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Northampton High School teacher Brad Ford is named Teacher of the Year by Superintendent Lisa Martin during an event at the school. See story, page 2

ACCOMACK

New totals show candidate fines now top \$7K

Office-holders must pay campaign finance report penalties by Jan. 1

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack elected officials took their oaths of office county's circuit court on Wednesday, Dec. 20 — but nearly a third still owe fines before they are qualified for their roles, which begin Jan. 1.

Nineteen candidates running for county offices received fines after they were late filing state-mandated campaign finance reports for the Nov. 7 election.

Updated records from the Accomack County voter registrar show school board member Camesha Handy owes a \$7,100 fine for eight late reports. Handy's is, by far, the highest

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NORTHAMPTON

Brad Ford is named Teacher of the Year

Northampton High School band teacher Brad Ford has been named Northampton County Public Schools' teacher of the year.

Ford "stands out as an exemplary educator who embodies excellence, dedication, and innovation within and around our community," the school system stated in a prepared release.

The press release cited Ford's "exceptional commitment to fostering student success and exemplifying the highest teaching and performance excellence standards."

It stated Ford's "passion for musical education and unwavering dedication to his students and colleagues have resonated since his arrival at NCPS. He has a remarkable

ability to inspire and motivate."

Ford reimplemented the school system's marching ensemble and increased opportunities for the band to compete and perform across the region.

Working with The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, he secured additional funds for musical equipment.

Ford also guides Odyssey of the Mind students. Under his leadership, Odyssey of the Mind teams have successfully competed at the regional and state levels and advanced to the World Finals Competition.

Ford will be eligible to represent NCPS in the regional Teacher of the Year competition.

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Rezoning denial, after further review, is overturned

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

A motion by the Cape Charles Town Council to rezone a parcel south of the harbor, previously thought to have failed, actually received enough votes to pass.

Eyre Baldwin, a local developer, on Thursday, Nov. 16, requested the rezoning to facilitate the sale of the property to what he called “one of the greatest resort companies on the Delmarva Peninsula.”

The rezoning will allow the construction of a hotel or other temporary lodgings anywhere on the nearly 1.8-acre property.

The property originally had split zoning — approximately 1.5 acres of the parcel was zoned as harbor district, and less than one-third acre was zoned for light industrial use, like the neighboring concrete plant.

Baldwin wanted the entire parcel to be zoned as harbor district to make the sale more attractive to the prospective buyer.

He said the resort could provide a golf cart path, kayaks, paddle boards, bicycles for rent, and a place for visitors to “camp out.”

These types of uses are not allowed on land zoned for industrial use. Without rezoning, a buyer could still build lodging on the property but would have to design around its industrial portion.

On the north side of the harbor is Mason Avenue, the main street for business in Cape Charles, which is part of the town’s historic district and attracts a lot of foot traffic.

However, the south side of the harbor is less accessible to visitors and has more complex zoning.

The south side of the harbor is home to the Coastal Precast concrete plant, and just beyond lies the Bay Creek community.

The rectangular strip of land that was rezoned is wedged between two larger parcels: one zoned for light industrial use and one that is zoned as harbor district and under conservation.

Councilman Andy Buchholz objected to “housing” such as a hotel, motel, or short-term vacation rental home being built “in the middle of nowhere.”

“I just don’t think it fits in that general area to have harbor landlocked in the middle of industrial and a no-use area. It makes no sense,” he said.

Town Manager John Hozey emphasized that Baldwin’s aim was for “the zoning to be consistent.”

“If you vote this down ... he can still do whatever he wants” on the harbor-zoned portion of the parcel, Hozey said.

Zoning Administrator Katie Nunez added that hotels, motels, and other temporary lodgings are not allowed by right in the harbor district, and

constructing any such building would require a conditional-use permit, which also must be approved by the town council.

But Buchholz was not swayed and he cast the only vote against the rezoning proposal.

The town manager declared the measure had failed even though three council members, the majority of those present at the meeting, had voted for the proposal.

He said a motion passes only if it is approved by a majority of the six-member town council, not simply a majority of the members present.

Upon further research after the meeting, Hozey learned that the rule only applies to votes on financial matters, not on zoning; therefore, the motion had passed.

Councilmen Paul Grossman and Andrew Follmer were absent from the Nov. 16 town council meeting.

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Man makes plea deal in charge eluding police

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

A man who was hospitalized with a gunshot wound less than 24 hours before running from police in a car filled with firearms pleaded guilty to felony eluding in Accomack Circuit Court.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III accepted a plea agreement that allows Jaylen Edward Rogers, 23, of Greenbush, to be released after the seven months he has served since his June arrest.

Rogers will be on supervised probation for three years and must be on good behavior for five years.

A number of special conditions are included in his probation requirements.

He is not to associate with any members of a criminal street gang. He may not wear any clothing or articles indicating gang membership.

He may not tag any property with gang graffiti or possess firearms, ammunition, knives, or other weapons.

"This is a Class 6 felony," said the judge. "You made a bad mistake when you didn't stop."

Testimony showed Rogers was driving on Boston Road near Painter when a deputy on patrol checked his license plate.

That plate belonged to a different make and model of vehicle, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Baker.

The officer turned on his lights and siren and attempted to make a traffic stop.

Instead of stopping, the car sped away and a chase ensued. Rogers soon turned onto a dirt lane driving 70 mph as the deputy followed.

Both cars were skidding on the soft surface, Baker said. The deputy saw items being thrown from the car along that road. A Glock 10mm and a Glock 9mm were recovered there.

One of the weapons had a trigger activator, said Baker. This is an illegal accessory that turns a semi-automatic weapon into a weapon that fires until the magazine is empty with one pull of the trigger.

The chase continued until Rogers went between two parked cars and crashed into a tree. Rogers and a passenger jumped from the car and ran, Baker said, but were soon apprehended.

A search of Rogers found a bag of marijuana, pills, and \$259 in cash.

Testimony showed Rogers' only previous criminal conviction was a concealed weapon charge incurred in 2021.

DNA taken from the two pistols excluded him as the owner of either one. Defense attorney Kelly Dicorradro said Rogers was not a gang member but did associate with gang members. "He is a good kid who associated with the wrong people and made wrong choices," she said.

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The Army Reserves proved to be a positive experience for Tonychia, and she has three years left to serve. She emphasized “the military helped me know that I could achieve and strive for more”. But there was another resource for her that was close to home and ready to propel her to reach her goals.

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“I reached out to Career Services at ESCC about internships and opportunities in my field and they helped me submit my resume’ to BAE Systems at Wallops Island.” Tonychia continued, “I was contacted the next day and offered a position as a test director and computer operator. I went full-time on November 6th!”

All indications are that Tonychia will likely advance quickly to working with Navy contracts and monitoring labs. She added “It’s so exciting to



Tonychia Copes

see the immediate growth potential in this field and to immediately see the interest companies like BAE have in ESCC students.”

The pipeline of student talent to NASA Wallops and associated contractors has been robust through the years, as Tonychia herself pointed out after an

ESCC day trip to the base in 2022. “This was an influential moment for me. When I saw familiar local faces that I had seen on campus, working in a field that I aspired to be a part of, it built confidence that I can do this too.”

VP of Academics and Workforce Programs, Dr. Joseph Walter, emphasizes to new students daily that the opportunities with internships and career paths are very tangible in a variety of fields. He added “Our partnerships

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BAY CREEK

Vehicle hits condo; residents won't be home for Christmas

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Only in their dreams will residents of a six-unit Bay Creek condominium be home for Christmas.

That's because one of the residents backed into it late on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 14, rendering the entire building uninhabitable through the holidays and bringing commotion to an otherwise silent night.

The issue caused such a clatter that Jeb Brady, Cape Charles' building code official, sprang to the scene to see what was the matter.

After making a list and checking it twice, Brady determined the building's certificate of occupancy requires domestic water service and water for its fire-suppression sprinklers.

The vehicle's impact knocked out the water service. There were no reported injuries at the Old Course Loop unit.

Only two of the six units were occupied as full-time residences. For the rest of the owners, their troubles were miles away.

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Northampton Class of '74 sets reunion

The Northampton High School Class of 1974 is making plans for its 50th reunion. People who are interested in planning and attending can contact Thomas "Rip" Rippon at tomrippon56@gmail.com or Amy Sturgis Darby at asdarby715@gmail.com.

The class would like to have contact information for all classmates.



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THE PAPER'S POSITION

The realities of running Shore's childbirth program

The childbirth program at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock loses \$2 million annually.

Next year, Riverside officials said the cost of locating temporary pediatricians at the hospital's maternity unit will cost another \$1 million.

Those were the numbers cited in a Dec. 15 Eastern Shore Post article, "What doctors will newborns have at Riverside?" about Eastern Shore Rural Health ending its contract to have pediatricians at the Riverside's hospital.

The story also provided an interesting peek at the stark realities impacting the maternity unit at our community hospital, including that it sees fewer than one birth daily, on average. That seems very low.

A critical takeaway is that Riverside is committed to keeping the childbirth unit on the Eastern Shore even though it is losing millions annually.

This might not be the case if the local hospital was not part of a larger medical system that can absorb such financial losses for the good of the community.

In fact, the hospital's president said other communities in the same situation have shut down their childbirth programs.

However, Riverside's chief executive said keeping its childbirth program is a matter of safety — it is so far away to have a baby delivered at another hospital.

The Eastern Shore is fortunate to have an association with Riverside because of its resources and treatment opportunities.

We should all be grateful that the healthcare provider keeps open a critical component like its childbirth program despite its financial difficulties.

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GUEST COLUMN

Finding a way to create affordable housing

BY RACHEL MAY

Guest columnist

Thank you for the front-page coverage of affordable housing, "Short-term rental backers beam plan," on Dec. 15.

It is of comfort to see the concern in print — both those viewpoints that resonate with my experience as well as those that do not.

Recent headlines have made plain the hard truths.

Roughly 35 percent of homes are being purchased by cash-buyers. Good credit is no longer sufficient. Three out of 4 homes currently for sale are beyond the means of middle class Americans.

Institutional investors — hedge funds, namely — are pricing folks out of the market in ways that our parents never imagined.

Yes, average hourly earnings have increased since 2019, but not by 48 percent. Home prices have increased precisely

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The Eastern Shore Post welcomes your letters and guest columns. Letters and columns must include a phone number and a town of residence for verification.

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that much (Case-Schiller). The rental market has been no safe harbor.

Residents of the Eastern Shore have dedicated untold

time and heart to housing.

Our Habitat for Humanity affiliate has consistently shown up to the issue. Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority, among others, is paying close attention. Myriad work groups have tried to move the needle. HousingForward Virginia is a guiding light.

My hope is that when we speak of affordable housing, we speak with curiosity and goodwill. My experience is that some communities have their hands up, ready to make small sacrifices. Other localities are looking the other way, as though the housing crisis is someone else's fish to fry.

I am fortunate to be taking part in the development of a Delmarva-based foundation, which has "advancing home ownership" at its core. The faithful and the innovative and

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Require special-use permit for N'hampton short-term rentals

BY SHERYL AND DR. DAVID DALESSIO

Guest columnists

We encourage the Northampton County Board of Supervisors to change the proposed short-term rental ordinance from “by right” to a process requiring a minor special-use permit.

This does not pose a major obstacle in the permitting process. Specifically, this process allows members of a community to have a voice. Anything less would only serve to silence a dissenting opinion.

The proposed ordinance would require a public hearing so concerned citizens may voice their opinion about why a short-term rental may not be appropriate in their residential community.

The current one-size-fits-all approach is not the answer. Currently there are no areas in the county where

short-term rentals are restricted, nor is there a requirement to notify adjacent property owners of intent.

The requirement of a minor special-use permit has been supported by the Berkley Group, a community development consulting firm that was contracted by the board of supervisors to make recommendations regarding the permit process for short-term rentals, among other issues.

Additionally, the same recommendation has been made by the planning commission to the board of supervisors multiple times, past and present.

Our neighborhood and many others on the Eastern Shore were created in the 1970s, long before the variety of present-day rental options existed.

Our safety had never been in question. However, one of the most prevalent effects of these rental possibilities is that they can affect residential cohesion.

They disrupt the formation of long-term bonds among neighbors, removing the sense of continuity within the community and the ability to establish trust, which are paramount for a secure and peaceful environment.

Transient guests may be less invested in maintaining these tranquil surroundings. Try as they may, owners of these establishments cannot stop their guests from trespassing on private property. The presence of these unfamiliar faces has raised serious safety concerns for our permanent residents, especially those living alone.

Towns, cities, and municipalities worldwide are using overlay zoning, owner hosting, and strict regulations to lessen the impact of short-term rentals. Our county officials must also see the reality of the proliferation of short-term rentals.

There is a plethora of studies and

data available on the internet that substantiate the pressure of long-term rental costs on low-income and middle-income residents that short-term rentals create.

How can our Northampton communities continue to retain and attract long-term residents, who are the essential backbone for a work force, our health care, teachers, police, emergency medical services, and service groups that donate time and funds that many residents depend on?

While we embrace the economic benefits of the short-term rentals, isn't it also our essential responsibility to make sure we are prioritizing the well-being of the residents in our communities so all can share in the prosperity of the Eastern Shore's future?

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■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Allen and Emma Philpot at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Sunday, December 31

■ **CELEBRATION:** 5 to 6 p.m., Snow Hill Family New Year’s Eve Celebration at the old fire hall, 212 W. Green St. Free hot dog dinner and games.

■ **BALL:** 6 p.m., Delegate’s Ball at the Chincoteague Community Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague, sponsored by Del. Robert Bloxom. There will be a dinner buffet, open bar, and a New Year countdown. Cost is \$200 per couple. Tickets at www.eventbrite.com

■ **NEW YEAR’S EVE:** 9 to 10 p.m., Cape Charles New Year’s Eve celebration including the “Dropping of the Crab Pot.” Held at Mason Avenue across from the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

■ **NEW YEAR’S EVE:** 11 p.m., Pony Island Horseshoe Drop and Costume Promenade, Robert Reed Downtown Park, 4083 Main St., Chincoteague Island. The Pony Island Horseshoe Drop is an end-of-year celebration that culminates in a promenade of crazy costumes just before the countdown to the stroke of midnight. That’s when the lighted horseshoe drops just in time to ring in the New Year.

Monday, January 1

■ **POLAR PLUNGE:** 1:24 p.m., New



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Regulars and unplanned walk-ons will join in a Music Circle performance Sunday at the Cape Charles Brewing Company. The show runs from 1 to 4 p.m. From left are regulars Tom Fouracre, of Oyster; Jeffrey Grey; Mark Marshall, of Cape Charles; and Boy Wells, of Cheriton.

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Saturday, January 6

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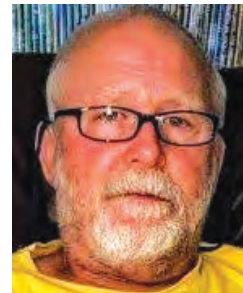
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OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Harold Ford

Mr. Harold Monroe Ford, of Belle Haven, born Feb. 28, 1951, in Mullins, S.C., passed away Dec. 13, 2023, peacefully at his cabin in West Jefferson, N.C. surrounded by his loving family. He was



Mr. Ford

the son of the late Daniel Roy Ford Jr. and Louise Strickland Ford.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Dolly Angela Ford and Mary Louise Ford Wynn.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Cathy Thornton Ford; two brothers, Kenneth Leroy Ford and John Douglas Ford; two sisters, Lois Ford Holland and Deborah Ford Thayer; three children, Nathan Luke Ford, Rachel Beth Ford Rodriguez, and Catherine Denise Ford. He was a grandfather to five grandchildren and an uncle to many nieces and nephews.

He was an avid gardener, birdwatcher, sport fisherman, and friend to any and all who met him including Jesus Christ.

The family wishes to thank Billy and Pat Thornton for the immeasurable amount of support and companionship they provided during this time.

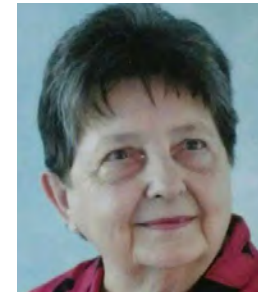
His earthly remains are being prepared for rest at Boone Family Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Liberty Spring Christian Church, Suffolk.

You may give the family your condolences at www.boonefuneralhome.com

Boone Family Funeral Home of West Jefferson is in charge of these arrangements.

Carolyn Belote

Mrs. Carolyn Ward Belote, 88, wife of the late James Stanley Belote and resident of Cape Charles, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at her residence.



Mrs. Belote

A native of Birdsnest, she was the daughter of the late Edgar Lloyd Ward and the late Grace Nottingham Ward. She was

a member of the Cape Charles Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Sally Flynn and husband, Wayne, Patricia Abraham and husband, Timothy, Beverly Manning and husband, Tom, and Sharon Pearson and husband, Bruce; a sister, Sue Ludwig; eight grandchildren, Laurel, Kelly, Eric, Adam, Ronald, Robert, Holly, and Keith; and seven great-grandchildren, Jordan, Devon, Isaiah, Natalie, Michael, Gavin, and Wyatt. She was predeceased by a daughter, Jean LeCato, and a grandson, Andy.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at Doughty Funeral Home with Pastor Russell Goodrich presiding. Internment will be private. Family may join friends at the funeral home Wednesday morning from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Read obituaries online at
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SPORTS

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ESYCC ROCKFISH TOURNEY



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Winners in the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club Rockfish Tournament included, from left, Sam Sellard, Brandon Thomas, and Troy Taylor. Thomas, fishing with Capt. Brian Pruitt on the CHawk, won first place overall for largest fish with a 12.4-pound rockfish. Taylor won for the first place largest stringer that totaled 27.9 pounds on his boat, Team Addict 27. Sellard won the second day largest fish with a 11.8-pound rockfish on his boat, Team Mako. Sellard also had the second day largest stringer totaling 17.3 pounds.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL



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Northampton Middle School's boys basketball team opened its season with a 60-20 win over Norfolk Collegiate on Thursday, Dec. 14. Amir Bailey (eighth grade) led the way with 23 points followed by Jasheem Collins (eighth grade) with 15 points. Coach Aimes and the team have one more game before league play begins on Monday, Jan. 8.

Vikings split games with Patriots; Hintz shines for Nandua

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Lady Vikings basketball team traveled to Portsmouth Christian on Tuesday, Dec. 12, and defeated the Patriots 43-31. The Vikings opened up with a strong first quarter, outscoring the Patriots 11-3. Portsmouth picked up momentum in the second quarter, outscoring the Vikings 12-3. Trailing by one after the first half, the Vikings came out strong in the second half, outscoring the Patriots 29-16. The Lady Vikings advance to 2-1 in the Metro Conference.

The Lady Vikings were led on the night by Leah Smith with 22 points, 12 rebounds, four blocks, four assists, and three steals. Kacey Ford contributed eight points, and Neiley Guinan had six.

The Broadwater boys basketball team also traveled to Portsmouth Christian on Tuesday, Dec. 12 and fell to the Patriots 46-27. The Vikings and Patriots went back and forth in the first half, with the Patriots outscoring the Vikings 23-17. Strong momentum by Portsmouth Christian in the second half led to the Vikings falling 46-27.

Noah Pruitt led the Vikings on the night with six points, and Gavin Revelle contributed five.

The Lady Vikings basketball team returned to action on Thursday, Dec. 14 on the road and fell to the Nandua Lady Warriors 51-37. Broadwater outscored the Nandua 26-19 in the first half. Smith and Kacey led the Lady Vikings in scoring in the first half.

The Lady Warriors picked up momentum in the second half, outscoring the Vikings 32-11 to capture the victory. Strong offense from senior Reghan Hintz led Nandua to victory.

The Lady Vikings were led on the night by Smith with 18 points, 13 rebounds, six steals, and five blocks. Ford contributed nine points, with Tatum Watson and Elana Hickman contributing four each.

The Lady Warriors were led on the night by Hintz with 46 points.

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Judge dismisses poultry case on procedural error

If granted, request would have allowed court to decide case

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

A circuit judge denied a request that, if granted, would have allowed a case determining the fate of a Savageville poultry farm to be decided in court.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III's decision to dismiss the case based on a procedural error follows state law, he said in his decision Wednesday, Dec. 20.

"Sometimes I have to do things that I wish I didn't have to do," Lewis said, "but the law is the law."

"I believe the law is crystal clear," he said of his ruling to deny waiving the procedural error that failed to name Accomack County's board of supervisors as a necessary party in an appeal to a local zoning decision.

The case follows a Sept. 6 Accomack County Board of Zoning Appeals vote to grant exceptions to county laws that allow a six-house poultry farm to reopen on Gaskins Road.

Exceptions the board of zoning appeals granted to farm owner Le Ung include a variance of 190 feet from the county's 200-foot setback requirement from property lines — meaning a manure shed is 10 feet from a neighbor's property.

It also granted a variance of 41 feet from Accomack's setback requirement from roads, which is 125 feet from the center of state- or county-maintained roads.

More than a dozen neighbors spoke against the decision during that meeting, citing concerns from the noise, odor, and particles the houses generate to negative impacts reopening the farm would have on property values and local waterways.

"I felt like a prisoner in my own

home because of the stench, and it's a quality-of-life issue," said Alvin Bailey, who lives nearby on Gaskins Road, during the meeting.

"It is a detriment to our homes and we adamantly oppose it," said Janet Conquest Powell.

Over 30 residents signed a petition asking Accomack Circuit Court to enforce the county's poultry laws on the Gaskins Road operation, which they filed Oct. 6.

However, the petition failed to meet a requirement of Virginia law that "the governing body, the landowner, and the applicant before the board of zoning appeals shall be necessary parties to the proceedings in the circuit court."

The petition named Accomack's Board of Zoning Appeals, but not the county's governing body — the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.

Attorney Joe Sherman, representing the citizens group, asked Judge Lewis to waive the procedural error and allow the circuit court to decide the case based on its merits.

"It's going to make all the difference in the people's lives when they drive by that poultry house (operation) whether or not it was resolved on the merits or whether or not it was a procedural default," Sherman said.

County Attorney Jan Proctor said the citizen group's failure to name the board of supervisors as a party in their appeal was a "fatal procedural defect."

"The cases are absolutely clear that these parties must be named ... It is black-and-white language," she said.

The law exists to give governing groups notice when they are involved in legal cases, but Sherman argued citizens who spoke at the board of supervisors' Sept. 20 meeting and

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Poultry

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emails between the neighbors and county staff stating they would appeal the board of zoning appeals' decision provided that notice.

Lewis considered both sides' statements and evidence for several minutes before delivering a decision to the courtroom.

"When something says 'Shall be,' it is mandatory," he said of the state law.

"This case is one that is very important to the residents in the Savageville area of Accomack County ... I know that the people in Savageville are disappointed," he said.

The citizens group has 30 days to appeal the decision.

If the court case is dismissed, a deal Accomack County staff negotiated with the farm's owner will go into effect.

That agreement includes provisions to build a new manure shed that meets Accomack's poultry ordinance setbacks from neighboring properties. It came after Accomack's supervisors heard citizens' concerns about the farm re-opening during a meeting.

"I know none of us would want a manure house 10 feet from our property line," Supervisor Donald Hart said during an Oct. 17 meeting.

"In the southern end of the county, the majority — 90% — of the chicken houses ... are always in minority communities," he said, "and it has always bothered me."

The Gaskins Road farm is in a historically Black neighborhood.

■ Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yu4hx-aa9> to read the pending agreement between the Ung and Accomack County

■ To see the Code of Virginia section cited in the case, visit <http://tinyurl.com/f5n5ch5e>

■ Accomack's poultry ordinance is available at <https://tinyurl.com/43s-becfd>

Cokesbury church schedules concert

The Historic Cokesbury Church and Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock, presents its free concert series with Tony Lu on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m.

He will present a solo recital of original transcriptions and classical improvisations.

Lu began playing piano at the age of 5 and due to his visual impairment,

has always learned music by ear.

American Legion 159 sets Veterans Cafe

The American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague, is having a Veterans Cafe for all veterans and active military on the second Tuesday of each month.

The next cafe will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., at 4023 Main St., Chincoteague.

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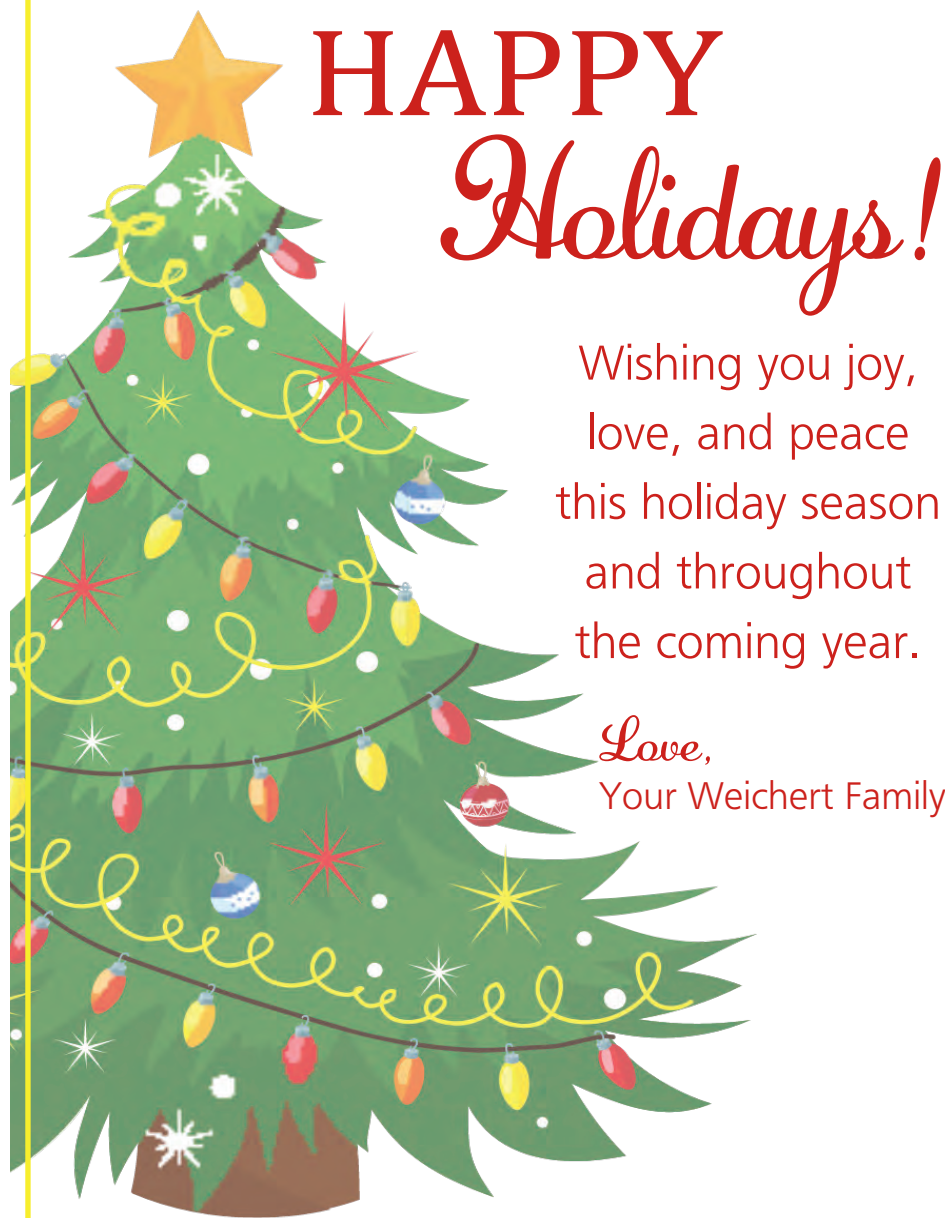
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Amateur radio club has emergency shelter drill

The Eastern Shore Amateur Radio Club participated in an emergency communications preparedness exercise on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

The exercise, known as a “shelter test,” involved setting up and operating emergency radio communications using amateur radio to communicate with similar operations throughout both counties.

The club coordinated its December 2023 shelter test from the Accomack County Emergency Operations Center on Beacon Road, Melfa, and from the Northampton County EOC in Eastville.

From the operations centers, the radio operators established reliable communications, with several of the locations that will be used as shelters in times of emergency on the Eastern Shore.

In the event of a hurricane or other major disaster, the counties have established several shelters located around the Shore.

These are locations where residents could go for food, medical care, and short-term housing.

Amateur radio operators — or

hams — operate on shortwave and higher radio frequencies to communicate locally, regionally, and globally.

Several members of ESARC have been recognized for making contacts with over 100 countries around the globe. In March 2023, ESARC took first place in a statewide radio competition testing skills in portable communications.

The amateur radio club, which consists of more than 30 FCC-licensed radio operators, practices emergency operations several times a year.

In the Dec. 13 test, the club’s members coordinated communications from the Accomack County Emergency Operations Center to Arcadia High School and Nandua High School, two major shelters. The group also established contact with members stationed at Northampton County’s EOC in Eastville.

According to the latest reports from the Federal Communications Commission, there are now over 750,000 licensed amateur radio operators in the United States and millions more in countries around the world.

Savage on dean’s list at Bridgewater College

Hayley Savage, of New Church, was named to the 2023 fall semester dean’s list at Bridgewater College. Savage is a history and political science major at Bridgewater.

Savage was among approximately 550 students named to the dean’s list, which was announced by Provost and Executive Vice President Leona A. Sevick.

Students on the dean’s list have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Bridgewater College is a private,

four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Baptist Clergy to host ‘Watch and Pray’

The Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy will hold a “Watch and Pray” every second Thursday of each month beginning Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m.

To join, call 945-218-0077 and use code number 775667.

For more information or to send in prayer requests, email escbcevents@gmail.com.

SMITH ALUMNI PARTY



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The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association hosted its first Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the MNS Cultural Enrichment Center. Over 100 children attended the event throughout the day. The children had an opportunity to take pictures with Santa, dance and socialize with the Grinch and Mrs. Claus, participate in arts and crafts activities, and receive two complimentary books from the Accomack County Public Schools Book Mobile. All children received toys, hats, and gloves, compliments of B Boyz Trucking and Next Level Divaz Social Club-ESVA. Raffles were held for bikes and gift cards throughout the event. The association thanks those who donated their time, food, photos, and other items to make it a fun and memorable event for the community.

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The Onancock Christmas Parade was canceled because of poor weather conditions, but Star Transit was ready for the event with a Grinch-themed display on the front of a bus. The display was designed by driver Carl Ennis.

Subcommittees being formed for Smith project

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors announced on Nov. 15 the approval of RFP 320 for architectural and engineering services and contingently budgeting and appropriating an additional \$10,000 for execution of the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrich-

ment Center planning grant.

The project management team is also seeking community members to serve on its subcommittees.

The subcommittees are: cultural enrichment (youth and senior), housing, development, marketing/public relations, governance, and legacy.

To serve, email mnsgrants15@gmail.com or beyondnumbersconsulting@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Sanitary Landfill and All Convenience Centers will be **closed on Monday, December 25, 2023**, in observance of Christmas Day. They will reopen for normal business on **Tuesday, December 26, 2023.**

Please plan your solid waste disposal accordingly.

CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Students of the Month were recently honored at Chincoteague Elementary School. Honored were, front row from left, Eliza Kambarn, Thatcher Elliott, Lorelei Charnock, Watson Bloxom, and Marcus Cropper. Back row: Camille Berry, Bryn-Anne Greenwood, Jeremy Gustafson, Locklyn Giddings, Andre Jorgensen, and Samantha Dawkins. Absent from photo: Elizabeth Jillard and Kailynn Gardner.

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Bank of Cheer delivers to 125 local families

The 64th Bank of Cheer went smoothly last week as over 125 deliveries of food to needy families were completed by a group of volunteers that included employees of the Accomack Parks and Recreation Department, students and retired teachers from Northampton High School, and a group from the Pungoteague Ruritan Club.

Laura Trala, who has coordinated the deliveries for 31 years, provided detailed instructions and directions to the volunteers after spending countless hours ordering the food, shopping for hams, and working with Social Services officials and other area leaders to establish a list of families in need of help at Christmas.

Two days prior to making the deliveries, volunteers packed assorted canned vegetables, meats, soup, fruit, and staples such as sugar, flour, rice, and cornmeal at the Moose Lodge in Belle Haven. Boxes were provided once again by Dublin Farms of Horntown.

"I am constantly amazed at the generosity of Eastern Shore of Virginia residents when confronted with the needs of their less-fortunate neighbors," said Trala. "I also appreciate the group of volunteers, many of whom come back year after year. This year, when last minute changes had to be made, the Accomack Parks and Recreation Department stepped up to pick up and deliver the food to the Moose Lodge, which provided a location on short notice for packing and delivery."

It has become a Christmas tradition for local residents, community organizations, churches, and other groups to make a donation to Bank of Cheer. Donors know that 100% of their donations go to help the Bank of Cheer recipients. All labor, transportation expenses, and the boxes are donated.

Monetary donations are still needed and can be mailed to: Bank of Cheer, c/o Laura Trala, P.O. Box 646, Onley, VA 23418.



Above, Northampton High School students helped to deliver Bank of Cheer boxes filled with food to needy families on the Eastern Shore. At left, Pungoteague Ruritan Club members, from left, Jim Gillett, Carol Wehner, and Doug Wehner were among 11 club members who helped deliver Bank of Cheer boxes this week to needy families from the Maryland state line to Kiptopeke.

BILL STERLING PHOTOS

Fire companies ready to sign county agreement

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

After delaying an agreement to review its terms, Accomack County's fire companies are ready to sign a new memorandum of understanding with the county.

The agreement replaces the funding agreements Accomack has with its fire companies staffed by county-paid fire and emergency medical services workers — Greenbackville, Onancock, Painter, Oak Hall, and Parksley.

Unlike the prior agreement, the new document adds guidelines for operating and administering fire and rescue services that the companies must follow to receive annual county funding.

"Many of the terms in the MOU ... put in writing practices that have been in place for decades," said Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason. "Others create new protocol pertaining to areas such as incident command, dispute resolution, minimum volunteer training, and county staff access to volunteer-owned apparatus, to name a few."

"The mutual goal of the MOU is to improve fire and rescue operations and associated response times," he said.

The catalyst for the new agreement was a complaint from a county employee working at the Onancock firehouse relating to volunteer behavior and an "overall hostile work environment ... directed towards county staff," according

to Mason's November presentation to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.

A third-party investigator found most of the complaints to be true and recommended Accomack use a contract or other agreement requiring fire companies to follow "clearly developed ... operational requirements and administrative policies governing volunteer behavior" to receive annual funding from the county.

Last year, each volunteer fire company received between \$187,507 and \$195,507 in direct county funding, Mason said. In total, Accomack paid volunteer companies roughly \$2.3 million in fiscal year 2023, he said.

In addition, Accomack spent over \$5.4 million operating its Department of Public Safety, "with most of this amount used to compensate the dedicated professional staff who are stationed in these volunteer stations," Mason said.

Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company provides its own staff, so it is not part of the MOU, he added.

The new agreement includes guidelines for work environment, living quarters, equipment standards, training requirements, response protocol, incident command, and procedures to resolve complaints at the fire companies. It also requires companies to provide annual diversity training to their members.

If a fire company breaks the terms, Accomack can stop providing annual

funds to the company or withdraw its county-paid fire and EMS staff from the station, according to the MOU.

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors planned to consider the agreement at its meeting last month, but postponed its vote after several local fire company members requested the supervisors table the topic to give the companies time to review the agreement.

Accomack's Director of Public Safety C. Ray Pruitt met with Greenbackville, Parksley, Painter, and Oak Hall fire companies after the meeting, he said.

"We sat down and mulled over it ... Everybody worked through all of it," Pruitt said.

The MOU was updated to address concerns from the companies — including a provision that in the event a county employee maliciously damages or destroys volunteer company property, the county will repair or replace the damaged asset.

Other updates included changing the minimum volunteer training from Firefighter 2 certification to Firefighter 1 certification and equivalent training; and changing the minimum qualifications for assuming incident command from Firefighter 2 certification to Firefighter 2 certification or higher, or having an equivalent level of training or experience as a Firefighter 2 or higher.

Accomack will develop a separate agreement with Tangier's fire company in the new year based on the unique way it provides services on the island, Mason said.

The eight volunteer companies that operate without Accomack County Department of Public Safety staff are not affected by the new agreement, he said.

■ Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4zeknnsn> to read the agreement.

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New cameras coming for county jail

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County will replace its jail cameras after they began malfunctioning.

“Safety can be compromised if we don’t do something now,” said County Sheriff Todd Wessells during a presentation to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors during its Dec. 14 meeting.

“It’s very important for our jail security to have an operating camera system,” he said.

Wessells said he planned to request funds for the cameras next year, but asked the supervisors for \$104,000 to update the system after the cameras recently became unreliable.

The sheriff’s office already had \$30,000 budgeted for the camera replacement project.

The combined funds will replace the cameras in and around the jail. Next year, the sheriff’s office will request over \$40,000 to replace other cameras at the circuit court, juvenile domestic relations court, and general district court, Wessells said.

Speed limit studies

After residents on Fleming Road near Horntown requested lawmakers consider lowering the speed limit on their street, a Virginia Department of Transportation study advised against it.

The study is one of two VDOT recently completed in Accomack County. Another study of Saxis Road, near Sanford, also recommended keeping the speed limit as posted.

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors re-

quested the studies after citizens expressed concerns about speeding on their roads.

VDOT looked at speed data, road characteristics, and crash data for the most recent three-year period available to make its recommendation.

The study looked at Fleming Road between 4089 Fleming Road and the 25 mph speed zone entering Horntown. That road falls under Virginia’s statutory speed limit of 55 mph for cars or 45 mph for trucks, which the state legislature sets.

The median speed on the segment is just under 56 mph, the study showed.

On Saxis Road, the speed limit is 55 mph. VDOT looked at that road between its intersections with Monument Road and Jenkins Bridge Road.

The study found the median speed on the road was just under 52 mph.

SCOUTS FROM 314 DONATE FOOD



Cub Scout Pack 314, Boys BSA Troop 314, and Girls BSA Troop 314, all chartered units of The Boy Scouts of America from Epworth United Methodist Church, collected 2,326 pounds of food donations to be distributed to various charitable organizations across the Shore for the Christmas holiday to help those in need. The program, called “Scouting for Food,” had taken place in the past but has never included all of the units together. Michelle Ferebee led the food drive.

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Schools will spend \$659K to combat learning losses

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton County Public Schools will spend more than \$659,000 in state funding over the next three fiscal years on intensive tutoring to help students recover learning losses that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We had a large group ... over 90% of our students, according to the guidelines, who would have qualified for some type of tutoring,” said Associate Superintendent Sandy Drummond on Thursday, Dec. 14.

The intensive tutoring program is part of Gov. Glenn Youngkin’s ALL In Virginia initiative, which targets students in grades 3 to 8 who are “not proficient” or “at risk” academically.

Students are not proficient if they failed the Virginia Standards of Learning or SOL test for reading or math in spring 2023. The minimum

passing score for an SOL test is 400.

Students are at risk if they passed but scored low on the SOL test for reading or math in spring 2023. The low range varies among subjects but could be, for example, between 400 and 447, Drummond said.

Because Virginia students do not take their first SOL tests until grade 3 in the spring semester, fall 2023 growth assessments were used to measure the proficiency of this school year’s third graders.

The state recommended how the \$659,000 should be allocated: 70% for tutoring students in grades 3 to 8, 20% to implement the Virginia Literacy Act, and 10% to address chronic absenteeism.

The Virginia General Assembly unanimously passed the Virginia Literacy Act in 2022 to ensure evidence-based reading instruction is implemented in all classrooms in kindergarten through grade 3.

Virginia’s Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission, or JLARC, found that in the 2021-2022 school year, chronic absenteeism – missing 10% or more of school days – had nearly doubled since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Drummond noted that Northampton schools have “ample time” available during their reading and math schedule blocks, so much of the tutoring can be done during the regular school day.

Some of the tutoring will be done using digital platforms that were approved by the Virginia Department of Education and are provided for free.

Many tutoring activities will be administered in person by reading specialists, instructional assistants, and members of Shore Mentors, a local volunteer group.

Additional tutoring resources include www.tutoring.com, a website

that Northampton students can access from home.

The school-day tutoring programs will begin Jan. 8, 2024, and after-school tutoring will be offered starting Jan. 22, 2024.

After-school tutoring will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Transportation and snacks will be provided.

Middle school students will be transported by the regular activity bus. Elementary school students will have two buses with predetermined stops.

“We have a lot of small-group tutoring going on, a lot of volunteers in the building. ... I’m excited to see it roll out,” Drummond said.

“When spring comes, we’ll have a long stretch until our next SOL test cycle ... I think we’ll be able to get some real impact from our tutoring during the day as well as after school,” she said.

NORTHAMPTON MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS DELIVER FOR BANK OF CHEER



SUBMITTED PHOTO

On Friday, Dec. 15, 27 students from the Northampton Middle and High School Honor Society delivered Bank of Cheer boxes to 24 families in Northampton County.

CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS



The Chincoteague Island Library recently gave reading awards to students at Chincoteague Elementary School for the first nine weeks. Students were recognized for showing effort and/or improvement in reading. The following students received a certificate and a \$10 gift card to Sundial Books. Front row, Travis Connelly Jr., Raphael Zabawa, Raiden Charnock, Ives Clark, Talia Broyles, and Nikita Tiietchko. Back row: Summer Bell, Pippa Kinard, Clara Dyson, Samantha Dawkins, Lia Aker, and Roman Payne. Absent from photo is Samantha Malcolm.



The Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague presented 'Terrific Kids' awards for the first nine weeks to students at Chincoteague Elementary School. These awards honor students who demonstrate a positive attitude, good character, responsible citizenship, and/or academic improvement. Recipients are, front row from left, Owen Cooper, Khy'an Neal, Maeve Stern, Ryan Brophy, Victoria Stammer, and Leandro Lagunas. Back row, Alexandra Swain, Emma Wood, Dominic Aker, Kaya Filipic, and Trae Thornes. Absent from photo are James Bueno and Liam Rose.



At the recent Celebrate Colts awards ceremony on Nov. 17, the following students in Grades 3-5 were awarded a certificate from Chincoteague Elementary School Principal Diane King for achieving all As in the core subjects for the first marking period. Pictured are, front row from left, Nathan Davis, Clara Dyson, Olivia Cherrix, Julian O'Connor, Lia Aker, Cooper Cherrix, Anders Savage, and Alexandra Dawkins. Middle row: Violet Davis, Garrett Dampf, Ethan Bloxom, Summer Bell, Jackson Shepherd, Roman Pace, Blake Hasty, Samantha Dawkins, and Locklyn Giddings. Back row: Alexandra Swain, Karrou Pickett-Andrews, Rosalynn Molina, Peyton Mears, Pippa Kinard, and Margaret Jillard.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2024 AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. SUSE-000563-2023 – Greg Span – 13348 Indian Trail Road, Belle Haven

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22) which permits an accessory dwelling on lots with a minimum area of five (5) acres. The applicant requests a variance of 130 feet, pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-238 which requires 140 feet of separation between multiple dwellings on the same parcel.

The applicant wishes to construct a 2 story accessory dwelling with a garage on the first floor and 1047 square feet of living space above. The five (5) acre site is located on the southbound side of Indian Trail Road, approximately 1,400 feet northeast of its intersection with Shields Bridge Road and is on Tax Map #118-3-A3.

The parcel is zoned Agriculture.

B. SUSE-000564-2023 – Amanda Heinbaugh – 32020 Lankford Highway, Painter

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14) which permits travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, to be occupied for habitation.

The applicant wishes to dwell in a travel trailer while they complete renovations to the existing dwelling. The .97 acre site is located on the southbound side of Lankford Highway, approximately 3500 feet north of the intersection with Elmore Road and is on Tax Map #111-1-C1.

The parcel is zoned Agriculture.

C. SUSE-000565-2023 – Last Hurrah LLC – 31180 Horntown Road, New Church

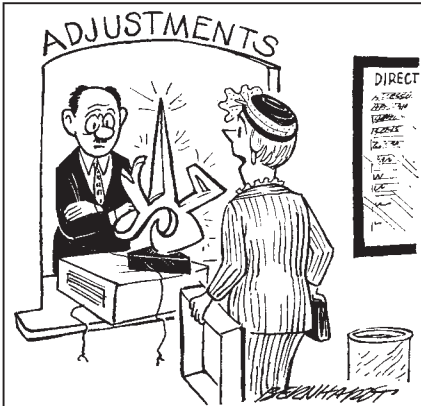
The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(25) which permits large solar energy systems.

The applicant wishes to install a 577.15 Kw solar system on the roofs of the existing poultry houses. The 80.43 acre site is located on the south side of Horntown Road, approximately 880 feet east of the intersection with Lankford Highway and is on Tax Map #12-A-63.

The parcel is zoned Agriculture.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia or <https://tinyurl.com/2p92ccr2> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

Handicapped assistance is available, call: (757) 787-5726 or 824-5223.



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by Ryan A. Berenz

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- What Baseball Hall of Famer from Puerto Rico was National League Rookie of the Year in 1958 and NL MVP in 1967?
- The Florida Tuskers, Hartford Colonials, Omaha Nighthawks and Virginia Destroyers were teams that competed in what pro football league that operated from 2009-2012?
- What Italian boxer won two middleweight title fights against Emile Griffith in a trilogy of bouts from 1967-68?
- Industrialist Tom Yawkey was owner of what Major League Baseball team from 1933-76?

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 - The United Football League (UFL)
 - Nino Benvenuti
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Lot, 20 acres, Locust Lawn Drive, near
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■ From Robert Ritchie
To William Meyer
Multiple lots in Exmore
For \$50,000
■ From John Mayberry and Susan Bauer
To Ivor Properties Inc.
Unit 230 F, Mason Avenue condominium,
Cape Charles
For \$569,000

■ From Denard Spady and Dora-Weston Wilkins
To John Moore, trustee
Lot, 26 acres, near Cheapside
For \$240,000
■ From Antonio Iacono
To Thomas Rasmussen
Lot near Belle Haven
For \$160,000
■ From The Vernon L. Rainey Living Trust
To Stafford and Rosalind Brown
Lot 1, 0.46 acre, near Jamesville post office
For \$60,000
■ From Bay Creek Development LLC
To William and Elise Chard
Lot L7, Village L, Phase 1B, Bay Creek,
Cape Charles
For \$330,000

Accomack property transfers

■ From Brian E. McKinley
To Dakata A. Toney
Lot 2075, Section 4, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$3,750
■ From Helen V. Thomas-Fish
To Brenda and James Presley
5175 Swan Drive, Horntown
For \$59,500
■ From David Lozell Martin
To Kelly Leigh Harris and Bradley J. Hower
14 Kerr St., Onancock
For \$398,000
■ From Bruce Edward Culp
To Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
3190 Lunn Estates, Chincoteague
For \$2,000

■ From Susan Ho Puscar and Robson Pereira
To Evisa and Gregory P. Boyle
7715 East Side Road, Chincoteague
For \$468,000
■ From Captains Cove Golf & Yacht Club Inc.
To Michele and Brian Sargent
Lot 278, Navigator Drive, Captains Cove,
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For \$17,000
■ From Juan Godoy
To Glenda E. Salamanca and Francisco Javier
Diaz Alonzo
21296 Circle Drive, Onancock
For \$29,000
■ From Brian Keith Garnett and Brian Keith
Garnett Jr.
To Baltic House LLC
1387 Stockton Ave., Greenbackville
For \$22,000

■ From Julie West and Ronald D. Gibbs
To FFF LLC
90 acres, 149 Cedar View Road, Painter
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■ From Gregory F. Taylor
To Jessica L. and Ryan H. Dean
8038 Fleming Road, New Church
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