc. cond. w/remote (2014) maintenance record. Many extras. $19K OBO. Call 540-287-5047.


757-789-5141 before 6 p.m. to show! Motor overhauled fish w/18 h.p. manual-start engine. 28', 10'6" Beam, Twin Mer-cruiser inboard/outboard. REDUCED: $20,000 OBO.

5-HP MEYERS SUBMERSIBLE WATER PUMP - Includes electric submersible. Used less than 30 hrs. $950. 442-7267 & leave msg.

1953 ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE 600 FORD TRAC- TOR - $3,500. 442-7507.

Feed/Seed

HORSE HAY - $5 per bale.

STRAW - $3.50 per bale.

Call 757-824-3930 or call 757-894-1339 (cell).

Misc. - For Sale

RYOBI 10" COMPACT MITER SAW/TS620 - Double insulated, 120V-15A-4900 RPM. $75. 757-894-8677.


10-SPD, VINTAGE SCHWINN LE Tour Bicycle - Tires, pump, backpack, saddlebag, front & rear fenders, seat, tire pressure gauge all included. $130. 757-990-1095.

SOFT CRABS WHALES JUMBO SOFT CRABS 757-709-3240

ADULT SCHWINN BEACH CRUISER BIKE - Made in the U.S.A., Exc. cond. Must see. $130 OBO. 442-7734-2783.

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The Accomack County School Board Selection Commission will meet in the Board of Supervisors’ Chambers in Accomac, Virginia, on **Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 3:00 P.M.** for the purpose of appointing one member from Election District Seven (7) to fill the remainder of Shannon Wessells’ term which expires on June 30, 2016 to the Accomack County School Board in accordance with §22.1-37, 22.1-38, and 22.1-39 of the Code of Virginia. The Code of Virginia states that no nominee or applicant whose name has not been considered at a public hearing shall be appointed as a school board member.

Jodi Greene, Chairman
School Board Selection Commission

The Accomack County School Board Selection Commission will meet in the Board of Supervisors’ Chambers, Accomac, Virginia, on **Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 7:30 P.M.** for the purpose of hearing public comment on the appointment of a member from Election District Seven (7) to fill the remainder of Shannon Wessells’ term which expires on June 30, 2016 to the Accomack County School Board in accordance with §22.1-37, 22.1-38, and 22.1-39 of the Code of Virginia. The Code of Virginia states that no nominee or applicant whose name has not been considered at a public hearing shall be appointed as a school board member.

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The Chincoteague Town Council will hold a Public Hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Town of Chincoteague, 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, Virginia, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning the following proposed Ordinance to vacate certain boundary or property lines as forth in said proposed Ordinance of a recorded Plat of Subdivision of the Town of Chincoteague, Accomack County, Virginia.

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The full text of said proposed Ordinance and a copy of said Application, Plat, and Deed of ownership are on file at the Town Office, and available for inspection.

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No Tax Relief for Solar Project

Dear Editor:

An old political rhyme goes, “Don’t tax you, don’t tax me, tax that man behind the tree.” The “me” in this case is Amazon.com, with assets of $88.9 billion dollars. Amazon is the largest retailer in the U.S., surpassing Walmart last month. They are now planning an 80-megawatt green solar project in Oak Hall.

But wait. There is a fly in the ointment. Is it really 80 or just four 20-megawatt units? Is the projects’ taxable equipment value $200 million or a modest $3.4 million? Many unanswered questions remain.

Amazon Solar is pleading for tax relief. If they were to be taxed on the same formula as every Accomack farmer, waterman or other business, they might not be able to continue with the project.

With the promise of four new grass-cutting jobs, can we afford to let them go? This is outright corporate welfare and the man behind the tree is you, the county taxpayer.

Paul Muhly, Parksley

More Transparency Needed

Dear Editor:

I was among the many people in attendance at this past week’s Northampton Board of Supervisors meeting. I was quite surprised when an application for two special-use permits that are not permitted by the code came before the board. These were proposals concerning a triangular parcel in Kiptopeke, which is zoned “Hamlet.” The owner has already received two special-use permits for the 1.5-acre parcel — one for a restaurant and one for a multi-family apartment building.

It is clear that the two new requests are not allowed in the code, as evidenced by the words “shall not” allowed. One was for 200 square feet of retail space to be added to an already approved restaurant, making it a convenience store under the code. Convenience stores “shall not” be allowed in a Hamlet district.

Supervisor Granville Hogg brought this to the attention of his fellow board members, yet was the only one to vote against the proposal.

The second request for the same parcel, was for two food trucks to be operated on the property and for catering. At one point, the request was reduced to one truck. As with the retail space, the code specifically forbids a catering kitchen in areas zoned “Hamlet.”

During public comment, I asked that the portion of the code that provides the authority to approve the use be read aloud. The request was voted down.

In another disturbing matter, a local businessman, Mr. Singh, referenced a letter he sent to the board for inclusion in the public record in 2014 regarding opposition to the arbitrary rezoning of tax parcels 112-A-14 and 112-A-16. The letter contained a petition signed by 110 people stating their opposition to the rezoning based on public safety concerns.

According to Mr. Singh, the issue was again raised to Chairman Rick Hubbard in April 2015, and County Administrator Katie Nunez informed Mr. Singh that the board members had received both letters expressing those concerns.

Subsequently, Mr. Singh went through the entire file of public comments on file in the Northampton County Administration Complex and discovered that neither letter was on file nor in the board packets for review.

Zoning is important. The approval of a use specifically prohibited by the code is precedent-setting and has the potential to negatively impact your neighborhood. I suggest that the matter from last Tuesday be challenged.

As I attend these meetings, I become increasingly concerned about the lack of transparency and accountability by our county government. This could be remedied if the county would begin publishing the board’s briefing materials on the county’s web site for all to see no later than the Friday before the meeting, and also make a hard copy available for review at the county Administration Complex. This will go a long way in allowing the public to be fully informed prior to a meeting and be prepared for a productive dialogue with the Board of Supervisors. This is public information and should be shared with the public.

Debbie Campbell, Jamesville

Chicken Houses Need Guidelines

Dear Editor:

There have been many articles in the newspaper recently about the poultry house boom in Accomack County and the positive support the industry is receiving from the Board of Supervisors.

I think the question is greater than whether we can strike a balance between agricultural pursuits and the proximity of residential development. Can we smell clean air? Can we maintain pristine waters that support the fishing and wildlife industry? Can we sustain the beauty of the Eastern Shore?

Approximately five years ago when Accomack County zoning changed to five-acre parcels on agriculturally zoned property, did you realize that was going to mean hundreds of chicken houses in our backyard? What is the limit?

If we impose the guidelines, such as reasonable setbacks, landscaping and adherence to water quality regulations, who is going to monitor those guidelines as hundreds of chicken houses go up around the county? It is going to be up to the citizens of Accomack to ensure the poultry industry conforms to the local and state regulations.

If we are complacent, the Eastern Shore of Virginia will become the unsightly location of a huge chicken industry that doesn’t care about the county, just the number of chickens it can churn out every day. One chicken house holds 40,000 birds. The plan is for 8-12 houses per location.

I hope it is not too late. Call your district supervisor. Let them know what you think. It is their job to represent your interests.

The supervisors could take this opportunity to demonstrate that they are good stewards of the county they represent by adopting and enforcing the same guidelines established by counties in Delaware and Maryland for poultry farming.

What is the balance? It starts with listening and respecting the concerns of residents of Accomack County.

Virginia Schneider, Bloxom

Library Appreciates Facelift

Dear Editor:

The Eastern Shore Public Library and its Board of Trustees wish to thank all the volunteers who manned the vacuum cleaners, scrubbed the floors, cleaned the shelves, scrubbed the children’s room, and performed many more tasks too numerous to mention on our clean-up day on Aug. 8.

Because of this huge effort, the staff can better dedicate their time to serving the patrons. With our limited financial resources, our volunteers help to maintain the high quality of service that our patrons deserve.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at colettemnelson@verizon.net or call 787-1518 or contact your local library.

Colette Nelson, via email