Jury Returns Verdict in Homicide Trial

By Linda Cicioira

A jury found Brian Terrell Walker guilty of involuntary manslaughter last Friday in Accomack Circuit Court in connection with the 2010 death of his fiancée's 11-month-old son and recommended a sentence of five years in prison.

Judge Stephen Mahan did not formally accept the finding, took under advisement the defense lawyer's motions for both dismissal and setting aside the verdict, and ordered a presentence report for the 25-year-old Northampton man who was taken back to Accomack County Jail.

The child, Isaiah Russell of Justisville Road near Parksley, died last year from "blunt-force head injuries," a medical examiner testified during the trial.

She said the boy's skull was fractured in three places, his brain was swollen and the surrounding membranes and his retinas hemorrhaged. In addition, bruises marked his face, head, arm, elbow and buttocks and the child's optic nerves had bled.

The judge said he would receive written arguments regarding the verdict from defense lawyer Benjamin Hamlet of Virginia Beach before sentencing.

"Although there was a theory ... of time of injuries of the child in this case ... specific evidence was not the exclusive solution a reasonable fact finder might have reached," said Mahan. "The court obviously does not know what the jury concluded in there."

The judge said verbal arguments from both the defense and the prosecution would be heard at sentencing. A date has not been set.

The judge made himself available to the jurors for more than an hour after

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Accomack Eliminates Lobbyist Service

By Linda Cicioira

In a 4-3 vote Wednesday, Accomack supervisors decided not to continue using the services of a lobbying firm that was costing the county $6,500 a month. Its contract ends on June 30.

"All of us have a code we live by ... there is no way in the world I can vote for" extending the contract, said Supervisor Grayson Chesser. "The people of Accomack County sense this is wrong."

Chesser volunteered to go to Washington, in place of the lobbyist, to convince Congress to pass a proposed bill that would offer Accomack an exemption from the requirement to purchase $820,000 worth of property in order to use federal recreational land at Wallops Research Park.

"I've been before," Chesser said of Congress. "I promise you they (people he knows) will help me ... I'll do my best to make sure the people I represent are heard." Chesser said he tries to be agreeable. "I can't be on this. I'd rather be shot for being a stubborn mule than sheared like a sheep."

"This piece of property sits in the middle of the park," said Supervisor Wanda Thornton. She favored using lobbyist Rob Catron of Acani & Faye, Ltd. The lobbyist pleaded for the work at a session last month, but was not in attendance Wednesday. "You don't get anything if you don't have a lobbyist," said Thornton.

"The bill wouldn't have been written if we hadn't had somebody help. If you can't be there on a daily basis, it's a lost cause."

In the end, Chairman Donald Hart, Vice Chairwoman Laura Belle Gordy and Supervisors Chesser, Robert Crockett, Sandy Hart-Mears and Jack Gray voted against extending the lobbyist's contract until the end of 2011. Supervisors Thornton, Reneta Major and Ron Wolff were in favor of the contract.

Thorton criticized as lobbyists other organizations, such as the state sheriff's association, which Crockett headed for several years, and the Virginia Association of Counties, over which Hart once presided.

"My constituents have more intelligence then she says they have," Crockett responded. "Everybody without a doubt is against" paying a lobbyist.

"Who am I to say they are wrong?" Crockett complained of the lobbying efforts to keep the firm. "A former congresswoman has been calling people to try to keep this lobbyist."

Crockett said Catron "wants a never-ending relationship. I don't think so. I'm there to represent ... my district."

Wolff said while Crockett made some "very good points," the sheriff's association sees "the need for a lobbyist ... why are we any different? We need a voice ... Mr. Chesser doesn't leave the county all that often, the lobbyist is in DC day in and day out."

"We need Wally's Research Park," said Wolff. "We need jobs. We need that infrastructure." Wolff said over the

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Clarification

Last week's edition of the Eastern Shore Post reported the indictment of Pamela Powell, 35, of Lighthouse Motel on Chincoteague on a count of credit-card larceny.

Powell was a tenant at Lighthouse Motel, not an employee there.
Cupid Not Welcome in Northampton County

By Ron West

A local property owner who has been seeking approval for a plan to create a wedding venue was turned away by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

For the past three months, William Parr has attempted to obtain a minor special-use permit to allow a refurbished 125-year-old barn to be used for special events. The county Planning Commission fielded a host of public hearings, during which many property owners spoke against the plan. Citing dangers such as noise, increased traffic, and the risk of intoxicated guests causing accidents, the speakers demanded that the supervisors turn down Parr's request.

Supervisor Sam Long argued that the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan both support the concept of agri-tourism, thus he could not see how the county could oppose an individual who actually wished to create such a venue. Speaking of the number of visitors who might come for such an event and spend money in nearby hotels and restaurants, Long stated, "It could be a net benefit for the County. I truly hope, Mr. Chairman, that tonight we can break the stranglehold cycle on the past, and support Mr. Parr's application."

Speaking against the application, Supervisor Spencer Murray spoke of the value of agri-tourism and the need to bring in tourist dollars, but noted that he would listen to those who spoke against the request.

Supervisor Richard Tankard indicated that he has always supported businesses in the county, but was concerned that this request was not compatible with agricultural uses for the area.

Supervisors Oliver Bennett and Chairman Willie Randall both stated that they would heed the wishes of the constituents who opposed the project.

In the end, after nearly two hours of speakers and debate, the board voted 5-1 (Long supporting the application), to turn down Parr's request.

A second point of contention for the evening surrounded a request by the board itself to amend zoning in the waterfront villages of Oyster and Willis Wharf. The request, which went from the supervisors to the Planning Commission three months ago, faced stiff opposition by the county planners as well as a number of residents in both communities.

The supervisors were seeking to allow a multitude of water-oriented uses in and around the waterfronts of Oyster and Willis Wharf.

Comments and letters speaking in opposition to development in either of the two communities came from Camden Whitehead, Tom Bonnwell, Gregory Hughes, Sarah Morgan, Donna Fauber and Jane Kafcian. Art Schwartzchild of Willis Wharf suggested that the supervisors take more time to work through any possible adverse effects that might result from the amendment.

"I do not know what or if any development or redevelopment in the Waterfront Villages will occur if these changes are approved." stated Murray.

A total of 1.28 acres in Oyster and just over 4 acres in Willis Wharf might be directly affected by the change.

Ultimately, the board voted 6-0 to support the zoning amendment.

In other action, the supervisors approved a laundry list of housekeeping ordinance changes, including readjusting their annual salary from $2,000 back to $4,000. They had halved their own salary a year ago.

Other changes included accepting the statewide building code and traffic rules, and exempting antique vehicles from license tax fees.

Prior to concluding the session, Murray announced that he will not be seeking re-election to his position in the fall general election. Murray cited personal and family reasons for his decision.

NASA Briefings Monday

Atlantic District Supervisor Ron Wolfe's will conduct his monthly constituents' meeting Monday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at the NASA Visitor Center.

The session will include briefings on the Wallops Minotaur launch scheduled for June 27 and the upcoming Taurus II launch.
Accomack Orders Independent Audit of County Departments

By Linda Cicoira

Another study. Another $7,500.

This time the money will be spent for an independent auditor to check Accomack County’s “entire tax system.” County supervisors want “the finger pointing” to stop and the money to pour in. So they unanimously voted for the inquiry Wednesday.

The debate concerns the nearly $13.6 million worth of past-due real-estate and personal-property taxes owed to Accomack County since 1981.

The audit would look into “any problems that exist” in the offices of the director of finance, treasurer and commissioner of the revenue, said Supervisor Robert Crockett, who came up with the proposal.

“Everybody (who heads those departments) is 100 percent in favor of it,” said Crockett. The supervisors want to use an auditor none of the departments has ever used. A committee of the departments will select the auditor.

“While we’re doing this, I hope we’re moving forward to collect these delinquent taxes,” said Supervisor Jack Gray. “But do we not hold up while the auditor comes.”

Treasurer Dana Bundick assured the board that she wouldn’t stop working. She asked that the assessor’s office be included in the audit.

Another motion was made by Crockett and passed unanimously that gives the auditor the right to go to any county office to make inquiries.

“I’m ready to get going,” said Bundick. “I’m in favor of this. But I don’t want anything to slow things down.”

The supervisors also appointed members as liaisons to various other government officials. Gray, a former School Board member, was appointed to serve as that panel’s liaison. Supervisors Wanda Thornton and Ron Wolff will alternate as the Economic Development Commission’s contact. The liaison to Bundick will be Crockett. Commissioner of the Revenue Leslie Savage’s go-between will be Supervisor Renata Major. Chairman Donald Hart will be the contact for Clerk of Court Sammy Cooper. Vice Chairwoman Laura Belle Gordy will be the liaison for Commonwealth’s Attorney Gary Agar and Supervisor Grayson Cheeser will be the link for the Sheriff’s Department.

Chincoteague Gym

Thornton reported that Chincoteague Town Council declined acceptance of the old Chincoteague Elementary School gym because of the restriction that it revert to the county after use. The facility needs about $100,000 in repairs. Thornton said the property was originally bought with money raised by town residents, the initial structure cost $50,000 to build and Mary N. Smith School was given without restrictions to its alumni association. The supervisors then unanimously voted to remove the restriction.

Atlantic Community Health Center

Thirty-five years of serving the community didn’t seem to mean much to the Accomack Planning Commission. Eastern Shore Rural Health (ESRH) CEO Nancy Stern said the commission caused a two-month delay in construction of the new Atlantic facility.

It is set to go up on Lankford Highway near New Church. Stern was asking for a conditional-use permit to allow the center to be in an agricultural/general business zone. The supervisors voted unanimously to give her what she wanted. They nixed additional Planning Commission requirements that were not part of the plan when Onley Community Health Center was constructed.

Stern complained that the commission, which makes recommendations to the supervisors, held three meetings and talked for hours about topics — including landscaping only with native plants and installing pervious parking spaces for storm drainage. The two were not required for the Onley center.

Asked why the change, Commissioner Bob Hickman said there are now more commissioners who are conscious of environmental and Comprehensive Plan concerns.

“We are on a timeline,” said Stern. ESRH got a $4.93 million grant for the project. “If we don’t get the building built, the grant could be lost,” she said.

“Do we not comply with everything in Onley? There’s no way we would deviate...we’ll do the best we can.”

“We should be encouraging Eastern Shore Rural Health,” said Thornton. She urged the other supervisors to listen to the Planning Commission tapes. “This project has been held up and delayed. We just need to work with people a little bit more.”

The center opened 33 years ago with four exam rooms and one doctor. Now there are seven doctors, more services, often standing-room-only in the waiting room, lack of parking, and dangerous traffic conditions for entrance and exit.

“We really need this building,” said Jean Thornton, the center’s manager. “We need to offer more.”

Cheeser blamed some of the delay on the lack of staff. There is only one county planner now instead of two.

Stern said later, “It’s been a nightmare. I’ve never been treated like this before.”

Cashville

Residents who live on Broadway Road near Cashville complained to the supervisors that they have had road flooding problems since 2005.

“I think the next hurricane or two, it’s going to be gone,” said John Matthews. “It flooded this weekend when we didn’t have a storm.”

Another resident said the road floods 30 times a year.

Matthews wrote a letter to the board asking for help.

Virginia Department of Transportation representative Steve Rowan said he would bring the issue to the attention of his district manager and the local maintenance department.

Cheeser said there is a similar problem on Horsey Road in front of the Episcopal Church.

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Town of Hallwood
Proposed Budget
July 01, 2010 Thru June 30, 2011

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The budget will be voted on at the Hallwood Town Council meeting held on July 07, 2011. This budget represents an increase in trash collection fees by 22.00 per year and an increase in real estate tax from .09 to .15 per hundreded and no increase in personal property tax.
Murder Trial

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the trial to answer questions and take their suggestions on the process.

The jury could have chosen to convict Walker of second-degree murder, which carries a maximum of 40 years in prison, or found him not guilty. The maximum term for involuntary manslaughter is 10 years. Mahan explained that the basic difference between second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter is "malice."

The jury, which consisted of three men (two white and one black) and nine women (eight white and one black), deliberated on the verdict for about seven hours Thursday and Friday. Once that job was done, they got more instructions and took about another hour to agree on the sentence.

The jury was polled for both the verdict and sentence findings at the request of Hamlet. Both proved to be unanimous.

At least a dozen of Walker's family members attended the proceedings. At times, some of them joined in loud group prayers in the hallway and outside. They asked God to acquit "B.J.," which is the defendant's nickname.

Walker's mother, Geraldine Johnson, served as a character witness just before the jury deliberated on a sentence. She described her son as a "caring, loving, very protecting father." She said, "he took care" of the children and "stayed up with them." Johnson said he was never violent. "He always kept a job. He works real hard."

Other testimony disclosed that the child's injuries occurred while the boy's mother, Jessica Russell, was at work in a local chicken factory. Walker, her fiancé, was on vacation from the plant and was in charge of the daytime care of the boy and his toddler sister. A third child — Isaiah's 9-year-old sister — was in school.

"Just because there was no previous information that he has harmed a child ... doesn't mean he's not a violent person," said Accomack Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Matthew Brenner.

At the sentencing, the prosecutor supplied the jury with Walker's criminal records, most of which are from when he was a juvenile. He was convicted in 2000 of brandishing a firearm, felony destruction of property and unauthorized use of an automobile. In 2003, he was convicted of possession of marijuana and in 2004 of three counts of destruction of property. In 2006, Walker was convicted of two counts of driving with a suspended license, failure to pay restitution, speeding, reckless driving and not wearing a seatbelt. In 2007, he was convicted of contempt for failing to appear in court.

Brenner called the case a "negligent homicide of ... a baby that can never now grow up ... get married ... have children ... go through high school ... have a first kiss ... ride a bike ... blow out candles." Brenner argued to the jury, "Ten years is not too long to give for a life ... an 11-month-old helpless baby."

Accomack Tax Collection Rates Don't Stack Up

By Linda Cicoira

Accomack came in last when Finance Director Mike Mason compared 2009 and 2010 tax collection efforts in similar counties in Virginia, according to information obtained from the county Tuesday.

Warren, Northampton, Louisa, Orange, Culpeper, Prince George, Isle of Wight, Amherst, Wythe and Gloucester counties had higher collection rates than Accomack.

Mason said these counties have been used for years for comparisons. "They're initially chosen by the (county's) Cost Savings Committee based on their proximity to our population or per capita income. Northampton was not originally one of the comparables, but we added them for obvious reasons."

For 2010, the overall collection rates were 90.7 percent in Accomack, 96.27 percent in Culpeper, 95.42 percent in Prince George, 95.37 percent in Isle of Wight, 95.69 percent in Amherst, and 96.93 percent in Wythe County.

At the time that the data were compiled, the most recent collection rates in some areas were for 2009. Those included 90.28 percent in Warren, 92.14 percent in Northampton, 92.62 percent in Louisa, 95.21 percent in Orange and 97.31 percent in Gloucester County.

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Chincoteague Abandons Proposal To Increase Transient Occupancy Tax

By Linda Cicoira

The proposed 1 percent increase in Chincoteague’s transient occupancy tax was removed from the town’s draft budget last week. Council eliminated the $40,936 that was hoped to be gained and was designated for beach, recreation and tourism. Vice Mayor Ellen Richardson and Council members Terry Howard and Nancy Conklin favored deleting it. Councilmen John Jester and Tripp Muth were opposed.

Earlier at the same session, Accomack Supervisor Wanda Thornton said she was speaking as a citizen and taxpayer as she voiced opposition to Council’s proposed increase in the occupancy tax rate, saying it was unnecessary. Businesses are struggling already, she said.

Thornton also told Council that the business license increase did not generate more revenue and that she received many complaints on the hike. She suggested putting excess revenue funds in a beach storm fund for parking issues and for beach, recreation and tourism. Thornton said items in the town budget shouldn’t be lumped together. She wants local government investment pools to be listed in a monthly report. She also said the town should follow the Government Finance Officers Association recommendation of having 5 to 15 percent in reserves.

Thornton also voiced disapproval of last year’s vehicle decal increase. She said the $11,000 it raised was not worth it. Thornton said the town donates too much money.

Conklin asked about the recent 3 percent increase in the county’s transient occupancy tax. Thornton advised that the hike is strictly for tourism, forever. She said the money would not be going into the county’s General Fund.

Finance Director Karen Hippke noted that while other towns in Accomack raised real-estate tax rates last year, Chincoteague chose to raise only vehicle decal fees.

Waterside Inn proprietor Donna Mason complained that while other areas are offering incentives for visitors, the town is contemplating increasing the occupancy tax. She said the town is not reaching out to tourism.

Tommy Daisey expressed concern for the economy. He said people are trying to cut back and can’t afford any increases. Daisey wondered how many people on the island benefit from tourism. He said he favors raising and benefits for town workers, but is concerned that there won’t be enough money to continue to employ them.

Others voicing disapproval of the 1 percent increase were island residents and business owners Richard Conklin, Susan Cole, Nancy Lane, Richard Vesley and former Councilman Jim Furse.

Council also voted to approve a permit that will allow Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company to offer a fireworks display on July 4. New state legislation made the vote necessary.

Laurie Walton said vehicles are turning into the Marsh Island portion of the new bridge without realizing where it leads. She requested a “No Outlet” sign be moved to the corner of the spur so that motorists see it before they turn.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that effective July 1, 2011, Northampton County will start collecting building permit fees at the time the application is submitted. It is our desire to streamline our procedures and save you unnecessary trips into the office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and working with us through this new process.
Redskin’s Northampton Tax Payment Expected

By Linda Cicioire

Interim Northampton County Treasurer Cindy Bradford expects to soon collect money from an NFL football player who owes delinquent real-estate taxes.

Redskins cornerback DeAngelo Hall is in arrears for more than $24,200 in back taxes, including penalties and interest, for 2008, 2009 and 2010, Bradford confirmed Monday.

Attorney James Elliott, who has a collection contract with the county, recently started the process of seizing Hall’s $1.3 million Plantation Point home near Cape Charles and selling it at auction to collect the debt, the treasurer said.

She explained, “The address recorded on the deed was the address of the property,” and Hall was not getting his mail there.

Bradford noted that the football player’s lawyers recently called Elliott to say they want to take care of the bill. “I expect it to be cleared up soon,” she said.

In seven NFL seasons, Hall has reportedly made tens of millions of dollars. He recently said he made more than $1 million a game.

One-Day Work Stoppage for Some at BaySys

By Linda Cicioire

“Unresolved contractual” issues caused about 40 employees of BaySys Technologies to lose a day’s work last week. But Director of Facilities and Special Projects Garnett Kellam said Monday, “Everyone’s back to work, thank goodness.”

The aeronautical company had problems with the “777 client” and told the customer “we’re not working on your airplane unless you pay us.” The issues were not disclosed.

Last week, Kellam wrote in a prepared announcement, “The repair station is staffed and we are anticipating the arrival of another aircraft soon. BaySys Engineering is surveying the client’s aircraft this week.”

Kellam said the entire workforce at BaySys consists of about 80 people, not including contracted workers.

Kids’ Club Starts Monday

Youthworks’ Kids’ Club, a free summer program, where kids ages 5-10 learn about the love of Jesus through crafts, reading, songs and games, will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 20 to Aug. 5, from noon to 3 p.m. at Historic Onancock High School.

Transportation will be available from certain locations.

Call Isaac Rysdahl at 507-276-6085.
Northampton School Board Welcomes Superintendent, Discusses Benefits, OKs Budget

By Ron West

The Northampton County School Board welcomed Dr. Walter R. Clemens to the Shore as the new superintendent at its meeting this week.

Dr. Clemens, a Smithfield, Va., native, has 21 years of education experience serving in Isle of Wight, Franklin, and Newport News, Va., and Charlotte, N.C. He will assume the helm of Northampton County’s three schools on July 1.

The issue of merging with the county’s insurance plan was discussed. Coverage, savings, and additional costs to staff were major concerns. Retiring Superintendent Dr. Bowmaster, who like many retirees will be directly affected, was asked for his views. He indicated reluctance to merge at this time. The savings minus the cost of staff currently covered would be a few cents per month, while those in family plans would see substantial increases in premiums.

The School Board voted not to merge with the county’s system for the upcoming school year and to review the decision again in 2012.

Approval was given to the $19,992,540 school budget for FY 2012. Funding is provided by a combination of federal, state, and local money, along with various grants.

The board appointed Annette Gray to serve as the superintendent’s designee in his absence for the coming school term.

Board member Calvin Brickhouse reported that the school uniform committee is recommending that the colors burgundy and maroon be removed from the approved list, while adding the black for pants, slacks, shorts, skirts, jumpers, and shorts. Striped shirts also were removed from the approved list. The committee also is suggesting that a dress code be in place for staff.

The board reviewed the school lunch program. The board outsourced the service in 2010 as a way to improve the quality of lunches as well as the number of students who take part in the program. School Finance Director Brook Thomas reported that while the program got off to a good start in the fall of 2010, the number of students who took part it began to fall off by the beginning of 2011. The board has the option of going back to in-house food service in that the current cafeteria.

Board members Calvin Brickhouse and Richard Bland were slated to surrender their seats at the end of their current term but will retain their positions until the Board of Supervisors completes its redistricting plan, which calls for the reduction of one supervisor and could also reduce the School Board by one representative.

Island District ‘Town Meeting’ Monday

Island District Supervisor Wanta Thornton and Chincoteague Mayor Jack Tarr will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, June 20, at 7 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. The public is invited to ask questions.

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Community Notes

Cape Charles OKs Budget
By Ron West
Cape Charles Town Council last week approved the town’s FY 2012 budget of $11,743,743, including $6.5 million in grants. Fees for the coming year will include a minimum water rate of $43, trash fees of $14, and a minimum wastewater rate of $34. The full budget is posted on the town’s website.

Council also reviewed and updated its golf cart ordinance. According to Town Planner Tom Bonadeo, almost 100 carts are registered in town. The ordinance allows them to be operated in town by licensed drivers. The carts must be inspected, operated within the 25-mph speed limit, have a horn and seat belts, and be equipped with lights if operated at night.

Harbormaster Smitty Dize announced that the new harbor floating docks are operational and being extensively utilized. The town has been working on plans for a bathhouse to be added at the harbor. Council supported the bathhouse plan, for which the town received a $343,977 Boating Infrastructure Grant earlier this year.

Town Manager Heather Arcos was authorized to apply for a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant to obtain a new police vehicle. The $332,000 grant would be an 80 percent/20 percent match, with the town paying $83,000 for a new vehicle.

Council reviewed a request from Landmark Holdings U.S. for a condition-use permit extension for the construction of multi-residential and commercial property near the harbor. Bonadeo noted that Council had granted an extension a year ago, but there are no visible signs of progress. Additionally, it was reported that the applicant proposed to pay delinquent taxes by the end of 2011. Council voted not to grant the extension.

Council voted to support the tall ship initiative in the amount of $5,000, to be provided as in-kind services and/or direct funding. Councilwoman Joan Natali urged that a means for measuring financial benefits from the initiative be in place. Councilman Bruce Evans noted that once vessels begin to make port in Cape Charles, the initiative would fund itself with the growth of town businesses.

Upcoming Town Meetings

TUESDAY, JUNE 21
• Melford Town Council - 7 p.m., Town Hall
• Onancock Planning Commission - 7 p.m., Council Chambers

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
• Accomack Town Council - 7:30 p.m., Board of Supervisors Chambers

THURSDAY, JUNE 23
• Bloxom Town Council - 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Town Hall Meeting Set for Thursday
The Eastern Shore Continuum of Care and Community Service Board planning group will host a town hall meeting on June 23 to hear directly from residents and business leaders of northern Accomack County about their quality of life. The meeting will be held at Chincoteague Community Center, 6155 Community Dr., Chincoteague Island. It will include free dinner and prizes.

The information received during this town hall meeting will be used by the planning group to develop services and resources that can potentially improve local education, healthcare, employment, transportation, and public services.

Onancock Offers Top Job
By Linda Cicora
Onancock Town Council voted Monday night to offer the job of town manager/lawyer to an undisclosed applicant for a salary of $90,000 a year.

Councilman and Personnel Committee Chairman Chris LaMontagne made the motion after a 45-minute closed session. He said the chosen one’s name would be made public after he or she accepts the position.

Mayor Bruce Paone was absent. The council unanimously took the action.

It was the first time the concept of combining the manager and lawyer’s position was made public.

Vice Mayor Fletcher Posque said, “It was not advertised that way. We don’t have a fixed contract with our attorney.” David Rowan, who is paid on an hourly rate, Rowan did not attend the meeting.

“The combined salary… is not too far off what we are paying right now,” Posque added.

Last week, the town hired retired Virginia Department of Transportation Resident Engineer Will Cumming to serve as interim town manager for 60 days. His hourly wage is based on an annual salary of $50,000 and he is not seeking the permanent position.

Community Notes can be faxed to The Eastern Shore Post at 789-7681 or e-mailed to editor@easternshorepost.com

3rd Annual Photo Contest “Give Us Your Best Shot”
Friday-Sunday June 24-26
Cash prizes for photos taken on Chincoteague & Assateague on Friday & Saturday. Awards presented on Sunday morning.
Children’s contest with prizes from Island Creamery
For more info: ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org

The Art of Seeing Friday June 24 8 pm
National Geographic photographer James Stanford shows some of his best shots with advice on how to get yours. ($10, $5 student, free to contest registrants)
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Quinby were named to the President’s List at JMU for the spring semester.
Malissa Watterson of Exmore, Elizabeth Twilley of Greenbackville, Megan Gordon of Hallwood, Kristina Bundick of Harborton and James Schavel of Wachapreague were named to the JMU Dean’s List for the spring semester.

To qualify for the President’s List, a student must carry a semester course load of 12 graded credit hours or more and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above.
To qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must carry a semester course load of 12 graded credit hours or more and earn a GPA between 3.500 and 3.899.

Northam Gets High Marks for Business Support
The Virginia Federation for Research and Economic Education (Virginia FREE) released its annual Virginia General Assembly evaluations last week, grading members of the Senate and House of Delegates on their support of business in the commonwealth and their overall effectiveness as legislators.

Sen. Ralph S. Northam, who represents the Eastern Shore, ranked first out of 10 first-term senators in legislative effectiveness, and second in overall business rating for the 2011 General Assembly Session.

“I appreciate the business community’s recognition of my efforts to help create jobs and grow Virginia’s economy,” said Northam. “I have worked hard to support economic development in the 6th District, and hope to continue those efforts in Richmond next year.”

Northam, a pediatric neurologist in Norfolk, was first elected to the Senate in 2007, and has declared his intention to seek re-election to a second term this fall.

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Bridgetown Native Dies
Mrs. Annie Mae Spady Barker went to the arms of God on March 18, 2011. Born in Bridgetown to the late William T. and Maude Whitman Spady, she graduated from Northampton High School in 1942 and Ferrum Junior College in 1948. She moved to Richmond, Va., married John Barker, started a family, and then moved to Cumberland, Va., where she resided for over 50 years. Mrs. Barker worked as a registrar at Super 8 Motel in Chester, Va., for many years before moving to Boca Raton, Fla., in 2006. Mrs. Barker is survived by her children, Janice, Ralph and Debby; daughter-in-law, Nancy; and sisters, Gladys, Alice Marie and Maude Bell. She had six grandchildren, Damian, Dara, Pakuna, Daniel, Devin, Serena; and two great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Cameron. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Sam, "Buck" and Jimmy Spady. A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 3, at 1 p.m. at Johnson's U.M. Church in Machipongo.
Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or The Mae Vollen Senior Center in Boca Raton.

Exmore Resident Dies
Lucy Mae Johnson Walker, 70, of Exmore died there Saturday, June 4, 2011. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 11, at Northampton High School in Eastville. Interment was in Bethel Baptist Cemetery in Franktown. Arrangements were made by Smith and Scott Funeral Home in Exmore.

Onley Resident Dies
Mrs. Ann Marie Stauffer, 43, of Onley, formerly of Canton, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Born in Canton, she was the daughter of Marion Joyce Beitzel Freas of Canton and the late Deputy Robert C. Freas. Mrs. Stauffer had been an office manager for Suarez Corporation Industries in North Canton. She was a Catholic and was active in the Multiple Sclerosis Society, having had that long-term illness. In addition to her mother, survivors include her husband of 18 years, James Lee Stauffer; daughter, Brittany Lee Stauffer of Onley (and children, David, Amber and Derick Curry, all of Canton); brothers, Andrew Freas (and wife, Stephanie) of Acomac and Robert L. Freas of Hilo, Hawaii; parents-in-law, Thomas C. and Nancy Lee Stauffer of Canton; brothers-in-law, Thomas C. Jr., Raymond Allen, Ron Michael and Frank C. Stauffer, and their wives and children, all of Canton; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her sister, Maureen Freas.

A private graveside interment will be held in Dover, Ohio.
Memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Hampton Roads Chapter, 760 Lynnhaven Pkwy., Suite 201, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Tyson Retiree Dies
Mr. Edgar T. Onions Jr., 63, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at his Bloom home after a brave battle with cancer. Born in Guilford, he was the son of the late Edgar Thomas Onions Sr. and Louise Onions Killmore. He retired in 1990 as a safety director at Tyson Foods; he had worked 27 years for Holly Farms and Tyson Foods. He was a member of Uniford U.M. Church and enjoyed helping others at Arcadia Nursing Home when his mother lived there.

Mr. Onions is survived by his wife, Sylvia Hurley Onions; daughters, Tara Minke Patterson of Ocean Pines, Md., Melinda Onions Tankard (and husband, Ray) of Nelsonson and Teresa Onions Harris (and husband, Jeff) of Hebron, Md.; grandchildren, Skyler Snead of Rockville, Md., Kealan Patterson of Ocean Pines, Dakota and Devin Tankard of Nelsonson and Lexi Harris of Hebron; and faithful canine companion, Ellie.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 11, at Thornton Funeral Home in Parksville by Pastor Melody Tanner. Interment was in Union Cemetery in Greenbackville.
Memorial donations may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. To express condolences, visit www.thorntontfuneralhome.net

Pungoteague Resident Dies
Mr. Edwin Douglas Lampman Sr., 87, of Pungoteague passed away Thursday, June 9, 2011, at his home. A native of New Jersey, he was the son of the late Joseph and Eleanor Bebelle Lampman. He was a World War II U.S. Marine veteran serving in the Pacific Theatre.

Mr. Lampman was predeceased by his wife, Mary Lampman. He is survived by his children, Lorette McNeil (and husband, Butch) of Atlanta, Ga., Christopher Lampman (and wife, Donna) of Onancock, Mary Ellen Lampman of Clermont, and Frances Lampman of Washington, D.C.; nine grandchildren; and a companion, Mary Jean Baylor.

A military service will be held in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be sent to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417.

G.M. Retiree Passes Away
Mr. Richard "Dick" Franklin Kent Jr., 83, of Machipongo died Saturday, June 11, 2011, at home. Born in Cheyenne, Wy., and reared in Rock Hall, Md., he was the son of the late Richard F. Kent Sr. and Anne Rouse Kent and a graduate of Washington College. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired from General Motors as a supervisor.

Mr. Kent was predeceased by two wives, Evelyn Kent and Margaret Kent. He is survived by his son, Fred Kent (and wife, Peggy) of Elliptic City, Md.; brother, Greg Kent (and wife, Donna) of Cincinnati, Ohio; and grandson, Ryan Gregory Kent of Elliptic City.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 15, at Fox and James Funeral Home, Eastville, by Rev. Robert Johnson.

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

Quinby Musician Dies
Mr. John Wesley Black III, 54, of Quinby, formerly of Deptford, N.J., passed away Monday, June 13, 2011, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Born in New Kensington, Pa., he was the son of Donna Lee Baylis of Quinby and John Wesley Black Jr. of St. Cloud, Fla. Mr. Black was an Episcopalian. He was a musical entertainer, and had repaired and rebuilt musical instruments. Mr. Black enjoyed collecting old films, belonged to several related organizations, and conducted old film shows.

Other than his parents, survivors include his brother, Scott Black (and wife, Sharon) of Lebanon, Conn.; dear friend, Annie Slater of New Jersey; his mother's husband, Clarence Baylis of Quinby; and half-brother, Wesley Houston.

A memorial service will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418. Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Retired Carpenter Dies
Mr. Robert Coy Campbell, 64, of Exmore died Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at home. A native of Oakland Park, he is the son of Coy Campbell of Exmore and the late Helen Rowe Campbell. Mr. Campbell was a retired carpenter.

In addition to his father, survivors include his son, Terran Coy Campbell of Exmore; sisters, Joyce Morgan of Onancock and Judy Brallford (and husband, Wayne) of Exmore; brothers, James D. Campbell (and wife, Coral) and Donnie Lee Campbell, both of Exmore; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Brenda Sue Campbell; and a niece, Sara Beth Bradford.

Graveside services will be conducted today, June 17, at 11 a.m. at Johnson's U.M. Church Cemetery in Johnstown by Pastor Joe McKnight.

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

Child Molester Dies
Percy Straad, who was convicted in 1983 of sexually molesting young girls who were passengers on the Accomac County Schools bus that he drove, died earlier this month while serving his 104-year prison term, according to a Corrections Department spokesperson. He served 28 years of the term for charges that included aggravated sexual battery and taking indecent liberties with children. The incidents occurred while the children waited with Straad on the bus for other children to get on and be transported.

Straad was 73 when he died June 5, 2011, at MCV Medical Center in Richmond. He was last imprisoned in Deerfield Correctional Center in Capron, the spokesperson said.
~ Lobbyist ~
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years there has been much talk of big projects that never materialized, but this time is different. Wolff spoke of the telephone poles being moved and the "largest water tower of its kind in the world" being erected on Wallops Island.

"This is not a pipe dream. It is real," he said. "It can happen. We need somebody to speak for us. I see good value."

Major called the tendency to be afraid of new things "small-minded. Young people don't want to come back to the Shore; there's nothing here. No one in my district called to say anything negative ... that's a lot of money saved."

Wesley Edwards, Major's undeclared opponent in the November election, also favors the lobbyist.

Gray said he would support a lobbyist who would find money for education in Accomack. "We need to pursue that with the lobbyist or without," he said.

"I think this has gotten down to a personal thing," Gordy said of the bickering. "I have not had one constituent in favor." She called Wolff's description of generations working for NASA "an exaggeration."

"We normally get a response from our representatives," said Hart-Mears. "They know we're here. They know we exist." Hart said he talked to hundreds of District 8 residents in recent weeks and "not one has spoken in favor" of using the firm. About 25 of those presented him with a petition opposing the move.

"Lobbyist" is a very dirty word," said Hart. "We gave the lobbyist six months. We paid him for that. They did their job."

"Accomack County and Chincoteague are paying more money (for the lobbying firm) than the County of Fairfax," said Hart. "That bothers me a great deal since they are 30 times our size."

County Administrator Steve Miner said, "Lobbyists are a tool, a resource ... they make an honest living vying their trade. ... Clearly, having a lobbyist increases the chance of getting a bill passed." He said the proposal is with a subcommittee of the Committee of Natural Resources. Miner plans to go to Washington next week to talk with staff and possibly meet the subcommittee chairperson.

"We need to know the commitment of this board for Wallops Research Park."

$2.29 Million Awarded in Hospital Lawsuit

Jeff Shield of Melfa recently was awarded $2,290,247 by a Northampton County jury in response to his lawsuit against Shore Memorial Hospital (now Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital), Emergency Department contractors Southeastern Emergency Physicians, Inc., and Dr. Elizabeth J. Rogers.

According to court records, Shield went to the Emergency Department on Dec. 26, 2006, complaining of a headache, dizziness and weakness in his left leg. He was treated by Dr. Rogers, who ordered a CT Scan, indicated that it showed no negative findings, scheduled an MRI for three days later, diagnosed that Shield had a migraine headache, and discharged him, the court records note.

Two days later, according to the lawsuit, Shield suffered a stroke. His attorney, William L. Perkins III, of Virginia Beach, claimed that Dr. Rogers had misdiagnosed Shield, who would not have had the stroke if an MRI had been performed immediately. Perkins contended that had the MRI shown the possibility of a stroke when Shield first went to the hospital and had he been given the medication heparin, the stroke might have been prevented.

A battery of expert witnesses gave mixed testimony regarding the use of heparin with regards to stroke therapy. Shield indicated that he had medical expenses of $40,247, continues to suffer from excessive pain, and was disabled to the extent that he is no longer able to work. Medical records showed that Shield was able to continue playing golf and tennis to some degree following the stroke. Shield maintains that his health and quality of life have diminished greatly.

The jury deliberated for less than an hour.

Court records show that Shield filed a suit against Dr. Rogers two years after suffering the stroke, but it was withdrawn. The suit was later reinstated, asking for $4 million.

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  For $440,000
• From Alaina Jurz & Douglas Clayton
  To John Lauer
  2 tracts near Deep Creek
  For $22,000
• From General Farms & Land Co.
  To Patricia Chandler
  Lot 10, Kegotank Village
  For $21,000
• From Secretary of HUD
  To Terrence and Rosalyn Kenney
  Lots 83 and 84, Parksley
  For $77,200
• From Fannie Mae
  To Preston and Kay Trower
  30855 Boston Rd., Painter
  For $49,750
• From Zhi Zhang
  To Patrick and Sandra Rogers
  Parcel near Melfa
  For $189,000
• From Deutsche Bank National Trust Co.
  To Sharon Kessinger
  Lot 144, Section 9, Captain's Cove
  For $101,515
• From Patricia Hopkins, Bennie Kokaz and Brenda Parker
  To Gene Dimedio
  Keller parcel
  For $85,000
• From Robert Sherwood
  To Clarence and Blanche Veney
  Parcel east of Parksley
  For $109,000
• From HSBC Bank USA National Assn.
  To Pareesh and Archita Bush
  Lot 2447, Section 5, Captain's Cove
  For $133,900
• From Neil Shoemaker
  To Kersi and Nancy Press
  and Michael Cirangle
  2 Chincoteague parcels
  For $300,000
• From J&A Builders
  To Jacqueline Hazel
  Lot 237, Section 2, Captain's Cove
  For $140,000
• From Mildred and Linda Seitz
  To Anthony and Tina Blundt
  3 Chincoteague parcels
  For $262,500
• From Thomas Francis
  To Eugene and Gladys Andrews
  Property in Trehernerville
  For $2,700
• From Thomas Francis
  To Shawnte and William Hughes III
  Property in Capeville
  For $236,000
• From Charles Samson
  To Fred and Helen Pleasant
  Property in Townsend
  For $3,100
• From Mildred Scarborough
  To Charles Patterson and Mary Fisher
  Property in Nassawadox
  For $6,000
• From Edward and Louise Tull
  To Joseph Whipp
  Lot 11A, Mire Pond II, Chincoteague
  For $9,000
• From George and Alison Birnbaum
  To William and Paulette Helin
  2 Onancock parcels
  For $390,000
• From Regent Homes by Bereahc LLC
  To Diane Cicichowicz
  Lot 2120, Section 4, Captain's Cove
  For $25,000
• From Norman and Constance Nason
  To Randall and Alice Nelson
  1.36 acres near Shields
  For $350,000
• From Equity Trust Co., Custodian
  To James, Sherry and Joan Miller
  Lot 1606, Section 3, Captain's Cove
  For $42,500
• From Pony Pines, LLC
  To John and Barbara Shields
  4 Chincoteague tracts
  For $375,000
• From PM Harrison, LLC
  To Michael Tarantola
  Lot 5, Unit 3, Trails End
  For $28,834
• From PNC Bank Nation Association
  To Jennifer McShane
  Tangier parcel
  For $5,000
• From Nora Smith, and Earl, Joan, Phyllis, and William Bennett
  To Lindsay Jackson and Hester Jackson-Chase
  Property in Franktown
  For $800
• From Bar-Rab, LLC
  To Jerry Lewis II
  Property in Northampton County
  For $70,000
• From Lisa Rowe
  To Marcos and Dorothy Almanza
  Chincoteague parcel
  For $120,000
• From Robert Justice and Teresa Mears
  To Warren Forrester
  Parcel near Oak Hall
  For $155,000
• From J&A Builders
  To Henry and Betty Voigt
  Lot 2571, Section 5, Captain's Cove
  For $238,500
• From Donald, Nona & Sandra Stewart
  To Richard and Mary Venables
  Lot 156, Unit 3, Trails End
  For $48,780
• From Lois Sidway
  To Judd Sidway
  Property near Eastville
  For $450,000
• From Diane Davis
  To Markisha Cephas
  Property in Hare Valley
  For $12,000
• From The Damico Family Trust
  To Thomas O'connor III
  Property near Capeville
  For $295,000
• From Chincoteague Bay Trails End
  Association, Inc.
  To Kernith Beecraft and Karen Buller
  Lot 164, Unit 2, Trails End
  For $3,500
• From Judy Schulz
  To Linda Haberman and Russell Lynn
  Lot 7 in Old Town Neck near Eastville
  For $587,500.
• From Winatan Custis Sr.
  To Gregory Parks
  Property in Jamesville
  For $33,000
• From Clara Nottingham
  To Helen and Lionel Kellam
  Property in Nassawadox
  For $145,000
• From FFS, LLC
  To Patrick Hand,
  Lot 31 at Kings Creek Landing near Cape Charles
  For $50,000

Marriage

Licenses Issued
• Christopher R. Deegan, 25, and Elise Marie Gatti, 24, both of Melvern, Pa.
• Matthew Arlington Freeze, 27, and
  Christiana Gabriell Huether, 22, both
  of Jamesville
• Fredrick Roger Draper, 69, and Carol
  Cummings Lee, 69, both of Jamesville
• Donald Wayne Hemphill Sr., 41, and
  Shana Deborah Bowden, 34,
  both of Exmore
• Robert Preston Haugh, 40, and Myrtle Viola Curtis, 55, both of Windsor, Pa.
• Thomas Weldon Berry, 37, and
  Christina Nicole Bailey, 29, both of
  Parksley
• Chavez Alexander Holden, 20, of
  Nelosens and Kenzia Tranquil
  Woolford, 19, of Bloxom
• Greg Funio Yamashita, 40, and Amy
  Mitton, 39, both of North Ogden, Utah
• Fidel Chavez Excalante, 22, and
  Angelina Perez Chavez, 22, both of
  Parksley
• Jamar LaShawn Harris, 24, and
  Deanna Nicole Ridley, 26, both of
  New Church
• Lurry Ray Coner, 45, and Karen
  Lorraine Tart, 37, both of Chincoteague
• Christopher Lance Houde and
  Sarah Michelle Gould, both 32, of
  Ballston Spa, N.Y.
• Mark Mears Mason, 48, and Cara
  Anne Rolander, 31, both of Bloxom
• Santo William Cafferky, 24, of
  Atlantic and Lenna Renee Bailey,
  21, of Chincoteague
• William Logan Smarr 3rd, 65, of
  Milford, Del., and Carol Sue Legg,
  54, of Rehoboth, Del.
• David Cornelis Franke, 47, of Borden-
  town, N.J., and Laurie Michelle
  Middleton, 41, of Locustville
• Loren Bradley Sherman, 54, and
  Jennifer Savastano Anderson, 39,
  both of Onancock
• David Richard Pargett, 19, of
  Parksley and Amanda Lee
  Humphrey, 19, of Oak Hall
• Jason Earl Byelich, 27, and
  Rosemarie Krush, 24, both of Onley
• Jason Michael Kirby, 32, and
  Amber Kuwipo Feliciano, 22, both of
  Belle Haven
• John Thomas Eshleman, 62, and
  Joann Marie Martin, 55, both of
  Lampeter, Penn.
**FRIDAY JUNE 17**
★10:30 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Restaurant, Onley - 442-2474
★6 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery Group mtg. - Family Life Center, Onancock
Simple Meal: $6/person or $10/family
★7 p.m. - Revival at Building Brothers Up Outreach Ministry - June 17 at 7 p.m., June 18 at 6 p.m., June 19 at 3 p.m. - 2267 Lankford Hwy, Onancock - 787-1349
★7 p.m. - Life Teach Series - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Adventist Community Center, Exmore
★7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**SATURDAY JUNE 18**
★Mortgage Burning & Re-dedication Ceremony (By Invitation Only) - American Legion Post 400, Eastville
★8 a.m. - Walk-Run-Ride Wounded Warrior Project - Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce
★8 a.m.-noon - Farmer's Market - Downtown Park, Main St., Chincoteague
★8:30 a.m. - P.C.C. Self Help Center Grand Opening - 30552 Lankford Hwy., Keller - 442-8596
★9 a.m. - Zumba Class - sponsored by Chincoteague YMCA - Senior Center, Chincoteague - $5
★9:30 a.m. - AA mtg. - Captain's Cove Marina, Greenbackville
★10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 2011 Women's Expo - Former Northampton Middle School, Machipongo
★10 a.m. - June 17th Festival - ESCC, Melfa
★noon - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - Holy Trinity Church, Onancock
★5 p.m. - "No More Drama" Play - Nandua High School, Onley
★tickets $12/advance or $15/door - 709-2275
★7 p.m. - Mark Templeton & Pocket Change to Perform - Chincoteague Center - 336-0614
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**MONDAY JUNE 20**
★9 a.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - UMC Fellowship House, Chincoteague
★9 a.m. - TOPS mtg. - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-3635
★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
★5-6 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Market St. UMC, Onancock
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Elks Lodge, Tasley
★6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg. - Grace UMC, Parksley
★7 p.m. - Ron Wolff's Constituents' mtg. - NASA Visitor Center - briefing on upcoming Minotaur launch and Taurus II launch.
★7 p.m. - Society for the Preservation of the Onley Train Station mtg. - Sage Restaurant, Onley
★7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Rock Church, Onley

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 22**
★7:45 a.m. - Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg. - Sage Restaurant, Onley
★8:30 a.m. - noon - Social Media Workshop (Sponsored by ESVCA Chamber of Commerce)
Workforce Development Center, ESCC, Melfa - 787-2460
★9 a.m. - Women's AA mtg. - Atlantic Methodist Church - 854-1810
★9:30-11:30 a.m. - GED Class - Head Start Ctr., Accomac - 787-1760
★10:30 a.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Sage Restaurant, Exmore - 442-2474
★2 p.m. - Children's Story Hour - Public Library, Accomac
★2 p.m. - E.S. Brain Injury Survivors Exercise & Support Group mtg. - Belle Haven: 442-9334
★3:15 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Time - Cape Charles Library
★7 p.m. - AA & Al-Anon mtgs. - RSMH, Nassawadox
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - Painter Vol. Fire Co., Painter

**POST TIMES JUNE 17 - 23**

**SUNDAY JUNE 19**
★11 a.m. - Men's Day - First Baptist Church, Mapesville
★2 p.m. - Bingo - VFW Post 2296, Tasley
★7 p.m. - AA mtg. - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

**TUESDAY JUNE 21**
★10 a.m. - Bingo - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
★noon - Church Women United mtg. - Naomi Malcomic Presbyterian Church, Onancock - bring a sandwich
★1-2:30 p.m. - Hospice Grief Support Program - 509 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles - 787-3310
★4:15 p.m. - TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 5) - Belle Haven Presbyterian - 442-3984
★6 p.m. - Rachel Leah Ministries - 787-2486
★6 p.m. - Bingo - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
★6:30 p.m. - Northampton NAACP mtg. - Antioch Baptist Church, Trehernville - 442-2139 or 442-2740
★6:30-8:30 p.m. - GED Class - Classroom A-51, ESCC, Melfa
★7 p.m. - Northampton County Democratic Committee mtg. - American Legion Post 400, Eastville
★7 p.m. - Millie E. Baker Area WMS mtg. - Bethel AME Church, Eastville
★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Jerusalem Baptist, Temperanceville
★7:30 p.m. - Bingo - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
★7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon mtg. - Atlantic UMC - 824-5386
★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Atlantic Methodist Church

**THURSDAY JUNE 23**
★9:30 a.m. - Veterans' Employment Representative Available - Chincoteague Town Office
★11 a.m. - Children's Story Hour - Public Library, Accomac
★2 p.m. - Children's Story Hour - Northampton Public Library, Nassawadox
★2:30-4 p.m. - Transitional Support Group for Widow/ers - Hospice Office, 165 Market St., Onancock - 787-3310
★5 p.m. - TOPS mtg. - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac
★5:30-7 p.m. - Caregiver Connection - Hospice Office, 165 Market St., Suite #3, Onancock - 787-3310
★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, ESCC
★7 p.m. - NA mtg. - Painter Garrisons UMC
★7:30 p.m. - Organizational mtg. for Barbara Custis Memorial Gospel Fest - Randy Custis Memorial Park, Nassawadox
★7:30 p.m. - AA mtg. - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore is seeking qualified applicants for:

**FULL-TIME SOCIAL WORKER**

Responsibilities:
- Assess psycho-social needs of patients and families
- Develop and implement treatment plans
- Provide care for terminally ill patients and their families in a variety of settings, including home, long-term care facility or hospital
- Offer emotional support, counseling, and community resource referrals
- Timely completion of electronic medical records
- Location of job - Northern Accomack County

Requirements:
- MSW required
- Minimum of 5 years experience in home health, hospice or related field
- An understanding of physical and psychosocial concerns of terminally ill patients
- Familiarity with resources such as Medicare, Medicaid, and other agencies
- Experience in travel within community required
- Reliable transportation required
- Computer literacy

Compensation:
- Excellent pay
- Mileage reimbursement
- 5 day work week
- Health, dental, life, and disability insurance
- 26 paid days off per year
- Wellness program
- 401k savings plan with employer match

To join the team that makes a difference, forward your resume to:
Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore,
165 Market Street, Suite #3, Onancock VA 23417,
757-787-3320 FAX, or hospice@hcpes.org.

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**EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**REGISTERED MEDICATION AIDE - All shifts for Quail Run Assisted Living.**

Contact information: App. in person at Quail Run (757)845-1456.

**FT. OFFICE ASSISTANT**

Computer proficient, able to answer phones, provide customer service, and process payments. Quickbooks a plus. Confidentiality a must. Send resume to LLA, P.O. Box 910, Eastville VA 23447.

**EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST**

Contractor Didlake, a leader in supported employment services, is seeking a part-time contract specialist to provide job development and placement support to adults with disabilities on the Eastern Shore. Flexible hours, based from home, local travel. MA preferred, or VA plus two years experience. Experience, automobile, D/L and insurance required. Send letter of interest and resume to mgarvey@didlake.com.

**SAINT CHARLES CATHOLIC**

Cape Charles is looking for an organist for the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening mass. Service is approximately one hour long. Religious affiliation is not a problem. Call for additional information 757-333-3951.

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The County of Northampton Commissioner of Revenue is accepting full-time employment applications for:

**Licensed Residential Real Property Appraiser**

Job descriptions and applications are available online at www.co.northampton.va.us or at Northampton Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23447 (phone: 757-678-0040 x30).

Deadline: 5:00 p.m., June 24, 2011.

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**BOATS, ETC.**


'98 WELLCRAFT 215L Excel. 4.3 190hp Volvo 1/2 engine. Low hours, good condition. $7,950 - 302-1108 for ask for John. Boat can be seen at East Point.

19 DECK BOAT - w/ Mercury 90 h.p. motor, Shoreline trailer, new VHIF, AM/FM, control cables. $500.


**Cabo Cruiser 231**

28', Well equipped, Excellent condition. W/ ramps. $24,245 or 910-734-3454.

**NEW VOGUE PRIMA**

Above-ground pool. 24' round with auto cleaner. Must be moved. $1,900.

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**COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

**Rental or Purchase**

**EMERSON/ HARE VALLEY**

Well-built 3000 sq. ft. light, airy bldg. Newly renovated w/ 2 HC tile baths, on 2 lots. $65/ sq. ft.

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16,580 sq. ft. solidly built brick bldg. Newly renovated, 400 amp. services. New HVAC & electric, on 3 lots w/parking. $650/ sq. ft.

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Newly renovated, secure - one of two best built bldgs in town. Perfect for offices or one user. w/ parking. $650/ sq. ft. CALL 757-678-7803.

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8 & 10 years old. Horses available, $300 for one or $500 for both. CALL 757-694-6332.

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Great for hunting & camping. 757-787-7385.

**24' DUAL AXLE CAR HAULER**

Never tagged. Ramp & side door, D-rings, etc. Cost $7,948; asking $5,500 O.B.O. 757-447-7604.

**CONTRACTORS SPECIAL**

Mobile Homes

BIRDSEST - 2BR, 1BA small house for sale. $5,000. Call for details. Phone 302-946-9100.

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Hartley Hall Senior Housing in Poquoson, VA. Is accepting applications for 1 bed, and efficiencies apartments in an elderly housing subsidized apartment complex. Possible immediate occupancy for successful applicant. Contact 410-987-2972 for application or visit office at 1006 Market Street in Pocomoke City.

Real Estate

QUAIL WALK - Craddocksville, VA. 16x16 sq. ft. 1 bath. Electric & septic. $5,000 OBO. Owner financing available. Call 757-784-5939.

WE BUY HOUSES! ANY CONDITION! QUICK SELL. 757-787-7010.

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Rental/Purchase

FUGOTROPIC - 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2500 sq. ft. Beautifully decorated. Includes all appliances, central air, water heater, gas fireplace. $900.00 month unfurnished. Call 302-946-9100.

PUNTOGUA - 1 BR, 2 LAUNDRY, 16x20 sq. ft. 1 bath. Electric & septic. $800.00 month unfurnished. Call 302-946-9100.

NEWTOWNE POCONOMKE

Cosy cart & Air. Folding room & Laundry inside under one roof.

2 BR, 1.5 BA, 16x20 sq. ft. 1 bath. Electric & septic. $850.00 month unfurnished. Call 757-784-5939.

Houses - Rentals

ONANCOCK - 3 BR, 2 BA, 16x20 sq. ft. 1 bath. Electric & septic. $900.00 month unfurnished. Call 757-784-5939.

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Legal Advertising

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct a new telecommunications tower facility located at 300 Bayside Road, Cape Charles, VA. The new facility will consist of installing a 195-foot monopole tower (overall height of 199 feet with appurtenances) with antenna array mounted at top. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 61111842-MAT v/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail S., York, PA 17403, or via telephone at 717-428-0401.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF EASTVILLE
The Town of Eastville has scheduled its FY2012 council meetings. The meetings will be held at the Town Hall located at 3248 Willow Oak Road at 7:00PM on the following dates:

- Tuesday-July 5, 2011
- Monday-August 1, 2011
- Tuesday-September 6, 2011
- Monday-October 3, 2011
- Monday-November 7, 2011
- Monday-December 5, 2011
- Tuesday-January 3, 2012
- Monday-February 6, 2012
- Monday-March 5, 2012
- Monday-April 2, 2012
- Monday-May 7, 2012
- Monday-June 4, 2012

Everyone is invited to attend.
Jonny Stevenson, Town Clerk

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL
CASE NO. 11-187

vs.
RALPH T. WILLIAMS, if living
DAVID WILLIAMS

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 certain parcel of land situate near Groton, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as parcel No. 02400A000011800, standing in the name of Ralph T. Williams pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to determine whether Ralph T. Williams is living, or if deceased, to determine the names and location of all of his heirs, devisees and successors in title, and that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit, whose names and last known post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ralph T. Williams.

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 July 18, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 7th day of June, 2011
Nancy-Jo Revell, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)898-7000

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept advertising for real estate that violates the fair housing law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. For more information or to file a housing complaint, call the Virginia Fair Housing Office at (804) 367-8530 Toll-free call (888) 551-3247. For the hearing-impaired, call (804) 367-9753. Email: fairhousing@dpor.virginia.gov website: www.fairhousing.virginia.org

Auctions
Eastern Shore Mini Storage - Auction
Saturday June 18, 2011
21012 Fairgrounds Rd., Onancock, VA
Location at 10 A.M.
#00264 in the name of Carol Floyd
#0044 in the name of Sandra Brickhouse
Cash & Carry
VIROGINA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 11-49

vs.

The heirs and devisees of MARGARET SARAH WALKER

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

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 certain parcel near the Village of Melfa, Accomack County, Virginia, being part of a subdivision of what is known as the Oliver Land, and designated as Tax Map Number 102BG01100001200.

standing in the name of Margaret Sarah Walker pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Margaret Sarah Walker; and that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last known post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Margaret Sarah Walker.

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Virginia: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 11-68

vs.

ASCENDED UP ON HIGH CHURCH
LYNWOOD W. LEWIS, JR., TRUSTEE

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 certain parcel of land situated on the western side of Virginia State Route 658, Metompkin District, Accomack County, Virginia, and designated as tax map number 06900A000008700.

standing in the name of Ascended Up On High Church pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia.

An affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Benjamin Collins, Angelo Francis and David Smith; that the last known post office address of Benjamin Collins is P.O. Box 217, Hallowell, VA 23359; and that the last known post office addresses of Angelo Francis and David Smith are unknown.

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 in court or before July 18, 2011, at 10:00 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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Real Estate

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~ CAPITAL LETTERS ~

By Sen. Ralph Northam

The Republican-controlled Virginia House of Delegates has chosen not to take up pending business on judicial appointments, leaving the circuit court seat for the counties of Accomack and Northampton unoccupied until at least July.

The Virginia Beach General Assembly Delegation had previously chosen W. Revell Lewis, an attorney in Accomac, to fill the post left vacant by the retirement of Judge Glen A. Tyler.

I brokered an agreement last week to have Lewis approved by the Senate Democratic Caucus, and the Senate voted 34-0 on a resolution to appoint Lewis, along with two judges in the 9th Judicial Circuit.

It is disappointing to me that a group of legislators who do not represent the Shore would ignore our efforts to do the right thing. The fair and fast administration of justice is already enough of a challenge in rural areas without legislators from across the water throwing up roadblocks.

Although the Eastern Shore seat is part of the Virginia Beach circuit, it is specifically mentioned in the Code of Virginia, and therefore legally required to exist and be filled if funding is available.

I worked with others in the General Assembly this year to ensure that money for the seat would be available.

The Senate has found the money and the votes to put a judge on the bench. The ball is in their court now.

Should the House fail to approve Lewis in July, the seat will remain open unless the governor makes a temporary appointment, which would have to be revisited by the General Assembly.

Sen. Northam

Letters to the Editor

We greeters never saw so many giving people from our community and the gimmick made people laugh and want to give.

Walmart also held a carnival in the parking lot to raise funds, with pony rides, face painting, a bouncy house, food, and the employees' favorite, dunking Store Manager Frank Durst, who can have a great sense of humor.

We thank the Eastern Shore community for its support and generosity.

Elizabeth Langlois, Walmart Greeter

OFFICE MAIL

Walk Owes Success to Many

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, June 11, the Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center held its 1st Annual Walk for Life in Onancock. On behalf of the board of directors, volunteers and those we serve, I would like to thank the employees at Onancock Town Office for their excellent assistance when planning this event.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Onancock Police Chief Bryon Hester for his exceptional support and for being so willing to help us in several ways.

Many thanks go out to Onancock Baptist Church for the use of its facility. You are such a blessing to this ministry.

We are also grateful for the local Christian band Practicing Praise, which provided fabulous music at the Life Celebration that followed the walk.

And to those people who walked, donated and worked at the event, we cannot thank you enough for all that you did to make this 1st Walk such a huge success. Because of the generosity of God's people, we raised over $7,000 to help fund this vital ministry on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Linda Boylins Spence, ANPC Executive Director

Letters to Parole Board Help Keep Murderer in Prison

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our thanks to all who offered their prayers and support, and/or wrote letters to the Virginia Parole Board requesting that the murderer of my mother, Camellia Ann Nasif Moon, be denied parole. All had a significant impact. Parole Board staff noted the quantity and quality of the notes they received, so the letters made quite an impression on them.

The murderer has been denied parole and they have deferred his next parole hearing for three years. That is a wonderful gift to my family in that we will not have to go through this painful process for a few more years.

Thank you for your support.

Nicci Moon and family

Walmart Helps CHKD

Dear Editor:

Walmart recently raised over $7,000 — $1,500 over its goal — to help Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.

From May 1 through June 11, Walmart used a fund-raising gimmick: Walmart associates were shrink-wrapped and a sign was displayed that they would not be released until $100 was raised.

The event was organized by Elise Green, assistant manager of Walmart.
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