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Supervisor Insists Northampton Needs ER

By Ron West

Drawing on a report by the Hospital Task Force, Northampton Supervisor Spencer Murray told the Board of Supervisors Tuesday that with Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital's imminent move to Onley, Northampton's need for a freestanding Emergency Room is critical.

Murray noted that though Riverside has reserve assets in excess of \$400 million, it has indicated that it would not be cost effective to provide emergency services for the 24 percent of Northampton's citizens who would be over an hour from Onley. Those citizens in the lower half of Northampton County will be beyond the "golden hour," cited by the medical community as the time in which patients in need of critical care must be inside an emergency department to receive it. Patients in need of emergency care south of the Eastville area likely will be transported to a medical center in Hampton Roads.

Murray also contended that Riverside's new facility needs to include a psychiatric unit.

School Superintendent Dr. Walter Clemons updated the supervisors on the ongoing process of sharing services with the county government, noting that the two groups are working out details on fuel purchases.

County Extension Service Director Bill Shockley introduced Christina Murray as the newly appointed 4-H agent for Northampton County. Murray has experience and training in youth-based recreation services and is

from Michigan. The 4-H program, which provided several after-school programs for students, had been in limbo for over a year as the result of funding shortages.

Elaine Meil, director of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, provided input on federal regulations regarding the introduction of nitrates and other chemicals into the bay. She pointed out that the numbers used by the federal agencies involved are not necessarily correct.

Supervisor Sam Long Jr. said the issue is just another symptom of out-of-control, top-heavy government. "Despite the best efforts of our local representatives and PDC staff, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), composed of unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats, has decided to ignore the actual facts in favor of an arbitrary fanciful set of figures that in no way reflect reality," Long said. He claimed Washington is demonstrating its disconnect with both reality and basic liberties of the citizens it purports to represent. "We all want a healthy bay," said Long, "but the actions commanded by the EPA should not come at the expense of the truth. The truth is, our farmers have gone to great expense and lengths to voluntarily implement best practices in Northampton County. The EPA is guilty in the first degree of arbitrary bureaucratic overreach."

Meil announced that there would be an opportunity for citizens to submit comments on the regulations at a session Dec. 29 at Eastern

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Photo by Linda Cicaira

'What Did I Do With That List?'

Fifteen-month-old Alexis Corbin of Bloxom tries to recall what she wants for Christmas so she can tell Santa during his recent visit to Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company. She is the daughter of Nasrean Muslimani and Alex Corbin.



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Chamber Building To Be Sold

By Cheryl Nowak

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce has announced to its members that it is selling its headquarters at the entrance to the Accomack County Industrial Park.

Though identifying the purchaser only as “one of our members,” chamber Board of Directors Chairwoman Dr. Terris Kennedy told members that the buyer “came forward and offered to purchase the building with a long-term lease back so we will not have to move

and can continue to serve the community from this location.”

According to Kennedy, the impetus behind the transaction is the need for the chamber to reduce its expenses. “Recently, we have come to the conclusion that we no longer need the increasing expense of this large building,” Kennedy wrote in a letter to chamber members. “This building is over 20 years old and maintenance has become a significant drain on the chamber’s budget.”

Legislation Would Promote Wallops

By Cheryl Nowak

State Del. Terry Kilgore, who represents Scott County in the General Assembly, has prefiled a bill for next year’s session proposing that a tax credit up to \$8,000 be allowed to those who agree to have their remains shot into space, but only if they’re launched from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) Wallops Island.

The deduction would be “for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, but before January 1, 2021 ... for a prepaid contract entered into ... to place the taxpayer’s human cremated remains into earth or lunar orbit from a spaceport facility operated by the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority. ... The total amount deducted

by any individual shall be limited to \$8,000 per person. The amount deducted on any individual income tax return in any taxable year shall be limited to \$2,500 per person.”

Celestis Inc., an affiliate company of Space Services, Inc., a Houston, Texas-based aerospace company, offers space flights for cremated remains. Its most economic Earth Rise Service features spaceflight with a return to Earth. The cost starts at \$995. Celestis’ Earth Orbit Service starts at \$2,995 and launches the remains into Earth orbit. The Luna Service launches the remains to lunar orbit or the surface of the moon, with costs starting at \$9,995. And for as little as \$12,500, Celestis will launch human remains into deep space.

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Shore Community College.

County Administrator Katie Nunez indicated that ambulance billing and regulations for use of the county’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulance are being finalized with fees ranging from \$365 to \$610, depending on the level of care provided, plus an additional loaded mileage fee of \$11 per mile. The charges are approximately \$30 in excess of the current rate set by Medicare. She estimated that the fees could provide upward of \$220,000 to the county per year. Nunez said most patients likely would face little or no extra out-of-pocket cost if they had insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. The county expects to use a collection agency to handle billing.

The board agreed to continue renting property in Oyster to Claudia and Joseph Restein III as well as property

in Eastville to Hungar’s Episcopal Parish for its thrift shop. Nunez noted that if the Eastville property is sold, the lease with Hungar’s Parish would be terminated with 30 days’ notice. The supervisors also agreed to lease the Eastville Inn property to Tim Abraham to be operated as a restaurant.

A special-use permit requested by Franktown Methodist Church for an existing Montessori school was quickly approved. The church previously had received approval to construct a single large structure for the school but decided that three smaller structures would be better.

Prior to concluding the session, the board agreed to support a request by Northampton Golf Course, located near the former county landfill, to apply for a federal grant to help fund improvements to the nine-hole course.

Local Coast Guard Suspends One Search, Rescues 2 in Separate Incidents

The Coast Guard and local authorities suspended the search Friday for a 46-year-old man aboard a 30-foot sailboat who went missing approximately two miles south of Tangier Island.

The boater contacted Coast Guard Sector Baltimore watchstanders at 3:54 a.m. Thursday and reported his boat had sustained damage, and he was requesting assistance.

Crews aboard a 41-foot utility boat from Coast Guard Station Crisfield, Md., two MH-65 Dolphin helicopters from Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City, N.J., Coast Guard Cutter *Cochito*, homeported in Little Creek, Va., a Maryland State Police helicopter and a Virginia Marine Resources Commission boat, as well as members of Tangier Island Fire Department responded to search for the man.

The Coast Guard searched a total of 200 square miles in approximately 36 hours.

Search crews were more successful

Friday morning when a 49-year-old man from Ambler, Pa., was rescued near Kiptopeke.

The man, who had been kayaking along the southern Eastern Shore, called 911 around midnight reporting that his kayak had capsized east of Kiptopeke.

The 911 call was transferred to Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads Command Center watchstanders, who dispatched a 25-foot response boat - small crew from Coast Guard Station Cape Charles, along with an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, N.C. Two Virginia Marine Police boatcrews also launched to search for the missing man.

While fishing, a good Samaritan heard shouts from a man in the marsh and notified the Virginia Marine Police boat crew, who then retrieved the man and took him to a boat ramp where he was picked up by the Jayhawk crew. The Jayhawk aircrew

transported the man to Norfolk Sentara Hospital, where he was treated for hypothermia.

"The man was wearing a life jacket in this case, which bought precious time in the cold water for responders to get to him," said Lt. Jack Smith, a public affairs officer at Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads. "This probably saved his life."

A similar situation was reported two days later when the Coast Guard rescued a Chantilly, Va., native near Kiptopeke Sunday evening.

The man, who had been kayaking along the Eastern Shore, called 911 at 8:30 p.m. reporting that his kayak had capsized southwest of Kiptopeke.

The 911 call was transferred to Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads Command Center watchstanders, who dispatched the same cadre of rescuers who conducted Friday's search.

The RB-S crew located the man at 9:05 p.m. and transported him to Kiptopeke State Park, where he was met

by awaiting emergency medical services and taken to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

"This is the second case this week where a boater likely saved his life by wearing a life jacket," said Smith. "The cold weather and water temperatures are unforgiving, and boaters need to be prepared for the worst out there."



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THESE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

By Linda Cicaira

Accomack and Northampton residents love the holidays, prefer to shop in person, attend religious services and social parties, spend hours wrapping and selecting presents, have fake Christmas trees in their homes and choose cookies over any other seasonal treat.

Nearly 73.5 percent of those responding to a recent email survey conducted by the Eastern Shore Post expressed a deep appreciation for Christmas festivities while 4.5 percent said they are glad when it is all over and 22 percent said they feel elation when it's in full swing but relief when life gets back to normal.

More than 53 percent like to browse the aisles of retail stores in person to select gifts for their family, friends and coworkers while 46.5 percent prefer online shopping.

Fifty-five percent choose cookies as their favorite sweet goodie over candy canes and fruitcake. The latter two items garnered the approval of 7 and 11 percent of participants, respectively. Another 5 percent of folks said they

like all three treats equally. About 22 percent had other top choices, including chocolates, eggnog, fudge, pie and pumpkin rolls.

Eighty-two percent decorate artificial trees compared to 18 percent who use the real deal. Many cited clean-up and allergies for their choice.

About 84 percent of those who discussed church services said they plan to attend on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day or both. Sixteen percent said they wouldn't be going to church. Many did not answer that question.

And there are those who are all about presentation. Some said they spend several days wrapping gifts. Most said it takes them between two and four hours. And a few aren't bothered because they give money or store credit cards or put everything in more convenient gift bags.

The time involved for selection of the presents ranged from years to hours.

Some get into the party spirit in December. The average number of celebrations attended is 2.3. But the range went from none to "as many as

I can." Two-thirds said they don't plan on hosting an event this year.

Coni Chandler of Onancock loves finding the perfect gift. She also prefers a "real" tree, "but recently bought a fake." One family tradition, taken from a German observance, involves a green pickle ornament. "The kid who finds it after all the other packages have been opened gets one more package — the last one — kind of a bonus. My girls — even as grown women — just about knock the tree down looking for it," Chandler wrote.

Jaelyn Allman of Onancock spends "way too much" for Christmas and even "more this year because I am working." She likes bonbons and anything with peanut butter. Allman likes to shop "online all the way" and use a fake tree because it's "less mess."

"In our house, if our daughter has had a good week, we wrap a couple of presents up ... and let her see that Santa dropped them off early because he was impressed with how good she has been," Allman added.

Joyce Green of Parksley shops mostly online, but enjoys "getting caught up in the rush of in-store shopping." She will go to three parties. "We have started a tradition of having a big steamed seafood dinner for Christmas instead of the usual meal."

Mary Gray of Eastville says she always spends too much for Christmas presents and devotes "hours and hours" to wrapping and selecting the gifts online and in retail stores. As far as the holiday season goes, "I am excited to see it come and look forward to it and really glad when it is over!" She will attend two Christmas parties and has both real and artificial trees.

Teresa Wimbrow of Greenbackville is a big fan of Christmas. "I love it!!! It's a little sad to see it over." She usually spends "about the same. I have an estimated amount that I spend on each person and try to at least stick close to that." She prefers Christmas cookies and fudge ... no fruitcake, thank you! She will go to three or four parties.

Wimbrow has a "fake" tree. "Although I do love the real ones. But I like to put mine up early." She wraps packages for "probably 3 to 4 nights for a couple of hours each time ... I go

shopping several weekends in November and December" and she prefers shopping in person.

"We used to go (caroling) every year when I was a kid. I miss that. It was not only fun for us, but to see the enjoyment of those we sang to when they opened their doors, especially the elderly."

"My Mom has a Christmas Eve get-together for family and friends after our church candlelight service," said Wimbrow. "On Christmas morning we get up early and meet again at my Mom's. We all open our gifts. Then we have breakfast together. That evening we meet up at Mom's again for dinner ... just have a great time and enjoy being together!"

Rev. G. Wayne Parsley of Parksley said he would spend about \$200, which is less than usual. He likes both fruitcake and Christmas cookies and will attend four parties and host one. He has a "fake tree," but prefers a real one. Traditionally, "we decorate our parents' house on Thanksgiving afternoon." Parsley loves the holiday season. He attends as many religious services as possible.

Sharyn McQuaid of Melfa celebrates St. Nicholas Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Innocents and New Year's Eve in December. "We also had several family birthdays." She couldn't pick a favorite Christmas treat because "I love them all."

McQuaid will attend four parties and explained her tree process of having a "real" tree "while the children are small, fake later and a ceramic in (even) later life. I used to spend all afternoon on Christmas Eve wrapping. I also wrapped box lids so that boxes could be reused from year to year and stored the wrapped boxes in the attic. I agonized for years over getting the perfect gift for everyone."

Her family's tradition includes "Pip the Elf," bringing "my son a small present — a deck of cards (or) a Christmas lollipop. He would come each day between Dec. 6 and the day before Christmas Eve ... I love the season AND I'm glad when it's over. I like best going to the midnight service on Christmas Eve."

Diana Davis of Craddockville said she once re-gifted some pumpkin



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fudge. "I gave it to the squirrels." Her family's tradition includes a Christmas Eve reading of the true Christmas story from the Bible." She loves the season but is glad when it's over. "It's so much work when you are a woman."

Shirley Christian of Melfa spends hundreds of dollars. "It grows every year ... I wrap as I buy, but I spend a lot of time buying that special gift for all my special friends." She shops online and locally.

"We have always fasted from meat on Christmas Eve and only eat very light meals until our traditional evening meal of fish." Then the adults exchange gifts. "In the morning, very early, we get up with the children to see what Santa has left and have a large traditional Christmas breakfast ... I've always loved it because it was a family thing."

Louis Sanders of Norfolk has a connection to the Shore through his late mother, who was from Keller. He celebrates "Advent Sunday, our Christmas party, Christmas Eve candlelight service, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and birthdays of friends and family." This year he plans to spend \$500,

which is a "major cutback. We are making ... food gifts for our family and closest friends."

He and his wife host a party every December. This year "approximately 50 people" are invited "down from 80 to 90 in previous years."

There is less giving because "our family eliminated exchanging gifts between adults several year ago, which I find disappointing. It's not the price, it's the thought," he wrote. "I'd rather have something handmade by a loved one than a singing bass."

But some people appreciate that fish present. Linda Regula of Machipongo wrote, "My brother-in-law gave us a Big Mouth Billy Bass and we gave it back to him the next year. It was such fun."

She spends between \$500 and \$600. "Every year I am going to wrap them as I buy them, but I never do ... way too much time" is spent picking the perfect present. "I can't make up my mind," Regula said.

She has a "fake skinny tree in a small living room" and "greenery in vases for the aroma." Regula loves the season. "Wouldn't it be great if all peo-

ple were as nice all year as they are at Christmas?" Her family's tradition is having lasagna in addition to a turkey or ham for Christmas Dinner.

Kathy Cullen Henley of Painter wrote about going to church every Sunday for the Advent "countdown." They always sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus. "We can't forget New Year's Eve and the fresh start." She also looks forward to "peanut butter cookies with Hershey kisses in the center."

Henley uses a fake tree because she "hates cleaning up the pine needles from a real tree" but she loves "the fragrance." She spends hours wrapping. "They have to look pretty before they get ripped off!"

Selecting the right present is also a ritual. "I try very hard to give gifts that my friends and family will enjoy and use forever. Some gifts are keepsakes, some serve a purpose, some are items off of wish lists and some are gifts to make people smile or laugh. It is fun to make dreams come true!"

"Due to limited time to travel," Henley said, "I shop locally and then order items online that I am looking

for or out of catalogs." She didn't use a Christmas club. "Not this year. I did not like waiting to get my money. I shop all year long. I love the holiday season! Most people are jolly, the music is great and it is awesome to have time off."

Sandy Clause Storherr of Willis Wharf, aka The North Pole, takes part in the tradition of putting "your shoes out to have them filled by St. Nicholas" on Dec. 5. Her spending habits are dictated by her mood. "I have a wonderful tree, all decorated, that folds flat on the floor, I just have to lift it up to its 8 feet and enjoy it. Best invention I ever saw."

"First thing Christmas morning, the children come down to the manger and sing "Happy Birthday, Jesus" and give Him his small birthday cake baked the night before. We go to church. Then it is gift giving one at a time, starting with the oldest person to the youngest, one each till they are all gone. Wonderful time had by all."

"I love the holiday season and try to keep the feeling all year round," noted Storherr. "If we all did this, there would be peace on earth forever."



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Police and Court Postings

By Linda Cicaira

Northampton Sheriff's Office

Daniel Justice, 53, of Exmore was charged last month with malicious wounding, according to a report made recently by Northampton Sheriff David Doughty.

Justice was arrested on Nov. 12, the same date that the incident allegedly occurred. He was released from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail on an unspecified bond.

Accomack Circuit Court

Lemoin Brandon Brady, 26, of Lankford Highway, Machipongo, was sentenced last week in Accomack Circuit Court for stealing an iPad to three years in prison, with all but two months suspended.

Brady was convicted last month of stealing Phil Hebrank's \$800 electronic device Feb. 23, 2011.

Rykesse Ja'Quan Brown, 20, of Savage Drive in Parksley was sentenced for a third or subsequent charge of driv-

ing while intoxicated in October 2010 to five years in prison, with four years and four months suspended. Brown also was fined \$1,000 and his driver's license was suspended indefinitely. He was put on three years' probation. Court costs were \$1,110. Brown also was fined \$100 and must pay \$319 in court costs for driving on a suspended license.

Northampton Circuit Court

Philip Shannon (Shane) Irwin, 44, of Jamesville, a former computer business owner in Onancock, was sentenced Monday in Northampton Circuit Court on drug and sex charges to 41 years in prison, with almost 75 percent suspended, leaving Irwin 10½ years to serve.

Commonwealth's Attorney Bruce Jones said Irwin was sentenced for distribution of marijuana to a minor to 20 years, with 15 suspended; for delinquency of a minor to 12 months, with half suspended; and for use of a communication system to solicit sex from a

minor to 20 years, with 15 suspended. The terms are to run consecutively.

Court records show Irwin was placed on supervised probation for 99 years. He also must register as a sex offender. A charge of taking indecent liberties with a minor was not prosecuted.

Irwin pleaded guilty to the other counts in June. The incidents occurred about two years ago. He was indicted and arrested for the crimes in May 2010.

Northampton Works To Add Middle School

By Ron West

The Northampton County School Board conducted a public hearing on the system's comprehensive plan, which provides direction for the system over the next six years, but only drew one written comment.

Superintendent Dr. Walter Clemons read the letter that addressed the call for renewed efforts to create the middle school experience for students in Grades 6-8. The system's only middle school was closed and students in Grades 7 and 8 attend the high school while Grade 6 students attend the two elementary schools. The writer expressed concern over things such

He still faces 11 indictments for possession of child pornography in Accomack. The cases are set to be heard in January.

In another case, Jose Gereardo Rodriguez, 21, of Eastville pleaded guilty to felony hit and run, reckless driving, no insurance and failure to yield the right-of-way. Sentencing was continued pending completion of a presentence report.

as peer pressure by older students on those in lower grades as well as a loss of confidence in the system. The letter concluded with a call for students, staff, and parents to bond together to renew pride in the school system in an effort to make all students successful.

Dr. Clemons reported that the Virginia Department of Education had issued conditional accreditation to Kiptopeke Elementary School, which has been unsuccessful in meeting standards for full state approval in recent years. The school system received a three-year grant to hire consultants to help improve test scores.

Under the terms of the grant, the number of contact hours with students must be expanded. Virginia mandates at least 990 student contact hours, which loosely equates to a 180-day school term. The current school year consists of 1,149 contact hours, but will need to be extended to 1,320. To meet this requirement, Dr. Clemons said the 2012-13 school year would need to be extended to 182 days and the school day must be lengthened by 30 minutes.

In a move to boost 12-month employee benefits, the board voted to allow them to take the same spring break as other staff members.

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Details of New Local Hospital Disclosed

By Linda Cicoira

A new hospital in Onley got one step closer to reality Wednesday night when the Accomack Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the Board of Supervisors rezone property behind Four Corner Plaza to accommodate the proposed 78-bed facility and a 100,000-square-foot medical and dental office. Relocating the Cancer Center to the first floor of the hospital also was mentioned. Sewer is available at the site and water would be piped in from Fairgrounds Road via Onancock's system.

The zoning request involves putting 46 Agricultural acres into the General Business category. The rest of the 50 plus-acre site is already in the business zone. The 600,000-square-foot hospital would have three operating rooms, a 24-hour emergency center, diagnostic area with fixed MRI and other amenities similar to the existing facility in Nassawadox.

Additional projects included in a traffic analysis were a 15,000 square-foot drug store with drive-thru, a "high-turnover" restaurant and a

5,000-square-foot athletic club.

"We don't know at this time what they are going to do with the front part (of the property) but all options are open," said a hospital spokesperson. Hospital completion is set for 2014.

The facility would have three entrances. There will be a driveway on Market Street and another access on Lankford Highway that would replace an existing pizza restaurant near Peebles Department Store. A third entrance is planned for later on Market Street.

No more traffic lights are expected, but Riverside will put up \$40,000 — \$10,000 per existing light for a radio transmittal upgrade to alleviate congestion. Emergency vehicles coming from the south would have to make a U-turn to enter the Lankford Highway entrance.

An 80-bed assisted living area is also part of the overall site plan.

A conditional use permit is also needed. "The build-out of the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital is anticipated to complete within 10 years," according to the traffic document.

The study also mentions three other developments — a Royal Farms at the corner of Lankford Highway and Market Street, a retail strip center of 14,000 square feet at Lankford Highway and Redwood Road and "Chin Retail Center ... 27,000 square feet (for) various commercial uses" that appears to be on Market Street.

The hospital spokesperson also said

the flight path for a helicopter has not been determined. Currently it is used 1.5 times a week.

Commissioners also concluded that questions regarding whether there is adequate fire equipment to accommodate a three-story structure would be considered before the conditional permit is granted.

Sometimes You Gotta Go ... to Public Hearing

By Linda Cicoira

When Ocean City turned off the water during Hurricane Irene, Deborah Ullmann was glad she lived on Chincoteague where residents were free to use their toilets.

She told the Accomack Planning Commission Wednesday night that if she doesn't like what the government does she could vote out the leaders. But if the county changes its ordinance to allow private companies to control sewage plants, she could be left with no way to flush out the culprits.

In the end, the commissioners (who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors) tabled a request for a conditional-use permit and set a public hearing for Jan. 11 on a language change to the county zoning ordinance that was proposed by a developer — a task usually requested by the Board of Supervisors.

Northern Accomack residents came out in force to object to Chris Carbaugh's plan to put his Wattsville housing project's wastewater treatment plant in Atlantic on a 62-acre farm owned by Fred and Steve Darby. The ordinance change would affect the entire county.

The Atlantic neighbors thought the issue had been decided in July when Zoning Administrator David Fluhart sent a memo to Acting Planner Tom Brockenbrough stating that the conditional-use permit was not applicable for the project.

At first Carbaugh's lawyer, Mark Baumgartner, was upset. "The staff's decision to simply stop consideration ... without all the relevant information would usurp the power of the Board of Supervisors and blatantly deny ... constitutional right to due process as set

forth in the Virginia Code and Accomack County Ordinance," wrote Baumgartner. "Staff's decision is inexplicable ... the county is exceeding its authority by attempting to control the use and operation of a sewage treatment facility that has been approved by the state agency."

Now Baumgartner, has found another tactic. He wants the ordinance to allow the plant in an agricultural zone by right. He says the current language does not comply with state code.

But County Attorney Mark Taylor says the county ordinance "is defensible." He contends the Public Finance Act defines "us" as the government. "I want my government to be accountable," he said, arguing that the state DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) has many inconsistent rulings.

There are "monuments of the state regulatory process" on the Eastern Shore, said Taylor. His example was Whispering Pines Hotel which has its own sewage but is abandoned and falling down. A nearby church is hooked to the system and continues to use it. But DEQ doesn't do anything about that because workers can't see the effluent.

Taylor suggested that the ordinance be changed. He said the officials could remove centralized sewage from the agricultural zone, forcing applicants to apply for conditional-use permits only.

Bill Paige, president of the homeowner's association at neighboring Eagle's Sound, urged the commissioners to cancel any plans for public hearings. He said the matter "has generated mistrust and doubts about the county's ability to handle zoning-related matters in a fair and open manner."



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Community Notes

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Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station will holding its annual Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 17, from 7 to 11 a.m. The menu will include eggs, scrapple, sausage, and pancakes. Digital pictures with Santa will be available for \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6 and younger, and free for those age 2 and younger. There also will be a bake sale. Carryouts will be available.

The 21st Annual Onancock Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. The parade will travel Market Street, starting at Pine and ending at the Town Park Gazebo. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be held the following day at 5 p.m.

The theme of the parade is "Bright

Shirts and Bright Smiles" in memory of Mayor Bruce S. Paone. As a member of Onancock Volunteer Fire Department, the mayor would lead the parade each year while proudly riding the town's ladder truck. Mayor Paone was well known for his collection of colorful Hawaiian shirts. The only thing brighter was his ready smile. Mayor Paone loved celebrations, so the town is inviting everyone to the parade. Organizers are expecting participation by themed floats, light displays, marching bands, equestrian units, community groups, fire departments, churches, classic vehicles and performing local youths.

After the parade, participants and spectators are invited to Onancock Town Park for refreshments, a visit with Santa and parade awards. Trophies will be awarded to the first- and second-place winners of each division among parade participants. In addition, four special trophies will be awarded for the best overall entry, the best representation of parade theme, the most spirited entry and the most original.

Cape Charles Literally Takes a Bite Out of Crime

By Ron West

Cape Charles Police Department recently added a new member to its force, which may help add teeth to its law-enforcement power.

Officer Arros, a 6-year-old German shepherd, was acquired recently and will be partnered with officer Jim Pruitt. Following the Cape Charles Town Council meeting, Pruitt and Arros demonstrated their teamwork while locating the residue of contraband that had been placed in a vehicle.

Cape Charles soon will join other towns on the Eastern Shore as a test site for improved Internet access. Ronald van Geijn and Mark Henry Sr. of Eastern Shore Communications told Council that their company is setting up wireless testing in a number of towns in both counties. Town Planner Tom Bonadeo will work with Eastern Shore Communications technicians to seek volunteers in Cape Charles to help evaluate the quality and dependability

of wireless connections. Transmitting antennas will be placed in the town and small receiving antennas will be providing to volunteers for the test period.

Hollye Carpenter addressed Council regarding a request for additional funding to assist Cape Charles Fire Department. Council had budgeted \$30,000 for FY 2012 to assist the department and has paid in excess of \$8,000 toward insurance expenses.

One pressing need is repair of the building's rear wall. Bonadeo mentioned that a recent visit by representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) indicated that it might be possible to apply for federal help with the project.

Ultimately, Council agreed to forward additional funding to the fire department from the current budget.

Council received a letter from the Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 inviting Cape Charles to participate in bicentennial activities. Council unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the program.

Bonadeo provided information from FEMA regarding the need to adopt a hazard mitigation plan for the town. Bonadeo explained the need for flood protection, which could help reduce insurance costs. Council voted unanimously to endorse the plan.

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Son-in-Law of Melfa Resident Returns from Deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Andre Reeves Jr., whose wife, Karia, is the daughter of Valerine Finney of Melfa, alongside approximately 5,500 sailors attached to *USS George H.W. Bush* (CVN 77) recently returned to their Norfolk, Va. homeport.

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Obituaries

Family Announces Death of Sylva Thompson

It is with deepest regret and sorrow that we must notify **Sylva Thompson's** friends and extended family of her death. We had the extraordinary gift and honor to be with her when the angels wrapped her in their wings and took her away.

Her burial was private, with the help of Carl Thornton and his family, for which we are indeed grateful.

Mom's wishes are for donations to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. We would like to thank Valerie and the staff for their kindness, and for allowing us to do everything the way Mom wanted.

Left behind to cherish her in memory are Jack and Jane Thompson, Ed and Pat Thornton, Dan Thompson, John and Diane Gilies, Pam Thompson, Jim and Gina Thompson and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by two sisters in Oklahoma, Bess Shephard and Peggy Shephard, having recently lost their

brother, Harold Roush. She was also loved by many nieces and nephews.

Mom's purpose in life was taking care of, and feeding people. In her honor, please share a meal with someone in need.

~ The family of Sylva Thompson

Hunt Club Founder Dies

Mr. Dennis Michael Murphy, 67, of Parksley, formerly of Chincoteague Island, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, at home.

Born in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Dorothy Linn Murphy of Silver Spring, Md., and the late Billie Curtis Murphy and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He was semi-retired from his contracting/home improvement/landscaping business and was previously a newspaperman in Washington and Chincoteague. Mr. Murphy was devoted to Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Jenkins Bridge and Fox Chapel on Chincoteague. He and his sons established Modestown Hunt Club. Mr. Murphy was an avid fisherman and especially loved surf fishing on Assateague and in North Carolina on Ocracoke Island and the Outer Banks.

Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Christine Caton Murphy; sons, Mike Mitchell Murphy (and wife, Karen) of

Chincoteague and Billy Curtis Murphy (and wife, Missy) of Onancock; grandchildren, Mitch, David, Stella, Austin, Madison and Parker; brothers and sisters, James Murphy (and wife, Mary Lain) of Pasadena, Md., Patrick Murphy (and wife, Joan) of Germantown, Md., Thomas Murphy (and wife, Robin) of Clarksburg, W.Va., Jack Murphy (and wife, Marsha) of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Elizabeth Bryant (and husband, Alvin) of Laytonsville, Md., and Christine Reed of Clear Springs, Md.; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Kathaleen Phillips of Harrisonburg, Va.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, to be officiated by Rev. Claire M. Hunkins.

Memorial donations may be made to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, c/o Benny Mason, P.O. Box 186, Oak Hall, VA 23416. Memory tributes may be shared at www.foxfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were made by Fox & Holston Funeral Home, Chincoteague.

16-Year Guardsman Dies

Mr. Christian Ames "Chris" Nock, 44, of Portsmouth, Va., passed

away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

Born in Norfolk, he was a son of Evelyn Henderson Nock of Accomac and the late Samuel Ames Nock. Mr. Nock served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 16 years, worked in maintenance, was a Methodist, and had volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

Other than his mother, survivors include his son, Samuel Ames Nock II; brothers, William Floyd "Buddy" Nock and Eva Mittellaier of Pungoteague, Anthony Watson "Tony" Nock and Neily of Accomac, and Dr. Allen Brittingham "George" Nock and Tracy of Blue Springs, Miss.; nephews, Benson Floyd Nock, William Tillery Nock and Jeffrey Ames Nock; niece, Katie Elizabeth Nock; aunts, Ellen Brittingham Nelson of Accomac, Ann Bryant Nock of Onancock and Betty H. Martin of Richmond, Va.; and uncle, William C. Henderson and Rosemary of Richmond. Other than his father, he was predeceased by three uncles, Col. William Nelson, L. Floyd Nock III and Thomas Martin.

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Temperanceville Retiree Passes Away

Mr. William Lenhardt, 71, of Temperanceville died Friday Dec. 9, 2011, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

Born to the late John Lenhardt Sr. and Marie Groh Lenhardt, he resided in Hamilton Township until 1995 when he retired and moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia with his wife of 41 years, Susan Lynne Vanderbilt Lenhardt. Mr. Lenhardt lived a full life, serving as a truck driver in Alaska during the early '60s for the U.S. Army, a firefighter for Colonial Volunteer Fire Company of Hamilton Township and for Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company, and a member of Masonic Lodge 121 in Temperanceville. He retired after 30 years with Teamster's Union 701 of New Brunswick, N.J. While a Teamster, he worked for the now defunct PIE trucking and for Tarantola trucking.

Mr. Lenhardt was named Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company Firefighter of the Year. He served as engineer and

captain at Colonial VFC, and as assistant chief and engineer at Atlantic VFC, where he also served on the board of directors.

After retiring and moving to the Eastern Shore, Mr. Lenhardt enjoyed camping, taking cruises to the Caribbean, and spending time with his family, who also live on the Shore.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his children, Marcie Lynne Lenhardt McComb and William John Lenhardt; son-in-law, Craig McComb; and grandchildren, Zachary Fowler, Alexandra McComb, and Konner McComb; six brothers; longtime friends Larry and Sara Goff of Columbus, N.J.; as well as many others from New Jersey and the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Funeral services were held at Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Monday, Dec. 12, with Rev. Donald Blogg and Rev. Robert Reese officiating. Interment was at John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery in Temperanceville.

Memorial donations may be made



Mr. Lenhardt

to Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 207, Atlantic, VA 23303. Condolences may be offered at www.salyerfh.com

Health Dep't. Secretary Dies

Catherine Guy Belote, 54, of Craddockville passed away Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at her residence.

A native of Craddockville, she is the daughter of Lorraine Best Guy of Nassawadox and the late Ernest Ward Guy. Ms. Belote was a secretary at Northampton County Health Department, and a deaconess of Pungoteague Community Church.

Other than her mother, survivors include her daughter, Danielle Ann Parks and grandchildren, Cora Elizabeth Parks, Christopher Ward Parks, Caitlin Annie Parks, Chelsea Renea Parks, all of Pocomoke; and brother, Dennis Ward Guy of Craddockville.

A celebration of life service was conducted Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Pungoteague Community Church by Pastor Bobby Carroll Huether. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Pungoteague Community Church Food Pantry, P.O. Box 3, Pungoteague, VA 23422. Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Retired Teacher Dies

Mrs. Helen Hayes Wilkins, 92, of Cheriton passed away peacefully at her residence Friday, Dec. 9, 2011.

A native of Martinsburg, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Oscar Leo Hayes and Greta Markel Hayes. Mrs. Wilkins was a retired school teacher at Cheriton Elementary School.

She was predeceased by her husband, George L. Wilkins. Survivors include her children, Kathy Wilkins of Norfolk,

Va., Linda Wilkins of Cheriton, Amy W. Elliott (and husband, James) of Cheriton, and George C. "Butch" Wilkins of Cape Charles; sister, Alda Sencindiver of Martinsburg; and grandson, Jesse C. Wilkins of Norfolk.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the SPCA Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418; or Eastern Shore Food Bank, P.O. Box 518, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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

Accomac Retiree Dies

M. Ann Devletian, 69, of Accomac died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at home.

She was the daughter of the late Herman H. and Anna Brown Eller. She was a self-employed website designer and retired from Turner Sculpture. She was a member of the Southeastern Cherokee Council and the Assateague Indians of Virginia.

She is survived by her children, Adrienne Paige Devletian of Surry, Va., Andrea Lee Morgan of Canyon Lake, Texas, Gary Artin Devletian of Winchester, Va., and Artin Bey Devletian of New York, N.Y.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

To honor her request, a private service of remembrance will be held at a later date.

Contributions in her memory may be sent to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 17, Nassawadox, VA 23413. Online condolences may be offered at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

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Property Transactions

- From Audrey Norton
To Patricia Hart
Onley parcel
For \$20,000
- From Edward and Cynthia Husbands
To Condo Cottage, LLC
Unit 22, Sea Tag Lodge
For \$168,000
- From Harold Holmes
To Dennis Custis
6 acres, Craddockville
For \$20,500
- From William and Coni Chandler
To Sally Batz and Living Trust
3 parcels near Onancock
For \$1,250,000
- From Virginia Bundick
To Donald Firkal

- 1 acre, Saxis
For \$73,000
- From John Wilson
To Annemarie Algeo
Metompkin parcel
For \$14,500
- From Waterside Land Trust, LLC
To Waterfront Marketing, Inc.
2 Pungoteague parcels
For \$80,000
- From H. Lewis
To Douglas, Ginger and Kenneth
Farinholt and Annette Martin
Saxis parcel
For \$62,000
- From BaySys Holdings, LLC
To Royal Theater, LLC (Parksley address)
Lot 22, Section II, Schooner Bay
For \$160,170
- From Brenda and Ruben Claffey Jr.
To Anne Huntington & Tankard Mahler
Property in Nassawadox

- For \$465,000
- From Corey, James, Ryan, Dorothy,
and Joseph Baines Jr.
To Joseph and Sandra Snyder
Property in Weirwood
For \$10,500
- From U.S. National Bank Association
To Bonnie and David Bauerle
Lot 25 in Kings Creek Landing near
Cape Charles
For \$320,000
- From Carole Ann Construction Co. Inc.
To Mary and Patrick Caldwell
Lot 130 at Kings Bay in Cape Charles
For \$415,900
- From Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.
To A. Wray Fitch
Property on Chincoteague
For \$129,000
- From EH Pooled 611 LP A Texas LP
To Nereo Morales & Dalila Hernandez
Mappsville parcel



Marriage Licenses Issued

- Rene Tomas-Roblero, 34, and Betty Febus, 28, both of Mappsville
- Trent Logan Cropper, 21, of Oak Hall and Sheena Marie Knitter, 26, of Onancock

- For \$17,750
- From Kenneth Thomas & Luanne Eagler
To Robert and Sarah Jillard
Atlantic parcels
For \$90,000
- From Special Commissioner James Elliott and Marston Nelson
To TNT Construction LLC
Atlantic parcel
For \$4,200
- From Waterside Land Trust, LLC
To Waterfront Marketing Inc.

- Lot 34, Waterside
For \$60,000
- From Special Commissioner James Elliott & Claudious West
To Robert Marcri & Sandra Tasker
Accomack County property
For \$3,100
- From Special Commissioner James Elliott & Raymond Demarr
To Robert Marcri & Sandra Tasker
Lot near Horntown
For \$2,100
- From Margaret Paone
To Wanda Hughes and 3 Boys, LLC
Parcel near Onancock
For \$75,000
- From Bank of NY Mellon trustee for ABFC
To CPA Housing Fund, LLC
33390 Lankford Hwy., Painter
For \$18,000
- From Special Commissioner James Elliott and Mae Floyd
To Survilla Mitchell
Melfa parcel
For \$1,035
- From Peggy McCann
To Edwin and Sandra Hellmuth
Lot 38, Henry's Point
For \$145,000
- From Phillip Ettinger
To Bobcat Builders, LLC
Chincoteague parcel
For \$39,990
- From Charles & Maureen Sharpe
To Norma Wilkins
Lot near Melfa
For \$180,000

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by Linda Thistle

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Super Crossword

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**FRIDAY
DEC. 16**

★10:30 a.m. - **Duplicate Bridge** - Sage Restaurant, Onley - 442-2474

★12:30 p.m. - **Science & Philosophy Seminar: Understanding & Paddling the Na Pali Coast** - ESCC, lecture hall, 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

★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Downing Methodist Church, Oak Hall

**MONDAY
DEC. 19**

★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. - **Northampton Branch NAACP mtg.** - Bethel Baptist Church, 7638 Bayside Rd., Franktown

★6:30 p.m. - **Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley

★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, Jenkins Bridge

★7:30 p.m. - **Accomack County Taxpayers' Assn. mtg.** - Accomack County Administration Bldg.

**WEDNESDAY
DEC. 21**

★7:45 a.m. - **Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.** - Sage Restaurant, Onley

★9:30-11:30 a.m. - **GED Class** - Head Start Ctr., Front St., Accomac - 787-1760

★10 a.m.-noon - **Accomack AARP mtg.** - Sunrise Restaurant, Onley - speaker: Sheriff Todd Godwin

★11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - **Debedeavon Toastmasters mtg.** - At NASA/ Wallops Base - call Terry at 824-1133 for base access

★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 Library

★6:30 p.m. - **E.S. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 62 mtg.** - Yellow Duck, Exmore - 442-5916

★7 p.m. - **Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group mtg.** - Riverside Shore Cancer Center, Nassawadox

★7 p.m. - **AA & Al-Anon mtgs.** - RSMH, Nassawadox

★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Painter Vol. Fire Co.

**SATURDAY
DEC. 17**

★9 a.m. - **Zumba Class** - Chincoteague YMCA - 336-3535

★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Greens, Gifts, & Goodies Sale** - Carrie Watson Clubhouse, Woman's Club of Accomack County, 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley

★10 a.m.-noon - **Santa Claus at the Library** - E.S. Public Library, Accomac - Kids will receive a free book & candy cane. - Parents bring their own cameras.

★noon - **Town of Bloxom Toy Drive** - Leave a new, unwrapped toy on your front porch for pick-up at noon by the town council.

★2 p.m. - **Hallelujah Gospel Singers and Local Groups Perform** - Oak Grove UMC, 30053 Seaside Rd., Melfa

★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock

★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.



Santa Claus is coming to Wachapreague Tuesday, Dec. 20. There will be caroling in front of the firehouse at 6 p.m.

**POST TIMES
DEC. 16 - 22**

**SUNDAY
DEC. 18**

★1 p.m. - **Santa Claus Rides the Fire Truck/Annual Saxis Vol. Fire & Rescue Co. Food Drive** - Saxis - 854-1545

★2 p.m. - **Bingo** - VFW Post 2296, Tasley

★2 p.m. - **December Birthdays Service** - Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Onancock

★3 p.m. - **Gospelrama** - Exmore Community Fire Station Banquet Room - dinner served

★3 p.m. - **Christmas Cantata** - Market St. UMC, Onancock - light refreshments served

★4 p.m. - **Christmas at Grace- Music & Reflection** - Grace UMC, Parksley

★6 p.m. - **Christmas Concert** - First Baptist Church, Capeville - Choir will be accompanied by Mr. Jamie Lewis & Mr. Harry Gaskins.

★7 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ Episcopal Church, Eastville

**TUESDAY
DEC. 20**

★9 a.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 6288 Church St., Chincoteague

★10 a.m. - **Bingo** - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900

★noon - **Church Women United mtg.** - Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock - bring sandwich

★1-2:30 p.m. - **Hospice Grief Support Prgm.** - 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. - **AA mtg.** - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles

★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. - **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

**THURSDAY
DEC. 22**

★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Veterans' Employment Representative Available** - Chincoteague Town Office

★10:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library

★11 a.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - Public Library, Accomac

★2 p.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - Northampton Public Library, Nassawadox

★5 p.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac

★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 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Trinity UMC, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles

★6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Classroom A-51, ESCC

★7 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Painter Garrisons UMC

★7 p.m. - **Town of Bloxom Christmas Lights Contest** - Have your lights on by 7 p.m. when judging will begin.



Across the Shore in 2011

Photos by Linda Cicoira

Top left- At July 4 Parade in Accomac, Sheriff Todd Godwin throws kisses. Above: Nola Dennis campaigns for the Democrats at Harvest Festival in Cape Charles and bottom left: Teacher and kids fill the hallways of Pungoteague Elementary School on first day in September.



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- 18 years of age
- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- Valid driver's license (must be able to obtain a CDL-B)
- Eligible to work in the United States
- No felony convictions
- Successful applicants shall be physically capable of performing Fire, EMS, and Rescue duties.

Fire Medic I - Qualifications:

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- EMT- Enhanced certification or higher by the VDH Office of EMS
- Firefighter II - Virginia Department of Fire Programs
- BTLs
- EVOC

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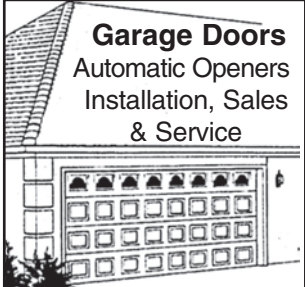
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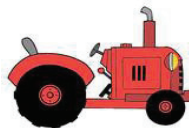
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Traditions make the holidays brighter. When I was a kid, Santa Claus brought our “real” tree and presents late on Christmas Eve. We always took the tree down on New Year’s Day. It was our way of starting fresh with the latest calendar.

My older brother and I got to open one present after midnight Mass. When my younger brother came along, we were practically grown and opened any gifts we received on Christmas Eve, so morning around the tree could be all about the baby.

He’s 39 years old now, so things have changed a bit. But I still take comfort in the practices we followed.

Another tradition, one that probably

helped ease the hustle and bustle of the season was not sending Christmas cards following a death in the family. I refused to go along with that plan when my mother passed away 11 years ago. I forged ahead, thinking that it would be a slight to God not to celebrate every aspect of Christmas in the usual way. I did the same when each of my two step-parents died.

But following the death of my father in October, I decided there was wisdom to the old way. So please, don’t be offended if you don’t get a card from Lloyd, Ratty, the cats and me this year. Keeping up has been so overwhelming. Let’s focus on other people’s traditions instead.

Eating mincemeat pies for the holiday started in Britain in the 16th century. A slice on each of the 12 days of Christmas is said to bring happy months in 2012. It is also traditional there to make a wish while stirring the Christmas pudding. The desires will come true only if stirring clockwise.

In Guatemala, children get presents on Christmas morning from the Christ child but adults do not exchange gifts until New Year’s Day. A German custom is to search for a glass pickle or-

namment hidden in the Christmas tree. The one who finds it gets good luck or an extra present. Yippee! I like that.

In Australia, Father Christmas uses six male kangaroos to guide his vehicle. In the Louisiana swamps, Santa travels in a long narrow canoe made from a tree trunk that is pulled by alligators and a red-nosed werewolf. I gather these facts; I don’t make them up.

St. Nick of the Netherlands rides on a tall white horse. In Switzerland, Santa Claus rides a donkey. In Italy, he flies in on a broom and in Hawaii he uses a dugout canoe for his journey.

In Austria, the typical Christmas dinner consists of braised carp served with gingerbread and beer sauce. Christmas baking is a tradition with dozens of different kinds of cookies, cakes and Christstollen bread made with dried fruit and covered with sugar.

Germans often feast on wild boar or venison on Christmas. The tradition the night before is to eat roast pork to prevent evil and to ensure a prosperous New Year.

The Irish cook turkey with a glaze of whiskey, honey and orange. In Jamaica, Christmas dinner usually consists of rice, peas, chicken, ox tail and cur-

ried goat. In Oaxaca, Mexico, Christmas Eve is also known as the Night of the Radishes where the vegetables are cut into animal shapes. Sounds fun.

The Dutch eat chicken stuffed with sauerkraut. They pick chicken because the animals scratch the ground, which symbolizes covering the old year. Coastal Norwegians feast on fish on Christmas Eve while those residing further inland choose pork chops, sausages and lamb. After they eat and open presents, all the brooms in the house are hidden so witches and mischievous spirits can’t come out and ride them.

The traditional Christmas Eve supper in Poland consists of 12 dishes — mostly fish and vegetables — representing each month of the year. In Scotland, a traditional dish of mashed potatoes, carrots, onion and butter is served. The Swiss hide an almond inside rice pudding. Whoever gets the nut has good luck in the New Year. In Italy, tortellini filled with turkey, ham, and sausage is eaten on Christmas Day.

I read somewhere that one could eat their Christmas tree. The needles are supposed to be good for you. Don’t believe it, unless you’re a beetle.

Happy Holiday!

Post Office Mail

Recent Meeting Was Encouraging for Bay Clean-Up

Dear Editor:

Last week I had the opportunity to engage with residents of Virginia’s Eastern Shore regarding the Watershed Implementation Plan that the commonwealth is developing. I thank Del. Lynwood Lewis for organizing the public forum.

This plan is critical to ensuring that pollution is reduced sufficiently to restore the health of creeks, streams, and rivers on the Shore, as well as the Chesapeake Bay. A sustained and robust dialogue with all interested partners is necessary to ensure that the plan is sufficient, realistic, and supported by those who will be responsible for its implementation. Given the standing-room-only attendance at the forum, it likely will take little effort to continue that dialogue.

This process may not seem new or foreign to some Shore residents, as Virginia has developed restoration plans before for its major river basins — including the Eastern Shore. The difference this time is that federal Clean Water Act requirements, legal challenges, and commitments made by the Chesapeake Executive Council (the top executives in each

bay jurisdiction) require that the plan be achievable and spell out the specific actions that will be taken, and the resources needed, to carry out the task. EPA is tasked with tracking progress and ensuring adequate accountability along the way.

Virginia, the other bay states, and the District of Columbia have been working cooperatively for more than 30 years to restore the Chesapeake Bay and rivers that feed into it — the new process affords us another 14 years (until 2025) to complete the job.

As someone who has lived in Virginia for 15 years, raised my children here, and worked on bay restoration efforts from a variety of perspectives, I can say unequivocally that fully restoring the health of our waters is within our reach. The commonwealth has been investing aggressively in upgrading sewage treatment plants, farmers have put in place impressive numbers of conservation practices on their lands, and urban localities are beginning to implement innovative approaches to decrease the impacts from polluted stormwater runoff. These are the same efforts that are needed to restore our rivers — we simply need to do more of each.

I don’t mean to imply that developing the restoration plan or implementing the necessary actions will be easy; it will not. If it was, we would have completed the job by now. However, I do know, from years of work on this issue, that Virginians want us to succeed. With a renewed commitment at all levels

of government, a willingness to think creatively, and ability to adapt our actions as we learn and try new things, we can finally achieve a simple goal that has been outside our reach for so long — clean water.

Jeff Corbin, U.S. EPA Administrator

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