No Tax Increase in Proposed Budget

By Linda Ciciora

Accomack supervisors moved about $500,000 from their $51.2 million draft 2011-12 spending package Monday night and put it in an undesignated fund. The proposed budget, without a tax increase, was unanimously approved for public hearing, to be held at 7:30 p.m. March 23 at Metompkin Elementary School.

About $30,000 was taken from the supervisors’ health-insurance kitty and put into another category that covers the cost of all county government workers’ health plans. Previously, supervisors could get 75 percent of health insurance paid for their families, while the same amount of a single subscriber was provided for other employees. With the change, Finance Director Mike Mason later said, 76.44 percent of a single subscriber for all workers is paid, saving the average employee $8 a month.

The measure was unanimously approved, with Supervisor Jack Gray abstaining. It was noted that not all supervisors take advantage of the insurance benefit. Chairman Donald Hart, Vice Chairwoman Laura Belle Gordy, Supervisor Wanda Thornton and Gray (who declined voting for that reason) don’t use the county plan. Supervisor Grayson Chesser had not been taking the supervisor’s $7,000 salary, but said he would do so in the future to help offset the health-insurance increase. Supervisor Robert Crockett said he has always paid for family members on his plan.

The board mixed spending $287,000 for an addition and renovation of office space in the Sheriff’s Department. Crockett, the county’s former sheriff, said he spoke to both Sheriff Larry Giddens and his second in command, Maj. Todd Godwin (who will fill the unexpired term of Giddens in August) and they agreed the construction could be delayed.

County Administrator Steve Miner wanted the supervisors to get new electronic equipment for themselves. But they declined that, too, as well as the entire information system, totaling about $45,000. Miner estimated the cost of electronic tablet computers to be about $600 each, with a $20 per month download fee. Staff urged the supervisors to accept the plan so all could receive information at the same time and lessen the workload.

“Old computers didn’t stop the paperwork,” said Crockett. “I’m trying to save money here.”

Thornton agreed. “I print most of my stuff out” at my own cost, she said. “But, I’ve not complained about it. Robert has a valid point. I wouldn’t take the tablet if you get it. I’d get my own.”

Supervisor Sandy Hart Mears disagreed. She said using the electronic system would make the process easier. But in the end, she voted along with the others to get rid of the plan.

The board left the proposed Information Technology position in the budget. Mason said the position would actually be his deputy finance director, who would oversee it. He said the salary could be cut back from $95,000 to $90,000.

The supervisors also eliminated $35,000 for a strategic planning and community survey and $95,000 for a proposed Human Resource position.

They ignored pleas for help from volunteer fire and rescue companies that could have cost taxpayers an additional 4 cents per $100 valuation on real estate. The fire companies (Continued on Page 4)

Poling Place

A seagull watches the old Chincoteague Bridge continue to be demolished and shows his enthusiasm for the new span as he sits on a pole at Robert Reed Park.

Redistricting Woes

By Ron West

The 2010 Census tells us not only that Northampton County’s population has shrunk, but that it has shifted to the north a bit.

The numbers show that five of the six towns have seen a small decline in population; only Exmore has seen an increase, partly because its boundaries have changed over the past decade.

The total county population has decreased from 13,093 to 12,389.

The bottom line, according to County Administrator Katie Nunez, is that the current voting districts will need to be changed prior to the fall local elections. The county currently has six voting districts, half identified as having a white majority and half a majority African-American population.

Nunez presented four different redistricting plans Monday for the supervisors to review as a way to realign the voting districts. Previously, the supervisors had indicated a desire to avoid splitting towns, neighborhoods and neighborhoods when redrawing the district lines. Supervisor Spencer Murray suggested that the county look at possibly shifting to five districts. For years, Northampton County had only three districts with one supervisor each.

Supervisor Richard Tankard suggested that it is time for the county to get past the need to organize the districts along racial majority lines.

“We should be color-blind when selecting voting districts,” he said.

In response, County Attorney Bruce Jones indicated that the U.S. Department of Justice had been a major player in deciding how the districts would shake out because Virginia is one of several states with a history of racial inequality. Any change in district lines, polling places, or the number of districts and representatives must be approved by the Justice Department.

Supervisor Oliver Bennett said his primary concern regarding redistricting is that it treats everyone equally. “I will not support any plan that does not fairly represent all citizens of the county,” he said.

Nunez told the supervisors they need to move forward with redrawing the district lines as they will need to be reviewed by the Justice Department and in ready for the November elections. She suggested that the required public hearing be held in June to allow for any changes that might be needed to meet Justice Department approval.
Four Candidates Vie for Supervisor’s Seat

By Linda Ciceora

Two former supervisors, a dentist and a local political activist are each hoping to fill the vacant District 9 seat on the Accomack Board of Supervisors. They applied for the position in letters submitted to the county by the deadline last Friday. At 5 p.m. yesterday, just after press time, the applicants were expected to verbally state their intentions to the board, which has until later this month to fill the vacancy or a Circuit Court judge will make the appointment. The board could vote after hearing the comments Thursday.

Seeking the appointment are:

• Former Supervisor C. Reneta Major of the Boston area, who is supported by Painter Town Council and served in the position after her mother, Supervisor Julia Major, died. The Democrat works for the Northampton Department of Social Services. She lost her bid for office in the last election to former Supervisor Phil McCaleb, who then resigned recently after learning he has cancer. Painter Mayor Connie Campbell said her Town Council voted to support Reneta Major’s application based on her experience as supervisor. Major wrote to the supervisors, “I have had the privilege of serving these constituents and would deem it a great honor to be allowed to serve them again.” Major also has the support of former Planning Commissioner Herb Thom of Belle Haven, who said he would have sought the position if Major hadn’t.

• Former Supervisor Ken Tucker, who represented Mathopkin District from 1992-96. He gets his mail at a post office box in Accomack and said he has lived in Belle Haven for the last five years and recently changed his voting district. “I believe public service is a meaningful way to support both the county and its citizens,” he wrote to the board. “I have no political agenda as I will not run in the election for the seat in November. Finally, my desire to fill the vacated seat is simply to complete the unexpired term, thus allowing all who are interested in the upcoming four-year term to prepare and run their campaigns.”

• Dr. Barney E. Selph, a resident of the Creek Bluff subdivision near Shield’s Bridge in Belle Haven. Dr. Selph has a dental office in Cape Charles and has been a dentist on the Shore for 23 years. “I would very much like to be involved in the process of making Accomac County and the Eastern Shore of Virginia a better place to live and work,” Dr. Selph wrote.

• Wesley Edwards, a 30-year veteran of the textile industry, who lives near Crafordville and was McCaleb’s pick for the seat. Edwards was McCaleb’s campaign manager and is an active member of the Republican Party. He also serves on the Wallers Park Land Replacement Committee, is a former Utility Cost Committee member and has attended nearly all the supervisors’ meetings in the last five years. “I ran companies with $50MM to $150MM in revenues,” he wrote in a brief synopsis. “I was responsible for as many 1,000 people. The employees came from all walks of life — from blue-collar worker to science specialist to corporate management. I know what it means to meet the payroll on Friday and I know how to responsibly run a business.”

Board Chairman Donald Hart announced Monday that each candidate will get 10 minutes to speak at yesterday’s meeting. Their supporters would each get three minutes. The candidates would be called upon to speak in the order in which they applied: Edwards, Major, Selph and Tucker.

Deputy Under Investigation

By Linda Ciceora

Virginia State Police are investigating an incident that occurred last Saturday around Townsend when a Northampton County deputy shot a neighbor’s hunting dog. The bongie was later euthanized.

Posting on pencilroomcommunity.com, Deputy Chuck Graham contends he was protecting his chickens when he shot the direction of the dog with a pellet gun. Seven of the chickens are named after “female cops that I work with.”

The 61-year-old officer wrote that he was awakened by the sound of his “chickens freaking out and a barking dog.” He said he chose his pellet rifle because he’d rather not kill any animals. “I cranked off a shot from about 100 feet,” he wrote. “There was the sound of my shot and the barking dog. I didn’t know if I hit it or not... I saw the fellow who lives behind me walking in the woods shoot to the dogs. I yelled to him to get them out of the area. He yelled back that they were hunting rabbits.”

According to Graham, a state trooper came to his house to take a report and a few hours later, his supervisor called to say the dog had been euthanized. Graham said he was told by the trooper that he would talk to the commonwealth’s attorney about bringing charges against Graham. “Looks like a Class G felony of animal cruelty,” Graham wrote. “Just being charged will mean the loss of my job. What a drag. And I’m really bummed out about the poor dog.”

Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Beverly Leithesbury confirmed that the case is being investigated by the State Police. She referred questions to Sheriff David Doughty.

Of the “fortunate incident,” Doughty said Wednesday, “We got one of my patrol deputies currently on unpaid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation by the Virginia State Police. The suspension is resulting from an incident that occurred when he was off duty.” Doughty said the deputy has been working for the department since January 2007.

The owner of the dog is Bill Heath. He declined to comment.

Sgt. Michelle Anaya of the State Police said, “Currently there are no charges, awaiting review of the case by the commonwealth’s attorney.”

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After 65 Years, There’s No Retiring From This Romance

Story & Photo by Linda Cicora

Charles Moscatello was a handsome, 20-year-old sailor in 1943, headed home to Pennsylvania to visit his mother before being shipped overseas. He was stationed at the Naval Base in Little Creek.

In those days, there was no Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, so he took the ferry to Kiptopeke and wound up in Cape Charles where he planned on taking a train north. Sounds simple enough. That is until he made a detour that changed everything.

He was looking for ribbon for his uniform and it seems one store had what he was seeking and a whole lot more.

Not only did he catch a train, he found the love of his life — the woman who later became his wife of 65 years and mother of their nearly dozen kids.

"He came into the store where I was working," recalled Emma Ward Moscatello, then a clerk at Barham's Clothing Store on Main Street. "We got to talking and one thing led to another."

The two, now retired and living in Onancock, corresponded by mail for two years while the Navy took him to Tinian, an island in the Pacific.

When he got back to the States, it wasn't long before the couple got hitched. On March 6, 1946, they were married at St. Charles Catholic Church in Cape Charles.

They moved to Pennsylvania where he worked at GTE Sylvanana and she kept house and during the next 22 years gave birth to 11 children.

Mrs. Moscatello knew right away he was the one. "He had a good sense of humor and a great smile," she said. He reminded her that it was his curly dark Italian hair that won her over.

How did the romance last so long?

"We respect each other," she said. "Open communication. We really don't fight and argue. We've never had enough money to argue over," she added with a smile.

"Share and share alike," he said.

Mrs. Moscatello said her parents like him, too. "My sister was kind of jealous because she would like to have married him herself."

Ten of their children are scattered across the country. Robert, Joseph and Michael all live in Texas. John is a technical illustrator in Wisconsin. Donald and Ginger Rodman are retired in Florida and Patricia Velicky is a professor in South Carolina. Steven lives in Richmond, Mary Every in Salisbury, Md., and Ann lives in Onancock. The oldest, Charles Jr., passed away and is missed by all. Now there are also 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, with another expected in June.

Charles and Emma Moscatello of Onancock reminisce about the day they met as they get ready to celebrate 65 years of marital bliss.

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STAR Transit May Travel Farther

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack supervisors unanimously agreed Monday to spend up to $5,500 to help resurrect STAR Transit routes to locations north of Parksley.

The one-time spending is a grant match. Supervisor Wanda Thornton, who brought the topic before the panel, later said the northern runs should start in October and would include service to Chincoteague.

The Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission hired the Virginia Regional Transit (VRT) last year to study and restructure the system after it ran into financial problems. The transit cut northern routes because of the low usage. It also lowered fees in other areas to increase use.

The transit recently reported that usage was up by 11,723 rides when comparing March through December of 2009 with the same months in 2010.

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Budget

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mission and Director of Public Safety Jason Loftus had asked that they add funds for more paid emergency workers to help companies meet their goal of answering rescue calls within 20 minutes, at least 90 percent of the time.

Loftus said several years ago, he recommended the goal be 15 minutes. He noted that the national standard for a rural locality is 14 minutes. "Twenty minutes is a long time," said Loftus. "The problem is we're not making the 20."

"We're doing OK on fire because we're alerting five companies at a time," he added. He said one of the problems with rescue is that citizens call for an ambulance for non-emergencies.

The budget also includes a 2 percent (average) performance-based salary increase for employees, totaling $200,000. Another $220,000 was included for upgrading the heating/air-conditioning system at the county office building.

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Navy May Want Melfa Airport for Training After All

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack Airport is again in the running for a Navy contract. Airport Commission members say use of the airstrip to conduct landing practice is likely to be discussed at their next meeting at 7 p.m. March 10 at the terminal.

The Navy's interest in the facility faded in October when the service began negotiating with Franklin City for exercises involving its E-2C Hawkeye and C-2 Greyhound. But a couple of weeks ago, Franklin officials turned the Navy down, citing noise concerns. The majority held firm in its decision when the issue was again debated before them this week.

So the Navy is looking elsewhere.

"We have been notified that they are re-opening the RFP (request for proposal) process," County Administrator Steve Miner said Tuesday. "If the commission doesn't request it (the proposal would need to be submitted by the county), I suspect it is a dead issue here."

"The question is whether there is interest in such a proposal," Miner added. "I have not had any requests to add it to the Board of Supervisors' agenda."

The Melfa facility was one of eight locations within a 100-mile radius of Norfolk initially listed as possible choices for the Navy. Residents here also expressed concern over the possible noise, despite the Navy's insistence that the two turboprops are "significantly quieter than jet aircraft."

Other airfields in Virginia that satisfy the Navy's runway and proximity requirements include facilities in Richmond, Newport News, Norfolk, Emporia-Greensville and Chesapeake, and Chesterfield and Hanover counties.

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Happy Birthday, T-Bone!

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Northampton Sheriff's Office
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- Bridgett Silvia, 46, of Keller was charged with three counts of forgery checks and one count of passing bad checks from October to December 2010. She was released on an unsecured bond.
- James Devoughn Tyson, 55, of Maryland was charged with grand larceny from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel on Aug. 1, 2010. He is being held in Eastern Shore Regional Jail without bond denied.
- Lewis Andrew Daggins, 40, and Curtis Smith, 57, both of Eastville, were charged with stealing farm equipment. Both were released on unspecifieb bonds.
- Albert Capers Jr., 33, of Birdsmest was charged with grand larceny. He was released on an unspecified bond.

Northampton Circuit Court
Estelle Love, 29, of Weirwood pleaded guilty Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to

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Tornado Basics
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  * Whirling debris on the ground under a cloud base — tornadoes sometimes have no visible funnel.
  * Hail or heavy rain followed by dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift. Many tornadoes, especially in Virginia, are wrapped in heavy precipitation and can't be seen.
  * Loud, continuous roar or rumble, which doesn't fade in a few seconds like thunder.
  * If it's night, blue-green to white flashes at ground level (as opposed to silvery lightening up in the clouds). These lights are power lines being snapped by very strong wind, maybe a tornado.
- Persistent lowering of the cloud base.
  * Prepare a Home Tornado Plan
    Develop a safety plan for you and your family for home, work, school and when outdoors. Make sure you practice the plan. Review the plan on days when severe weather is forecast for your area.
    * Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be your basement, center hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place uncluttered.

If you are in a high-rise building, you may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor. Pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building.

- Assemble a Tornado Safety Kit containing a first-aid kit and essential medications, battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries, canned food and manual can opener, bottled water, sturdy shoes and work gloves, and written instructions on how to turn off your home's utilities.

- Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery backup to receive updated forecasts and critical information such as watches and warnings.

Responding to Tornadoes
Stay tuned to your local radio or TV for weather reports, or listen to a NOAA weather radio for more detailed information when weather conditions are favorable for the formation of tornadoes.

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CAPITAL LETTERS

Working to restore the economic viability of Virginia's Eastern Shore communities, Representative Scott Rigell (VA-02) called on Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar to address issues impacting recreational opportunities at NASA/Wallops Flight Facility in Accomack County and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

In two separate letters to the Secretary, Rigell called on the department to work with the Eastern Shore on a land swap agreement, as well as preserve vital beach parking that plays an integral role in the local economy.

In working to implement a land swap between Accomack County and the NASA/Wallops Flight Facility, which would help preserve a local park while moving forward on a new Wallops Research Park, Rigell urged Salazar to "consider relaxing or modifying" policies that regulate land deals in accordance to monetary gains.

Rigell recommended the department adhere to an acre-for-acre land swap rather than a dollar-for-dollar land swap, allowing for the development of a new Wallops Research Park that is part of FWS's 15-year conservation plan for Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and the Virginia portion of Assateague Island. In his letter, Rigell emphasized the local communities' desire to meet the refuge's purpose as a wildlife sanctuary while at the same time preserving all beach parking and public recreation.

"Economic viability for Virginia's Eastern Shore communities and recreational opportunities for the Mid-Atlantic Region rely on a continued public investment that must be successfully managed at the refuge and seashore," said Rigell. "It is essential that any alternative presented during the... review not negatively impact the local and regional tourism based economy."

By Del. Lynwood Lewis

As I write this column, we are almost at the finish line of Saturday, Feb. 26, for the 2011 General Assembly. We also do not yet have a budget. While not unusual, the negotiations between the House and Senate continue to be frustrating for the other 130 members of the House and Senate. The brinksmanship involved often results in considerable anxiety on these not a part of the direct negotiations.

While early on, the negotiations seemed to be proceeding smoothly, they soon hit a snag, as is typical. Gov. McDonnell introduced an 80.3 billion budget bill in December, which was based upon a modest increase in state revenues. The House amendments to the governor's budget sought to deal more significantly with the state's pension system (VRS) and building back up the state's rainy day reserve fund and further tax and cut the state's aggressive moves to deal with the accelerated sales tax provisions of last year's budget, which sought to balance the budget upon earlier collection of sales tax.

On the Senate side, the effort centered more around restoring funding cut from education, health care, and the core services of government during the "Great Recession." The fundamental divide had been the differences between the spending requests of both chambers. It appeared as though they were almost in agreement to split the difference. Obviously, an agreement as to the spending targets is key to moving forward in developing a budget.

The Eastern Shore is impacted by funding for our Circuit Court judge position and also in the mix is a significant amount of planning money for a new building at Eastern Shore Community College. You will recall that in the odd-numbered years, we adjusted Virginia's two-year budget and this is initiated by amendments proposed by the governor. His amendments work their way through the committee process of the Senate and the House and are changed and amended themselves. The House of Delegates' version more closely reflects that of the governor's introduced budget amendments. It is possible, proactively, and has happened at least once before during the Gilmore administration, that since we do not have a two-year budget in place if negotiations completely fail, the Commonwealth can proceed under that unadjudged budget.

If our Circuit Court position is funded, it would likely be filled at our reconvened session, also known as the Veto Session, which is constitutionally mandated and will occur on April 6, 2011. We also will take up redistricting at that time. After that reconvened session, I will have another round of Town Hall meetings to discuss the 2011 Session.

The work on redistricting continues around the budget negotiations, constructing the census data into newly redrawn House and Senate districts. In addition to the budget, the governor's transportation bill also was placed recently in conference with a hope for compromise between the House and Senate versions before we adjourn.

I will follow up with one more report next week giving the details of the finalized budget.

By Linda Ciceira

Funding for a resident judge for Accomack and Northampton Circuit Courts was approved Sunday by the Virginia General Assembly as part of the 2011 budget, according to Del. Lynwood Lewis.

"Now interested parties will apply through legislation services," the delegate said. According to the schedule, the Joint Senate and House Courts of Justice Committees will interview the prospective candidates on April 5. Lewis said he expects the Assembly to select a judge on April 6.

In November, the Eastern Shore Bar Association endorsed attorney W. Revel Lewis III of Accomac. Del. Lewis said three other local lawyers -- Thomas Northam, Thomas Dix and General District Court Judge Gordon Vincent -- have also expressed an interest in the job.

In addition to handling civil and criminal cases in the two counties, the resident Circuit Court judge makes appointments to county and town boards of zoning appeals, the Accomack School Board Selection Commission, Accomack and Northampton Electoral Boards, Accomack and Northampton Boards of Equalization, and to both county Boards of Supervisors if a vacancy occurs before an election and the majority of the remaining supervisors cannot agree.

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Cheriton Town Council met Wednesday on how to improve traffic safety. The town currently hires off-duty Northampton deputies to enforce traffic ordinances.

Eastville Police Sgt. David Eder and Eastville Councilman Todd Simpson presented the benefits of having a full-time town officer. Eder has served as the lone Eastville police officer for nearly a year. Simpson said an increase in traffic accidents and criminal activities led Eastville to hire a full-time officer.

Should Cheriton decide to pursue a plan to have its own police force, it will likely seek the input of its residents with a public hearing. Town Council also discussed the proposed boundary adjustment. Surveys returned to the town from property owners who would be affected have been overwhelmingly supportive of the move. Council contends that expanding the town’s boundaries is important to improve the economic health of the town. Town Clerk Stacey Selenski said the few surveys opposing expansion object to the prospect of paying additional taxes and connecting to the proposed wastewater system.

In a final action, Cheriton Town Council agreed to hold a public hearing regarding town ordinance revisions. The hearing is tentatively set for 7 p.m. March 23 at the Fire Hall.

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The Monsanto Fund sponsors the program, and winning farmers designate a local nonprofit organization to benefit from the donation. Blair has designated Boy Scout Troop 314 in Exmore to receive the donation.

Blair says he is very excited to have been selected as the winner for Northampton.

Dr. Terry Spence, Scout Master, says, "Troop 314 is very excited about being named the winner for Northampton County. We plan to use the money for camping trips we have planned this spring and summer."

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Obituaries

Heritage Resident Dies

Mr. Alvin Louis Hubbard, 91, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at the Hermitage, after a long battle with dementia.

Born in Richmond, Va., he was one of six sons of Hessie Mansfield Hubbard and Clara Hobson Hubbard.

Mr. Hubbard grew up in Richmond’s Churchhill neighborhood during the Depression. He went to the William and Mary Extension at Richmond Professional Institute.

Mr. Hubbard was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Force with the 375th in England, North Africa, and Italy. Following the war, he and his wife made their home in Richmond. The majority of Mr. Hubbard’s career was in the oil business in various locations in Virginia. He retired as vice president of Little Oil Company of Richmond, and went to work for Colonial Fuel Oils, Inc. in Mechanicsville. He moved to the Shore in the early ‘90s to be closer to his son and family.

Mr. Hubbard was a member of the Lakeside Lions Club, Sales and Marketing Executives, Downtown Club, and Willow Oaks Country Club, all of Richmond. He was a trustee of St. John’s United Church of Christ in Richmond.

Mr. Hubbard was predeceased by his wife, Alma June Swearingen Hubbard; and three brothers, Harry Hubbard from Hampton, Va.; and Forrest Hubbard and Hessie Hubbard from Richmond. He is survived by his brothers, Earl Hubbard of Richmond and Warren Hubbard of Colonial Heights, Va.; son, Richard L. Hubbard (and wife, Catharine) of Eastville; grandchildren, Richard Lee Hubbard (and wife, Holly Annon Hubbard); John Phillip Hubbard; and Scott Holmes Hubbard, all of the Eastern Shore; and great-grandsons, Gibson Lee Hubbard and Palmer Joseph Hubbard, sons of Richard Lee and Holly Hubbard.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 5, at 1 p.m. at Christ Church in Eastville. The family invites friends to join them after the ceremony at their home, Old Castle, to share memories.

Memorial donations may be made to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, P.O. Box 179, Onancock, VA 23417; or The Hermitage Employees Christmas Fund, 23610 North St., Onancock, VA 23417. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Doughy Funeral Home, Exmore.

Retired Physician Dies

Dr. Lelo N. Passaglia, 86, of Exmore passed away Monday, Feb. 21, 2011.

A former resident of Saddle River, N.J., Dr. Passaglia and his wife of 45 years, Peggy Scott Passaglia, chose the Eastern Shore for their retirement in 1996. Born in Viareggio, Toscana, Italy, Dr. Passaglia was the only son of the late Carlo and Nina Barnella Passaglia. He graduated from Liceo Scientifico Uscio Dini in Pisa and received a medical degree of the University of Bologna Medical School in 1952. That same year, he immigrated to the United States and trained at hospitals in New York City and New Jersey. In 1956, Dr. Passaglia became a United States citizen. In 1957, he joined the staff of Hackensack Hospital, became board-certified in internal medicine, and established a private practice in internal medicine in Bogota, N.J., which he continued for 33 years. In 1982, he was given the chairmanship of the Quality Assurance and Utilization Committee, in which he also became board-certified. He was a member of the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Internal Medicine, the American Society of Quality Assurance-Utilization Review Physicians, the Bergen County Medical Society and the New Jersey Medical Society.

The son of a sea captain, Dr. Passaglia had a lifelong love affair with the sea. He was a founding member of the prestigious "Les Amis du Vin" Society ("The Friends of Wine") in New Jersey.

On the shore, Dr. Passaglia and his wife became active participants in the Science Philosophy seminars at Eastern Shore Community College. Birding was another passion, along with opera and the arts. For many years, at his home in Exmore, Dr. Passaglia held bimonthly evenings to share his tapes from universities all over the country. His friends tenderly referred to this as "The Culture Cottage." He was a past member of Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his sons, Carlo Passaglia (and wife, Patricia) of Wayne, N.J., and Brian Scott Passaglia of Johnsburg, N.Y.; grandchildren, Marc, Eric, Stefano and Laurena; and sister-in-law, Nancy Scott Fadenich, her husband, Alex, and their children and grandchildren of Pine Lakes, N.J. In Tuscany, Italy, he is survived by his sister, Ursolona Passaglia Corso and husband Stefano, their children and grandchildren.

At the request of Dr. Passaglia no service will be held.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Online condolences may be sent to www.doughyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Doughy Funeral Home, Exmore.

Nassawadox Resident Dies

Mrs. Hazel Cooke Harper, 84, of Nassawadox passed away Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at Heritage Hall Healthcare.

A native of Halifax County, N.C., she was the daughter of the late William P. and Bettie King Cooke.

Mrs. Harper was predeceased by her husband, Thomas E. Harper; and a son, Christopher P. Harper. She is survived by her children, Kathy Harper Kellam (and husband, Lleod J.) of Belle Haven, B. Keith Harper (and wife, Jeanne) of Chester, Va., and Kimberly K. Harper of Belle Haven; grandchildren, Sara R. Harper of Church Road, Va., Kathryn H. Kellam of Gainesville, Fla., and Sylvie T. Leshem of Belle Haven.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 25, at Chester U.M. Church in Chester by Rev. Dr. Margaret Kutz and Rev. Keith Ritchie. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Resident Activity Fund, Heritage Hall Healthcare, P.O. Box 176, Nassawadox, VA 23413; the Reading Resource Program of Broadwater Academy, P.O. Box 546, Exmore, VA 23350; or the Alzheimer’s Association, Southeastern Virginia Chapter, 6350 Center Dr., Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Local arrangements were made by Doughy Funeral Home, Exmore.

Quinby Man Passes Away

Mr. Vaughn William Mumford Jr., 77, of Quinby passed away Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at DePaul Medical Center in Norfolk, Va.

A native of Chinquapoo, he was the son of the late Vaughn W. Mumford Sr. and Mary Agnes Staubs Mumford. He was a retired manager for Yellow Pages, and a member of St. Peter’s Catholic Church and Exmore Moose Lodge 681.

Mr. Mumford is survived by his daughters, Donna Maria Mumford of Beaufort, N.C., and Annette Elizabeth Mumford of Charleston, S.C.; brother, Roland Mumford (and wife, Susan) of Exmore; sisters, Mary Agnes Norris of Emerald Isle, N.C., Maureen Mumford of Melbourne, Fla., and Rosalind Butler of Virginia Beach, Va.; and grandchildren, Ava Elizabeth Mumford of Charleston and Virginia Autumn Gantt of Asheville, N.C.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 25, at Doughy Funeral Home in Exmore by Father J. Michael Breelin. Interment was in Quinby Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughyfuneralhome.com.

Tangier Resident Dies

Mrs. Eula Crockett, 73, of Tangier Island, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at her home.

The daughter of the late Elmer B. and Susie Laird Parks, she was a valedictorian at Tangier High School and worked many years as custodian of Swain Memorial U.M. Church, where she was a member. She also was a clerk at the former Williams and Wheatley Grocery Store.

Mrs. Crockett is survived by her husband, Strickland Crockett; son and daughter-in-law, Jamie and Charlene Crockett; all of Tangier; granddaughters, Nicole Wheatley of Onancock and Marissa Crockett of Tangier; and several nieces and
nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Carlton Parks; and two sisters, Ruth Crockett and Nannie Pruitt.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 25, at Swan Memorial U.M. Church by Rev. Patricia Stover, Bill Pruitt and Ellis Crockett. Interment was in the Crockett Family Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. To send condolences, please visit www.bradshawandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home in Crisfield, Md.

R. Norris Bloxom, ESQ

Mr. R. Norris Bloxom passed away Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, in Norfolk after a short illness.

Born in Mathews County, he was the son of John Madison Bloxom Jr. and Elizabeth Parks Bloxom. A graduate of Hargrave Military Academy, he continued on to Duke University, where he was a member of the tennis team and the Duke University band. Mr. Bloxom graduated in 1948 and immediately enlisted in the Navy.

After training at Notre Dame and in San Francisco, he was commissioned a lieutenant and served on several ships in the Pacific theater, including the troop transport USS Racy, participating in several invasions. After discharge, he served in the Naval Reserves until retiring after getting married. Throughout his life, Mr. Bloxom enjoyed regaling his family and friends with many sobering and humorous stories of his exploits during the war.

After the war, Mr. Bloxom enrolled in law school at the University of Virginia, graduating in 1949 and joining C. Lester Drummond in practice in Accomack County. Mr. Bloxom later served as commonwealth's attorney for Accomack County. After a successful private practice of 56 years, he retired reluctantly in 2005 at the age of 88.

Mr. Bloxom was a founding member of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. He was a life-long member of Bethel Baptist Church, serving in many administrative capacities and as a deacon emeritus.

Mr. Bloxom is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Joan Stiles Bloxom; son and daughter-in-law, Robert J. and Victoria H. Bloxom; grandchildren, Jaime Elizabeth Bloxom and Holly N. Vaughn; grandson, Reed Evans; nephews, Randolph Byrd Bloxom and John M. Bloxom IV; and niece, Sara Bloxom Dickinson. He was predeceased by his brothers, Dr. John M. Bloxom, III and Dr. William R. Bloxom; and his daughter, Amy Elizabeth Bloxom.

Funeral services were conducted at Williams-Parkesley Funeral Home Friday, Feb. 25, byRev. G. Wayne Parsley. Interment was in John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Broadwater Academy, P.O. Box 546, Exmore, VA 23356; or Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418. Memorial tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Phone Co. Retiree Dies

Mr. Thomas Nathaniel "Tom" Jacob III, 67, of Onesty passed away Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

Born in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Dr. Thomas Nathaniel Jacob Jr. and Flora Miller Jacob. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Jacob served aboard the submarine Skipjack. He retired from Bell Atlantic Phone Company and greatly enjoyed gardening and wood carving.

Mr. Jacob is survived by his wife, Charlotte Bloxom Jacob; children, Scott Thomas Jacob (and wife, Lisa) of Petersburg, Md., and Jewanda Miller "Millie" Jacob (and fiancé, Joshua Snyder) of Newport News, Va.; sisters, Lisa Jacob Nicolls (and husband, Terry) of Newport News and Clara Jacob Khiz (and husband, Gerry) of Newark, Del.; grandchildren, Austin Thomas Jacob and Lucas Michael Jacob; nieces, Beth Hinson, and nephew, Will Nicolls, and their families.

A memorial service was conducted at Williams-Parkesley Funeral Home Sunday, Feb. 27, by Mr. Lowell Wallace.

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418; or the American Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Paula Bectole, P.O. Box 894, Parksley, VA 23421. Memorial tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Jacobia Farm Resident Dies

Mrs. Marrianna Elizabeth Jacob Gregory Edwards, 88, died peacefully Friday, Feb. 25, 2011.

Mrs. Edwards was born and raised in Jacobia Farm in Cape Charles and was predeceased by her husbands, Joseph Gregory from Boonton, N.J., and Alton E. Edwards from Hampton, Va.

She was the daughter of the late Edwin Seymour Jacob from Cape Charles and Angela Noel Morris Jacob from Richmond, Va. Mrs. Edwards, who lived her entire life on Jacobia Farm as a homemaker for her two husbands and caregiver for her parents, attended Longwood College and was a member of the Colonial Dames Society, the Eastern Shore Historical Society and Holmes Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She loved all aspects of nature, the arts, parties, boat rides, reading, going for long rides, Eastern Shore history, and above all, her family. Aunt Mariabeth, as she was affectionately called by her nieces and nephews, was always planning get-togethers.

Born in Delaware, she was the son of Emma Jane Johnson of Sanford and the late Orville Byrd. His stepfather is Russell Johnson, also of Sanford. Mr. Byrd resided at Holly Farms, Inc., and later served as a deputy for Accomack County, a police officer with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Town of Parksley, and a private investigator.

He was a member of Templeville Masonic Lodge 12: AF&AM and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Other than his mother and stepfather, survivors include his daughter, Brandy Byrd Barnes (and husband, Ronnie) of Parksley, sister, Bonnie Broadwater of Sanford; grandchild, Dakota Lee Barnes of Parksley; niece and nephew, Jennifer Hiler (and husband, John) of Charlottesville, Va., and Brian Broadwater (and wife, Karen) of Sanford, and their families. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Keith Broadwater.

Gravestones were conducted at Parksley Cemetery Tuesday, March 1, by Rev. Don Blagg.

Memorial donations may be made to the church of one's choice. Memorial tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Parkesley Funeral Home.

Retired OR Tech Dies

Ms. Margaret Ann Ulrich, 61, of Cheriton passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at her residence.

A native of Cape Charles, she was the daughter of the late Sylvester and Norma Powell Ulrich. Ms. Ulrich was a retired operating room technician for Shore Memorial Hospital and a member of Cape Charles Rescue Service Auxiliary.

Survivors include her daughter, Catherine Lynn Ulrich of Cheriton; sister, Norma Jean Lassiter of Eastville; aunt, Kathleen Shriver of Cape Charles; three nieces; six nephews; three great-nieces; and

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Northampton Native Dies

Mrs. Lorraine Charnock Brown, 89, of Suffolk, Va., passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2011.

She was born in Northampton County, the daughter of the late Viola and Herbert Charnock. Mrs. Brown retired as a paper tester from Union Camp. She was a member of Holmes Presbyterian Church in Bayview and attended Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Mrs. Brown was preceded by her husband of 62 years, J. Richard Brown; and sisters, Lucille and Lilian. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Adele Brown of Suffolk; grandchildren, Wade Brown (and wife, Ashley), Debbie Wigg (and husband, Rob); great-grandchildren, Landon Wigg, Kyle Brown, Ryan Wigg, and Savannah Brown; two nieces; and one nephew.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, March 1, at Capeville Masonic Cemetery by Rev. Jim George.

Memorial donations may be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church Building Fund, 1837 Holland Rd., Suffolk, VA 23434. Condolences may be registered online at www.parrfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Parr Funeral Home in Suffolk.

Mr. Stephen Lee Parks, 55, of Nassawadox passed away Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at his residence.

A native of Virginia Beach, Va., he is the son of Gerald L. and Eula Mae Doughty Parks of Nassawadox. Mr. Parks was president of Cape Spring Shipping Agency of Norfolk and Hampton Roads Coal Association, and a member of the Propeller Club and Hampton Roads Maritime Association.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his sister, Brenda Lynn Parks of Virginia Beach; aunt, Janice Mac Hylton (and husband, Buddy); of Salt Lake, Utah; and numerous cousins.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 2, at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore by Rev. Suzanne Schmid and Rev. Jack D. Pruitt. Interment was in Cape Charles Cemetery.

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

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Mr. Robert Ernest Groton “Bobby” Bundick, 51, of Daugherty, passed away Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Nassawadox, he was a son of the late Robert Groton Bundick and Nell Brown Bundick. He was a commercial waterman.

Survivors include his daughter, Laura Anna Spence (and husband, Michael) of Temperanceville; son, Robert Thomas Bundick of Norfolk; sisters, Lea Bundick Bellin and Gena Bundick Merrill (and husband, Noel); all of Alabama; brother, John W. Bundick (and wife, Amy) of Exmore; grandchildren, Michael Spence Jr. and Morgan Spence; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded by a son, William Walter “Will” Bundick.

A memorial service will be held at Polly Creek Dock in Daugherty Saturday, March 5, at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Eastern Shore Working Waterman’s Association, c/o Mr. Ernie Bowden, 4219 School St., Chincoteague, VA 23336. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

R&G Retiree Passes Away

Mrs. Mary June Williams, 87, of Onley passed away Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Peninsular Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

Born in Bloxom, she was a daughter of the late Lindsey and Otha James Hart. Mrs. Williams retired from R & G Shirt Factory, and later delivered the Daily Times. She was a member of Leitchester U.M. Church, Onancock Elks Lodge 1766, and Exmore Moose Lodge 683.

Mrs. Williams was preceded by her husband, Bruce Williams; a son, Ernie Bundick; and a brother, Jack Hart. Survivors include her sons, Richard M. Hart of Onley and James Hart of Greensboro; sister, Juanita Killmon of Melfa; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted at Mount Holly Cemetery in Onancock Wednesday, March 2, by Rev. Jon Woodburn.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417, or to Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 17, Nassawadox, VA 23418. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.
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  To Donald Killmon & Sharron Porter
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**Northampton Planners Focus on Tourism**

By Ron West

Virginia is for tourism, according to Lynne Lochen, tourism development specialist with the Virginia Tourism Commission.

Lochen spoke to the Northampton County Planning Commission this week about the opportunities for the development of tourism and related businesses on the Eastern Shore. She stated that for every $1 spent to enhance the tourism industry, the state sees a $6 return. "Tourism is not an expense for a locality; it is an investment," she said.

Lochen noted that tourism is a clean industry and that its goal is to have people come to visit an area, spend their money and leave. One area of tourism that could be developed for the Shore is the film industry. Lochen said the Virginia Film Office has been working to encourage the film industry to make use of settings and communities within the state when possible.

Commissioner Dave Kahler discussed the need for the county to work to piggyback on the events surrounding OSAF 2012, which will occur just over a year from now. OSAF 2012 will involve tall ships and warships from around the world. The ships will tour several port cities on the Gulf and East Coasts of the United States. According to Commissioner Kahler, it will be an opportunity for localities such as Cape Charles to encourage vessels as well as tourists to visit.

He stressed the need for the planners and county leaders to make the area business friendly. Kahler suggested that efforts be made to encourage ongoing visits by tall ships as a way to establish a base for tourism.

In other business of the evening, the planners reviewed zoning regulations regarding small catering and food service businesses. Commissioner Bob Meyers urged the group to avoid over-regulating very small businesses that might grow from hobbies, such as quilting or woodworking. Commissioners Kahler and Mary Miller urged caution, stressing the need to protect neighbors from obnoxious noises or odors that might be generated by such business efforts in residential areas.

Planning Director Sandra Benson indicated that the size and location of such businesses, including catering operations, would be determined by the need for regulations and special-use permits. The planners took no formal action on the matter.

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FRIDAY MAR. 4

*10:30 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Restaurant, Onley - 442-2474
*12:30 p.m. - Science & Philosophy Seminar: Industrial Scale Wind Farms - ESSC, lecture hall, Onley
*6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Family Life Center, Onancock - Simple Meal: $6/person or $10/family
*7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
*7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Adventist Community Center, Exmore
*7:30 p.m. - Orchestra of the Eastern Shore to perform - Franktown Methodist Church, Franktown
*7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Downing Methodist Church, Onley

SATURDAY MAR. 5

*Winter Blues Dog Ball - Country Club, Melfa
*8 a.m.-noon - Farmer's Market - Downtown Park, Main St., Chincoteague
*9 a.m. - Zumba Class - sponsored by Chincoteague YMCA - Senior Center, Chincoteague - $5
*9:30 a.m. - E.S. Women's Cancer Support Group mtg. - Heritage F Lounge, Onancock - 787-2834 or 678-5040
*9 a.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Holy Trinity Church, Onancock
*1-2:30 p.m. - Tom & Curtis Badger Book Signing Reception - Cape Charles Museum
*7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

SUNDAY MAR. 6

*2 p.m. - Bingo - VFW Post 2296, Tasley
*4 p.m. - Stefani Dulcie to perform - Franktown Methodist Church, Franktown - 442-3226
*4 p.m. - Orchestra of the Eastern Shore to perform - Historic Cokesbury Church, Onancock
*6 p.m. - Annual Choir Festival - Mt. Zion Independent Methodist Church, Wintham
*7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Fellowship House, Chincoteague

TUESDAY MAR. 8

*2 p.m. - Economic Development Authority mtg. - Accomack County Airport, Terminal Conference Room, Melfa
*10 a.m. - Community Services Board mtg. - E.S. Behavioral Healthcare Ctr., Parksley
*12-1:30 p.m. - Hospice Grief Support Prgm. - Hospice Resource Center, 23606 Lankford Hwy., Exmore - 787-3310
*4:15 p.m. - TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 8) - Belle Haven Presbyterian - 442-3944
*4:30-9 p.m. - Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper - Drummond UMC, 23457 Drummond Rd., Exmore - 787-2772
*6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486
*6 p.m. - Bingo - Poconos Elks, next to YMCA
*6 p.m. - Onancock Lions Club mtg. - Sunrise Restaurant, Onley - 787-4278
*6:30-9:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESSC, Melfa
*7 p.m. - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group - Hampton Inn, Exmore
*7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist, Temperanceville
*7:30 p.m. - Bingo - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
*7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Atlantic Methodist Church
*7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon meeting - Atlantic UMC - 624-5585
*7:30 p.m. - Order of the Eastern Star (Chap. #62) - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague

THURSDAY MAR. 10

*10 a.m.-noon - Songwriters Workshop with Thelma Peterson - ESO, Belle Haven - 442-3226
*11 a.m. - Children's Story Hour - Public Library, Accomac
*2 p.m. - Children's Story Hour - North Library, Nassawadox
*2:30-4 p.m. - Transitional Support Group for Widowers - Hospice Office, 1665 Market St., Onancock - 787-3310
*5 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac
*5:30-7 p.m. - Cancer Caregiver's Support Group - Riverside Shore Cancer Center, Nassawadox - 414-8355
*6 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Cape Charles Rescue Squad bldg., Cheriton
*6:30 p.m. - Kiwanis of Chincoteague mtg. - St. Andrew's Catholic
*6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESSC
*7 p.m. - ACCOMACK COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION mtg. - Accomack County Airport, Terminal Conference Room, Melfa
*7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous mtg. - Painter Garrison's UMC
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 10-477

vs.

MAR FRANCES FLOYD
TERENCE R. BUTLER
TOWN OF MELFA, VIRGINIA

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land near Melfa, Accomack County, Virginia, on Forrest Street, Lot 1, Block B and designated as parcel no. 1028002000000100.

standing in the name of Mar Frances Floyd, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 of the Code of Virginia. And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to determine whether Mar Frances Floyd is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of her heirs, devisees and successors in title, that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate, the subject matter of this suit, whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Mar Frances Floyd; and that Terence R. Butler is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last post office address is 190 Darrow Place #4A, Bronx, NY 10475.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before March 22nd, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

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My husband says I’ve got too many “projects.”

Well, I can’t walk on the treadmill every morning and have time for everything else now can I? Don’t answer that.

1. There is a dresser in our bedroom that I’m refurbishing. A friend gave it to us. There’s still one drawer out in the garage in need of paint. My excuse: My cat Finnegan likes the empty spot. Who can argue with that?

2. One night last winter when I couldn’t sleep, I pulled up the carpet on the stairs. It was just too darn hard to keep clean. Six months later, I managed to pull out the 1 million nails and tacks that were stuck in the beautiful wood. I am not exaggerating. And I finally painted primer on the surrounding woodwork that needed it. BUT I’m waiting for summer to put on the polyurethane. My excuse: We could get saphyizated from the fumes.

Sounds good to me.

4. My bathroom walls need another coat of paint. I pulled off the old wallpaper. Again a friend showed me how to repair the walls. BUT I was told my paint job has vacations. (That’s lingo for it needs another coat.) I’m struggling with this because if I do it, I think the ceiling will need to be painted too. I hate painting ceilings. Ugh!

5. I pulled up the ugly linoleum floor in there. Too. After a year, I painted the floor. It was mismatched paint that I got for a song. It’s a shade of purple. I didn’t care because I plan to put tile down if I can find the time to finish the design.

6. I really like the picture on that jigsaw puzzle on the dining table. I finished it on the first night. But now I want to glue it together. And I can’t find the container of glue and I hate to buy another one. Give me a day or two and I’ll remember where it is.

I like crafts.

Post Office Mail

Concert Organizers Are To Be Commended

Dear Editor:

Thumbs up for the Eastern Shore Historical Society and the Virginia Symphony for the Teddy Bear concert and instrument petting event held at Ker Place in Onancock. As shown by the large attendance and the many happy faces of children and parents, the event was a great success.

Staff and volunteers who made it possible are to be congratulated and much appreciated. As is often said, they are making history in their outreach to the Shore community.

Charles Landis, Onancock

Post Headline Was Unfair to Sheriff

Dear Editor:

“Quit” - verb - to stop trying, to accept or acknowledge defeat ... “Sheriff Giddens Plans to Quit” as opposed to “Sheriff Giddens Plans to Retire After Nearly 50 Years of Service.” The difference in the two headlines is fact, as opposed to fiction.

We all know that public opinion is strongly influenced by the media. Whether it be positive or negative, what is broadcast or published is usually the perception received and retained by the readers.

Fortunately, those who know the man, know letter. Larry Giddens, the man, has not only been a dedicated law enforcement official since 1964, working his way up through the ranks to earn his current position, but a devoted husband, parent, and grandparent. He is active in his church and is in the process of helping develop a program to promote the advancement and success of the youth on the Shore. Knowing personally everything he has done not only for his family, but anyone else who has come to him for help, I know he has never acknowledged defeat in any task presented to him.

I hope that when the time comes for my father to retire, his service to his community will be acknowledged in a positive way, instead of the negative way in which it was portrayed in The Eastern Shore Post’s Feb. 26th edition.

Kim Giddens, via e-mail

Headline Should Have Used Euphemism

Dear Editor:

“Local Official Dies” or “Local Official Passes Away.” Euphemisms are commonplace in our society. Words that seem synonymous can conjure very different thoughts and images. Take, for example the terms, “woman,” “female” and “lady.” The mind’s eye likely sees different images for each of the references to “the fairer sex.”

“Sheriff Giddens Plans To Quit” seemed to be one of those instances where a euphemism would have been appropriate. Vince Lombardi said, “Winners never quit and quitters never win.” I hope I speak for many residents of Accomack County when I say we wish Mr. Giddens well in his pursuits, and we still consider him a winner.

Carla Savage-Wells, via e-mail

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