Teen Dies at the Scene of Atlantic Road Crash

By Linda Cicoira

A teenager died at the scene of a traffic crash on Atlantic Road last Friday, according to 1st Sgt. B. E. Jeff Jones of the state police.

Shyasia L. Davis, 18, of Horntown, a Chincoteague High School student, was a back-seat passenger in a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu that crashed head-on into a tree. Davis was wearing a seatbelt.

The vehicle was driven by a 17-year-old Parksley resident. His name and that of another 17-year-old male, who was in the backseat, were withheld by police because they are under 18. Both were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Their condition was not included in a police report made late Monday.

The front seat passenger was identified as Krista N. Everett, 18. She was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries. She was wearing a seatbelt.

The driver was going south, less than a mile south of Bowden Lane in Assawoman when the vehicle came through a curve, ran off the right side of the road, spun around and struck the tree.

Reports state Davis was a senior at Chincoteague High. She was reported, in the initial police release, to live on Wallops Island.

The crash reconstruction team, led by Sr. Trooper Johnny Godwin, responded to the scene. Jones said, “Speed is believed to have been a factor.” Once the investigation is completed, Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan of Accomack will determine whether charges will be made, Jones added.

A search warrant for the vehicle was filed Monday in Accomack Circuit Court by Godwin. It identifies the car as belonging to Shamaka Lashawn Wharton of Leslie Trent Road in Parksley. After the crash, the vehicle was taken to Ward’s Auto Repair Shop in Accomack. Police want to search the airbag control and powertrain control modules for data “about the crash to include, but not limited to, speed and braking.”

This was “a motor vehicle crash in which the passenger was killed as a result of reckless driving,” the court papers stated. “According to the vehicle manufacturer and the Bosch Corporation, there is an airbag control module and/or a powertrain control module in the vehicle that may contain information.”

Accomack County Public Schools and its central office were closed this week so there was no information available about possible school plans for a memorial. Funeral arrangements were being made at press time by Cooper and Humbles in Accomac.

Elementary Students Demonstrate Robotics Know-How

By Ron West

A group of future Star Trek voyagers are in training at two schools in Northampton County.

Teachers Diane Crockett of Occohannock Elementary and Victoria Miller of Kiptopeke Elementary School are busy training students in Grades 1 to 6 in electronics and mechanics, both of which are being used to produce robots.

Last week, at a school board session, Crockett’s students demonstrated the robots that they had built this fall. The machines were designed to move and lift objects, not unlike the robotic arms of the now retired space shuttles. Each student commanded the robots remotely which were able to lift, move, and stack objects individually and in conjunction with other students.

For several years, students at Northampton High have built and competed with their robots while the elementary students could only sit on the sidelines and watch. This year, they can learn the skills they will need to build high-tech

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The Francis Makemie Society conducted a four-day archaeological dig in early December at the home place of Francis Makemie, the Eastern Shore’s 17th century religious leader and founder of organized Presbyterianism in America.

Under the direction of Dr. Jason Borroughs, formerly a professor of archaeology at Salisbury University and currently research archaeologist at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, volunteers dug 10-foot and five-foot square units in various locations at Makerim Park on the Francis Makemie homsite.

Fitz Godwin, chairman of the Francis Makemie Society, said an abundance of artifacts continues to be found that tell the story of the renowned 17th century theologian. Godwin also introduced Dr. Beverly Straube to the Francis Makemie Society and to the dig. Straube is an expert on 17th century artifacts and a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in London, England; founding member of Jamestown Rediscovery; and consultant to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Straube identified English black flint for black powder guns, ceramics, early wrought iron nails, window glass and an array of other artifacts previously dug from the Makemie site. The Francis Makemie Society washed the artifacts under the supervision of a former student of Borroughs, Violet Margarita-Goldkamp. Straube and the Francis Makemie Society members used the social hall of Emmanuel Episcopal Church near the dig site as a staging area. The goal of the dig was to understand Francis Makemie and how he lived by the household items found and to “cross-mend” the broken shards and display side-by-side with an intact piece, a technique known as parallelism. Promoting knowledge of Francis Makemie is the ultimate goal.

The Francis Makemie Society is non-profit organization. To find out more or to support the work of the society, go to www.francismakemiesociety.org.

Kiptopeke Wants Your Christmas Trees

Kiptopeke State Park wants Christmas trees to help protect the coastlines and boardwalk. Starting Monday, Dec. 26 through Tuesday, Jan. 10, drop off natural Christmas trees from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The purpose of this project is for dune stabilization around one of the existing boardwalks and to help restore the sand that was washed away by coastal storms. This project also aims to reduce further erosion along the beach.

The trees will be strategically placed to catch sand blown by the wind allowing dunes to grow around the trees. Over the years, the pine trees that are underneath the sand decompose and sand dunes remain. Dunes play a vital role in protecting coastlines, property and act as a protective barrier.

Trees should be dropped off at the beach next to the bathhouse. A sign will be placed in this area indicating where to place trees. Remove all tinsel prior to delivery. For more information, please call the park at 757-331-3402.

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Post Survey: Family and Friends Make Holidays Fun and Festive

By Linda Cicoira

With only a couple of days until Christmas 2016, the Eastern Shore Post asked readers about the holiday season and was overwhelmed with positive responses about family and friends.

Shawna (Nikki) Davis, of the Accomac area, said the best present she ever gave and received was “a mother’s love.” Her favorite part of Christmas is “food, fun and fellowship.” She dreads the festivities coming to an end. If money were no object, “The sky would be the limit” for presents for her loved ones.

Caretta Duncan, of Gargatha, said her favorite part is “exchanging gifts and Christmas dinner.” She would give her loves ones “whatever their hearts desired.” Duncan wishes things could go “back to simpler times” without the hustle bustle and commercial aspects.

Her coworker, Donna Belote, of Onancock, also picked the commercialism as her least favorite part of the holiday. The best Christmas gift she ever gave were “things that I made myself. When we were first married, I made Christmas wreaths out of pine cones. Gave one to my parents and one to Jimmy’s (her husband’s) parents and I think they really liked that.”

“Our first child was born in January. Late Christmas present, but the best,” Belote said. If money were no object, she would buy her daughter a needed new car “and I probably would try to help my (policeman) son out … so he wouldn’t have to do that. He’s in Oakland. It’s scary.” She wants him “to get into a different line of work.”

Her favorite part of the season is “the families and activities that we have going on at church.”

Roy Custis, of Painter, said the best present he ever gave was “a color television set many, many years ago. It was a big deal back then.” The best gift he ever got was a Cub Scout uniform.

Linda Nicola, of Onancock, said if money were no object, she would give her loved ones each a house of their own and lots of traveling. She loves the family and friends portion of the holiday but doesn’t like “shopping in the malls.”

Bruce MacMaster Jr., of Onley, fondly remembered giving his wife a coat and getting a watch from her and a wooden pistol from his godmother. With endless wealth, he would “pay all debts including college loans” for his loved ones.

MacMaster said his favorite part of the holidays is “when all children and grandchildren are together.” The worst is “after they depart” and he is “left to reminisce about old times.”

Connie Morrison, of the “Onancock suburbs,” said the best gift was her “electric blanket. And gift cards for books. Worst? There are no bad gifts.” She has four children — three are grown and on their own — and if she had a bottomless pit of cash, “I would take them all on a trip to Ireland or to Bruges, Belgium.” Morrison loves holiday baking but isn’t keen about the clean up.

Shirley Christian, of Melfa, said a computer was her favorite present. “No gift is bad when given from the heart … There’s no price tag on love and peace, and that’s what our families, country and world need right now.” She likes getting together with friends and family, but not “taking down the decorations.”

Denise Bowden, of Chincoteague, remembered paying off her Granny’s furniture. “She was buying it on time at Feldman Bros. She had it hard at times. It made my heart very happy to do that for her.”

The best gift received was “the last Christmas my Dad was alive we went to New York together. We had such a wonderful time. He passed five months later. I didn’t know it would be the last Christmas with him.” The worst was the first Christmas without him. “He always made Christmas breakfast. That was his tradition. He made the best fried potatoes!” She also would pay off mortgages and give trips if money were no object.

Her favorite part of is “Christmas Eve when all the dinners are done, Candlelight Service is over, etc. … and you are home, the fireplace is lit,
Christmas tree is glowing, all is quiet and all is peaceful.” She, too, is not fond of “the rush of it all. Go, go, go with no time to be thankful it seems.”

Kimberly Perry, of Greenbush, said a record player was the best gift she ever gave. Her favorite present was a “150-piece set of Prism colored pencils.” If money were no object, “I would give self-created paintings.”

Participants were also asked about holiday foods. More than 57 percent liked eggnog. Sixty percent liked fruitcake. A whopping 100 percent said they like cheesecake. Seventy-one percent like banana bread and red-velvet cake.

On Facebook, readers were asked about December birthdays.

“My sister, Mae-Lynn Lazenby Wall, has a birthday the day after Christmas,” wrote Nancy-Jo Revell, of Modest Town. “I leave myself notes everywhere so I don’t forget. And, I wrap her presents in birthday paper. Never combine Christmas and birthday together!”

Eric Medina, of Cape Charles, reminded folks of the reason for the season. “A baby boy named Jesus was born near this time of year in the little town of Bethlehem … He turned out to be pretty popular and provided us with many a great lesson about bringing love and peace to our lives. I have celebrated this birthday since I can remember and it always brings warmth and kindness into my heart! Merry Christmas!”

“My daughter was born ‘after’ Christmas,” wrote Linda Nicola of Onancock. “Not really close enough … but people still had gift-giving and party fatigue. My daughter was named after the town of Nazareth, i.e. Nassira. It’s where I was living in my mid-pregnancy. Our family used to celebrate her birthday in June.”

“My sweet girl was due Christmas Day, but came on the 30th,” said Ashley Kellam, who is from Exmore. “Thankfully she doesn’t understand the difference yet. Still trying to figure out what we will do to make her birthday stand out and extra special for her.”

Kathy Cummings, of Pungoteague, reported, “My grandson was born on the 23 of December. We always have a birthday party with ice cream cake so it gets saved to eat in between all the Christmas stuff. We also make sure he has as many presents as he would if his birthday was in July. So many combine the two into one present so we always let him know what a special day his birthday is.”

“So was our oldest,” MacMaster said. “We placed him under the Christmas tree when we brought him home on the 24th.”

Angie H. Crutchley, of Exmore, said the best present she gave was “Me! I was born to my precious Mom and Dad on Dec. 26, 1978. I decided to let mom know I was coming by allowing her to go in labor on Christmas Day! Oh, what a lucky, lucky gal she is!”

The best gift she ever got was from her husband. “I got engaged to my wonderful Dougie just before Christmas in 2006. The romantic he is, he bought the ring and in the parking lot handed me the bag and said, ‘You wanna marry me?’ That was so Doug’s way and I loved every minute of it.”

She likes “counting my presents leading up to Christmas Day. (I’m at 21 right now.) “On Christmas Eve, I get really excited for the next day. I sing annoying songs. I get on everyone’s nerves. Then Christmas comes and I love opening presents and eating with our family. My birthday is the very next day and that is super cool because I get a whole extra day of … presents. My current count of birthday presents is nine.

“I always get birthday presents wrapped in Christmas paper. Here, hold one back for your birthday,” she said she is told.

Carol Ann Twyford Sims, formerly of Onancock, had the same problem. “My birthday was Saturday, eight days before Christmas … When I was little I always had a cake and a present and even a couple years, a birthday party. Well, that all ended after my sister was born. No more parties but did have a cake and they always took a present from under the tree. That irked me so much. When my sister was older she always made sure she wrapped my birthday present in birthday paper. She knew how much I hated it wrapped in Christmas paper but my mother never did get the hint!”
A student demonstrates a robot created as part of the elementary robotics program in Northampton County.

Robots when they reach high school. There are about four-dozen students involved in the elementary robotics program. In January, elementary students will get a chance to show their skills at a competition at Oc cohannock Elementary.

Director of Special Programs, Karen Plowden, reported on a special education program offered at the YMCA in Onley that focuses on water safety, range of motion, gross motor skills and fine motor skills, with no expenditure of local school funds.

The board reviewed a request by Oc cohannock Band Instructor Brad Ford, to take students on an overnight field trip to Richmond from April 20-23, 2017. They will compete and go to Kings Dominion Park. The cost will be $250 each and will be paid by fundraisers. Lawrence noted his concern over the length of the event. He said another band competition for other students was approved so it would be difficult to disapprove this one. The board approved the request, it also agreed to review its policy on future overnight trips.

Chairman Skip Oakley announced the 2017 graduation will take place on Saturday, June 17. The next school board meeting will be held Jan. 12.

Eastern Shore Leads Ag Production

By Linda Cicoira

The Eastern Shore was listed as the leading producer of wheat in Virginia for 2016 in statistics released recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Acomack growers lead the state by harvesting 772,000 bushels from 14,100 acres. Northampton was next with 605,000 bushels. They were followed by 549 bushels in Essex County; 546,000 in Northumberland County; and 506,000 in Westmoreland County.

Loudoun County had the highest yields at more than 72 bushels per acre. Acomack and Northampton did not list in the top five for that category.

“The 2016 wheat crop is one farmers are glad to have behind them and one that they hope won’t repeat itself soon,” said Herman Ellison, the state’s statistician. “A cold, wet spring limited yield potential and increased disease rates. Average yield statewide was the lowest since 2010.”

“Virginia farmers harvested 9.28 million bushels of winter wheat in 2016, down 33 percent from the previous year,” the report stated. “Yield averaged 53 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from 2015. Farmers seeded 210,000 acres last fall, down 50,000 acres from 2015. Area harvested for grain totaled 175,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 35,000.”

A 2007 report showed Northampton leading the wheat harvest with 1,324,268 bushels. At that time, Acomack was second with 980,123 bushels.

Northampton was the leading barley producer for 2016 with 79,300 bushels harvested from 1,110 acres. It was followed respectively by Westmoreland, Shenandoah, Hanover and Rockingham counties.

Northampton also led with the highest barley yield with 71.4 bushels per acre. Respectively, it was followed by Westmoreland with 68.5 bushels per acre, Rockingham with 64.3, Shenandoah with 61.3 and Hanover with 60. “Yields were reduced due to the spring freeze and quality was variable,” Ellison said.

Estimates for corn and soybeans are anticipated in February. Hay estimates will be out in April.

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Mountain Dew Cake
From Shirley Christian

Ingredients
Cake
1 box Duncan Hines Lemon Supreme cake mix
1 (3.4 oz) box lemon Jello instant pudding mix
4 large eggs
1 1/2 cups Mountain Dew soda
1/2 cup oil

Glaze
1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup Mountain Dew soda

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-cup bundt cake/tube pan. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix with the pudding mix. Add the eggs and oil, then slowly add the Mountain Dew. Mix at medium speed until blended. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let the cake cool in the pan for five minutes, then transfer cake to a wire rack.

Glaze directions:
While cake is still slightly warm, melt butter in a saucepan over low heat. Add sugar and Mountain Dew to the melted butter. Turn up heat and bring to a boil, stirring often. Boil for two minutes and remove from heat. Poke holes in cake with a wooden skewer or the tines of a fork, then spoon hot glaze over cake. Cool completely before serving. For a festive look, sprinkle powdered sugar over cake.

Share!

Chocolate Macaroons
From Linda Cicoira

5 1/2 cups sweetened shredded coconut
12-ounce can condensed milk
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients and bake on a parchment paper lined baking dish for 10-12 minutes. Let cool and dip into melted semi-sweet chocolate. Yippee!

Quick Apple Cake
From Sally Tuttle

Ingredients
3/4 cup of sugar
1/4 soft butter
1 egg
1/2 cup whole milk
1 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
5-6 McIntosh apples, peeled and cut into wedges

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cream together sugar, butter and egg. Stir in milk. Add dry ingredients and blend. Spread into 9-inch prepared pan. Insert apples into batter in a star-burst pattern adding as many as possible.
Mix together 1 teaspoon of cinnamon and 2 tablespoons of sugar. Sprinkle on cake. Bake for 25 to 35 minutes. Serve!

Holiday Favorites

Custard Eggnog
From Connie Morrison

Ingredients
6 cups milk
2 cups heavy cream
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
12 pasteurized egg yolks
2 cups sugar
Praline, chocolate or bourbon liqueur (optional)
Freshly ground nutmeg

Cook milk, heavy cream and nutmeg in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 5 to 7 minutes or until steaming (about 150 degrees). Reduce heat to low.
Whisk together egg yolks and sugar in a large saucepan until smooth. Cook over low heat, whisking constantly, until mixture reaches at least 160 degrees (about 25 minutes).
Whisk milk mixture into egg mixture. Cool 30 minutes. Transfer to a pitcher. Cover and chill 3 to 24 hours. Pour desired amount of praline, chocolate or bourbon liqueur into each glass, if desired. Top with egg nog. Sprinkle with freshly ground nutmeg.

Yum!

Chocolate Nut Drops
From Elizabeth Bonniwell

Ingredients
2 cups sugar
2 squares chocolate
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
2/3 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 cups oats
1 cup coconut
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Combine sugar, chocolate, salt, syrup and milk in medium sized sauce pan. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, to 236 degrees or soft-boil stage. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla, butter, oats, coconut and nuts. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Delicious!
Accomack Circuit Court
An Accomack Circuit Court jury convicted a Mappsville man last week of a third or subsequent offense of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.
It took the panel about 80 minutes to find Caron Ele Walker, 37, of Williams Street, guilty of the charge. The jury went back to deliberate a sentence. It took them five minutes to decide to recommend he get 10 years in prison.
The crime occurred Nov. 5, 2014. At the start of the trial, Judge W. Revell Lewis III dismissed another charge of distribution of cocaine, after the prosecutor motioned for the move.
Sentencing was delayed until a presentence report could be prepared by a probation officer. Walker was remanded to jail with sentencing tentatively set for April 3.

Accomack General District
Three women were recently charged with felonies, according to records filed in Accomack General District Court.
Courtney Bowden, 23, of Hallwood Road in Hallwood, was charged with six counts of forgery, three counts of obtaining money by false pretenses and a count of buying or receiving stolen property. The incidents occurred Oct. 7, 2016. She was arrested Nov. 30. Deputy W.L. Heath investigated. A January preliminary hearing was scheduled.
Alyssa Lee-Ann Beebe, 23, of Metompkin Road in Modest Town, was charged with a Schedule I or II drug. The offense occurred Dec. 14, 2016. She was arrested the same day.
Her status on the online court records site shows she is in custody. Officer B. Green of the Chincoteague Police Department investigated. A February preliminary hearing was set.
Camesha White, 31, of Fleming Road in New Church, is accused of intentional damage of property on Aug. 20, 2016. She was arrested Nov. 30. Deputy N.J. Bogan investigated. She was released on her own recognizance. A January preliminary was scheduled.

Northampton Circuit Court
Two local men were convicted of felonies Monday in Northampton Circuit Court, according to Commonwealth's Attorney Bruce Jones.
Khalil Ahmadge Upshur, 21, of Machipongo, was found guilty of burglary, grand larceny and credit card theft in connection with a Dec. 15, 2015 incident. Markiece O'Bryant Harmon, 31, of Parksley, pleaded guilty to the same charges.
Sentencings were delayed pending completion of presentence reports.

Northampton General District
A Northampton man was charged with a felony earlier this month.
Arthur Willis Bender, 47, of Cape Charles, was accused of destruction of property in connection with a Dec. 6, 2016 incident, according to records filed in the county general district court. He was arrested the next day and was released on his own recognizance. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for February.

Thanking Veterans
The Eastern Shore Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) partnered with Accawmacke Elementary students to make Veteran’s Day cards. Pictured are (front) Brooklyn Allman, Sonny Rudiger, Alex Bundick, (middle row) Carly Waterfield, Toryn Ibarra, Nathan Godwin, Briana Zavala, Gavin Sample, (back row) AES Librarian Nikki Bernard, DAR Regent Sarah Bingman and AES Principal Javon Thompson.
Obituaries

Former Shore Man Laid to Rest

Mr. Lewis Roberson “Punkin” Justis passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016.

Born in Nassawadox, Mr. Justis was the son of the late Elwood Thomas Justis and Hattie Hickman Justis. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Rebecca Campbell Justis; his daughter Tracey Hauck (Shon), of Charlotte, N.C.; his son, Bobby Justis, of Virginia; one brother, Paul Justis (Nicole), of Virginia; and four grandchildren, Alex Justis; his daughter, Danielle Pamela Litton, of Princess Anne; and Abigail Hauck, all of Charlotte.

A memorial service for Mr. Justis was held Dec. 18 at Greene Funeral Home Northwest Chapel, 2133 Ebenezer Rd., Rock Hill, S.C. Condolences may be made at www.greenefuneralhome.net

2015 Arcadia Graduate Passes


He was born in Fort Bragg, N.C., on Aug. 24, 1996, to William Herold Sr. and Diane (Pinkston) Massey. He was a graduate of the Arcadia Firebirds Class of 2015.

His passion was for welding but he loved to skateboard, surf and snowboard.

Mr. Herold is survived by his mother, Jamie, of Greenbackville; his father, of Grand Junction, Colo., a brother, William “Willie” Dale Herold Jr. (Alex) of Nellis AFB, Nev.; two aunts, Nanette Sales of Stockton, Md., and Sandy Bowden (Jimmy) of Assawoman; six uncles, Roger Pinkston (Andrea) of Stafford, Va., Garry Pinkston of Chincoteague Island, Mike Massey (Mary) of Salisbury, Kent Massey (Wendy) of Stockton, Jeff Massey (Dana) of Greenbackville, Jay Massey (Amy) of War Trace, Tenn.; grandparents, Barbara and Jack Gray of Modest Town; and several cousins.

He was preceeded in death by his grandfather, Olen Pinkston, and his grandmother, Mary Pinkston.

A memorial service was held Dec. 21 at the Union Baptist Church on Chincoteague Island with the Rev. Kevin Eley officiating.

Interment will be held in the John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery in Temperanceville.

Memorial donations may be made to Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Building fund, P.O. Box 691, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Arrangements were made by Salyer Funeral Home Inc. on Chincoteague Island.

Nassawadox Native Dies

Mr. Daniel Paige Thornton, 65, of Delmar, Md., husband of Margaret “Hope” Thornton, passed away on Dec. 15, 2016, at his residence.

Born on Aug. 15, 1951, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Milton Paige Thornton and Georgie Kilmon Thornton. Daniel had served in the National Guard and was a cable technician.

Other than his wife, survivors include two daughters, Danielle Pamela Litton, of Pocomoke City, and Crystal Lynn Woods, of Public Landing, Md.; a step-daughter, Katherine Steininger, of Randalstown, Md.; a sister, Sandra Fitchett, of Parksley; two brothers, Harry Thomas Thornton, of Hallwood and Alvin Dennis Thornton of Messong; and six grandchildren, Cali Litton, Ellie Litton and Gavin Litton from Pocomoke City, and Shelby Woods, Seth Woods and Skylar Woods, from Public Landing.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 18 at Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley. Interment will be private at a later date.

Arrangements were by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Long-Time Chairman of School Board Dies

Mr. Robert “Bob” L. Parker Sr., of Belle Haven, died on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital with his wife of 59 years by his side. Born on April 12, 1935, in Salisbury, he was a son of the late William S. and Gladys Vaughn Parker.

Mr. Parker graduated from the University of Maryland and went on to serve in the U. S. Airforce, retiring as Lt. Col. He traveled in the military with his wife working as a civilian R.N. years before returning to the Eastern Shore to begin an auto parts and petroleum business with his father-in-law, the late Harry W. Drummond. He later became co-owner of H.W. Drummond Inc. with his brother-in-law, Sam Taylor. Mr. Parker retired and his son, Harry Drummond Parker, is now the owner of the family business.

He was dedicated to his family and to his community. He always made time for his family, worked hard and was a friend to many. He was the first to offer a helping hand to anyone in need and was a member of numerous community organizations including Ruritans, Masons, Shriners, and the Moose, where he attained the highest honor of the degree of Pilgrim. He believed in helping children attain their best education and served as a member, and later, chairman of the Acomack County School Board. He also served on the BB&T Bank Board and was a member of the Craddockville UMC.

He was an avid swimmer, working his way through college by lifeguarding on the beaches of Ocean City. He enjoyed diving, fishing and boating on the Chesapeake Bay.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Sue Drummond Parker; his daughter, Jody Parker Baggett (Richard); and his son, Harry Drummond Parker (Barbara). He is also survived by four grandchildren, Alexandra Bernard (Shane), Kristen, Kelsey and Robert Parker.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers, William and Vaughn, and his son, Robert L. Parker Jr.

A graveside service was conducted Dec. 21 at Belle Haven Cemetery with Pastor Rob Kelly officiating. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Robert L. Parker Jr. Memorial Scholarship, c/o Exmore Moose Lodge #683, P.O. Box 1227, Exmore, VA 23350.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Harborton Man Dies

Mr. Antony Massey DeVilbiss, 75, of Harborton, passed away at his home on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016.

Born Oct. 16, 1941, in Richmond, Mr. DeVilbiss was the son of the late James D. DeVilbiss and Anna Massey DeVilbiss. He served his country in the U.S. Army, and was a former stock broker with Scott & Stringfellow.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Catherine Moomaw; two nieces, Anna Massey Rudisill and Mary Robertson Thorne; and a nephew, Benjamin F. Moomaw.

A graveside funeral service was conducted Dec. 19 from the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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Service Held for Bloxom Man

Mr. Garmon Lee Durham, 82, of Bloxom, husband of Nancy Taylor Durham, passed away on Dec. 16, 2016, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born on Sept. 15, 1934, in Mears, he was the son of the late Edward Durham and Ivy Miles Durham. He was an Army veteran and was a farmer, carpenter and waterman.

Other than his wife, survivors include two sons, Michael Durham, of Florida, and Eddie Durham and Linda Taylor of Bloxom; three daughters, Susan Annis, of Greenbush, Janet Sharpe (Curtis), of Bloxom, and Patsy English (Brent), of Bloxom; nine grandchildren, Rachel, Michael, Candace, Carrie, Kyle, Donald, Tracey, Kimberly and Christina; and six great-grandchildren, B.J., Savannah, Carlee, Alexis, Addison and Kylie.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 19 at the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley. Interment followed in the Wessells Cemetery in Mears.

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

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.
Local Non-Profit Coaches Students On-Court and Off

Submitted Article and Photos
A local non-profit organization established to coach students on the basketball court is giving them off-court lessons to help get them ready for college.

Thirty students attended seven pre-college awareness and planning sessions organized by Walker Sports Group Inc. The students met at Nandua High School over three weekends in October, November, and December.

Through the workshops, students were encouraged to develop a plan to become college-bound and acquire the belief that college is accessible for everyone. Topics covered included choosing a college preparatory course schedule and extra-curricular involvement. Students discussed plans for taking required standardized test, and participated in activities which would motivate them to pursue a college education.

A network of adult mentors, provided support through assessing students career interests, as well as researching colleges which might be a good fit to pursue individual goals. Mentors included Rhonda Hall, of Accomack County Public Schools (ACPS); Bonita Byrd, of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES); Veronica Byrd, of ACPS; Diane Drake, of the Community College of Baltimore County; Wayne Bell Jr., of Therapeutic Interventions; Chevelle Mason, of Eastern Shore Community College; Chester Hall Jr., of GOODLIFE; and Ronnie Holden, of the Accomack County School Board.

For more information about Walker Sports Group, or to support its work, go to www.walkersportsgroup.com

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EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

Nandua Defeats Essex; Falls to Laurel in Tri-Meet

Story and Photos By Krystle Bono

The Nandua Warriors hosted the Essex Trojans and the Laurel Bulldogs last Wednesday evening in Onley, where the team finished, 1-1.

Nandua faced Essex first and defeated the visiting Trojans, 51-18.

First on the mat was the 120-pound weight class, featuring Warrior Devon Nieves, who pinned Logan Scheflein of Essex, in one-minute and six seconds. Jack Schreiber followed suit in the 126 match and pinned his opponent, Richard Carson, with a fall time of 1:40.

The 132 weight earned Essex six points due to a forfeit to Keyshawn Brown; Nandua’s James Burr added six to Nandua’s score when he pinned Arthur Bourne in 48 seconds during the 138 battle. Hunter Cobb grabbed a forfeit at 145 for Nandua and Zachary Mitchell, Nandua’s 152, topped Diondre George in 152 by a 13-8 decision.

A double forfeit followed in the 160 weight class. Matthew Teasley of Nandua won his 170 match over Rayshawn Norris by a 4:28 fall time. Essex’s 182 and 195, Anthony Tunstall and Geondre Bundy, each earned a forfeit in their respective weights.

Nandua’s 220, Joseph Castiglia, won by pin over Noah Acree with a fall time of 1:15. Warrior Jaheim Gaskins and Kyle Sosnowski both received forfeits in the 285 and 106 weights, resting the final score, 51-18, in favor of Nandua.

The Warriors’ next match resulted in a 60-15 loss to the Bulldogs.

Laurel’s Isaiah Jenkins started things off in the 120 weight class when he pinned Nandua’s Devon Nieves in 43 seconds. Warrior Jack Schreiber earned his second win of night over Woo Fosque by decision of 12-5 at 126.

The Bulldogs added six more to-
Firebirds Shatter Warriors’ Win Streak; Ponies Trump Yellow Jackets

By Krystle Bono

The Arcadia Firebirds girls’ varsity club broke the Nandua Warriors’ undefeated record last Thursday night in Oak Hall.

The Warriors, who entered the Eastern Shore District matchup on a five-game win streak, fell to their rivals by just three points, 47-44. The Firebirds went into the matchup after winning their last two contests against the Ponies and the Yellow Jackets before adding the Warriors to the list.

Arcadia led the first period, posting 12 points to the Warriors’ six. Nandua came back and tallied 12 over the Firebirds’ eight in the second, but they were still trailing, 20-18 by the halftime horn.

Dominating the third quarter were the Firebirds when they posted four more points than the Warriors, who netted 12 to add to their total, leaving the score, 36-30, as the teams entered the last eight minutes of play.

Nandua managed to out-shoot Arcadia in the final quarter, putting up 14 points to their rivals’ 11, however, it was not quite enough to tip the scoreboard in the Warriors’ favor, and they ultimately fell, 47-44. This now propels the Firebirds to a three-game win streak of their own as they demolished Nandua’s clean sweep.

Arcadia, which will be aiming to extend its streak to four, is set to hit the court again on Dec. 29, for a tournament at Crisfield High School.

The Warriors will go on the road to Norfolk on Jan. 6, 2017, to face the Norfolk Christian Ambassadors at 7 p.m.

In Chincoteague last Thursday, the Ponies trumped the Yellow Jackets during their first meeting of the season, 54-39. The Ponies now hold a 4-3 overall record.

Chincoteague will be back at it again for its first away game of the new year on Jan. 3, to play Salisbury Christian.

Northampton will host its first game of 2017 on Jan. 3, in Eastville against the Charles City County Panthers.

The Broadwater Viking girls defeated the StoneBridge Cavaliers last Thursday in Exmore, 56-27.

Broadwater will face the Atlantic Shores Christian Seahawks on Jan. 3, 2017, when the Vikings will look to move on their 3-1 season record.
Boys' Basketball Action

By Krystle Bono

Last Thursday, the Northampton Yellow Jackets met the Chincoteague Ponies on their home court in Eastville. The Ponies, who brought with them a 2-4 season record, fell to the Yellow Jackets, 78-61, giving the home team a fresh 4-2 record to enter the new year.

Northampton’s 78 points were led by Jawaun Bell, who netted 22 points in the win; Sheldon Payne posted 18 to the board and Antonio Robinson rounded out the scoring leaders with 16.

Tamaze Brisco led the team in rebounds with 10; Robinson also helped lead in rebounds with seven. Leading the team with six assists was Bell, followed by Payne with five.

Monday, Dec. 26, is next on the schedule for the Yellow Jackets, who will travel to Surry to play in the Surry Christmas Tournament. The Ponies will not be gracing the basketball court again until after the holidays on Jan. 3, when they head to Salisbury Christian.

The Nandua Warriors battled the Arcadia Firebirds in Onley last Thursday and after a tight back-and-forth race, the Warriors came out on top, 49-45. Nandua also defeated the Rappahannock Raiders in an out-of-town contest on Saturday, 45-42, giving the squad a 5-2 overall record.

Next up for the Warriors is a tournament at Crisfield High School on Dec. 29. The Firebirds will also be joining Nandua in the tournament in Crisfield as their next meeting.

The Broadwater Academy Vikings dropped their away contest on Saturday against the Summit Christian Academy Eagles, 79-51. The team’s next matchup will be Jan. 3, 2017, in Chesapeake versus the Atlantic Shores Christian Seahawks at 7 p.m.

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Community Notes

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• Dec. 23: 8 p.m.—Festive Fridays: FREE Christmas Movie “Christmas Vacation”—Historic Palace Theater, Cape Charles
• Dec. 24: 8 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service—Downing’s UMC, Oak Hall
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• Dec. 24: 10 p.m.—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—St. George’s Episcopal Church, Princess Anne, Md.
• Dec. 25: 9 p.m.—Christmas Day Service—Craddockville UMC—Children can come in their pajamas
• Dec. 24: 10 p.m.—Christmas Eve Service—New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Painter
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BEIGE NUCKUR LEATHER BERKLINE RECLINER, LOVESEAT - Paid $1,700. Asking $400. 757-894-8677.

RESIDENTIAL HEATING BOILER - Columbia FGT30C, 96K BTU output, runs on gas. 757-694-8524.

Overrounded Wheelchair - Never been used. Brand new batteries installed Mar. 1, $1,100. Call 789-7648 or 710-0608.

Brazilian Redwood/ MAS S A R A N D U B A FLOORING - Never been installed. 687 sq. ft. Custom milled w/tongue & groove. On pallets inside a building in Nassawadox. 25,000 OBO. 757-710-8125.

Taylor Triple-Head Soft-Serve Ice Cream Machine - Bought new; only used 6 mos. $165. 757-894-0136.

Mobile Homes

2 BR MOBILE HOME IN WITAMHS - 1BA, LR, Kitchen with Appliances, Gas Heat & AC, $650/mo. + $950/sec. dep. 757-787-8590.

2- & 3-BDRM mobile homes rent starts at $550 per month. Refrigerator/range/washer/dryer hook-up. Weekly trash pick-up/water/sewer are included in rent. Transit Bus Service. No pets. 757-824-0315

HOLLAND HILL RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY 2927 Tyler Drive New Church, VA 23145

TRAILER lots - Land lots available to lease for singlewide trailer homes at Modest Town Trailer Park. Call Carl at 410-262-3070.

You’ll Love The Classifieds
**Rentals - Apts.**

**1BR - Downstairs Apt.**

- In Exmore: $550/mo. & $550/deposit. No pets. 757-442-7507 or 757-350-9513 (leave message)

**Rentals - Houses**

**Hartley Hall Senior Housing**

- in Pocomoke City, Md., is accepting applications for 1-bedroom and efficiency apartments in an elderly housing subsidized apartment complex. Contact 410-957-2252 for application or visit office at 1006 Market Street in Pocomoke City. Equal Housing Opportunity

**ONANCOCK OR ONLEY**


**Rentals - Office Space**

**BRICK HISTORICAL BLDG. FOR RENT OR SALE**


**OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT**

- 100 Mason Ave., Cape Charles - Office Suites and individual offices available. All utilities included except internet/phone. Please email miriam.elton@eltonassocinc.com for detailed information.

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**Rentals - Mobile Homes in Northern ACC. CTY. FOR RENT**

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**MOBILE HOME PARTS**

- for sale. Dreamland Homes, Rt. 13, Acocoma, VA. 757-2823.
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Va. Code §15.2-2204 that the Town Council and Planning Commission of the Town of Painter, Virginia will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Painter Town Office, 17118 Wayside Drive in the Town, to consider the following proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance of the town:

(1) To amend Article XIII relating to Zoning Fee Schedule as follows: Copies of Zoning Ordinance: $45.00 for entire ordinance or $0.50 per page, whichever is the lesser; Copies of Town Comprehensive Plan: $30.00 for entire plan or $0.50 per page, whichever is the lesser; Copies of Subdivision Ordinance: $5 for entire ordinance or $0.50 per page, whichever is the lesser; Review of proposed plans and site plans by town staff: $10.00 per hour of staff time; Approval of New Subdivisions: $600.00; Proceedings for Vacation or Revision of Recorded Plats Requiring Advertising and Public Hearing: $600.00; Zoning Permit (Including Sign Permits): $10.00 per hour of staff time; Special Use Permit: $600.00; Variance: $600.00; Rezoning: $600.00; Citizen Initiated Amendment to Zoning Ordinance: $600.00; Amendment to Town Comprehensive Plan: $600.00; Water Quality Impact Assessment Review: $600.00; (6) Appeals to Board of Zoning Appeals: $1200.00 Bond Refundable on Condition of Appellant Success on Appeal

(2) To amend Article IV of zoning ordinance (sign ordinance) to comply with the holding of the United States Supreme Court in Reed, Et Al v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona, Et Al, No.13-502 (June 18, 2015) requiring that sign ordinance be content neutral. Specifically, the proposed amendments would:

(a) Require that all outdoor signs, flags, banners, street display message devices, etc. (referred to herein as “signs”) be erected on private property by owner of property or with written consent of owner of property;
(b) Require that all signs must be located at least 15 feet from a road right of way;
(c) Require that all signs shall be built and maintained to be structurally safe and intact and designed so as not to create safety hazards or safety distractions for traffic on nearby streets;
(d) Provide that signs meeting all other requirements of law and with message areas of no more than sixteen square feet require no permit from the zoning administrator;
(e) Provide that signs of more than 16 square feet to 32 square feet require a permit from the zoning administrator;
(f) Provide that signs >32 square feet are prohibited;
(g) Provide that, if a sign supporting structure has more than one message area, each message area will be considered a separate sign for the purpose of applying the size standards of the ordinance.

(3) To amend Article VII of the zoning ordinance to exempt the following improvements from the requirement of a zoning permit:

(a) Construction, such as new or replacement windows or doors, repaintting or refinishing, reroofing, or re-siding, which does not change or enlarge the footprint of an existing structure;
(b) Structures, such as fences or yard walls of up to 6 feet in height that do not impair emergency ingress or egress, that are for the purpose of physically enclosing, in whole or in part, an area of land, or for physically dividing one or more portions of a parcel from another portion of such parcel; (c) Miscellaneous structures, such as yard swings, swing sets, and gazebos provided that the sideyard or setback requirement that would be otherwise applicable are met; (d) Accessory buildings of up to two hundred square feet of print provided they meet the setback and sideyard requirements of the zoning ordinance that would be applicable if a permit were required; (e) Excavation or cultivation of land for agricultural, horticultural, home garden, or lawn maintenance purposes; (f) Excavation for purposes of installing or repair of utilities that are otherwise allowed without zoning permit from the Town; (g) Sidewalks, including excavation necessary for the installation or repair thereof; (h) Swimming pools that are of such size or construction that they do not require any Accomack County building permit provided that the setback and sideyard requirements that would be otherwise applicable are met; (i) Swimming pools meeting the requirements for an Accomack County building permit provided that the setback and sideyard requirements of the zoning ordinance that would be otherwise applicable are met.

(4) To delete §III-2.2 I. in its entirety to conform Article III with the town deregulation of certain swimming pools contained in Proposal #3 above.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance will be available for public review at the Painter Town Office prior to the public hearing. The public hearing will be held during the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council and a special meeting of the Planning Commission.
LEGAL NOTICES

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

CIVIL CASE NO. 16CL348

vs.

EFFIE TOPPING, if living
CARRIE PERRY

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

Standing in the name of Effie Topping, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to determine whether Effie Topping is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of her heirs, devisees and successors in title; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Effie Topping; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Carrie Perry whose last known post office address is P.O. Box 1372, Parksley, VA 23421.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 30, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 9th day of December, 2016
Nancy-Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)898-7000

NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercrafts have been abandoned for more than 60 DAYS on the property of Jacob Floyd, 6076 Harmantown Rd., Machipongo, VA, 757-374-2300.

A Blue '89 Glassmaster 16-ft. boat, HIN: GPCLR228H889 reg. #VA9404YY. A Grey '88 Bonito 16-ft. boat, HIN: BNTZ184K788 reg. #VA6007WW. A White '95 Donzi 15-ft. boat, HIN: DNAJ102HFI95 reg. #MA9889KH.

Application for Watercraft Registration/Title will be made in accordance with Section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries with questions.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2017, in the Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue in Cape Charles. The purpose is to hear public comment regarding an application for a variance from the off-street parking regulation at 1 Fig Street (tax map #83A3-1-534). Immediately following the public hearing the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet to consider the application.

Copies of the permit application are available for review in the Town Planner’s Office at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles Town Hall, and online at www.capecharles.org. For handicap assistance, please call (757) 331-3259 ext 15, or email planner@capecharles.org at least 48 hours in advance.

Notice of Public Hearing

The undersigned Substitute Trustee by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust from Gregory George Lewis dated April 10, 2003, and recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. 200302561, upon being requested to do so by the noteholder, and that certain instrument appointing the undersigned Substitute Trustee, dated November 15, 2016, duly recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office as Instrument Number 160004694, will sell at public auction, subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be required in cash on the date of sale with liberty to the purchaser to pay as much more in cash on that day as he might desire. The balance not so paid in cash to be evidenced by a note of the purchaser, payable thirty days from date with interest at 9% from date of sale, and with personal security should the undersigned Trustee require it. Title to the premises to be retained as additional security until the full amount of the purchase price has been paid. Bidders may be required to offer proof of a satisfactory financial condition prior to Trustee’s acceptance of their bid.

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Upon payment in full of the purchase price the purchaser to be entitled to a deed for said property upon same properly prepared at his expense conveying said property with SPECIAL WARRANTY of title and tendered to the undersigned Trustee for execution.

For further information apply to the undersigned Trustee.

Given under my hand this the 28th day of November, 2016.

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P.O. Box 577
Accomack, VA 23301
757-787-2770

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following matters.

A) Special Use Permit 2016-11: Arthur & Carol Upshur have applied to obtain a minor special use permit for an accessory single-family detached dwelling unit, on-site installation of a major special use permit for a minor special use permit for an accessory single-family residential uses 4(a)). The property is located at 13586 Solitude Trail in Machipongo; it is described as Tax Map 48-A-5, is zoned Agriculture/Rural Business and includes approximately 7.6 acres.

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will also conduct a public hearing on the above item on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers.

The application will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Department of Planning & Zoning located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA. Anyone wishing to comment on the above item is invited to attend the meetings and make their comments known.

Handicapped Assistance Available: Please call (757) 678-0440 extension 516 at least 48 hours in advance.

Peter M. Stith, AICP
Long Range Planner
Development Department

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
522 Strawberry Street
Cape Charles, VA 23310

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $150,000.00, dated February 8, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Northampton County on February 10, 2006, as Instrument Number 060004926, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA on January 18, 2017 at 1:30 PM, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Lot E on a plat entitled “Property of W.A. Dickinson, Strawberry Street & Jefferson Ave., Cape Charles, Virginia, C,D,E,G, Subdivision of Original Lots Number 193 & 196”, made by G.H. Badger, C.S., recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Northampton, Virginia, in Plat Book 6, page 48, Tax ID: 831-8-8.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder’s deposit of $10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in cash, certified or cashier’s check. No more than $9,000 cash will be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

This is a communication from a debt collector. Loan Type: Conv/Conv (Trustee #571590)
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC, C/O Atlantic Law Group, LLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177, (703) 777-7101, website: http://www.atlanticlawgrp.com
FEI # 1074.05198 12/16/2016, 12/23/2016

 infield of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 31, 2014, and recorded at Instrument Number 201404214 in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally $169,136.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

January 19, 2017 at 1:30 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain lot or land situate near Onley, Lee Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as Lot No. 12, containing 0.689 Acres, as shown on a certain plat of survey captioned “Subdivision Plat of Village at Deer Point Subdivision of Tax Parcel #09300A000006500, Lee Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, for KJJA, LLC”, dated October 2, 2007, made by Shoreline Surveyors, which plat is recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack as Document No. 200706450, and in Plat book 2007, at page 171 and 172, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

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

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

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com

TRUSTEE SALE
14433 Broadway Road, Onancock, VA 23417
Accomack County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $240,000.00, dated May 21, 2004 recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. 200403496, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, on January 10, 2017 at 10:30 AM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Containing 7 acres, more or less, bounded on the Northwest and North, by Onancock Creek near its entrance to Chesapeake Bay; on the East, by the land of J. L. Murray, and by the land of E. C. Keller Jr. and wife; and, on the South and Southwest, by the said Route 641, and the land of J. O. Laine, with improvements thereon.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE LAND CONVEYED IN DEED DATED 03/23/00, IN BOOK 826, PAGE 00246.

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of $20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than $10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicing including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser’s sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (48482)
5040 Corporate Woods Drive, Suite 120
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
757-457-1460 - Call between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.siwp.net

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**By Connie Morrison**

Having watched several versions of “A Christmas Carol” this year, including my favorite, “The Muppet Christmas Carol,” I am struck by a phrase. Not the one where Scrooge muses that he would like to “boil in his own pudding” every idiot who goes about with ‘Merry Christmas’ on his lips,” though that one is an attention grabber, to be sure. No, the one I’m thinking about is “keeping Christmas.”

“You keep Christmas in your way, and let me keep it in mine,” Scrooge admonishes his nephew, Fred. After Scrooge’s transformation, in the closing paragraphs, it was said that Scrooge “knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man ever possessed the knowledge.” (Maybe I should have issued a “spoil-alert,” although I can’t imagine any person not knowing the end to that story.)

What in the Dickens could Dickens have meant? Certainly not to keep all the presents, because the phrase appears after Scrooge’s redemption, so we can mark that one off.

The “Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words of the 14th Century, 10th Edition” published in 1881, provided a definition of “keep” that means “to follow the example of.” Was he saying that Scrooge never reverted from his overnight metamorphosis, remaining a man of generosity, following the example of Christ? That’s one explanation.

I conducted an informal office survey about the meaning of “keeping Christmas well.” Answers ranged from “sharing the Christmas spirit,” to “keeping it special,” to “sharing your quesadilla.” (You never know what you’ll get when questions are pitched to the entire office. I’m sure teachers can relate.) If we eliminate the obvious outlier, we’re left with “sharing Christmas spirit,” and “sharing your quesadilla,” so I’m going to say sharing is the common theme. That sounds right, and lines up with the lessons from “A Christmas Carol.”

The website [www.historytoday.com](http://www.historytoday.com) suggests that Dickens was largely responsible for Christmas as we know it, because the story was written during a time when the observance of Christmas was falling from favor. Industrialism had people working long hours, like the character Bob Cratchit, and the church discouraged frivolities such as those nephew Fred enjoyed in his household. But the tale of Mr. Scrooge and his ultimate redemption proved so popular that it helped to reignite Victorian interest in Christmas and creating customs and traditions.

Every family has its own traditions. In our household, the holiday isn’t complete until everyone has been called, since my immediate family resides in seven states. I’ll cook a big dinner and complain about the dishes, then make a pitcher of custard eggnog and retire to my recliner with my feet facing the pellet stove and drink way too much of it from my hand-painted wine glass from Linda Cicioia. I’ll fall asleep watching “A Christmas Story” or “How The Grinch Stole Christmas” under the lights of the Christmas tree (red lights only). We’ll go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, and wish a “Merry Christmas” to everyone, and really mean it. We’ll pray for peace on earth, and really, really mean it. And we’ll pledge to keep that spirit alive throughout the year and really, really, really mean it.

So you keep Christmas in your way, and keep it well. Honor it in your hearts. Share your quesadillas. Merry Christmas, everyone!

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**Area Non-Profits Say, “Thanks!”**

**Dear Editor:**

With the holiday season upon us, I would like to extend well wishes from the members of the Boys and Girls Club, Eastern Shore Unit. As chairman of the board of directors of our local Boys and Girls Club, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know the support of the Eastern Shore community has given our members the greatest gift of all — hope and a vision for a successful life.

Our 200 or so members from both Accomack and Northampton counties, ranging in age from 5 to 18, start their programs each weekday after school at Occohannock Elementary School in Exmore. They first receive a nutritious hot meal, then break up in age groups to complete their homework with the help of tutors before spilling into the gym for supervised games and physical activities. Along the way they are taught important life lessons that lead to our youth making good choices in today’s world.

Fifty-nine percent of our club members come from single parent homes. Seventy percent of our participants qualify for free and reduced-price lunch at school. We served more than 20,000 meals last year. What the Boys and Girls Club does daily is not possible without the generous support and sponsorship of donors from our community. Many of you donated last year, and we are thankful!

One example of that tremendous support is our recent fundraiser, Swine and Wine, held in October. With the donation of an outstanding venue, food from local restaurants and businesses and the support of sponsors and individual contributors, the Boys and Girls Club, Eastern Shore Unit, grossed over $23,000 with only $2,000 in expenses, meaning more dollars for our mission of improving the lives of our youth, especially those who need us most.

If you want to see for yourself, come visit us at Occohannock Elementary School after school or any summer weekday, when we are open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our members are our best ambassadors. We have youth who have become honor roll students since joining the Boys and Girls Club, members who have won the Youth of the Year award in the South-eastern Region, and many youth who are now motivated to have academic success and make good life choices for a better future.

And that is a gift many of you have helped provide with your support. Thank you.

**Bill Payne**

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