A young North Carolina man was killed in a traffic collision that occurred late last Thursday night on Lankford Highway in Tasley. State Police Sgt. Michelle Anaya identified the victim as Austin C. Rainey, 19, of Chapel Hill. He was a passenger in one of three vehicles involved and was killed on impact.

A 2006 Ford F-150 driven by Linda D. Stevens, 63, of the 22000 block of Daugherty Road was on that road at about 11:30 p.m. when she turned onto the highway and into the path of a 2000 Chevrolet van driven by Matthew W. Dee, 20, of Mooresville, N.C.

“As occupants attempted to exit the van, it was struck by a 2005 Freightliner tractor-trailer driven by James Anderson, 44, of Elgin, S.C.,” Anaya said. Rainey was riding in the back seat of the van. Four other van passengers were able to get out of the vehicle prior to impact.

Anaya said Stevens was charged with failure to yield the right of way.

Tasley and Onancock fire companies responded to the incident as did Onley and Onancock rescue units.

Big & Little Dippers Alike Take the Plunge for Habitat

Story and photos by Ron West

Shore residents and visitors alike filled the Cape Charles beachfront Saturday to raise funds and awareness for Eastern Shore Habitat for Humanity. The 20th annual “February Freeze” saw 66 stalwart (and chilled) dippers of all ages who donned swimsuits or costumes and raced from the shoreline out into the chilly waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

With the sound of a horn and supported by close to a 100 well wishers cheering them on, the “dippers” dashed across more than 50 yards of cold sand, exposed by low water, on their way to the 40-degree water. No sooner had the dippers, better dressed for July than February, hit the water, than they turned and set a course for the beach to huddle near the warmth of a burn barrel.

While the dippers drew the lion's share of attention at the beach, the highlight of the day was seeing their faces light up upon hearing they had raised $15,000.

Nancy Gonzalez, executive director for Eastern Shore Habitat for Humanity, praised those who took the plunge, especially for raising the funds that will help construct homes to improve the lives of some local families.

Teams from the Shore included students, members of Northampton County Sheriff’s Department (Continued on Page 9)
Accomack Proposes 3-Cent Tax Hike; Public Hearing March 17

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors agreed Monday to propose a 3-cent hike per $100 valuation on the real-estate tax rate to allow for an ambulance service in Painter that will cost about $562,000.

The figure includes the price of three emergency medical technicians (EMTs), who would fill in for paid rescue workers across the county when they are sick or vacationing and is part of the proposed $58 million fiscal 2016-17 budget.

A public hearing on the budget is set for 6 p.m. March 17 in board chambers. Staff prepared the budget and department heads made presentations to the supervisors, but Monday was the first time they got down to work on it.

Only Supervisor Harris Phillips voted against including the Painter service. “I don’t have a problem with the staffing,” he said. “I’d rather have six as opposed to nine” workers funded.

Phillips questioned spending $150,000 for a roll-off truck for the Public Works Department. He said he found a Volvo with 11,000 miles for half that price.

Public Works Director Stewart Hall replied, “We use equipment until it dies.” The vehicle now in use has served the county for 10 years and has more than 300,000 miles on it. “If buying used, the turnover would be more often,” he said.

Finance Director Mike Mason reported that health-insurance premiums would be 10.7 percent higher than the current year, compared to the 15.5 percent that had been anticipated.

He said this was done without changing employee benefits and saves $51,000 compared to the figure used in the draft. Changing the prescription drug benefit from 10/30/50 to 15/40/75, would increase savings to nearly $81,000.

The public schools’ portion of the budget is $49 million, reflecting a deficit of $500,000. Some supervisors have questioned $6 million that hasn’t been spent by the school division for capital projects.

The proposed school budget, which is about $2.6 million over the current budget, includes nearly $2 million more from the state because of a slight jump in enrollment and drop in the composite index.

Supervisor Donald Hart, a retired teacher, complained about the higher salaries for administrators versus teachers. “It’s disgraceful,” he said.

Supervisor Grayson Chesser said he studied school divisions with 500 more and 500 fewer students and learned that per pupil, Accomack is faring well.

“All I heard for years and years and years … is we don’t fund our schools,” said Chesser. “We were way up there … I think we’re spending what we need to be spending on our school system.

By Ron West

Northampton supervisors once again listened Monday to representatives of Hecate Energy, which wants to establish a 20-megawatt project on approximately 185 acres of land located on Seaside Road, just east of Eastville.

Two weeks earlier, when Hecate Energy had requested a special-use permit (SUP), the board had pressed Hecate for concessions prior to making a decision on the proposed project.

Hecate representatives Preston Scholtz and Patti Shorr noted Monday that the company has offered to provide $200,000 worth of solar equipment that could be placed at the high school to help provide power.

While Board Chairman Spencer Carpenter noted that he believes the solar equipment is suitable for the school, he added that the board would entertain the option of accepting the funds to use at its discretion.

Northampton Board Discusses Several Issues, Decides None

Hecate also offered to provide the county with an additional $782,488 over a 35-year period as a sign of good faith. While the state does not allow localities to tax alternative energy companies for small projects such as the one proposed near Eastville, the county can seek voluntary concessions.

The project, which could generate enough energy to power 3,280 homes, has been endorsed by the Planning Commission.

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Supervisor Oliver Bennett, who asked about the use of vegetative buffering around the facility, was informed that the company would plant buffers to block much of the solar field from view. Asked by Bennett if local labor would be employed during construction, Shorr replied that if local laborers could be obtained, it would make more sense to use them. Shorr noted that Eastern Shore Community College already offers relevant training.

In response to a question by Supervisor Robert Duer, Scholtz said it has yet to be determined where the panels will be made. Shorr also noted that Hecate would invite fire and emergency medical personnel to the site to go over any potential issues.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Murray said the board would entertain a vote on the matter at its meeting March 8.

If the project is approved, construction is expected to take only a few months and the project could be operational this fall.

The board then turned its attention to several matters regarding the county’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS). EMS Director Hollye Carpenter provided the board with a list of requirements that need to be addressed with respect to personnel prior to the hospital’s move to Onley in December.

Carpenter noted that with the longer drive to Onley or to a Hampton Roads hospital, four ambulances need to be staffed with county personnel during the day and three units at night. She is requesting 8 to 12 additional EMS personnel to meet the shift requirements. Carpenter said the plan would be to continue running two 24-hour shifts per week, which would mean that personnel would be working eight hours of overtime weekly.

Murray suggested that it might be better to look at other scheduling options. If approved, the number of full-time EMS staff in the county would be 31 for FY2017 and would cost just under $2 million.

The board discussed where the additional personnel would be placed. Several supervisors suggested that assigning them to Exmore, Machipongo, and Cape Charles, while ignoring Nassawadox, might not be desirable.

Stating that she is opposed to placing paid staff at Nassawadox, Carpenter noted that it would be more efficient to place them in the other stations.

No action was taken on the staffing request, but it will be on the board’s agenda for March.

In a related area, the board reviewed the ongoing issue of constructing an EMS garage to house the county’s one ambulance as well as other EMS rolling stock.

One offer was received to construct a three-bay facility in Shadyside for $450,000. The 70’x40’ structure would include an office and storage on a second floor. Carpenter also submitted a plan for an 80’x40’ four-bay facility.

Murray said he received a price of $260,000 from another builder for a facility that could house the vehicles. Noting that the goal is to construct a garage while continuing to use the existing EMS building in Shadyside for personnel, he said he was hoping to find an offer in the $200,000 range.

The board agreed that the first step is to obtain a plan for the site before making any commitment to what would be placed on it.

The board reviewed a request by the Sheriff’s Department to hire a code compliance officer to fill a vacancy created as a result of FY2016 budget cuts. In the past six months, it has fallen to county deputies to enforce county’s ordinances.

No action was taken.
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Accomack Supervisors To Meet with NASA in Pairs

By Linda Cicoira

Two by two they go. But not due to a command to Noah from God.

This time it’s the Accomack Board of Supervisors and instead of transparency, there is a muddied view for the public and the other members of the panel who won’t see or hear what their colleagues are learning or saying.

Their objective is to meet with representatives of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Wallops Flight Facility regarding the recent Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) of Accomack County that was conducted by the Navy.

The method is proposed because if more than two supervisors gather with agency officials, they must meet in public. The supervisors said NASA wants to talk to them privately first.

When the topic came up during a board meeting Monday, County Administrator Steve Miner urged the supervisors to do as was requested because of the importance of NASA to the local economy. County Attorney Cela Burge advised there was no justification for a closed session of the full board on this topic.

Only newly-elected Supervisor Harris Phillips opposed the meetings. He doubted NASA is going to share any secrets with them.

Supervisor Paul Muhly also seemed to dislike the method, but passed when a consensus was taken. “If information is not secretive and we want to be transparent, why can’t we all meet at the same time?” he asked.

Research in the study includes the Hazard Zone for rocket launches. Citizens have complained the zone will adversely affect future land development and that launches in the area will damage their property, as occurred for some in October 2014 when a rocket going to the International Space Station failed and was exploded just off the launchpad.

At least 25 reports were made from Chincoteague residents regarding debris that landed after the blast. A NASA official reported the debris was as little as a postage stamp or as large as a piece of paper. Heavier items fell on Wallops Island. Windows also were blown out of houses from Assawoman to Captain’s Cove. One woman was knocked to the ground.

“I’m really sorry it seems like I was probably the one that caused so much concern on the behalf of NASA,” Supervisor Grayson Chesser said. He was referring to his talk with the School Board last week regarding the distance from schools to the Hazard Zone.

“All I did was share with the School Board and our board what was in the JLUS,” Chesser said. “I felt like I had a moral obligation to do that. The public needs to know.”

“I’m not anti-NASA or trying to stop the rockets or anything,” he told his colleagues. “I just think our schools need to be prepared.”

He told the School Board that Kegotank Elementary, which his granddaughters attend, is four tenths of a mile from the zone. Arcadia High School property is 0.86 mile from the zone and Arcadia Middle School is adjacent to the high school. He said Captain’s Cove is about 7.5 miles from the zone’s edge.

Chesser said the meetings with NASA were scheduled after his presentation. He yielded to the majority when a tally was taken about the private meetings.

“The same procedure was done with the School Board,” said Supervisor Reneta Major. She said two supervisors at a time recently met with school officials regarding the county budget. “I don’t see the difference,” she added.

Chairman Ron Wolff agreed and said some school meetings were one-on-one. “We’re not breaking new ground,” he said. “I think on NASA’s part it’s nothing secretive, something more of a sharing information. … I don’t have a problem meeting two-on-two,” especially if a public meeting will be held afterward. “These meetings are going to be a stepping stone,” just like meetings with the school superintendent and school financial officer were.

Wolff later added that he and Chesser met privately with planners of the big solar project in New Church.

Harris suggested the private sessions be recorded and broadcast live over the Internet as is done with regular supervisors’ meetings.

“We don’t do that with the School Board,” said Miner, adding that it’s not the “intent” of the meeting. “The conversation at this point has exceeded anything we hoped to have … this is a very serious matter,” he said.

Supervisor Robert Crockett insisted that the private meetings be conducted only if the public session is held afterward. The public meeting was tentatively set for April 6, with Supervisors Billy Joe Tarr, Hart, Crockett, Major and Wolff favoring that plan.

Supervisor Laura Belle Gordy, who has been ill, was absent. Reached by telephone Tuesday, she said, “I couldn’t understand why they couldn’t tell us all at the same time. The JLUS is public information. … If I had my choice, I would say we all meet at the same time in public. That’s the way I feel about it.”
A dog-napping case was postponed for more than a month last week when the canine’s owner left the proceedings before testifying for the prosecution.

Bettina Cuce Rodriguez, 40, of Virginia Beach pleaded not guilty in Accomac Circuit Court to stealing Chico, the tan/brown pit bull belonging to Daniel Melendez of Hopeton. The theft allegedly occurred Jan. 11, 2015.

After about 10 witnesses testified last week, the trial stopped when Commonwealth’s Attorney Gary Agar called Melendez, who could not be found, though he was at the courthouse earlier in the day.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III granted Agar a continuance. He also issued a capias for Melendez’s arrest. The trial is scheduled to continue March 25.

Also charged in the incident are Charlene S. Boyajian, 45, of Virginia Beach and Gordon A. Shell, 45, of Utica, Mich. Boyajian’s trial is scheduled for next month. Shell’s is set for May. All three are free on bond.

In another case, Paul Albert Nock, 46, of Chincoteague pleaded guilty to a third or subsequent offense of assault and battery of a household member. The incident involved his mother, Mary Nock, and occurred Nov. 26, 2015. A short-form presentence report was ordered and Nock was remanded to jail.

Northampton Circuit Court
An Onancock woman pleaded guilty in Northampton Circuit Court Monday to two felony charges.
Suzanne Bruno, 32, of Southside Road worked at Rent-A-Center in Exmore when she embezzled from the company on June 1, 2013, and forged a lease agreement on Dec. 12, 2013. According to court records, seven other forgery charges were not prosecuted. The case was continued pending completion of a presentence report.

Timothy Charles Morgan, 45, of Cape Charles was sentenced for DUI to 60 days in jail with 55 days suspended, fined $500 and ordered to put an interlock system on his vehicle. He was fined another $100 for possessing marijuana and was treated under the First Offender Status (adjudication was withheld on the condition he maintain a clean record) for possession of amphetamine. The incidents occurred Jan. 2, 2015.

Junior John Burton, 58, of Cape Charles pleaded guilty to failing to register as a sex offender on Sept. 21, 2015. He was sentenced to three years in prison, with all but 30 days suspended.

Christopher Michael Davis Jr., 24, of Craddockville pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana. He initially was indicted on the felony level of the drug offense. Davis was sentenced to 12 months in jail, with 11 months and 24 days suspended. His driver’s license was suspended for six months.

Accomack J&D Court
Three cases in Accomack Juvenile and Domestic Relations court were recently certified to an Accomack grand jury, according to records filed in the county circuit court.
Howard Nathaniel Matthews Jr., 50, of Tasley is accused of two counts of sodomy with a child and two counts of carnal knowledge of a 14-year-old. The incidents allegedly occurred July 23, 2014. He was arrested Jan. 7, 2016.

Kevon Lamar Smith, 30, of Drummondtown Road in Accomac was charged with taking indecent liberties with a child from Parksley who was younger than 15. The alleged incident occurred last month. He was arrested Jan. 14.

Charges of using a firearm in a felony, abduction by force or intimidation, assault and battery of a family member, and reckless handling of a firearm were certified for Joshua Jamar Cooper, 30, of Mappsville. The alleged offenses occurred Sept. 28, 2015. He was arrested Jan. 10.

Accomack District Court
According to records filed in Accomack County General District Court, Roland Sylvester Harmon, 42, of Paint-
er is accused of taking contraband into the Accomack Jail on Feb. 11. He was arrested the same day.
Darrell Dean Marshall, 56, of Saxis was charged with embezzling property belonging to Food Lion. He was arrested Jan. 28.

Northampton District Court
According to Northampton General District Court, Natalie Lynn Johnson, 20, of Portsmouth, Va., was charged with possession of a Schedule I or II drug and possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I or II drug, both felonies, and possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, all occurring Feb. 9.

Ronnie William Robinson Jr., 43, of Portsmouth was charged with driving after having been declared an habitual offender and a third offense of DUI, occurring Feb. 13.

Keshau Lamar Coston, 24, of Exmore was charged with grand larceny occurring Nov. 5, 2015.

Khiry Akeim Six, 25, of Pungoteague is accused of burglary and use of a firearm in a felony. The alleged offenses occurred Aug. 7, 2015. He was arrested Feb. 2.
Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company will host its annual Easter Bunny Buffet Breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage, scrapple, and drinks on Saturday, March 12, from 7 to 11 a.m. Carry-outs will be available. The cost is $8 for adults and $3 for children 6 and under. An Easter egg hunt will start at 10 a.m., free with breakfast purchase. Bring a bag or basket.

Chincoteague Police Department invites all island seniors to the Annual Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, March 9, at 1 p.m. at Don’s Seafood. Due to weather issues during February, Onancock’s street crew will begin brush and limb pick-up Monday, Feb. 29. Normally, this activity would begin the first full week of the new month.

Cape Charles Looks To Make Improvements

By Ron West

Cape Charles Town Council reviewed several recommended improvements last Thursday.

Topping the list was the award of a sidewalk refurbishment contract. The sidewalks in Cape Charles are located inside the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right-of-way.

Council advertised for a request for bids to provide sidewalks along portions of Pine and Strawberry streets. The sole bidder, Shore-based Browder-Hite Inc., agreed to construct sidewalks on Pine Street for $10,741 and Strawberry Street for $8,832.

Complicating the project are three utility poles in the path of the Strawberry Street section. Two of the poles belong to wireless communications companies, while the third belongs to Accomack-Northampton Electrical Cooperative (ANEC). ANEC has given the Town of Cape Charles a price of $5,328.25 to move the pole.

Although absent from the session, Councilman Steve Bennett has said he does not support awarding the contract based on a single bid. He urged council to seek additional bidders. Councilwoman Jan Natali agreed. A motion to proceed with the project and award the contract to Browder-Hite failed on a 3-2 vote, with council members Natali, Frank Wendell, and Tom Godwin voting against. A follow-up motion to proceed with the Pine Street portion of the project passed 3-2. It was agreed to seek a solution to the issue of the utility poles or possibly to consider circumventing them.

Council agreed to forward a grant request to the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) for funds to construct the next phase of the offshore breakwater project. Additionally, council agreed to seek VPA approval to carry over $190,000 of the existing breakwater grant to use with the next project.

Currently, two offshore breakwaters are in place and a third is nearing completion. The project is designed to have a series of breakwaters positioned just to the west of the channel leading into Cape Charles Harbor as a way to protect vessels, docks, and other infrastructure from wind-driven waves from the west and southwest. The estimate to construct the fourth breakwater is $840,000.

Additionally, council wants to increase the height of the jetty near the beach by two feet. The VPA grant would be a 75/25-percent grant, with the town’s share of $225,000 funded in part from bond proceeds.

Council noted a need to conduct a survey of other marinas to ascertain if the fees charged by the town marina are in line with what is charged elsewhere. Newly Appointed Harbormaster Charles Farlow suggested that it would be better to adjust rates in the fall after the boating season, as many boaters book their slips at the first of the year. He added that since the beginning of 2016, the marina has booked 300 slip days. While there was some discussion regarding offering discounts to local boaters, no decision was reached.
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House bills which passed through the process in the House. The volume of legislation is somewhat lighter this year, which makes for less lengthy floor sessions and committee hearings. The budget committees continue to work on the budget, and the timing of adjournment will be determined by how far apart the two chambers’ respective budgets are.

Several of my bills already have made it through the House and the governor’s signature, while others are awaiting action in the House.

Specifically, SB 307 directs the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) to develop an expedited process for issuing a permit for emergency sand restoration activities on publicly-owned beaches after a serious weather event; currently, there is no such process.

SB 344 exempts any person who hunts Rallidae (marsh hens), the family of birds that includes rails and other wetland birds, from prohibition on hunting on Sunday in a defined geographical location.

SB 643 directs the VMRC to monitor any effort by the U.S. Department of the Interior to expand federal jurisdiction regarding fishing or shellfish harvesting in the waters adjoining Assateague Island National Seashore and to seek to preserve the right and ability of Virginia watermen to use such waters. This is clearly an important issue. Del. Bloxom is the co-patron.

SB 283 provides incentive to recreational crabbers to place a turtle excluder device on their crab pots.

The House budget proposal does not include any tax or fee increases. It deposits $605 million in the state’s rainy day fund, restoring it to 90 percent of its previous balance. This budget proposal funds the annual contribution to the Virginia Retirement System at 100 percent of the board-certified rate, fulfilling our requirement two years ahead of schedule. This will accelerate the $189.5 million repayment to the VRS for the contribution rate deferral in 2010, which is six years early.

The House is proposing to eliminate the accelerated sales tax on over 90 percent of business by the end of FY2018. The last highlight I would like to report on is the proposed bond package of $1.5 billion, nearly 40 percent smaller than the $2.4 billion package originally proposed by the governor. This will allocate excess revenues to reduce the amount of money borrowed for the bond package. Under the House proposal, if revenues exceed the modified forecast, that money will be used to pay down the balance of the bond package.

We have three or four days to study the budget and propose amendments. The House and Senate will pass their budget this week and then each will be scrutinized by the other body. It is too early to celebrate being in the budget or agonize about being left out since there are three weeks left in our session. Washington would be well-served to follow Virginia’s example of living within its means and move away from crisis budgeting.

I encourage you to keep in touch. I value the feedback you provide as it helps me do my job representing you better. You can email me at delbloxom@house.virginia.gov or call me at my office in Richmond at 804-698-1000.

I am also optimistic about my Virginia Coastal Resiliency Fund Bill (SB 282), which would establish a low-interest revolving loan fund to aid owners of frequently-flooded properties, both residential and commercial, take steps to protect or lessen their exposure to damage from recurrent flooding. This is becoming a serious problem in the district. The fund has no funding source associated with it as yet, although we are optimistic that future federal grants, such as the $121 million grant just received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, may provide a significant source. The fund would work in conjunction with current FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) programs.

As Senate bills are considered by the House, any amendments or differences will require the appointment of a Committee of Conference, legislators from both bodies to work out the differences. The most important legislation that will be subjected to a conference committee is the state's two-year $109 million budget. Each body's budget, will be considered by the other body, which will amend it, thereby requiring a Committee of Conference to work out the details.

Being a budget conferee is a very important and powerful position. These approximately 10 legislators, five or so from each legislative body, meet for long hours with budget staff to try and hammer out agreements and compromises on the different spending plans. In some budget years, it can be a source of significant controversy and delay. Hopefully, it will not be the case this year.

Also, I want to point that the VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation) Route 13 study update is progressing and is entering the public comment phase before the final report will be issued at the end of March. The comment opportunity will take place at the beginning of March. I would encourage everyone to participate in this public comment period.

As always, I encourage everyone to visit their State Capital and also to monitor the activities of the legislature on the General Assembly website VirginiaGeneralAssembly.gov

As always, I can be reached by email at District06@senate.virginia.gov and while in Richmond by telephone at (804) 698-7506. Please do not hesitate to contact me on issues with questions about legislation or on issues of concern.

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Deadrise Builder Dies
Mr. Leland Franklin “Homey” Helmstetter Jr., 70, of Northside Chesconnessex passed away Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, at his home.

Born in Baltimore, Md., he was a son of the late Leland Franklin Helmstetter and Anna Coolahan Helmstetter. He was well-known for his passion and talent for building and repairing deadrise boats. Mr. Helmstetter had great respect for local watermen and their trade, and recognized their livelihood depended on his skill and efficiency. His legacy of exceptional craftsmanship will live on through the many deadrise boats he serviced.

Mr. Helmstetter is survived by his daughters, Michelle Check of Onancock and Kristin Ann Zach (and husband, Andrew) of Parksley; stepdaughter, Brenda Reynolds (and husband, Tom) of Bloxom; sisters, Jane Hepp and Brenda Reynolds (and husband, John) of Little Egg Harbor, N.J.; brother, Andrew) of Point Pleasant, N.J. His nieces and nephews are too numerous to count.

In accordance with his wishes, services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association National Office, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Fl., Chicago, IL 60601; or to the Alzheimer’s Association, 444 North天猫街, Fl., 17th Fl., Richmond, VA 23226. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Retired Banker Dies
Mr. Richard Austin “Dick” Makepeace Sr., 80, passed away in Nassawadox Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, with his daughter, Helen, by his side.

Born and raised in Sanford, N.C., he was the son of the late Harold Turner Makepeace and Helen Sherrill Makepeace. He graduated from Fishburne Military Academy in Waynesboro, Va., and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Makepeace’s passion for tennis led him to capture local and national titles, and his big, left-handed top-spin serve was well-known throughout the tennis community. If asked, though, he would tell you he most enjoyed the father/son tournaments, which gave him the opportunity to play with each of his sons.

Mr. Makepeace’s professional career began in the banking industry in Richmond, Va. From there, he moved into the investment banking in Virginia and North Carolina. He lived his later years happily ensconced in the mountains of Cashiers, N.C., with his faithful, canine companion, Lucky.

Christmas was such a special time for Mr. Makepeace, and he would crisscross the states each year to visit it with each grandchild. He made each one feel special and they, in turn, would make his heart full. From special hikes at a favorite lake to lost-ball hunting on the golf course, eating popcorn and ice cream for dinner, and watching movies together, the special moments they shared were too numerous to count.

Mr. Makepeace is survived by his sons, Charles Walton Makepeace (Lisa) and David Sherrill Makepeace (Lee); daughter, Helen Finley Pruitt (Guy); stepdaughters, Marcia Makepeace (Dove Mahnke) and Douglass Motteley Weeks (Bill); grandchildren, Henry Makepeace (Mackenzie), Andrew and William Makepeace, Austin, Chandler and Daniel Makepeace, Turner and Hannah Makepeace and Landon and Olsen Pruitt; and stepgrandchildren, Matthew and Isaac Weeks. He was predeceased by his eldest son, Richard Austin Makepeace Jr.

The family will celebrate Mr. Makepeace’s life at a private ceremony. He will be laid to rest in the family plot in Sanford.

Memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Cheriton Man Passes Away

A native of Wachapreague, she was the daughter of the late Southey “Sud” Bell and Nancy Thornton Bell.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by her daughters, Judy L. Fitchett (and companion, Scott Olivetto) of Eastville and Nancy R. Lewis (and companion, Melvin Swift) of Cedar View; sister, Margaret Doughty of Welaka, Fla.; brother, William Lipscomb of Birdsnest; granddaughters, Suzanne M. Henderson (and husband, Peter) of Bridgetown and Alison Fitchett (and wife, Heather) of Norfolk, Va.; and great-grandchildren, Conner Henderson and Charlotte Henderson, both of Bridgetown. He was predeceased by two sons, Richard David Talley and Ruth Jones; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 27, at noon at First Baptist Church in Cape Charles by Rev. Felton Sessoms. Interment will be in Cape Charles Cemetery. There will be a visitation at the church tonight from 6 to 8.

Arrangements were made by Gray’s Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

Racing Aficionado Dies
Mr. Francis John “Bud” Hurley, 78, of Onancock, beloved husband of Barbara Marie Hurley, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Point Pleasant, N.J., he was the son of the late Francis Hurley and Beatrice Clayton Hurley. Mr. Hurley had a great passion for car racing, and spent several years in the ‘60s racing Car 77 at Wall Stadium in New Jersey. He and his wife enjoyed watching NASCAR together, maintaining a friendly rivalry over the years, as Mr. Hurley was a Jimmie Johnson fan and his Mrs. Hurley roots for Dale Earnhardt Jr. He loved fishing, crabbing, and working in his vegetable garden and especially treasured time spent in the garden with his son, Ryan, sharing his gardening expertise.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his loving and devoted sons, Ryan Hurley and wife, Dawn, of Assawoman and John Hurley and Amy of Little Egg Harbor, N.J.; daughter, Karin Hamilton of Jacksonville, Fla.; grandchildren, Colton, Kayla, Rick, and Tara; great-granddaughter, Lexi; sister, Nora Peabody and her children; cousins, Bobby Walker and wife, Diane; sisters-in-law, Millie Meldrum and Joan Brady; and nephew, Harvey Meldrum and wife, Cindy.

In accordance with his wishes, services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418, or to St. Jude’s. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Cape Charles Man Dies
Mr. John Gunter, 91, of Cape Charles died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

He was the husband of the late Helen Thomas Gunter and the son of the late Isaiah Jack Scott Sr. and Monie Allen Jones. Mr. Gunter leaves to share memories his sons, Thomas and John Smith; daughters, Lottie Banister, Diane Spady, Joann Saunders, Helen Waldo and Bernice Vew; sisters, Mae Marols and wife, Brenda; nieces and nephews; 35 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Bloxom Retiree Dies

Mr. Charles George Hendershot, 83, of Bloxom, beloved husband of Barbara Jean Ford Hendershot, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, at Heritage Hall Nursing Center in Nassawadox.

Born in Succasunna, N.J., he was a son of the late Frank and Caroline Fraze Hendershot. He served in the U.S. National Guard and later retired as an electrician. Mr. Hendershot was a longtime member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 102, formerly known as Local 581.

Following retirement, he and his wife moved to the Eastern Shore, where he enjoyed fishing and carving decoys that he gave to his children each year for Christmas. He attended St. Thomas and Guilford U.M. churches.

In addition to his loving wife of 64 years, survivors include his children, Linda Jean Jones (and husband, Larry) of Seminole, Fla., Theresa Joan Jaksetic (and husband, Tullio) of Bloxom, Linda Jean Jones (and husband, Larry) of Stillwater, N.J., and David James Hendershot (and wife, Lori) of Bloxom; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Kevin George Hendershot; and six brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Millbrook U.M. Church in Randolph, N.J., with Pastor David Edwards officiating. In place early orders or for questions, call 710-4920, 787-1508.

“War Room: Prayer is a Powerful Weapon” will be presented at Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church in Pocomoke, Md., at 7 p.m. Call the church office at 410-957-2383 for free tickets.

The Women’s Missionary Society of New Allen Memorial AME Church in Frankfort will present the Charlots of Fire Phase II “Another Blessing in the House” performance. Doors will open at 4 p.m.; play starts at 5. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $7.50 for students 15 and under. For advance tickets, call Valerie Poulsen at 442-5162.

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Tuesday, March 28

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Harvest Time Deliverance Center CODD in Painter will present the gospel play, “Glory Train,” at 4 p.m. in recognition of Black History Month.

Saturday, March 5

Remson Methodist Church in Pocomoke, Md., will hold an all-you-can-eat Chicken ‘n’ Dumpling Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. The cost is $12 for adults and $6 for children ages 6-12. Children under 6 will eat for free. Carry-outs are available. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information, call Diane at 410-957-1351.

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Friday, March 18

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Sunday, March 20

The Men’s Ministry of Shiloh Church Hall Named for Father Breslin

Father J. Michael Breslin, pastor of St. Charles R.C. Church in Cape Charles, was honored recently by having the church hall dedicated in his name. Presenting the bronze plaque is Karen Webb, long-time friend and parishioner. A large reception followed the dedication in Breslin Hall. Father Breslin has been pastor since 1995.

Church Bulletin

Friday, Feb. 26

Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Melfa will hold a Spaghetti Dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The menu also includes meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert, and tea or coffee. The cost is $8. Eat in or carry out. To place early orders or for questions, call 710-4920, 787-1508.

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Property Transactions

From General Freeman
To Shirkea Townsend
Property in Pungoteague
For $25,900

From James and Sharon Booker
To Christian & Channing Guvernator
105 Market St., Onancock
For $160,000

From Gerald and Irene Laird
To Hayden Jones and Susan Logan
5120 Sailfin Dr., Horntown
For $5,000

From David Lewis
To Ventnor House, LLC
39017 State Line Rd., Greenbackville
For $22,000

From Melvin Lewis
To Gary Hollingsworth and Ulrike Meierhofer-Hollingsworth
22 acres in Bloxom
For $29,900

From John Berry
To Kelli Nelson and Chad Smeltzer
Lots 372 and 373, Unit 1, Trails End
For $98,500

From Nationstar Mortgage, LLC
To Kimya Barrett and Kraig Savage
23040 Front St., Accomac
For $43,000

From Happy Hills Associates
To Charles and Shannon Thain
Onancock parcel
For $65,025

From Gary and Ruth White
To Herbert and Danielle Glass
Lot 126, Section 9, Greenbackville
For $500

From Citizen Bank
To Jon and Nicole Van Doren
52819 Shad Landing Rd., Sanford
For $225,000

From Secretary of HUD
To John Kirkpatrick
24428 Bennett St., Parksley
For $71,055

From Gary and Ruth White
To Herbert and Danielle Glass
Lot 126, Section 9, Greenbackville
For $500

From SunTrust Mortgage, Inc.
To Secretary of Foreign Affairs
25153 Cooper Ln., Parksley
For $10

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From Michael John Binder, 52, of Greenbackville and Valerie Jolene Perry, 47, of Chincoteague
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13th Annual Mid-Winter Sportsman’s Auction
THIS Friday & Saturday Feb. 26 & 27, 2016
To be held @ The Zeb B. Barfield, Inc. Auction Facility
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SAT: Feb. 27 Preview @ 8am Auction Starts Promptly @ 9:59am
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Sat. March 19 Real Estate On Line Only 29174 Grotontown RD,
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MOSMERT: Elevated 1½ ac waterfront lot on quiet subdivision with deeded access to Kiptopeke Bay 50 ft frontage on North Arm Creek, community boat ramp dock & gazebo. Septic cert letter on file. MLS#42062 315000 Gilda York 757-710-4770

FRANKTOWN: 5 ac waterfront parcel located on a bluff along Nautasawudan Creek. Build today and enjoy the Eastern Shore lifestyle on this partially wooded property with pond and spectacular creek views. MLS#38996 229000 Georgie or Patty Ferguson 757-710-4770

KINGS CREEK LANDING: Park-like wooded 62 ac farm ready for your home to be built on. This parcel comes with a deeded boat slip on Kings Creek & docks have good water depth. MLS#42430 518000 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395

CHINCOTEAGUE: Beautiful buildable waterfront lot on Main Street with unobstructed views and dock. Septic easement for 2BR. Bring your house plans and enjoy the Island life. MLS#40829 354900 Amanda Witt 757-894-0008

SEAVIEW: Morning walks, sailing & hunting and magnificent sunsets are all inclusive with the purchase of this 3 ac parcel in a gated community. Bring the vessel and launch out to the Barrier Islands from your private boat slip. MLS#40437 955000 Susan Rippon 757-693-8888

ONANCOCK: 320 acres just out the town limits is this partially wooded building lot. Build your home to take advantage of the views of Leeward Creek. BR/BA site plan on file. Close to restaurants, shopping and new hospital location. MLS#40638 399000 Liz Walters 757-710-2054

CAPE CHARLES: Open and spacious 4.49 ac building site on the wildlife enthusiasts, animal or horse lovers. This is your property, offering plenty of room to make the perfect settlement. MLS#40829 529000 Jason Restein 757-620-1532

CHINCOTEAGUE: Exclusive location in Wildcat. Very private w/ panoramic views of 100 waterfront, overlooking Chincoteague Channel and of the salt water pond. Plenty of wildlife. BR/BA septic already installed, waiting for your dream home. MLS#38916 540000 Cindy Gillett 757-990-2526

CHERRYSTONE: Village: Beautiful cleared 1.32 ac lot in a quaint community awaits architecture plans for your dream home. Close to public beach, shopping and restaurants. Experience our coastal lifestyle. MLS#42841 329000 Wanda Dougherty 757-693-1513

ONANCOCK: Great buildable property just outside town limits. Partially cleared 6.5 ac parcel has old well & septic and is less than a mile from boat ramp where you can launch out & spend time on the Chesapeake Bay. MLS#42502 538000 Jean Dibartolo 757-709-2292

LEXMORE: REDUCED. 3.10 ac lot on major highway. Zoned commercial w/deeded access from the stoplight. Lot has town water, sewer, survey completed & drains off site. MLS#41456 517000 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649

VAUCOSTE: REDUCED. Corner 13 ac lot directly across from the Chesapeake Bay. Launch from the boat ramp and enjoy superior fishing, crabbing & water sports. MLS#40431 531000 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395

CHESSERVILLE: Nice building lot close to Waterways Island, VASA & Chincoteague Island. Partially cleared w/mature landscaping & over 12 ft building that dream home will be no problem. MLS#39997 530000 Judy Williamson 757-894-0088

ROE’S WHARF: Investors alert. 2 waterfront parcels w/good frontage on deep water channel. MLS#40706 510000 John Kluis 757-710-2848

SILVER BEACH: Waterfront wooded 1 ac lot w/high bank & mature trees, no flood insurance required. Tidal area is ideal for kayaks, canoes & outboards during high tide. MLS#42453 540000 Dave Griffith 757-647-2649/Randy Carlson 757-678-6395

TRAILS END: Nice water view 19 ac lot just waiting for your landscaping touches. Priced to sell with all the amenities. Trail’s End community has to offer MLS#40470 550000 Judy Williamson 757-894-2488
**Friday Feb. 26**

- **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**
  - Riverside Shore Rehab Center, Parksley - 665-5133
- **5-7 p.m. - United Way Networking Event**
  - Red Queen Gallery, Onancock - 787-5622
- **6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.**
  - Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: $6/single or $10/family
- **6-7 p.m. - Domestic Violence Prevention Prgm.**
  - ESTACI, Exmore - 709-5113
- **6-8 p.m. - Mt. Vernon Senior Curator Dr. Susan P. Schoelwer to Speak**
  - Ker Place, Onancock - 787-8012
- **7 p.m. - Life Teach Series**
  - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)**
  - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**Saturday Feb. 27**

- **9 a.m. - Zumba Class**
  - Chincoteague YMCA - $5 - 336-3535
- **9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Heart Health & Stroke Awareness Health Fair**
  - Nandua Middle School, Onley
- **10 a.m. - Overeaters Anon. mtg.**
  - Christ UMC, Chincoteague
- **10-11 a.m. - Mt. Vernon Senior Curator Dr. Susan P. Schoelwer to Speak**
  - Cape Charles Civic Center - 787-8012
- **10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Soup Kitchen**
  - Faith Christian Tabernacle Ministries, Rt. 13, Accomac - 787-1811
- **10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Heritage Celebration**
  - ESCC, Melfa - over 60 exhibitors
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo**
  - Eastville VFC

**Monday Feb. 29**

- **8 a.m. - Riverside Heart-to-Heart Day**
  - Little Italy, Nassawadox - $10/includes lunch
- **11 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour**
  - library, Nassawadox
- **5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg.**
  - Holy Trinity Episcopal, Onancock
- **5:30 p.m. - TOPS mtg.**
  - Belle Haven UMC - 442-7050
- **6 p.m. - Bingo**
  - Elks Lodge, Tasley
- **6-7:30 p.m. - Choice-Based Anger Control Class**
  - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
- **6-9 p.m. - GED Class**
  - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
- **6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.**
  - Grace UMC, Parksley

**Wednesday March 2**

- **7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.**
  - Sage Diner, Onley
- **10 a.m. - TOPS mtg.**
  - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
- **10-11:30 a.m. - Women’s Support Group**
  - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
- **11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Debedeavon Toastmasters’ mtg.**
  - NASA/Wallops Base - Call Owen Hooks at 824-1941 for base access.
- **1-2:30 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Caregiver Support Group**
  - Onley UMC, 25642 E. Main St.
- **2 p.m. - Children’s Story Hour**
  - E.S. Public Library, Accomac
- **3-4:30 p.m. - Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group**
  - Onley UMC, 25642 E. Main St.
- **4:30-5 p.m. - Girl’s Support Group**
  - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
- **5-7 p.m. - Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet**
  - Grace and Truth Ministries, Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
- **5:30-6:30 p.m. - Free Meals for the Hungry**
  - Epworth UMC, Exmore - 442-6391
- **6 p.m. - Prayer Line Open (St. Matthew’s Church, Onley)**
  - Call 665-7403, 387-7021 or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
- **6-9 p.m. - GED Class**
  - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
- **7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon. mtgs.**
  - RSMH, Nassawadox
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo**
  - Painter VFC
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.**
  - Downing’s Methodist Church, Oak Hall

**Tuesday March 1**

- **9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg.**
  - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
- **9:30 a.m. - MOMS mtg.**
  - Onancock Baptist Church, upstairs - 709-9351 - bring a snack & your kids
- **10 a.m. - Bingo**
  - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock
- **11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge**
  - Sage Diner, Onley - 442-2474
- **4 p.m. - New Book Club: “The Gospel According to Harry Potter”**
  - The Book Bin, Onley
- **5-6:30 p.m. - Fatherhood Support Group**
  - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
- **5:30 p.m. - Onancock Business & Civic Assn. mtg.**
  - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock
- **6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries**
  - 787-2486
- **6 p.m. - Bingo**
  - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
- **6-7:30 p.m. - Substance Abuse Recovery Group**
  - ESTACI, Exmore - 709-5113
- **6:30 p.m. - Vietnam Veterans’ E.S. Chapter 614 mtg.**
  - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
- **6:30-8:30 p.m. - English As a Second Language Class**
  - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
- **6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class**
  - ESCC, Melfa
- **7 p.m. - NA mtg.**
  - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville
- **7:15 p.m. - Disabled American Veterans’ E.S. Chapter 614 mtg.**
  - Chapter Bldg., Onley
- **7-8 p.m. - NA mtg.**
  - Grace UMC, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley
- **7:30 p.m. - Central Masonic Lodge mtg.**
- **7:30 p.m. - Bingo**
  - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
- **7:30 p.m. - AA mtg.**
  - Atlantic Methodist Church, 10044 Atlantic Rd.

**Thursday March 3**

- **10:30 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour**
  - library, Accomac
- **10:30 a.m. - Story Time**
  - Cape Charles Library
- **4 p.m. - Chess Club**
  - Cape Charles Memorial Library - all ages, levels welcome
- **5-7 p.m. - Chincoteague Carvers Forum**
  - Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd. - light refreshments
- **5:30 p.m. - Shore Losers mtg.**
  - Drummondtown Baptist, Accomac - $1/wk.
- **5:30 p.m. - TOPS VA-550 mtg.**
  - Zion Baptist, Parksley - 787-7099
- **6-7:30 p.m. - Substance Abuse Recovery Group**
  - ESTACI, 3100 Main St., Exmore - 709-5113
- **6:30 p.m. - American Legion Post 101 mtg.**
  - Chapter Bldg., 25534 Main St., Onley
- **6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - English As a Second Language Class**
  - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
- **6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - GED Class**
  - ESCC, Melfa
- **7 p.m. - E.S. Shooting Club mtg.**
  - Exmore Fire Dept. Hall - 678-9038
- **7 p.m. - NA mtg.**
  - Painter Garrison UMC
- **7 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg.**
  - Atlantic UMC
- **8 p.m. - AA mtg.**
  - Christ UMC, Chincoteague
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Ace Custis, Isaac Taylor Together at UMES

By Bill Sterling

When a second ACL injury kept him on the injured reserve squad for the Dallas Mavericks in the 1997-98 season and eventually curtailed his NBA hopes, Custis played overseas 14 years with nine seasons spent in Japanese basketball, where he led the league in scoring and rebounding, posting highs of 29.7 points per game and just over 14 rebounds.

He retired in 2012 at 37 and turned to his lifelong dream of coaching. “I’ve always paid attention to my coaches and tried to learn everything I could, starting with Eddie Spencer in recreation ball, Oliver Bennett in middle school and Coach Jimmy Conrow at Northampton High School,” Custis recalled.

He spent a year at Virginia State in Petersburg before accepting a position as an assistant coach at UMES two years ago. Within 48 hours of accepting the job, Custis had Isaac Taylor of Nandua on campus for a visit. The 6’8”, 250-pound Taylor played his senior season at Montrose Christian, the school that spawned NBA star Kevin Durant, and then signed with UMES, where he is tutored by Custis, who coaches the bigs for the Hawks.

“Isaac and I talk all the time. He’s got a great work ethic, good size and a nice touch. Isaac is playing behind our best player, Dominque Elliott, a senior who should be all-conference in the MEAC, but next year he will get his opportunity to play in the post. It’s an adjustment for Isaac. At every level the players are stronger, bigger and have more speed.”

This season, Taylor has played in all but one of the Hawks’ 29 games, averaging 5.5 minutes per game. “I just go as hard as I can and try to help the team any way I can,” said Taylor Tuesday. “It’s been a learning experience for me, but I feel the transition from high school to college has been easier than I expected.”

Taylor, a good student who plans to major in business, is the son of Walter and Tina Taylor of Wachapreague, who have seen almost all his home games, given the short drive to Princess Anne, Md.

The Hawks have gone 6-4 at home, but sport an overall record of 8-21 with the recent tough losses.

Custis said, “Our schedule hasn’t been too kind to us. Early in the year, we played Michigan State and Maryland on the road in the same week. Both were ranked in the Top 5 at the time. We also played Pitt from the ACC. I think we lost some confidence after that stretch. It probably hurt us later in the season in close games.”

With only three seniors on the team while the coaching staff, led by head coach Bobby Collins, scours the landscape for top recruits, UMES looks to better days.

Taylor wants to be part of that future. “Having Coach Custis here means a lot to me,” said Taylor. “To see someone who came from the same place I did, who grew up playing on outdoor courts like I did, shows me that with hard work I can have success at this level.”

Taylor and his teammates are looking forward to next week’s MEAC tournament in Norfolk, where 12 teams will gather. “Win three games in March and you can be a champion,” said Taylor.

As for Custis, after years overseas, he enjoys being close to his Fruitland, Md., home with his wife, Dene-dra, and their two sons, Adrian Jr., 10, and Evan, 5. An older son, Charles Mapp, 21, is a student at UMES.

Custis is also close to his Virginia home, where his mother, Barbara Ruffin, who visits often, lives.

He’s even found time to get golf tips from the UMES golf coach, Marshall Cropper, a 1962 Mary N. Smith graduate and another Eastern Shore of Virginia legend who had a Hall of Fame football career at UMES before playing with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Redskins in the NFL.

“I was blown away by the facilities when I interviewed for this job two years ago,” said Custis. “The support is great too. We sold out our Homecoming game with over 5,000 last Saturday.”

“Like any assistant coach, I want to be a head coach one day, but right now I love it here and am taking it day by day.”

Photos by Bill Sterling

Isaac Taylor of Wachapreague, who played at Nandua, is a freshman at UMES this season.
Little League Sign-Up

Shore Little League will hold registration for baseball and softball at Randy Custis Memorial Park in Nassawadox Thursday, March 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Or register online at http://Shorelittleleague.leaguetoolbox.com

The registration fee is $60 per player; a family fee of $90 will apply when two or more children in the same household register. Players should be registered by Saturday, March 6. A late fee of $15 will be charged after that.

For more information, email shorelittleleague@verizon.net or call Michelle at 757-693-1896.

Shore Memorial 5K Run

At 9 a.m. Saturday, March 12, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital’s 5K Run/Walk for Your Heart will begin at the Historic Onancock School on College Avenue. Sign-up will begin at 8 a.m. with no entries accepted after 8:45 a.m. Registration forms are available at the hospital and at Eastern Shore YMCA. Call 414-8320 or email rsmhrunforheart@gmail.com for details.

Softball Camp Set

Bust the Rust softball camp will be held Feb. 27 at Nandua High School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost of the camp is $40. All proceeds will benefit Nandua High School softball. Contact Lynn Williams at 710-4242 for information.

Nandua Alumni Game

The Nandua alumni basketball games have been rescheduled for tonight, Feb. 26, with the girls playing at 6 p.m. and boys starting at 8 p.m.

NALL Registration Set

North Accomack Little League has begun its 2016 registration. Register online by going to the league site at https://eteamz.com/NorthAccomack/ and follow the link. Registration also will be available every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Chinoteague High School gym during the recreation basketball games until March 6.

NORPAC

The Norshores Parks and Recreation’s Co-ed Volleyball League will begin Monday, March 14.

Games will be played Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Northampton Middle School gym. Team registration is open. The fee is $125 per team. Team rosters and player waivers must be signed before the first game.

To register or for more information about this league, contact Northampton Parks and Recreation at 678-0468, or email parks@co.northampton.va.us

Adult Softball Leagues

Northampton Parks and Recreation will begin its adult men’s softball league Tuesday, April 12, and adult coed softball league Friday, April 15.

Teams, which can have up to 20 players, must register by Friday, April 1, for both leagues. Team registration fees are $200. Games will be held at Indiantown Park in Eastville; game times will be 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 p.m.

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Taylor Major Hits 1,000 Points on BA Senior Night

Story and photos by Bill Sterling

Broadwater battled the sixth-ranked team in Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division 3, but eventually fell to Alliance Christian Academy 59-52 last Thursday night on Senior Night.

Despite 31 points by Taylor Major, who reached 1,000 points early in the second quarter, the Vikings could not pull off the upset after a 25-25 tie at halftime. Broadwater struggled to score early in the second half and fell behind, 42-35, after three quarters, never getting closer than 3 points in the final quarter.

“We had a great effort, got our share of loose balls, but we have a hard time getting the ball in the basket,” said Viking coach Eddie Spencer, who added that the 0-for-5 effort from the free throw line typified their shooting.

John Gordon’s 6 points was second high for Broadwater. Major Morgan had a team-high eight rebounds. Tyler Major led in assists with seven. Freshman Caleb Butts led Alliance with 19 points.

Vikings Fall in 3 OTs

It took three overtimes before Broadwater bowed to Hampton Christian 52-48 Saturday night in Exmore.

The Vikings overcame a 4-point deficit in the final quarter to force overtime, and then the two teams were still deadlocked after two overtimes before Warriors outscored the Vikes 6-2 in the third overtime. Poor foul shooting — 5-of-19 — continued to hurt the Vikes.

Taylor Major had 25 points and 15 rebounds to pace Broadwater. Austin Murphy added 7 points on 3-of-5 shooting. (See Broadwater Metro Conference tourney game on next page)

Northampton, Nandua Ousted in Playoffs

Northampton ended its season on a tough note with a 57-55 loss to Surry County Friday night on the road in a Conference 41 semi-final.

With a 26-26 tie at halftime and 10 lead changes, it was anyone’s game down the stretch. Northampton knotted the score at 55 with a 3-pointer by Jawaun Bell late in the game. Surry’s Justin Williams, the Cougars’ leading scorer and senior guard, came down the floor and scored a basket, forcing the Jackets to call a timeout with 3.3 seconds to play. Sheldon Payne’s shot from nearly half court missed, leaving the Jackets on the short end of a 2-point game.

“Our guys only had nine turnovers and played with heart throughout the game. It was a tough loss, but we have a lot to look forward to, returning all starters for next season,” said Northampton coach Wayne Bell.

Stephen Baker led Northampton with 15 points, hitting 7 of 10 shots from the floor. Tony Robinson, who was recovering from a back injury and twisted his ankle in this contest, managed to finish with 12 points and eight rebounds. Keondre Ames came off the bench with 8 points and seven rebounds. Tamaze Brisco had a team-high 14 rebounds. Northampton closed its season at 10-8.

“I want to thank everyone who played a part in our success this year, especially our senior players — Rickiee Poulsom, Dyshawn Beckett and Kobe White,” said Bell.

Nandua Falls to PE

Nandua saw its season come to an end with a 68-49 loss to Prince Edward County in Farmville Friday night.

Qyheem Kellam finished his senior season with 18 points and six rebounds, averaging 15.1 points and 12.5 rebounds a game this season. Mhagge Wise added 13 points and five rebounds.

Zarius Jones led the Eagles with 18 points.

Prince Edward led 40-28 at half and then spurted to a 14-7 margin in the third quarter.

“We allowed too many open shots and had too many defensive breakdowns. That would work if we kept pace in scoring, but we did not play well on both sides of the ball. The emotions for the seniors in the second half, I think, was too much when they started to realize that their high-school basketball career was coming to an end. That may have contributed to doing things that were out of character. It was a pleasure coaching these guys, seeing their growth as a team, and seeing them become young gentlemen,” said Nandua coach Chad McGregor.

Mills Pitches for UMES

Zach Mills, a 2015 Arcadia graduate, had an impressive debut last weekend, throwing five innings for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore baseball team against Fairleigh Dickinson in Lexington, S.C., and striking out five while allowing seven hits and two earned runs.
Lady Vikings Axe Alliance

Anna Sexauer scored 22 points to lead Broadwater to a 49-20 win over Alliance Christian last Thursday night. Palmer Smith added 14 points.

Although it was Senior Night at Broadwater, the Lady Vikings have a roster that has neither a senior nor junior and includes three freshmen and two eighth graders.

“They have worked hard this season and are showing improvement,” said Broadwater coach Ralph Dodd. “Tonight, they passed well to get some open shots.”

Sexauer scored her 22 points in three quarters as the Vikings played reserves in the final stanza after building a 40-15 lead. She is second in the Metro Conference in scoring with 18.4 points a game, first in rebounds with 12.6 per game and fourth in steals with four per game.

Broadwater, 7-6 and 5-5 in the Metro Conference, hosts Atlantic Shores, 8-2, tonight at 7:30 in a tourney semi-final. Another semi-final starts at 6 p.m.

Nandua, Arcadia Fall in Regional Hoop Playoffs

The Nandua girls were eliminated from the 2A East Regional tournament with a 81-55 loss to Greensville Friday night on the road.

Derrica Toppin led the Warriors with 12 points and Shabrea Nock scored 11.

Homecoming for Rodney Harmon

By Bill Sterling

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BA Dumps Denbigh in Metro Tourney

Twelve Vikings scored as Broadwater overwhelmed Denbigh Baptist 67-33 in a Metro Conference play-in tournament game at Exmore Tuesday.

Broadwater, 6-16 and 2-14 in conference play, advanced to last night’s quarterfinal game against Williamsburg Christian, 16-0, at Portsmouth Christian, completed after Post deadlines.

Freshman Nathan Crumb led Broadwater Tuesday with 12 points as the Viking reserves saw most of the action. Taylor Major, the leading scorer in the Metro Conference with a 22.8-point-per-game average, scored 8 in limited action. Major is also third in rebounds (10.9) and blocks (2.1) and fifth in assists (3.3).

Chris Locklear had 9 points and Tyler Major added 8 points for the Vikes. Jackson Rose scored 6. Josh Yi led Denbigh, 0-16, in Metro play, with 17 points.

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Eastern Shore All-District, All-Metro Basketball Teams Will Appear Next Week

Nandua, Arcadia Fall in Regional Hoop Playoffs

The Arcadia girls fell 77-33 at Nottoway, now 20-1, Friday night. Kayla Wharton led the Firebirds with 14 points, JaQuagia Tull had 9, and Nor-maya Harris and Aleah Russell had 4 points each. Deona Dotwin had 28 to lead Nottoway.
Major Morgan of Broadwater, seated with his parents, Genevieve and Mark Switzer, has committed to play football at Hampden-Sydney College next fall. Standing (from left) are Broadwater Academy headmaster Joe Spagnola, football coach Noble Palmer and athletic director Ron Anson. Morgan, 6’3” and 187 pounds, had 57 catches for 835 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2015 and was a first team all-state VISAA pick for both wide receiver and defensive back, leading the team in tackles. Coach Palmer said Morgan was “a tough competitor who could find the ball on both offense and defense.” Morgan plans on playing wide receiver at H-SC and pursuing a business degree.

Major Morgan To Play Football at H-SC

Northampton’s Garrett Marsh (top) wrestled at the 1A state championship held in Salem last weekend, finishing sixth.

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Thank you so much,
The Smith And Martin Family

To those of you that sent comforting cards, called with condolences, brought food, sent flowers or just visited: we felt your prayers and we extend our heartfelt thanks. We are blessed to have such wonderful friends, neighbors & family.
The family of Richard W. “Dicky” Wright Sr.

The family of Archie Doughty, Jr. would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the many, many people who comforted them at the time of the loss of their husband and father with comforting visits, cards, flowers and food.

Special thanks to the members of Smith’s Chapel United Methodist Church in Quinby for providing the lovely dinner and opportunity to see and thank so many people.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to all the nurses, aids and administrative staff of Heritage Hall in Nassawadox who went above and beyond to give excellent care and show warm and caring attention to our love one during his stay.

It is impossible to give adequate thanks to the Intrepid team of nurses and their aid who were there with their wise, supportive words and visits. Their ongoing care and assistance to the family is so very much acknowledged and appreciated.

Finally we would like to thank Guy Doughty and his staff at the Doughy Funeral Home in Exmore who couldn’t have been more efficient and caring especially in their production of the wonderful lasting video tribute to Archie which can be viewed on doughyfuneralhome.com.

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Sec. 1 - Purpose and intent.
The town council finds that the development of its business tax base requires a business license incentive program for new businesses (“incentive program”), and determines that a reduction in the business taxes for qualifying new businesses will foster business development and encourage entrepreneurialism.

Sec. 2 - Administration.
This article shall be administered and enforced by the Town Manager and support staff.

Sec. 3 - Effective date.
Effective date shall be March 7, 2016.

Sec. 4 - Definitions
For purposes of this article, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

Acquisition shall mean the combination of two or more existing businesses where the one business acquires the ownership of the other business(es).

Business license year shall mean calendar year.

Change in business form shall mean a change in the organization of an existing business. A change in business form occurs when such change is voluntary or involuntary, recognized by the state corporation commission or not recognized by the state corporation commission. A change in business form shall include a new business entity that meets the definition of “affiliated group”, as the term is defined in Code of Virginia 58.1-3700.1, and such business conducts business activities that are similar to one (1) or more affiliated businesses. However a new business entity that meets the affiliation definition but undertakes a business that conducts substantially different business activities shall not be treated as a change in business form.

Merger shall mean the combination of two (2) or more existing businesses to establish a new business.

Name change shall mean the change in the name upon which a business trades. A name change occurs when or not the business registers such name or change of name with the state corporation commission.

Qualifying business shall mean a business that locates for the first time in the town after the effective date of this article and whose gross receipts shall exceed $25,000 in the first two (2) license years. A business shall not be deemed to locate in the town for the first times based on a merger, acquisition, similar business combination, name change, or a change in business form. A business shall not be deemed to locate in the town for the first time if there is an existing business in the city trading under the same or substantially similar business name, the businesses conduct similar business activities, and businesses are related either by shared ownership structure or a contractual relationship such as a franchisor/franchisee relationship. A qualifying business shall not include peddlers and itinerant merchants. A qualifying business shall not include a contractor required to obtain a business license by Code of Virginia 58.1-3715(B). When applying for any benefit afforded under this article, the applicant shall have the burden of proving qualification as a qualifying business.

Similar business combination shall mean any transaction that is of the same nature as a merger or an acquisition.

Section 5 - Presumption.
The incentive program is a program in the nature of partial tax exemption. As such, the rule of construction provided article X, section (f) of the Constitution of Virginia shall apply.

Section 6 - Application and appeal.
(a) Any business seeking to qualify as a qualifying business shall complete an application in writing. The application shall be on forms developed by the Town Manager.

(b) Any determination of qualification or of non-qualification as a qualifying business shall be in writing by the Town Manager.

(c) The appeal of a determination of non-qualification shall follow the appeal process of any other business license tax decision.

Section 7 - Business license tax reduction.
(a) A qualifying business that would otherwise be required to pay license taxes pursuant to Town Code section shall be entitled to pay business license taxes at the thirty ($30.00) flat fee provided by Town Code Ordinance No. 133.

(b) The license tax reduction provided in subsection (a) shall apply to the business year in which the qualifying business locates in the town and the following business year.

(c) A qualifying business shall forfeit any entitlement to the license tax reduction provided in subsection (a) if such business is delinquent on any local tax including but not limited to personal property taxes, real estate taxes, meals taxes, and transient occupancy taxes.

Section 8 - Obligations of a qualifying business.
(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to repeal any requirement of businesses within the town to maintain records or comply with an audit by the Town Manager.

(b) A qualifying business shall report its personal property and gross receipts to the town clerk, at such times and in such manner as required by law and the failure to report shall result in the forfeiture of any entitlement to the license tax reduction provided by Section 6.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for public inspection at the Town of Exmore, 3305 Main Street, and on the Town’s website at www.Exmore.org.

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The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matter.

Appeal 16-03-1 A request from Kathleen Keller, 4051 Main Street, for a variance from Article 4, section 4.6.5 (2) & 6.6.1 (8) of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to place a mobile food unit 5.5’ from the right-of-way leading to the Town boat ramp. Current zoning requires a minimum of a 15’ setback from said right-of-way. Additionally, the applicant requests one 9’ x 14’ parking space. Current zoning requires a minimum 9’ x 18’ parking space. This property is located in C-2 Old Town Commercial.

Kenny L. Lewis Zoning Administrator

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DAVID LEE LHBARGER
v. SYBILLE SEBER LHBARGER
The object of this suit is to:
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Comments Should Be Respectful

Dear Editor:

Last week, the Accomack Board of Supervisors voted in new zoning regulations for poultry-growing operations. I believe most folks agree that the new rules are an improvement.

The new regulations are not perfect — none are. However, I would like to recognize that the Accomack Board of Supervisors had a difficult task balancing an important sector of the economy with a desire to make sure that industrial chicken operations do not damage the livability of the community or harm other important sectors of the economy like tourism or aquaculture. This ordinance reflects that desire for balance.

The attendees and newspaper accounts agreed that the conversation at the public hearing was largely civil, respectful, and balanced. There were poultry growers worried that the new regulations would go too far and damage their livelihoods. There were citizens who are worried about the cumulative effect of this type of operation and whether we are fully considering the risks involved.

According to one count, there were 29 speakers, of whom 16 spoke in support of the industry. This is a difficult topic where there is no “right” answer, only levels of compromise.

Unfortunately, one board member, Vice Chairman Robert Crockett, felt it was important after the public hearing to add a speech against what he perceived as “enemies of the poultry industry.” Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore and Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper were the focus of his speech.

The core of his attack on CBES was that our recent forum was simply an “anti-poultry” rally. CBES certainly acknowledges the poultry industry was not represented on the panel. Why? Our volunteer forum organizers had concerns that the “opposing” view on poultry expansion was not being heard.

The purpose of the forum was to discuss the risks posed by the rapid growth of new houses; hence, the panel’s make-up of four scientists, a former Perdue grower, and a representative from an organization that is indeed against “factory farms.” Unfortunately, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and fire department spokespeople were unable to come.

Frankly, I also disagree with some of the panelists’ points on the industry. But their presence furthered the CBES objective to get the conversation going about the regulatory environment the industry works in and some of the risks that the poultry industry’s growth poses to our communities.

Unlike Mr. Crockett, I have few worries about citizens not being able to differentiate the extreme from the reasoned portion of the arguments. The poultry industry is also an old master of public relations and they have plenty of experts to reassure us that they pose no risks. The challenge of differentiating fact from fiction in their information is much the same. Of course, there are risks. We all need to understand them as best we can.

Of all the things I heard from our members after the meeting, what worried me the most was one long-term CBES member who felt intimidated by Mr. Crockett’s speech. She wondered if anyone who opposed his views would be personally attacked like this in the future.

I hope that the Accomack board considers carefully how chilling that sentiment could be in our local government. When a vice chairman of a Board of Supervisors takes a harsh tone, it makes a big difference. Do they really want to encourage that kind of divisiveness and anger in our community? In a time with little citizen involvement already, do you want to make it harder to hear minority viewpoints? However misguided you may perceive CBES’ actions to be, attacks led by a county supervisor always hurt our community.

CBES’ purpose is to try to keep the conversation honest and balanced so that the community can make informed decisions. Our role is particularly important when one side has the resources or power to prevent other points of view from being heard. Many times we pose uncomfortable challenges on difficult topics to important members of our community. We are hardly perfect and sometimes our passion goes too far. But our debates are always guided by the hope that we can make the Eastern Shore of Virginia “better,” even if we struggle to agree on what that means or how to get there.

Good debates make both sides think about their position and often create opportunities for compromise. But a good debate is also respectful and civil. Passion is not the same as anger and combative-ness. After the meeting, I talked to several folks who agree with Mr. Crockett’s conclusions. Even they felt he had probably gone too far and taken a tone that was too antagonistic.

I hope to have a chance to revisit the discussion with Mr. Crockett soon. In the meanwhile, CBES will continue to explore what “balanced growth” should look like in our communities.

Arthur Upshur, President, CBES

Rabies Clinics Served Hundreds

Dear Editor:

The Eastern Shore Health District would like to thank everyone who participated in this year’s low-cost rabies clinics held in Accomack and Northampton counties.

A total of 296 dogs and 146 cats were vaccinated, for a total of 442 pets that benefited from the clinics.

Kimberly Wright, E.S. Health District