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Family Cruz

Jorby Hernandez Cruz was the first baby born at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in 2011. He is the son of Maria Cruz Garcia and Roberto Hernandez (shown with him above). Master Cruz arrived at approximately 3:30 p.m. Jan. 1, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 20½ inches. Jorby went home with his parents the following day to meet sister Ashley and brother Edward.

What's To Be Done With MNS?

By Linda Cicaira

In its prime, the deteriorating Mary Nottingham Smith High School was a source of pride for local black residents. The surrounding Accomac community was a haven for its educators who built and bought homes there.

Sometime later, Perdue Foods built its massive facility across the field and a "stench" from the rendering plant, along with hundreds of jobs, became evident.

When integration occurred in the early 1970s, the school was the most modern facility many local white kids had ever seen. Its gymnasium, library and spacious cafeteria literally awed seventh and eighth graders from New Church to Belle Haven who previously attended much smaller and older schoolhouses.

Now nearly four decades later, nearby residents, mostly retired and widowed, have dug deeper wells needed because of the high water usage at the chicken plant. They barely manage to keep the odor out of their houses by closing their windows. Some of them would rather see the abandoned school torn down than become a low-income housing development. They want a monument to former educator Smith instead.

In essence, they've had enough. They don't want 90 apartments for up to 300 people. They don't want the anticipated traffic, crime or devalued property. And despite that the developer has a proven record in nearby Exmore and Parksley, they don't trust that maintenance and security will prevail on this project.

They are also wondering why this "af-

fordable housing" must come to this black neighborhood. "There is not a white community ... that would consider this project," William Baines told the Accomack Board of Supervisors Wednesday. He suggested that feasibility, impact, water and wastewater studies be conducted. "None of these issues have been addressed," he said.

"We just do not have the capacity," said Patsy Selby, who has lived in the area for 41 years and proudly told how the streets there are named for former school workers. She contends if the county sells to the developer, the property will eventually turn into subsidized Section 8 housing. "We don't want it," she said.

Officials admitted that tens of thousands of tax dollars already have been spent to heat the abandoned brick L-shaped structure. The School Board voted recently to hand the building to the county Board of Supervisors, which has put off accepting it in order to clear the way for this project.

"Representatives of the developer, the county and the Mary N. Smith Alumni have met on a couple of occasions to discuss the scope design and possible funding sources for the project," according to a memo that was included in a previous supervisors' agenda packet. A preliminary plan includes renovating the existing building into a maximum of 25 one- and two-bedroom apartments. In addition, the surrounding property could be used for construction of 60 two- and three-bedroom units.

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Longtime Tangier Doctor Succumbs to Cancer

By Linda Cicaira

Tangier lost a devoted friend and "family member" last week.

For more than three decades, Dr. David Buell Nichols made weekly trips to the island to provide health care for the approximately 500 residents. He passed away at his home in White Stone, Va., on Dec. 30.

The doctor was the primary physician for Tangier Island for

the past 31 years. The clinic there was named for him in August, around the same time he learned he had terminal cancer.

Gov. Bob McDonnell praised the doctor. "This summer, Dr. David Nichols saw his dream come true when Tangier Island celebrated the dedication of its new health clinic," said McDonnell. "I was fortunate to have the opportunity to be with Dr. Nichols at the grand

opening of the state-of-the-art medical clinic ... it was the devotion and sacrifice of Dr. Nichols that helped keep Tangier residents healthy when he flew on his days off ... to treat those who needed medical attention."

"Dr. Nichols selflessly continued to treat the sick while he was fighting his own health battle," the governor said. "Tangier Island today not only lost a great doctor but

also lost an important family member. It is my hope that all Virginians pause to reflect on the good deeds performed by Dr. Nichols."

Born and raised in Canada, Dr. Nichols received his medical degree from McGill University there in 1976. He and his wife, Dianne, moved to Newport News for his family-practice residency, under
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Court Postings

Accomack Circuit Court

Nichole Danielle Cottrell of Painter was charged late last month with embezzling cash from Bullfeathers of Onley where she worked, according to records filed in Accomack General District Court.

The felony charge was filed Monday, Jan. 3 and allegedly occurred on Dec. 29, 2010. Cottrell was arrested on Dec. 30 and is free on an unspecified bond. Special Agent Albert R. Ashby Jr. of the Virginia State Police is listed in the record as the complainant.

Kevin R. Conquest Jr. of Wattsville was charged with grand larceny and burglary. Court show the incidents allegedly occurred on January 14, 2010. Conquest was arrested on Dec. 22, 2010 and is in custody. Deputy Eric Nottingham investigated.

Sarah Elizabeth Moore of Chincoteague was charged with two counts of assaulting a police officer, assault and battery of Lt. R.K. Fisher and several other misdemeanor charges on Jan. 1, 2011. Records show Moore is in custody.

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Northampton Circuit Court

An Exmore man will serve five years in prison for burglary and grand larceny. Lavar Anwar Washington, 28, was sentenced Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to 10 years each for two counts of burglary and 10 years each on three counts of grand larceny. All but the five years was suspended and supervised probation was ordered.

Arthur Lavern Moore, 48, of Exmore was given a total of three years and 10 days to serve. He was given two years and a \$1,000 fine for a third offense of DUI, 10 days for a third offense of driving on a suspended sentence, six months for felony eluding and six months for reckless driving. The terms were set to run consecutively for a total of three years, 10 days to serve.

9-1-1 Center Helps Plane in Distress

As 2010 was drawing to a close, the local 9-1-1 center was called on to help an airplane in distress.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Center received a call on Dec. 27 at 9:30 p.m. from a pilot flying a Cessna 150 over Accomack County in distress. While thousands of 9-1-1 calls are processed at the Eastern Shore 9-1-1 Center each year, calls from pilots are rare.

At the time of this call, the area was still recovering from the recent severe snowstorm. The pilot's air-

plane had experienced electrical failure, losing lighting, communications and navigation functionality while flying from Norfolk to Atlantic City, N.J. The pilot asked for assistance to locate an airport with an open and available runway where he could safely land. The first several airports contacted were either closed or not available because of snow on their runways. Ultimately, an available runway was located at the Salisbury, Md., airport.

The communications officers at the 9-1-1 center remained on the telephone with the pilot and personnel at the airport and regional radar site until the plane and pilot safely landed at 10:18 p.m., 48 minutes after the first 9-1-1 call was made. The assistance provided by the 9-1-1 staff included the estimated distance to the airport and wind check information. The 9-1-1 staff also contacted the pilot's family during the incident and at its conclusion, to report that he was safe.

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Water Issues Flow Through Chincoteague Council Meeting

By Linda Cicaira

Chincoteague officials on Monday discussed their continuing efforts to keep water flowing to the island.

A draft groundwater withdrawal permit was issued in late December by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, which accepts public comment on the allowance for 60 days. The draft shows the town is authorized to withdraw 219,400,000 gallons per day. "Total pumpage for these wells shall not exceed 34,100,000," according to the document.

"There is no new withdrawal," explained Public Works Director Harvey Spurlock. He said the permit is for 10 years and "simply allows us to maintain our existing water operations."

In addition, Spurlock reported about the town's SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system for wells and other water

equipment. The contract to design and install the system was unanimously awarded to Shorite Controls of Princess Anne, Md., the only company to bid.

Town Council members John Howard, Terry Howard, Tripp Muth and Nancy Conklin voted in favor. Vice Mayor Ellen Richardson and Councilman John Jester were absent.

Spurlock said the system will allow pumps to be turned on and off by computer. He said the during the recent blizzard, two workers had to go to the mainland to do the job.

"It will save a lot of money and gas," said Conklin.

Mayor Jack Tarr agreed. He said workers also would be able to observe flows and gather other data.

"It will also let you know if you have no flow," said Spurlock. An alarm will go off and page the worker on call.

The total cost of the project is not to exceed \$113,408. The town's 2011 budget includes \$55,000 for installation of the system. The balance will come from a \$92,700 availability fee received from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Council also debated issues related to the island's trolley service. The panel unanimously voted to apply for:

- the standard operating grant of \$75,400;
- a \$5,000 demonstration grant that would allow the service to spend \$250 for a trial run to stores and other services in the Onley area;
- a \$320,000 grant to purchase new trolleys in 2013. Officials said the cost to the town would be between \$4,000 and \$12,000.

Year Begins With Mobile Home Fires

By Linda Cicaira

Two fires broke out this week in mobile homes in Accomack County.

Chief Aaron Warren of Onancock Volunteer Fire Department said the first was reported at around 10:40 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, at Michele Circle in Melfa.

Firefighters from Melfa, Onancock, Onley and Painter responded. The blaze was confined to one room, with smoke and heat damage throughout the structure. War-

ren said the cause is believed to be a lantern that had fallen over and ignited.

The second fire was reported at about 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in an abandoned trailer on Plantation Road near Onancock. "It was on the ground when we got to it," Warren said. Tax maps show the structure belonged to Marion Brady Jr. About 20 firefighters from Tasley, Onley, Onancock and Parksley responded.



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All for Ones and Ones for All

The coolest folks around began their new year at Assateague Beach. About 30 "Polar Pony Plungers" ran through the surf, got invigorated and then jumped in the frigid waters of the Atlantic Ocean for a swim or a wade. Cast off was at 1:11 p.m. on 1/1/11. Hundreds of spectators cheered them on.

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Towers & Signs Occupy Planners' Discussions

By Ron West

The Northampton County Planning Commission moved forward with plans for a public hearing regarding proposed meteorological (MET) towers. The towers are designed to generate meteorological data regarding winds in the county and could be used to determine if wind turbines are economically viable.

Commissioner Roberta Kellam raised the issue of possible bird kills by the towers and asked if there is any data concerning the issue. Steven Volkert, business development manager for Delsea Energy, stated that his company had installed a MET tower in the Hallwood area and suggested that the commissioners visit the site to see first what the tower looks like. He described the structure as resembling a cell tower, with wind instruments on short-cross trees located at the top.

The commissioners discussed regulations contained in a draft signage proposal. Commissioner Mary Miller provided suggestions regarding business signs along Lankford Highway. Miller said

some towns have indicated an interest in erecting a sign listing town businesses near the highway. The proposal will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

The Town of Eastville forwarded its proposed Zoning Ordinance to the county planners for review. Commission Chairman Dave Fauber noted that the town had done a good job with the development of its ordinance. Following a brief discussion, the commissioners agreed to hold a public hearing on it at their February meeting.

A final issue covered by the Commissioners concerned a state regulation regarding temporary family care structures. As written, the regulation is designed to provide families with an option to house a single relative in a small structure on their property. The 300-square-foot self-contained units are designed to offer the family member a bit of independence while remaining near his or her family and would be removed when no longer occupied by the family member. The commissioners agreed to send the issue to a public hearing.

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Supervisor Sought For Vacant Seat

Story & Photo by Linda Cicaira

Accomack supervisors are looking for a District 6 resident to fill the seat left vacant by Steve Mallette, who officially resigned Wednesday.

The board asked interested people to submit a letter to the county administrator's office in Accomack by 5 p.m. Jan. 10. The candidates will then come before the board with supporters at a meeting at 5 p.m. Jan. 12. If the majority approves a new member, the person could be sworn in on Jan. 13.

The members also voted to ask the state to fund the Circuit Court judge position for Accomack and Northampton counties. If the supervisors don't agree on a new board member, a judge would decide.

"It's very important that we do it," said Chairman Donald Hart. "We don't want some judge from across the bay doing it."

Days after Mallette announced last month his plan to leave office, he endorsed former Sheriff Robert Crockett to fill his unexpired term. Crockett said he would seek the position.



Accomack Supervisors chose Donald Hart and Laura Belle Gordy respectively for their chair and vice chair for 2011. Shown above Hart presents an award to Gordy Wednesday night for serving as chairwoman the previous year. The board meetings will continue to be held at 5 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Other work sessions will be held as needed.



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hood with his wife for more than 30 years. He graduated from the high school and says the alumni organization doesn't speak for the community. He said most of neighborhood learned about the plan a few weeks ago when they found flyers in their mailboxes and doorways.

"We are not opposed to affordable housing," said Turner. "We just don't feel this is the right fit for our community." He said for many residents, their "modest" homes are their most "valuable asset. There are no mansions there." But, he said, the proposed housing would further "devalue" the holdings.

"We all care deeply for the school," Turner said, adding that the housing proposal would "tarnish" that affection. He further complained that there hasn't been time to make an informed decision.

Agnes Trent, who worked in the local school system for 40 years as a teacher and counselor, also lives in the Accomac community. "Can you imagine 150 additional cars on Mary N. Smith Road?" she inquired. "We are asking for trouble."

She warned of the dangers of the development. In five to 10 years, she predicted, upkeep will be lacking and "tenants will become desperate and do desperate things."

Bonnie Crockett of Parksley manages Accomack Manor, another of the Mark Dana Corporation's projects. "We do keep our buildings managed," she said. "Exmore Manor was built in a white neighborhood. It's a good thing for all the community."

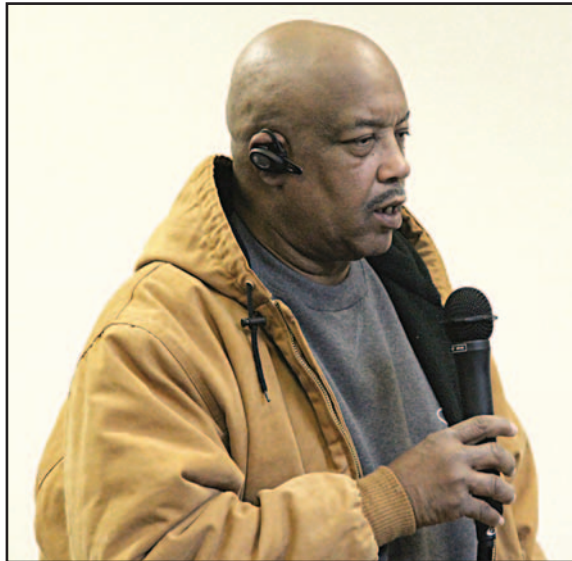


Photo by Linda Cicaira
Brooks Parks of Accomac has lived near the former Mary N. Smith School for 15 years. He and other residents voiced opposition to a plan to bring high-density development there. "I would not like to see 92 units in my backyard," he told county supervisors Wednesday.

Darlene Welsh lives in one of the apartments. She came here from Baltimore after losing everything and struggling in a high-crime area. "I have a beautiful apartment ... I am safe ... I'm now at peace ... I am very thankful for it," she said.

Ethel Parks of Exmore said that when Exmore Village was built in her neighborhood, she was against it. Now she calls it the "best thing that has happened. It has been a blessing for many — clean, quiet, well-maintained with excellent management."

Berran Rogers, a former School Board member and Smith School alumni, said he was invited to meetings with the developer and several agencies after the school closed several years ago. He favored the project over letting the building "go down" which "will be a nightmare," but said he wouldn't speak for the other alumni and felt he was between "a rock and a hard place. I don't want anything done to jeopardize the community."

Brooks Parks has lived in the neighbor-

hood for 15 years. "I would not like to see 92 units in my backyard," he said. "We have enough problems getting across (Route) 13."

Florence Parsons, the school's former librarian and neighbor for nearly 50 years, blamed the problem on the officials who should have notified residents of the plan. "We would have been able to work this out," she said. "We elect you, you're to serve us. Maybe if the board would keep in contact with areas affected, the county would do a little better with making decisions ... we have agencies in the county that are paying rent. Why not use it for them?" she asked. "We don't want to go down any further and we want others to come up."

Martha Parks, a real estate agent from Exmore, suggested residents visit Exmore's project. She contended that "Miss Mary Nottingham Smith" would have been proud to help people find homes.

With the first deadline looming on Jan. 27 for federal low-income housing tax credits, the supervisors voted to delay action until Supervisor Jack Gray could meet with the parties.

Developer Dave Koogler said he's already spent \$15,000 on the project and would need to dish out another \$100,000 just to get started. "It takes a lot of money and a lot of time," he said. "It's up to you folks to decide what is best for the community and, quite frankly, it's not my problem. It's your problem."

"Do we want another Whispering Pines on our hands?" asked Supervisor Wanda Thornton. "We need to figure out something that would look nice and be a benefit. We can't renovate the school. We have absolutely no money to do it ... I just think everybody needs to think about it."

Supervisor Grayson Chesser said he is probably the only member of the all-white board who lives in a black community. He said he understands the legitimate complaints, but also sees the conditions in which some people live. "It may be our children living in this ... our friends ... I'm really torn. You may not like this. You may not like the alternative" either. He said moving county departments is "just not feasible ... I hate to see us do anything without community support."

And while some of the supervisors said there is no money, others didn't agree.

"We have the money to do whatever the majority of this board wants to do," said Supervisor Sandy Hart Mears. She told the more than 50 in attendance to "communicate with all" of the board.

Gray suggested the money be found to demolish the building and the open space be kept for something better later.

Chairman Donald Hart was against the housing project. "This board bought a pig in a poke at Central. We found money for other things." He argued that the situation cannot be compared with that of the falling-down hotel. "Whispering Pines is privately owned," he said. "This is public. We already own it. Onancock (school) is beautiful because we gave it to them."

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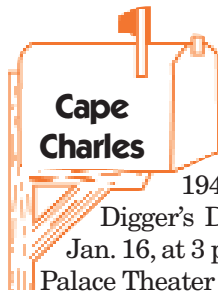


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Community Notes



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This 1947 movie, filmed in and around Cape Charles, tells a story of intrigue involving a local family, wealthy gentry, a New York banker and a South American dictator who is seeking financial support to fight the Communists. These characters are brought together in Cape Charles and the Lower Shore, where on a barrier island, patriotism triumphs.

Admission is free but a donation is asked to enable the Friends of Cape Charles Memorial Library to support the library.

For information, call 331-2207

Winners of Chincoteague's annual Christmas decoration contest were officially announced at the Town Council meeting Monday.

The "Judges' Choice" award went to Lisa and Scott Chesson of 5270 Oak Dr. "Most Festive" display was that of Bill and Ginger Birch of 7079 Bunting Rd. The "Most Themed" award was won by Dino Johnson of 3510 Ridge Rd. "Most Traditional" went to Russell and Joan Fish of Main Street. All of those winners will be given a \$100 savings bond.

Honorable mention went to Nancy and Ray Rosenberger of 7297 Sunset Dr., Carlene Bloxom of 4324 Anderton Ave. and Chuck and Tama Ward of 5375 Main St.

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Exmore Moves Toward Charter Changes

By Ron West

Exmore Town Council moved a step closer to modifying its town charter as well as its personnel policy at its January meeting.

Council agreed to meet Jan. 10 and Jan. 17 to iron out possible changes to the town's charter and to update its guidelines for town employees. Once the recommended changes to the charter have been finalized and reviewed by the town's attorney, they must be approved by the General Assembly.

Interim Town Manager Artie Miles reported that emergency repairs were made to a broken water line during the height of the recent storm. Miles and Council praised Public Works employees for correcting the problem despite the severe conditions.

Town resident Donnie Kellam expressed concern that when the repairs were being made, water was shut off to the whole town, rather than just to the affected area. Miles explained that due to the excessive amount of snow and ice, the work crew had been unable to access valves in the immediate area; thus, the decision was made to cut the water off while the repairs were underway.

In a related area, Miles stated

that repairs had been made to a damaged hydrant at Shore Plaza Shopping Center, but that it is still unusable. According to Miles, a valve controlling the water flow to that hydrant has not been located and may have been paved over during changes to the shopping center.

Miles reported that the wastewater plant continues to work without glitches, despite the recent cold weather. Following issues with the plant last year, it was enclosed to protect it from cold weather, which previously had prevented it from functioning as intended. With the addition of the building, the inside temperatures have been running 20-25 degrees above the outside temperatures.

The town continues to seek responses to the wastewater survey that has been underway since late fall. Miles stated that about a third of the town residents and businesses have responded, but that more than 400 more responses are needed.

Council agreed to a proposal by Virginia Public Works Equipment to make repairs to the town's street sweeper, estimated at a cost of \$5,000.

In a final action, Council agreed to investigate the possibility of purchasing property on 6th Street.

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The cost will be \$5 for rabies vaccinations administered:

- Jan. 22 at Atlantic Animal Hospital from 9 to 10 a.m.;
- Jan. 24 at Exmore Firehouse from 4 to 5 p.m., Saxis Firehouse from 6 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore Animal Hospital from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Bloxom Firehouse from 7 to 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25 at Chincoteague Firehouse from 5 to 6 p.m., Nassawadox Firehouse from 6 to 7 p.m. and Eastville Firehouse from 7:30 to 8 p.m.;

- Jan. 26 at Atlantic Firehouse from 5 to 6 p.m.;
- Jan. 27 at Cheriton Firehouse from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.;
- Jan. 29 at Greenbush Veterinary Clinic from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and Accomack Animal Hospital from noon to 1 p.m.

Upcoming Town Meetings

MONDAY, JAN. 10

- Painter Town Council - 7 p.m., Town Hall
- Parksley Town Council - 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

- Cape Charles Town Council - 6 p.m., St. Charles Parish Hall

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APPOINTMENTS

BIRTHS

Kenneth Walker Named to Dean's List

DePaul University student Kenneth Walker of Exmore has been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall quarter.

To receive Dean's List commendation, students must earn a grade-point average of 3.50 or above.

Catherine Richwine Heads RSMH Pharmacy

Catherine Richwine has assumed the position of pharmacy director at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.



Richwine

Richwine has worked in hospital pharmacy after spending 10 years as a community pharmacist.

She received her bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from the Medical College of Virginia in 1980.

Richwine first came to the Nassawadox hospital as a staff pharmacist nearly two years ago.

She is the mother of three grown sons. Richwine and her three canine companions — one Lab mix, one Sheltie mix and one Shepherd mix — currently live in Virginia Beach, but hope to relocate to the Eastern Shore soon.



• a daughter born to Stephanie Annis and Ray Musli-
mani of Bloxom Dec. 20, 2010

Arts Enter Cape Charles Chosen for Grant

Arts Enter Cape Charles is the recipient of a \$40,000 grant from the Eastern Shore Community Foundation and the Hampton Roads Community Foundation to be used to upgrade the sound system in the Historic Palace Theatre.

"While the acoustics in the theatre are excellent, we have been anxious to replace the original components," stated Clelia Shepard, volunteer director of Arts Enter. "We are very grateful for the support and the confidence of the foundation."

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OBITUARIES

Chesconnessex Native Dies

Mrs. Margaret Johnson Annis, 78, of Heritage Hall Nursing Center in Nassawadox, formerly of Southside Chesconnessex, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Southside Chesconnessex, she was a daughter of the late Maxwell and Emma Gibbons Johnson. Mrs. Annis was a homemaker and member of Riverview United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her children, Teresa Johnson of Leemont, Debbie Mears (and husband, Sam) of Southside Chesconnessex and Earl W. Annis III (and wife, Justine) of Parksley; sisters, Ellen Turner (and husband, Allen) of Melfa and Sylvia Sherwood (and husband, Bobby) of Parksley; brothers, Phillip Johnson (and wife, Sonny) of Southside Chesconnessex and Jimmy Johnson (and wife, Linda) of Parksley; grandchildren, Mathew, Roger, Jamie and T.J.; great-grandchildren, Joshua, Nicholas, Austin, Skylar, Jamie, Madison and Morgan; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Nancy Fisher; and three brothers, Biddy, David and Tommy Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Sunday, Jan. 2, by Rev. Carl Perez. Interment was in Liberty Cemetery in Parksley.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or to the Alzheimer's Association - Eastern Shore Branch, P.O. Box 342, Belle Haven, VA 23306. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Mother of Mears Resident Dies

Mrs. Blanche Ann Knapp, 69, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2010, at home in Gaithersburg, Md., of a brain tumor.



Mrs. Knapp

Born in Norwalk, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Louis and Mildred Hawkins. She attended Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania, where she met and married Thomas Knapp. She was a Mary Kay consultant for 27 years. After raising her family, she spent her days caring for her grandchildren. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, needlework, Sudoku and reading. Mrs. Knapp was actively involved in Girl Scouts for over 30 years and was awarded a lifetime membership for her volunteer efforts. She also donated countless hours to local 4-H groups, Goshen Homemakers and St. Paul Catholic Church.

In addition to her husband, survivors include her children, Gretchen Knapp (James Sarley) of Mears, Jennifer Flanary (Eric) of Gaithersburg, and Susan Knapp (James Ramsburg) of Walkersville, Md.; sister, Lois Anderson (Rick) of Calumet, Mich.; sister-in-law, Marie Jardina of Ann Arbor, Mich.; grandchildren, Eric and Alex Flanary and Cydney Ramsburg; stepgrandchildren Crystal Flanary, Amy Mitchell and Brittany Sarley; nieces, Erica Downs, Emilie Lancour, Rebecca and Kate Anderson, and Ashley Jardina; and many other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by a sister-in-law, Carol Strecker; and a niece, Erin Strecker.

A funeral Mass will be held today, Jan. 7, at noon at St. Paul Catholic Church, 9240 Damascus Rd., Damascus, MD 20872.

Memorial donations may be made to the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008; The Mary Kay Foundation, P.O. Box 799044, Dallas, TX 75379-9044; Montgomery Hospice Society, 1355 Piccard Dr., Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850; or The National Brain Tumor Society, East Coast Office, 14 Watertown St., Suite 2D, Watertown, MA 02472.

Longtime ECI Supervisor Dies

Mr. Gregory Mark Birch, 52, of Chincoteague Island went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, surrounded by his family at his residence.



Mr. Birch

Mr. Birch was born in Salisbury, Md., the son of the late Robert and Frances (Williams) Birch. He was a member of Island Baptist Church in Chincoteague. Mr. Birch was a case management supervisor for Eastern Correctional Institution in Princess Anne, Md., for 22 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Susan Howard Birch of Chincoteague; children, Robert Carter Birch, Hannah Victoria Birch, and Christian Alexander Birch, all of Chincoteague; brothers, Randy Birch (and wife, Susan) of Chincoteague, Allen Birch (and wife, Michele) of Windsor, Va.; sister, Jan Birch of Seaford, Del.; father- and mother-in-law, Carey and Betty Howard of Chincoteague; brother-in-law, Shane Howard of Eugene, Ore.; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many dear friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Island Baptist Church Tuesday, Jan. 4, by Rev. Nathan Walker. Interment was held at John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery Temperanceville, VA.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417. Condolences may be sent online at www.salyerfh.com

Services were made by Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague.

Jamesville Woman's Mother Dies

Mrs. Gloria Clara Elevatorski, 89, passed away Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Her parents were the late Julius and Julia Weisenhorn Weber.

Mrs. Elevatorski was prede-

ceased by her husband, Stanley Elevatorski. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara O'Toole of Jamesville and Janet VanArsdale of Bradenton, Fla.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Monday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church in Jamesville, with Rev. Judy Worthington officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011; or Bethel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 224, Jamesville, VA 23398. Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by B.D. Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

Cape Charles Resident Dies

Mrs. Virginia Richardson Ferguson, 90, of Cape Charles, passed away Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011.

She was the daughter of the late Ernest H. and Clara D. Richardson and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the church's Faithful Workers, and Northampton Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star. For several years Mrs. Ferguson volunteered at Cape Charles Museum.

She is survived by her daughter, Marcia Sue Crawford (and husband, Roderick P.); son, George Ronald Ferguson (and wife, Patricia N.); grandchildren, Elizabeth Williams (and husband, Wayne), George R. Ferguson Jr. (and wife, Jamie); and great-grandchildren, Michelle, Jamie Lynn, Grace, Sarah, Jocelyn, Dylan, and January.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Cape Charles, with Rev. Elizabeth Lutz and Dr. Charles Peterson officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Cape Charles Museum, 814 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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

Painter Resident Passes Away

Mr. William "Tom" Craft Jr., 70, of Painter, formerly of Huntington, W.Va., passed away Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at Sentara Heart Hospital in Norfolk.

A native of Louisville, Ky., he was the son of the late William T. and Virginia Craft. He was a retired owner of an elevator company and a past potentate of El Hasa Shrine.

Mr. Craft is survived by his children, William Craft (and wife, Maggie) of California, Robert Craft (and wife, Cheri), Autumn Craft, and Greg Lynch (and wife, Monica), all of Kentucky, Amy Glowac (and wife, Brandy) of Indiana, John Evans of West Virginia, and Jenna Henderson (and husband, Lee) of Painter; sisters, Lillie Mae Saylor (and husband, James) of Kentucky and Vickie Green (and husband, Howard) of Florida; and grandchildren, Christopher, Brian, Miriah, Tye, Kayla, Colin, Britney, Robert Thomas, Brandon, and Angela. He was predeceased by a son, Michael Craft.

A Celebration of Life service was conducted Thursday, Jan. 6, at 2 p.m. at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore by Rev. Jack D. Pruitt.

Memorial donations may be sent to V.A.D. Clinic of Sentara Heart Hospital, 600 Gresham Dr., Norfolk, VA 23507. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Retired Electrician Dies at Homes

Mr. Samuel William Tyndall, 87, husband of LaBelle Pruitt Tyndall and a resident of Keller, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

He was the son of the late Samuel and Pague Williams Tyndall. Mr. Tyndall was a retired electrician and a lifetime member of Hollies Baptist Church.

Mr. Tyndall is survived by his children, Judi Renwick of Keller, Paul Tyndall (and wife, Mary Lou) of Wattsville, Larry Tyndall of Vera Beach, Fla., a daughter-in-

law, Ann Tyndall, also of Vera Beach, Patricia Smith (and husband, Patterson) of Exmore, Thomas C. Pruitt of Craddockville, and Keith Pruitt of Exmore; nephew, Ralph Kilmon of Painter; grandchildren, Michelle Tyndall, Rebecca Tyndall-Donellan, and L. Wayne Tyndall; and great-grandchildren, Jazlyn Tyndall and Trinity Donellan. He was predeceased by a son, Tony Pruitt.

Funeral services will be held today, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. at Hollies Baptist Church, with Pastor Joe McKnight officiating. Interment will follow at Hollies Baptist Church Cemetery. Family will join friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be sent to Hospice and Palliative Care, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore.

~ Tangier Doctor ~

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the direction of the Medical College of Virginia at Riverside Hospital. He was named Country Doctor of the Decade by a national physician-staffing firm during the dedication of the Tangier health center.

A private family funeral service is being planned for Dr. Nichols.

A public celebration of life will be held in the spring. Memorial gifts may be made to Tangier Island Health Foundation, Box 788, Irvington, VA 22480.

Inez Pruitt, who worked on Tangier with Dr. Nichols for 23 years, said islanders are "devas-

tated" over his death. "He'll be greatly missed. They're very sad. There's hardly a person on Tangier" who didn't receive Nichols' care, "hundreds and hundreds" of people, including tourists.

Nichols "saw to it that the work continues," said Pruitt. "Just because he's gone doesn't mean he's gone completely." She said other doctors would be going to Tangier because he set it up. "One of his associates, Dr. Keith Cabbage, and Dr. David Kemp, both from Riverside," would be serving the islanders. "We also have another doctor coming in soon," said Pruitt.

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A Public Hearing is scheduled on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, Accomac, VA, for the purpose of receiving public comment by or on behalf of any person who has filed a statement of interest by January 10, 2011.



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- From M&I Regional Properties, LLC To Cheryl Amitay Lot 116, Corbin Hall For \$96,000
- From Glasser and Glasser, PLC

- and Jessica Adams To PNC Bank Property in Wattsville For \$112,573
- From James Young To Ernest Montley Lot 51, Unit 2, Trails End For \$5,000
- From Jane Allen To Gordon Roesch Lot 308, Section 2, Captain's Cove For \$10,000
- From Shawn and Carol Cross To Robert and Patrick Hoban and Susan Ruck Lot 369C, Unit 2, Trails End For \$12,000
- From Barry Ward To Gregory and Angela Kaltreider Lot 72, Section 10, Captain's Cove For \$5,000
- From Cheryl Power To Chet Gnagey Lot 65, Unit 4, Trails End For \$6,000
- From Thomas and Alison Vannoy To James and Teresa Vannoy Chincoteague parcel For \$55,000
- From Eugene and Andri Muth To Valerie Morris

- Chincoteague parcel For \$445,500
- From Richard and Susan Anthes and revocable trusts To Allen, June and Luke Mitchell Chincoteague parcel For \$500,000
- From Richard and Susan Anthes and revocable trusts To Allen, June and Chester Mitchell For \$500,000
- From Theodore Pikulsky Sr. and Jr. To Patrice Pikulsky Atlantic parcel For \$393,750
- From Stephen and Carol Schott To David Short and David Munch Lot 16, Unit 2, Trails End For \$14,900
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- From Nicole Nottingham To Erica Cuevasy and Luis Baltazar 33123 Railroad Ave., Painter

Marriage Licenses Issued

- James Conan Keelen, 53, and Vickie Ann Nohealani Ninio, 43, both of Bloxom
- William Vinton Moore III, 47, and Clara Mae Taylor, 71, both of Parksley
- Ted Scott Sturgis, 51, and Angela Lyn Ewell, 49, both of Belle Haven
- Eduardo Silva Sandoval, 19, and Eva Dalinda Perez Gutierrez, 20, both of Mappsville
- Archel Dean Richardson Jr., 58, and Diana Lynn Randall, 54, both of New Windsor, Md.
- Joseph Weinberg Jr., 21, and Shawana Daniell Gattis, 26, both of New Church

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Seasonal flu activity is increasing across the nation and in Virginia. For the first time this flu season, the influenza activity level in the state has increased to “widespread.” This means that during the week ending on Christmas Day, a majority of Virginia’s health-planning regions were above their thresholds for influenza-like illness and had laboratory evidence that the flu was circulating in the community.

Virginia’s flu season typically begins in December and runs through March, hitting its peak in February, so it’s not too late to get the

flu shot.

“With ample vaccine available in Virginia, and peak flu season just around the corner,” says Dr. Remley, “early January is the perfect time to protect yourself, your loved ones and your coworkers by getting vaccinated.”

To locate a pharmacy, physician or local health department clinic offering seasonal flu vaccine, log on to www.vdh.virginia.gov or contact your local health department.

In addition to getting vaccinated, taking these everyday precautions can also help prevent spreading the flu:

- covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing;
- staying home when ill;
- washing your hands frequently.

Typical symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose,

headache, muscle aches and often extreme fatigue.

“If you don’t have time to be sick with the flu,” adds Dr. Remley, “you have to make time to get the flu shot.”

Get your flu shot at Northampton County Health Department in Nassawadox any Wednesday between 8:30 and 11 a.m. or at Accomack County Health Department in Accomac any Wednesday between 1 and 4 p.m. Insurance is accepted or the cost is \$30 per shot.





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 ★10:30 a.m. - **Duplicate Bridge** - Sage Restaurant, Onley - 442-2474
 ★12:30 p.m. - **Science & Philosophy Seminar: A London Suburb During & After WWII** - Lecture Hall, ESCC, Melfa
 ★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 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Painter Garrison UMC

**SATURDAY
JAN. 8**

★8 a.m.-noon - **Farmer's Market** - Downtown Park, Main St., Chincoteague
 ★8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - **Childbirth Education** - RSMH, Nassawadox - 414-8764
 ★9 a.m. - **Zumba Class** - sponsored by Chincoteague YMCA - Senior Center, Church St., Chincoteague - \$5/person - 336-3535
 ★9-11 a.m. - **Free Coat Closet** - Onley UMC - 787-4155
 ★10 a.m. - **Mary N. Smith Alumni Assn. mtg.** - Macedonia AME Church, Accomac
 ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock

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**SUNDAY
JAN. 9**

★2:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Vietnam Veterans' Bldg., Main St., Onley
 ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley

**MONDAY
JAN. 10**

★9 a.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - UMC Fellowship House, Chincoteague
 ★9 a.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
 ★9:30-11:30 a.m. - **GED class** - Head Start, Accomac - 787-1760
 ★10 a.m. - **RSMH Auxiliary mtg.** - RSMH, 6th Flr., Nassawadox
 ★10:30-11:30 a.m. - **Moms In Touch Int'l Prayer Group mtg.** - Cape Charles Baptist Church
 ★noon - **AA mtg.** - St. Peter's Catholic Church, Onley
 ★5-6 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock
 ★5:15 p.m. - **Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg.** - library, Cape Charles
 ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Elks Lodge, Tasley
 ★6:30 p.m. - **Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley
 ★7 p.m. - **Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** - Hampton Inn & Suites, 4129 Lankford Hwy, Exmore - 442-7722

**TUESDAY
JAN. 11**

★10 a.m. - **Bingo** - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
 ★10 a.m. - **E.S. Community Services Board mtg.** - E.S. Behavioral Healthcare Center, 19056 Greenbush Rd., Parksley
 ★noon - **AA mtg.** - United Methodist Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
 ★noon-1:30 p.m. - **Hospice Grief Support Prgm.** - Hospice Resource Center, 3306 Lankford Hwy., Exmore - 787-3310
 ★1:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Market Street UMC, Onancock
 ★4:15 p.m. - **TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 5)** - Belle Haven Presbyterian - 442-3984
 ★5:30 p.m. - **Get More \$ Tax Tips 2011 Workshop** - ESCC, Melfa
 ★6 p.m. - **Onancock Lions Club mtg.** - Sunrise Restaurant, Onley - 787-4278
 ★6 p.m. - **Rachel Leah Ministries** - 787-2486
 ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
 ★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Classroom A-51, ESCC, Melfa
 ★7 p.m. - **Northampton High School PASSS mtg.** - Media Center, Northampton High School, Eastville
 ★7 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous mtg.** - Jerusalem Baptist, Temperanceville
 ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
 ★7:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon meeting** - Atlantic UMC
 ★7:30 p.m. - **Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62)** - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague

**WEDNESDAY
JAN. 12**

★7:45 a.m. - **Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.** - Sage Restaurant, Onley
 ★8 a.m.-noon - **Farmers' Market** - Downtown Park, Chincoteague
 ★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Veterans' Employment Representative Avail.** - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
 ★9:30-11:30 a.m. - **GED Class** - Head Start Ctr., Accomac - 787-1760
 ★10:30 a.m. - **Duplicate Bridge** - Sage Diner, Exmore - 442-2474
 ★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Waste Watchers mtg.** - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
 ★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
 ★4 p.m. - **Arts & Crafts Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library
 ★5 p.m. - **E.S. Soil & Water Conservation District mtg.** - USDA Service Center, Conference Room, Accomac
 ★5:30 p.m. - **Alpha Course Dinner** - 10-week course - Franktown UMC - 442-3481
 ★7 p.m. - **North Accomack Little League Monthly mtg.** - Chincoteague Fire Hall
 ★7 p.m. - **AA & Al-Anon mtgs.** - RSMH, Nassawadox
 ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Painter Vol. Fire Co., Painter
 ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Downing Methodist Church, Oak Hall

**THURSDAY
JAN. 13**

★9:30 a.m. - **AA mtg.** - Assawoman UMC
 ★11 a.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - Public Library, Accomac
 ★2 p.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - North. Library, Nassawadox
 ★5 p.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac
 ★5-8 p.m. - **Chincoteague Elementary School PTA Family Fun Night Fundraiser** - Friendly's, Pocomoke
 ★5:30-7 p.m. - **Cancer Caregiver's Support Group** - Riverside Shore Cancer Center, Resource Room, Nassawadox
 ★6 p.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Cape Charles Rescue Squad bldg., Cheriton
 ★6:30 p.m. - **Kiwanis of Chincoteague mtg.** - St. Andrew's Catholic
 ★6:30-7:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
 ★6:30- 8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Classroom A-51, ESCC
 ★7 p.m. - **Accomack Cty. Airport Commission mtg.** - Terminal Conference Room, Accomack County Airport, Melfa
 ★7 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous mtg.** - Painter Garrisons UMC

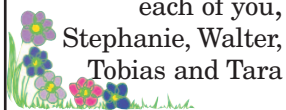
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Eastern Shore Trading POST

Announcements

The family of the late Mary B. Custis would like to thank everyone for their many acts of sympathy and love. Your concern and prayers were greatly appreciated.

May God bless each of you,
Stephanie, Walter, Tobias and Tara



Help Wanted

Nursery Laborers

Manor View Farms, in Monkton, Md. Seeks 10 Nursery Laborers to work March 1st to December 15th, 2011. Produce and prepare for market ornamental plants, shrubs, and trees in fields, container areas and environmentally-controlled structures, using hand tools and mechanical aids, such as mowers, tractor, clippers and shears, working as a member of a crew under close supervision of a supervisor or lead worker. Workers work 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday Hourly pay \$9.94. May require working on Saturday. Outdoor work, Lift and carry up to 50 pounds. 1 Month experience required, in a tree and shrub nursery.

For non-commuters, housing and cooking facilities provided at no cost, and inbound travel and subsistence reimbursed if complete 50% of work contract. Employer guarantees to offer at least 3/4 of total work hours of work period. Tools, supplies, and equipment provided at no cost. Pre-employment and random drug tests are required.

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Nursery Lead Workers

Manor View Farms, in Monkton, Md. Seeks 3 Nursery Lead workers to work February 15th to December 22nd, 2011. Produce and prepare for market ornamental plants, shrubs, and trees in fields, container areas and environmentally controlled structures, using hand tools, mechanical aids, and machinery, working independently, as a lead worker, working with a crew of 2 to 3 members under the supervision of a supervisor. Workers work 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday Hourly pay \$11.54. May require working on Saturday. Outdoor work, Lift and carry up to 50 pounds. 3 Months experience required, in a tree and shrub nursery.

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A high school diploma or the equivalent with relevant work experience in an out-patient medical setting is preferred. The individual selected for this position will be subject to a nationwide criminal background check via fingerprinting.

Interested individuals must contact the Virginia Employment Commission office, P.O. Box 9, Onley, VA 23418, ph. 757-302-2029, for an ESCSB application and job description. A resume may accompany the application but will not be considered alone.

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BICYCLE PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS
The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission will hold public meetings to review the 2004 Eastern Shore of Virginia Bicycle Plan and priorities, and to solicit suggestions for new plan segments.
Two meetings will be held:
•Monday, January 10, 2011 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2 at the former Northampton County Middle School, 7247 Young Street, Machipongo, Virginia and
•Monday, January 31, 2011 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Accomack-Northampton PDC, 23372 Front Street, Accomack, Virginia.
THE BICYCLE PLAN AND MAP CAN BE VIEWED AT WWW.A-NPDC.ORG/TRANSPORTATION.HTML
For additional information please contact Barbara Schwenk at 757-787-2936 x115 bschwenk@a-npdc.org.

PUNGOTEAGUE COMMUNITY CHURCH SELF HELP CENTER - MOVING SALE- \$5 BAG SALE- SAT. JAN. 8- 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. clothes, toys, household appliances, dishes, etc. 442-9526

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 10-203

vs.

AMBROSE CUFFEE
HENRY LEE CUFFEE, JR.
DORICE KELLY JENKINS
SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF 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 Hare Valley, Northampton County, Virginia, being 1.00 acre, more or less, on Route 618 and designated as parcel no. 00015-0A-BLK-00-054A.

standing in the names of Ambrose Cuffee, Henry Lee Cuffee, Jr. and Dorice Kelly Jenkins, 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 of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Margaret Rayfield; 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 post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Margaret Rayfield.

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 January 28, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 30th day of December, 2010
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Accomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re*
Malista Ness-Hopkins v. "Martinez", further name
and residence unknown

The object of this suit is to:
Change the name of Texena Anne Martinez

It is ORDERED that "Martinez" appear at the
above-named court and protect his interests on or
before March 3, 2011.

The Accomack-Northampton Housing Authority (A-NHA) is soliciting proposals from owners/developers of multi-family housing interested in receiving an award of Section 8 Project Based Vouchers for developments in Accomack or Northampton Counties.

The A-NRHA will make up to 60 vouchers available for project basing. Successful proposals will further the A-NRHA's goal of deconcentrating poverty, expanding housing and economic opportunities and/or meeting needs identified in a local plan or revitalization effort. In order for a proposal to be considered, the owner must submit the proposal to the A-NRHA by the published deadline date and the proposal must respond to all requirements as outlined in the RFP. Late or incomplete proposals will not be reviewed.

Proposals must be received at the offices of the Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority, 23372 Front Street, PO Box 417, Accomac, Virginia 23301, on February 21, 2011 by 5 p.m. For additional information or to receive an RFP package, please contact Kat Edwards at (757)787-2800 ext. 120.

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Chincoteague Channel	H 9:52 a.m. L 3:56 p.m.	H 10:31 a.m. L 4:34 p.m.	H 11:11 a.m. L 5:14 p.m.	H 11:52 a.m. L 5:27 a.m.	H 12:36 p.m. L 6:17 a.m.	H 1:24 p.m. L 7:10 a.m.	H 2:18 p.m. L 8:06 a.m.
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Posted at Sea Level

By Linda Cicaira

Ratty, my 24-year-old canine, apparently does not care about an ancient legend that claims all animals of the forest can speak on Christmas Eve. Actually, he seemed a bit miffed that I would suggest he is anything but domestic. After all, only wild creatures are considered in that tale.

He did not speak to me that night. Oh, he begged for treats, but it was more of a whine than any English I've ever heard. And I've heard some whining. I'll not call any names, but you know who you are.

The very idea that Ratty would be a wild animal seems unpatriotic. He's an All-American boy. He loves apple pie and frankfurters (he growls when we call them hot dogs.) So for more than a week, I was dismayed that my little dog didn't converse with me. Then came skype.com

I downloaded Skype, which allows people across the world to talk and see each other through their computer screen. It's FREE.

Yippee! First I visited with Dad, who lives in Florida. Then I called my college roommate. You've read about Julie before. She's lives in Kentucky and is a big fan of Chincoteague ponies.

The first night, Julie could see Ratty and me. But we couldn't see her and her dog, Izzie. Her PC did not have a built-in webcam. But, the next day, she went out and bought one! Another Yippee! This happened last Sunday, the final day of the New Year's weekend.

For quite a while now, Julie has claimed that Izzie can sing. I think he is vying for Julie's attention. He'll only belt out a song if you mention Il Divo, Il Divo, which means divine male performer in Italian. Julie and her mother are crazy about that multinational operatic pop vocal group. They've driven to Atlanta and Toronto to attend concerts. They also bring a video of the group to their family vacation on the Outer Banks every year. I've endured that performance and I guess Izzie has too.

Anyway, we were on Skype and Julie held up Izzie and asked me if I want a performance.

So both of us started chanting, "Il Divo, Il Divo, Il Divo!" When we were at Longwood, I'd climb up on a piano and she'd play while I sang. "She was a vamp, a scamp and a bit of a tramp." What can I say? It was the '70s and Sonny and Cher were popular.



So there we were, repeating the group's name and lo and behold, Izzie started talking! It was too cool. I clicked a shot of the screen with the computer's built-in camera (see photo above). Julie called it singing. But I think Izzie was asking for my help. (He knows that Julie used to put hair ribbons in the late Dee Dee's hair and he's terrified that she'll do that to him.)

Ratty was nearby and I lifted him to see. The old dog turned his head. He did not want to learn any new tricks. Both cats, Finnegan and Ivan, meowed and the other felines ran away. I guess Eastern Shore pets are just too sophisticated for ancient legends. Yeah.

Post Office Mail

SPCA Won't Accept Dog Beds

Dear Editor:

The morning of Dec. 13, I was driving through a blizzard to Richmond, thinking about how cold all the dogs and cats would be that night and about all the dog beds Rommels Ace Hardware had on special. I called five Ace Hardware stores and rounded up all 37 dog beds and had friends pick them up from Exmore to Chincoteague to Pocomoke. I also got the manager of Ace Hardware in Salisbury to agree to order 200 more dog beds that would come in the next week on four pallets. One friend drove to Salisbury, but could get only one pallet in her truck and that got delivered Dec. 21 to Accomack's animal control facility on Beacon Drive so all the animals could have a warm bed. They were told to take what they wanted and give the rest to the SPCA.

Another friend was asked to pick up the remaining three pallets. In the meantime, the Norfolk SPCA had been contacted and was going to take 75 beds for animals there. The remainder were going to left at the SPCA or the animal control facility.

The delivery ran late, but the Norfolk SPCA stayed open after 8 p.m., so all the animals there could have warm beds that night. That same day, the Onley SPCA was called and was unwilling to accept the beds at 4:30 p.m., saying they closed at 4 p.m.

On Dec. 23, when the animal control facility

was locked up, the driver took the beds to the SPCA, where the kennel manager refused them because they were to be shared with animal control and refused to allow the pallet to be dropped in the parking lot and refused to let the driver speak to his supervisor and said they wouldn't accept the delivery until Dec. 28.

The end of the story is that the Norfolk SPCA came to Accomack to get the remaining 75 dog beds.

A total of 237 dog beds were donated. I only wish kind, caring people could have been found on the Shore to accept the beds so dogs would have had a warm bed for Christmas.

Eileen Kirkwood

Caretaker of Rusty the Lion-King

SPCA Responds

Dear Editor:

The SPCA always appreciates the kindness and generosity of the folks on the Eastern Shore. We are a small, no-kill shelter with limited space, both for animals and supplies, but manage to provide excellent care for our dogs and cats, including a bed and a blanket in each heated and air-conditioned kennel or cat room.

The type of bed we use, for every kennel, is suspended by PVC pipes about five inches off the concrete floor and there is a blanket to lie on or snuggle under. Several of the dogs like to pull the blanket off the bed and drag it to the door so they can watch all the activities without getting up. The beds need to be cleaned on a daily basis, so padded beds with absorbent linings don't work well in this environment, where cleanliness and sanitation are essential.

We run on a very tight budget, with less than 1 percent of our contributions coming from county, state or federal sources and we have had problems with thefts from our aluminum can collection facility out front. The staff has been asked not to leave anything outside that could be stolen, especially if the delivery is not for the SPCA, and to only sign for things we have ordered.

We regret that after everyone's efforts to bring dog beds to the Eastern Shore, the last piece of their journey held such difficulties. We can always use contributions of both money and food; just please call ahead and drop it off when we're open.

Terry Lawrence
Treasurer, SPCA

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