Board Orders Overhaul of Accomack Schools Central Office

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack’s School Board approved a surprise reorganization plan in a 6-2-1 vote Tuesday night that essentially fires top administrators, redistributes the workload and then opens the application process to all, including the former job holders.

“This is not about eliminating people from their positions,” Superintendent Dr. Kregg Cuellar said when explaining the move. “It is, however, about creating systems that provide the very best support for all schools and children in the division.”

The board voted to employ an agency “to assist with the screening and hiring to ensure the integrity of the process, allowing equal opportunity to all who apply or are interested in the positions, which will be posted for internal and external applicants,” Cuellar said.

The cost of the assistance will be $15,000 for the top three positions directly under Cuellar. Those top three “cabinet members” will hire the rest of the administrative staff.

“It is imperative that people hear that while we have renamed our top positions, establishing new job descriptions and responsibilities, we are not adding new positions to the Central Office,” Cuellar said.

Now in the top two posts are Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Hall and Finance Director Beth Onley, previously known as Beth Charnock. A third post does not exist at this time. It was dissolved when former Assistant Superintendent Jessie Duncil was re-assigned to serve as principal of Metompkin Elementary School earlier in the school year.

School Board members Dr. Ronnie Holden and Naudya Mapp were opposed to the reorganization, but did not say why. Chairwoman Margaret Miles (voting through a conference call while out of town), Vice Chairman Travis Thornton, and members Shannon Wessells, Paul Bull, Aaron Kane, and Audrey Furness voted in favor. Member Camesha Handy was also in the conference call (due to illness), but did not appear to be connected when the vote was taken.

The subject came up after a 2½-hour closed session.

“Upon closer examination and further discussion with our constituents, we found that the issue resides in the need to recalibrate job descriptions and functions, which is the direction this board is headed with its vote to reorganize our structure,” Cuellar said.

“The school system has also proposed to contract the services of an independent auditor to conduct two very important audits, a Central Office compensation study and a human resource management review,” said Cuellar. “It is important for the board to show all schools, constituents and community members that their concerns and needs are being heard and that the board is making a concerted effort to address the issues brought forth.”

The three top-level positions accepted informally by the board were chief of staff, chief academic officer and chief of operations and management. Cuellar said, the middle- and high-school coordinator positions were consolidated into a director of secondary schools. Special education and English language learner directors will be combined into the director of special populations.

The chief of staff position was “designed to provide strategic support for all personnel, departments, and teams operating within the system and a human resources coordinator,” the superintendent said.

Cuellar was hired after the School Board used a

O’Nancock Celebrates

Irish eyes were certainly smiling Sunday at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Onancock Sunday.

Photo by Linda Cicoira

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While Atlantic Town Center Is Denied, School Funds Are Not

By Linda Cicoira

They denied a developer, disagreed about appropriations, moved forward with sewage plans, recognized firefighters and heard from two political parties. Those are a few of the things that Accomack supervisors did Wednesday night.

In two 6-3 votes, the board denied a conditional-use permit and a rezoning request for Chris Carbaugh’s proposed Atlantic Town Center in Wattsville. The actions limit the developer to commercial projects unless he returns with more residential considerations. Many local residents are vehemently against the development and continued to speak out at the session.

Carbaugh wanted about 77 acres rezoned from Agricultural to Residential to allow a multi-family development. The board delayed a decision months ago so Caroline Massey of NASA Wallops could explain that agency’s opposition. She said part of the property is in a hazard area because the Navy is using the runway for Field Carrier Landing Practice. One of those planes recently lost 800 gallons of fuel while flying nearby.

Carbaugh also wanted to increase the capacity of water withdrawal and wastewater treatment from 10,000 to 30,000 gallons per day. The supervisors previously allowed the lower figure until they could see how the site progressed. Some wanted to stick with that plan.

Supervisors Wanda Thornton, Kay Lewis and Laura Belle Gordy favored the developer’s requests. Chairwoman Reneta Major, Vice Chairman Ron Wolff and Supervisors Grayson Chessher, Jack Gray and Donald Hart were opposed.

In other business, a 4-4 vote, with Hart abstaining, failed to hold back $75,000 in appropriations for the School Board to send a message about a retirement incentive that is being phased out. Thornton, Lewis, Gordy and Wolff said they couldn’t vote to give the money because County Attorney Mark Taylor advised the nearly 20-year-old retirement plan is illegal since the supervisors never approved it. Hart didn’t break the tie because, as a retired teacher, he once collected the benefit.

Representatives from both local Democratic and Republican parties asked the board to take a proposal to build a county sewage plant off the table. They complained that Onancock’s plant could handle the waste and the two governments should work it out to save money. The supervisors voted 7-2, with Thornton and Lewis opposed, to have Taylor draft an agreement with Onancock.

The supervisors voted unanimously to hire a full-time replacement for Taylor, who has accepted a position off the Shore. In an 8-1 vote, with Gordy opposed, the board voted to hire a firm to help with the search. Gordy wanted the county to look for a local lawyer first. A unanimous vote gave County Administrator Steve Miner authority to hire an interim attorney or get occasional legal advice until a permanent replacement is found. Crockett assured Taylor, whose last day is April 10, that his secretary would continue to be employed.

During work with heavy equipment at the county airport recently, nearby grave casings were accidentally torn open, Taylor reported. Graves were fixed and records were made to protect them in the future, he said.

State Sen. Lynwood Lewis, a representative of Del. Robert Bloxom and the supervisors commended fire and rescue volunteers and workers across Accomack for their hard work during the 2012-13 arson spree.

The board also voted unanimously to send a letter to NASA regarding dredging near Chincoteague. Thornton said effects to the island should be studied before the whole southern end of it disappears. Silt from the area was used to build up Wallops Island’s beach where a launch pad is located.
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Exmore Town Manager Throws Hat in Ring for Supervisor

Exmore Town Manager Robert Grayson Duer has announced his candidacy for Northampton County supervisor representing District 5 in the Nov. 3 elections.

District 5 includes the incorporated Town of Exmore, part of Belle Haven, and an area extending down Occohannock Neck to Jamesville and beyond.

Duer was appointed town manager in November 2013 after the former manager, Zeke Jackson, resigned. At the time, Duer was serving on Exmore Town Council and was employed as the practice director for Riverside Eastern Shore Physicians and Surgeons in Nassawadox.

Duer brought 15 years of corporate management experience to the Town of Exmore, having managed Eastern Shore Physicians and Surgeons for 10 years and serving as operations manager for New Ravenna in Exmore from 2000-04. Prior to that, Duer was day support coordinator for Eastern Shore Community Services Board, where he served in the public sector for 11 years.

A graduate of Randolph-Macon College with a bachelor’s degree in biology, and Clemson University with a master’s degree in plant pathology, Duer is a resident of Exmore and his family has run businesses and been involved in local government on the Eastern Shore for generations. He is a member of Exmore Rotary Club and Epworth United Methodist Church.

“One of my first concerns before making a decision to seek a seat on the Northampton County Board of Supervisors was to ensure that Mayor Doug Greer and all of the members of the Exmore Town Council were interested and supportive of my pending decision to seek this position” Duer said.

“After receiving their enthusiastic support as well as that of my family, I felt it was my duty, as well as my privilege, to appeal to the voters of District 5 to also support my candidacy.”

District 5 is currently represented by Supervisor Larry Trala, an Exmore businessman who has been active in local government and community affairs for decades.

Said Duer, “I consider Larry a personal friend and we are all grateful for the service he has provided over the years in local and county government.”

Duer noted that since taking over as town manager and working in partnership with Town Council and the mayor, he has delivered two balanced budgets, both with surpluses. He added that cash reserves for the town have increased by over $500,000 during his 16-month tenure.

According to Duer, the town has enjoyed vastly improved worker morale, there is a renewed sense of optimism within the Police Department, and Exmore has completed many capital improvement projects within various town departments and throughout the town.

“Exmore is a growing, prosperous town and we all feel that we need enthusiastic representation on the Northampton County Board of Supervisors” said Greer. “I can say with certainty that all of us within the town government are excited about Mr. Duer’s willingness to serve our interests on a county level, and we are wholly supportive of his candidacy.”

Duer will run as an Independent.

Proposed Zoning Changes Take Center Stage at Info. Sessions

By Ron West

Northampton citizens were given an opportunity to view the proposed changes to the county’s zoning ordinance at two public information sessions held at Kiptopeke and Occohannock elementary schools this week.

The changes, which have been under review by the Planning Commission, as well as the Board of Supervisors, have been discussed for the past two years.

At this week’s sessions, Long Range Planner Peter Stith provided a brief overview of the changes, which include among other things, keeping the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act in place for the entire county, reducing the number of districts to 15, and increasing the number and types of residential districts.

The Planning Department laid out the room with maps and handouts showing where each district would be located as well as what uses would be allowed in each. Planning staff fielded a number of questions and concerns. Attendees were given an opportunity to provide written comments to be presented to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission.

Once officials have finalized the proposed changes to the ordinance, a public hearing will be conducted to provide for additional citizen input prior to a final vote on the document.

The current timeline calls for the public hearing to take place later in the spring, with a possible final vote by the Board of Supervisors in late summer.

Anyone unable to attend this week’s public information sessions is invited to provide written comments on the proposed ordinance to the county.
Proposed Northampton Budget Includes Tax Increase

By Ron West

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors met last Thursday in an effort to finalize the FY 2016 budget.

As the board weighed the financial requests of county departments, Finance Director Leslie Lewis provided a running tally with each cut or addition. Every penny of the tax rate equates to roughly $197,000 in taxes. And piece by piece, the board began to chip away at the department requests.

Advised by Lewis and Commissioner of the Revenue Anne Sayers that it costs approximately $20,000 more to send out tax bills twice a year, Supervisor Granville Hogg suggested that the switch from one tax bill in December to a smaller one twice a year was a political move that costs taxpayers a rate of $500,000 annually in traffic fines. Northampton County collects in excess to drive the speed limit in the county, a source of revenue. "If the people begin to drive the speed limit in the county, that money will need to be replaced in the budget," Hogg said. Currently, Northampton County collects in excess of $500,000 annually in traffic fines.

Hogg next ticked off a list of every employee assigned to the schools' Central Office, contending that there are too many staff members assigned there. School Superintendent Eddie Lawrence pointed out that several of those staff members actually work in the schools.

Additionally, Lawrence said that several of the staff in the Central Office wear multiple "hats." For example, Northampton's Assistant Superintendent Annette Gray also serves as director of instruction for all levels.

One by one, Lawrence countered Hogg's comments and invited the supervisors to spend a day at the Central Office to see how many jobs each staff member performs.

Additionally, Lawrence reminded the board that the school bus garage also services other county vehicles, while employees of the school system's finance department often work weekends without extra pay.

Hogg pressed to increase the tax rate by about 2.5 cents per $100 in real-estate assessments to cover the difference. He suggested that a 7-cent increase per $100 assessed value be considered.

One by one, the supervisors presented proposals as they attempted to reach a consensus on just how much to increase the budget. Supervisor Larry Trala sought to hold the tax increase to just enough to cover the minimum increase in needs, about 2.6 cents per $100 in assessments. Following much debate, the board agreed to advertise a rate of 70.88 cents per $100 in assessed real-estate value, which would be a 3.6-cent increase over the current tax rate. Additionally, there would be a 5-cent increase in personal-property taxes, up to $3.90 per $100 in assessed value. The tax rates for boats, heavy construction, machinery and tools would remain unchanged.

The board will conduct a public hearing later in the month to allow the public to comment on tax rates, as well as the $42,189,448 budget that is proposed for the coming year.

Governor Will Be ESCBA Guest Speaker

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe will be the keynote speaker for the 25th annual Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association. The breakfast, set for Friday, April 17, at 8 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Accomac, is held each year to promote unity among elected leaders.

McAuliffe will be introduced by Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam, a native of the Eastern Shore. The breakfast is free to local public officials, local ministers, police, and fire and rescue personnel. ESCBA members can attend at no charge. Non-members can attend for $10 a person. Seating is limited; RSVP Steve Bowers at 757-710-9329.

The ESCBA meets each month to promote ethical decisions and Christian principles in all business dealings.
An Eastern Shore native pleaded guilty last week in Accomack Circuit Court to two more embezzling charges, according to court records.

Angela L. Taylor, 34, of Nipigon Court in Virginia Beach could face up to 40 years in prison and a fine of $5,000. Judge H. Thomas Patrick Jr. convicted her of the charges after accepting plea bargain in connection with the embezzlement of money from Grace U.M. Church’s Boy Scout Troop 303 and Cub Scout Pack 300 in 2013. Two other counts will not be prosecuted.

Taylor previously pleaded guilty to embezzling funds from a Girl Scout Troop between Jan. 28 and July 1, 2013. A presentence report was ordered. Taylor is free on existing bail.

Court records show restitution to the church’s insurance company is $7,500.

In another case, Margaret Aye, 50, of Valentine Drive in Princess Anne, Md., was convicted of driving on a suspended license and having defective equipment. The incident occurred on Oct. 24, 2014.

Douglas Darrell Bragg, 31, of Big Pine Road in Birdsnest pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute marijuana, obstruction, eluding, two counts of driving on a suspended license and having defective equipment. The incidents occurred between April and September 2013. Bragg was sentenced to 12 months in jail with all but time served suspended until his lawyer could prepare for presentence report. Bragg was arrested Nov. 13, 2014 for the Nov. 10 offense. He was also fined $150. Costs were $556. The victim was not identified.

Megan Ann Jones, 28, of Dover, Del., who has family ties to Chincoteague, was accused of stealing property belonging to Patty Bloxom worth $200 or more between Aug. 3 and 5, 2012. Cpl. Tyler Greenly of Chincoteague Police Department investigated. Secured Bail set at $500.

Norris Ray Beasley, 22, of Cashville Road in Onancock was charged with assault and battery of two law enforcement officers - Deputy B. Davis and Deputy L.N. Higgins - while he was in custody March 13, 2015.

Two-year-old Jasheena Bull of Belle Haven had “fresh, recent and old injuries” when she died in 2013 of blunt force trauma, according to the medical examiner. The man who said he loved her like a daughter was sentenced Thursday in Accomack Circuit Court to 10 years in prison for abuse and neglect of the child.

Judge W. Revell Lewis suspended six years of the sentence for James Martinez Snead, 32, of Melfa. “You are the person who was responsible in the house who should have done something about this,” the judge said. He ordered three years of supervised probation.

“I'm sorry I didn't call 911 sooner than I did,” Snead said. “I loved Jasheena with all my heart. I'd never do anything to hurt anyone.”

Jasheena’s mother, Victoria Joynes, 37, of Belle Haven pleaded guilty to the same charges. Her sentencing is scheduled for next month. Evidence disclosed that Joynes took medication for mental-health issues that caused her to sleep 12 to 14 hours per day while Snead was left in charge of the girl.

Dr. Suzanne Starling of the Medical Examiner’s Office in Norfolk testified that Jasheena had multiple bruises, scratches and a fractured rib. When her “belly was opened ... lots of blood gushed out. Very unusual. There was a lot of injury to the intestines themselves and to the lining that holds the intestines together ... there was a hole in the bowel” and the starting of decay ... there was an infection of the abdomen ... as a general rule ... accidental injuries can cause this... typically something that involves a very hard force.”
The 47th Annual Chincoteague Seafood Festival is slated for May 2 from noon to 4 p.m. at Tom’s Cove Park Campground on Chincoteague.

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event. Audio Sauce from Virginia Beach will be the featured band to provide an afternoon of song and dance. Prizes from local businesses will be raffled and the Arts & Crafts tent will be back.

Vendor/hospitality spaces are being offered at www.chincoteaguechamber.com.

The menu will include “Little Neck” steamed clams, single-fried oysters, fried fish, appetizers, full salad bar, sweet-potato fries, shrimp, clam fritters, boardwalk fries, clam strips, raw oysters and clams, grilled chicken, clam chowder, hush puppies and soft drinks.

Tickets are $40 each and may be purchased in the chamber office, online at www.chincoteaguechamber.com or at 336-6161.

After the festival, the Museum of Chincoteague Island will celebrate “Chinco de Mayo,” beginning at 5 p.m. Admission is $5. Food by Bill’s Restaurant will be available, as well as margaritas, beer, sangria and soft drinks. A musical performance will add to the festivities. The art show and sale, where all works are 5” x 5” and all priced at $55, will start promptly at 5:55 p.m.

Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company is hosting its annual Easter Bunny buffet breakfast which includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, scrapple and drinks on Saturday, March 28, from 7 to 11 a.m. The cost is $8 for adults and $3 for children 6 and younger. A bake sale also will be held.

The Easter egg hunt will start at 10 a.m. Participation is free with breakfast purchase. Bring a bag or basket.

Proceeds will benefit Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company member Jen Rodgers.

Accomack School Days Will Be Lengthened

By Linda Cicora

Accomack’s School Board voted Tuesday to add 47 minutes to the length of each school day between March 23 and June 12 to make up 10 days of instruction that were lost to inclement weather.

The move will not interrupt the scheduled Spring Break from March 30 to April 3.

The decision was reached after reviewing four options for satisfying the 990 teaching hours of instructional time required annually to receive state money from the Basic School Aid Fund.

It was not announced if the additional minutes would be added in the morning or afternoon or by a combination of both since bus schedules would have to be altered and some drivers have second jobs.

Superintendent Dr. Kregg Cuellar said each school principal would decide how the 47 minutes would be distributed. The additional minutes are a “good amount of instructional time to recoup and get kids ready” for Standards of Learning tests, he added.

After-school events “might have to be delayed a little,” said Cuellar. “I think everything comes second to instruction.”

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The Town of Saxis is selling vehicle decals for 2015.

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The decals are still $27.00 per decal for cars and trucks. The motorcycle and trailer fee is $10.00.

Decals need to be displayed on your vehicles prior to April 15, 2015.

Please note that all personal property taxes must be paid before a decal is issued.
Carnell Williams Jr. To Wed Curstin Butcher

Cheriton native Cora Staten and Carnell Williams Sr. have announced the engagement of their son, Carnell Williams Jr., to Curstin Butcher, daughter of Trent and Carmen Butcher of Bellevue, Neb.

Born and reared on the Eastern Shore and a graduate of Northampton High School, the prospective groom earned a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University and is pursuing his Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration as a math specialist at the College of William and Mary. He is employed at Newtown Elementary School in Virginia Beach, Va.

The bride-to-be is also a graduate of Norfolk State University and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education at Norfolk State. She is employed at Pembroke Meadows Elementary School in Virginia Beach.

The wedding is set for June 26, 2015, at the Yacht Club at Marina Shore in Virginia Beach.

Juan Gomez Attends Leadership Conference

Onancock Rotary Club recently sponsored an Arcadia High School senior to a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference held in Wakefield.

Juan Gomez was among the 100 plus students in attendance. He participated in a speech contest sponsored by Onancock Rotary Club to earn the privilege to attend the conference.

The select group of young people attended the all-expenses-paid camp to hear a diverse group of exceptional speakers, build self-confidence, learn valuable information and life skills, make life-long friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today.

Nandua Scholastic Bowl Team Fares Well

The Nandua High School Scholastic Bowl team celebrates another successful season as the undefeated district champions and the conference runner-up. The team placed fourth at the regional level, where Henry Hollandsworth was selected for the All-Region Team. Team members include Hannah Hampton, Carolyn Olmsted, Heidi Waldenmaier, Evan Lawrence, Stephen Fernando, Kedanta Chandler, Mary Katherine Holmes, Henry Hollandsworth, Tommy Mulligan, Alex Gibb, Emily Killmon, Joshua Baldwin, and Conor Lovett. The team is coached by Susan Edmonds Olmsted.
Obituaries

Longtime Pocomoke Drive-In Worker Dies

Mrs. Eileen Cutler, 83, a former resident of Mel- fa, passed away Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at Hart- ley Hall Nursing Center in Pocomoke City, Md.

Born in Chincoteague, she was the daughter of the late Russell and Frances Howard and a lifetime resident of the Eastern Shore. She graduated from Pocomoke City High School and was employed at the US13 Drive-in, south of Pocomoke City, for many years. She enjoyed traveling around the United States and taking exotic ocean cruises with her husband.

Mrs. Cutler was predeceased by her husband, William Cutler; and a sister, Jackie Bowden. She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Vincent (and husband, William Cutler; and a sis-

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, March 21, at 2 p.m. at Full Gospel Church by Rev. Randy Lewis.

Memorial contributions may be made to SPCA Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home, Cape Charles.

BB&T Retiree Passes Away at Home

Mrs. Elizabeth Gamble “Betty” Gardner, 81, of Onley died at her residence Thursday, March 12, 2015.

Born in Kennett Square, Penn., she was a daughter of the late Hydon Edward Gamble and Marie Vaughn Gamble. Mrs. Gardner retired as accounts manager at BB&T Bank; was a long-

Mrs. Gardner was predeceased by her husband, James Franklin Clark and a daughter, Donna K. Clark. Survivors include her sons, James E. Clark (and wife, JoAnn), Ronald R. Clark (and wife, Sharon) and Thomas E. Clark; grandchildren, Jeremy Clark (and wife, Jennifer) and Stephanie Fisk (and husband, David); and great-

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, March 21, at Johnson’s U.M. Church by Rev. Clarence Bowen.

Memorial donations may be made to Johnson’s United Methodist Church, c/o Marge Kacik, 11175 Bayside Rd., Machipongo, VA 23405. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.foxandjamesfh.com

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

Townsend Woman Dies at Her Residence

Debra Jean Brady, 62, of Townsend passed away Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at her residence.

A native of Cheriton, she was the daughter of the late Samuel Brady Sr. and late Doris Mae Hinman Brady.

She is survived by her children, Tammy M. Collier of Machipongo and John E. Brady III (and wife, Becky Hemphill) of Cherrystone; brothers, Samuel Brady (and wife, Louise) of Capeville and Dan Brady of Cape Charles; sister, Betty Riggins (and husband, Vincent) of Oyster; grandchildren, Brandon Nichols, Ashley Nichols, Steven Kanuck, Cody Nicholas Brady, Harley Nicole Brady, and Christian Hope Hemphill; and great-granddaughter, Alaine Renae Brady. She was predeceased by three sisters, Marie Willis, Beulah Elliott, and Maryellen Birch.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, March 21, at 2 p.m. at Full Gospel Church by Rev. Randy Lewis.

Memorial contributions may be made to SPCA Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home, Cape Charles.

Machipongo Woman Dies at Her Home

Mrs. Deloris Mildred Propst Clark, 89, of Machipongo died Thursday, March 12, 2015, at her residence.

Born in Point Marion, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Early Henry Propst and Alice Joyce Buchanan Propst. She was a retired school bus matron for handicapped children in Baltimore County Public Schools. An accomplished cook, Mrs. Clark loved gardening and spending time with family. She was a member of Johnson’s United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Clark was predeceased by her husband, James Franklin Clark and a daughter, Donna K. Clark. Survivors include her sons, James E. Clark (and wife, JoAnn), Ronald R. Clark (and wife, Sharon) and Thomas E. Clark; grandchildren, Jeremy Clark (and wife, Jennifer) and Stephanie Fisk (and husband, David); and great-grandchildren, Zach, Laura and David Fisk, and Jane and Emma Clark.

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

S. Chesconnessex Woman Dies at Shore Rehab

Mrs. Helen Marie Carmine, 88, of Southside Chesconnessex passed away Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley, where she had resided for the last four years.

Born in Tasley, she was a daughter of the late Laymon and Bertha Gardner Cherrix. Until her illness, Mrs. Carmine was a member of Calvary U.M. Church in Hunting Creek. She loved her family and the outdoors.

Mrs. Carmine was predeceased by her husband, Sidney E. Carmine Jr.; a daughter, Barbara C. Lauer; and two sisters, Margaret A. Thorns and Mildred C. “Mickey” Carmine. Survivors include her daughter, Linda H. Gardner (and husband, Howard) of Southside Chesconnessex; grandchildren, Tina Hemphill of Dover, Del., and Vickie Parker (and husband, Darrell) of Onancock; great-grandchildren, Wayne Hemphill of Delaware, and Preston, Dylon and DeAnna Bradford of Virginia Beach, Va.; sister, Nancy C. Shorter (and husband, E.B.) of Newport News, Va.; brother, Robert W. “Bobby” Cherrix of Wachapreague; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Wednesday, March 18, by Pastor Freddie Ward. Interment was in Mount Holly Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418; or the Alzheimer’s Association of Southeastern Virginia, 6350 Center Dr., Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

VDOT Retiree Passes Away at RSMH

Mrs. Dorothy Wimbrow Nottingham, 84, of Belle Haven passed away Monday, March 16, 2015, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Worcester County, Md., she was the daughter of the late Maurice and Mattie Dennis Wimbrow. She retired as office manager for the Virginia Department of Transportation; was formerly employed by Virgin-
ANEC Employee
Passes Away

Mr. Carlton Lee Smith, 45, of Exmore passed away Monday, March 16, 2015, at his residence.

A native of Exmore, he was the son of Isaac L. Christian of Exmore and Barbara Smith West and her husband, John, of Exmore. He was a U.S. Marine veteran and employee of ANEC.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his loving wife, Angela Romo Smith; children, Sarita Smith of Delaware; and nephews, Maury Wimbrow of Lewis, Del., and Dick Nottingham of Virginia Beach, Va.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, March 21, at 11 a.m. at Belle Haven Cemetery by Rev. Mihang Kim.

Memorial donations may be made to SPCA Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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By Ellen Nicholas  
Lieutenant Governor’s Office

While walking around the Oliver Hill building in Richmond’s Capitol Square one winter day, something caught Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam’s eye that stopped him in his tracks.

Hanging on the wall outside the state veterinarian’s office is a map of Virginia. Stretching six feet wide, the piece is a carved wooden map with bronze letters spelling “State Veterinarian” covering most of central Virginia.

There was just one problem. The Eastern Shore, which includes the lieutenant governor’s birthplace of Nassawadox, was completely missing.

When Northam pointed out that the Eastern Shore was absent from the map, State Veterinarian Richard Wilkes, D.V.M., quite literally took matters into his own hands. Wilkes hand-carved an Eastern Shore addition to perfectly match the rest of the map and presented it to the lieutenant governor.

To continue the spirit of inclusion and unity, Northam invited bipartisan members of the Virginia General Assembly to join him in unveiling the newly completed carving. On Feb. 25, Shore representatives Sen. Lynwood Lewis and Del. Rob Bloxom gathered with the lieutenant governor and Wilkes to reveal the newly completed map and celebrate unity in Virginia.

Now, the map hangs outside Wilkes’ office, unbroken and finally complete.
**FRIDAY**
**MARCH 20**
★ 5 p.m. - Onley Baptist Church Women’s Seminar - Nandua High School, Onley - Reservations for free dinner: 442-4783
★ 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Family Life Center, Onancock - Meal: $6/single or $10/family
★ 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven
**SATURDAY**
**MARCH 21**
★ 12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: Microbes - ESCC, Melfa
★ 9 a.m. - Zumba Class - Chincoteague YMCA - $5 - 336-3535
★ 3-5 p.m. - Women Empowered Ministry - New Roads Community Center, Exmore - 442-3525
★ 5 p.m. - Joy Night - Antioch Baptist Church
★ 5-7 p.m. - New Hope Charge Spaghetti Dinner - Evergreen Pavilion, Hooks Neck - 442-3263
★ 5-7 p.m. - Spring Fling - Calvary UMC, Parksley - oyster fritter dinner (donations)
★ 6 p.m. - “The Plagues of Egypt” Service - First Baptist Church, Mappsville
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville VFC
**SUNDAY**
**MARCH 22**
★ noon - Social Luncheon - Calvary Bible Church, Accomac
★ 2 p.m. - Nandua After Prom Longaberger Basket & Coach Bag Bingo - Moose Lodge, Belle Haven - doors open at 12:30 p.m. - 787-3710
★ 2:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Veterans’ Bldg., Main St., Onley
★ 3 p.m. - Anniversary Celebration - Antioch Baptist Church
**MONDAY**
**MARCH 23**
★ 11 a.m. - Children’s Story Hour - Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox
★ 3 p.m. - Parkinson’s Disease Support Group - Hospice & Palliative Care, Onancock
★ 4 p.m. - ARC mtg. - Vocational Center Complex, Exmore - 442-3312
★ 5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★ 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
★ 7 p.m. - Northampton Cty. Parks & Recreation Dept. Line-Dancing Class - Indiantown Park, Eastville - 678-0468
★ 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Town Hall, Keller
**TUESDAY**
**MARCH 24**
★ 9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
★ 10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock
★ 11 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Diner, Onley
★ 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Bereavement Support Group mtg. - Downings UMC, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall
★ 5 p.m. - AA mtg. - St. James’ Episcopal Church, Accomac
★ 5:30 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Belle Haven UMC - 442-9776
★ 6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sage Diner, Onley - 787-2059
★ 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Class A-51, Melfa
★ 7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
★ 7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg. - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague

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Five minutes after leaving work I'm home. Within the hour I ease back the throttle of my outboard motor and come to a rest on the Chesapeake Bay. My fishing partner already has the bait cut and placed on my hooks.

Though my line is ready, I reach for something cool to quench a terrible thirst.

No sooner do I pop the top than my friend whistles, “I’ve got one on.”

“Trout or croaker?” I ask matter-of-factly.

“Running like a trout and it feels like a nice one.”

Although my interest is heightened considerably, I know my friend’s delight in playing a fish to the fullest and take another swig of soda, bouncing my sinker once more off the bottom.

After an intense struggle in which the running gray peels off half the line from Curtis’ light tackle, I know the trout is near the top and reach for the net. Moments later, I scoop a wriggling 8-pound trout from the placid waters.

Leaning back in our seats, we gloat in the knowledge our big-city counterparts — those daily newspaper scribes — will just be taking the subway or, worse yet, battling the Beltway traffic to their distant suburban homes. We all have our pipe dreams.

For Curtis, it might be toiling as a photographer for National Geographic. And I imagine he assumes mine would be writing for Sports Illustrated. It is a subject we rarely discuss, being too busy extolling the virtues of a Penn 9 reel over an Ambassador or deciding number five shot is a pretty good compromise between sixes and fours.

But unless either of those magazines establishes an Eastern Shore branch office, I'm not sure how close we'll ever come to realizing those lofty ambitions.

More than one man has sold his professional soul to live on the Eastern Shore. Many more have endured the rat race for a lifetime to retire here.

It is said once you get Eastern Shore sand between your toes, you’ll never want to leave this place. Sometimes I feel Curtis and I must be ankle-deep in the stuff, with a ball and chain attached for good measure. Like most of us who dwell here, the sight of marsh grass at dawn means more to us than bright lights at night.

Through the winter we hunt water-fowl and by summer we fish. So much time we’ve spent at these pursuits that now an hour can pass without sighting a duck or feeling a nibble, and yet there is no need for forced conversation.

Just as there are no bad days in a duck blind, a day on the water can never be wasted — no matter what lies in the cooler. Curtis and I are luckier than some, who — by the very act of extending their education — force themselves into moving away.

In my newspaper position, I find satisfaction in knowing I am fulfilling a service to the community. If through my local sports coverage, our young athletes gain some measure of self-respect and ambition, and at the same time avoid less constructive behavior, then I could not be more pleased if I had been given a Super Bowl assignment.

In the end, I will admit my love of Eastern Shore living could eventually hamper my career as a journalist, but I will also argue that it will never detract from my happiness as a person.

And, for now at least, I am more important than are my ambitions.
Le Tour de Shore Bike Ride May 2

The Le Tour de Shore Bike Ride sponsored by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, May 2.

The fee is $45 before April 15 and $55 after that date. On-site registration is $60. T-shirt will be included for all registration until April 15 and of a first-come, first served basis after that date.

Routes include 17 mile “family ride” starting at 9 a.m., 30-mile ride starting at 9 a.m., 55 mile ride starting at 8 a.m. and a 70-mile ride starting at 8 a.m.

There will be a barbecue luncheon available until 2 p.m.

To register go to www.esvachamber.org or call 787-2460

Easter Decoy Festival April 4-5 on Island

The Annual Chincoteague Island Easter Decoy & Art Festival will be held Friday, April 3, from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Chincoteague Combined School on Main Street.

In collaboration with the Museum of Chincoteague Island and Chincoteague Island Library, the proceeds of this year’s silent auction of Pre-Loved Treasures will benefit “The Chincoteague Island Life History Project,” a joint effort by both organizations to preserve the stories of Chincoteague Island for generations to come. Interviews will be recorded during the show in a designated room where some of the already documented histories will be available for viewing. The current histories can be viewed on the museum website at www.chincoteague museum.com/life-history

Contact Ennis Barbery at the Museum of Chincoteague Island to recommend someone to be included in this tribute to the people of the islands.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the silent auction is asked to contact the Chincoteague Chamber at 336-6161. The Pre-Loved Treasures silent auction and the decorated wooden eggs silent auction will end at 3 p.m. April 4.

Visit www.chincoteague decoys show.com for a list of exhibitors and auction items.

Run for the Animals Fund-raiser Set

The 2015 Run For The Animals is set for Sunday, April 12, at the Historic Onancock School to benefit various animal-care organizations on the Shore.

Runners can choose the half marathon (13.1 miles) or the 10K (6.2 miles).

The registration booth will be open from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. with a pre-race meeting at 8 a.m. The race will start at 8:30 a.m. with awards at 11:30 a.m. and a post-race celebration at noon.

Commemorative event T-shirts, finishing medals and trophies will be given out. The race will have professional timing; leashed canines and baby strollers are welcome. The event will be held rain or shine. Awards will be given for the top five fund-raisers.

The registration fee is $40 ($50 after March 31). The reduced student fee is $20 ($25 after March 31).

For information on registering, volunteering, sponsoring or fund-raising, call Andrea at 757-999-4999 or visit website www.RunForTheAnimals.com

YMCA Youth Soccer

Youth soccer will begin Tuesday, April 14. Practice will be held on Tuesdays at 5:30 and games will be on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at the YMCA.

YMCA soccer is designed to teach the basics of soccer to children who have never played the game and improve the skills of those who have. Focus will be on ball control, rules and regulations of the game, team work, sportsmanship and fair play for all.

The cost is $35 for members and $45 for non-members.

For more information, contact Kelsey Beaty at kbeaty@ymcashr.org

Tennis Event at Onley March 28

The Onley Recreation Association will host its 7th annual tennis event on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring water and wear sneakers and a hat. Racquets will be provided.

This program is run by Linda Mormile, USPTA, and is free of charge.

Call 789-7646 or email ljmforreal@aol.com for more information or to register for this program.

Anglers’ Club To Meet April 13

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers’ Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold its monthly meeting on April 13 in the conference room of the Sage Restaurant in Onley.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and feature a presentation by Dr. James Perry, whose research work has taken him to Asia, South America, and various areas of North America. A Professor of Marine Science at the College of William and Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), Perry will make an audio-visual presentation on his paddling trek from the Andes Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.

The public is invited.

Basic Hunter Course

A Basic Hunter Education Course will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on April 2 and 3 at the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center on Beacon Road in Melfa. Both nights must be attended to receive certification.

The minimum class size is 10, with a maximum of 35. Pre-registration is required. Pre-course study is required. Course materials will be available at Chris’ Bait and Tackle, Eastern Shore Outfitters and Jaxon’s Hardware.

For registration or information, go to www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/education

Chincoteague Alumni Game Tonight

The 16th annual Chincoteague High School alumni basketball game will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Chincoteague High School gym. Cost of playing is $20, admission is $5.

If interested, call 757-336-6166.
Chincoteague Opens Season with Win Over Wi-High

"Story and photos by Bill Sterling"

The Chincoteague Ponies were expected to challenge for the Eastern Shore District title this season, and on Monday they showed they’re worthy contenders by defeating Wicomico High out of Salisbury, Md., 6-4 at home.

With approximately 1,200 students, Wicomico is many times the size of Chincoteague, which will graduate a class of 32 this year.

The Ponies returned eight starters this season and are still young, with only one senior and two freshmen in the starting lineup Monday. But that didn’t faze them as sophomore Trey Fisher hurled four effective innings before sophomore Collin Derrickson finished with three strong innings, helped by a game-ending assist from Fisher out of left field.

The assist was a major play as the tying run was headed to second base when the Wi-Hi runner was tossed out at the plate.

“It was a great opening day win,” said Pony coach Will Thompson. “Fisher gave us a strong outing, and Derrickson shut the door. The play at home with Fisher throwing a strike to the plate was huge.”

The Pony hurlers allowed only one earned run as four errors contributed to three unearned runs for Wicomico. Fisher gave up only one hit and struck out five with two walks. Derrickson allowed two hits and permitted one walk.

At the plate, Derrickson was 1 for 3 with a double and RBI. Mason Marshall was 1 for 4 with a single, steal and a run scored. Dylan Mason had two RBIs with a single and a run.

Joe Thornton clubbed a double and had an RBI. Spencer White scored a run and had a stolen base.

Arcadia Wins

Arcadia, under first-year head coach Trey Haynie, won its opener over Holly Grove 11-6 Tuesday at home.

Zach Mills started on the mound for the Firebirds and pitched 1 2/3 innings. Terrell Wharton relieved and got the win before Dalton McDaniel pitched the final three innings to get the save.

Third baseman Todd McAvene helped the Firebird cause in the sixth inning when he snared a line drive down the line with Holly Grove runners on first and third. McAvene stepped on third for a double play.

Jaquan Wharton was 3 for 5 with three RBIs and scored two runs.

Coach Haynie said McAvene’s play was a “momentum swinger,” noting that Wharton and Mills also combined on a key double play.

“For our first game I thought we played well, but we have a lot to improve on. I was happy with our defensive play, but we need to do a better job of hitting with runners in scoring position,” said Haynie

Lady Firebirds Win

The Arcadia softball team won its opener 7-3 over Holly Grove as Sarah Jones pitched a complete game, striking out five, and Taylor Lewis went 3 for 3 with a two-run homer, triple and single.

Amanda Stalgatis had a pair of hits, and Tiffany Trader and Tabby Thornes had one hit each.

“It was a great way to start the season,” said Firebird coach Richard Strautz. “We played small ball, we had big hits and we took the extra base. Our defense was solid. We did everything we needed to win.”

Lefty Trey Fisher of Chincoteague threw four innings of one-hit ball and had a game-ending assist from left field to nail a Wicomico runner.

Arcadia catcher Tiffany Trader takes a throw from shortstop Taylor Lewis on a cutoff from left fielder Logan Holland and tags out a Holly Grove runner at the plate to end the game in a 7-3 Firebird victory.
Soccer Season Underway as Jacket Girls, Boys and Nandua Boys Win Jackets Win 1-0

The Northampton girls’ soccer team tied Nansemond Suffolk 2-2 in its season opener Tuesday on the road.

Taylor Webb and Ashlyn Arnold each scored a goal for the Lady Jackets, who gave up one of their goals on a penalty kick.

“We had a very competitive game,” said Northampton coach Tabi Webb. “Our goalie, Elizabeth Lilliston, made some nice saves and is off to a great start as a new soccer player. We are off to a strong start and all the girls are working well together.”

Last week, Northampton won two scrimmages, defeating Greenbrier Christian Academy Tuesday 2-0, with Taylor Webb and Cecilia Cruz scoring, and then shutting out Sussex Central of Delaware 3-0 as Taylor Webb scored a pair of goals and Kennedy Webb found the net with an assist by Erica Head.

Nandua Boys Stop Windsor

The Nandua boys’ soccer team defeated Windsor 6-4 Tuesday on the road as Onyer Velasquez scored a pair of goals and Effrain Ruiz, Tanner Troyer, Victor Esteban and Christian Esteban each scored a goal.

Troyer had three assists for the Warriors, with Ruiz, Velasquez and Tio Tinoco getting one assist each.

“It’s still very early in the season. The late snow put us behind in out training,” said Coach Paul Nolz. “By the score you can tell we still have a lot of things to work on, but overall it is a good conference win. Windsor is a much improved team with excellent speed.”

Nandua hosts Bruton Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

State Anglers Reel In Over 5,000 Citations in 2014

Anglers registered 5,040 trophy-size fish for citation awards during the 57th Annual Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament that ran from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 last year. This was slightly below the 10-year average (2004-13) of 5,219 citations and represents an 18 percent reduction in citations from 2013.

As they did in the record-setting year of 2013, speckled trout accounted for the greatest number of citations among the 35 eligible species in 2014 with a total of 1,476 awards, 1,034 (70 percent) of which were releases. While the majority of speckled trout registered were released, of those that were killed, 11 topped the 10-pound mark and 56 fish weighed 8 pounds or more. Trophy specks represented 30 percent of the year’s awards. Although the 2013 total was easily the highest in tournament history at 1,874 citation specks, 2014 was the tournament’s second highest total, continuing a trend for high numbers of these spotted trophy fish that began in 2008.

One reason for the drop in citation numbers was the fact that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission closed the recreational speckled trout fishery from March 1 through July 31 following concerns raised by recreational anglers as a result of a winter cold stun event of large speckled trout in late January and early February 2013.

It was another spectacular year off the Virginia coast for white marlin as offshore anglers registered 928 white marlin releases in 2014 and this was the fourth highest total in tournament history. However, following the record-setting year in 2013, when 1,339 white marlin releases were registered, 2014 represented a reduction of 21 percent. Overall in 2014, white marlin accounted for the second most citations, just over 18 percent. This continued a trend of well-above-average numbers of white marlin that began in 2008. White marlin are only eligible for release awards, so all were released.

Red drum accounted for the third highest number of citations in 2014 and represented 18 percent of the year’s total number. The 925 red drum citations in 2014 reflected a moderate reduction from the record-setting year of 2013, when 995 trophy red drums were registered, but still ranks as the second most productive year in the program’s history. Red drum citations became “release only” in 2000, and that was the first time in tournament history that more than 500 citation red drum were registered in a year. Since 2000, anglers have failed to register fewer than 500 reds in only two years, as management measures preclude the keeping of the large adult fish all along the Atlantic.

The season for trophy-sized red drum is long in Virginia. The season’s first red drum was caught near the bay mouth on the Shoals off Fishermen’s Island on May 2 and within a few days, the popular pastime blossomed into a consistent fishery that lasted well into October. The year’s last trophy red drum was pulled from around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel on Nov. 11.

Several species earned honorable mention in the 2014 review. Shark citation numbers topped 100 for the first time since 1989, even though only releases are offered. Cobia citation numbers were up again in 2014, as anglers reported fish in the 30- to 45-pound range were reasonably abundant and this bodes well for cobia hunters in 2015.

As good of a year as it was for some species, the opposite was true for several popular inshore species. Perhaps the biggest disappointment for anglers in 2014 was the lack of striped bass available in Virginia’s coastal waters in December, January and February. Flounder citation numbers remain at a historically low level, although anglers did report more “keepers” were available in 2014. Spot meeting the minimum qualifying weight of 16 ounces have been very rare since 2006 and this trend continued in 2014. Only one gray trout citation was registered in 2014, as a depressed trend in trophy-sized trout has been evident since 2007. Spadefish and croaker meeting the tournament’s minimum qualifying criteria were again very scarce in 2014.

The Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament is operated by the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing License Fund. Awards are made to anglers catching fish meeting established weight criteria in 26 species, while an additional 10 species meeting established length criteria are only available for release awards, for a total of 36 species eligible for citation recognition.

As a reminder, golden tilefish were added to the list of species eligible for citation awards. The minimum weight was set at 30 pounds, but no release award is offered because of the extreme depths from which these bottom fish are pulled up and the associated high mortality rate due to barotrauma for released fish.

Citation awards are full-color certificates delivered at the recipient’s choice as a plaque or in a plastic album page. Special awards are presented to anglers meeting the eligibility requirements of the Master Angler and Expert Angler programs. The program also administers the Virginia Junior Angler award program, where any angler 15 years of age and younger can earn a special Virginia Junior Angler Award certificate by catching and releasing six different species of saltwater fish in Virginia during a calendar year.

For more information, contact Lewis S. Gillingham, Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 2600 Washington Ave., Third Floor, Newport News, VA 23607, (757) 491-5160, or email vswft@mrc.virginia.gov
YMCA Swim Team Completes Season

Eastern Shore Family YMCA (ESY) Swim Team members recently swam their last meet of the winter season. The meet was held at Portsmouth YMCA. ESY swim team went up against Portsmouth Y and Great Bridge Hickory Y. Sixteen ESY 16 swimmers competed in the meet out of 23 active swimmers on the team. There were a lot of good swims and a few personal best times. The final score of the meet was Portsmouth YMCA Aquatic Club 2,574.5, Great Bridge Hickory YMCA 1,567 and Eastern Shore Family YMCA 904.5. The team is looking forward to and training for the South Hampton Road YMCA Champs competition being held March 22 at Old Dominion University. ESY Swim Team members include (from left): front row - Carter Harmon, Andrey Chun, Parker Boggs, Grady Harmon, and Patrick Lilliston; back row - Charlotte Stauffer, Coren Huff, Deanna Pryor, Addison Maurice, Neomi Castro, Ann Windsor Davis, Sammi Yeung, Madison Johnson, Emma Cathey, Morgan Johnson, Casey Lawton, Lacy Gouldin, and Coach Tasha Lucy. Not pictured: Gracie Bilicki, Meridith Kellam, Allie Penland, Kaylie Pruitt, Gena Pryor and MacKenzie Lucy.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chincoteague Town Council will hold a Public Hearing commencing at 7:00PM on April 6, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Town of Chincoteague, 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, Virginia, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning the following proposed Ordinance to vacate and relocate a property line of a recorded plat of subdivision in the Town of Chincoteague, Accomack County, Virginia.

WHEREAS, the governing body of a municipality may vacate a part of a recorded plat after the sale of a lot on said plat pursuant to Section 15.2-2272 (2) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, an Application has been filed by Christopher B. Birch and Sierra N. Birch to vacate a part of a recorded plat of a subdivision in the Town of Chincoteague entitled “Subdivision of O. H. Jester (heirs) Property, Chincoteague, Virginia”, which plat is dated November 9, 1948, and recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Plat Book 7, page 77.

WHEREAS, the basis of said vacation is that:
1. The property line between Lots 31 and 32, Section A, is a property line between owned by the Applicant, Christopher B. Birch and Sierra N. Birch.
2. That the said Christopher B. Birch and Sierra N. Birch desire to remove the boundary line between the two lots to result in one parcel of land.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE:
1. That the part of the plat entitled “Subdivision of O. H. Jester (heirs) Property, Chincoteague, Virginia” dated November 9, 1948, and recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, at Plat Book 7, page 77, showing a property line, as hereinafore described, between Lots 31 and 32, Section A, be and is hereby vacated.

2. That a certified copy of this Ordinance be recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia.

3. That the effective date of the Ordinance shall be upon adoption by the Town Council for the Town of Chincoteague.

Handicapped assistance available by calling 336-6519.

Robert G. Ritter
Town Manager
Town of Chincoteague

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Lots & 7, 27322 & 27328 Martin Rd., Harborton, VA 23389
TAX MAP ID #: 090B000000400, 090B000000500, 090B000000600, 090B000000700, 090B000001100, 090B0000011C0

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2007, recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia (“Clerk’s Office”) as Instrument No. 200704861, securing the original principal amount of $445,000.00 from Vincent Joseph McKnight and Kelly D. McKnight to Henry P. Custis, Jr., et al, Trustees (the “Deed of Trust”), for whom Pender & Coward, P. C., Substitute Trustee (the “Substitute Trustee”), has been duly substituted pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee, dated February 11, 2015, and default having occurred in the payment of the debts secured by the Deed of Trust, and at the request and direction of the holder of the note evidencing such debt (the “Lender”), the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of April, 2015, on the front steps of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA 23301, to wit:

Parcel 1: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated near the Village of Harborton, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as Lot No. Four (4) on a certain plat entitled, “Survey and Subdivision of Property Located near Harborton, Accomack County, owned by Donald J. Shanklin and Rosalie S. Shanklin”, dated November 2, 1961, made by J.B. Gibb, C.L.S., which plat is attached and made a part of a certain deed dated July 5, 1962, from Donald J. Shanklin and Rosalie S., his wife, to Theophilus B. Larimore and wife, which deed is recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Deed Book 244, at Page 417.

Parcel 2: All those certain lots or parcels of land situated near the Village of Harborton, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as Lot Nos. 5, 6 & 7 on the aforesaid plat. These said lots, pieces or parcels of real estate are bounded in general on the North, by the aforesaid Lot No. 4, as shown on said plat, now or formerly owned by James L. Dewey; on the West, by the lots now or formerly owned by Donald J. Shanklin and Rosalie S. Shanklin, being conveyed to John M. Forcum and Diana D. Forcum for a distance of approximately Seventy Feet (70 ft.); and on the East, by Parcel 3 hereabove described for a distance of approximately Three Hundred Seventy and Twenty-six Feet (370.26 ft.).

Parcel 3: All that certain lot or parcel of land situated near the Village of Harborton, Accomack County, Virginia, bounded in general on the South, by land now or formerly owned by Donald J. Shanklin and Rosalie S. Shanklin, being conveyed to John M. Forcum and Diana D. Forcum for a distance of approximately Seventy Feet (70 ft.); on the West, by other lands now or formerly of Donald J. Shanklin and Rosalie S. Shanklin for a distance of approximately One Hundred Twenty-one and Seventy Feet (370.26 ft.).

Together with all rights, easements, buildings, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

The above described real property is hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Property”.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH OR CASH EQUIVALENT

A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the successful bid price, payable in cash or by certified or cashier’s check to the undersigned will be required at the time of sale from the successful bidder. The balance shall be paid in cash, certified or cashier’s check at settlement. Settlement shall be held within ten (10) days from the date of the sale (or at such other time as may be acceptable to the Substitute Trustee) at the office of the Substitute Trustee, Pender & Coward, P. C., 222 Central Park Avenue, Ste. 400, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to waive the deposit requirement as to any bidder, withdraw the Property from sale at any time before the date of bating, keep the bidding open for any length of time, and reject any and all bids. In the event the successful bidder fails to complete settlement as required, the deposit shall be retained and applied to the costs of the sale, including Substitute Trustee’s fees, with the remaining balance delivered to the Lender to be applied against amounts secured by the Deed of Trust, and the Property shall be re-sold at the risk and expense of the defaulting bidder. Such retention of deposit shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustee or the Lender with respect to such default. All closing costs, including but not limited to the payment for preparation of the Substitute Trustee’s Deed by the Substitute Trustee’s attorney and payment of the grantor’s tax, shall be borne by the successful bidder. Real estate taxes shall be pro-rated as of the date of sale.

The risk of loss or damage to the Property by condemnation, fire or other casualty shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date and time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee is not obligated to deliver possession of the Property to the successful bidder; obtaining possession of the Property shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder.

The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale concerning the purchase of the Property by the successful bidder, a copy of which will be available immediately prior to announcing the sale.

The Property shall be conveyed with no warranties and by special warranty deed. The sale of the Property shall be subject to the right, if any, of parties in possession, and the Property shall be sold “AS IS” and “WITH ALL FAULTS”, without representation or warranty of any kind including, without limitation, warranty relating to the zoning, structural integrity, physical condition, extent of construction, construction, workmanship, materials, habitability or environmental condition, fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability of all or any part of the Property, and SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, reservations, agreements and other conditions contained in the chain of title thereto, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any.

The Memorandum of Sale will contain the following provision: “Purchaser waives and releases the Substitute Trustee, the Lender, and their respective agents, successors, and assigns from any and all claims the Purchaser or its successors and assigns may have now or in the future relating to the “AS IS” condition of the Property, which was a negotiated part of the Memorandum of Sale and serves as an essential component of consideration for the same. The parties specifically acknowledge and agree that this clause bars all claims by the Purchaser arising from the condition of the Property pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and all other actions pursuant to state or local laws, ordinances or regulations of any environmental condition of the Property.”

Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Pender & Coward, P. C.
222 Central Park Avenue, 4th Floor
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
(757) 490-6261
NOTICE - ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following vessel has apparently been abandoned for 180 days of the property of: Jerry Wright, 2722 Main St., Chincoteague, VA 23347, and at the request and direction of the holder of the note mentioned above, the holder of the note J. Childress to Henry P. Custis, Jr., Trustee (the “Deed of Trust”) dated June 10, 2005, recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Northampton County, Virginia (“Clerk’s Office”) as Instrument No. 050002318, securing the original principal amount of $90,000.00 from Teddy J. Childress and Pamela Cowart, the vessel has been abandoned for more than 60 DAYS on the property of Northampton County, Virginia (“Clerk’s Office”) as Instrument No. 050002318, securing the original principal amount of $90,000.00 from Teddy J. Childress and Pamela Cowart.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 10, 2005, recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia (“Clerk’s Office”) as Instrument No. 050002318, securing the original principal amount of $90,000.00 from Teddy J. Childress and Pamela Cowart, the vessel has been abandoned for more than 60 DAYS on the property of Jerry Wright, 2722 Main St., Chincoteague, VA 23347.

The following vessel has been abandoned for more than 60 DAYS on the property of: Jerry Wright, 2722 Main St., Chincoteague, VA 23347.

The property is hereby offered for sale by public auction to the highest bidder for cash at

**NOTICE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

On April 21, 2015, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the County of Northampton, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes.


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

The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale concerning the purchase of the Property by the successful bidder, a copy of which will be available immediately prior to announcing the sale.

The Property shall be conveyed with no warranties and is sold “AS IS” and “WITH ALL FAULTS” without representation or warranty of any kind including, without limitation, warranty relating to the zoning, structural integrity, physical condition, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, habitability, or environmental condition, fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability of all or any part of the Property, and SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, reservations, agreements and other conditions contained in the chain of title thereto, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pender & Coward, P. C., 222 Central Park Avenue, Ste. 400, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

(757) 490-6261

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Northampton County Circuit Court
5229 The Hornes, P.O. Box 36, Eastville, VA 23347

in re

CHRISTAL JANEE JOHNSON
v. JOVON LUPA JOHNSON

The object of this suit is to:

OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that JOVON LUPA JOHNSON appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before APRIL 24, 2015.

EXMORE ROTARY CLUB GOOD TIMES

CHARITY AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015

EXMORE FREE LITE LODGE

DINNER AND PREVIEW – 5 P.M.

AUCTION – 6 P.M.

DINNER ($14) includes ziti, fried chicken, or chef salad, plus two sides and dessert.

LIST OF AUCTION ITEMS APPEARS ON FACEBOOK @Exmore Rotary Good Times Charity Auction and on Shore Daily News.com ALL NET PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES!

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

8389 Birdnest Drive, Birdnest, VA 23307

TAX MAP ID # 30-A-78-A

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 10, 2005, recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia (“Clerk’s Office”) as Instrument No. 050002318, securing the original principal amount of $90,000.00 from Teddy J. Childress and Pamela Cowart, the Substitute Trustee has been duly substituted pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee, dated March 4, 2015, and default having occurred in the payment of the debts secured by the Deed of Trust, and at the request and direction of the holder of the note evidencing such debt (the “Lender”), the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at 1:00 p.m. on the 7th day of April, 2015, on the front steps of the Circuit Court of the City of Northampton County, Virginia, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia 23347, to-wit:

All of that certain lot or parcel of land situate near the Town of Birdnest, Northampton County, Virginia, containing One Hundred Seventy Six Thousandths of an Acre (1.976A), more or less, shown on that certain map or plat entitled “Subdivision of Property of Marybelle R. Badger Estate as described in Deed Book 143 page 304 Northampton County, Virginia” dated January 26, 1989 and made by Miller – Stephen & Associates, P.C., which said plat is attached hereto and by this reference specifically made a part of this deed. Said lot is bounded generally on the North and West by the remaining lands of the Grantor; on the East by the lands of Claudia N. Dorsch and on the South by Virginia State Route 620 known as Birdnest Drive. The soil shown on said plat shall not be an easement or right of way for the remaining property of the Grantor.

The above described real property is hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Property”.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH OR CASH EQUIVALENT.

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If Program Must Go, Phase It Out

Dear Editor:

I earlier wrote to Accomack supervisors, urging that if the school system’s early retirement incentive is to be eliminated, that it be phased out. Since then, I have learned that some supervisors, in order to realize cost savings (an admirable goal), favor an immediate total elimination of anything resembling the current program. I’d like to speak to that point.

However, first let me make a comment on the legality of the current program. Some who know nothing more than what has been in the papers, may be left with the impression that the School Board has secretly and knowingly done something illegal and underhanded. On the contrary, board policies are adopted in public meetings and the policy itself has been available, online, for years. It would be a mistake for anyone to infer that there was criminal intent on the part of the School Board. I’d imagine that the policy passed in the first place because both the savings and benefits as well as the costs of the program were weighed.

It is my understanding that the program was originally seen as a revenue neutral retirement incentive (legal) rather than a retirement benefit (illegal, in the preliminary opinion of the attorney general, unless you were to vote on it). I’d like to illustrate those savings using my particular situation.

I am 61 and have been planning to retire this year. Given that keeping the school’s health insurance policy, at current rates, would cost me $9,480 per year, if the early retirement incentive were removed, I might have to see if the School Board would allow me to reverse that decision (they are already advertising my position). Such a decision would come with considerable cost to the county as having an advanced degree and having taught 38 years places me near the top end of the pay scale.

Were I to teach another five years, until I reach Medicare eligibility, the cost of retaining me, over replacing me with a first-year teacher, would be $134,222. If the current program were left in place, and I were to take advantage of it for that five-year period, the county would incur a cost, but it would still wind up saving $104,227.

I will concede, however, that one way to really save money is to “change the rules in the middle of the game.” If highly paid (relatively speaking) teachers retire, based on the belief that they will have some help paying for their health insurance, and then they are denied that help, indeed, a savings would be realized. These savings would come at a cost of considerable hardship on some who have already retired, and lower morale on the part of those who are nearing retirement. This letter is written in the hope that those costs can be mitigated by accepting the School Board’s proposed changes (crafted, in part, to avoid legal difficulties) and phase it out.

Lawrence R. Blodgett, via email

Retirement Plan Actually Saves $

Dear Editor:

I would like to know where my tax dollars saved from the Early Retirement Options Program used by the Accomack County School System are going. The ad focuses on the 10 percent of the salaries ($429,742) being paid for these experienced employees to return to the division for 730 days as substitutes. The ad does not talk about the 90 percent of the salaries ($3,867,660) that the county is saving.

To replace these 73 employees (even though they were not all teachers) with first-year teacher salaries would cost $2,593,033 (a savings of $1,274,627), fifth-year teacher salaries would cost $2,656,324 (a savings of $1,211,366), or 10-year teacher salaries would cost $2,833,203 (a savings of $1,034,457). Using the teacher salary scale makes the cost higher because some of these employees were not earning a teacher salary, which means the savings is also greater. Most likely, it would be a combination of these, but the minimum you would save would be in excess of $1 million after you paid the 10 percent for the substitutes.

Why do you want to eliminate a program that is saving you in excess of a million dollars each year and in this case providing qualified substitutes for 730 days? In order to save $400,000, you want to give up $1,000,000. Please explain the rationale for this decision to the taxpayers in Accomack County. We would also like to know how the $1 million+ has been spent each year since 1996.

Ann Bonniwell, Painter

Look at It This Way

Dear Editor:

The county is really saving money! After reading all of the negative comments about the Early Retirement Option for teachers, I have found it necessary to make the true facts known.

It is NOT costing the county more money to fund the 10-day substituting incentive. Yes, after faithfully teaching for 38 years, I was making $55,927 a year. I went to college and earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in order to receive that amount. If a teacher with no years of experience took my place, the county saved $20,406 that year. In reality, the teacher who replaced me had seven years of experience and the county still saved $18,645. The teacher salary pay scale can easily be found on the Accomack County Schools’ web page.

It seems that some supervisors wish to support teachers only while they are still teaching. Please do NOT throw us out to the wolves after we have retired! Since I have retired, I am paying for $690.59 a month in health insurance, and the premium goes up every year. I do not have dental or vision coverage. Yes, I receive a check from the Virginia State Retirement System once a month, but the amount is only a little more than half of what I earned while I was still teaching. I am receiving less money, but the cost of living is steadily increasing.

After realizing that the county is saving money when older teachers retire, there should not be any problem with retired teachers substituting 10 days to help pay for the higher cost of living. People should appreciate retired teachers who are willing to substitute. Each year I substitute 10 to 12 extra days with wonderful acoustics, continued to be projected in Hungars’ tranquil refuge.

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