Accomack County Administrator Steve Miner listed about 95 county jobs Wednesday that the Board of Supervisors could eliminate to reduce future spending.

He also suggested that the supervisors raise tax rates by 5 or 6 cents per $100 valuation for the Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget “just to break even.”

Miner’s post and those of his staff were among the positions listed since they are not state mandated, but he added, “I’m going to defend staff and positions that we’ve got.”

Another 64 employees from the Social Services Department could be added to the tally if they are found not to be required by Virginia. The designation was unclear to officials during the session.

The school system, which Miner said accounts for more than 52 percent of the county’s discretionary revenue is also a probable target.

“If you’re going to cut, you’re going to have to … look at the whole enchilada,” said Miner, “including education.”

The Finance Department, now headed by Acting Director Mike Mason, is also in the group of jobs not mandated.

Earlier in the session, Mason laid out a plan to balance what he expects to be a $1.9 million deficit by the end of fiscal 2008-09 on June 30.

He based the prediction on a Circulation

Eastern Shore voters flocked to the polls Tuesday to participate in the historical election of America’s first African-American president.

Northampton County voters followed the national trend, with 59 percent casting their ballots for the ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

In Accomack County, the vote was nearly evenly split between the Democratic winners and the Republican ticket of John McCain and Sarah Palin.

Meanwhile, Democrat Mark Warner defeated his fellow ex-governor, Jim Gilmore, for a U.S. Senate seat, representing Virginia. The win gives Democrats control of both of Virginia’s Senate seats for the first time since 1970. Warner will succeed Republican John Warner, who is retiring after a 30-year Senate career. The two are not related.

Both Northampton and Accomack County voters over-

The concept was to ask for more so that all the needed funds might be garnered, Forbes said. He attributed this strategy to county Finance Director (Continued on Page 3)

Construction of the long-awaited Walmart superstore, proposed on Lankford Highway in Onley, is expected to start in the spring of 2009, according to several sources.

Plans are being reviewed by a Maryland engineering company.

It’s been eight months since the business’ wells were dug. Many Eastern Shore residents thought they would be shopping there by now rather than traveling to Pocomoke, Md., to spend their money with the company.

Accomack supervisors and Onley town officials cleared the way for Walmart in 2006.
Onancock Town Manager Put on Administrative Leave

By Linda Cicoira

Onancock Town Council voted 5-1 Wednesday to place Town Manager Susan Scott and two other employees on paid administrative leave.

Mayor Bruce Paone, who only votes to break ties, confirmed Thursday that the action was related to a $18.4 million sexual harassment lawsuit that names the town and those workers.

“As far as I know, they are temporary” leaves, he said, adding that “no ending date” was designated. Paone said an acting town manager was not named. Vice Mayor Fletcher Fosque “and myself are more or less in charge,” the mayor added.

Scott said recently that she has been employed by the town for 18 years. Paone guessed that she has been town manager for about 12 or 13 years and that she earns between $50,000 and $60,000 annually. Information on salaries and hiring dates was not available through the town office.

Wednesday’s closed meeting was called earlier this week to discuss “possible/pending litigation.” Paone said when the members came out from that meeting, the vote was taken, but the panel did not discuss the issue in public.

Councilman George E. Miles was the only member to oppose placing Scott, Dewey Bordstorm and Kevin Meindorf on leave. Vice Mayor Fletcher Fosque and Members Kris LaMontagne, Kathyanne Runniger, Travis Bradley and Maphis Oswald voted in favor.

The town’s Personnel Committee will meet this afternoon regarding the vote. That session will also not be public.

All of this action comes on the heels of a lawsuit, filed by former Onancock town employee Steven Key, who is asking for $18.4 million in damages.

Key, who claims that he continues to fear for his life, is asking for $17.4 million in compensatory damages and $1 million in punitive damages because he suffered “great physical, emotional and psychological pain.”

The complaint alleges, in part, that Key was “verbally abused, berated, taunted and teased” on a regular basis by Scott, Bordstorm and Meindorf.

Key says the two men called him “a vestal virgin, gay and a homosexual,” forcing him to “work in a hostile work environment.” He further alleges that on numerous occasions, the two “did intentionally assault and batter (him) … by striking him and attempting to penetrate his rectum with inanimate wooden objects or other debris while … Key was bent over and in a vulnerable position while undertaking his duties as a laborer.”

Key contends that when he reported the offenses to Scott, she failed to punish the defendants or “provide any protection for” him. Instead, he alleges, she joined the mayhem and on two occasions detained and beat him.

That failure “to discipline or provide sensitivity or diversity training to the defendants” allowed “them to increase their abuse” of Key, the lawsuit claims.

Key says that while he was working in the fall of 2005, he was approached by Scott, who asked him “if he ever had sexual intercourse with a female.” When he responded negatively, Scott verbally harassed Key and called him names, according to the lawsuit.

Key claims that he feared for his job and of having “vicious and untrue rumors of his homosexuality” spread.

The inappropriate questions continued throughout his employment, he complains, further accusing the three of “belittling him and exposing him to their personal disdain, prejudices and hate.”

Key alleges that on his 20th birthday in October of 2005, Scott led him into the restroom in the town hall building against his will “and proceeded to maliciously strike him with her hand and thus did assault and batter him with 20 blows to his person.”

On his 21st birthday, Key alleges, the three detained him in the town manager’s office. The two workers “stood guard” while Scott advised him “he was about to receive his 21st birthday ‘beating.’” Key complains in the lawsuit that any attempts by him to deflect the blows of this “spanking” would cause her to restart the count.

The suit alleges that Scott “retrieved a two-inch by two-inch wooden stick and began to beat the plaintiff ... about the backs of his legs and his buttocks.”

After about “ten or eleven blows,” Key maintains, he could endure no further and began to cry out in pain begging for the beating to stop and attempting to move away from the assaulting hand of the defendant.

Scott “admonished” his actions, Key claims, alleging that Scott started over again, striking him 10 or 11 “brutal blows,” the eventual “21 blows on him in sequence without interruption, necessitating him to require medical attention for his injuries.”

Key charges that when the action came to the attention of town council, it, too, failed to correct the “tortuous behavior.”

He says that by ignoring the actions, the mayor and council “condoned, encouraged and further fostered the pattern of conduct.” Key claims “this created malfeasance in the performance of their duties and responsibilities they accepted from the electorate of the town.”

Key states in the lawsuit that he was forced to “resign from his job to protect his health and safety.” He later filed an EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) complaint.

Then, Key alleges, Scott “convinced with an unnamed codefendant by fraud, deceit and duress” to get Key “to unknowingly sign a written release of liability against her, town employees and the town.”

The lawsuit alleges that Key was told to sign the release on Sept. 16, 2007, “in order to receive his check for unused sick and vacation time.” Key claims that because the release was obtained without the authorization of Town Council, “it is void and without legal sufficiency.”

Key charges that “as he left the building the three continued to harass him” that day.

A jury trial is being “demanded” in the lawsuit which was filed by J. Edgar Demp’s Basnight, Kinser, Telfeyan, Leftwich and Nuckolls of Chesapeake. A court worker said that the defendants have not yet been legally notified because the paperwork to serve them has not yet been filed by the plaintiff.

A lawsuit presents only one side of a case. Defendants have a few weeks to respond.
“Everybody wants this thing to happen,” said Forbes, who added that the county hopes it will not have to pay for the taxiway at all, but will be able to use grant money.

Officials are investigating alternatives like the new market tax credit. That program allows taxpayers to receive a credit against federal income taxes for making qualifying equity investments in designated community development entities.

Forbes said the program is geared to “provide funding for large projects in economically depressed” areas.

“We’re looking into all of our options,” said Forbes. Any borrowing must first be approved by Accomack supervisors.

Unfortunately, Forbes said, it could take too long, five years, to get the money from the Federal Aviation Administration, and the timeline to build a hangar for BaySys Technologies of Accomac is 24 months.

“Two banks are very anxious for us to borrow money or BaySys would build it themselves,” said Forbes.

Orbital Science, a company that successfully launched its satellite aboard the Pegasus rocket for NASA earlier this month, “would undoubtedly use the taxiway” between the park and NASA, Forbes said.

In addition, NASA’s newly built payload processing building is in the park and would benefit from the taxiway. The processing center is used to sanitize impurities from goods before they are sent to the space station, Forbes said.

A breakdown listed in the county’s application to the Virginia Resources Authority includes $5,625,000 for construction and project improvement, $100,000 for architectural fees, $50,000 for planning, $40,000 for engineering fees, $40,000 for administrative expenses, $30,000 for miscellaneous costs $10,000 for project inspection fees, and $500,000 for contingencies and other.

The application also shows an annual budget for the taxiway of $465,000. Listed are $105,000 for labor, $170,000 for utilities, $50,000 for materials, $45,000 for maintenance, $25,000 for miscellaneous expenses and $70,000 for equipment replacement.

“NASA has offered Accomack County access to the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) runway through a Space Act Agreement and ground lease of approximately 66 acres of Federal land,” the application for the taxiway states. “The project demands construction of a taxiway throat and cul-de-sac accommodating the world’s largest planes.”

The taxiway is expected to be about 100 feet by 500 feet. The cul-de-sac will be approximately 400 feet by 800 feet, according to the application.

A commitment for development in the park has come from BaySys, which customizes jumbo jets, including the largest aircraft currently produced. “BaySys intends to construct two 400-foot x 400-foot hangars to house its operations — which alone represent $25 million in investment and 250 jobs for Accomack County,” according to the application.

“The NASA COTS (Commercial Orbital Transportation Services) initiative will bring even greater investment and job creation to Accomack,” the document continues.

The proposed taxiway project was designed “to accommodate at least two additional major tenants with similar direct access to the WFF runway facility,” the application notes.

Nearly $6.4 million is being sought by Accomack County for a taxi-way that will link the Wallops Research Park with NASA as part of the Wallops Research Park project.

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By Linda Cicoira

Accomack Supervisor Jack Gray wants his fellow supervisors to refrain from taking action later this month on a proposal that would extend Chesapeake Bay Act Preservation Act regulations to the county’s seaside.

His plea for the board to wait until February to consider broadening the application of the act failed in a 2-6 vote Wednesday night.

“I’m not saying we should pass it or not pass it,” said Gray. “I think we should say now that we’re not going to vote” on it immediately after the Nov. 12 public hearing as was done when the supervisors jointly met with the Planning Commission regarding the county’s Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Wanda Thornton sided with Gray on the issue. Chairman Ron Wolff, Vice Chairman Steve Mallette and Supervisors Phil McCaleb, Laura Belle Gordy, Grayson Chesser and Sandy Hart Mears voted against holding themselves to a time restraint. Supervisor Donald Hart was absent.

Gray said he has been “swamped with requests” for information about the regulations. “Most don’t know enough about it,” he said. “I agree they should have more time to ask questions. They feel if we vote on it ... it would be a railroad job. I just think it’s too quick.”

Mears encouraged landowners to go directly to the Planning Commission or county Web site to seek answers.

“I don’t think we ought to be discussing this at this meeting,” Chesser said. He urged the board to wait until the public hearing to talk about it. The regulations have “been in place on half the county since 1989,” he said, contending that there already has been plenty of time to learn about them.

Mallette argued that taking any action was unfair to Hart because he was absent. Mallette said it would be “more appropriate” to make the motion at next week’s hearing.

Thornton complained that some of the Captain’s Cove lots are too small for setback restrictions. “This isn’t going to be as simple as the bayside,” she said.

Thornton favored holding a public forum before the hearing “instead of stuffing it down their throat.”

Wolff said the county “can’t postpone the public hearing.” He suggested that two information sessions, one in the northern portion of the county and the other in the southern end, be offered.

According to the proposal, the main purpose of the ordinance is to restore and protect state waters from pollution and promote water resource conservation to provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens.

The best known provision of the Bay Act requires all onsite sewage disposal systems (not requiring a discharge permit) to be pumped at least once every five years.

Hearing Set on Broadening Bay Act

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors and the Accomack County Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Metompkin Elementary School to consider an amendment to the Accomack County Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map that would extend the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act to all of Accomack County, excluding incorporated towns.

Maps showing the affected area will be on display and Accomack County staff will be available to answer questions from 6 to 7 p.m.

The proposed amendment seeks to extend requirements to the seaside and to some areas in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that were previously undesignated.

The proposal would change the name of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area to the Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Area.

A full copy of the text of the proposed amendment and overlay district map may be reviewed at the Accomack County Administrator’s Office and Department of Planning in Accomac or online at www.co.accomack.va.us/index2.html.

Questions about the proposed amendment can be answered by Department of Planning staff weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 787-5726 or by e-mail at planning@co.accomack.va.us.
Quorum Question Puts Planners in a Quandary

By Ron West

The issue of how many members are legally required for a quorum plagued the Northampton County Joint Planning Commission as they attempted to meet Wednesday evening.

As the opening time of 7 p.m. came and went, only three of the planners were in the room, which quickly filled with more than 50 members of the public. Chairman Peter Kafigian read a prepared statement indicating that a quorum based on a commission makeup of 15 members requires that at least eight members are present to conduct business.

For the past several years, the commission has been composed of nine members, unwittingly violating the 15-member requirement established when the commission was set up. Since the issue was raised in recent weeks, the plan commission has been operating under the assumption that with a membership of nine, they only needed five present for a quorum.

Kafigian read e-mails from Commissioners Dave Scanlan and Rev. Ernest Gardner III indicating that they would not be present, in part due to the question over membership size. Commissioner Melody Scalley e-mailed that she could not attend due to her job commitments. With six commissioners eventually present, Kafigian noted that they could not act on any business but that they would meet informally and hear comments from the public. Two public hearings scheduled for the evening were postponed until the scheduled December meeting.

William Baines contended that because of the membership and quorum requirements, most of their recent actions, including the work done on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, were not legal. Baines charged that it was the job of Kafigian, as commission chairman, and county planner Sandra Benson to have known the relevant regulations. “Resignations are in order for those responsible for this,” Baines said.

Commissioner Marsha Carter said she is the only current member of the Planning Commission who had been onboard when the panel went from 15 to 9 members and that she did not recall how the membership size changed. She assured all present that the misunderstanding over membership size was not done on purpose and that the commission had been meeting in good faith.

Richard Leil questioned the setback proposals, noting that because of the increase in size requirements, many lots would no longer be buildable. “People would have to build homes six stories high and 20 feet by 20 feet in order to fit a home on some lots due to the setback requirements,” Leil said.

Rev. Debbie Bryant of Shorter’s Chapel in Bridgetown pressed the commissioners to change the proposed zoning of Treherneville from Village I to Village II and parts of Birdsnest from Agricultural to Hamlet. She also urged that Bridgetown not be rezoned as Agricultural.

~ Election ~ (Continued From Front Page)

Acomack County residents were evenly divided between Drake and Nye. Northampton voters went heavily for Nye, however, giving him 61 percent of their ballots.

For more details on Tuesday’s election results, including a link to local precinct-by-precinct totals, log on to easternshorepost.com

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Sessions Set on Zoning Proposals

Public information meetings and hearings on proposed amendments to the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance have been scheduled.

The Joint Local Planning Commission will conduct its public hearing on the draft amendments to be announced. Letters to all owners of real property in the county will be mailed by Nov. 14 with information about meeting times and locations.

For further information, contact the Department of Planning and Zoning at 678-0443.

Northampton County Circuit Court Criminal Cases

According to Commonwealth’s Attorney Bruce Jones, Christopher Brent Powell, 19, of Cheriton pled guilty Friday in Northampton County Circuit Court to robbery and aggravated malicious wounding.

Darius Tremaine Gaskins, 35, of Painter pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, obstruction, and possession of marijuana.

Alice Marie Sparrow, 30, of Machipongo pleaded guilty to three counts of welfare fraud.

Robert Lee Barker III, 17, of Machipongo pleaded guilty to aggravated malicious wounding and also was found guilty of robbery.

Sentencing was deferred in all four cases until presentence reports are prepared.

Acomack County Circuit Court Criminal Cases

On Friday, The Eastern Shore Drug Task Force, Acomack County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police and Worcester County Sheriff's Office executed three search warrants simultaneously in Acomack County and Worcester County, Md.

These search warrants were the result of a two-month joint investigation involving the distribution of cocaine in northern Accomack County and southern Worcester County. During the execution of the search warrants, the primary target of the investigation, George Holden, also known as “Pimp” of Pocomoke City, Md., was arrested on multiple felony charges related to the possession with the intent to distribute cocaine, and multiple firearm offenses. Holden was incarcerated in Worcester County Jail on a $250,000 secure bond.

Approximately 100 grams of crack cocaine, three handguns and $3,300 in cash were seized during the execution of the search warrants. The street value of the crack cocaine was estimated at $10,000.

Additional arrests related to this investigation are pending.

Anyone having any information regarding this investigation can contact the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force at 414-0746 or the Worcester County Sheriff's Office at (410)632-1111.

Northampton County Sheriff’s Office Arrests

Northampton County Sheriff Jack Robbins reports the arrest of Sampson Jones Jr., 25, of Virginia Beach on felony charges of breaking and entering and grand larceny, as well as a misdemeanor charge of property damage. Jones is being held in Eastern Shore Regional Jail in lieu of a secured bond.

James Lee Duffy, 38, of Melfa was charged with malicious wounding. Duffy has been released on a personal recognizance bond.

Carla Lewis, 23, of Cape Charles and Crystal Isdell, 28, of Capeville were both arrested on charges of grand larceny and have both been released on bond.

In addition, Robbins reports his officers recently served 13 misdemeanor warrants for assault and battery, two for cursing and abusing, one for use of obscene language over the phone and two for driving on revoked licenses. Also served was one temporary detention order, two emergency protective orders and five capiases for failure to appear in court.

Onancock Police Report

Five Onancock restaurants were burglarized after the businesses closed Tuesday night, according to Onancock Police Chief Byron Heaster.

He said the incidents were discovered at about 6 a.m. Wednesday. Break-ins were reported at Onancock General Store on King Street, Blarney Stone Pub and the Bar at Flamingos on North Street, and The Bistro and Mallards at the Wharf, both on Market Street, Heaster said.

“Everything was all right when the businesses closed,” he added. “Windows were busted out of numerous businesses. Estimates for damages were not available.

“Mostly change was taken,” Heaster said. There are no suspects at this time.

The chief said he is continuing to investigate the break-ins and is being assisted by the Acomack County Sheriff's Office.
Sale of Central School Modified, But No Details Provided

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors discussed the sale of the former Central High/Middle School in Painter in a closed session Wednesday night before instructing the county administrator to move forward with “Option B.”

Details of that choice were not made public. Supervisor Philip McCaleb abstained from the vote. Supervisor Donald Hart was absent. The other supervisors favored the plan.

After the meeting, County Administrator Steve Miner said the board is still negotiating a deal for the building and grounds with furniture designer Tucker Robbins of New York.

“The offer that we will make is different” than what was originally planned, Miner said, referring to a February scheme that involved additional land transactions and a county sports park.

Nearly 18 months ago, officials agreed to sell Robbins the school site for $400,000. The artist wants to open a complex that will include his workshop, an organic farm, a restaurant, a museum and an art gallery.

Then the deal got more complicated when Robbins obtained a contract to buy neighboring acres.

There was also a delay because of a road that is on the property.

In February, Miner said Robbins was expected to purchase 27 acres from D. Paige Elmore for $325,000. He would then sell 14 acres to the county for about $168,000. The sports facility and Robbins’ complex would share a 100-space parking lot, Miner said at that time.

Money for the county’s cost of the sport facility was already set aside.

Robbins’ initial plan was to renovate the brick school back to its 1932 origins and eventually employ between 20 and 50. That conversion is expected to take about four years.

Last year, Robbins said he wanted to hold concerts and other events in the auditorium there.

“It’s my understand that he (Robbins) has financing through the 15th” of November when the real-estate closing is scheduled, Miner said.

Hearing Slated on Non-Native Oyster Species

The Norfolk District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Virginia Marine Resources Commission will conduct six public meetings to collect public comments about the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oyster Restoration in the Chesapeake Bay.

The draft document, publicly released Oct. 17, addresses the effects of the proposed introduction of a non-native species, the *Suni-noe* oyster, and continued efforts to restore the native Eastern oyster, as well as eight alternatives. Estimated costs and potential consequences of the alternatives are also addressed.

One of the six public meetings will be held on the Shore — at Nandua High School on Monday, Nov. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The 60-day comment period on the draft environmental impact statement ends Dec. 15. All comments received prior to that date, including those provided orally at the public meetings or in writing, will be considered in preparing the final environmental impact statement.

Comments also may be submitted by mail to: Department of the Army, Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers, Atttn: Mr. Mark Mansfield, Chief, Planning and Policy Branch, 803 Front St., Norfolk, VA 23510-1096; or e-mailed to: Mark.T.Mansfield@usace.army.mil


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Keller Gets New Mayor

By Linda Cicoira

Mayor Ginny Mueller is new to the political scene in Keller. She's never run in an election nor served on Town Council or the planning commission.

What the freshly appointed town leader lacks in experience is overshadowed by the appreciation she has for the village.

"Keller was pretty when I was young," said the 50-year-old, who will be paid $1,500 per year in her new post. "It was a great place to grow up. Most of the homes were well maintained and everybody knew everybody. It was safe to walk your dog, ride your bike and play anywhere at any time."

The former Ginny Guy couldn't wait to get off the school bus and romp in the town. Children from other areas wanted to live in Keller because back then it had a reputation for being kid-friendly.

"While I recognize that this is a changing world we live in," said Mueller, "Keller has slipped a little too far in the opposite direction. I am not sure why."

Mueller envisions the town as the thriving place that she, her mother and grandmother once knew. In the past, there was a millinery shop, a doctor’s office, four grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants and the biggest fair in the two-county area, she recalls. All are gone now.

"I would like to see some of the properties cleaned up," said Mueller. "There are several vacant homes in town and they lay waste to vandals and weather. We are open to ideas that will make these homes viable and filled with families wanting to stay."

Town Council appointed Mueller to the mayor's seat in September. She presided over her first meeting last month.

"The (former) mayor moved for personal reasons to Exmore," explained Mueller of Tom Carrick. "You cannot be the mayor if you do not live in the town."

"One councilman was willing to fill the seat, but only after he retires from his regular job in the community," said Mueller. "Nobody else really wanted to do it."

"They asked me if I would be interested, and of course, I said ‘Yes.’ I love Keller," she said.

Mueller has resided in the town, on and off, for most of her adult life. Less than a year ago, she returned from nearby Hacks Neck. Her plan was to live in and renovate the home of her late grandmother, Mary Chandler.

Mueller hopes that some day her twin grandchildren will make their homes in town. Her mother and sister already live there.

"I am beginning to go through the town ordinances," she said. "I have been doing some research on town revitalization projects. As for the future, well, let’s hope there is improvement in a lot of arenas such as safety, appearance and pride."

"Keller was like a diamond in the rough," she said. "It sits in the best location on the Eastern Shore, halfway between Exmore and Onancock, halfway between Wachapreague and Harborton and halfway between Chincoteague and Kiptopeke.”

Exmore To Get Another Apartment Complex

The Eastern Shore Center for Independent Living, in conjunction with Accessible Space, Inc., recently broke ground on Oceohannock Neck Road in Exmore for AP’s Freedom Apartments, a 15-unit apartment complex for individuals with physical disabilities.

Support was received from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of $1.2 million for construction, and an additional $221,000 for five years to assist with operation, maintenance and rental subsidies. Significant support was provided by Virginia Housing Development Authority, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission and the Eastern Shore Center for Independent Living.

ASI will own and operate the apartments in partnership with the ESCIL, a regional service provider and advocate for those with disabilities.

Althea P. Pittman, executive director for the ESCIL, headed a task force that implemented the recommendations of the Eastern Shore Regional Housing Strategic Plan prepared by ANPDC. Present at the groundbreaking in addition to Althea Pittman were Doug Oman of ASI and Don Peron of Obrecht-Phoenix Construction Company.

AP’s Freedom Apartments’ grand opening is scheduled for next summer.

Town Meetings

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
• Tangier Town Council - 7 p.m., Town Office

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10
• Painter Town Council - 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
• Parksley Town Council - 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
• Wachapreague Town Council - 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
• Cape Charles Town Council - 7 p.m., St. Charles Parish Hall

“We literally sit in the center of a large tourist area,” the mayor continued. “Keller does have thriving businesses and has grown somewhat in that area over the last few years. There just needs to be a plan and consensus among the town people and the council on where we plan to take Keller in the 21st century.”

Mueller said railroad changes have caused Keller, like other Shore towns, to suffer. “The town is working on building a strong planning commission,” she said. “This will help guide us in the future as businesses and residences continue to grow and improve. … I would like to build a sense of pride and ownership with the townspeople. Somehow over the years, it has been lost.”

The council make-up is unusual, comprised of three married couples: Sam and Margaret Miles, Franklin and DeDe (Diane) Annis and Conway and Georgie Mae Stevens, who used to run a country store across from what is now Kool Ford. To the side of the old store is where Mueller can be found most Sunday mornings. She offers an open-porch policy at her home.

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It is a comfortable place to be.
Tempers Spark As Chincoteague Looks to Future

By Angie H. Crutchley

Topics were abundant and discussions heated at Chincoteague Town Council’s meeting Monday.

The session, which ran until nearly midnight, opened with a presentation by Eastern Shore Tourism Commission Director Donna Bozza, who presented a new tourism video produced by Ward and Associates. It included Shorewide views from the helicopter of Dr. Neil Kaye, who lives part-time on Tangier.

Immediately after viewing the video, Councilman John Howard said, “This is the first time I felt like I was part of Accomack County.”

Citing the wide range of accomplishments by the Tourism Commission, Bozza requested “funding to be put into next year’s budget” for the town, explaining that a considerable amount of money is required to operate the new Welcome Center near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

In other business, consideration of past talks about a new sewage system led to a heated give-and-take between a few councilmen. Councilman John Howard called for a motion to write a letter to Waste Water Management, Inc., the current consultants for the proposed sewage system, releasing the company from current and future assistance involving sewage matters.

But Councilman Terry Howard remarked, “Why do we hire experts in this town and pay big money and then send a letter to insult them?”

Council voted 4-2 to send the letter, with Councilman Terry Howard and Councilwoman Nancy Conklin dissenting. Howard again voiced disapproval and Councilman John Howard replied, “I’ve learned every time I disagree with you I’m making a big mistake. There’s always two opinions. Every cotton-pickin’ time it’s always doom and gloom with you.”

Also on Monday, Councilman Terry Howard of the Harbor Committee discussed the possibility of a boat lift and the continuation of free stickers for working watermen.

Conklin, a member of the Budget and Personnel Committee reported that requests for bids were sent to three different companies to pave and construct Hallie Whealton Smith Drive. Gerald Moore and Sons was the only respondent, with a bid of $48,000, and although the proposed estimate by the Public Works Department was $30,000-40,000, council unanimously accepted the bid.

Council also unanimously passed a motion to buy a new plumbing truck for $18,900.

The town park near Chincoteague Combined School will be receiving a name soon. Several names were suggested, but Mayor Jack Tarr requested that advertisements be run to solicit ideas and that a vote on the name be taken at a later meeting.

Planning Commissioner Jared Anderson reported on grants offered by the Virginia Department of Transportation for its “Safe Routes to School Program.” He said the grants can be upwards of $500,000 with no matching funds, to cover myriad items, including lights, bike helmets, and bike racks. The new steering committee will have until Dec. 1 to develop a school route program and acquire all of the necessary documents to apply for a grant. Council supported the plan.

Councilwoman Ellen Richardson of the Cemetery Committee announced there will be a clean-up day at Whealton Cemetery near the high school on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. She also invited the public to participate in the townwide cemetery clean-up from Nov. 11-22.

A lengthy discussion about a possible change in the sign ordinance involving balloons, banners and pennants included serious consideration of appeals by local businesses to allow them to place these attention-getting devices in front of their locations.

According to Anderson, a large balloon only can be put in front of a business if a conditional-use permit is secured, as well as permission from the mayor and council. This has caused a great deal of inconvenience, according to memos by Anderson and Zoning Administrator Kenny Lewis. Council decided to write a specific provision to be considered by the planning commission, by suggestion of Town Attorney Jon Poulson, and consider it at the next council meeting.

Vice Mayor John Jester Jr. requested council place neighborhood heritage signs around the island with the names of old area references, such as “Birchtown” and “Snotty Ridge.” Jester said there would be around nine signs over seven miles. Council sent the motion to the 100th Anniversary Committee.

Clay Massey from Massey Design and Associates answered questions from council about a proposal to design the Main Street corridor. Chincoteague received TEA-21 grants several years ago and after two previous attempts to use the $277,000 grant with a town match of $63,000, Mayor Tarr said this is the town’s last chance to use it or lose it.

Jester voiced great concern that there had been “no briefings to council” and that the plans had gotten this far without any consultation with citizens and business owners. He questioned the 19-month span of the project and said the money being spent is unequally balanced, with “more going towards design and engineering than actual construction.”

Massey assured Jester that plans would be revised to satisfy the community, and public meetings were included in the proposal as per diem costs, so money could be saved by having fewer meetings if necessary. Massey’s fee would be $125,000 and would include “to scale” drawings of the proposed downtown area. He also said that council would be able to see the design at various points. The entire project, at its current proposed design, would cost between $2.5 million and 3 million, according to Massey.

Council unanimously accepted his conceptual design.

Belle Haven Finally Sets Tax Rate

By Linda Ciccoira

Belle Haven town officials took action this week to end the real-estate tax rate controversy there.

Mayor Marion Long said that as a result, real-estate owners will pay 4 cents per $100 valuation for bills due next month. Town Council unanimously agreed Tuesday to set the 2009 rate at 8.5 cents per $100 valuation, more than doubling the rate.

“I don’t want to see my taxes wasted on things,” the mayor said. “We will hopefully move forward.”

Long said the move was “an effort to do the right thing. Unfortunately, it will result in a loss” of town revenue of about $17,000. He added that anticipated revenue of $90,000 is expected for a $100,000 annual budget.

Controversy over the tax rate began nearly a year ago when it was increased for the first time in 1998, from 4 cents to 15 cents per $100.

Officials proposed that the rate go up to 10 cents per $100 valuation, which was the amount they then advertised for public hearing.

With the advice of the town lawyer and the explanation that more funds were needed, Town Council decided to up the rate to 15 cents per $100 valuation, despite the lack of public notification.

That dilemma was further compounded when the town failed to adequately advertise a public hearing for the rate and had to spend more money to advertise again.

Long said the appeal time of 90 to 120 days had passed before the town was alerted that the 15-cent rate was in error.

To meet the revenue loss, Long said, spending for office and zoning supplies will be cut. This year’s town clean-up set for Nov. 17 and 18 will still be offered, he said, but the town will likely not be able to afford to offer special refuse collection service in the spring and fall of 2009.

Long said that six months ago the town eliminated vehicle stickers. Instead it will charge residents based on county personal property bills. That move will save Belle Haven several hundred dollars in printing costs and about $2,000 paid to a worker to collect the fees at the town office.
Jamesville Native  
Passes Away  

Deaconess Martha Elizabeth Smith, 79, a native of Jamesville, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, in Birdsnest.

Reared and educated in Northampton County, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wardtown. She later joined St. Mary's Baptist Church, where she served as president of the Deaconess Ministry, Pastor's Aid, Missionary, treasurer of Women's Ministry, a member of the Senior Choir and organist for the Senior Citizens' Choir and Wednesday night Bible study. Deaconess Smith also served on the Search Team Ministry and was a representative for St. Mary's at the Third District Sunday School Union.

She was predeceased by her husband, Samuel A. Smith; daughter, Sandra Smith Williams; and sister, Ruth Waters. She is survived by her daughters, Eva Collins of Exmore, Gertrude Copeland of Mt. Dora, Fla., and Martha Smith Jr. of Wilmington, Del.; sons, Samuel Smith II (and wife, Sarah) of Hampton, Va., and David Smith (and wife, Debbie) of Parksley; sisters, Rennie Stevens of Painter and Jeannette Tinsley of Capitol Heights, Md.; sister-in-law, Zeola Ames of Pocomoke, Md.; brothers-in-law, Leroy Waters of Pocomoke and Ronald Tinsley of Capitol Heights; grandsons, Gerald Copeland and Walter Copeland Jr.; best friend, Dee Hall; and several other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Oct. 4, at Ebenezer Baptist Church by Rev. Robert L. Nock. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Cornish and Holland Funeral Home.

Rhea James Dodge  

Mrs. Rhea James Dodge, 88, died peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008, at the Hermitage of the Eastern Shore in Onancock, where she had been a resident for the past 12 years.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Dodge was the daughter of the late Ralph Bernard and Susie Parker James. She was raised both in Pittsburgh and on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. After graduating Mary Washington College in 1941, Mrs. Dodge taught on the Eastern Shore and later in Petersburg, Va., where she served as head librarian at Petersburg High School. She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church and Appomattox River Garden Club in Petersburg. Mrs. Dodge was formerly a member of Ye Accawmacke Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Marshall Dodge; and a sister, Dorothy James Boggs. Mrs. Dodge leaves behind a cousin, Suzanne S. Taylor of Onley, and a goddaughter, Janice G. Gates of Virginia Beach, Va.

A memorial service was held at the Hermitage of the Eastern Shore Saturday, Nov. 1, followed by interment at Mount Holly Cemetery in Onancock. Rev. Joe McKnight officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to UMW Library, c/o University of Mary Washington Foundation, 1119 Hanover St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Memory tributes may be sent to the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Shore LifeCare  

Resident Dies  

Miss Mary Burford, 84 a resident of Shore LifeCare at Parksley, formerly of Accomac, passed away Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008.

Born in Accomac, she was the daughter of the late John Issac Burford and Buelah Coleburn Burford. Miss Burford was a member of Makemie Presbyterian Church and had a great love for flowers and gardening.

Survivors include two nieces and five nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Nov. 2, at Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley. Interment was in Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Makemie Presbyterian Church, Accomac, VA 23301; or Hospice of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 316, Parksley, VA 23421.

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Chincoteague. Interment will be in Mexico.

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Arrangements were made by
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Retired Accomack
Teacher Dies

Mrs. Bertie Drummond Cul-
ver, 102, of Capeville passed away
Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008, at her resi-
dence, surrounded by her loving
family.

A native of painter, she was the
dughter of the late John R. and Ella
Bradford Drummond. Mrs. Culver
was a member of Capeville United
Methodist Church, where she
taught Sunday School and served
on numerous committees. She
was a member of the church choir for
over 50 years and a member of
Northampton Chapter 2 OES. Mrs.
Culver was a retired school teacher,
having taught at Tangier, Accomack,
Chincoteague, and Northampton
County Public Schools.

Mrs. Culver was predeceased by
her husband, Charles Wesley Cul-
ver; and a son, Charles R. Culver.
Survivors include her daughters,
Mattie Lynne Lamb (and hus-
band, Carlon) of Crisfield, Md.;
Mary Ann Daisey of Crisfield;
brother, Robert Lee Culver; and two
brothers, Garmon Culver (and wife,
Beverly) of Cashville; and
nephews. Mr. Parks was pre-
dead by two sisters, Julia and Francisca Cibrian.

Funeral services were conduct-
ed Tuesday, Nov. 4, from Downing's
United Methodist Church in Oak
Hall by Rev. John Sweeney. Inter-
ment will be in Mexico.

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sign the guest book online, visit
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Ted Parks

Mr. Ray “Ted” Parks, 74, a
lifelong resident of Tangier, passed
away Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, at Ar-
cadia Nursing Center in Nelsonia.

The son of the late Clayton and
Emma Payne Parks, he served in the
U.S. Army from 1956-58. Mr.
Parks was a retired waterman and
member of Swain Memorial United
Methodist Church on Tangi-
er and Tangier VFW 9358.

He is survived by several nieces
and nephews. Mr. Parks was pre-
deceased by a sister, Linda A. Mc-
Creedy; and two brothers, Garmon
Parks and Alfred “Bert” Parks.

Funeral services were conducted
from Swain Memorial United Meth-
doist Church Wednesday, Nov. 5, by
Rev. John Jones and Mr. Danny
McCreedy. Interment was in New
Testament Cemetery on Tangier.

Memorial donations may be
made to Swain Memorial United
Methodist Church, P.O. Box 199,
Tangier, VA 23440. Memorial trib-
utes may be sent to the family at
www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by
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Onancock and Parksley.

Chincoteague
Resident Dies

Maria Daisey Martin, 79, of
Chincoteague died Monday, Nov. 3,
2008, at Manokin Manor Nursing
Home in Princess Anne, Md.

Born and reared on Chincoteague,
she was the daughter of the late El-
wood Daisey and Mildred Reed.

She is survived by her daughter,
Paula Bloxom of Chincoteague;
step-sister, Linda Guerry of North
Carolina; brother, Robert Lee
Daisey of Chincoteague; step-
brothers, Asher Daisey of Crisfield,
Md., and Fletcher Daisey of New
Jersey; four grandchildren; four
great-grandchildren; and several
nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be con-
ducted today, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at
Union Baptist Church on Chin-
coteague. There will be visitation
one hour prior to the service. Inter-
ment will be in Greenwood Ceme-
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  To Barbara Feldman
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7:30 am Miracle Breakthrough
  Deliverance
8:00 am First Born Church
  Minister Cleveland Baines
8:30 am Miracle Temple of Faith
  Apostle Lenwood Wright
9:00 am Gospel Request Time
10:00 am Foundation of Faith
  Bishop David Sabatino
10:15 am Refuge Temple
  Apostle Leon Williams
10:30 am St. John UMC
  Reverend Gary Miller
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  To Linda Rodriguez & Michael Quillin
  Lot 134, Section 10, Captain’s Cove
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Larry Johnson Jr., son of Larry Johnson Sr. and Nina Tull of New Church, is now a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He graduated from Arcadia High School in 2003, the same year he entered the service.

60th Anniversary
On Oct. 9, Charles R. and Dorothy M. Roselle of Machipongo, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They have lived in Northampton County their entire lives. Mr. Roselle retired in 1993 from the Virginia Highway Department. The couple have four sons, two daughters, and several grandchildren and great-children.

Sterling Valentine
Completes Training

Sterling Crystal Valentine recently received her Federal Law Enforcement credentials during graduation ceremonies at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga.

A 2003 graduate of Nandua High School and a 2007 graduate of Virginia Wesleyan College, Valentine received 18 weeks of training, including conflict management, critical incident response, emergency response driving, basic marksmanship, federal criminal law, crowd control, and other law-enforcement duties.

Valentine will receive several weeks of field training, after which she will assume her duties as a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuge officer at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

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$72,000 fiscal 2007-08 shortfall, 

Mason said more than $1.1 million could be removed from the current spending package for capital projects, as could $122,000 for positions that are currently vacant in the Assessor’s Department, $26,000 for airport capital projects, and $4,607 that was set aside for dredging projects “that don’t seem to be happening anymore.” Mason said the current budget also should benefit from $158,000 in proceeds from previous tax sales that had not been anticipated, and about $136,500 in increased revenue expected from real-estate and personal-property taxes.

The supervisors agreed to make the reductions Mason suggested. They also gave Chairman Ron Wolff the authority to establish a special budget committee to be comprised of three county business people, a supervisor, a School Board member, the sheriff, a member of the Social Services Department and the county administrator/finance director.

That group’s task will be to look for “new revenues and cost savings,” the officials agreed.

Miner said Davenport and Co., a financial firm based in Richmond, is working on a strategic plan for the county.

The administrator recommended that all departments be heard prior to any reductions in the existing budget and that the supervisors use an across-the-board approach.

“It’s my feeling this budget is ultimately going to come down to delinquent tax collections,” said Mason. “There’s so much money tied up in all that.”

Miner blamed the budget woes in part on the economy and an overestimate of available funds. “We could debate endlessly as to how they came to be,” Miner said. “The size is so substantial we can’t sweep it under the rug.”

Cutting those 95 non-mandated jobs could also dissolve the county’s Departments of Building and Zoning, Parks and Recreation, Buildings and Grounds, and Planning. Such a slash also would eliminate the county attorney and his assistant, the purchasing agent, the director of Public Safety and his assistant, the deputy emergency management coordinator, five jobs in the Assessor’s Office, the Circuit Court judge’s assistant, a juvenile probation officer, an animal shelter attendant, a ditch maintenance supervisor, more than three litter control workers, about 19 people in the Public Works Department and two economic development authority workers.

Miner suggested that county departments, agencies and constitutional offices make their budget requests from a zero balance to keep expenses from previous projects from being carried over. “It’s a good financial practice,” Miner said.

The administrator also urged the supervisors to consider consolidating services with the School Board and bringing private businesses into the mix. “I’m not saying we need to put our own people out of business.” But, he added, “We can’t assume we can do it cheaper.”

Wolff wants the supervisors to meet with the School Board at 7 p.m. Nov. 24 at Shore Financial Center in Onley. “Our financial situation is very dire. They need to know it … they need to know as soon as possible.”

“We are not the only county in the commonwealth facing these issues,” he said. Fairfax County’s “numbers are worse. This is a ship that’s sinking.”

Mason warned that state cutbacks will mean another $239,000 in lost revenue for 2010.

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It's 7:30 p.m. on a chilly fall evening at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa. In a darkened classroom, eight students take turns presenting X-ray films they have taken of objects like office supplies or stuffed animals. They explain what they see on the screen. During each presentation, gentle questions probe the student's knowledge: "What are you seeing in that film? Yes, that's the right answer, but can you tell us why? Don't think dark-and-light; what you want to see is density!"

That's the voice of Bill Monts de Oca, originator, primary teacher and "soul" of the Radiologic Technology program being offered for the first time this semester at ESCC. As director of Radiology at Shore Memorial Hospital, Monts de Oca has been working for three years to get the program up and running. It's a full-scale, two-year program leading to an Associate of Science Degree and is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). As Monts de Oca points out, "Up until now, the only such program offered in all of east Virginia was at Tidewater Community College. Even if you were accepted, you would have to move off the Shore or commute, either choice involving unsupportable expense and inconvenience for most Shore students."

The new program changes all that. Because Monts de Oca and Dee Dee Reese of Shore Memorial and its Radiology Department have committed to providing the instruction, clinical experience and lab facilities for the curriculum, it has become practical for ESCC to offer the program.

The potential benefits for both the community and the students are enormous. Because modern medicine relies more every day on sophisticated imaging, there is an ever-increasing demand for a highly-trained and skilled workforce to create and analyze these images. Being able to train the local population will give Virginia's Eastern Shore a source of "homegrown" talent. It also will give local students the opportunity to enter a field that is rewarding both intellectually and financially after just two years in school. What's more, national licensing means that they can take their skills anywhere, and their credits are transferrable to four-year universities, should they choose to continue their education. Generous starting salaries for graduates can also be a strong motivating force.

And how do the students feel about it? For some, it's a long-awaited opportunity.

Shore-born-and-bred Fabien Parker has been working as a technician at Shore Memorial for eight years, and now, for the first time, he has the opportunity to get the "book knowledge" he needs to deepen his mastery of the field and pass the boards for certification. He loves science and is fascinated by seeing how radiation breaks down the human body. As he explained, a radiologic technologist has two major responsibilities, one to the patient and the other to the quality of the film image.

After all, the radiologist who reads the image is totally dependent on the X-ray to make a correct diagnosis. The patient depends on the tech as well to give the minimum dose needed to correctly expose the area of interest. Two other Shore Memorial employees are also taking advantage of the program — one to advance her skills and another to shift the focus of her healthcare career. Another student, a 2004 ESCC graduate who had left the Shore, gladly returned to take advantage of this opportunity in his native community.

For other students, the Radiologic Technology Program is a step into the unknown. A 30-something woman who confesses to "drifting" and waiting tables for 10 years sees this as her opportunity to have a "real career" and save for her future.

A Hispanic mother and daughter whose ambition was to move out of farm labor were delighted to begin the program this fall.

For Bill Monts de Oca, leading students into the mysteries of radiology and the intricate workings of the human body is a labor of love.

It's providing one more opportunity to grow and develop the Shore's richest natural resource — its people!
WHILE WE WERE SLEEPING....... 

...some folks were very busy laying plans that might not exactly fit in with our mutual vision of what we want this portion of the Eastern Shore to look and smell like in the future. Indeed, a Norfolk businessman involved in the oil industry is in the process of developing a BioDiesel Plant right in the middle of Exmore, near the Post Office and adjacent to the railroad tracks. The project name is the Eastern Shore of Virginia Ex-More Energy Project. We have been informed that the project may have gone from a conceptual 10,000 gallons of BioDiesel\year to 10 million gallons\year. On September 12, 2008 the State Department of Environmental Quality investigated the site and confirmed that the equipment to manufacture BioDiesel was on the site and they informed the owners and the consultant (Mr. Pedrick from the midwest and New York) that they first needed to obtain the proper permits, which we are sure they will now pursue.

BioDiesel manufacturing turns organic material into a vegetable-oil like substance that is used as an additive to Diesel fuel. The process uses toxic and volatile chemicals to process the feedstock, and more than 15 of these plants have had community problems such as explosions, fire, and smells so bad that in one instance a governor had to shut the plant down. While we do not oppose BioDiesel plants in a rural setting, we believe that a plant of this nature does not belong in the middle of a town like Exmore.

Usually, developers of projects like this target small towns that are desperate for jobs, using keywords as “economic development” and “employment opportunities”. That appears to be the case with this project, as we have heard these words being tossed about by local officials.

Finally, these Bio-Diesel plants are actual oil refineries, and communities have rejected them in part because of the fear that once established, they will bring other similar industries to established towns...like crushing plants, poultry-fat processors, and mixing plants-other industries that are not compatible with population centers. Our vision for the future of this area of the Eastern Shore is in direct conflict with these plans for a regional oil refinery, and that is why we are sponsoring this informational ad.

So, at this critical point, we have two choices: we can continue on with our daily lives, “hoping” that these plans go astray, gambling this portion of the Eastern Shore’s future on the toss of coin; or we can pick up the phone or a pen and paper and let our leaders know that we are not that “desperate” for “jobs” like that in our town. Also, if you would like to join the many folks concerned about this project, please call Ken at Wachina Co. @ 442-7889 to get on our mailing and email list and help spread the word.

*This message is sponsored by the generous supporters of Wachina Company, an Asian and traditional eclectic store located next to the Post Office in Exmore.*
Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

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Last Week's Answers

This Weekend

Idle Hour Theater
Belle Haven
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19 ft. galvanized trailer, 4 hp Yamaha motor, fully reupholstered. $450. Call 757-824-3991.

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**1999 Searay 21’ walk around. 200 hp. Johnson, Tandem trailer, new electronics. Priced at $12,000 OBO. 757-710-6942 or ussck@verizon.net**

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**Workboat w/cabin. Built by Ronnie Carmen. 435 Detroit Diesel along w/ VA Waterman’s Card, peeler pot & scraping license. For more info call 757-891-2520**

**20’ x 30’ Wood hall screen room. I would like to thank Mike’s friends who visit his cross, remembering the wonderful life he lived and honoring the beautiful memories he left. May Mike continue to live in heavenly spirit to guide and inspire us.**

**Love, Mom**

11/10/1930 - 12/31/2007

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I thought of you in silence often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which I’ll never part. God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart. Loved and Missed by All of Us.

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LOST & FOUND

TWO LOST CATS - Tori is brown, black tan and orange and is a new mother who escaped from house. Cookie is black and tan with a white patch under chin. Lost in Oakland Park, Exmore. Call 442-6066 or 678-7227.

LOST PUPPY - Dachshound/Chow mix - one month old - about 3 lbs - $20.00 - $40.00 - 5 lbs - run away from accident on Mini Road in Daugherty 2 weeks ago. Name is Taz. 787-3040

Mobile Homes

WATTSVILLE - 14x70 mobile home for sale. All set up, 2 BR, 2 BA. $11,500 OBO. Call 757-904-0551.

RESEARCH DOUGLAS MANOE 3 - DUAL WIDE MOBILE HOME - 3 Bedroom and 2 bathroom, 2x6 exterior walls. Double hung windows. All appliances convey. Assessed @ $77,000. Must move. $40,000. (757) 678-5910 and leave a message.

Mobile Home Parts for sale - Dreamland Homes, Rt. 13, Accomac, VA 787-2521.

Real Estate

1/2 ACRE WATERFRONT LOT FOR SALE. DOCK INCLUDED. 15’ OF WATER. ONE MILE FROM HISTORIC TOWN OF ONANCOCK. OFFER $30K?$45K, OR BEST OFFER. VERY PRIVATE. WILL FINANCE. CALL 757-107377 OR 757-787-1598.

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New Towne Apts Pocomoke

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR LEASE - 10,200 sq ft. Front Accomack County, Large Parking Area, Heating & Cooling & More. The building is at an Affordable Rate, Please call 757-787-3454.

CAPE CHARLES - remodeled apartment, 1r, dr, 2k, 2bth, 1st floor. Great location in front, courtyard. Area: 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. $550.00 deposit/credit check 757-331-2207.

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NASSAWADOX - 2 BR, 1 BA $700 per month. Now taking applications. No credit checks. New paint, windows, doors, sink & appliances. 710-847-7822.

SIMPSON TREE & BOBCAT SERVICE - Tree trimming, removal and stump grinding. 787-2100 or 710-847-7822.

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WOMAN COMPANION Available. Hours flexible. References also available. Call and we’ll talk. 710-5527.

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FUEL WOODS EXCURSION, 308 CAT. Allison Auto Trans., 39 ft. long, 3 slides, 5,000 miles. Asking $150,000.

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1988 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500. $2900. Many new parts: tires, and brakes Runs great. 710-6471 or 442-2772

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1996 RAM 1500 PICKUP - V8 - 4WD - AC, CD Player - Short Bed, Bed Liner, Club Cab, Dual Exhaust. Great Work Truck - Burgundy. $5,800. Financing may be available. 709-0624

TRACTOR SALE - 1992 GMC Scottsdale Short Bed; V8, C6 327 engine; 327 turbo glide transmission, ceramic headers, 4-shift. $3,000 OBO. 757-331-4605

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2001 FORD EXPEDITION XL - 2 wheel drive, V8, Blue with leather & wood trim. Tires like new. All maintenance performed. Other extras - gets 22 mpg in city - 90,000 miles. Great vehicle. Great deal. $9,200 OBO. all 442-4389 or 710-1284.

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2005 FORD EXPLORER - 19,400 miles. Power windows & locks - Excellent condition. $19,200 - 442-4670 after 6 p.m.

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1989 FORD Super-duty diesel 6 wheeler w/15 ft. body and cooling unit. Call (757) 787-7559. Low mileage for a diesel truck.

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YARD SALES & Thrift Shops

SMITH CHAPEL THRIFT SHOP - Quinby. Open Sat., Nov. 15 - 8 a.m. - noon. Bake Table.


BLOXOM 2 family garage sale. Collectibles, different old antiques, lots of games & toys just in time for Christmas - 26106 Circle Drive. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Nov. 14 & 15.

Yard Sale in CHERITON - Nov. 8 - 8 a.m. Across the street of the Cheriton parking lot. Pressure washer, generator, bedsheets, towels, rugs, coats, shoes, purses, pots & pans & Christmas items.

YARD SALE - Onancock - 18346 Cashville Rd., Sat. 8th & Sun 9th. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Handcrafted seasonal items.

YARD SALE - Eastville - Sat., Nov. 8 @ 16514 Courthouse Rd., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Quality antiques, collectibles, clothes, children’s toys, sewing machine, tools. Rain or shine.

A & N Electric Co-op Tapped for Federal Loan

Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer recently announced the selection of 33 rural utilities and cooperatives in 26 states – including A&N Electric Cooperative – receive $1.8 billion in loans to build and repair 7,600 miles of distribution and transmission lines serving more than 90,000 rural customers.

“USDA partners with utilities across the country to ensure the delivery of affordable, reliable electrical power to rural communities,” Schofer said. “These loans are investments that will spur or expand development opportunities and enhance the economic competitiveness for rural areas as good places to live and work.”

Ellen Davis, State Director for Rural Development in Virginia, also echoed the comments made by Agriculture Secretary Schafer by saying, “We are delighted that Virginia will share in this funding and the improvements made to the transmission lines in Southside Virginia and on the Eastern Shore, which will continue to improve the lives of the rural families that live in these regions.”

The funding is being provided through USDA Rural Development’s Utilities Programs, which Congress authorized under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

A & N Electric Cooperative in Tasley, Va., has been selected to receive a $51 million loan to build and make improvements to 1,158 miles of new and upgraded distribution line serving 23,301 customers.
Coats Available

Coats for men, women and children will be available tomorrow, Nov. 8 and again Nov. 15 at the Pungoteague Self-Help Center.

Open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the center is also stocked with clothing for all ages with prices being based on need. Nothing is priced more than $5.

Given free at the center are children’s books and baby needs.

Donations are always welcome at the center which is operated as a ministry of Pungoteague Community Church. For more information call 442-9596.

Turkey Shoots Set

New Church Volunteer Fire and Rescue will host it’s 7th Annual Turkey Shoot on Nov. 15 and again on Dec. 6. Adult and children’s divisions will be available for participants of all ages.

Breakfast will be on sale at the location behind the New Church Firehouse.

Each shoot begins at 9 a.m. and will continue until all prizes have been awarded.

Fore more information, call 824-9724 or contact any member of the fire company

Arcadia Book Fair

Arcadia Middle School will host a Scholastic book fair Nov. 10 through 20 to help raise funds for new books and materials for the media center.

The book fair will feature a wide range of books for students and adults, including the latest best-sellers from more than 150 publishers. The book fair will be open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

In conjunction with the scheduled parent night on Tuesday, Nov. 11, the book fair will feature a special family night from 6 to 8 p.m. Attendees who make a purchase will have their name entered in a drawing to win gift certificates to the book fair.

Bazaar Tomorrow

Christ Episcopal Church in Eastville will hold their Annual Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Parish House located behind the church. Items for sale include baked goods, jams, jellies, lots of craft items, house plants, and white elephant items. A special Children’s Room will be open featuring small toys and games for sale.

A vintage quilt will be raffled off at 2 p.m. and a silent auction of an original framed painting by Dr. B. J. Rogers titled “Walking the Beach at Assateague” will also be held. Bids for the silent auction can be made by contacting the church office at 678-7837 and during the bazaar. Winners do not have to be present.

Lunch featuring Eastern Shore clam chowder and chillidogs will be available. The clam chowder may be purchased by the bowl for $3 or by the pint for $5.
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Northampton ‘State of the County’ Breakfast Set

The annual State of the County Breakfast will be held on Friday, November 14th at 8:30 a.m. at the Eastville Inn, 16422 Courthouse Road in Eastville.

The purpose of this breakfast meeting is to promote communication and partnerships between County Government, the incorporated towns and the business community. The program will include reports from elected officials as well as the opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited, but reservations are required. Please call the chamber at 678-0010 to register or for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with the Northampton County Board of Supervisors’ policy, please be advised that there will be appointment vacancies, effective December 31, 2008, on the following commissions and boards:

BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

DISABLED SERVICES BOARD

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CAPE CHARLES-NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION

PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

If citizens are interested in serving on any of these boards or commissions, they should contact the County Administrator’s Office and complete a Board Bank Application.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
PUBLISHER’S NOTICE ~ FAIR HOUSING

We are pledged to the letter and spirit of Virginia’s policy for achieving equal housing opportunity throughout the Commonwealth. We encourage and support advertising and marketing programs in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status or handicap. All real estate advertised herein is subject to Virginia’s fair housing law which makes it illegal to advertise “any preference, limitation or discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status or handicap, or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.” This newspaper will not knowingly accept advertising for real estate that violates the fair housing law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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Web site: www.fairhousing.vipnet.org

LEGAL NOTICES & AUCTIONS

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
Selling from the home of Emmet & Alma Michaels ~ Accomac, VA

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008 @ 10:00 am
RAIN DATE: November 15, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.

Directions: Located on 3rd St. B3 in Accomac, VA. Bypass Charity Street. Head north 60 mi. North of Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel & 60 mi. South of Salisbury, MD. Turn East off Rt. 13 at Traffic light by Shore Stop onto Court House Ave., follow into Accomac, turn North on Business Rt. 13, approx. 1/2 mi. on left, Signs will be posted from Rt. 13

*NOTE: This is a real nice Auction for Collectors of Real Estate & Personal Property Auction

Located on three building lots in the Beautiful, Historic Town of Accomac, VA.
This 2 Story Victorian Home was Built in 1884 for its Original Owner, Horace P. Nock.
Has 4 Bedrooms with full Bath Upstairs, Downstairs has Living Room, Hallway, Full Bath, Den, Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Utility Room and Large Eat In Kitchen. Also located on the property is a 4 Room Tenant house, needs to be refurbished on inside. The Main House has 3 full porches on front, shaded by large Magnolia Tree, small porch on back.

Within walking distance of the E. S. Public Library and Downtown Accomac.
House has Central Heat, No AC, Pine Floors throughout.

Also has 2 Fireplaces. House is in Very Good Condition being owned by elderly couple and well taken care of.

House is to be sold as is with a 3% buyer’s premium. Closing costs and inspections are the responsibility of the purchaser.

$20,000 down day of sale, balance in 30 days, to be paid by cashier’s check, or personal check with an approved bank note.

Any announcements made day of sale will take preference over any other terms listed prior.

Gateleg Writing Desk • Pine Clothes Cabinet • 4 Pc. Cherry Bedroom Suite • King Size Bed • Victorian Walnut Marble Top Dresser (Choc. Marble) • 2-Victorian Walnut Chest (Chocolate Marble with Mirror) • Pine Deacon’s Bench • Victorian Mirror • Shaving Mirror • Victorian Washstand w/Walnut Marble • Cottage Dresser • MIRROR • Lg. Pine Blanket Chest • Oak Washstand • Victorian Armoire • Small Hanging Pine Corner Cupboard • Round Top Trunks (1 Child’s) • Buggy Seat • Drum Table • Several Different Size Pine Benches • Bamboo Table • Cherry High Boy Chest on Chest • Quilt Racks & Towel Bars • Several Open Washstands • Ladder Back Chairs • 8 Ft. Rocking Chair • Bottom Chairs • Hitchcock Chairs • Victorian Cane Bottom Chairs • Piano • Small Marble Top Table • Corner Drop-leaf Table • Dining Back Chairs • 2- Dry Sinks • Victorian Top Pedestal Stand • Corner Cupboard (Painted Red) • Gone with the Wind Lamp • 2 Cranberry Hobnail Bracket Lamps • Banquet Lamp • Oak Lamps • Bracket Lamps • Floor Lamps • Betty Lamps (Iron & Brass) • Flow Blue & Iron Stone Wash Bowls & Pitchers • Country Style Pictures • Needle-Work Pictures • Sumpner Pine Desk • Pine Lamps • Nautical Maps • Victorian Brass & Copper Nautical Maps • Fostoria Candle Holders • Quilts • Cross Frames • Shadow Box Frames • Hand Hooked Rugs (including stair-ways) • Plate for 8 Boys (each step-different scene) • Victorian Pictures • China Doll • Doll Chair • Guilted Gold Eagle Mirror • Guilted Gold Wall Mirror • Mirrors • Lg. Pine Corner Cupboard • Mantle Clocks • Mantle Clocks • Brass Mantle Clocks • Mantle Clocks • Gingersbread Clock • Banjo Clock • Brass buckets • Lot of Old Books • Oriental Table Top

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**Here’s What Else Is Happening on the Shore**

**Toy Drive**
The Eastern Shore Toy Drive is being hosted by Four Seasons Law & Landscaping for the Accomack County Department of Social Services.

There are many needy children in the community and it is hoped that can all receive a gift this holiday season. New and unwrapped gifts such as stuffed animals, toy cars and trucks, art sets, dolls, sport equipment, puzzles, board games and handheld electronic games can be dropped off anytime until Dec. 5 at the Accomack County Department of Social Services, EAstern Shore Pinter, Meyers & Tabakin, Parksley Sign Co. or Colonial Manor Inn. For more information call 757-894-0220.

**Veteran’s Day Dance**
The Wallops Island Chief Petty Officers Association will be hosting a World War II Victory Dance on Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11 to honor all WWII vets and/or their spouses. The dinner will be held at the Cropper Center located at 7300 Kearsarge Loop in Wallops Island. The dinner is for war vets of all branches of service and provided absolutely free of charge.

For more information on this 1940s USO-style event contact Navy Chief Aaron Hoyt at 757-854-4642.

**Veteran’s Day Service**
American Legion Posts 56 and 400 will conduct Veteran’s Day Services on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Veteran’s Memorial on Mason Ave. in Cape Charles.

**Dinner & Auction**
The women of Grace United Methodist Church in Parksley will hold a turkey dinner and auction on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The eat-in or carryout dinners will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. The buffet is $10 for adults and $5 for kids under 12. Carry-outs are $8 each. To place an order call 665-5273 or 665-4783. An auction will begin at 7 p.m. and feature decoys, Don Sparrow print, handmade quilt and more.

**Painting Workshop**
The Oyster & Maritime Museum on Chincoteague is hosting a three-day painting workshop on Nov. 13, 14 and 15 at the museum. Leading the workshop is Shore artist Jack Richardson of Onancock. Students will be introduced to several techniques. Space is limited and the fee is $225. To register or for more information call 336-6117.

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**SUN. Nov. 9**
- 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
- 2:30 p.m. - Bingo - Vietnam Vets Bldg., Onley
- 3 p.m. - The Lights of Home in Concert - Union UMC, Greenbackville - followed by a covered dish dinner at Greenbackville Fire Hall - 824-3630

**MON. Nov. 10**
- 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant, Onley
- 9:45 a.m. - Economic Development Authority mtg. - Airport conference room, Melfa
- 9 a.m. - Noon Farmers’ Market - Downtown Park, Main St., Chincoteague
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. - GED Class - Head Start Center, Accomac - 787-1760
- 2 p.m. - E.S. Brain Injury Survivors Support Group mtg. - Belle Haven 442-9334
- 5 p.m. - E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District mtg. - Office conference room - Accomac
- 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Shore Memorial Hospital
- 7 p.m. - Bingo - Nelsonia Moose Lodge
- 8 p.m. - AA beginners mtg. - Downum UMC, Oak Hall

**WED., Nov. 12**
- 6:45 a.m. - Celebrate Recovery group mtg. - Family Life Center of Onancock Baptist Church, on Market St. - includes a simple meal - $6/person or $10/family.
- 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries - 787-2486
- 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
- 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Adventist Comm. Center, Exmore
- 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Downing UMC, Oak Hall

**THURS., Nov. 13**
- 9:30 a.m. - MOPS mtg. - Christ UMC, Chincoteague - 336-0664
- 5 p.m. - TOPS # VA 550 mtg. - Bible Baptist Church, Accomac - 387-9016
- 6 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Cape Charles Rescue Bldg., Cheriton
- 6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis of Chincoteague mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic Church
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - ESCC, Rm. A-51
- 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Painter-Garrisons UM Church
- 7 p.m. - Moms in Touch prayer group mtg. - Cape Charles Baptist Church
- 8 p.m. - AA mtg. - Fellowship House, 6263 Church St., Chincoteague

**TUE., Nov. 11**
- 9:30 a.m. - Mothers of Preschoolers mtg. - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley
- 10 a.m. - Bingo - Accumac Sr. Village, Onancock
- 4 - 6 p.m. - Parent Teacher Conferences - Northampton High School - Report cards available
- 5:15-6 p.m. - TOPS weigh-in (program @ 6) - Belle Haven Presbyterian Church
- 6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant, Onley - 787-4278
- 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - Call 787-2486 for info
- 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, Rt. 113
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESCC
- 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville
- 7 p.m. - Eastern Shore Bird Club mtg. - Hermitage, Onancock - 336-1799
- 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Smoke Free - Cheriton Vol. Fire Co.
- 7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Atlantic UMC

**FRI., Nov. 7**
- 7 a.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
- 9:30 a.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries - 787-2486
- 9:45 a.m. - Economic Development Authority mtg. - Airport conference room, Melfa
- 9 a.m. - Noon Farmers’ Market - Downtown Park, Main St., Chincoteague
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. - GED Class - Head Start Center, Accomac - 787-1760
- 2 p.m. - E.S. Brain Injury Survivors Support Group mtg. - Belle Haven 442-9334
- 5 p.m. - E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District mtg. - Office conference room - Accomac
- 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs.- Shore Memorial Hospital
- 7 p.m. - Bingo - Nelsonia Moose Lodge
- 8 p.m. - AA beginners mtg. - Downum UMC, Oak Hall

**SAT., Nov. 8**
- 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Indoor Yard Sale - Arcadia High School - Tables $10 ea. - call 824-5613
- 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Health Awareness Day - 12 Peach Street, Cape Charles - 5K run ($20 includes T-shirt and benefits Special Olympics) - Exercise Classes, Free body composition analysis & health risk assessment
- 9 a.m. - noon - Farmer’s Market - Main St., Chincoteague
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Kiwanis Craft Show - Nandua High School - admission $1
- 6 p.m. - Bingo - Atlantic Vol. Fire & Rescue Co.
~ Quinby ~

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Native American Festival Tomorrow

The Native American Heritage Festival will be held on Chincoteague on Saturday, Nov. 8, offering an opportunity to learn about the living legacy of the first peoples to inhabit the Eastern Shore. The festival will take place in the downtown park adjacent to the bridge on Main Street from noon until 5 p.m. In case of rain, it will be held in the Parks and Recreation building on Church Street.

The festival begins at noon with a ceremony honoring veterans for their service. All veterans, active duty personnel and those who wish to honor them are invited to participate. The ceremony is especially appropriate because it will be just a few days before Veterans Day, but every Native American powwow traditionally remembers veterans with a special dance or song.

During the afternoon, there will be demonstrations of Native American dance styles including grass dance, jingle dance and fancy dance. Dancers will be accompanied by drumming and singing featuring the White Buffalo Drum. Jeremy Wright will play the Native American flute.

Mark Greenley will show how arrowheads are made by flint knapping and Dave Holland will demonstrate other primitive technologies, including making rope from plants. Joan Filmer will demonstrate corn grinding, Cathy Donovan will demonstrate the art of pine needle basket making and Virginia Dryer will share beading techniques.

Native America foods including buffalo burgers and fry bread will be available throughout the afternoon.

From 6 to 10 p.m., as part of the Second Saturdays Art Stroll on Chincoteague, Native American artists will be exhibiting and demonstrating their arts and crafts at galleries and shops around town.

The Festival is sponsored by the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, a non-profit organization formed to enhance community life by promoting the arts. Co-sponsors include the Historic Main Street Merchants Association, Island Motor Inn and Spa, Best Western, Comfort Suites and Lighthouse Inn, with support from the Town of Chincoteague and the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Additional information about this event and all Cultural Alliance Events, may be found on the website at chincoteagueculturalalliance.org.

Next Race:
Nov. 9 – Checker O’Reilly Auto Parts 500 presented by Pennzoil – Phoenix International Raceway – ABC at 3 p.m. – MRN/WESR 103.3 FM at 2:45 p.m.

RACE RESULTS
1 #99 Carl Edwards
2 #24 Jeff Gordon
3 #26 Jamie McMurray
4 #07 Clint Bowyer
5 #16 Greg Biffle
6 #18 Kyle Busch
7 #29 Kevin Harvick
8 #1 Martin Truex Jr.
9 #17 Matt Kenseth
10 #44 David Reutimann

DRIVER STANDINGS
1 Jimmie Johnson - Leader
2 Carl Edwards - 106
3 Greg Biffle - 143
4 Jeff Burton - 212
5 Jeff Gordon - 255
6 Clint Bowyer - 267
7 Kevin Harvick - 279
8 Matt Kenseth - 393
9 Tony Stewart - 404
10 Kyle Busch - 428

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Backseat Drivers:

His View: Just a little more power and Edwards with a little less gas and Jeff would have had his first race of the season! Two more to go! Can Jeff get a win? Maybe good finishes will just have to be a great start for 2009. Hopes and prayers for all my sporting favorites.

Her View: I’m glad there are only two races to go. Things are getting somewhat boring on the NSACAR front. I am looking forward to a new season and a fresh look at things. It appears Denny Hamlin is looking for that, too.

Hubbie got really excited this week, but Jeffie still couldn’t pull off the win. Time is running short and I am not sure that he is going to be able to get a win this year.

Carl Edwards seems to be driving in the right direction with another win at Texas on Sunday. The problem is time is dwindling with only three races to go and Jimmie Johnson still atop the points standings. At least Edwards is giving all he’s got to try and come close to a spoiler for Johnson.

Gordon managed to stay in second place still winless this season.

By J.J. and Troy Justis

~ Quinby ~

Real Estate Postings
Dear Editor:

We would like to call attention to the alarming situation concerning the right of county supervisors to grant themselves free family health insurance while all but two eligible county employees receive only single-subscriber insurance.

Keep in mind that a supervisor’s salary limit is based on the population of the county he or she serves and in this instance, the salary is limited to $7,000 annually. The cost of full-family health insurance is in excess of $15,000 annually. That’s to $7,000 annually. The cost of full-family health insurance while all but two eligible county employees receive only single-subscriber insurance.

We are asking legislators to please put a stop to this excessive expense by adding two words and striking four words in VA Code Section 15.2-1414.3: “In addition to and without regard for salary limits herein set out, any board of supervisors may follow suit. Therefore, we feel it should be addressed on a legislative level ASAP.

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