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Photo by Linda Cicaira

'Here We Go A-Caroling'

Amid appropriate seasonal decorations, Santa Claus leads a joyful crowd in singing Christmas carols in Onancock recently. The event was the lighting of the town Christmas tree, which sparkles at left.

Former Extension Agent Sentenced To Serve 2 Years

By Ron West

Circuit Court Judge Glen Tyler heard a string of character witnesses list the accomplishments and qualities of Brenda Holden as he weighed the sentence to impose on her for misuse of public funds.

In the end, Tyler sentenced Holden to 10 years and a \$25,000 fine for each of the four counts, with four years and six months suspended from each, leaving her two years to serve, along with a \$100,000 fine. Sentencing guidelines allow for a maximum punishment of 10 years and \$100,000 on each count.

Holden, the former director of the Northampton County Extension Service, pleaded guilty to four counts of misuse of public funds at her trial earlier this month.

Defense attorney Jon Poulson argued that much of the information regarding the charges involved more of a bookkeeping and accounting error than a true misuse of funds. At the heart of the case had been Holden's establishment of a

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Mallette Wants Former Sheriff To Replace Him

By Linda Cicaira

Former county Sheriff Robert Crockett will seek appointment to the Accomack Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired term of Supervisor Steve Mallette, who last week told the board of his intention to resign.

"A few days before Mr. Mallette made the public announcement, he shared the same information with me and asked me if I would consider" taking the seat, said Crockett. "I told him that I would if the board chose to appoint me ... I would look forward to" it. "I just enjoy public service."

The Onancock area resident was sheriff for 19 years. Before that, he served as a deputy in the department for 12 years. "I learned a lot ... how to listen to people ... be accessible to people ... and act on their concerns," he noted. "I will contact each supervisor of my desire to serve."

He also thanked Mallette for his support.

"I know of no one better qualified to serve and represent District 6 and the entire County of Accomack, than Robert Crockett, former Sheriff of Accomack County," Mallette said in a statement e-mailed to reporters last Friday. He said Crockett has the "knowledge and experience in government, proven management experience, (is a) fiscal conservative and has sufficient time and commitment to fully serve in a leadership capacity."

The supervisor said quick action is needed to minimize the time that District 6 constituents would be without representation. He will do that "by resigning immediately before a motion is made to appoint my successor. ... I feel it is important to have someone widely recognized within the community who possesses integrity."

"Note Supervisor Mallette stated only an in-

tent to resign if satisfactory (to him) succession arrangements are made," County Attorney Mark Taylor wrote in an explanatory e-mail. "If and when he does resign, his resignation would take effect according to his specification. The board has 45 days from the effective date of the resignation to appoint a successor. If resignation occurs in the same year as a general election — as this one is anticipated to — there's no need for a special election. If the board cannot agree to appointment of a successor, the circuit court judge makes the appointment."

Mallette said, "Since the judge position is vacant it would likely be decided by another (judge) across the bay. I believe the board would understand the importance of keeping this decision local. ... We will likely determine the direction the board wishes to take at the Jan. 5th meeting."

Court Postings

Accomack Circuit Court

Myler Taylor, 52, of Atlantic was convicted last week in Accomack Circuit Court of possession of cocaine and sentenced to 12 months, with three months suspended.

Commonwealth's Attorney Gary R. Agar also said:

- Miguel Perez of Bloxom was convicted of assault and battery of a police officer. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail, with half the term suspended.

- Rita Wise, 57, of Tasley was sentenced to a total of six years on three counts of welfare fraud, with all but 30 days suspended on each count, to run concurrently.

- Derrick Crockett, 36, of Bloxom was sentenced to 10 years each for burglary and grand larceny, with all but five years on each count suspended, to serve concurrently.

- Troy Rew, 38, of Parksley was sentenced to 10 years for malicious wounding.

- Joseph Boole, 19, of Painter was given a two-year suspended sentence for unlawful wounding.

- Laquita Ward, 29, of Birdsnest was given a 30-day suspended sentence for receiving stolen property.

- Julian Scarborough, 31, of Painter was sentenced to five years for unlawful wounding, with all but two years and six months suspended. He also was sentenced for a second offense of possession with intent to distribute cocaine to 15 years, with 12 years and six months suspended. The terms are to run concurrently.

Northampton Circuit Court

Joshua Lee Walton Beach, 47, of Exmore pleaded guilty last week in Northampton Circuit Court to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Commonwealth's Attorney Bruce Jones said the case was continued until a presentence report is completed.

Khiry Akeim Six, 20, of Nasawadox was given a three-year suspended sentence for carnal knowledge of child between 13 and 14 years old. He also was given 10 years of suspended probation.

Derrick Dean Reid, 22, of Nasawadox was sentenced for robbery to 20 years, with all but four years suspended, to run concurrently with a case in Accomack County.

Erick Benitz, 28, of Cheriton was found guilty of aggravated sexual battery and burglary. Sentencing was deferred until a presentence report is completed.

This week in Northampton Circuit Court, Ronnie Edward Hall Jr., 17, of Cape Charles was sentenced for forcible sodomy to 50 years in prison, with 40 years suspended, and for aggravated sexual battery to 20 years, with 10 years suspended, to be served consecutively, for a total of 20 years to serve.

Charles Leroy Johnson, 49, of Treherneville was sentenced for grand larceny to five years, with all but time served suspended; and for a second offense of distribution

of a controlled substance to 20 years, with all but four years and 10 months suspended.

Michael Devaughn Mitchell, 22, of Cape Charles was sentenced to 10 years for breaking and entering, 10 years for grand larceny, and 12 months for destruction of property, all to run concurrently, with all but one year suspended.

Joshua Lee Walton Beach, 47, of Exmore was sentenced for possession of a firearm by a felon to five years, with all but seven months suspended.

Calvin Wayne Miller, 57, of Townsend was sentenced for possession of a stun gun by a felon to five years, with 2.5 years suspended.

~ Holden Sentenced ~

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separate bank account that was used to pay for a number of items.

Commonwealth's Attorney Bruce Jones pointed out that Virginia Tech, which oversees the Extension Service programs throughout the state, did not authorize the bank account, nor some of the programs that Holden administered.

Several character witnesses testified that the County Extension Service, under the leadership of Holden, provided invaluable services to the local school systems in both Shore counties.

Accomack School Superintendent Rick Bull testified that Holden initiated the Reality Store program, which enabled students to experience the issues and costs associated with life. Bull noted that through the program, students learned to make better choices in life.

Former Northampton County Administrator Tom Harris, now with Amelia County, gave Holden high marks for being able to secure a number of grants for the school system.

Jones stated that the good deeds and long loyal service to the people of the Eastern Shore did not justify Holden's betrayal of the public's trust. Jones urged Tyler to incarcerate Holden for her actions.

Prior to sentencing Holden, the judge stated that individuals who hold elected or appointed public office need to be held accountable to the people for their actions.

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

Roast Beef Platter	\$7 ⁹⁹
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Friday

Grilled or Fried Pork Chops	\$11 ⁹⁹
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Sunday-Thursday

Chicken & Dumplings w/2 Sides (Salad add \$1)	\$6 ⁹⁹
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State Sen. Northam Will Seek Another Term

State Sen. Ralph S. Northam, who represents the Eastern Shore, has announced that he will run for re-election to Virginia's 6th Senate District seat.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of the 6th District, and I look forward to continuing to represent you in Richmond," said Northam.

The freshman Democrat is a pediatric neurologist with Children's Specialty Group in Norfolk, working in conjunction with Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. He is also an assistant professor at Eastern Virginia Medical School, and the medical director of Edmarc Children's Hospice in Portsmouth.

A native of the Eastern Shore, Northam was first elected to the Senate in 2007. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Medical Society of Virginia's Salute to Service Award, Virginia Academy of Family Physicians Legislator of the



Sen. Northam

Year, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation Legislator of the Year.

During his time in Richmond, Northam has sponsored successful legislation to ban smoking in restaurants, protect the health of youth athletes who sustain concus-

sions, promote economic development associated with commercial space flight, and increase safety for first responders. He was also instrumental in helping to restore blue crab populations and protect native oysters in Virginia's portion of the Chesapeake Bay, as well as reforming General Assembly ethics rules and breaking a logjam over appointing judges in Virginia Beach and Norfolk.

Northam also sees financial challenges for the commonwealth. "Over the three years since I have been in office, we have cut \$6.4 billion from the state budget," he noted. "We have had to make some very tough choices, but I am proud that I have been a part of helping

Virginia maintain a balanced budget, and wish Washington would take a page out of our play-book. However, I am also hopeful that as the economy recovers, we can return to making investments in the areas of education, public health and safety, and transportation, so that Virginia will continue to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

In his announcement, Northam stated that his goal is to remain available and responsive to all of his constituents. "My office door is always open" said the senator. "The people living in our communities often have the best ideas about how to improve government, and I appreciate getting input from all sides."



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Holiday Memories: the Best Tradition of All

Photo & Story by Linda Cicaira

The Ghost of Christmas Past visits most of us during the holiday season. Recalling memories of family around the decorated tree is commonplace on the Eastern Shore.

Readers wrote to tell us about the heart-break of death in the weeks before the big day, storms that ruined their season. They also described the joy and love that fills their homes as they celebrate the birth of the Christ child and the giving of gifts.

Carolyn Charnock of Eastville said her best holiday memory was “probably when I was 13. My sister and I got new bikes ... I remember having a string of Xmas lights taped up on the ceiling above the bed and just dreaming about what would be under the tree.”

The worst came at 14. “Our father died the following year so that was the first Christmas without him,” Charnock wrote. “It was sad for my older sister and my baby sister and our Mother. He loved Christmas and spoiling us with toys.”

“All my Christmases as a child and young woman were great,” wrote Ginny Mueller of Keller. “I loved them all and I loved everything about them. I really believe the best was the first year I had money I earned on my own (babysitting) and I bought presents for my Mom, Dad and sisters. The joyous experience of

giving far exceeded the pleasure of receiving. It sounds like a cliché, but it is so true.”

“The worst Christmas ever is also very hard to pick,” she continued. “The year my daughter stopped believing in Santa kind of sucked the life and fun out of the holiday, especially since there was still a very likely chance she would have kept believing. An adult in the family she trusted saw no point or value in continuing the magic and confirmed for her that it was all make believe. Not only was my daughter betrayed, but so was the child in each of my family members ... because it took the magic away for the rest of us too. There were no other children left in our family at that time.”

Irene Willett of Painter doesn’t remember a worst Christmas. But for her, the best was “1957, the year my daughter was born on the 23rd of December.”

Sandy Storherr of Willis Wharf enjoys Christmas. “I bought myself a new electric back heating pad for \$19.99, will wrap it and put under the tree,” she wrote. “Last year I had nothing for me, until I went to Rehoboth and found the most delightful leopard jacket. It is gorgeous. I bargained them down to \$125. Have since found the gloves and hat to match.”

Her mother’s worst Christmas was when Storherr was 13. “All I wanted that year was my own figure ice skates and Santa brought them. I went downstairs and was elated to find them. Put them on and ran up the stairs to show my parents. My mother started screaming at me to take them off fast. It seems that my father had given my mom brand new wall-to-wall carpet for Christmas and my running up the stairs cut every step to pieces. No, the insurance would not cover it. I was mortified and never forgot that morning. I did not know that they came with covers for the blades, that were in the box.”

“Up until that time,” she wrote, “all I ever wanted was a brother or sister. I

would run to the front door expecting to see a basket with a real live baby. I was a lonely only child so each year I was down in the dumps. The ice skates brought me out of it, but put me right back in the dog house for the rest of my life.”

Janet Dudley of Cape Charles has yet to experience a “worst Christmas. Even when the lights went out, 30 minutes before our open house was to begin. We were expecting 75 to 100 people. I went around the house lighting candles and lighting fires in the fireplaces. It was a memorable one, but never a worst one. Never had a bad one. I love Christmas and all of them have been the best and am expecting this one to be the best yet.”

Charlie Ross of Belle Haven said, “The best Christmas memory was when we invited the godparents of one of our four children to the Christmas Day opening of presents. They had no kids and were amazed and fascinated at the excitement and wonder our children displayed when opening their gifts. Soon there was a sea of colored wrapping paper floating around each child and lapping up against all of the grownups in the room. Very joyous.”

But the giving was not always so wonderful. “When I was 16, my father, an avid hunter, gave me a 12-gauge shotgun for my big Christmas present when what I really wanted was an artist’s paint set,” Ross recalled. “He was delighted. I was devastated but had to smile to make him happy. Bummer.”

Linda Regula of Machipongo remembered the “best memory was my first Christmas with my husband. He was so enthusiastic and really involved. Worst Christmas, my sister passed away on Christmas Day many years ago.”

The worst for Jack Mason of Accomac “was being 15 and in polio ward at MCV. Best was watching our four sons when they still believed or pretended.”

Mark Krogh of Onancock said his “worst was here in Accomack County during the ice storm which knocked out power for six days. We had to cook over the fireplace and heat water the same way to wash dishes. Our house became a pigpen and Christmas day was not good. I think a sandwich or something. The best was as a child at my grandparents (where there was) always good food and presents.”

Elsie Bowen of Exmore fondly remembers “going out in the woods with my family and cutting down our tree and gathering pine branches and holly to decorate with inside and out. The house smelled so good. The worst was when we had a really icy cold Christmas Day and my Dad had to stay home alone and make sure the pipes would not freeze. That was a real downer.”

Danny Outten Jr. of New Church wrote, “My

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best memory on Christmas was when my Brother Barry and myself received a go-cart from Santa. To this day I remember the first instructions from my dad. 'Do not make in tracks in the yard or in the stones in the driveway.' The two boys took "turns filling in all the tracks while the other was driving. Now this was back in the day when our favorite show was running strong. It was 'The Dukes of Hazard.' (We) tried to do every stunt we saw on that show."

Another man, who didn't give his name, also remembered the power outage. "When we had the ice storm, my wife had cooked a prime rib dinner for our families - approximately 10 people at the time. We lost power and our pipes froze and burst. Needless to say, no one was able to make it to our house. We had to leave. We were without power for five days. I call it the Christmas that never came."

Wendy Hall of Melfa said her worst memory involved "the ice storm of 1998." But the best was also "the ice storm of 1998 because all of my children were home."

Nicole Landon of Painter wrote, "I don't buy myself anything for Christmas. Just wait till I get money or gift cards ... to splurge on myself!"

Her "best Christmas memories were the first ... with each of my children. Something about a



The Onancock Doo-Dahs, a group of friends, marched to the Beach Boys and dressed in a nautical theme for the 20th anniversary of the Onancock Parade. They were among the first-place winners, capturing the title in the Senior Walking Group category.

baby at Christmas time is just wonderful and magical. Helps to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. My worst Christmas memory would be the year we had the ice storm so there was no electricity and that was a big year we

got electronics and couldn't play them."

An anonymous veteran said his worst Christmas was spent in Da Nang, Vietnam in 1972. "Had many best Christmases as a child and in later years," he added.

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Northampton School Board Reviews Grade 7 Option

By Ron West

The Northampton County School Board is currently reviewing the option of moving Grade 7 students to Northampton High School for the fall 2011 school term.

Grade 6 and 7 students were moved back to Kiptopeke and Occohannock elementary schools two years ago when Northampton Middle School was closed. At the same time, Grade 8 students were moved to the high school. Studies and reviews have indicated that moving the Grade 7 students to the high school will give them a better learning environment and offer them more options for classes.

Northampton High School principal Jimmy Conrow offered suggestions regarding classroom locations for Grade 8 and Grade 7 students, as well as elective options and scheduling arrangements.

While most Grade 7 teachers currently at Kiptopeke and Occo-

hannock would transition to the high school, the move would require an additional Spanish and physical education instructor at the high school.

The School Board plans to hold an information meeting for the public early next year to allow for parental input.

Long-time educator Doug Coburn, who currently serves as a Standards of Learning (SOL) math coach for Occohannock Elementary School, introduced the School Board to the reinforcement tool, "Study Island," an Internet-based

program that correlates with the SOLs and can provide individualized help in the core subjects in preparation for SOL testing.

Superintendent Dr. Rick Bowmaster updated the School Board on the recent decision by the Board of Supervisors to withhold funding from the Federal Jobs Funds Program that would have paid faculty a small, one-time check.

Gary Castro and Kim Peterson, representing the Northampton County Education Association, thanked the School Board and Dr. Bowmaster for their attempts to

obtain the federal funding for the staff. Castro noted that the increase in the cost of living and lack of a pay raise for the past three years has, in effect, decreased school system salaries, thus making it harder to retain experienced staffers. He urged the School Board to look at adding a 3 percent raise into the budget request for the coming school year as a way to keep the county competitive with surrounding areas and thereby helping to stem the hemorrhaging of staff members to other localities.

Refuge Camera Focuses on Bald-Eagle Nest

The bald eagles at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge are preparing for another nesting season.

Visitors can view the "Eagle Cam" at the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center. The camera focused on the eagles' nest is up and running again and visitors can view a live

feed of the action.

Recently, the eagles have been seen adding sticks to their nest. Typically, the female lays the eggs at the end of January and the eaglets hatch in early March.

The Bateman Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except for Christmas and New Year's Day.



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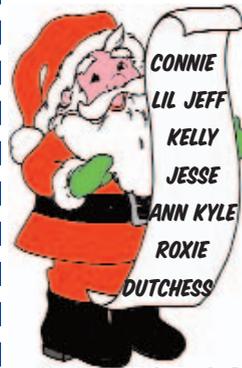
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SCENES OF 2010

Clockwise from top left: Travis and Ashley Sigmon wait for the Santa Train in Onley; Royalty at the Pet Parade in Onancock; AccomackCommonwealth's Attorney Gary R. Agar and son at Harborfest; girl enjoys merry-go-round at Wachapreague carnival; boy visits cats at the Eastern Shore Post; musicians entertain at carnival; and Marine Police at Walmart opening.



Community Notes



On 1/1/11 at 1:11 p.m., the annual Polar Plunge will take place at Assateague Beach.

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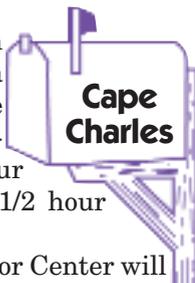
The Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge is open daily from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

The refuge Visitor Center will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Visitor Center will be open Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in January and February, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from April through November, and daily from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. in December and March.

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Bruce Evans, who was forced to step down from Cape Charles Town Council because he had not been formally sworn in, has been appointed to the post by Judge Glen Tyler until a special election can be held.



Hunters for the Hungry Needs Deer

Eastern Shore Hunters for the Hungry has announced that close to 200 deer have been donated this season, which ends Jan. 1. The goal is 400 deer.

The group is in its final push for deer and financial donations. More than 3,000 deer have been donated since the program began on the Shore in 1997.

The local chapter raises funds locally to cover the processing costs of the deer. The deer are harvested locally and the processed meat is distributed by the Food Bank and other groups to local needy individuals. Field-dressed deer may be taken to collection points at B&B Mar-

ket in Machipongo, the Food Bank in Tasley, and the processors at The Deer Barn in Cashville (Bill Custis, 710-0892), Buck Trails in Onancock (Matt Killmon, 710-3981), and RBP Processing (Brent Powell, 787-7107) in Wachapreague.

The local chapter still has dollar-for-dollar matching funds available for business, civic, and Ruritan club donations.

Financial contributions may be sent to Hunters for the Hungry, P.O. Box 1702, Parksley VA 23421.

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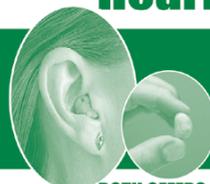
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James Belote Named to Bay Board

James N. Belote III of Onancock, director of Accomack-Northampton Electric Cooperative, has been named by Gov. Bob McDonnell to the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board.

Retirees Recognized for Service

By Ron West

Retiring Circuit Court Judge Glen Tyler, court reporter Margaret Donn, and Northampton Sheriff Jack Robbins were honored at a luncheon this week at the Northampton County Courthouse.

Circuit Court Clerk Traci Johnson presented each with a pen made from 200-year-old wood recovered from the earlier renovations to structures on the Courthouse green. In addition, Judge Tyler received a gavel made from the same materials (pictured).

Judge Tyler spoke of the many



years he has presided over cases in both counties and said it had been a pleasure and an honor to do so.

The judge spoke of the faithful service of Donn, who has recorded testimony and court proceedings for decades.

With a 34-year tenure under his belt, Sheriff Robbins spoke of his desire to serve the people of the county as he worked his way up from deputy to sheriff. Robbins will be stepping down at the end of the year when Chief Deputy David Doughty will fill the remaining portion of Robbins' term until the next election.

3 Students Complete National Guard Program

Three Eastern Shore students are graduating in the most recent class of Commonwealth ChalLeNGe, a free, statewide quasi-military program for at-risk teens who have dropped out of high school.

Former Chincoteague student Dillon T. Hickman, former Northampton High School student Briana M. Lania of Townsend and former Nandua High School student Tyeisha S. Pitt of Pungoteague are among 134 cadets graduating in Class 33, bringing the total of Virginia teens who have graduated from the program to 3,426 since it started in 1994.

Commonwealth ChalLeNGe (www.vachallenge.org) is the Virginia component of the National Guard Youth ChalLeNGe Program, which focuses on preparing at-risk youth for the General Educational Development (GED) test and future employment, military or higher education opportunities.

There is a 22-week residential phase of studies and 12-month post-residential phase — a stage Class 33 now has reached.



• a son, born to Laurie Doughty and Bobby Barnes of Parksley Dec. 10

• a daughter, born to Alexeus Berryhill of Keller Dec. 12

• a son, born to Ashley Church and Zhamon Walker of Exmore Dec. 13

• a son, born to Diontai Bibbins of New Church Dec. 10

• a daughter, born to Kiana Chandler of Tasley Dec. 14

Marcus Fletcher Earns Degree

Marcus Fletcher, son of Michelle Downing of Princess Anne, Md., and Marvin Fletcher of Mappsville, has graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, where he received his bachelor of arts degree in applied design.

Sean West Serving in Bahrain

Navy Seaman Sean A. West, son of Alysia C. West and Dwayne A.J. West of Greenbush, Va., was among the 86 sailors attached to Mines Countermeasures Ship (MCM) Crew Fearless recently embarked on *USS Ardent* (MCM-12) forward deployed in Manama, Bahrain.

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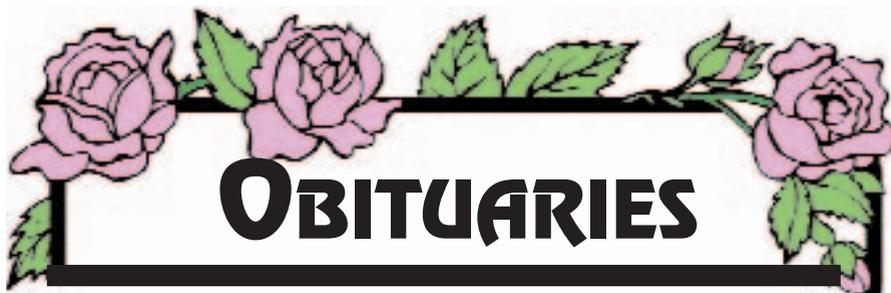
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Retired Farmer, Nursery Foreman Dies

Mr. Allen Lee Tatum, 75, of Wachapreague passed away Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Painter, he was a son of the late George Thomas Tatum and Kate Thompson Tatum. He was a retired farmer and nursery foreman.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo Chance Tatum; children, William Lee Tatum of Salisbury, Md., Wayne Allen Tatum (and wife, Loretta Brown) of Salisbury, George Lee Tatum of Salisbury, and James Daniel Moses (and wife, Michelle) of Wachapreague; sisters, Julia Gibbons of Hampton, Va., Emma Shrieves of Onancock and Joyce Tanner of Alexandria, Va.; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Ida Trader; and two brothers, Edward Tatum and George William Tatum.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Saturday, Dec. 18, by Rev. Joe McKnight. Interment was at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial donations may be made to Hollies Baptist Church, P.O. Box 7, Keller, VA 23401. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Wise's Drug Store Co-Owner Dies

Mrs. Hazel Killmon Wise, 82, of Onancock passed away Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at her residence.

Born in Cashville, she was the daughter of the late Levi Booker Killmon and Susie Fitchett Killmon. Mrs. Wise retired from the C&P Telephone Company, in the business office, having 38 years of service and was co-owner of Wise's

Drug Store. She was a member of Onancock Baptist Church and the Pioneers of America.

Mrs. Wise was predeceased by two husbands, Burleigh Edward Carpenter and John Evans Wise. Survivors include her son, John Rideout Wise (and wife, Stacy) of Onancock; daughters, Joan Shreaves (and husband, John Sr.) of Onancock and Jean Ohge (and husband, Anthony) of Virginia Beach, Va.; sister, Evelyn Outten of Goshen, N.Y.; grandchildren, Brandon and Jackson Wise, John Shreaves Jr. and Michele Olive; and great-grandchildren, Jordyn and Carson Shreaves and Lane Russell.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Tuesday, Dec. 21, by Rev. John Burr. Private interment was at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Eastern Shore, 165 Market St., Suite 3, Onancock, VA 23417. Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Shipbuilding Co. Retiree Dies

Mr. William Rayfield Lupton, 78, of Gloucester, Va., passed away there at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010.

Born in South Creek, N.C., he was a son of the late William Joseph Lupton and Anna Mayo Lupton. Mr. Lupton was a retired supervisor, having worked in the electrical department at Newport News Shipbuilding, had served in the U.S. Navy, and was a Christian.

Mr. Lupton was predeceased by his wife, Nell Kellam Lupton, who was from Accomack County; a sister, Martha Hughes; and a brother, Wilbur Lupton. Survivors include his son, William Dale Lupton (and wife, June) of Tabb, Va.; brother, James "Jimmy" Lupton (and wife,

Belinda) of South Creek; grandchildren, Virginia Fern Lupton, William Joseph Lupton (and wife, Rachel), and Kayla Lynne Lupton; sisters-in-law, Gloria Lupton of New Bern, N.C., and Agnes Grubb of Onley; brothers-in-law, Jerry Hughes of South Creek and Perry Wise Kellam of Round O, S.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Monday, Dec. 20, by Rev. Joe McKnight. Interment was in Hollies Baptist Church Cemetery in Keller.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

R&G Shirt Factory Retiree Dies

Mrs. Ida Mae Taylor, 85, of Saxis passed away Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, at her residence.

Born in Clam, Mrs. Taylor was the daughter of the late Walter Lee Scott and Sallie Wessells Scott. She retired from R&G Shirt Corporation in Parksley and was a member of Baptist Bible Church.

Mrs. Taylor was predeceased by her husband, Emory James Taylor; a daughter, Mary Grace Taylor; a sister, Stella Lewis and a brother, Ira Thomas Scott. Survivors include her children, Emory Thomas Taylor (and wife, Sharon) of New Church, Mary Grace Cline of Melfa, Billie June Taylor of Lynchburg, Va., Gregory Dennis Taylor Sr. of Guilford, Timothy Ray Taylor (and wife, Shirley) of Greenbush, William Carroll Taylor (and wife, Dianne) of Bloxom, Donald Wayne Taylor of Bloxom and JoAnn Carey and Laura Mae Trader, both of Saxis; 22 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and one nephew.

Funeral services were conducted from Baptist Bible Church in Accomac Wednesday, Dec. 22, by Rev. James Chalfant. Interment was in Liberty Cemetery in Parksley.

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

Arrangements were made by Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Deep Creek Resident Dies

Mrs. Vicki Taylor Kelly, 57, of Deep Creek passed away Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

Born in Nassawadox, Mrs. Kelly was the daughter of the late Norman and Virginia Killmon Taylor. She was a contract mail carrier.

Mrs. Kelly is survived by her husband, Stephen Garrison Kelly; son, Jason A. Kelly (and wife, Shirley) of Accomac; daughter, Leesa K. Chew (and husband, Henry) of Guilford; sister, Debbie Williams of Melfa; brother, Wayne Taylor of Wachapreague; and grandchildren, William Thomas Merritt III and Owen Blake Chew. She was predeceased by a sister, Jean Ellen Johnson.

A memorial service was conducted from the chapel of Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Wednesday, Dec. 22, by Pastor Fred Gardner.

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

Chincoteague Resident Dies

Marion Virginia Seubert, 82, of Chincoteague went to be with the Lord Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, in the company of family members at her residence.

Born in Chincoteague, she was the daughter of the late Arthur Jones and Edna (MaGee) Peterson.

She is survived by her children, George Christian Seubert IV (and wife, Lila) of Ashburn, Va., Sandra Kaye Oakey (and husband, Bruce)

of Chincoteague, Melanie Gaye Shipp (and husband, Ron) of Wallops Island, Kevin Boyd Seubert (and wife, Bonnie) of Las Vegas, Nev., Bryant Scott Seubert of Alexandria, Va., and Valerie Renee Tolbert (and husband, Mike) of Chincoteague; grandchildren, Chrissy Seubert (and wife, Heather) of Raleigh, N.C., Sonya Seubert of Ashburn, Va., Dawn Jones (and husband, Dave) of Chincoteague, Tanya Nelson of Dumfries, Va., Donald Crampton of Warrenton, Va., Sean and Daniel Seubert of Las Vegas, and Michael and Jason Tolbert of Chincoteague; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lillian Cherrix and Ernestine Daisey, both of Chincoteague; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at Union Baptist Church on Chincoteague Tuesday, Dec. 21, with Rev. Kevin Eley officiating. Interment was in Daisey Cemetery Chincoteague.

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

Arrangements were made by Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague.

Painter Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Patricia E. Grez, 72, of Painter passed away Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

A native of Wilmington, Del., she was the daughter of the late John and Ethel Nell Filacheck. Mrs. Grez was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in

Onley and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred W. Grez; children, Joseph W. Grez (and wife, Linda) of North Bend, Wash., John M. Grez (and wife, Dawn) of Lafayette, La., Mary E. Schofield (and husband, David) of Abingdon, Md., Ann P. Hughes (and husband, Patrick) of Nottingham, Pa., and Michael A. Grez of Nanjing, China; grandchildren, Michell, Mary Louise, Marissa, Evan, Caren and Anna; and great-granddaughter, Lauren Hailey.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley, with Father Rodrigo C. Mingollo officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, P.O. Box 860, Onley, VA 23418. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

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- From Shore Land Parker LLC To John and Beth Sharpley Nearly 3 acres near Wattsville For \$120,000
- From Donald and Tomi Godfrey To Robert Van Ness Lot 175, Unit 3, Trails End For \$7,000

- From Ross Deitch To Harry Deitch Chincoteague parcel For \$10,000
- From George and Gayleen Paras To George and Susan Guthridge Lot 1427, Section 3, Captain's Cove For \$365,000
- From Gary Parks To Gary and Beverly Ulmer Chesconnessex lot For \$152,900
- From Shirley Justice To E. Phillip and David Hickman 30 acres, Horntown For \$145,000
- From Raymond & David Drummond To James Chapman More than 2 acres near Pungoteague For \$3,000
- From James Chapman To Raymond and David Drummond Pungoteague parcel For \$500
- From Raymond & David Drummond To Daniel and Wendy Bradford 3 Pungoteague tracts For \$140,000
- From Signa McDonald To J. Dennis Fox

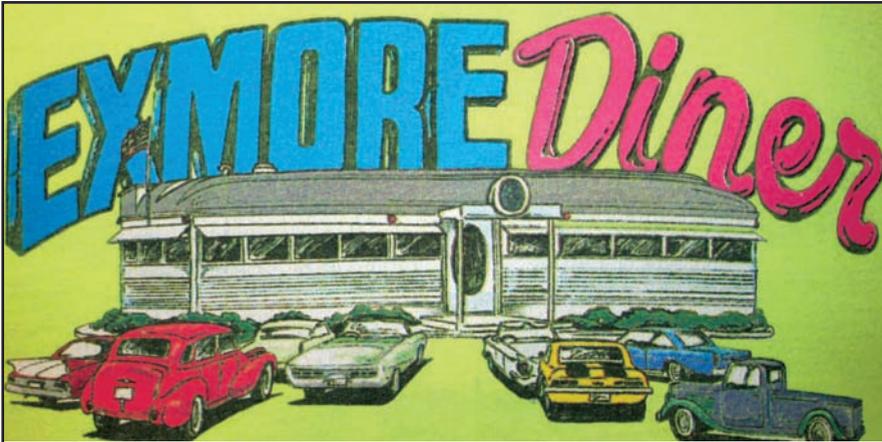
- Messongo parcel For \$85,000
- From Clarissa Trader, Emilio Cora and Antonio Cora-Cruz To Charles Murdock Lot 144, Unit 2, Trails End For \$11,500
- From Robert Garris To Lisa Tyler, Shelley Allen, Samuel Cooper, William Fosque, John Matthews, Leander Roberts, Betty Savage, Lula Seymour, Barbara White, Randy Brooks & Willie Hope, Trustees for Macedonia AME Church Accomac parcel For \$12,000
- From Secretary of HUD To Primo Zarate Parcel near Belle Haven For \$30,200
- From Gregory Duncan To Board of Missions Eastern Shore District UMC, Inc. Bloxom parcel For \$18,573
- From Connie, Harry & Norma Ricer To Amy and William Jones Property in Exmore For \$105,000
- From William Hill To Sharon and William Neiman 24251 Seaside Rd., near Cape Charles For \$264,000.
- From Renee and Stanley Rosen To Alton Wynne Jr. Lot 44 at Kings Creek Landing, near Cape Charles For \$35,000
- From Anita and William Wilson To William Hill, 2 Lots in Cape Charles For \$249,000
- From Earl and Joanna Young To Earl and Margaret Young Mears parcel For \$57,879
- From Shore Fertilizer Corp. To Crop Production Services, Inc. Belle Haven parcels For \$800,000
- From Carole Fisher To Tacoma Texas Properties, LLC



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- Terry Lynn Sparks, 44, and Forrestina Gwenlyn Sparks, 37, both of Tennessee
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- Jochin Vil, 31, and Darline Dorleus, 28, both of Accomac
- George Jackson Taylor Jr., 26, and Mindy Sue Farlow, 22, both of Bloxom

- Parcel on Chincoteague For \$123,000
- From Shore Land Parker To Willie and Connie Davis 2.63 acres near Horntown For \$110,000
- From Brian Laird To John Amend 33532 Craddockville Rd., Craddockville For \$133,000
- From Richard and Colleen Nappi To Ronald and Joan Johnson Lot 13, Gargatha Landing For \$239,100
- From Jeremy & Edith McClean To Russell and Susan Vreeland 2 Craddock Neck parcels For \$312,500
- From John & Kimberly Murphy To Gary Linter and Shane Herr Chincoteague parcel For \$315,000
- From Carol Winder To Racing Moon, LLC Chincoteague parcel For \$190,000
- From Pierson Group, Inc. To Sandra and Edith Parker Onley parcel For \$163,000
- From John Gray To Paul George Modest Town parcel For \$5,000
- From Margaret Vargas To Joseph Minton Assawoman parcel For \$53,000
- From Nancy Gladden To David Moon Wachapreague parcel For \$22,500



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LOCAL ELVES HAVE TAKEN OVER THE WEEKEND

Story & Photo by Linda Cicaira

It was an even split. Fifty percent of Accomack and Northampton residents who participated in a survey conducted by the Eastern Shore Post anticipated spending more than they should this holiday season and the other half said they absolutely would not overspend.

About 45.5 percent planned to spend less than in previous years, about an equal number will spend the same. Only nine percent said they would spend more than they did in previous Christmases.

Fifty eight percent said they visited Santa this year.

The majority or 46 percent will pay as they go. Forty-three percent will use credit and cash and four percent will stick totally to credit. Most of the latter mentioned that they would pay off their debt at the end of the month.

The survey takers said they will give presents to between two and 50 people. The average number was 18. Mayor Billye D. Custis of Onley said she “gives to probably 35 or so and I’m an only child!” About 20 percent of those are gift cards.

And she’s among the serious decorators. “Flamingo trimmed tree in the living room, small purple trees in the kitchen, small pink tree in the bedroom, shell-trimmed tree in the bathroom, and small trees in the dining room,” Custis said. “This is a scale-down since I moved from the large two-story house. I had 19 trees the last year there. The outside is decorated also.”

Wendy Hall of Melfa wrote, “My dad used to paint our Christmas tree white and my mom decorated it with blue lights. As a child I thought this was really strange but pretty.”

Angie H. Crutchley of Onancock says she’ll “spend about the same as last year. I just love Christmas and it is exciting to wrap presents and give them to people. I plan to take Santa Claus my list personally. I have a friend who flies charter flights to the North Pole ... I deserve more presents than everyone else!!”

“I try to decorate around Thanksgiving,” she said. “My tree is the first tree my husband and I got when we were dating six years



Mayor Billye D. Custis of Onley waits for the Santa Train while demonstrating her battery operated elf hat to the entertainment of others.

ago. It’s very ‘Charlie Brown’ but it means so much. Each year we add a new ornament or two so that as we get older we’ll have a progression of our life together via the Christmas tree.

Lynn Badger of Melfa says she will “have to have a real tree with decorations that have been collected over the last 30 years. Our son is 25, but we still put the Popsicle stick decorations he made in kindergarten on the tree. Also, have to have a wreath from Maplewood Gardens on the door and candles in the window.”

“We attend an annual Christmas Eve party with neighbors,” she added. “Even though we have moved from the old neighborhood, we are invited back every year. Thank you Nancock Gardens’ friends!”

“Our family always adopts a family that really is in need and that is the highlight of my Christmas,” said Theresa Adams of Belle

Haven. “A couple years ago we called Heritage Hall and arranged to take presents to all the residents. We filled the back of the ambulance with bags of presents and my grandson sang Christmas carols over the PA system while driving down the road. Everyone who passed us just beamed and waved. We carried the presents in and he hugged everyone and gave (each of) them a gift and fruit. The residents just love children. That was a wonderful Christmas.”

Elsie Bowen of Exmore always has a good holiday. “When I was about 10 years old, I came home from school one day and told my Dad that I was told there was no Santa Claus. His response was “if you do not believe there is a Santa, then Santa will not come. Needless to say, I’m 64 now and I still believe in Santa.”

“Christmas Eve which will be special this year,” said Patrick Be-

lote of Onancock. “I am actually playing the pipe organ at Onancock Baptist that my mother played regularly for 50 years. It hasn’t even been used for a decade!”

“Christmas is a special time of year for me and for many others,” said Toni Trepanier of Hallwood. “Decorations, food, goodwill towards man are all part of it, but this year I have a special wish - uphold and defend our constitution and pray for our military families,” she said.



Post Times

Dec. 24-30

FRIDAY DEC. 24

- ★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
- ★6 p.m. - **Traditional Candlelight Service** - Pungoteague Community Church
- ★7 p.m. - **Life Teach Series** - Rachel/ Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- ★7 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Service** - Market St. United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
- ★7 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Adventist Community Center, Exmore

SATURDAY DEC. 25

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

SUNDAY DEC. 26

- ★2:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Vietnam Veterans' Bldg., Main St., Onley
- ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Fellowship House, 6263 Church St., Chincoteague

MONDAY DEC. 27

- ★9 a.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - UMC Fellowship House, Chincoteague
- ★9 a.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Market Street UMC, Onancock - 787-4718
- ★9:30-11:30 a.m. - **GED class** - Head Start, Accomac - 787-1760
- ★10:30-11:30 a.m. - **Moms In Touch Int'l Prayer Group mtg.** - Cape Charles Baptist Church
- ★noon - **AA mtg.** - St. Peter's Catholic Church, 25236 Coastal Blvd., 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

TUESDAY DEC. 28

- ★10 a.m. - **Bingo** - Accomack Sr. Village, Onancock - 787-3900
- ★1:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Market Street UMC, Onancock
- ★1:30-3 p.m. - **Hospice Grief Support Program** - Downings United Methodist Church, 7291 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall - 787-3310
- ★4:15 p.m. - **TOPS weigh-in (prgm. @ 5)** - Belle Haven Presbyterian - 442-3984
- ★5:30-7 p.m. - **Hospice Grief Support Program** - Hospice Bldg., 165 Market St., Suite #3, Onancock - 787-3310
- ★6 p.m. - **Onancock Lions Club mtg.** - Sunrise Restaurant, Onley - 787-4278
- ★6 p.m. - **Rachel Leah Ministries** - 787-2486
- ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
- ★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Classroom A-51, ESCC, Melfa
- ★7 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous mtg.** - Jerusalem Baptist, Temperanceville
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - smoke free - Cheriton VFC
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon meeting** - Atlantic UMC
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Order of The Eastern Star (Accomack Chapter #62)** - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague
- ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Atlantic Methodist Church, 10044 Atlantic Rd.

WEDNESDAY DEC. 29

- ★7:45 a.m. - **Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.** - Sage Restaurant, Onley
- ★8 a.m.-noon - **Farmers' Market** - Downtown Park, Chincoteague
- ★9:30-11:30 a.m. - **GED Class** - Head Start Ctr., Accomac - 787-1760
- ★10:30 a.m. - **Duplicate Bridge** - Sage Diner, Exmore - 442-2474
- ★noon - **AA mtg.** - United Methodist Church, 47 Market St., Onancock
- ★2 p.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - Public Library, Accomac
- ★2 p.m. - **E.S. Brain Injury Survivors Exercise & Support Group mtg.** - Belle Haven- 442-9334
- ★4 p.m. - **Arts & Crafts Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library
- ★7 p.m. - **AA & Al-Anon mtgs.** - RSMH, Nassawadox
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Painter Vol. Fire Co., Painter

THURSDAY DEC. 30

- ★11 a.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - Public Library, Accomac
- ★2 p.m. - **Children's Story Hour** - North. Library, Nassawadox
- ★5 p.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Baptist Bible Church, Accomac
- ★6 p.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Cape Charles Rescue Squad bldg., Cheriton
- ★6:30 p.m. - **Kiwanis of Chincoteague mtg.** - St. Andrew's Catholic
- ★6:30-7:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
- ★6:30- 8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Classroom A-51, ESCC
- ★7 p.m. - **Narcotics Anonymous mtg.** - Painter Garrisons UMC
- ★8 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Fellowship House, 6263 Church St., Chincoteague

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Eastern Shore Trading POST

Announcements

THE FAMILY OF REVEREND MARGARUTE MOORE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR KIND ACTS DURING OUR LOSS. YOUR VISITS, CALLS, CARDS, FLOWERS, ALL THE EXCELLENT FOODS AND PRAYERS HELPED EASE HER DEPARTURE. REV. MOORE FOUGHT A GOOD BATTLE AND REMAINED ON THE "BATTLE-FIELD FOR THE LORD." WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND LOVE YOU CARRY ON HER MISSION FOR THE LORD.

MR. & MRS. EDMOND NORTHAM



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KEYBOARD PLAYER - Saturdays, 2:30-6 p.m. Call Bishop Thomas Owens, Smyrna Assembly of Yahshua at 410-726-4995

HELP WANTED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SPECIALIST

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The individual selected for this position must be a Qualified Mental Health Provider as defined by Medicaid Regulations. Minimal salary is \$24,889 with a comprehensive benefit package that includes employer-paid retirement with the Virginia Retirement System, shared cost for medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health insurance; a minimum of 17 vacation and 15 sick days per year; and other optional benefits such as deferred compensation plans and long term care insurance.

Interested individuals must contact the Virginia Employment Commission office at 757-302-2029, for application procedures. A thoroughly completed ESCSB application is required. Applicants with an out-of-state driver's license must submit a copy of their driving record with their application. Resumes may accompany the application but will not be considered alone. The individual accepting this position will be subject to a pre-employment drug test and a nationwide criminal background check via fingerprinting. Open until filled.

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C-HAWK 23, '97, C/C, I/O, Volvo Penta - 4.3, V6. Compass, new radio, antenna, PFDs, depth finder, '06 Load Rite w/ dual wheels. \$13,500. 804-403-3443.

29' PHOENIX, flybridge, enclosed, twin Cummins diesel engines, 250 hrs., outriggers, off-shore ready. \$30,000. Call 757-999-3437.

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2 SETS CLAM TONGS - Alfred Dise-757-891-2223

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Roommate

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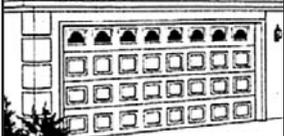
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Legal Advertising

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. CL10-340

vs.

The heirs and devisees of SAMUEL WILSON

MATILDA WILSON
MAMIE BLAKE

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land being 2.00 acres, more or less, Capeville District, Northampton County, Virginia, designated as parcel no. 00112-0A-BLK-00-036.

LESS AND EXCEPT a conveyance as recorded in Deed Book 89, page 132.

standing in the name of Samuel Wilson, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Samuel Wilson; and that due diligence has been used to determine whether Matilda Wilson is living, or if deceased, then to ascertain the names and location of all of her heirs, devisees and successors in title; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Samuel Wilson and Matilda Wilson; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Mamie Blake, whose last known post office address is Eastville, VA 23347.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 17, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 17th day of December, 2010
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

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

Legal Advertising (Cont'd)

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 Plaintiff
 CIVIL CASE NO. CL10-339

vs.
 WILLIE GEORGE WILLIAMS
 Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land East of Treherneville, Northampton County, Virginia, being on the North side of Virginia State Route 622 and designated as parcel no. 00040-0A-BLK-00-054.

standing in the name of Willie George Williams, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

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

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 17, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 17th day of December, 2010
 Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:
 JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
 Attorney at Law
 P.O. Box 1410
 Yorktown, VA 23692
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 Plaintiff
 CIVIL CASE NO. CL10000338-00

vs.
 JOHNNIE WILLIAMS
 SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
 Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land East of Treherneville, Northampton County, Virginia, being on the North side of Virginia State Route 622 and designated as parcel no. 00040-0A-BLK-00-056.

standing in the name of Johnnie Williams, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

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

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 17, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
 Plaintiff
 CIVIL CASE NO. 09 370

vs.
 DAISY KELLAM

The heirs and devisees of
 MARIE KELLAM

WILLIE KELLAM

The heirs and devisees of
 LAURA KELLAM

ROSIE MAE KATES
 JANICE LANGLEY
 SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
 EASTERN SHORE TRACTOR COMPANY
 SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
 dba SHORE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land near the Town of Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, being 0.33 acre, more or less,

AND

All that parcel of land near the Town of Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, known as "Ed Finney" lot and designated as parcel no. 010A2-0A-BLK-00-053A.

LESS AND EXCEPT a conveyance recorded in Deed Book 179, page 421.

standing in the names of Daisy Kellam, Marie Kellam, Willie Kellam and Rosie Mae Kates, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Daisy Kellam, Marie Kellam, Willie Kellam and Laura Kellam, also known as Laura Kellam Thomas; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Daisy Kellam, Marie Kellam, Willie Kellam, and Laura Kellam, also known as Laura Kellam Thomas; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Rosie Mae Kates, whose last known post office address is P.O. Box 732, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before January 14, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 14th day of December, 2010
 Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:
 JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
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Posted at Sea Level

By Linda Cicoira

While the rest of you are waiting for Santa Claus to zip down the chimney and leave handsomely wrapped goodies under your Christmas tree tonight, I'll be staring at my dog.

I recently read about an ancient legend that states that all animals of the forest can speak in "human language" on Christmas Eve. Well Ratty (pictured at right) goes in the forest sometimes. I'm hoping that means he'll utter words in English.

That old boy (he's 24) and I have so much to talk about. So far it's been a one-way conversation. I'll bet all of you will be looking at your four-legged friends in a new way today, too. It would be pretty interesting if they all spoke up at once.

I'm hoping to find out why Ratty takes two steps and then jumps a bit to the left. It's kind of like a skip. He's a happy dog. He doesn't have to talk for me to know that.

I'd also expect him to tell me why he barks sometimes when I'm holding him. It's very startling. I wonder what he's saying when he woofs at the neighbor's dogs. Is it hello or is he telling them to get lost? It's so hard to tell since they sniff each other afterward. Is Ratty like some kids who tell all their parents' secrets? Do those neighborhood animals know which songs I sing in the shower? And will they tell their humans?

Yes, they'll all be nestling around the tree singing carols and suddenly Rover will exclaim, "Linda sings 'Silent Night' all year round!! Nah! Nah!"

The biggest question for Ratty is why in all these years — all these Christmas Eves — has he not spoken? Did he try and his throat was kind of scratchy from barking so he gave up? Did he say something and did I just not understand? Is he shy? Is he holding out? Does he talk to the cats about us?

Perhaps Finnegan, Frank Sina-



tra, Little Bit and Ivan will start blabbing too. As it is now, the latter three go over and stare in the neighbor's windows. Perhaps they'll come back home and tell us what they see.

Maybe they'll complain about their food or start bossing Lloyd and me around. Wouldn't it be great if in 2011, all my animals would start to not only talk, but

also write? They could get jobs and I could stay home.

The wonderment of it all sure makes the upcoming New Year appear brighter. I'm certain all my critters will say "Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight." I know Snoop and Scoop from the Eastern Shore Post would wish you the very best.

Yippee!

Post Office Mail

Jim McGowan Will Be Hard To Replace

Dear Editor:

Spending a significant amount of time conducting studies in various county and municipal governments allowed me the opportunity to work with — and evaluate — a fair number of planning departments and particularly, planning directors. Accomack County, with the recent resignation of Jim McGowan, has lost one of the finest planners I have been privileged to work with.

Most people are not aware of the myriad complexities a planner faces — every day. Jim McGowan, in my opinion, dealt with these complexities and the demands that accompanied them, with exceptional skill and a dedication not to be challenged. The county has lost a principled employee and a gentleman.

The formidable task now will be to find a new planning director at least equal to Jim McGowan's skill level. As a management consultant to the world of municipal government, I have found the critical ingredients to be considered for the planning director position are: a strong civil engineering background and/or certification from the American Institute of Certi-

fied Planners, the American Planner's Association's professional institute. These factors must be coupled with appropriate planning experience. Anything less runs the risk of disservice to the constituency of Accomack County. Ergo, given the significant impact the planning function can, and will have on the future of Accomack County, the selection process must be approached with great care and concern.

Jim McGowan, I wish you well.

Dan Hillman, Locustville

Post Op-Ed Page

the postal system direct more of their time in making the USPS profitable and more efficient, we would not have had to depend on UPS and FedEx for so many deliveries.

It also seems to me a little reverting to past traditions would help with economic and family values. I realize not all worship in the same manner and that is their right, but in this country we have decorated and celebrated Christmas for hundreds of years and a few special interest groups should not dictate how the majority feels.

Rick Chase, Mayor of Parksley

Christmas Decorations Offend?

Dear Editor:

Let me start this letter by saying normally I try to stay positive in any reference to our community. However, this past week I was appalled by a situation at the post office. I happened to be standing in the postal office when a customer asked where all the Christmas decorations were, and then I began to notice there were none. I then heard the postmaster say that they had received a memo from their main office not to decorate this year as it may offend someone visiting the post office.

It seems to me if we can have a national tree and special lighting ceremony each year without offending anyone, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) could have a tree. Should the leaders of

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