New Smoking Ban Poses Change for Restaurants …

By Linda Cicoira

Local restaurant owners who answered a recent Eastern Shore Post survey said they are prepared for the state’s new smoking bans or already have prohibited the use of tobacco in their establishments. “It remains to be seen just how the ban will affect our business,” said Randy Lewis of Island House Restaurant in Wachapreague. “I believe it will have an impact.”

Lewis said his establishment has “a smoking area separate from the main dining room and in the lounge that is in compliance with the new smoking ban. We have a separate room with a completely separate ventilation system. There are other requirements which we have researched and seem to meet as well.”

“Upfront costs were not as bad as the potential costs down the road,” he said. “I don’t really know what percent of our business are smokers. In the 32 years we’ve been here, the ratio has changed from more smokers to more non-smokers.”

“I am not in favor of the ban mainly because this is one more way the government dictates how a private business chooses to operate,” Lewis wrote. “I don’t smoke and many of our employees don’t smoke, so my personal preference is to have a non-smoking operation. Part of the problem is we don’t have enough people here on the Shore to alienate any sector.”

“The public still has some questions about how this will change our businesses,” wrote Tom McCulloch of Shucker’s Roadhouse near Onancock. “We anticipate an increase in our non-smoking dining room business. That room has been completely remodeled, including fresh carpet. We also hope to see an increase in sales to smokers primarily because they will have fewer places to go,” he wrote.

“The law requires that the two areas be separated by at least a 2x4 studded wall, have completely (Continued on Page 6)

... and Their Patrons

By Linda Cicoira

Nearly 71 percent of those who participated in an Eastern Shore Post e-mail survey, favor a new law that prohibits smoking in restaurants. About 23 percent were opposed, with the rest undecided.

Of those who favor the new law, 60 percent said they have never smoked and 40 percent identified themselves as former smokers. No current smokers who took the survey favor the ban.

The new law allows restaurants to provide smoking sections that are separated by walls, ventilation systems and entrances.

Twenty-seven percent of those who oppose the law are smokers. More than 33 percent never smoked and 40 percent are former smokers.

“Take it outside please,” wrote Bill Aeschliman of Cradockville, who quit smoking 17 years ago. “Having a smoking section in a restaurant is like having a ‘peeing section’ in a swimming pool.” Aeschliman said he is “reformed forever and would rather not be around it anymore.”

“You favor it only to help persons over the edge in the journey to quit,” Ainsworth said. “I actually enjoyed the smoke in restaurants. ‘It is as close as I will ever get to that deep satisfaction from a smoke.’ Ainsworth smoked from 1978 through 2000. “Survived cancer twice,” he offered. “On the first time around, I had a smoke in one hand and a chemo IV in the other.”

“I spent many years trying to quit. The biggest deterrent was self-righteous arrogant ex-smokers,” Ainsworth added. “After listening to one of them, I needed a smoke to calm down and regain some minimal composure.”

Ive Chubb of Eastville supports a total ban on smoking in restaurants. “I have allergies and start coughing when I am around smoke … I believe more (Continued on Page 7)
Ambulance Driver Doesn’t Stop After Minor Collision With School Bus

By Linda Cicioira

An Accomack County Public Schools bus filled with 30 to 40 children on their way to Metompkin Elementary School collided with a Parksley ambulance responding to a call Monday at around 8 a.m. in Bloxom, according to reports.

The ambulance did not stop after the accident, continuing to its destination on Nelsonia Road.

State Police Sgt. Michelle Cotten said Monday that the two vehicles “smacked mirrors” and that there were no injuries. The bus driver, who was not identified, “had glass all over her from the mirror,” the sergeant said.

The accident was considered non-reportable and no ticket was given, Cotten continued. “They exchanged information,” Cotton said, apparently concluding that the ambulance had stopped after striking the bus. “There were no reportable injuries,” she said. Trooper R.C. Brown investigated.

On Tuesday, Cotten identified the ambulance driver as Kyle McConnell, no address or name available. She said the bus driver, who was still not identified, later went to the hospital. Cotten said McConnell did not stop after the accident because “he did not know he hit the bus.”

Superintendent Rick Bull of Accomack Schools said Monday that there were no injuries resulting from the accident. He said the mirror of the ambulance broke the side glass on the bus. “We did not get a ticket,” he continued. “They are waiting for this ambulance to come back from the hospital.”

“That’s what happened,” said Jason Loftus, Accomack’s director of Public Safety. “The person driving the ambulance didn’t stop.” Loftus did not identify the driver, but admitted that he was a paid employee. Loftus said that driving away from an accident is not the normal procedure. The incident has “been investigated internally and by the State Police and action was taken,” Loftus said.

Loftus would not disclose details of the investigation. “It is a personnel matter not up for public discussion,” he said.

Willie Kirkpatrick, the head of Parksley’s rescue squad, said Monday that he was working at his part-time job when the incident occurred and did not know details of the case. He said he had heard that it was “under investigation on the cause” and was not sure who was investigating. “I’m in the dark as much as you are,” he added.

Director Jeff Flournoy of the 911 Center said Tuesday that the ambulance was responding to a 7:47 a.m. call reporting “abdominal pain” in a patient on Nelsonia Road. He said such calls could be critical, although he was not sure that this one was serious. Such information about a report is not immediately available, Flournoy said. He referred questions to Loftus.

Other records that Flournoy could immediately see showed that the accident was reported at 8:01 a.m. at 16430 Hopeton Road, with units from Parksley, Bloxom and the Department of Public Safety responding.

A mother of a child who was riding the bus identified the bus as #93. She said the driver had finished picking up elementary-school children and the bus was stopped when the ambulance struck it. “That ambulance never stopped,” she said. The bus driver, Helen Johnson, “had to call the School Board to get an ambulance.”

“They’re really being hush-hush about it,” said the mother, who would not give her name. The children were not hurt but were upset, she added.
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“Organizations receive tax money to provide a service,” said Loftus. “In order to fix response time we have to look at the county as a whole.”

“We have studied this system to death,” Loftus said. “We really don’t have a plan still.”

Loftus said it is unclear how much the squads are billing. “I don’t think anyone’s getting rich … Wachapreague is the only one not billing.”

EMS is funded with $1.8 million per year in taxes that are specifically set for the cause. Another $88,000 is donated from the county’s general fund and $824,959 is estimated to come from EMS billing, according to the report.

“Both career and volunteer organizations receive tax money to provide a service,” said Loftus. “Both should be held accountable.”

Loftus said the monthly reports provided to the supervisors should “be used to make decisions and predictions on service … this approach must be supported by … population, drive time, number of calls, volunteer availability, consolidation of resources, etc.”

A report stated that between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, 2009, Greenbackville got 106 calls and responded in the prescribed time 58 percent of the time. Forty-four calls took over 20 minutes to answer. The longest was 42 minutes, 28 seconds. The company was unable to answer 18 calls for which it was the primary agency.

Paid staff includes two day workers at Greenbackville, Saxis, Bloxom, Melfa and Wachapreague. Oak Hall, Parksley, Onancock and Onley have a 24-hour worker and a day worker.

Information was incomplete for Chincoteague, where 388 calls were received. Sixteen calls took more than 20 minutes. The longest was 36 minutes. They did not respond to two calls for which they were the primary agency.

Saxis had 96 calls, with 26 taking more than 20 minutes. The maximum time was 40 minutes, 29 seconds. They did not respond to calls for which they were the primary agency 18 times.

Bloxom got 502 calls, with 67 taking more than 20 minutes. The maximum response time was 41 minutes, 35 seconds. They did not respond to calls for which they were the primary agency 58 times.

Parksley had 882 calls, with 31 taking more than 20 minutes. The maximum response time was nearly 36 minutes. They answered all their calls.

Onancock had 515 calls, with eight taking more than 20 minutes. The maximum response time was 42 minutes, 6 seconds. They answered all their calls.

Melfa had 644 calls, with 76 taking more than 20 minutes. The longest response time was 50 minutes, 24 seconds. They were unable to answer 12 calls for which they were the primary agency.

Wachapreague had 116 calls, with 10 taking more than 20 minutes, for a 91 percent rate. The maximum response time was 37 minutes, 9 seconds. They were unable to answer 10 calls for which they were the primary agency.

Onley had 341 calls, with two taking more than 20 minutes, for a 99 percent rate. They took 49 minutes, 21 seconds to respond to one call and were unable to answer another.

Oak Hall had 799 calls of which 70 took more than 20 minutes, for a 91 percent rate. The longest response time was 1 hour, eight minutes and 38 seconds. They also answered all their calls.

Tangier had 55 calls, with three taking more than 20 minutes. The longest response time was 36 minutes, 39 seconds. They answered all their calls.

Exmore had 205 calls from Accomack with 17 taking more than 20 minutes. The longest response time was 46 minutes, 36 seconds. They did not answer 10 calls for which they were the primary agency.

Loftus provided maps that designated areas with long response times. Supervisor Donald Hart was angry because the changes Loftus proposed would put Wachapreague area in a more vulnerable position.

“Wachapreague is the only area in the entire county that went backwards,” Hart complained. “It’s targeted again and again and again.”
By Linda Cicioira

Accomack supervisors voted 7-1 Wednesday to ask the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation that $700,000 continue to be earmarked for local railroad carfloat repairs.

The supervisors took no action to fund a portion of the additional $300,000 that is needed to fix the Bay Coast Railroad barge.

Some supervisors also complained that rail managers aren’t sharing needed financial information with them.

“The railroad today is not profitable,” said Bay Creek CEO Oral Lambert. “Up until now, Mr. (Dickie) Foster (a local developer) has put $2 million of his personal funds in. He has not taken any proceeds out.”

The announcement is a far cry from the information that was passed to the public in a June 2008 article published in The Virginian-Pilot.

At that time, Railroad Manager Larry LeMond said the railroad was beginning to turn around. Rail traffic increased 40 percent that year from January to April compared with the same period in 2007, LeMond said. The railroad should haul about 3,000 carloads of freight this year, he added.

“The railroad today does not have $300,000,” Lambert told the supervisors. “We think it should be done,” he said of the carfloat repairs. “We’re asking the counties (Accomack and Northampton) to back this loan. The railroad is willing to participate 1/3, 1/3, 1/3.”

Lambert said the managing company is willing to pay back $100,000 of the money over 10 years.

“If there’s no profit … how will they pay?” asked Supervisor Ron Wolff, who is also a member of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission (ANTDC). “What will your security be?”

“The two counties own this railroad,” Lambert said, adding that Cassatt Management, LLC, is “simply managing.”

“If we’re the owners, how can we see the books?” asked Wolff.

“Cassatt is the operator and it’s a private company,” answered LeMond.

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“I don’t have it here with me tonight,” said Lambert. “The counties have an economic benefit from this railroad. To date, the railroad hasn’t made any profit.” His claim was based on county businesses that use the rail.

County Administrator Steve Miner explained that the barge belongs to the railroad. But the state has a lien against it from past loans.

“I know that if we lost this chance and need this barge, we will in all likelihood regret that,” said Miner. “No guarantees in life. We may have a real home run here one day.” Miner was referring to the needs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Wallops Research Park, which expect a boom of busi-
The loan money would come from the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (ANPDC) and would be returned to that fund, said Miner. “It’s not all negative. There are some positive points.”

“The state has a huge investment,” said Supervisor Wanda Thornton. “If we hadn’t had a private person take over, it would have gone bankrupt by now.”

“Wallops may need desperately” to use the carfloat, she said. “The public needs to understand. Mr. Wolff maybe doesn’t have enough background,” she argued. Thornton wanted the board to return Supervisor Donald Hart to the ANTDC because before becoming the Virginia Association of Counties president, he served for many years on the panel.

“I feel like we owe a thank you to Mr. Foster for doing this,” Thornton continued. “I was convinced we need this railroad for the Eastern Shore … you can’t make the books open to the public” because competing markets could gain important information. “There’s a reason for that. It would be the same no matter who it was.”

Supervisor Grayson Chesser was the only member to vote against asking that the state to keep the money put aside for the carfloat. Vice Chairwoman Laura Belle Gordy was absent.

“Everybody out there has to pay for that,” Chesser said of the state and local monies. “I think there comes a time when you have to cut your losses.”

LeMond called the carfloat operation a “26-mile moving bridge.” If the state is willing to put up $700,000, I think it speaks for itself.”

Hart made the motion to ask the state to “keep the process open.”

In January 2006, Foster signed a 30-year lease with the ANTDC to operate what was then called the Eastern Shore Railroad. The 77-mile freight line runs from Pocomoke City, Md., to Cape Charles and over into Norfolk, via the rail-car barge float across the Chesapeake Bay.

It was previously reported that about 40 jobs would be saved at Bayshore Concrete Products Corporation in Cape Charles if the carfloat were repaired. In addition, an official said that local propane gas companies would be able to keep a competitive edge by getting gas from southern areas when prices there are lower.

The railroad discontinued its carfloat operation to the Eastern Shore in June.

Northampton Supervisor Richard Tankard, chairman of the ANTDC, said Cassatt’s contract includes maintaining a full freight rail operation. “Repair of the carfloat is the responsibility of Cassatt as is the replacement of crossties, switches, locomotives etc.,” he added.

In later discussions about proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning, Caroline Massey of NASA said cargo coming from Kennedy Space Center in Florida would be flown in.
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separate ventilation systems and have separate entrances,” McCulloch added. “We have recently completed those renovations and look forward to accommodating both groups. ... Long term we see this as a good way to continue to grow our business.”

“I think the ban was a good compromise,” McCulloch added. “It did allow owners to accommodate both groups equally so long as they were willing and able make the commitment.”

Sandra Fox said the ban would have no effect on her business, The Inn & Garden Café in Onancock, since smoking was not allowed in the establishment prior to the new law.

Bob Zoller of Mr. Baldy’s Family Restaurant in Chincoteague also favors the ban and does not permit smoking there. He estimated that 40 percent of his customers are smokers.

“This is a change that has already happened in other states/regions,” Zoller wrote. “After an initial period of transition, it really isn’t a difficult adjustment to make. Most people, smokers or not, prefer to dine in a smoke-free environment,” he added.

Johnny Mo of Mallards at the Wharf in Onancock also did not allow smoking prior to the ban. There was no smoking at his Accomac location either. “Mallards at the Wharf offers an outdoor deck where smoking is permitted,” he wrote, adding about 10 percent of his customers smoke cigarettes.

“I changed Mallards (Bayside Road location) to a non-smoking restaurant within a year of opening back in 2003 and I actually had an increase in business,” he wrote.

Janet Gadow of Etta’s Channel Side Restaurant on Chincoteague said, “The ban does not affect our restaurant because we have been a non-smoking facility since 1999.”

David Landsberger, owner of the Sea Shell Café in Chincoteague, said the “new ban should not affect us at all. Smoking is not allowed in our establishment. We have a designated smoking area outside.” He said only “a small percentage are smokers” and he favors the ban.

Matt Powell of Annie’s in Parksley said his restaurant has “been non-smoking since we opened in September.” So the change is not expected to have an adverse effect.

He said, “maybe 10 percent” of his customers are smokers. “We see very few people going out front to smoke. It has been proven in the past that non-smoking bans allow patrons that would not usually go to a smoking-allowed establishment to visit and enjoy something new. As long as there are accommodations made for smokers, there should not be any problems.”

Bay Creek CEO Oral Lambert answered for Aqua and Coach House Tavern in Cape Charles. “We will see no impact as we banned smoking in our restaurants a couple of years ago, he wrote, noting that he favors the law “for the health of our customers and staff as well as for the dining enjoyment of our patrons. Any effect will be positive in terms of dining experience once the change is in place and becomes ‘normal’ practice,” Lambert wrote.

About 25 survey questionnaires were sent to local restaurants and e-mail addresses were sought for many more.

The new law took effect Tuesday and prohibits smoking in restaurants, except those which provide outdoor areas or smoking sections with rooms separated by walls, vent systems and entrances. Private clubs are exempt from the ban. The law also does not require the creation of an additional public entrance in cases where the only public entrance to a restaurant in existence as of Dec. 1 is through an outdoor dining area of the restaurant where smoking is permitted.

During routine inspections, Health Department workers will determine compliance. Those employees will look for posted “no smoking” signs or symbols, removal of all ashtrays and other smoking paraphernalia and whether separate smoking rooms meet standards.

Bowling alleys, skating rinks and bingo halls (including those at fire departments) where food is served and prepared fall under the law, which also prohibits smoking in all restrooms in a restaurant.
people will go to restaurants ... I lived around a smoker for the first part of my life but I never started.”

“I don’t smoke so I am very happy,” Anne Gregory of Craddockville wrote of new law. “Now I can go in restaurants and not come home sick from inhaling smoke. Every time I went in a restaurant that allowed smoking I had a headache. It would be fine if they were total.”

Ann Stubbs of Chincoteague said the smoking ban “makes me very happy. People sit there and blow smoke over on me. I survived but I don’t understand why they cannot last an hour without smoking.”

Lee Mapp of Nassawadox is a smoker who opposes the ban. “I have a problem with the government favoring one group over the other … I prefer separate areas to a total ban … I find that heavy coigne is more offensive and does cause breathing problems. … I tend not to smoke in public as it offends so many others.”

Tony Picardi of Belle Haven wrote that he favors a total smoking ban. “All civilized communities have smoking bans in public places. It will make going to restaurants more pleasant and healthier.”

Janie Conquest of northern Accomack also said it will be “more pleasant to eat out. We have never enjoyed eating with people smoking around us; therefore the restaurants that had smoking were not restaurants we often frequented.”

Senora Ruffin of Eastville favors a total ban. “I don’t think there will be an influx of new non-smoking patrons,” she said. “I believe patrons who are smokers will still eat in the restaurants and either smoke outside or cut their meals short.”

Micaela Barnhill of Greenbackville wrote that she favors the ban “for others; I oppose it for myself.” She prefers separate smoking areas in eating establishments. “More people will be standing outside at the entrance so other non-smoking patrons will have to pass through their smoke to get into the restaurant. Restaurant owners should set up separate smoking spaces outside away from the entrance with butt cans to keep butts off the pavement and out of the bushes.”

Dawn Joyce of Atlantic favors a ban “100 percent.” The restaurants “may lose some smoker business but gain people like us,” she wrote.

Stephanie Pierce of Belle Haven doesn’t “go to smoking restaurants. Seeing people smoking is disturbing and I don’t want my children to see smoking if I can avoid it. I prefer a total ban.”

“I oppose the ban because I think it should be the restaurants choice, not the government’s mandate,” wrote Sam Sero of Hallwood. “I do believe there should be smoking sections. But even that should be left to the private business owner. When will the intrusion of government into our lives end?”

Mary Graham of Parksley agreed. “The government is in too many places they don’t belong as it is,” she wrote. “Supply and demand should rule whether the restaurant chooses smoking or not. It should be between the restaurant owner and their customers.”

“Usually the smoking is separate enough that I can sit in a non-smoking section. It shouldn’t bother too many” of the establishments “since most don’t allow it anyway,” Graham wrote.

Former smoker Al James of Quinby favors the ban. “On occasion I was annoyed by smoke from others,” he wrote. A “total ban has worked in other states and did not have any long-term affect on restaurants.”

Thom Henderson of Franktown said the restaurants will not be affected any more “than banning spitting. If it’s banned in all of them, it won’t affect any of them.”

Dan Bowen of Nassawadow wrote, “It’s about time it (smoking in restaurants) stopped. I have chosen not to visit restaurants because they allow smoking.” Bowen said he doesn’t care how the restaurants will be affected.

“My breathing will be affected for the good,” he added. “My father had a slogan ‘If you smoke please do not exhale.’”

Linda Nicola of Onancock said the ban will not affect her because most of the restaurants in the area are already non-smoking. “I never go to restaurants with smoking. I favor the ban. Nothing is worse than trying to enjoy a meal that tastes like cigarettes. … The smoke goes everywhere. It doesn’t know it’s supposed to stop at the third booth.”

“I won’t have to worry about breathing second-hand smoke now,” said Betty Armstrong of Belle Haven. “There have only been a few times in the last couple of years where I went into a restaurant and the no-smoking section was obviously not well ventilated because the smell of the smoke was unpleasant.”

“I personally like the total ban since thankfully I have been a non-smoker since 1985,” wrote Armstrong. “I believe smokers are going to continue eating out even though they may gripe about the ban. I think it will have little, if any, effect on the restaurants.”

Lorraine Edmonson of Willis Wharf called a ban on smoking “wonderful. The smoke gets in your clothes (and) is definitely not good for one’s health. Hated smoker’s turning their heads, oblivious to where the smoke was being blown.”

C.D. Marsh Jr. of Onancock wrote that he’s opposed to the ban. He said it “will hurt business. It’s another means of government CONTROL that I don’t favor.”

Bobby Carroll Huether of Punogateaugh said having been in the restaurant business on and off for more than 40 years has meant having smoke blown in his face and cleaning out ashtrays. “It would turn my stomach each and every day. I personally have been looking forward to the ban since I was a teen.” He favors a total ban. “Smoke drifts,” he complained.

Patrick Belote of Onancock, who quit smoking 17 years ago, said the ban will have no effect on him. Still he is opposed to it “on Libertarian principles.”

Erin Hall of Cheriton is a teacher and a supporter of the new law. “I will no longer have to avoid certain establishments because I want to preserve my health and when my child is born I will not have to be cautious about what ‘section’ of a restaurant we are put into,” she wrote.

“I have never found it reasonable that smoking patrons have been able to force their toxic and carcinogenic fumes on people who would never willingly smoke.” Restaurants will probably not see much change as far as customer patronage,” she continued. “People will still eat out, go to bars and clubs and congregate with friends and family in public places.”

“Cigarette and cigar smoke makes my eyes water and it makes me sneeze,” said Terry Ewell of Bloxom. “The smoke stinks and I hate the smell of smoke on my clothes.” She wrote that business would go on as usual. “Smokers will get over it and go outside to smoke.”

Pamela Barefoot wrote that restaurant smoking worsens her asthma. “I do not like coming home with my coat or clothes smelling so bad that I cannot hang them in my closet. I recall walking through the smoking area of one restaurant and a family of four was seated there. The mother was blowing cigarette smoke into her young children’s faces. I was horrified. My staff has held fund-raising events in various restaurants for the American Cancer Society over the years. I had to stop participating due to the smoke.” She favors a total ban.

“I understand the concept of my rights ending where someone else’s begin,” wrote Angie Crutchley of Onancock. “However, it would be nice to have a little tiny nook to crawl into if I choose to have a puff.”
The regularly scheduled meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held frequently in different venues across the county. Officers and staff members of the Indianaplois-based American Legion National Headquarters and Richmond-based state headquarters will attend open-house meetings Dec. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Post 400 in Eastville. On Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., they will be at Post 101 at 25534 E. Main St., Onley. Membership and veteran information staff will be available at both locations on all days.

A service officer also will be available for all area veterans with claims or other veteran-related questions Sunday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Onley.

An introduction to “Science on the Shore,” a new series that illustrates the unique nature of the Eastern Shore's many scientific pursuits, will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the NASA Visitor Center at Wallops Flight Facility.

The Science on the Shore series is a collaborative effort of NASA, the Marine Science Consortium, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy and Eastern Shore Community College.

This educational and fun program will provide the community with an understanding of how local science-based research and conservation techniques are used to solve challenges that impact the nation. Each organization will sponsor research and science activities, providing opportunities for hands-on participation, as well as a unique speaker series.

Following a short break at 6:45, NASA will host a public meeting at 7 p.m. regarding the current status of the Wallops Flight Facility Shoreline Restoration and Infrastructure Protection Program.

NASA has identified the need to replenish the shoreline on Wallops Island to reduce damage to assets that are in danger due to severe shoreline erosion. NASA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are investigating various engineering alternatives for this project which may include beach replenishment, seawall extension, or the construction of sand retention structures. NASA's preferred project alternative includes beach fill and seawall extension only.

Chamber Sets ‘Town Hall’ Meetings

The Northampton County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting “town hall” format meetings for current and prospective members at the Palace Theatre in Cape Charles on Tuesday, Dec. 8, and at the former Middle School on Thursday, Dec. 10. Both meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Rob Savage, executive director of the chamber, and other board members will be on hand to discuss chamber activities and perspectives, but their primary objective will be to get input on the issues and initiatives that their constituents would like to see undertaken.

According to Savage, “The Northampton Chamber strives to be a member-driven organization, and its desire is to promote programs and activities that will enhance the lives of all residents, as our belief is that a thriving business community will benefit everyone. We feel that taking these meetings out into the communities will enable everyday citizens to offer their opinions more readily to chamber leadership.”

The meetings will conclude at 6 p.m., but Savage said the time would be extended if needed. He added that the chamber is hopeful that participation will be strong enough to justify that these events be held frequently in different venues across the county.

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Local Author Publishes 29th Book

Nasswadox author David Poyer’s 29th book just came out. “The Crisis” is set in East Africa, where years of drought, famine, and misgovernment have brought Ashaara to the brink of chaos. When the government falls, a charismatic young warlord known as Al-Maahdi begins an armed insurgency.

As thousands of refugees stream toward camps, the United States intervenes to feed them, and to try to stabilize a strategically important region.

Cmdr. Dan Lenson and his Tactical Analysis Group find themselves at the heart of the humanitarian mission. Lenson is torn between the plight of men, women, and children struggling to survive, and the brutal reality of fighting a ruthless enemy whose tactics checkmate American might.

Poyer’s 30-year career included service in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Arctic, Caribbean, Mid-east, and Pacific. “The Crisis” is the 12th in his continuing novel cycle of the modern Navy and Marine Corps.

First editions of “The Crisis” are now available.

Bell Receives GE ICON Award

Fairview native Roderick Bell recently received the General Electric 2009 AAF (African-American Forum) ICON award, which promotes role models through recognition of outstanding achievement, commitment, leadership, and excellence.

Bell currently works for General Electric in Wilmington, N.C., as a project manager.

Bell has a bachelor of science degree from Norfolk State, and an MBA from Grantham University. He is the son of Shirley and Roosevelt Sunkins of Fairview and Robert Rainey of Laurel, Md.

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On Nov. 16, Shore Cardiopulmonary Wellness Center — staffed by (from left): front - Wenda White, Betty Hrubes, and Angie Custis; back - Wendy Taylor, Julie Ward, and Lori Long — celebrated its 10-year anniversary. The doors were opened to all current, past, and potential cardiac rehab candidates, who were provided heart healthy snacks, educational information and exercise tips to flex their cardiac muscles.

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**Obituaries**

**NASA Wallops Retiree Dies**

Mr. Robert Mason Taylor, 77, of Parks Road, Parksley, passed away Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Bloxom, he was the son of the late Robert S. and Mabel Wessells Taylor. Mr. Taylor retired from NASA, Wallops Island. He was a Coast Guard veteran, a member of Zion Baptist Church, also attended Modest Town Baptist, and was a 50-year member of Parksley Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, Shirley Parks Taylor; daughters, Karen T. Heath (and husband, Emmett III) of Columbia, S.C., and Jennifer T. Boggs (and husband, Gary) of Parksley; grandchildren, Emmett Heath IV, Taylor Parks Heath and Parker Lee Boggs; and cousins, Vance Wessells and Peggy Dot Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 28, at Modest Town Baptist Church by Rev. John Cullop. Interment was in Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Modest Town Baptist Church, c/o William H. West, Nelsonia, VA 23414 or Broadwater Academy, PO Box 546, Exmore, VA 23450. To express condolences or sign the guestbook, please visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Thornton Funeral Home, Parksley.

**Tangier Resident Dies at Home**

Mrs. Della Marie Parks, 85, of Tangier Island died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, at her home.

Born on Tangier, she was the daughter of the late Ferman Edward and Ellie Boon Charnock Dine. Mrs. Parks was a homemaker and a member of Swain Memorial United Methodist Church on Tangier.

She is survived by her sons, Ernest Edward Parks (and wife, Donna) of Tangier, Larry Ray Parks (and wife, Patti) of Salisbury, Md., and Wayne Wesley Parks (and wife, Sarah) of Crisfield, Md.; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Parks was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Elwood Parks, who died March 29, 1997; a son, Vaughn Delee Parks; one sister, Mary Dose; and seven baby brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Nov. 29, at Swain Memorial United Methodist Church by Rev. Patricia Stover and Eugenia Pruitt. Interment was in Parks Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home in Crisfield. To send condolences, please visit www.bradshawandsonsfuneralhome.com

**Local Orthopedic Surgeon Dies**

Dr. James Hunter Ferguson of Harborton passed away in the early morning of Wednesday Nov. 25, 2009.

Born in Ayr, Scotland, he was the second son of William (“Willie”) Ker and Anne Bishop Ferguson (nee “Hunter”). He graduated with his medical and surgical degree, MBChB, from Glasgow University and later advanced to obtain a specialty in orthopedic surgery. Dr. Ferguson was a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, as well as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada. He served as an orthopedic surgeon and staff member at Shore Memorial Hospital since 1995. Prior to practicing surgery, he was also a member of the faculty at the University of Alberta and The University of Western Ontario, where he researched and taught physiology.

While in Scotland, Dr. Ferguson served with the Royal Marines. In 1962, he immigrated to Canada and joined the Canadian Navy as a lieutenant and medical officer. He served in the Atlantic Fleet and was jointly posted with the U.S. Navy on several occasions, including part of the fleet that engaged in the Cuban Missile Crisis. After formal military service and while practicing medicine in Canada, Dr. Ferguson continued his involvement with the military as a reservist in the Canadian Army, serving as a captain and medical officer with the First Hussars. He was also a Mason and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Dr. Ferguson is survived by his wife, Dr. Heather Stark; children, Shelly Ferguson of Harborton, Alexandra Lewis (and husband, Grant) of Washington, D.C., Ker Ferguson (and spouse, Cindy) of Mobile, Ala., Drew Ferguson (and spouse, Jeanette) of Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, Jane Wheat of London, Ontario, and Fiona Ferguson (and spouse, Robert Mitchell) of Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada; mother-in-law, Roberta Stark-Chevers of Niagara on the Lake, Ontario; sister-in-law, Bonnie Easterbrook of Brooklyn, Ontario, Canada; brothers-in-law, Malcolm Stark (and wife, Doris) and Bill Stark, both of Niagara Falls, Ontario; grandchildren, Ashley, Brittany, Amelia and Owen Ferguson, Derek and Darren Wheat and Erica Benedetti; great-grandsons, Eli and Giovanni; nine nieces and two nephews, Rachael, Sarah, Katie, Julianna, Amy, little Roberta, Lisa and Laura, all of Canada, and Annette, Ian and David of Scotland; five great-nieces and one great-grandniece, Ian, Cheryl, Jonathan, Simon, Craig and Ross, all of Scotland; and three great-grandnieces and one great-grandnephew, Ellie, Mitchell, Amelia and Laura, also of Scotland.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore.

**Exmore Resident Dies at RSMH**

Mrs. Ann Currie Brown, 77, of Exmore, formerly of Pierce City, Mo., passed away Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Metter, Ga., she was the daughter of the late Luther L. and Essie Hagan Currie. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of (Obituaries Cont’d on Next Pg.)
Pierce City. She served in the U.S. Air Force in the medical field.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband of 57 years, Keast Brown; daughters, Suzanne Wahl (and husband, Scott) of Pierce City and Leslie Hess of Springfield, Va.; brothers, Bill Currie (and wife, Marleen) and Sam Currie, all of Franktown, Wayne Currie (and wife, Tara); and great-grandchildren, Colton and Luke Westra, and one on the way. She was predeceased by a son, Michael Brown; and a son-in-law, Bill Hess.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Heifer.org a part of Worldark International. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Cape Charles Resident Dies


Mrs. Delohery was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Delohery. She is survived by her daughter, Ann Abraham (and husband, Samuel) of Cheriton; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to www.doughtyfuneralhome.com Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore.

~ Obituaries ~
(Cont’d. From Previous Pg.)

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Deeds of Bargain & Sale

- From Andrew & Laurie Hamann
  To Marilyn Rice
  Lot 2173, Section 4, Captain’s Cove
  For $18,300
- From Marie Zack
  To Marguerite and Max Furr
  Lot 1783, Section 3, Captain’s Cove
  For $19,000
- From Chincoteague Bay Trails
  End Association Inc.
  To James Frisco & Lisa Frisco-Thomas
  Lot 506, Unit 2, Trails End
  For $12,501
  • From Raquel and Rogerio Perucchi
    To Emile Bergeron
    Chincoteague parcel
    For $233,500
  • From William Pinkney
    To Joan and Raymond Redden
    Lot 135, Unit 2, Trails End
    For $12,000
  • From Jacqueline & John Anderson
    and Mary & Nicholas Heil
    To Carrie and Julian Washington
    Catherine St. parcel, Parkesley
    For $103,000
  • From Arlene Crossan
    To Arthur and Claire Poole
    8.414 acres near Wachapreague
    For $126,000
  • From Eastern Shore of Virginia
    Habitat For Humanity Inc.
    To Mary Handy
    Lot 14, near Grangeville
    For $82,500
  • From Richard Mance
    To Edward Weber
    Lots 5 & 6, Deep Creek Plantation,
    near Onancock
    For $115,000
  • From Kenneth Bagwell
    To Sarah Thornton
    Two tracts near Zion Church
    For $60,500
  • From James Peterson
    To Donna and William Harper
    Lot 927, Section 1, Captain’s Cove
    For $129,000
  • From Kimberly Grant
    To Rachel West
    Parcel H, near Atlantic
    For $119,000
  • From John Williams
    To Martin Nowicki
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  To Joan and Raymond Redden
• From Holly and Serge Krawczk
  To Conrad and Elaine Meil
  Property near Onancock
  For $345,000
• From Holly and Serge Krawczk
  To John Abrams
  To Jo Leatherwood
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- Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 4-7 p.m. at the Accomack Health Department;
- Monday, Dec. 14, from 4-6 p.m. at the Northampton Health Department;
- Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 4-7 p.m. at the Accomack Health Department.

The Eastern Shore Health District appreciates the general public’s patience as they have allowed those who needed the vaccine the most to go first, and now is offering H1N1 Novel Influenza Vaccine to all who are interested in receiving it.

For more information about H1N1 Vaccination Clinics, please visit the Virginia Department of Health Web site at www.vdh.virginia.gov or if you have questions about H1N1 Influenza, please call 1-877-ASK-VDH3.
**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★★★

★ Moderate  ★★★ Challenging  ★★★★★ HOO BOY!

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**Last Week’s Answers**

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**Super Crossword**

**ICE-METRICS**

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**Past Times**
FRIDAY DEC. 4

★ 11:30 a.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar - ESCC Lecture Hall, Melfa - free
★ 6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery group mtg. - Family Life Center of Onancock Baptist Church, Market St. - includes a simple meal - $6/person or $10/family
★ 6-9 p.m. - Potluck Dinner & Viewing of the film “Fresh” - Central Green, Painter - 757-999-4426 - all welcome, donations invited
★ 7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Painter Garrison UMC, Painter
★ 7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★ 7 p.m. - NA meeting - Adventist Comm. Center, Exmore
★ 8 a.m. - Holiday Shopping Trip - to Arundel Mills Mall, Hanover, MD - 824-3789
★ 8 a.m. - Indoor Yard Sale - United Christian Church, Parksley

SATURDAY DEC. 5

★ 8 a.m. - Noon - Farmer’s Market - Main St., Chincoteague
★ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - AARP Driver Safety Prgm. - The Hermitage, Onancock - 442-7211
★ 9 a.m. - Zumba Class - Sponsored by YMCA - Senior Center, Chincoteague - $5 - 336-3335
★ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Breastfeeding & Infant Care Class - RSMH, Nassawadox - 414-8763
★ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - PTSA Holiday Palooza - Northampton High School gym, Eastville
★ 10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. - Santa Train - from Cape Charles to Parksley with many stops in between
★ 10:30 a.m. (time change) - E.S. Women’s Cancer Support Group Christmas Party - Hermitage F Lounge - bring finger food and gift to exchange - 678-5040
★ 5 p.m. - Fashion Show - Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Pungoteague - 442-5508
★ 6 p.m. - Colors of the Bible Event - Northampton High School, Eastville - 757-350-5260
★ 6 p.m. - Joy Night - Ebenezer Baptist, Exmore
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague - 336-9747
★ 6:30 p.m. - Gospel Songs & Praise Service - United Faith Church of Deliverance, Onley
★ 7 p.m. - Chincoteague Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade - at Maddox and Main, marching south to firehouse, Chincoteague - 336-6161
★ 7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.
★ 7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock

SUNDAY DEC. 6

★ 2 p.m. - Bingo - VFW Post 2296, Tasley
★ 2 p.m. - Usher’s Anniversary - Bethel A.M.E Church, Onancock
★ 3 p.m. - Gospel Songfest - A House of Prayer UMC, Bloxom
★ 3 p.m. - Trucker’s Day - First Baptist Church, Mappsville
★ 3 p.m. - Fellowship - St. Luke A.M.E, Daughtery
★ 3 p.m. - Budget Rally - Mt. Zion Methodist, Witherams

MONDAY DEC. 7

★ 9 a.m. - Chincot Anon mtg. - UMC Fellowship House
★ 9 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
★ 9:30-11:30 a.m. - GED class - Head Start, Accomac - 787-1760
★ 10:30-11:30 a.m. - Moms In Touch Int’l Prayer Group mtg. - Cape Charles Baptist Church, CC
★ 11 a.m. - Northampton Chapter AARP mtg. - Northampton County Social Services Bldg., Eastville
★ 1-2:30 p.m. - Hospice Grief Support Prgm. - Cape Charles Baptist, CC - 787-3310
★ 3-4:30 p.m. - Caregiver Connection - Hospice Resource Center, Exmore - 787-3310
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★ 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
★ 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Franktown UMC Church

TUESDAY DEC. 8

★ 9 a.m. - Economic Development Authority mtg. - Northrop-Grumman Corp., Wallops
★ 10 a.m. - E.S. C.S.B. mtg. - E.S. Behavioral Healthcare Center, Parksley
★ 10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★ Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Hospice Grief Support Prgm. - Hospice Resource Center, Exmore - 787-3310
★ 4-15 p.m. - TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 5) - Belle Haven Presbyterian - 710-2588
★ 6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sunrise Rest., Onley
★ 6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486
★ 6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, Rt. 113
★ 6:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Trinity United Methodist Church, CC
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESCC
★ 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist, Temperanceville
★ 7-30 p.m. - Bingo - Smoke Free - Cheriton Vol. Fire Co.
★ 7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon meeting - Atlantic UMC

WEDNESDAY DEC. 9

★ 7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant
★ 8 a.m. - Noon - Farmers’ Market - Downtown Park, Main St., Chincoteague
★ 9-11:30 a.m. - Congressman Glenn C.
★ Nye Representative Available - Cape Charles Town Office
★ 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Veterans’ Employment Representative Available - Northampton County Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
★ 9:30-11:30 a.m. - GED Class - Head Start Center, Accomac - 787-1760
★ 10 a.m. - Overeaters Anonymous mtg. - 710-3120
★ 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Congressman Glenn C. Nye Representative Available - Social Services Building, Eastville
★ 2 p.m. - Brain Injury Survivors Support mtg. - Belle Haven - 442-9334
★ 7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Nassawadox

THURSDAY DEC. 10

★ 9:30-11:30 a.m. - MOPS mtg. - Christ UMC, Chincoteague - 336-0664
★ 5 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac
★ 6 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - CC Rescue Bldg., Cheriton
★ 6-7 p.m. - Liveit E.S. (weight loss support group) - Aacomack-Northampton Pregnancy Ctr., Colonial Square, Belle Haven - 442-4438
★ 6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis of Chincoteague mtg. - St. Andrew’s Catholic
★ 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Trinity UMC, CC
★ 6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESCC
★ 7 p.m. - Accomack Cty. Airport Commission mtg. - Terminal Conference Room, Accomack Cty. Airport, Melfa
★ 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Painter Garrisons UMC
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The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:


And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Vivian Ann Bailey, whose last known post office address is 18043 Big Pine Road, Painter, VA 23420; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Gladys Beckett, whose last known post office address is 18043 Coal Kiln Road, Painter, VA 23420; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Minnie Bailey, whose last known post office address is 1405 Bayside Road, Exmore, VA 23350.

The Mayor, Town Council and the Planning Commission of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a joint public hearing on December 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to hear public comments and views on the following matters:

Public hearing for the adoption of the proposed 2009 Comprehensive Plan.

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All of these organizations dropped what they were doing, during the height of the storm, without a second thought, to help our organization. Their rapid response and tireless efforts, under very difficult conditions, certainly saved our building from significant damage.

Thank you again,
Greg DeYoung, Fire Chief
Community Fire Company

I stuck my tongue out at the poor little dog who couldn’t jump high enough to join me for the fun. Poor baby!

My life is that of a typical cat who waits all year for Christmas. Nothing quite says “merry” like climbing up the festive tree and knocking down the angel that ever so proudly looks down from the top of the beautiful pine.

“Take that, you attention stealer,” I’ll tell that china-faced cherub. “I’m the divine being around these parts.”

And what’s the deal with the stale stringy popcorn the humans make such a fuss about? Trim the tree indeed! Is there anything quite as grand as watching the kids tape antlers to the puppy’s head? I think not.

Sharpening my claws on those fancy wrapped packages ain’t bad either. Can humans learn to say “MEOW?” I hear some kind of tribal cry. Oh, wait a minute; I think that’s the carolers practicing for a Christmas play. LA LA LA

Don’t forget to leave milk and cookies out for Santa. Put them up on that high table. Yeah, right. They’ll be safe there.

Life is pretty darn wonderful. I’m filled with holiday spirit. Don’t forget my eggnog and catnip. Both are on my wish list, Mr. Claus.

TUXEDO TEENAGER

By Flick Smith

I’m spoiled. I’m cute. I’m a teenager. I may just be your worst nightmare.

When I had my 13th birthday last month, I posed for this photo in hopes that my mentors, Snoop and Scoop, the feline geniuses of the Eastern Shore Post, would be impressed with my personality and allow me to write a column.

Of course they were. So, here I am. Call me a cataspondent. I sent this in via the Internet and my secretary, aka owner.

Keeping those humans on their toes is my main gig. Sure, I wear hats and superhero capes to entertain them. But then I don’t cover the gifts I leave in the little sand pit for a month or two.

And yes, I’ve pretended at times to be an Egyptian Sphinx. I even tolerate the old dog that lives in my mansion. But, they let me sleep all day and slide on the rugs all night. Can you say PARTY?

Often I leave a little milk in the bowl just to show I’m taken care of. I’ve got the life of Sylvester and I’m not too proud to admit it.

October was good because I looked out the back windows and watched the leaves blowing in the breeze. They sure were pretty. Now I’m looking forward to the holiday season.

Last week when the crowd huddled around the dining-room table to eat turkey and all the fixings, I licked gravy out of the roasting pan that was resting on the stove in the kitchen. Yummy.

Family Grateful for Help

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Hernandez Family, per their direction, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who reached out when they lost everything they owned except the clothes on their backs a few weekends ago when their home burned in Melfa. Because of your outreach, the Hernandez family was able to return to a normal lifestyle within a week. All their household needs were replenished with clothes, furniture, kitchen appliances, pots, pans, dishes, toys, etc., through your generosity.

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On behalf of Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who made “Cheriton Day” a success last month.

Although rain was present most of the day, that did not stop many from enjoying the festivities of the day, as Cheriton celebrated a journey through time, “Remembering the Past, Building the Future.” We would like to especially thank all of the sponsors, too many to name, for their generous donations of food, goods, or services, which helped make a memorable day for years to come. Our parade was also a success, which we plan to repeat again next year.

Once again, thank you.

Terry A. Thomas, President
Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company

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