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## Five Dead in Mass Shooting in Gargatha

By Linda Cicaira

Police believe a shooting spree that left five dead in Gargatha last weekend occurred when Esteban Quintero-Gonzales, 37, of Parksley forced his way into a trailer and gunned down his two young children, their mother and another woman before turning the weapon on himself.

Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin said the incident occurred at around 5 p.m. Dec. 15. Initially, police were called out to a "possible suicide" at 28039 6th St. When the officers arrived, the five bodies were found. According to Godwin, "Investigators spent hours processing the scene, collecting evidence and conducting interviews." They also probed four vehicles that were parked in the front yard of the wooded lot.

The Norfolk Medical Examiner's office determined all five died from gunshot wounds. Among the dead were Zaydy Maria Reyes Gonzalez, 20, Evelyn Colon-Matias, 27, Jesus Quintero-Colon, 10, and Ana Estefani Quintero-Colon, 9.

Esteban Quintero-Gonzales and Evelyn Colon-Matias were "involved in ongoing custody hearings" regarding their children, said Godwin. The other woman, a native of Honduras, was a tenant at the murder scene and allowed Colon-Matias and the kids to live in the trailer.

Esteban Gonzalez's death was ruled by the medical examiner as a "suicide" inflicted by a "shotgun wound to the head and neck," spokesperson Glen McBride of that office said.

Zaydy Reyes Gonzalez's death was a "homicide" caused by "multiple shotgun wounds," McBride said. Evelyn Matias died from a "shotgun wound of the

Photo by Linda Cicaira



head." Both children died from shotgun wounds "to the face," the spokesperson added.

School officials heard who the children were on Dec. 16 and got prepared. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Hall said a crisis team was alerted on Friday for both Kegotank and Metompkin elementary schools, even though police had not yet provided the

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## Onancock Homicide

By Linda Cicaira

A 25-year-old woman died at a Norfolk hospital this week after suffering a gunshot wound in what police called a "domestic dispute" at her Onancock home Tuesday.

Accomack Sheriff Todd Godwin said officers were called to the Pine Street Apartments at around 10:35 p.m. after the Eastern Shore 911 Center received a report of gunfire.

Onancock's rescue squad took Kiara Shane Corbin to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, according to Godwin. She was transferred to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital where she died.

Alphonso Gregory Logan Jr, 27, of Onancock was arrested at the scene, Godwin said. Logan has been charged with second-degree murder, malicious wounding and use of a firearm in a felony. The wounding charge was later changed to murder after Corbin died. Logan is being held in Accomack County Jail with bond denied.



Photo by Cheryl Nowak

At top, Investigator Anthony Bright of Accomack County Sheriff's Office and Special Agent Robert Barnes of State Police probe the death scene at Gargatha Friday.

At left, plainclothes and uniformed deputies keep the site secure Thursday evening, shortly after the homicides.

# Dredging Tops Wachapreague's Christmas Wish List

By Linda Cicoira

Shoaling is a big problem in the Wachapreague Channel and other nearby waterways, says Mayor Dan Bilicki of the Little City by the Sea.

Wednesday night he provided Accomack County supervisors with minutes of a recent meeting on the Virginia Inside Passage where the critical situation was surmised to be a threat to national security and local law-enforcement, marsh and offshore emergency response, Coast Guard and NASA operations, and the livelihood and safety of local watermen.

He said the town plans to start a letter campaign to state and federal officials in January to ask for dredging assistance.

Concerns include grounded vessels, boat maintenance delays, inability to "consistently and accurately place aids to navigation (and) for marking hazards in the water" and possible environmental issues. The minutes conclude that the Wachapreague Coast Guard station "is a key location" and "serves as a connection between Chincoteague and Cape Charles. The next station is too far away to provide adequate search and rescue response time."

It was also noted that NASA launch "security zones to control the flight path for rockets" could be compromised. "Launches have strict limitations, are extremely costly to stage, and typically have multiple numbers of launches to perform during a small window of time. NASA will not launch if an unauthorized vehicle is in the area so there is potential for millions of dollars to be lost."

## Atlantic Town Center

Attorney Mark Baumgartner represents a developer who wants to build a housing/retail center in Wattsville. He told the Board of Supervisors that a "minority of people" have objected to his client's proposed sewage plant in Atlantic because unlike the majority of Accomack residents, they "aren't on food stamps, aren't living below the poverty level, don't need jobs (and) don't need change so they don't want change."

Baumgartner contended the center would bring 2,500 permanent jobs and that \$368 million would be spent on it over several years.

Residents who live in Atlantic have told the Planning Commission they don't want the sewage plant in their backyards but wouldn't necessarily object to it being near the development. They also have complained about the possibility of it polluting Watts Bay.

## County Office Space

Accomack County Public Works Director Stewart Hall urged the supervisors to consider "better and larger space for government operations." He reminded them that five county departments are housed in leased buildings that cost \$76,000 annually.

At the Parks and Recreation Department office, three or four ceiling tiles have to be replaced every time it rains.

"There are buckets above the dropped ceiling to collect water," said Hall. While the owner is planning to start making repairs next week, "for the long term it will not serve the needs. We need a better space for these folks."

Hall said the old brick building (which was once a drugstore) needs more mortar between the bricks. "There's not a whole lot holding those on." In addition, lead encased windows are deteriorating.

In 2006, a county study showed it would cost \$11 million to relocate offices in a renovated Accomack Primary School with an annex for the five departments, an enlarged board meeting room and more. The plan also included enlarging the health and sheriff department buildings.

## Graduation Rates

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Benson of Accomack Schools said the county's on-time graduation rate is a real challenge at 79 percent. The state average is 86.6 percent.

"That's something we need to attend to," he told the supervisors. "We can do better ... we're going to improve ... Every student child should be getting some kind of diploma" and follow "paths in which they are successful."

The supervisors also:

- asked staff to report back on pros and cons of county employees going to a

four-day work week to conserve money;

- appointed Supervisor Grayson Chesser to the Resource Conservation & Development Commission, Jeb Wilson to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and Brantley T. Onley to the Planning Commission;

- re-appointed Nancy Duncan to the Airport Commission, Sallye Dukes to the Eastern Shore Community Services Board and Christina Ross to the Harborton Public Facilities Committee;

- commended the Finance Department for receiving a national award for work on the budget;

- commended Vernon and Cathy Bell for their work toward raising \$26,025 for the Eastern Shore Association for Retarded Citizens over the last three decades through an annual Seaside Half Marathon;


- met in a closed session "to discuss honorary degrees or special awards," after which no action was taken;

- scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18, 2012, in chambers regarding a rezoning request for the proposed new hospital in Onley.

- favored a policy and agreement previously approved by the Fire and Rescue Commission that requires all companies to obtain fidelity bonds. If the county decides to pay for the bond, the cost would be \$250 per company for a total of \$3,750.

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# WITH ONLY TWO SHOPPING DAYS LEFT ...

By Linda Cicaira

Acomack and Northampton residents planned to spend about the same amount for presents for their loved ones this holiday season as they did in 2010, according to an email survey conducted by the Eastern Shore Post.

The poll showed that 46 percent would keep their spending at the same level. About 41 percent have cut back because of economic restraints and around 13 percent will dish out more dollars for gifts than they did last year.

The amount of spending varied. Some said they would lavish a total of \$50 on their loved ones while others admitted to spending as much as \$2,000. The average holiday shopping spree was about \$550.

"It's my FAVORITE time of year!" wrote Kirstyn Gecina of Craddockville. She plans to spend between \$400 and \$500, matching 2010 or "maybe a little more." It takes "FOREVER to get my shopping done because I want the gifts to be perfect."

"Every Christmas Eve, my mom

gives me a new pair of pajamas to wear so I will be able to wake up on Christmas morning with them," Gecina added. "She has been doing this ever since I was really little. My family also celebrates Christmas Eve by eating and serving seven different kinds of fish."

Laura Naylor of Melfa plans to spend about \$100 on presents, which is "much lower than previous years. Due to the economic situation our extended family decided to put a \$10 cap on gifts and concentrate on enjoying time together as a family."

Her favorite edible treat is a White Coconut Cream Christmas pie. Naylor's family prefers a real Christmas tree, but "will use fake. We've run out of room to plant real ones and I won't cut down a tree just to decorate." The Naylor's go caroling every year. They also have a tradition of giving "party poppers" that have surprises inside.

Bobby Carroll Huether of Pungoteague wrote he would spend about \$800 on gifts, which is about the same as last year. He attends three parties and

will host one. There is a "battle in my house" over Christmas trees. "My wife has several fake trees, but I have one live cedar tree for the smell."

"I look forward to the spiritual side" of Christmas, said Huether. But he dislikes "the commercial side of it."

"I like doing my shopping in person," he continued. "I like to be able to hold and examine what I'm buying. My wife is getting into online shopping more, but 95 percent of our shopping is done in person."

Susan and Dan Davis of Exmore wrote they would be spending less this year. "Our daughter just got married and so we're trimming back. I love to shop online because I can find exactly what I want for the cheapest price and at Christmas, shipping is almost always free!"

"I love it because all of our children and grandchildren are together and it's merry and fun!" Susan Davis said of Christmas. They will attend services. "Absolutely, after all, it is about Christ's birth! And I will forever respond to 'Happy Holidays' with 'MER-

RY CHRISTMAS!' It never offended anyone years ago and I don't think it offends now. I'm not offended by the Star of David because I'm not Jewish."

Rose Pierson of Onley said unfortunately she wouldn't be spending much for Christmas. "Every year it's less and less."

Janet Dudley of Cape Charles will probably spend \$1,000 for gifts, which is "less than previous years ... is there such a thing as the perfect gift?" she asked. "I select presents with the person in mind, and don't give it unless I would want to receive it myself."

Angie Crutchley of Onancock is looking forward to Boxing Day, Dec. 26, her "33rd BIRTHDAY!"

She won't be spending much on Christmas. "It'll be sugared pecans, cookies and treats for most everyone this year except the kids. It'll be less than last year, but I've made homemade gifts before and had a ball with it ... it truly is my favorite time of year. I love seeing all my families and friends on Christmas. I love the lights, the TV specials, the programs and all the happiness."



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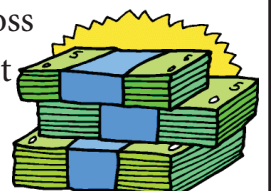
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# District 9 Candidates Proved To Be Biggest Spenders in Recent Races

By Linda Cicoira

The amount of money spent by Accomack and Northampton candidates who ran for county supervisor in the November 2011 General Election was detailed on the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) website this week.

In Accomack, Supervisor Robert Crockett of District 6 ran unopposed for his first term after being appointed to the board. He got the most votes — 890 or 99.4 percent — and didn't spend any money, according to [www.vpap.org](http://www.vpap.org)

In other uncontested races, Supervisor Wanda Thornton spent \$100 and garnered 858 votes (98.2 percent). District 2 Supervisor Ron Wolff put out \$10 and got 96.8 percent of the votes (687). District 3 Supervisor Grayson Chesser spent \$300 and got 99.3 percent (556).

It cost District 5 Supervisor Jack Gray \$1,000 to run his unopposed race. He got 98.9 percent of the ballots (617). District 8 Supervisor Donald Hart also had no competition. He spent \$40 and got 1,073 votes (97.6 percent).

There were three races for board seats. Challenger and winner Kay Lew-

is of District 4 spent \$576 and got 52.9 percent (523 votes). Incumbent Sandra Hart-Mears put out \$327 and got 464 ballots (47 percent).

District 7 Supervisor Laura Belle Gordy spent \$949 and won with 65.4 percent (821 votes). Challenger Emory Hurst showed no spending and got 260 votes (20.7 percent). Troy Farlow also registered for the race but dropped out.

## Three Pulled from Bay by Passing Boater

A good Samaritan rescued three people near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel last Thursday.

Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads watchstanders were notified at approx-

imately 2 p.m. that three people were in the water after their vessel sank.

He spent \$371 and got 88 votes (7 percent), according to the site. In District 9, incumbent Reneta Major spent \$3,101 and won with 54.8 percent of the vote (595). Challenger Wesley Edwards spent \$4,099 and got 491 votes (45.2 percent).

"Totals reflect amounts spent by each candidate's primary campaign account," according to the website.

In Northampton, Richard Hubbard won the race for District 4 supervisor against a write-in campaigner. He showed no spending and captured 544 votes (76.7 percent). District 5 Supervisor Larry Trala retained his position. He spent \$411 and got 63.7 percent (467 votes). Challenging him was former Supervisor Elizabeth Mapp, who put out \$589 and received 266 votes (36.3 percent).

The Coast Guard issued an urgent marine information broadcast and launched a crew from Station Little

Creek aboard a 45-foot Response Boat.

The good Samaritan aboard the fishing vessel *Official Business* was near the scene and able to recover everyone.

The Coast Guard arrived on-scene and

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identities of the two children.

"Impact was great at both schools" where grief-stricken teachers were allowed to go home, Hall said. Earlier this week when the identities were made, letters went out to parents telling them that counselors were available to students and their families, Hall said.

The trailer and property where the killings occurred be-

longs to Henry and Wanda Johnson of Parksley and is accessed via pot-holed dirt streets that branch off Diamond Springs Boulevard. Entrance to the mobile home park is from Gargatha Landing Road about a tenth of a mile from Lankford Highway.

All five of the victims were members a local church where funerals were either held this week or were being planned.

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# Local Statistics Show Rates of Some Cancers Down

By Linda Cicoira

The number of new local cases of cancer was down in 2010, according to a report released this week by the Cancer Registry of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital (CRRSMH).

"Significant results show decreases in colorectal, breast and urinary bladder cases and increased numbers of new prostate cancer cases," wrote Dr. Drury Stith. "We will have to wait several years to see if these represent trends in cancer rates." Stith has more than 35 years of experience in hematology and oncology and was instrumental in starting the Shore's cancer program.

"Lung cancer remains a serious problem on the Shore, with 41 new cases in 2010," he said. Thirty-two of the patients (78 percent) presented with Stage 3 or 4 disease. "The chance of curing these patients is quite slim or impossible," Stith explained. "Attention to smoking cessation efforts and encouraging patients not to disregard symptoms may help this situation. Screening with periodic CT scans is promising as a form of early detection."

Thirty-six percent of all the cancer center's local patients had advanced-stage disease, about the same as in 2009, according to the report.

In 2010, of the 200 local residents with cancer, 118 were male and 82 were female. A breakdown of patients showed 26 males and 15 females with lung cancer, nine males and five females with colorectal cancer, six males and four females with melanoma, three males with oral cavity cancer,

four males with pancreatic cancer, six males and six females with other digestive cancers, 15 with female genitalia cancer, 23 females with breast cancer, 41 males with prostate cancer, five males and one female with urinary system cancer, one female with brain cancer, five males and two females with lymphomas, six males and five females with hematopoietic cancer, and seven males and five females with other cancers.

For 2010, the 41 lung cancer patients compared to an average of 48 for the previous 13 years, 14 with colon and rectal cancer compared to an average of 28 annually from 1996 to 2009, 10 with melanoma compared to an average of 16, 41 with prostate cancer compared to the average of 28, 23 with breast cancer compared to the average of 37, five with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma compared to the average of seven, four with pancreatic compared to an average of five, six with urinary bladder cancer compared to an average of 11, eight with blood diseases compared to an average of five; nine with corpus uteri (uterine) cancer compared to an average of six; and five with ovarian cancer compared to an average of two.

There were 1,779 chemotherapy treatments, 2,816 other treatments, 277 blood transfusions and 3,263 miscellaneous procedures given at the cancer center in 2010, the report stated. Patients also received non-cancer-related therapy such as iron infusions, antibiotic infusions and treatments for rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease. In the Radiation

Pavilion, there were 89 new patients and 64 established patients treated, for a total of 3,012 radiation treatments in 2010.

Excluding cancers of the skin, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women on the Shore, according to Dr. David Klein, a local oncologist with more than 30 years' experience. Nationwide, "there are approximately 210,000 new cases of breast cancer annually and 40,000 deaths," he wrote in the report. "It is the primary cause of death in women age 46-59. Only lung cancer accounts for more cancer deaths in women."

"Rates of breast cancer increased between 1980 and 1987, and then fell in the first decade of 2000, most likely due to a decreased use of hormones as the medical profession began to understand the detrimental effects of combined estrogen and progesterone replacement therapy," noted Klein. "Along with the overall decrease in incidence, there was a decrease in the mortality rate due to earlier detection and a better understanding of the biology of the tumor, leading to improved methods of treatment."

"In most cases, we do not know the cause of breast cancer, why one woman will get it while many others do not," said Klein. "One exception is the discovery of the BRCA1 and 2 genetic abnormalities. This is a mismatched gene that can be inherited from one's mother or father. The presence of this abnormality dramatically increases the risk of breast cancer, as well as prostate cancer in men and ovarian

cancer in women. If a breast cancer patient is positive for either of the genes, his or her offspring might wish to be tested, and, if positive, consider prophylactic bilateral mastectomies which will prevent breast cancer in greater than 90% of cases (as well as removing the ovaries to prevent ovarian cancer). ...Breast cancer usually presents with a painless lump. Other signs can be dimpling of the breast, a newly inverted nipple, or breast skin changes."

CRRSMH maintains a database on 4,100 cases of cancer diagnosed and/or treated at the facility since Jan. 1, 1996.

Analytic cases are those newly diagnosed and/or having a first course of treatment. In 2010, 200 of the 232 local cases were analytic, down from the 13-year annual average of 265 total cases and 226 analytic cases. The Registry maintains a 93 percent follow-up rate for analytic cases.

During 2010, the Registry was inspected and approved by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, the report stated.

Riverside makes "every effort to treat patients according to National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines and our studies show that we consistently rank in the highest percentiles when compared to the National Cancer Database (NCDB) in accomplishing this goal. Breast cancer patients at RSMH tend to present at an older age and more advanced stage when compared nationally. When compared to NCDB survival figures from 1998-2003, the survival of breast cancer patients at RSMH was inferior to national averages. ... Patients at RSMH from 2004-2006 show markedly improved survival, comparable to national rates."

RSMH and the cancer center earned the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission, an independent group that monitors health-care quality. The hospital's cancer program is accredited as a Community Hospital Cancer Program by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons — a distinction attained by only 25 percent of hospitals nationwide.

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## Court Postings

By Linda Cicaira

### Accomack District Court

Two Accomack Jail inmates filed assault and battery complaints last month in Accomack General District Court against a Parksley man being held without bond on charges of murder and related crimes.

Papers in one of the cases were served to 24-year-old Brian Marquis Northan at Eastern Shore Regional Jail, where he was transferred. The complaints come from Justin Cameron Harrison, 23, of Parksley, who is awaiting trial for robbery with a baseball bat in October, and Richard Williams, 53, of Painter, who is serving time for eluding police and violating probation.

Harrison said, "I was being told by four different people that after the commanding officer (C.O.) made his next round that either I fought them or I was getting jumped anyway ... Northan came and hit me in the back of the head. The C.O. witnessed it."

Williams claims, "I was sitting on my bed" when Northan and two other inmates "came in my cell and attack(ed)

me," took "my commissary and started hitting me with soap in a sock."

Northan, who lived on Leslie Trent Road, is scheduled to go to trial for capital murder of Anthony Wayne Wilson, 46, of Felton, Del. He also was indicted on charges of robbing Wilson, use of a firearm in the murder and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Wilson was found dead at the scene of a traffic accident near Parksley on June 24, 2010. Northan's trial is set for September 2012.

### Accomack Circuit Court

Michael Allen Isdale, 19, of Chincoteague was given a three-year suspended sentence in Accomack Circuit court last week for grand larceny of property belonging to William T. Davis on April 23, according to court records.

Isdale was put on indefinite probation and was ordered to pay restitution of \$725. Court costs were \$420.

### Northampton Circuit Court

Norman Hugh Thomas, 43, of Painter pleaded guilty Monday in Northampton Circuit Court to grand larceny and a third offense of petty larceny, according to Commonwealth's Attorney Bruce Jones. Sentencing was deferred pending completion of a presentence report.



## Soldiers on Parade

A toy soldier marches down Market Street during Onancock's annual Christmas Parade last weekend.

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# Recently Published Books Have Definite Ties to Shore

By Cheryl Nowak

I have just finished reading two pretty good books with very local connections. Ironically, each is something of a reverse of the other.

One was written by a local author who takes us off the Shore for her stories. The other was penned by a seasoned writer from Danville, Va., who sets her story right here.

“Victoria Stories” is written by Jean Hall, better known around these parts for her long service with the Accomack County School System, most notably as director of special education for many years.

But Hall’s book has nothing to do with her career. Rather, it is a compilation of detailed memories of her youth in Victoria, Va., a small town located in the middle of the commonwealth.

It doesn’t take long to get caught up in Hall’s childhood, almost as if you are her companion as she rides her bike to the 5 and 10 Cents Store or jumps across Wooding’s Creek.

Though several reviews of “Victoria

Stories” remark on its familiarity to anyone who grew up in a small town, I would have to disagree. For me, the whole point of the book is not its general resemblance to every other town, but its uniqueness as THIS hometown, THIS trove of childhood memories. As I see it, Hall took great pains to meticulously describe every nuance of every vignette in her memoir. She distinguishes Victoria as THE home of her upbringing. If it resembles someone else’s memories, so be it. They can write their own book.

Hall’s recollection of details is uncanny, from “the odor of aged, dusty varnish and dry wood” as she creeps up the creaky back church steps, to the names and characteristics of every neighbor within a generous radius of her childhood home.

And she can write. Very well, in fact.

Each time I picked up “Victoria’s Stories” to read a bit more, it was like returning to a place I had never been, but somehow clearly knew. It was always a welcome escape.

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Danville native Frankie Y. Bailey’s mystery, “Forty Acres and a Soggy Grave,” actually takes place on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. It is downright fascinating to read about characters slipping to the library in Accomac or touring the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo. Then there’s the story’s suspect from Onley and occasional conversations about local chicken processors and migrant labor issues. Even the author’s “Acknowledgments” recognize several people we all know personally.

Now an associate professor in the School of Criminal Justice at the University at Albany in New York, Bailey still considers herself a “proud Virginian” and describes herself as “a mystery writer who explores social issues in my fiction.”

A graduate of Virginia Tech, she has been writing mysteries for years. “Forty Acres” is the latest in a series featuring fictional crime historian Lizzie Stuart.

And it’s a good read, a traditional “who dunnit” in the best sense of the phrase.

## Deer Donations Still Needed

The Eastern Shore Chapter of Hunters for the Hungry has seen a reduction of deer turned in to the program this year. The program is about half-way to its goal of 300 deer.

The program enables hunters to donate a field-dressed deer to be processed into ground meat that is distributed through the Food Bank and Lighthouse Ministries. It costs \$45 a deer to process, the expense paid by

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The processors this year are Brent Powell in Wachapreague (787-7107) and Bill Custis at the “Deer Barn” in Cashville (710-0892). There are refrigerated collection coolers at B&B Convenience Store in Machipongo and the Food Bank in Tasley.



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**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**Wallops** Two local communities were among 57 across the state to qualify for the designation Tree City USA. Wallops and Onancock City USA certification satisfy guidelines from the Arbor Day Foundation.

“Trees are much more than a pretty face,” said Barbara White, urban and community forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF). “They’re vital to our quality of life and the environment – trees are part of our ‘green infrastructure.’ They help clean the air we breathe and the water we drink. And, when properly placed beside a home, trees can even help us conserve energy.” The NASA Langley Research Center and the Town of Broadway are new to the list this year.

The 2011 designees are listed (on the next page). Criteria include: having a Tree Board or Department; a Tree Care Ordinance; a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

**Saxis** The waters around Michaels and Free School Marsh are now open to waterfowl hunting from floating blinds.

The Free School Marsh that makes up the huntable portion of Saxis Wildlife Management Area, as well as the designated waterfowl refuge of Michaels Marsh, had been closed to stationary and floating blinds. A recent regulation change that went into effect on July 1, 2011, now allows hunters pursuing waterfowl to access these areas using floating blinds.

In the section known as Michaels Marsh, waterfowl hunting is prohibited in all marsh above mean high tide and in the creeks running into the marsh. There has been no change in the regulation in regards to prohibition of construction and hunting from stationary blinds in the areas of Free School and Michaels Marsh.

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# Mile POSTS



## Debbie Daniels and Ina Birch Earn Award

Two of the four statewide winners of the 2011 Virginia Community College System Chancellor's Award for Workforce Development Services are from Eastern Shore Community College.

Debbie Daniels of Painter and Ina Birch of Melfa recently received recognition at the annual Virginia HIRE Education Conference awards banquet for their contributions to the development of the local workforce.

ESCC Dean of Workforce Development Services Eddie Swain noted, "I shouldn't be surprised, because so many employees and partners do so much good work here at ESCC. But to have ESCC representatives bring back half of the state-level awards to the smallest college in the commonwealth, well, that is exciting!"

Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover, ESCC's president, added, "This is just one more example of how ESCC, even though it is small, makes a big difference in our community. Debbie Daniels and Ina Birch are two of the dedicated employees who make it possible for ESCC to make the Eastern Shore a better place to live, work and raise a family. It is also great that the Virginia Community College System again recognized the impact made by ESCC and our employees."

Daniels received the award for occupation specific instruction for her work as ESCC's first career-technical education specialist. In this position, Daniels assists and advises career-technical students on issues ranging from study skills, certification test preparation and career planning to class scheduling and academic paperwork. Daniels also is taking a leadership role on a new, grant-funded project, "Shore Success," which aims to help recent GED graduates enroll in college-level course work.

Birch has many roles at ESCC, and received the award in community service. Birch works in ESCC's Adult Education Department and recently led the development of a new program to help GED graduates transition into post-secondary coursework. She has also worked in ESCC's model youth mentoring and college preparation program, "Project Horizons," and has just taken on a new role as the case manager in the "Shore Success" program.

Michelle Spangler, ESCC's Workforce Investment Act Program coordinator, presented the women with their local awards. Said Spangler, "Ina Birch and Debbie Daniels are two outstanding women with whom I have the pleasure to work closely. They go out of their way to motivate, to inspire, and to support those with whom they work. I am proud to say that they are my colleagues, and I don't want to imagine my professional life without them."

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managing over nine natural area preserves in that special part of Virginia." He explained, "Recipients of this award have exhibited the utmost dedication to their work and have gone above and beyond their required job duties. This is certainly true in the case of Dot Field, who soldiered on after a fire in November 2010 destroyed her workspace, tools, records and even personal items. Field went to great lengths to ensure this tragedy did not interfere with her work, even setting up an office in her own home."



- a daughter, born to Maria Saquic of Accomac Dec. 10
- a son, born to Polly and Mark Bundy Jr. of Machipongo Dec. 11

- a daughter, born to Kayla Lewis of Onancock Dec. 12
- a daughter, born to Kelly and Dan Brewster of Belle Haven Dec. 12
- a son, born to Veronica Martinez and Beltran Perrera of Parksley Dec. 12
- a son, born to Shameks Holmes and Dontrelle Wlaker of Painter Dec. 13
- a son, born to Lucrecia Perez and Maximino Hernandez of Parksley Dec. 13
- a daughter, born to Merissa and Mark Farmer of Harborton Dec. 13
- a daughter, born to Heather Jenkins and Johnathan Stevens of Eastville Dec. 14
- a son, born to Tomasa Canil Valasquez of Mappsville Dec. 15



Field

## Dot Field Presented DCR Linda Cox Award

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) recently honored Dot Field of Exmore with the Linda Cox Award for 2011.

Presenting the award, DCR Director David A. Johnson commended "Dot Field's firm commitment to her role as the Eastern Shore Region steward,

The Linda Cox Award is one of the top honors given by the DCR each year. In 2007, Field spearheaded the start of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists and she has been its advisor ever since. In addition to her full-time land management job, Field has inspired Master Naturalist members to volunteer for over 70 ongoing projects and is the key organizer of the annual new member training programs. She has developed five 40-hour courses since 2007, providing more than 90 Eastern Shore residents with the training needed to become Virginia Master Naturalists.

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## Obituaries

### Nassawadox Woman Dies

**Mary T. Scarborough**, 97, of Nassawadox died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Nassawadox.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 17, at New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Exmore. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Smith and Scott Funeral Home, Accomac.

### Birdsnest Resident Dies

**Mr. Coley Leon Thomas**, 77, of Birdsnest died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 17, at Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Pungoteague. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Smith and Scott Funeral Home, Accomac.

### Horntown Resident Dies

**Betty Ann Taylor**, 74, of Horntown died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at Shore

Life Health & Rehab at Parksley.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 17, at Deas Chapel in Horntown. Interment was in Trinity Church Cemetery in Pocomoke, Md.

Arrangements were made by Smith and Scott Funeral Home, Accomac.

### Bloxom Store Owner Dies

**Mrs. Lois Johnson Ayers**, 94, of Hopeton passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at Arcadia Nursing and Rehab Center.

Mrs. Ayers was the daughter of the late Lavenia and Fletcher Lee Johnson. She was a homemaker, but you could often find her assisting her husband at their general store in Bloxom. Mrs. Ayers loved crossword puzzles and was a member of Parksley Baptist Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, E. Winfred Ayers. Survivors include her sons, Gary W. Ayers (and wife, Terry) of Youngsville, N.C., and Wayne J. Ayers of Joppa, Md.; grandson, Gary Wayne Ayers of Macon, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Friday, Dec. 16, by Rev. John Cullop.

Interment was in Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

### Parksley Resident Dies

**Mr. George "Walker" Harmon**, 75, of Parksley passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at his residence.

Born in Keller, he was a son of the late George D. and Margaret W. Harmon. Mr. Harmon served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a master Mason, past master of Central Lodge 300 AF&AM, and member of the Scottish Rite Bodies.

Mr. Harmon is survived by his wife, Jacci Webber Harmon; sons, Brian Walker Harmon of Grafton, Va., and George Morris Harmon of Parksley; sisters, Margaret Ann Colburn, Mary Rose Lazenby, and Donna Bralley; brothers, James "Butch" Harmon and Ronnie Harmon; seven nieces; and five nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Nancy Harmon Sawyer.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday, Dec. 17, at Grace U.M. Church in Parksley by Rev. Don Jamison.

Memorial donations may be made to Grace U.M. Church, P.O. Box 156, Parksley, VA 23421; the SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418; or the charity of one's choice. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements were made by Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

### Owner of Wachapreague Corner Store Dies

**Mrs. Margaret Davis Carpenter**, 79, a lifelong resident of Wachapreague, passed away Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

Born in Wachapreague, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Ethel Hornsby Davis, and sister of the late Carrie Webb Nevin.

For 50 years, Mrs. Carpenter worked in, and later owned and operated, the corner store in Wachapreague, known as Carpenter's Grocery. She was long-time organist and a devoted member of Ocean View U.M. Church.

Survivors include her husband, Oliver "Ott" Carpenter; daughter, Claudia Carpenter Harmon (and husband,

Ronnie) of Melfa; granddaughter, Carrie Harmon DeLong (and husband, Matt); and great-granddaughter, Lillia Carrington DeLong, all of Suffolk, Va.

Graveside services were conducted at Wachapreague Cemetery Sunday, Dec. 18, by Rev. Sallye Bowen.

Memorial donations may be made to Ocean View U.M. Church, c/o Charlotte Paul, P.O. Box 310, Wachapreague, VA 23480; or to Riverside Shore Rehabilitation Center (RSRC) Activity Fund, 26181 Parksley Rd., Parksley, VA 23421. Memory tributes may be shared at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements were made by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

### Retired Grocer Dies

**Mrs. Margaret Custis Campbell**, 83, wife of the late Joe W. Campbell of Painter passed away Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at her residence.

A native of Onancock, she was the daughter of the late Floyd and Ethel Custis. She was the retired owner of Campbell's Grocery in Painter and a member of Painter Garrison U.M. Church.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by her son, William C. Campbell (and wife, Connie) of Painter; granddaughter, Amy C. Cooper of Painter; brothers, Tommy Custis (and wife, Lillian) of Smyrna, Del., and Scotty Custis (and wife, Louise) of New Castle, Del.; sisters, Connie Trader (and husband, Billy) of Onancock, Annie Johnston of Accomac, Norma Justis (and husband, Ames) of Onancock, Betty Grotton of Delmar, Del., and Linda Bullis of Delmar; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by four brothers, Roland Custis, Donald Custis, Floyd Custis and Coby Custis.

A graveside service was conducted Thursday, Dec. 22, at Onancock Cemetery by Rev. Rebecca McGee and Rev. Bobby Parks.

Memorial donations may be made to Painter Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 275, Painter, VA 23420; or to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417; or to Painter Garrison U.M. Church, P.O. Box 206, Painter, VA 23420. Online condolences may be offered at [www.doughtyfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com)

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## Accomac Resident Dies

**Mrs. Angela Sue Morgan**, 44, of Accomac, formerly of Ohio, passed away Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at her home.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, she was a daughter of Charles Raymond Burkhardt of Wildwood, Fla., and the late Philis Jean Workman Williams. Mrs. Morgan was a homemaker and a member of Baptist Bible Church in Accomac.

In addition to her father, survivors include her husband, Wilburn Lee Morgan Jr.; children, Jeffery B. Shaffer of Tallahassee, Fla., Shaun Morgan of Hernando, Fla., Josh Morgan of Nelsonia, Ethan Morgan of Nelsonia, and Brandon Morgan of Accomac; sisters, Christi Burkhardt and Deana Burkhardt; brother, Chuck Burkhardt; and grandchildren, Faith Shaffer, Blake Shaffer, Dylan Morgan and Joshua Andrew Morgan Jr.

A memorial service was conducted at Baptist Bible Church in Accomac Thursday, Dec. 22, by Pastor James Chalfant.

Memory tributes may be shared at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements were made by Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

## Painter Native Dies

**Mr. Jay Tee Campbell**, 83, of Alexandria, Va., formerly of Painter, passed away at Capitol Hospice in Arlington, Va., Monday, Dec. 19, 2011.

Born in Painter, Mr. Campbell was a son of the late John Tom Campbell and Mary Custis Belote Campbell. He served in the U.S. Army in the occupation forces division stationed in Germany. He later retired from Hechinger, a home improvement retailer, as a business analyst.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his sister, Louise C. Mapp of Temperanceville; brother, Francis Lee Campbell (and wife, Gladys) of Charlottesville, Va.; nephews, Mark H. Mapp (and wife, Mary) of York, Pa., Gary S. Campbell (and wife, Debbie), Jeffrey T. Campbell (and wife, Sharon), and Shawn L. Campbell, all of Charlottesville; niece, Laura Mapp Weston of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two great-nephews; five great-nieces; three great-great-nephews; and two great-great-nieces.

Graveside services will be conducted at John W. Taylor Cemetery in Temperanceville today, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. by Rev. Wayne Parsley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, MD 21803.

Memory tributes may be shared at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements were made by Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

## Seafood Businessman Dies

**Mr. John Howard West** of Oyster died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox two weeks after his 60th birthday.

An Eastern Shore native, he was the son of Juanita Moore West of Grafton, W.Va., and the late Joe Harvey West Sr.

Though a small businessman himself, he dreaded the growth of the Shore because he feared it destroyed the character of the home he loved so much. His sense of adventure and playfulness were with him throughout his life. And he always worked hard. Before he was a teenager, he worked on oystering boats. While in the military, he worked transporting high-security classified documents. After his father passed away, he took over the family seafood business, J.H. West Seafood. The business grew to include a shucking house, store, tractor-trailer converted into a freezer, and a main building. Many years later, it grew again to include a clam nursery, and a new location in Townsend, complete with a restaurant. Though he took pride in his business achievements and worked hard, his greatest joys in life came from helping others.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his children, Cheli West of Seaview, Erin Hall (and husband, Ernest) of Oyster, and Steve West of Blacksburg, Va.; grandchildren, Alexander and Keaira Hall of Oyster; brothers, Joe H. West Jr. (and wife, Pam) and Kevin West and sister, Elizabeth Smith, all of Grafton; and a special friend, Cindy Tatem of Seaview.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. at Cheriton U.M. Church by Rev. Jeff Conrow. Interment will follow at Cape Charles Cemetery. Family will join friends one hour prior to the service at the church.


Memorial contributions may be made to Relay For Life, c/o Paula Belote, P.O. Box 894, Parksley, VA 23421; or to Operation Smile, 6435 Tidewater Dr., Norfolk, VA 23509. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.doughtyfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com)

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## Property Transactions

- From William and Elizabeth Darby To Paul and Amanda Revelle Mappsville parcel For \$315,000
- From Preston and Amy Parker Join Revocable Trust To Peter and Carrie Jacobson 2 Wachapreague lots

- For \$153,000
- From PNC Bank To Perry and Jennifer Howard Wattsville parcel
- For \$60,000
- From Sebastien Callabet To Allen and Palmina Hill Lot 620, Unit 1, Trails End
- For \$59,900
- From Alyn and James Janis, Peter Wallace and Eastern Shore Enterprises LLC To Brandy Webster Bloxom lot
- For \$30,000
- From Russell Morrow To Christopher Wardius Wachapreague parcel
- For \$37,500
- From Larry and Kristie Phipps To Daniel and Chrisanne Scully Lot 327, Section 7, Captain's Cove
- For \$9,000
- From Eric Callaway To Robert Palladino 2 Greenbackville parcels
- For \$100,000
- From James Eckhardt To William Walker

- Lot 194, Section 7, Captain's Cove
- For \$120,000
- From Kathleen Mason To Joseph Dinatale Chincoteague parcel
- For \$100,000
- From John Whitney To George Misko Chincoteague parcel
- For \$380,000
- From William Tyler To Alan Caraballo Rue parcel
- For \$11,000
- From Michael Jenkins To Andrew Moore Lot 104 and 105, Trails End
- For \$37,000
- From Fannie Mae To Paul Skomal Parksley parcel
- For \$62,000
- From Delmarva Enterprises Inc. To Michael Watson Boston parcel
- For \$15,000
- From Ollie and Robert Reed To Forsite Engineering LLC and Rita Wescott

## Marriage Licenses Issued

- Eliseo Andilio Perez Vasquez, 34, and Idalia Rosalia Garcia Ramirez, 31, both of Nelsonia
- Andre Fitzgerald Duncan, 44, and Theresa Joseph Bello, 47, both of Middletown, Del.
- Tony Maurice Crippen, 40, of Withams and Crystal Renee Odom, 30, of Melfa

- Chincoteague parcel
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- From Benedict Ludwig To Eric Sandberg Deep Creek parcel
- For \$10,000
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| Bushel  | Hanging | Picnic | Wire     |
| Clothes | Laundry | Sewing |          |

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Last Week's Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword GIFT RAP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Forum wear
  - 5 Wolf gang?
  - 9 Drive the getaway car
  - 13 Positive thinker
  - 18 Lipinski leap
  - 19 Deejay Freed
  - 20 Interoffice communique
  - 21 Hickman or Strawberry
  - 22 Canadian coin
  - 23 Ordinary
  - 24 "Trinity" author
  - 25 Kind of paint
  - 26 Start of a remark by Don Marquis
  - 30 Narcs' org.
  - 31 "Agnus —"
  - 32 Cinema sled
  - 36 Lineman's tool
  - 40 Seville shout
  - 42 Renown
  - 45 Debut recording
  - 46 Atmosphere
  - 47 Discontinue
  - 49 Sharpens a skill
  - 51 Choose, with "for"
  - 52 Part 2 of remark
  - 57 Cartoon canine
  - 58 Part 3 of remark
  - 59 Delany and Wynter
  - 60 Time of your life
  - 63 Head line?
  - 65 Susann or Shakespeare
  - 69 Entreaty
  - 70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
  - 73 Prom date
  - 76 Gulliver's first name
  - 78 Portly
  - 79 Wattle's partner
  - 81 Speculation
  - 83 Conductor Klemperer
  - 84 Gold brick?
  - 86 Pageant prop
  - 89 Part 4 of remark
  - 90 Sixth sense
  - 93 Part 5 of remark
  - 99 Mellow
  - 101 Studio sign
  - 102 "— Breath You Take" ('83 smash)
  - 103 Computer image
  - 104 Man the bar
  - 106 Belarusian city
  - 108 Cote cutie
  - 109 Bantered
  - 111 November 11th honoree
  - 113 Stirrup site
  - 115 Create a chemise
  - 116 End of remark
  - 125 Monastery bigwigs
  - 128 Tivoli's Villa d'—
  - 129 Neighbor of Can.
  - 130 Concept
  - 131 He had things done by Friday
  - 132 — breve
  - 133 Unusual
  - 134 It's nothing
  - 135 Off the plate
  - 136 Basketball's Willis
  - 137 Black
  - 138 Seth's son
  - 6 Maui greeting
  - 7 Poirot's concern
  - 8 Handle
  - 9 Tickle
  - 10 Wodehouse's Wooster
  - 11 Send out
  - 12 Peter of reggae
  - 13 Dieter's discomfort
  - 14 Cleared the slate
  - 15 Cardigan part
  - 16 Pipe cleaner?
  - 17 Building wing
  - 21 Signifies
  - 27 HST's predecessor
  - 28 Crusader kingdom
  - 29 Persian, presently
  - 33 Early epic
  - 34 Ref
  - 35 Speck
  - 36 Talk-show pioneer
  - 37 Mechanic's offering
  - 38 Pressing need
  - 39 — de Cologne
  - 40 Above, to Arnold
  - 41 Installed tile
  - 43 Unsullied
  - 44 — Gatos, CA
  - 47 Basilica
  - 48 Italian rumbler
  - 50 Diffident
  - 53 Kind
  - 54 Use a toboggan
  - 55 Handle harshly
  - 56 "Alley —"
  - 61 Indian export
  - 62 Toque or topee
  - 64 Piggy
  - 66 Medical grp.
  - 67 Upoar
  - 68 Price twice
  - 70 Infamous Amin
  - 71 Singer Seals
  - 72 Enhance
  - 74 Generator parts
  - 75 Stumble
  - 77 Isolated
  - 80 Tropical snake
  - 82 Connecticut campus
  - 85 Spinks stat
  - 87 Go back
  - 88 "— Good Men" ('92 film)
  - 90 Decorate glass
  - 91 Oxford, e.g.
  - 92 Await judgment
  - 94 As a group
  - 95 Canvas cover?
  - 96 Nuremberg numeral
  - 97 Cinnabar, for instance
  - 98 "— the season . . ."
  - 99 Wilderness trans.
  - 100 "Holy smoke!"
  - 105 Unseat
  - 107 Pot
  - 109 Dairy cow
  - 110 Be obligated
  - 112 Boca —, FL
  - 114 Winning
  - 115 Burning bit
  - 117 Have on
  - 118 Presque —, ME
  - 119 Mata —
  - 120 Dash
  - 121 — up (evaluate)
  - 122 Actress Barbara
  - 123 Sleuth Wolfe
  - 124 New Mexico resort
  - 125 Parker of football
  - 126 It may be padded
  - 127 Except

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**FRIDAY  
DEC. 23**

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

★noon - **AA mtg.** - United Methodist Church, 47 Market St., Onancock

★6 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Family Life Center, Onancock - Simple Meal: \$6/person or \$10/family

★7 p.m. - **Land of Pleasant Living Parrot Head Club**

**Christmas Get Together** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

★7 p.m. - **Christmas Play** - Transformation COGIC, 32170 Seaside Rd., Keller - There will also be a Christmas skit on Christmas Day at 11:30 a.m.

★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

**MONDAY  
DEC. 26**

★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

★noon - **AA mtg.** - St. Peter's Catholic Church, Onley

★5-6 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock

★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Elks Lodge, Tasley

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

**WEDNESDAY  
DEC. 28**

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

★9 a.m. - **Women's AA mtg.** - Atlantic Methodist Church - 854-1810

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

★10 a.m. - **La Leche League: Nutrition and Weaning** - Cape Charles Baptist Church, 501 Randolph Ave. - Call Michelle at 757-473-3606 or Jenn at 678-7671

★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

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

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

*New Homeless Shelter Reaches Out For Support*

Jan. 14 is the projected start date for a local homeless shelter, ESCAPE (Eastern Shore Congregations Aware of People's Environments.) ESCAPE is a non-profit organization to help the local homeless have shelter at night and a hot meal during the winter season.

Currently, four churches will take turns to house the homeless weekly. The church members will pick up people from T's Corner to Cape Charles on a daily basis. The first week will be at Pungoteague Community Church, followed by St. George's Episcopal Church, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and Cape Charles Baptist Church. Board members include Rev. Berkley Ford of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock, Pastor Ernie Lauer of Hall's Church in Sanford, Pastor Russell Goodrich of Cape Charles Baptist Church, and Pastor Bobby Carroll Huether of Pungoteague Community Church.

Pastor Huether said the board hopes to have 20 churches and organizations on board to help with time, space, and expenses. The organization is looking for people to donate sheets, blankets, cots, mats, time to cook a meal or sew, drive church vans to pick up people, donate gas money, and just sit and talk with the shelter inhabitants. Also, any churches that would like to donate space or help cook meals and do laundry would be appreciated.

There will be public information meetings on Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. at Cape Charles Baptist Church and Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock. Contact any board member or call (757)710-1212 for more information or to donate time or materials to the homeless of the Eastern Shore.

**SATURDAY  
DEC. 24**

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

★2 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Service** - 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.



**POST  
TIMES  
DEC. 23 - 29**

**SUNDAY  
DEC. 25**



*Merry  
Christmas*

**TUESDAY  
DEC. 27**

★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

★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. - **Onancock Lions Club mtg.** - Sunrise Restaurant, Onley - 787-4278

★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. - **NA mtg.** - Jerusalem Baptist, Temperanceville

★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Atlantic Methodist Church, 10044 Atlantic Rd.

★7:30 p.m. - **Order of the Eastern Star (Accomack Chapter #62)** - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague

★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - smoke free - Cheriton VFC

★7:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Atlantic UMC - 824-5386

**THURSDAY  
DEC. 29**

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

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

★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock



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**ACROSS THE SHORE IN 2011**  
Upper left: Wachapreaguer shows his muscles. Lower Left: Bill Bradford of Exmore poses for the camera. Top Right: Peyton and Lily Truckner of Painter on Halloween 2011 and above Ratty Smith celebrates his 25th birthday six months ago.



## Deputies Take the Oath

Accomack County deputies are sworn in by Circuit Court Clerk Sammy Cooper this week. Deputies must be sworn in each time a newly elected sheriff takes office, as Todd Godwin has done.

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## Announcements

### Thank You

The family of Jean Swinderman would like to express gratitude for the food, prayers, cards, service, support, and friendship during our time of loss.



## Help Wanted

**NORTHAMPTON CO. PUBLIC SCHOOLS -- DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES** - Master's Degree in School Administration with three to five years supervisory experience as a school building administrator, central office administrator, or related experience -- Experience in School Division Federal Programs and Testing is preferred -- Endorsement in Virginia Administration/Supervision Pre-K-12 is preferred -- **FOR FULL JOB DESCRIPTION, AND TO APPLY GO TO WWW.NCPSK12.COM** -- Inquiries may be directed to: **SUSAN BRADFORD -- DIRECTOR OF HR (757)678-5151 EXT. 2013 OR SBRADFORD@NCPSK12.COM** -- **NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, DISABILITY, OR AGE IN ITS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.**

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Accomack County Department of Public Safety is accepting applications for position of **Recruit Fire Medic**.

#### Requirements:

- 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:

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

Personnel may be hired under the Fire Medic I qualifications as a recruit. All recruits must complete the full qualifications of **Fire Medic I** within 18 months of employment. Training may be provided on duty or after hours.

For complete salary schedule, please see the application packet.

Complete application packets are available at [www.acdps.net](http://www.acdps.net) and must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on January 3, 2012.

Accomack County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, age, creed, handicap, color, national origin, religion, sex, political affiliation, or beliefs.

### HELP WANTED Mental Health Support Specialist

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board (ESCSB) is recruiting for a full-time Mental Health Support Specialist responsible for supporting the needs of individuals with mental illness. Work involves monitoring, training, and reinforcement of skills and appropriate behaviors related to mental and physical health, activities of daily living, and accessing community resources.

The individual selected for this position must be a Qualified Mental Health Paraprofessional as defined by Medicaid regulations. Minimal salary is \$25,138 with a comprehensive benefit package.

Interested individuals may visit the ESCSB's website at [www.escsb.org](http://www.escsb.org) for more information or contact the Virginia Employment Commission office at P.O. Box 9, Onley, VA 23418, ph. (757)302-2029, for application procedures. The individual accepting this position will be subject to a nationwide criminal background check via fingerprinting. Open until filled.

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**30' SPORTSCRAFT 300** Sea Eagle. Updated 350 Vortex 315 h.p. Very low hours. Can be seen at Summer's Cove Marina in Crisfield. Reduced to \$10,000 OBO. Selling due to illness. 854-1834.

**'98 WELLCRAFT 21SL** Excel. 4.3 190hp Volvo 1/0 engine. Low hours, good condition. VHF, DS, Stereo, Trailer. \$7,950 - 302-1108 ask for John. Boat can be seen at East Point.

**STAINLESS STEEL BOAT PROP** - 3 blade, 13 1/4"x16". \$145. Call 757-336-3558.

**'77 20' PENN YAN Boat**. Hard top. Tunnel drive. No trailer. Needs motor repair. Transmission OK. \$1,295 or trade. 787-4136

**1999 JOHNSON OUTBOARD** - 115 h.p. \$1800. Can be demoed. Good condition. 757-442-1345.

**'98 SUNBIRD CUTTY-CAB** - 130hp Evinrude, 222 hours, with trailer. \$5,000. Call 757-709-2123. leave msg.

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## Firewood For Sale

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE** - Seasoned Oak & Cherry. Call 678-2566.  
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## Heavy Equipment

**36" CEMENT FINISHER** - w/Honda motor. \$750 **REDUCED:** \$650. Call 757-999-3437, and leave a message.

## Misc. - For Sale

**GAS RANGES (HOLIDAY)** - 20 in. Legacy non-vented 18,500 BTU Gas heater-wall mounted. \$100 each OBO. 757-442-2125.

**6 FT. HARDEE BUSH HOG** - 3-pt. hitch - Call for price. 331-1872.

**CHINA CLOSET** w/3 doors. \$200. 1900s blanket chest, floral carved top made from old pump organ. \$500 - Antique chairs & tables. Also glassware & milk glass. 787-3635

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**'93 NEW MOON MOBILE HOME** - for sale. 77' Long x 14' Wide - 3BR, 2 full BA on a 1/4 acre in the Town of Saxis. The home has been remodeled and is in good condition. All appliances are included (electric W/D, refrigerator, gas stove, dishwasher). Handicap accessible. Asking price is \$38,000. Please call 757-373-5731 or 757-894-7121.

**2 BR MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT - Northern Accomack County.** Sec. 8 approved. Call 757-710-8894.

**MELFA AREA** - 14x70 mobile home for rent, 2BR, 2BA, C/A & heat, \$550 a mo. plus sec. dep. No pets. Call 757-710-1431.

**PAINTER** - '07 Clayton doublewide on 1 acre. 3BR, 2BA. \$115,000. Buy or Lease/Purchase. Call 757-665-4303 Bob/Long & Foster

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### Rentals - Commercial

**MELFA** - 1 mi. from Walmart. 1600 sq. ft. commercial Office For Rent. Highway frontage, price negotiable. Call or text 757-787-3317.

### Rentals - Houses

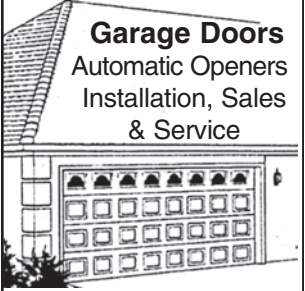
**SMITH BEACH** - 2BR/1BA and 3BR/2BA furnished homes available thru June 15, 2012. Call 443-735-1541.  
**PAINTER AREA** - 3BR home with garage for rent. \$795 a month. M & M Property Management. 787-7052.  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Monday, January 10, 2012, in the Board Chambers of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, at approximately 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the views within the Northampton County School District regarding the appointment of one District Four Member of the Northampton County School Board.

Those interested in being considered for appointment to the School Board should file an application for same in the office of the County Administrator, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia 23347.

Applications may be obtained from that office during regular business hours and should be returned to that office no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Additional information regarding this appointment may be obtained by calling the County Administrator's Office at 757/678-0440.

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| Chinco. Channel                       | H 6:26 a.m.<br>L 1:08 p.m.  | H 7:19 a.m.<br>L 1:59 p.m.  | H 8:10 a.m.<br>L 2:48 p.m.  | H 8:59 a.m.<br>L 3:35 p.m.  | H 9:46 a.m.<br>L 4:21 p.m.  | H 10:31 a.m.<br>L 5:06 p.m. | H 11:16 a.m.<br>L 5:51 p.m. |
| Gargathy Neck                         | H 7:14 a.m.<br>L 1:36 p.m.  | H 8:07 a.m.<br>L 2:27 p.m.  | H 8:58 a.m.<br>L 3:16 p.m.  | H 9:47 a.m.<br>L 4:03 p.m.  | H 10:34 a.m.<br>L 4:49 p.m. | H 11:19 a.m.<br>L 5:34 p.m. | H 12:04 p.m.<br>L 6:19 p.m. |
| Folly Creek                           | H 7:07 a.m.<br>L 1:31 p.m.  | H 8:00 a.m.<br>L 2:22 p.m.  | H 8:51 a.m.<br>L 3:11 p.m.  | H 9:40 a.m.<br>L 3:58 p.m.  | H 10:27 a.m.<br>L 4:44 p.m. | H 11:12 a.m.<br>L 5:29 p.m. | H 11:57 a.m.<br>L 6:14 p.m. |
| Wachapreague Inlet                    | H 6:17 a.m.<br>L 12:50 p.m. | H 7:10 a.m.<br>L 1:41 p.m.  | H 8:01 a.m.<br>L 2:30 p.m.  | H 8:50 a.m.<br>L 3:17 p.m.  | H 9:37 a.m.<br>L 4:03 p.m.  | H 10:22 a.m.<br>L 4:48 p.m. | H 11:07 a.m.<br>L 5:33 p.m. |
| Quinby Inlet                          | H 6:12 a.m.<br>L 12:35 p.m. | H 7:05 a.m.<br>L 1:26 p.m.  | H 7:56 a.m.<br>L 2:15 p.m.  | H 8:45 a.m.<br>L 3:02 p.m.  | H 9:32 a.m.<br>L 3:48 p.m.  | H 10:17 a.m.<br>L 4:33 p.m. | H 11:02 a.m.<br>L 5:18 p.m. |
| <i>Bayside</i><br>Tangier Sound Light | H 10:31 a.m.<br>L 4:56 p.m. | H 11:24 a.m.<br>L 5:48 p.m. | H 12:14 p.m.<br>L 6:37 p.m. | H 1:01 p.m.<br>L 6:35 a.m.  | H 1:47 p.m.<br>L 7:25 a.m.  | H 2:30 p.m.<br>L 8:14 a.m.  | H 3:13 p.m.<br>L 9:04 a.m.  |
| Muddy Creek                           | H 10:54 a.m.<br>L 5:51 p.m. | H 11:47 a.m.<br>L 6:43 p.m. | H 12:37 p.m.<br>L 6:38 a.m. | H 1:24 p.m.<br>L 7:30 a.m.  | H 2:10 p.m.<br>L 8:20 a.m.  | H 2:53 p.m.<br>L 9:09 a.m.  | H 3:36 p.m.<br>L 9:59 a.m.  |
| Guard Shore                           | H 10:43 a.m.<br>L 5:45 p.m. | H 11:36 p.m.<br>L 6:37 p.m. | H 12:26 p.m.<br>L 6:32 a.m. | H 1:13 p.m.<br>L 7:24 a.m.  | H 1:59 p.m.<br>L 8:14 a.m.  | H 2:42 p.m.<br>L 9:03 a.m.  | H 3:25 p.m.<br>L 9:53 a.m.  |
| Chescon. Creek                        | H 10:21 a.m.<br>L 5:00 p.m. | H 11:14 a.m.<br>L 5:52 p.m. | H 12:04 p.m.<br>L 6:41 p.m. | H 12:51 p.m.<br>L 6:39 a.m. | H 1:37 p.m.<br>L 7:29 a.m.  | H 2:20 p.m.<br>L 8:18 a.m.  | H 3:03 p.m.<br>L 9:08 a.m.  |
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# Posted at Sea Level



By Linda Cicoira

There are scores of things to think about in December and so many decisions to make.

Even the very words we utter are up for debate.

Priests in Australia advise everyone to use "Happy Christmas" as a greeting or farewell instead of "Merry Christmas." They associate the latter with connotations of getting drunk. Many local folks say only Christmas

should be mentioned. Others wish everyone "Happy Holidays" so Thanksgiving, Hannukah, Kwanza and New Year's are covered.

We argue among ourselves about whether it is better to have a real tree or an artificial one. If the fake is preferred, then the lights, ornaments and placement have to be hashed out.

Did you know that in India, they decorate banana trees for Christmas? For between \$150 and \$200, one can be purchased online that is eight feet tall and has 12 leaves. I'm not quite sure how the tinsel and ornaments are put upon those branches but I know that negotiations could be held for the tasks.

In Norway, farmers leave a bowl of gruel in their barns on Dec. 24 for the magic gnome who protects their ranches. Perhaps on Christmas Eve this year, we can decide whether to leave cream of wheat or oatmeal on the table

for Santa. Or stay with the old standard of milk and cookies.

The average person will spend at least 90 minutes waiting in a line to purchase holiday offerings. No wonder people regift. Everyone will get elbowed or pushed about three times in their overwhelming quest to match Santa in his generosity. Forget about it. He visits about 842 million people. Try adding that many to your Christmas list or buying the 364 presents in the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

One must go to at least one party in December, sing five carols, eat 30 pieces of chocolate, find time to visit eight stores and get some of the shopping done early so the carefully selected items can be sent to cherished recipients.

Did you know that the North Pole is in the Arctic Ocean? Going there to see Santa and his elves would be similar to taking a trip to Tangier Island. Which mode of travel shall we take? Another

choice. A plane out of Melfa or a boat from Crisfield or Onancock?

Should we get some candy canes to hang on the tree this year? There are the traditional red and white ones or the retro green and white or the small canes that come in a strip or the gigantic straight ones that have to be banged on the kitchen counter to share. There's also the question of how old a child should be to eat a candy cane or if the sticky hands are worth the trouble.

Whew!

Even if one decides to go with gift cards, there are so many the quest can be staggering. But then there is always good ole cold hard cash in a plain white envelope. Don't even think about a card. Just put a \$20 bill in there and mail it to the Foodbank or the SPCA.

Uh oh. I gave you a choice didn't I? OK, so get two envelopes and don't mail them; drop them off. Merry, I mean, Happy Holidays.

## Post Office Mail

### Salvation Army Makes Significant Impact on Shore

Dear Editor:

The Accomack and Northampton County Salvation Army chapters are ringing bells at locations throughout Virginia's Eastern Shore at Food Lion, Walmart, Roses and Fresh Pride, thanks to many volunteers. We really appreciate our volunteers' time and the generosity of our community. It is these donations to the kettles that are used by the local Salvation Army chapter.

Nationally, the Salvation Army offers help and hope to thousands of people ... from the victims of disaster, addiction and homelessness to youth, families and senior citizens. The local chapters work with local churches, Northampton Social Ministries, the Accomack Interfaith Council and community organizations and agencies in identifying residents who need short-term assistance to provide them help and hope. During the Christmas season, both chapters work with many others to open a community Toy Closet. Donations to the Kettle Fund are used to assist individuals from the two counties during times of need with utility, rent, bus tickets, prescriptions and food.

If you would like to donate to the 2011 Kettle Fund, make your check payable to Northampton SA Kettle Fund and send it to Edward Stetar, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1274 Exmore, VA 23350. Send donations

to the Accomack SA Kettle Fund to Mary Waldren, Treasurer, P.O. Box 553 Accomack, VA 23301. Or place donations in one of our kettles.

God Bless you and thank you for your help.

*Richard Sterrett, Chairman, Northampton Chapter  
Tom Rienerth, Chairman, Accomack Chapter*

### Santa-Bashing Poem in Bad Taste

Dear Editor:

I read a Letter to the Editor in the Dec. 9, 2011, edition of the Eastern Shore Post and I am here to tell you that my family and I were very upset. It was sent to you by Bill Weston of Mappsville. I cannot believe you would have put something like that in your paper. To bash Santa is just awful. It's no wonder people don't read your paper. I am sorry to say that I am now one of them.

*Carolyn Spalding, via email*

### Atlantic VFC Says 'Thanks'

Dear Editor:

Thank you is not sufficient to tell you the gratitude the Atlantic Fire & Rescue Company has for all your effort in putting our announcement in the Post for our Christmas breakfast last Saturday. Because of your paper, etc., the word got out and I wish you could have seen the smiles on the children's faces as they sat on Santa's lap and had their picture taken.

We wish you and your staff a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and much success and happiness in 2012. My thanks for all your assistance.

*Dawn Joyce, via email*

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