

BIC to present documentary, 'Watermen'

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MACHIPONGO — The Barrier Islands Center has announced the upcoming premiere of its latest documentary, "Watermen," on Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Barrier Islands Center.

The film explores the history and culture surrounding fishing in the waters of Virginia's seaside and Chesapeake Bay. The 2012 Academy Award nominated filmmaker/director James Spione will discuss the filming process with the audience before the screenings.

The film, made by the same filmmaker who made "Our Island Home" and "Spirit of the Bird" again creates a beautifully textured documentary that gives voice to the people, lifestyles, and traditions that make up the unique fabric of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

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the hardworking men and women who struggle to make their living on the water, "Watermen" also traces generations of families and communities which have evolved around fishing.

Despite hardships and an uncertain future, the film captures the fierce pride and enduring optimism of the Eastern Shore's watermen.

This latest documentary, produced by the Barrier Islands Center, was funded in part by the

Beazley Foundation, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, and Herndon Foundation. The documentary will be a permanent exhibit at the museum.

DVDs of "Watermen" will be available for purchase from the BIC gift shop in late summer.

The screenings are free, but due to limited seating, reservations are required.

Please call the Barrier Islands Center at 757-678-5550.

Coalition, like other nonprofits, tries to remain solvent

By Ted Shockley

Staff Writer

ONANCOCK — During the summer of 2012, the Eastern Shore of Virginia's only domestic violence shelter was in danger of closing its doors.

Officials were told they wouldn't be receiving a \$20,000 state grant that had been a staple of the shelter's budget since it opened in 1996.

The shelter had mortgage payments on its headquarters and its 16-bed shelter.

"We were in the state where we really were threatened with having to close the shelter," said Peaches Dodge, board president of the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

But an appeal to the community and an increased emphasis on fundraising turned around the shelter's fortunes.

It raised \$90,000 and paid off both mortgages. There was a "serious strategic planning focus" on the issues, Dodge said.

Christi S. Lawton, a new executive director with a background in fund development and grant writing, was hired.

The coalition this year sought increased funding from Accomack and Northampton counties. Accomack contributed; Northampton has not included the funding in its draft budget.

Experts say the coalition was not alone in its financial troubles. Beginning six years ago during the economic recession, nonprofits felt a considerable pinch.

"Some organizations lost 30 percent of their revenues, some lost as much as 50 percent of their revenues," said Glen O'Gilvie, chief executive of the Center for Nonprofit Advancement,

an agency that assists nonprofits in the Washington, D.C., area.

The center in recent years has advocated for Virginia nonprofits after the commonwealth's similar agency, the Virginia Network of Nonprofit Organizations, dissolved in 2011.

But the years that followed saw nonprofits' donations and revenues climb back, in part because of the rising stock market.

"Their endowments were related to the stock market," said O'Gilvie.

He said a recent survey indicated more than 50 percent of respondents indicated levels of giving that were the same or greater in 2013, indicating a trend of positive giving.

That would benefit nonprofits in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware, which report billions in earnings and hundreds of thousands of employees.

However, fundamental changes in how nonprofits conducted business also helped the bottom line.

"Nonprofits have had to work smarter, not harder," said Kristin Davis, vice president of communications and marketing for the Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement, a trade group that advocates for agencies.

"They're also trying to provide the same amount of services with less," she said.

"They are trying to figure out this new economy that we're in."

Still, doing more with less worries Greg Cantori, president of Maryland Nonprofits, because of the type of work conducted by most nonprofit agencies.

Their employees, he said, "worked so hard and they tried to save so much

money, a lot of them frankly are burned out."

Many are in the public service field — similar to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence — and "the ones who lived through the last five or six years have become exhausted," he said.

"It's a fantastic job, but it can be a very stressful line of work," Cantori said. "After a while, it gets on your own personal stress level."

Cantori said nonprofits ended up hiring more during the recession because their services were more in demand — more housing counselors, for example, were needed to help with those facing foreclosure as homeowners fell further behind.

It created a desperate scenario, he said.

"Can you imagine what it was like in the soup kitchens, for instance, when more and more people started showing up?" he asked.

At the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the people in need weren't seeking soup. They were seeking a safe haven.

From July 2012 through June 2013, the coalition provided 3,733 nights of shelter to 37 adults and 34 children.

It provided resources and referrals to 368 people who called its hotline, almost 4,000 hours of advocacy services to adults and 864 hours to children.

Now that the shelter is back on firm financial footing, it has become a nonprofit success story.

"We ended up with appeals to the public and have followed up very strongly," said Dodge, saying the group is "really putting our name in the public's eyes and ears again."

Domestic violence is "an issue that should not and cannot be ignored."

Bundick's court date set May 15

By Carol Vaughn

Staff Writer

ACCOMACK — Accused Accomack County arsonist Tonya Bundick will make her next court appearance on Thursday, May 15.

Bundick was indicted in December on 62 arson charges. She will be arraigned in Accomack County Circuit Court at 9:30 a.m.

Substitute Judge Glen A. Tyler last month signed an order denying the Commonwealth's motion to allow the indictments to be tried together — the argument was the arsons were part of a common plan.

But defense attorney Allan Zaleski argued there was no common

plan, saying the arsons took place in 18 different townships in the county and different things, including grass, houses, woods and shed, were burned.

"The offenses are not based on the same act or transaction, and ... there is no common scheme or plan," Tyler said in the ruling.

He put off ruling on two additional defense motions — one asked for a change of venue for future trials and the other asked the sheriff be directed to allow Bundick "to attend to her personal appearance" before a future jury trial.

Bundick entered an Alford plea in a January trial held in Virginia Beach, Va., on two other

counts related to an April 1 arson in Melfa.

The fire was the last of more than 70 arsons reported in Accomack County during a nearly five-month period between November 2012 and April 2013.

The fires stopped after Bundick and her fiancée, Charles R. Smith III, were arrested in early April 2.

Smith pleaded guilty in October to 68 charges related to 67 arsons. He has not yet been sentenced.

Smith and Bundick remain incarcerated in two different Eastern Shore of Virginia jails.

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Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run to make Shore stop on June 4

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RICHMOND — The Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics Virginia will pass through the Eastern Shore Wednesday, June 4, as runners make their way to Richmond to kick off the Special Olympics Virginia 2014 Summer Games June 6-7.

More than 2,000 officers will carry the Special Olympics Flame of Hope over 1,900 miles across the commonwealth.

The Eastern Shore run will commence on Chincoteague at 8 a.m. and will pass through several towns, including Accomack, Onancock, Eastville and Cheriton, before it ends at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

From there, the torch will be handed to the Virginia Beach region.

On the morning of June 6, officers from the Metro Richmond area will gather at a Final Leg ceremony at the state capital.

From there, more than 75 local law enforcement officers, including those from the Eastern Shore, will run the Torch Run Final Leg into the University of Richmond's Robins Center.

That night officers will pass the Flame of Hope to a Special Olympic athlete, who will light a brand new Olympic cauldron to officially open this year's Summer Games.

Now in its 29th year, the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch

Run, presented by SunTrust and Enterprise, has raised more than \$16 million for Special Olympics Virginia, including a record-breaking \$1.12 million this year alone.

For the officers involved, the Torch Run is a serious commitment by the Virginia Law Enforcement community to pay homage to the Special Olympics Virginia athletes and their families.

If you would like to join the Eastern Shore Region 13 Run or

if you would like to volunteer to help the Torch Run committee with fundraising on the Shore, please contact Investigator Terry A. Thomas, Northampton County Sheriff's Office, at 757-678-0495 or tthomas@co.northampton.va.us.

For more information about Special Olympics Virginia, please contact Special Olympics Virginia PR Director Holly Claytor at 804-370-7916 or hclaytor@specialolympics-va.org.

OBITUARIES

Lt. Col (Ret.) Glenna L. Chandler

Glenna L. Chandler, Lt. Col (Ret.) USAF NC, 89, died Wednesday, April 30, 2014, a resident of Montgomery, Ala.

Glenna was born in Painter on Oct. 28, 1924. After graduating from Central High School, she joined the Army Nurse Corp in 1947, transferring to the newly formed AF Nurse Corp in 1949. She continued on active duty with overseas assignments in Germany, Alaska and Vietnam until retirement in November 1970. Glenna was an active member of the Society of AF Nurses and active member of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church.

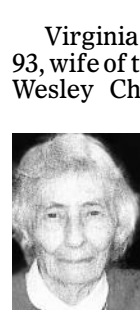
She was preceded in death by her parents Luceal and Grover C. Chandler; sisters, Gladys Watson, and Lucille Snyder; and brothers, Grover and Vernon Chandler. She is survived by the wives of Grover (Jeanette) and Vernon (Virginia), both of Virginia; cousin, Robert (Patsy) Gladden of Painter; numerous nieces and nephews; and her beloved friend and traveling companion of over 50 years, Kathleen Wagner.

There was a memorial service at the Frazer Memorial UMC Chapel on May 9 at 11 a.m. Inurnment at Arlington Nation-

al Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Memorials may be made to Painter-Garrison's Methodist Church, P.O. Box 502, Painter, Va. 23420; or to the church or charity of one's choice.

Mrs. Virginia L. Charnock



Virginia L. Charnock

Virginia Lee Charnock, 93, wife of the late Vaughn Wesley Charnock and a resident of Tangier, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2014, at the home of her daughter in Salisbury, Md.

Born Oct. 10, 1920, on Tangier Island, Mrs. Charnock was a daughter of the late Luther Thomas and Lily Brown Thomas. She was a homemaker, and member of the New Testament Church. Survivors include three children, Shirley Pruitt and husband, Wallace, of Salisbury, Md., Edward Charnock and wife, Annette, and John Charnock and wife, Faith, all of Tangier; five grandchildren, Kelly Wheatley, Danielle Crockett, Jason Charnock, Amanda Parks and Troy Charnock; 12 great-grandchildren, Ashley Eskridge, Erica Parks, Jeremy Parks, Jonathan Wheatley, Hannah, Joshua and Jacob Crockett,

Kylee Parks, Alona and Gavon Charnock, Emilee Parks and Rabab Charnock; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by two sisters, Eva Dise and Frances Warfield; and a daughter-in-law, Henrietta Charnock. She was expecting her first great-grandchild in September, which will be her fifth generation.

Funeral services will be conducted from the New Testament Church on Tangier, Thursday, May 15, at 2 p.m., with Elder Duane Crockett and Mr. Denny Crockett officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. A visitation will be held at the church, Wednesday, May 14, from 7-9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the New Testament Missionary Fund, c/o Mr. Danny McCready, P.O. Box 3, Tangier, Va. 23440.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements by the Williams Funeral Homes, Parksley and Onancock.



Mrs. Annie Mae Dixon

Annie Mae Dixon, 90, wife of the late Harold Lee Dixon and a resident of Fairview, passed away Friday, May 9, 2014, at her residence.

Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Saturday, May 17, from Mt. Sinai Gospel Tabernacle in Fairview with Bishop Helen O. Gillis officiating. Visitation and viewing will be at the church Friday from 5-7 p.m. Interment will be in the Cape Charles Community Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Willie Mae Doggett, Evora C. Jackson, Carlethia Harris, Eva Driver, Harold Lee Dixon Jr. and Wayne Dixon; 30 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and other family members and friends.

She was predeceased by two children, Winifred Williams and La Val Dixon.

Arrangements by Gray's Funeral Home in Cape Charles.



Mr. Fredrick D. Gunter Sr.

Fredrick Douglas Gun-

ter Sr., a resident of Exmore, died Friday, May 2, 2014, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Nassawadox.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 10, at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Williams & Wharton Funeral Home, Accomack.

He leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Fredrick Gunter Jr. of Delaware City, Del., and Tim Gunter of Tennessee; two brothers, Larry Gunter of Exmore and Lerom Gunter of Manassas; a sister, Diane Thompson; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Arrangements were made by Williams & Wharton Funeral Home, Accomack.

Harry M. Walker and Thelma Mae Walker

Graveside funeral services will be held for Harry Mapp Walker and his wife, Thelma Mae "Thadde" Walker at Franktown Cemetery in Franktown on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 2 p.m.

Arrangements by B.D. Holland Funeral Home, Nassawadox.



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