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The benchmark

Water tests in Accomack schools show lead levels are below a federal limit but are higher than what health experts recommend.

The medical expert

"Zero is the level it should be to protect children's health," said Dr. Laura Anderko, of the Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health.

The impact on children

Exposure to lead can cause symptoms from an upset stomach and failure to concentrate to aggressive behavior, learning disabilities, and more.

The schools' response

Superintendent Rhonda Hall said bottled water and boiled water in cafeterias reduce exposure – but boiling water doesn't remove lead.

How much lead is acceptable in Accomack schools?

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Data collected for Accomack County Public Schools' drinking water over the last 10 years reveals quantities of lead, a metal that can impact children behaviorally and physically if ingested.

While samples showed lead concentrations below the federal action level of 15 parts per billion, health experts and government agencies agree there is no safe level of lead exposure for children.

"Zero is the level it should be to protect children's health. That's the bottom line," said Dr. Laura Anderko, co-director at the Pennsylvania-based Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment, in an interview with the Eastern Shore Post.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Centers for Disease Con-

trol and Prevention agree: "There is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood."

Accomack school Superintendent Rhonda Hall said children in schools are given bottled water to drink. Bottled water, however, is not subject to regulation, Anderko said.

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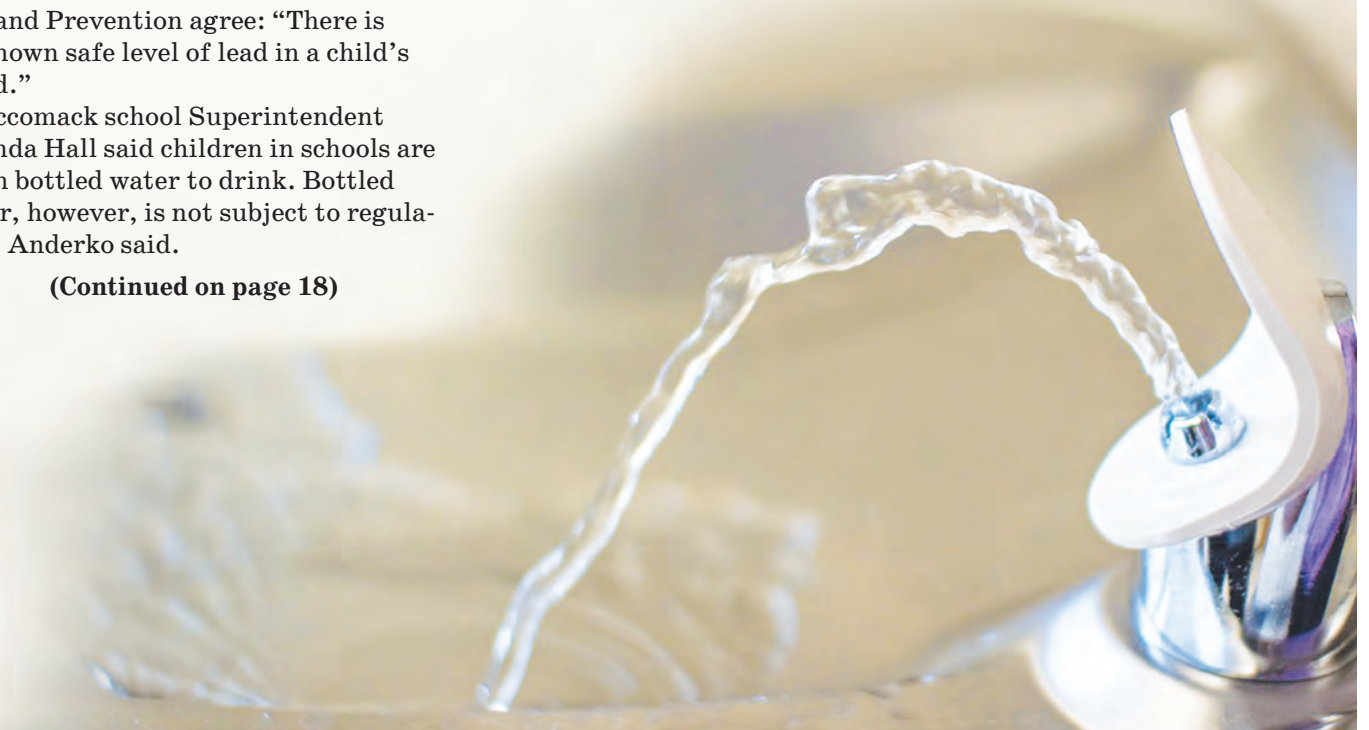


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Dr. Kane is the first dentist to participate in a new NYU Langone Dental Medicine Postdoctoral Residency Program housed at Eastern Shore Rural Health.



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Man charged with murder

According to Sheriff W. Todd Wesells, on Feb. 9, an indictment was issued charging a male subject with a homicide that occurred in Accomack County.

Edwin Colon Matias, 37, of Bloxom, was charged with second degree murder for the Sept. 12, 2020, slaying of Deandre Arness Abbott, of Parksley.

An investigation into these incidents is continuing.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to contact the Accomack County Sheriff's Office at 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666.

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Man shot in drive-by shooting; son arrested in chase

STAFF REPORT

A 21-year-old Salisbury, Md., man was arrested early on Monday, Feb. 12, after a high-speed chase. Neighbors said his father was shot in a drive-by shooting hours later at a trailer court near the Northrop Grumman office on Chincoteague Road.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office said the driver of the car, Malachi Tull, was arrested and charged with felony eluding, driving without a license, and maliciously shooting at or throwing objects at an occupied vehicle.

He is incarcerated in the Accomack County Jail with bail denied.

Neighbors in Hillcrest Park near Northrop Grumman said Tull's father was shot four times while he was indoors during a shooting re-

ported at 4:22 a.m. the same day.

Neighbors asked not to be identified.

Sheriff Todd Wessells did not release the name of the injured man. Neighbors said the man's family counted 26 bullet holes in the trailer. Another trailer was shot five times.

The man's trailer is less than 100 yards from the Northrop Grumman office.

It is the same trailer court where another drive-by shooting took place several weeks ago.

Wessells said deputies heard an individual requesting assistance from inside the residence. Deputies made entry into the residence and discovered a male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

Deputies provided first aid treatment until emergency medical services arrived on scene.

The male was transported to an established landing zone where he was transported to the University of Maryland Medical Center by the Maryland State Police helicopter. The male is currently in the intensive care unit.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Virginia State Police, Parksley Volunteer Fire Department, Accomack County Department of Public Safety, and others.

At 1:04 a.m., a deputy with the sheriff's office attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to maintain lane of travel on Lankford Highway in the Tasley area.

The deputy activated his emergency equipment and siren. The vehicle failed to stop and traveled through

the town of Accomack at speeds in excess of 75 mph. The vehicle returned to Lankford Highway and continued north at speeds in excess of 100 mph, eventually wrecking in Bloxom, said Wessells.

Two occupants exited the vehicle and continued to flee the scene. The driver, Tull, was apprehended and the second occupant evaded apprehension.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Virginia State Police.

The investigation into this incident is continuing and anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to contact the Accomack County Sheriff's Office at (757) 787-1131 or (757) 824-5666 or tips may be submitted through accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org

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Safety concerns prompted the closure of 11 of the 28 units at Seabreeze Apartments at 201 Washington Ave., Cape Charles, on Feb. 8.

Safety concerns close 11 units at Seabreeze

During a joint inspection Feb. 8 of Seabreeze Apartments at 201 Washington Ave., Cape Charles, a Project-Based Section 8 Complex, under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, officials found significant safety concerns in 11 of the 28 units, prompting the Cape Charles town building official to declare them unsafe and uninhabitable.

This required the immediate dislocation of 11 adults and eight children, town official said in a prepared release.

The town began close coordination with representatives from HUD, the A-NPDC Regional Housing Authority

and the complex's management company, to help facilitate the housing and transportation needs of these displaced tenants.

All tenants were temporarily placed in local hotels the evening of Feb. 8 and can stay there while efforts continue to help secure them longer-term housing.

The remaining seven occupied units in the apartment complex are unaffected, and those tenants should not experience any further disruption. The matter of addressing the uninhabitable units will be taken up between the owners, USDA, and the management company in the coming weeks.

“Miss” Mackline Boyer

by ESCC Volunteer
Paula Dombek

Mackline Boyer remembers being a young girl in Haiti and seeing a “Miss” dressed in a bright white uniform – hat, dress, and shoes.

“Miss” is a Haitian term for nurse and this early experience made a strong impression. Boyer became a “Little Miss” at home, practicing caregiving for her mother and new baby sister. It was an early calling that helped decide Boyer’s chosen profession.

At Eastern Shore Community College, Boyer realized her dream. She is graduate of the FastForward Nurse

Aide program supported by the Road to Success in Virginia Program, or RSVP, grant.

Her journey began by emigrating with her parents from Haiti to Florida. Speaking only French Creole during those early years, she learned English and Spanish, and advanced her education.

She married her husband, Gary, and together they advocated for the Haitian community by helping and caring for others. Their spiritual mission included trips back to Haiti to volunteer time and services.

In 2021, Boyer, her husband, and their children – ages 17, 15, and 14 – moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to further their careers, education, and ministry. They attend the Jerusalem Church of God.

“Age is just a number and it’s never too late to learn and pursue your dreams. It’s about

having a can-do attitude, motivation, and believing in yourself,” said Boyer, 42.

While working at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and, until recently, an area assisted-living center, Boyer has been encouraged to continue her education and get a nursing degree.

She credits her success, in part, to the encouragement of the community and staff at ESCC.

Together with her team of supporters, Boyer has set a path to achieve her goals, including one day to become a surgical nurse. Busy with kids, work, church, and school, Boyer’s experience in life demonstrates all the skills required to be a great nurse. Her compassion, attitude, and willingness to grow will serve her patients well.

Today, the “Little Miss” is a “Miss.” The nurses of her youth in Haiti would be proud to see the result of their influence.

The 2nd 8-week session of the Spring Semester begins on March 11 th at ESCC. There’s still time to start college this spring! Stop by campus in Melfa or call 757- 789-1720 for assistance.

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Mackline Boyer with Dr. Jim Shaeffer and Nurse Aide Instructor Felicia Blake

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At the halfway point of the General Assembly

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An interesting phenomenon that is occurring this year is that the

bills are being conformed to the Senate's companion bill before cross-over.



**Delegate
Rob Bloxom**

In the past, we did not pay attention, nor did we really care, what the other chamber did to a companion bill.

A companion bill is the same piece of legislation introduced in both the House and Senate.

We would independently work on the legislation that solves a problem and might do it completely differently than our counterpart in the Senate.

In the end, the bill would go into conference and hopefully we would compromise so that the best solution was obtained.

I believe that this is a deliberate strategy by the majority party. When a bill passes both chambers in the exact form, it is then communicated to the governor.

If this happens while we are in session, he has seven days to act on the legislation.

Strategically there are some large issues the Democrats want passed and that will most likely be held as leverage against some of his own priorities.

The big issues in play are legalizing marijuana for a retail market, legalizing the gray machines (otherwise known as games of skill), increasing Virginia's minimum wage, and the

governor's project — an arena for Northern Virginia.

I feel these are the ones that will be tied with the negotiations in the budget, which will make for an interesting second half of session.

The final two pieces of legislation I have not discussed yet are House Bill 1399 and House Bill 1466.

House Bill 1399 simply reduces the membership of the Potato Board from seven members to five.

With the reduction of the number of potato farms we have on the Eastern Shore, it was difficult to get a quorum in which to conduct business.

It was a very simple bill, but the delegates enjoyed a robust discussion with potato-related puns, such as, "We need to bring this measure to a vote and let the chips fall where they may."

It passed unanimously and is now getting ready to go to the Senate.

House Bill 1466 is legislation aimed to provide our farmers an incentive to use surface water to irrigate their crops instead of well water.

A situation arose when farmers tried to dig a pond and the Department of Mines and Minerals treated it as if sand was being mined.

The farmers were restricted from moving the sand piles from the area.

We believe we now have a bill in which the Farm Bureau, The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Department of Mines and Minerals solved the problem without creating a loophole.

In the coming weeks of the General Assembly, I will continue to keep you informed on these and other bills the House and Senate are working on.

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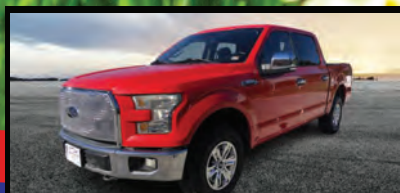
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Advocate for keeping the Wachapreague Coast Guard

The effects of challenges faced by the U.S. military in recruiting and retaining servicemen and service-women are being felt acutely on the Eastern Shore.

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will send a letter to our elected federal officials to express its support to keep the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Wachapreague open and functional.

The worry that the station could close is warranted. At present, the Wachapreague station is operating at "reduced readiness" because of a dearth of sufficient personnel.

Overall, the Coast Guard's enlisted personnel count is down 10%. But the Coast Guard is not alone. There are challenges in recruiting and retaining personnel across all branches of our country's military.

In response, the Coast Guard has had to take risk-mitigating measures that prioritize lifesaving missions, national security, and protecting the Marine Transportation System.

Coast Guard officials say Wachapreague's station will become a "scheduled mission station" and "not stand duty."

There are several worrisome factors at play. One is our national security, which hinges on a fully staffed military. Closer to home, however, the Coast Guard Station Wachapreague is a valuable community partner with a legacy and tradition of critical service.

Further, it is the only Coast Guard station between Chincoteague and Cape Charles, an 80-mile stretch of busy waterways.

We hope our congressional delegation will ensure the Wachapreague station is fully staffed and operational for years to come.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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LETTERS

NAACP supports Rhonda Hall

To the editor:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "In the end, we remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

The Accomack County Branch NAACP is in full agreement that where Rhonda Hall is seated during school board meetings is far from the greatest issue facing our school district.

Given that fact, the question is, "How and why did this ever become an item for open debate now?"

We believe Hall's assertion is not a self-exalting tactic to seat herself "front and center."

She is merely adamant about being seated and respected as equally as her predominantly Caucasian, male predecessors.

We are not attempting to judge the intent or motives of anyone; however, the optics and perception lead us to surmise that there is a different standard being forged for

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the first Black and first female superintendent in Accomack County Public Schools.

Additionally, readers have voiced their concerns about the tone of some of the headlines, the characterization of prominent and prospective public officials, and the descriptive language used when summarizing statements or actions of people referenced in various articles.

The news appears to be sensationalized through the inter-

jection of subjective comments that cast negative connotations on people and occurrences.

Our branch as well as many local citizens desire to see the return of objective reporting where issues and components of events are presented in an unbiased manner without regard to the reporter's personal opinions, political affiliation, or preferences.

Finally, Hall is an Accomack County Public Schools product. She left the Shore and returned as a teacher, worked through the ranks of school administration, faithfully supported other superintendents as an assistant superintendent, and filled vacancies.

Hall has been an example of hard work, dedication, and tenacity. Our county broke through two metaphorical glass ceilings by appointing her as superintendent (first Black and first woman).

Let us not miss a moment to celebrate and collaborate with each other to make Accomack County Public Schools an awesome place to learn, return,

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Letters

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and serve as Hall has done for over 35 years. Praying for unity.

Bishop David A. Sabatino,
President, Accomack County
Branch NAACP
Parksley

Seating debate is 'an insult' to Rhonda Hall

To the editor:

The Accomack County school system is currently facing many issues that directly affect our students.

A shrinking budget, staffing shortages, and lack of adequate teaching aids and materials are a few of the important issues that need to be addressed by our superintendent, Rhonda Hall, and our school board.

Yet currently it appears that the most important topic has become where the superintendent sits during meetings.

Our students' test scores are below the national average, but our elected school board chooses to spend valuable time discussing a seating chart.

Hall is the first woman and first African American to hold this position. Past superintendents (all White males) have sat in the same position at meetings since school boards were implemented in Accomack County Public Schools.

It seems ironic how now that an African American woman holds the position, where she sits has become an issue.

I suggest that school board members focus more on the tasks they were elected to undertake and less on matters that, on the surface, have a racist and misogynistic appearance.

Many Accomack County residents are proud of the decision to hire Hall as the superintendent of schools.

She has served as the assistant superintendent and in other capacities in Accomack County schools for more than 35 years and is well qualified to hold the position of superintendent.

To debate where she sits during

board meetings is an insult to the position of superintendent, to Hall, and those of us who support her.

Accomack County School Board members, can we please focus on making the school system better for our students, faculty, and administration?

Get outside of yourselves and your personal beliefs and norms and do what's best for our school system.

Marty Sutton
Hyattsville, Md.
■ *The writer is originally from
Temperanceville — Editor*

House Bill 1465 should be the 'Omega Protection Act'

To the editor:

In last week's Eastern Shore Post, Delegate Rob Bloxom attempted to explain his support for House Bill 1465, a bill that would make it a felony to approach or harass any commercial fishing vessels — specifically drafted for the alleged protection of Omega's factory-fishing boats to continue their unsustainable menhaden harvest.

To Delegate Bloxom: You're going to have to try much harder to have us understand this misguided legislation.

It is important to recognize that law currently exists to protect vessels against unlawful and dangerous behavior.

Omega as well as any of us on the water appreciate and enjoy these existing legal safeguards.

Come on, Delegate Bloxom, whose interests are you protecting?

Industrial-sized floating fish factories or smaller recreational vessels?

An international company purely driven by short-term gains and profits or the long-term interests of your constituents?

What about sustainable management of a keystone species? How about the interests of anyone other than Omega Protein?

Let's be honest and call House Bill 1465 the Nonsense and Intimidation Act, or maybe just simply, the Omega Protection Act.

Patty McLaughlin
Machipongo

Farmers should draw water from Columbia Aquifer

To the editor:

Farmers, industry and officials should know that we are drawing more water from the deep Yorktown Aquifer than is being returned from rainwater.

This information was shared at the most recent Eastern Shore of Virginia Groundwater Committee meeting.

In order to protect their soil from salt intrusion, farmers should be offered incentives to switch use to the more abundant Columbia Aquifer.

Virginia law gives people the right to our ancient aquifer before industry when there is any question about its health, as there is now.

Also, we could experience subsidence, as others have, where the ground sinks from deep over-pumping.

To protect agriculture here as well as our homes, please help spread the word about needing to alter industrial wells and water use by contacting Delegate Rob Bloxom at 804-698-1000; Gov. Glenn Youngkin at 804-786-2211, or the state Department of Environmental Quality at 804-698-4000 or 804-644-3100.

Ann Boylston Viola
Harborton

Kiggans has forgotten about immigrants' farming impact

To the editor:

Has U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans forgotten how important immigration is to our Eastern Shore agriculture, poultry, and construction industries?

I was disappointed to receive our Kiggans' recent government-funded mailing condemning the president's "reckless immigration policies," including her voting for the silly impeachment of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Meanwhile, her Republican House leaders have killed a bipartisan bill to modernize and fund our national immigration policies.

News reports say that they want to make immigration a political issue in

the November 2024 election, so they don't want to change these "reckless policies."

I wish she could be more constructive about improving immigration rather than using it as a cheap political trick.

Paul Berge
Wachapreague

Get involved in Eastern Shore groundwater issues

To the editor:

Scientists did not know much about the unique state of the groundwater underlying the Eastern Shore until very recently.

In 1989, offshore drillers in New Jersey discovered remnants of charred minerals that let them know a meteor had slammed into Earth somewhere nearby.

It wasn't until 2004 through 2006 that scientists cored samples in Eyreville in Cape Charles, drilling down nearly a mile to find the geologic ground zero of a "bolide" that, tens of millions of years later, shaped our unique groundwater supplies.

That report was the culmination of dozens of U.S. Geological Survey reports on our small Yorktown-Eastover aquifers and concluded that the heat of the meteor "sealed off" our drinking water supplies, leaving highly concentrated salt water under our three lower aquifers (fresh water entrained in sediments).

That meteor is listed as the 11th largest in the world and is the reason we cannot sink our wells on the Eastern Shore deeper than 300 feet or we hit water saltier than the concentrations found in seawater.

The overwhelming conclusion of the voluminous reports that attempt to take a deep dive into the hydrology of the groundwater on the Eastern Shore is that we know far less about this issue than we know.

What we do know from recent reports by the USGS is that we are pumping far more pristine and ancient drinking water from our confined and limited lower drinking water supplies than is being replaced by

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, February 16

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

■ **BINGO:** 5 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m. games begin, Exmore Moose Lodge 683, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., T&T, Terry Flynn and Tim Hunt, live at Fridays at Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express." Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig and directed by Lexi Hubb. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Tickets are \$15 each at www.chincoteague-ca.org

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 8 p.m., "Crums From The Table of Joy," featuring Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Maliyah Kellam, James Rich, Aja Ruffin, and Madison Herold, at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$10 for students. See www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Saturday, February 17

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

■ **STORY:** 10:30 a.m., Hometown heroes story time with Kathy Custis at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.

■ **PROGRAM:** 5 to 6 p.m., STEM activity (bird identification) at the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Seaside Road, Nassawadox.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express." Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig and directed by Lexi Hubb. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Tickets are \$15 each at www.chincoteague-ca.org

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Alex Holt at the Great Machipongo Clam Shack, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., "Harlem Nights" at Giddens' Do-Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Weirwood. Featuring Melinda and

Be included

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the Speakeasies and The Down 'N' Outs Band. A heavy rotation of hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash bar. \$25 tickets can be purchased at Rayfield's Pharmacy locations in Cape Charles and Nassawadox and at the Book Bin in Onley.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 8 p.m., "Crums From The Table of Joy," featuring Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Maliyah Kellam, James Rich, Aja Ruffin, and Madison Herold, at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$10 for students. See www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Sunday, February 18

■ **SPECIAL EVENT:** 11 a.m., St. Luke A.M.E. Church, Locustville, will present "A World Without African People," during the morning service. The event focuses on inventions and contributions of African-Americans past and present. The Rev. Pamela Watford is the pastor.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., open mic and jam session open to local musicians each Sunday at Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Free admission.

■ **HYMN SING:** 2 p.m., the Community Church of God and Belle Haven United Methodist Church will have a hymn sing entitled "Spreadin' the Gospel," at 35446 Belle Haven Road. A covered dish supper will follow.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 2:30 p.m., "Crums From The Table of Joy," featuring Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Maliyah Kellam, James Rich, Aja Ruffin, and Madison Herold, at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25

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Monday, February 19

■ **GAME DAY:** 1 to 4 p.m., Game Day Monday at the Island Theatre Annex, 4074 Main Street. Bring a personal drink or snack. Card and table games available.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** 6 p.m., the Chincoteague Garden Club will be having an open house for potential new members at the Island Theater Annex on Main Street. Come learn about Garden Club projects and exchange information with other gardening enthusiasts. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Melinda and The Speakeasies at the Blarney Stone Pub, 10 North St., Onancock.

Tuesday, February 20

■ **TECH HELP:** Tech Help Tuesdays all day at the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.

■ **GAMING:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., teen gaming and crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

■ **BOOK DISCUSSION:** 6 to 7 p.m., Arthur Fournier will discuss his recent book, "Hope Makes Us Live! Hope Makes Us Die!" at the Eastern Shore Regional Library in Parksley.

Wednesday, February 21

■ **STORY TIME:** All day, any time story time at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library and the Northampton Free Library.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., first game

7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

Thursday, February 22

■ **SENIOR EXERCISE:** 10 a.m., Community Senior Exercise Program at the Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 5:30 p.m., Romance Book Club at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.

■ **ADULT CRAFTS:** 6 p.m., Adult craft activity: build a bee hotel at the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 8 p.m., "Crums From The Table of Joy," featuring Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Maliyah Kellam, James Rich, Aja Ruffin, and Madison Herold, at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$10 for students. See www.northstreetplayhouse.com

Friday, February 23

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

■ **BENEFIT DINNER:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., homemade vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese, and drink, at Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

■ **BBQ AND BREWS:** 4 to 8 p.m., The public is invited to the BBQ and Brews kickoff for Freezin' for a Reason, which will be held at Cape Charles Brewing Company. The BBQ and Brews costs \$50 per person and \$21 for attendees under 21. There will be craft brews, wine, barbecue, clam chowder, and live music. The special guest is the Phun Doctors.

■ **BINGO:** 5 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m. games begin, Exmore Moose Lodge 683, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Heinz and the Red Bird live at Fridays at Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

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Tickets are \$15 each at www.chincoteague-ca.org

■ **COMEDY SHOW:** 7 to 9 p.m., The Mar-Va presents “The Ivy League of Comedy,” including Moody McCarthy, Karen Ber-green, and Shaun Eli, at the Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center in Pocomoke City. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.marvatheater.com

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 8 p.m., “Crumbs From The Table of Joy,” featuring Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Maliyah Kellam, James Rich, Aja Ruffin, and Madison Herold, at The North Street Plah-house, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$10 for students. See www.northstreetplayhouse.com

Saturday, February 24

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

■ **ART WALK:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College will hold its Indoor Winter Art Walk in the college’s main academic building, 29316 Lankford Highway, Melfa. Enjoy two floors of local artists and crafters, food, and live music.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity will hold its annual Freezin’ for a Reason’ at the Cape Charles beachfront. Call 757-442-4687 for more information. The celebrity dipper is Beth Sharpley, owner of Coastline Chemical and a member of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Eastern Shore Madrigals.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Melinda and The Speakeasies at the Great Machipongo Clam Shack, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox.

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students. See www.northstreetplayhouse.com

Sunday, February 25

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., open mic and jam session open to local musicians each Sunday at Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Free admission.

Monday, February 26

■ **STORY TIME:** All day, any time story time at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library and the Northampton Free Library in Parksley

■ **KIDS CRAFTS:** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., kids crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library.

■ **GAME DAY:** 1 to 4 p.m., Game Day Monday at the Island Theatre Annex, 4074 Main Street. Bring a personal drink or snack. Card and table games available.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

Tuesday, February 27

■ **TECH HELP:** Tech Help Tuesdays all day at the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.

■ **CRAFTS:** 1 to 3 p.m., Hooks and Needles craft group at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.

■ **GAMING:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., teen gaming and crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

Wednesday, February 28

■ **STORY TIME:** All day, any time story time at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library and the Northampton Free Library.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

Thursday, Feb. 29

■ **SENIOR EXERCISE:** 10 a.m., Community Senior Exercise Program, at the Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.

Friday, March 1

■ **BENEFIT DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St. Cheesesteak sub meal, \$10; chicken tender meal, \$8. Call 410-422-9195 to place a pickup order.



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Edna Sears

Mrs. Edna Lee Sears, 94, of Tangier Island, went to be with the Lord on Thursday morning, Feb. 8, 2024, at Alice B. Tawes Nursing Home.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1930, the daughter of the late Clark B. Sears and Hilda Crockett. She grew up on Tangier and spent many years operating her family restaurant, Hilda Crockett's Chesapeake House, alongside her sisters.

She spent 20 years living in Delaware, where she operated her own cleaning business. She was a member of Light-house Church of God and enjoyed spending time with her friends.



Mrs. Sears

In her later years, she moved back to Tangier to be close to her children and grandchildren. She loved to spend time with her family and especially enjoyed family dinners. She was a great cook and enjoyed being in her kitchen.

She is survived by her sons, Lonnie Moore (Carol), and Tracy Moore (Trenna), all of Tangier; son-in-law, George "Cook" Cannon Jr., also of Tangier; grandchildren, George Cannon III (Donna), Janet Ford (Allen), Loni Charnock (Jason), Kyle Moore (Bri), Alex Moore, and Megan Perrow (Bradley); great-grandchildren, Adrienne Stanley (Adam), Christopher Ford (Kayla), Donnie Cannon, and Alona, Gavin, Rahab, Jason, and Eddie Charnock; and great-great-grandchildren, Audrie, Averie, and Aspen Stanley, and Ezra Ford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, daughter, Barbara "Jody" Cannon, and sisters, Rose Hammond and Betty Bee Nohe.

Her family is thankful for the staff at Tawes Nursing Home for the outstanding care she received.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. at the New Testament

Church on Tangier, where the family received friends one hour prior. Elder Duane Crockett officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to New Testament Church, Tangier, VA 23440.

Arrangements were in the care of Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home.

To send condolences, please visit www.bradshawandsonsfuneralhome.com

Patrick Belote

Mr. Patrick Scott Belote embraced death, as he did life: full of love, grace, and humor. At the age of 59, Patrick walked into the open arms of his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, and there is no doubt he is in heaven continuing to do what he was born to do: play music.

Patrick was a graduate of Onancock High School, class of 1982, attended Old Dominion University and Virginia Tech, and completed the electronics technology program at the Eastern Shore Community College. In 1987 he began working as an electronic technician at NOAA Wallops Island. He retired in 2020 after 33 years. Though he was proud of his career, Patrick's true calling was found in the arts and his gifts were limitless.

A multi-talented musician, Patrick was a guitarist, pianist, and songwriter whose dedication was unwavering and whose creativity inspired those around him. Over the years, he graced countless stages as a member of various local bands such as Storm Warning, Irie Tree Band, The Mark Nelson Band, New Creation, and Heaven Sent (just to name a few).

Beyond his performances, Patrick found fulfillment in building guitars — a testament to the respect and passion he had for his craft. He was also a talented watercolor artist, and in recent years, he began sharing his extensive knowledge with others, teaching future generations from his "Waterfront Studio" at Onancock's Titlow Creek.

In May of 1990, Sherry Gaskill

answered an ad looking for a female vocalist. It was during this audition she and Patrick first met. Soon after, Storm Warning was born, and in 1994, Sherry became Mrs. Belote. From



Mr. Belote

the moment Pat and Sherry performed on stage together, everyone felt their connection and witnessed their charisma. As Christians and members of Onancock Baptist Church, they not only shared their music at church, but played regularly for weddings, gatherings, funerals, and many other community events. Patrick was a 50-year member of Onancock Baptist, and his faith remained a guiding force throughout his life.

In addition to his musical pursuits, Patrick's adventurous spirit led him to the great outdoors, where he found solace and joy in walking and kayaking. He immersed himself in exploring the Chesapeake Bay, creating a kayaking bucket list and often sharing his quests with family and friends on social media.

Patrick's warm and welcoming nature, paired with his larger-than-life personality, endeared him to friends from all walks of life. His kind heart, sense of humor, and genuine spirit resonated with everyone he met and led to many lifelong friendships.

While Patrick may have left this world, his legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His music will continue to inspire, his art will continue to captivate, and his memory will forever be cherished. He will be fondly remembered as a remarkable musician, artist, mentor, husband, brother, uncle, friend, and faithful servant.

The youngest of three boys, he was a son of the late James Norman Belote Jr. and the late Patricia Grace Ames Belote Mapp.

In addition to his wife, Sherry, he is survived by his brothers, James Norman "Jim" Belote III and his wife, Donna, of Onancock, and Thomas Ames "Tom" Belote and his wife, Mary, of LaPlata, Md.; his nieces and nephews, James Belote (Danielle), Patty Holt (Alex), Matthew Belote, Rebecca Emas (Jonathan), Abigail Steines (Daniel), George Gaskill III (April), and Felicia Gaskill; his pug, Maestro; and an endless list of friends who were loved like family.

A funeral service in celebration of Patrick's life and musical legacy will be held at Onancock Baptist Church on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at 3 p.m., with Pastors Andy Cobb and Rob Kelly officiating. There will be a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service. Private interment will be held at the Onancock Cemetery.

In honor of Patrick's passion for the arts, donations may be made in his memory to Historic Onancock School, P.O. Box 467, Onancock, VA 23417, <https://www.historiconancockschool.org/donate> or with a contribution to a local art or music program of your choosing.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Joan Recor

Mrs. Joan Haynes Recor, 93, wife of the late Russell L. Recor and a resident of Onancock, passed away Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, at her home. Born Oct. 21, 1930, in King and Queen County, she was the daughter of the late Crawley Haynes and the late Elizabeth Blake Haynes.



Mrs. Recor

Joan graduated from West Point High School and worked in banking for many years. Known for her independence and

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endless energy, Joan was rarely found sitting still. She enjoyed cooking and baking, as well as being on the water and outside, especially when fishing, crabbing, or working around her yard and garden.

Joan had the kindest of hearts, the sweetest of smiles, never knew a stranger, and would do anything for anyone. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her son, Linwood C. Recor (Ruby), of Newport News; grandson, David L. Recor, whom Joan and her husband, Russell, raised as their own, and his wife, Maria, of Palm City, Fla.; grandchildren, Kellie Kosuth (Justin) and Russell Recor; great-granddaughters, Ashley Parker, Laura Kimmel, Erin Recor, Shannon Recor, Rhyan, Jordyn, Morgan, Marissa, Abby, Breanna, and Aleeyah; and great-great grandchildren, Liam Parker, Connor Parker, and Kyla Kimmel. Joan is also survived by her dear neighbors and longtime friends, Jean DiDaniele and Bill McCarter, and especially Nelda and Anthony LoFaso, to all for whom her family is forever grateful for their love and compassion over her lifetime.

A service in celebration of Joan's life will be held at the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at 11 a.m.

Contributions in Joan's memory may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Ellen Oustinoff

Mrs. Ellen Oustinoff, 98, passed away at the Devonshire Senior Living in Hampton on Jan. 27, 2024. Her parents were the late Percy Smith Edwards and the late Sarah Doughty Edwards.

Mrs. Oustinoff was born in Willis Wharf and worked as a technical writer for the government until she retired. She traveled and lived around the world, and for much of her later life called Williamsburg and Newport News home.

She was predeceased by her cousin, Thomas Doughty and numerous special aunts and grandparents.

She is survived by her cousin, Gretchen Doughty and her cousins, Michael and Lillian Doughty and their children.

A graveside funeral will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Richard A. Daily officiating at Franktown Cemetery in Franktown.

Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements are by Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

Frances Roberts

Mrs. Frances Marie Roberts, 91, of New Church, wife of the late Billy Wayne Roberts, passed away on Feb. 7, 2024, in Onancock.

Born on July 29, 1932, in Greenville, Texas, she was the daughter of the late Cecil Fred Long and the late Elizabeth Pearl Williams. Fran was a dedicated member of Atlantic Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and



Mrs. Roberts

Vacation Bible School. She was also a member of Las Colinas Christian Womans Club, the Christian Womans Club in Accomack and the Pocomoke Christian Womans Club.

For years, she held the Woman's World Record for the largest cobia fish. Fran was the office secretary for Violet and OW Mears at their Barnyard Auction House. She also worked at the Steak 'N Burger that was located in Nelsonia. She loved arts and crafts. Above all, Fran dedicated her life to her family and God.

Fran is survived by her three daughters, Deborah Ann Gilmore (James Harrison), of Loganville, Ga., Karen Elizabeth Tapman (Billy), of New Church, and Janet Darlene Trader (E.T.), of New Church; grandchildren, Mandy Gilmore, Billy Tapman (Dana), Matthew Tapman (Hillary), Tom Trader, Brian Trader (Tyler), Jennifer Bennett (Colin) and Jonathan Flowers (Chelsea); great-grandchildren, Alvis, Brody, Taty, Leila, Miguel, TJ, Kylie, Alanna, Noah, Gabriel, Brinley, London, and one on the way; several

great-great grandchildren; sister, Rena Lay; and brothers, James W. Long and John D. Long.

Other than her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Bill, and several siblings.

Funeral services will be private.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, 23379 Commerce Drive, Accomack, VA 23301.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

To sign the guest book online, visit: www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Patricia Mears-Johnson

Mrs. Patricia Ann Mears-Johnson, affectionately known as "Pat" or "Miss Pat," passed away peacefully on Feb. 10, 2024, in Williamsburg, at the age of 81 years young. She was a remarkable woman whose life was filled with love and compassion.

Born on Oct. 20, 1942, in Guilford, Patricia was the beloved daughter of the late George F.D. Mears and the late Cora Ann Martin Mears. She was preceded in death by her brother, Gene Mears, and sister, Rose Marie Annis.

In the 1960s, Pat embarked on an extraordinary journey, living in Africa



Mrs. Mears-Johnson

for several years and exploring its wonders. She visited breathtaking places like Victoria Falls, Botswana, Madagascar, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and the Serengeti, where her deep appreciation for animals

and nature flourished. Pat cherished this time in her life and fondly spoke of her African adventures. She had an unparalleled passion for geography and was always eager to keep up with world events. From a young age, Pat's love for gardening was a passion and it would be amiss not to mention her prized rose gardens.

Pat's entrepreneurial spirit and unwavering compassion led her to become the dedicated owner of Pat's Home for the Elderly on Market Street in Pocomoke City, Md. As a nurse, she showed genuine love and empathy for her patients, standing as a beacon of support

during their times of need. Pat was ahead of her time, breaking boundaries as a woman in business, and she achieved fulfillment and independence through her hard work and determination. She had an unwavering commitment to the elderly. She was an advocate and voice for so many.

Once Pat sold her business, she retired to Guilford, where she continued her advocacy for animals, her love of flowers and nature, and caring for her family.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia was her birthplace and always home to her. Patricia remained active in the community until her illness in March of 2021, at which time she took residence in Williamsburg with her daughter, Julie, who oversaw her daily care.

Above all, Pat's heart belonged to her family. She loved her children, Julie Nicole Mason-Casey, Mark Mears Mason, and David Leroy Johnson, and her grandchildren, Gabrielle Lynn Mason, Chad Mason, Mason A. Casey, and Cora H. Casey, with a boundless affection that extended to her great-grandchildren, AmeriKiss Kromer, Kai Kromer, Erick Stevens Jr., Blu Stevens, and Rocky Stevens.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Sarah Mears, and nieces and nephews, George Wayne Mears, Harvey Mears, Donna Mears, MH Annis, Vivian Annis, and Mickey Annis.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Pat's caregivers, Melissa Clarke, Pam Sullivan, Anita Jenkins, and Lori Horsley. These compassionate and kindhearted individuals provided unwavering support and care to Pat during her final years. The family would also like to thank Hospice of Williamsburg and the staff for providing comfort and care for her.

Patricia Ann Mears-Johnson's legacy will forever shine as a testament to the power of love, compassion, the pursuit of one's dreams, and the elegance she brought to every moment. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. at Guilford Church in Bloxom. Interment will follow in the Guilford Church cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly

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requests that donations be made in Pat's honor to Worcester County Humane Society to support causes dear to her heart.

Rest in eternal peace, dearest Patricia. Your love, light, and timeless elegance will forever guide us.

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Shirley Mabalot

Mrs. Shirley Spruill Mabalot, 86, of Norfolk, passed away peacefully on Feb. 12, 2024, with her sons by her side. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hayden and Janie Spruill; sister, Imogen Adcock; and husband of 52 years, Benedicto Mabalot.

Shirley is survived and cherished by her two sons, Benjamin and wife, Julie, and Mark and wife, Gia; two sisters, Joyce and Odell; grandchildren, Jacki, Matthew, Rebecca, Alex, Hayden, McKenzie, and Kayla; and great-grandchildren, Austin, Maverick, Adelee, Finn, Rylee, Jackson, Connor, and Alayna.



Mrs. Mabalot

Shirley retired after 30 years of service with AT&T and had equally as many years to spend with family and friends during retirement. She was a loving and devoted wife, sister, mother, and grandmother who will be sorely missed. Shirley was always known as "Grammy" to her grandchildren and deeply loved by all of them.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at Rosewood-Kellum Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at the funeral home with entombment to follow in Rosewood Memorial Park.

You may offer condolences at www.kellumfuneralhome.com

David Duer

Mr. David Carter Duer, age 66, died Jan. 30, 2024. David was the son of Houston Carter and Sue Dunton Duer and resided in Exmore.

He was predeceased by his wife, Shirly Bradford Duer, and is survived by his

daughter, Amy Duer-Wood; grandchildren, Daniel and Marley Wood, and sisters Barbara Stevenson and Joan McMath.

David was known to many on the Delmarva Peninsula for his business, Satellite Connection, through which he wired satellite and other A/V products, primarily in residences.

In midlife he discovered a passion for archaeology through arrowhead collecting and was noted for his extensive knowledge of these artifacts.

A private cremation service was held. He will be missed.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Clyde "Chip" Nordstrom

Mr. Clyde William "Chip" Nordstrom passed away peacefully Feb. 3, 2024, at Norfolk General Hospital, where he was born 64 years ago. He was the eldest son of Clyde Vernon Nordstrom Jr. and Julia Vakos Nordstrom.

Chip will be remembered as a man who lived life on his own terms. He did what he wanted when he wanted, and not many people can say that. He was truly a man of all seasons.



Mr. Nordstrom

Except for college and brief post-graduate work, Chip was a lifelong Eastern Shoreman. He grew up in Nassawadox and Jamesville and graduated from Broadwater Academy. For one year, he attended Virginia Tech in their Corps of Cadets program before joining his brother, Dennis, at the College of William and Mary, where he graduated with a double major in biology and business administration. At that time, he began growing his hair into his signature ponytail.

Growing up, Chip learned carpentry and auto mechanic skills from his dad and inherited a love of books and reading from his mom. He could build or fix anything and was a self-taught student of religion, astrology, and Ayurveda medicine, traveling to New Mexico to further educate himself in the studies.

Chip was always willing to help his fellow man, whether friend or stranger. He helped renovate and repair many a house. He moved many a sibling, parent,

and friend. And Chip listened to many a story when someone needed an ear. He also provided unvarnished advice. While completing post-graduate marine biology studies in Florida, Chip rescued a fellow scuba diver whose tank had run out of air.

His 30-acre farm in Northampton County, however, was his life's work. After clearing the land, Chip, a fan of British countryside architecture, designed and built with friends and family an Old World English cottage with cedar shake siding and roof, and a thick handmade arched door. The cottage was heated by a wood stove. He situated the house so the sunsets over the marsh were perfectly framed by his kitchen window. His Amish-style barn was meticulously planned down to the exact board lengths to avoid any leftover building material. His farm provided Chip with a solace and privacy that he loved and needed. On any given day, one would find Chip down there reading, studying, chopping wood, or clearing land. To those who knew and loved him, that is how he will be remembered.

Chip is survived by his parents, Clyde Vernon and Julia Vakos Nordstrom, of Williamsburg; his brothers, Dennis (Katrina) Nordstrom, of Hawaii, and Michael (Mary) Nordstrom, of Indiana; and his sisters, Wendy (George) Kokolis, of Florida, and Judy (Charles) Bono, of Williamsburg.

He is also the beloved uncle to: Chelsea (Marty) Tozzi-Condivi, of Australia, Logan (Kelly) Nordstrom, of Charlottesville, Rhys Nordstrom, of Williamsburg, Halle Nordstrom, of New York City, Marinos Kokolis, of Williamsburg, Kalliope Kokolis, of New York City and Greece, Julie Kokolis, of Florida, Demetrius (Michelle) Kokolis, of Florida, Gabriel Bono, of Florida, Hannah Bono, of Kansas, Brett Bono, of Harrisonburg, Christian Nordstrom, of Indiana, and Alexandra Nordstrom, of Indiana. Chip will be deeply missed by them all.

Services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Broadwater Academy, P.O. Box 546, Exmore, VA 23350 or online at: broadwateracademy.org

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore, Virginia.

Helen Johnson

Mrs. Helen Gene Johnson, 80, of Mears, wife of the late Eugene W. Johnson Jr., passed away on Feb. 13, 2024, in Newport News.

Born on March 5, 1943, on Tangier Island, she was the daughter of the late Willie Thomas Parks and Ella Louise Parks. Helen worked for Accomack County Public Schools as a bus driver for 33 years. She was



Mrs. Johnson

a dedicated member of the Kingdom Hall - Jehovah's Witnesses Church in Gargatha and she was endlessly devoted to her family.

Helen is survived by three daughters, Tammy K. McCullough and husband, Mike, of Accomac, Kimberly L. Midgett and husband, Kenneth, of Bloxom, and Teresa E. Smith, of New Church; a son, Eugene W. Johnson III and wife, Connie, of Bloxom; 11 grandchildren, William Cox, Christina Taylor, Christal Johnson, Rhonda Johnson, Jesse West, Aaleah Midgett, Justin Sanders, Cody Sanders, Michael McCullough III, Kenneth McCullough, and Alex McCullough; 21 great-grandchildren; a sister, Debbie Taylor; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Other than her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Elizabeth B. Curtis, Willie F. Parks, Danny Parks, and Betty Rose "Sis" Evans.

Funeral services will be private.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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CHINCOTEAGUE AMERICAN LEGION 159 DONATES TO COMMUNITY



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Chincoteague American Legion Post 159 recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the Chincoteague High School band. Pictured from left are band instructor Troy Outten and Esley Collins of Post 159.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Chincoteague American Legion Post 159 recently donated \$1,000 to the Historic Main Street Merchants for the mural project. Pictured from left are Cindy Faith of the mural project, Randy Mills of Post 159, Nicole Miller, and Tommy Clark.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Chincoteague American Legion Post 159 recently presented a check for \$10,000 to the North Accomack Little League. Pictured from left are Randy Mills of Post 159, and Vernon Merritt and Ronnie Lewis of North Accomack Little League.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Chincoteague American Legion Post 159 recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the Manna Café Food Bank. Pictured from left are Randy Mills of Post 159 and Bill Lytle of the Manna Café Food Bank.

Lead in water

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Hall also said cafeteria workers boil water used for cooking — but boiling water does not reduce lead levels and may actually increase the levels, according to health professionals.



Rhonda Hall



Laura Anderko

Anderko, who is also co-director of a federally designated pediatric environmental specialty unit at Villanova University's Fitzpatrick College of Nursing.

"EPA and CDC set limits, and they're not necessarily a health-based standard ... These are really just tools to help schools manage their levels," she said.

Under the federal rule, if over 10% of samples exceed the 15-parts-per-billion threshold, water systems such as public schools are required take actions to reduce lead in their water.

Accomack's schools do not exceed the threshold, but some samples analyzed by the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water still contain lead:

■ Pungoteague Elementary School's kitchen pot sink contained

More information

■ Parents can contact the Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment at 833-362-2243 or macche@villanova.edu.

Health professionals from the group can attend school board meetings in-person or virtually to provide health-based information on lead and drinking water.

■ Visit <http://tinyurl.com/ynk9bzrw> to learn more about the center for children's health.

■ Contact Accomack County Superintendent of Schools Rhonda Hall at 757-787-5754 or email rhonda.hall@acps-k12.org.

lead levels of 3 parts per billion in a sample taken Sept. 15, 2023. The same tap showed lead at 7.18 parts per billion in August 2020, 3.06 in 2017, and almost 6.5 in 2014.

■ At Accawmacke Elementary School, one kitchen tap contained lead concentrations of 3.97 parts per billion in a sample taken Sept. 11, 2023 — a number that was 3.24 parts per billion in August 2020, 2.65 in 2017, and 8.08 in 2014.

Vulnerable population

Even in low concentrations, lead can damage the nervous system, making it especially harmful for elementary-aged children whose neurological systems are developing, Anderko said.

"What's unhealthy for an adult is very different than what's unhealthy for a child," she said. "They're very vulnerable and susceptible to higher levels of lead."

Exposure to the neurotoxin can cause symptoms from an upset stomach and failure to concentrate to a loss of motor skills, aggressive behavior, and learning disabilities, she said.

Lead is particularly insidious because people cannot see or taste it, but it can cause irreversible damage to the neurological system.

"It's like a silent killer because you can't see it, you can't smell it, you can't taste it. People don't think it's real," Anderko said.

Local legislation

The federal action level of 15 parts per billion for lead in drinking water leaves state governments or local school boards to create their own health-based approaches to school water.

Washington, D.C., in 2016 moved to incorporate a 1-part-per-billion action level for lead in its public schools' drinking water — the limit the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends for children.

The rule includes a "filter first" policy, meaning schools install filters on all drinking water taps regardless of test results.

Montana's Department of Public Health and Human Services in 2020 created a rule requiring any faucet with a lead concentration of 5 parts per billion to be fixed or routinely flushed.

"Virginia does not have those safeguards," Anderko said.

"It's up to the school board to make these decisions, and if there's not the data for them to move on it, and there's not the voices ... they're going to fund something else," she said.

In Accomack

In Accomack County, schools provide clean drinking water by giving students bottled water to drink and refill reusable water bottles, Hall said.

"We still have bottled water in our schools, and so we are going a step above to make sure ... that our kids aren't drinking any water with lead in it," she said.

Cafeteria workers boil water before using it for cooking, Hall added, but this does not remove lead.

The issue brought one Accawmacke Elementary School teacher to address the school board during an April 18, 2023, meeting, when she expressed

concerns about county schools' water.

"There's no safe level of lead to be ... in anyone's blood, but especially in children's blood because their brains are developing," said then-art teacher Cara O'Brien.

"I am so concerned ... about the years and years that the students are eating these meals that are cooked with lead," she said.

Hall and the school systems' Director of Operations and Management Bobby Bennett said they were unsure which schools have filters on their taps.

"We're doing everything that we can do to make sure that kids are not drinking water with lead in it," Hall said.

Advocating for safety

One teacher advocating for water filters is not enough to spark new school board policies, Anderko said.

"School boards have a lot of things on their plates," she said. "They're dealing with guns in schools ... they're dealing with banning books."

To gain traction, groups such as parent-teacher associations have worked to raise awareness of the dangers lead poses to students, including by contacting leaders at the Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment, she said.

The center can help groups advocate for filters on school water sources, which Anderko called "an easy win."

"Lead is easily removed from water, so you don't have to spend a ton of money on these filtration systems," she said. "To me, that's the frustrating part. A lot of these things can be easily remediated, and there's just not the will to do that."

"In the end, it's demanding that your child gets the safest water that they can drink, and it's not bottled water," which she said is not required to be regulated.

■ *School board member Stefanie Jackson is a staff writer for the Eastern Shore Post. She has no input in the Post's coverage of Accomack County Public Schools.*

Accomack GOP to meet Feb. 19

The Accomack Republican Party invites the public to its monthly meeting on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Sage Diner in Onley.

For more information, contact Chairman Sam Sellard at 757-709-8252.

Kiptopeke State Park to host volunteer cleanup

Kiptopeke State Park will be hosting a volunteer park cleanup on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"Lend an extra set of hands to help us clean up and prepare the park for camping season this year," said Kiptopeke State Park Manager Sean Dixon.

"We will need help with trail trimming, minor construction, painting, and beach cleanup. Let us know if you have a special skill in any of those areas so we can find the best project to suit your skills."

Participants will meet at the park office to be assigned their cleanup tasks.

Gloves and tools will be provided, but volunteers are asked to bring a water bottle and to be sure to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for working outdoors.

This volunteer event is a great way to get outside and contribute to making Virginia State Parks a beautiful place to explore.

Call the park at 757-331-2267 or

email william.ellson@dcv.virginia.gov for more details.

Becky Rootes Art Scholarships are offered

The Eastern Shore Art League announces that it will award the Becky Rootes Memorial Art Scholarships this year, in honor of Becky Rootes, past president of the ESAL.

The scholarships will be awarded to two graduating high school students residing on the Eastern Shore of Virginia who are continuing to an advanced education institution (community college, college, or university) and who are planning to pursue a field of study inclusive of the visual arts.

Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded, one for 2-D visual art, and one for 3-D visual art.

Applications are available on the Art League website, www.esartleague.org, and at high schools.

Relay for Life kickoff is Feb. 20

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Cheer for a Cure Relay for Life Nandua Kickoff will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Parksley fire hall, 18431 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

The 2024 website is live. Visit relayforlife.org/nanduava to register.

R.S.V.P. to the kickoff by contacting this year's event chair, Colette Geary, at colettegeary@yahoo.com or 443-783-5421.

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County weighs in on legislative proposals

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski on Tuesday, Feb. 13, updated county supervisors on the status of proposed state legislation that would interfere with the ability of Virginia localities to make their own zoning rules and regulations.

Northampton opposes proposed legislation including Senate Bill 304, which would require localities to permit homeowners to build accessory dwelling units.

The county asked state Sen. Bill DeSteph and Del. Rob Bloxom to vote against the bill “on general principle. ... We do allow (accessory dwelling units), but we want to have control of where and when,” Kolakowski said.

The bill would require a homeowner to obtain a permit to build an accessory dwelling unit. The locality would be permitted to charge a fee of no more than \$250 for the permit.

Senate Bill 304 also would prohibit a locality from requiring setbacks for the accessory dwelling unit which are greater than the setbacks for the primary dwelling.

The bill passed in the Senate, with DeSteph opposed, and it will advance to the House of Delegates, with Bloxom expected also to oppose.

Senate Bill 544, regarding the short-term rental of accessory dwelling units, is also troubling to Northampton County officials.

The bill would require a locality to allow homeowners to use accessory dwellings as short-term rental units if the property owners legally occupy the homes as their primary residences.

This is “not necessarily a bad thing, but (it’s) taking away control of localities and allowing short-term rentals where we may not feel they’re suitable,” Kolakowski said.

This bill also passed in the Senate and will advance to the House of Delegates.

If the bill passes in the House of Delegates and is presented to Gov. Glenn Youngkin to sign into law, “obviously, we’ll be asking the governor to exercise his veto option,” Kolakowski said.

Black Narrows Brewery to close

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

Chincoteague’s Black Narrows Brewery, the first craft brewery on the Eastern Shore, is permanently closing after more than six years in business.

“We’re sad to say good-bye ... we held on for one wild ride. We’ll look back on this time, treasure the highs, learn from the lows, and hold onto all the memories made, good and bad,” founders Josh and Jenna Chapman wrote on Black Narrows Brewery’s Facebook page on Feb. 6.

They could not be immediately reached for comment.

Josh Chapman, originally

from Alexandria, was familiar with Chincoteague from having spent summers there with his family as a child.

Chapman, who previously worked at a brewery in Washington, D.C., opened Black Narrows with his wife, Jenna Chapman, on New Year’s Eve, 2017.

The Chapmans prided themselves on supporting local farmers and artisans and making “award winning beers from the Land + Waters of Virginia’s Eastern Shore,” they wrote on their Facebook page.

This support included using a variety of locally sourced ingredients in their beer, from hops to the water inside oyster shells.

Black Narrows Brewery

survived a host of challenges to its business, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

But due to the inflation that followed, “ingredients, equipment and labor costs soared. There were other reasons why we couldn’t continue. It was all too much,” the Chapmans wrote.

They planned a farewell celebration for Black Narrows Brewing for the weekend of Friday, Feb. 16, through Sunday, Feb. 18, during Chincoteague’s annual “Death By Chocolate” scavenger hunt.

But “you haven’t tasted the last pint of these Land + Waters,” they teased in their social media post.

3:20 SCHOLARSHIPS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dr. Darrien Jamar, right, and 3:20 Scholarship alumna Kayla Wharton, left, award Lola Watson, second from left, and Lindsay O’Shea, at last year’s Arcadia High School senior banquet. The 3:20 Scholarship has supported 25 students and provided over \$58,000 in scholarship funds. Jamar, an alum of Arcadia High School, is the founder and executive director of The 3:20 Scholarship. Seniors graduating from Arcadia, Nandua, or Chincoteague who are planning to attend a college or university are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is Friday, April 5. Those selected will receive a \$3,000 monetary scholarship, monthly mentor-coaching, and care packages sent throughout the first year. Visit the320scholarship.com to apply or learn more.

Letters

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rain water.

We also know that we have a near-unlimited supply of groundwater from our superficial aquifer, the Columbia, just a few yards under our feet and above the sealed-in Yorktown complex.

We all need to work together to encourage the regulators of our groundwater to use the Columbia for all commercial, agricultural, and industrial uses, saving our lower groundwater reserves exclusively for public consumption.

We do not want to make the same mistake our neighbors across the Chesapeake Bay made when they assumed they would never run out of drinking water from the mighty Potomac aquifer. Because they took their drinking water supplies for granted, today they are having to flush their toilets deep into their

aquifers to keep the taps flowing.

We do not want to have to resort to a “toilet-to-tap” remedy because we remained too complacent at a time when this issue demands our full attention.

We encourage all residents to get more engaged in monitoring and protecting our groundwater before it is too late.

The ESVA Groundwater Committee, a bi-county advisory body on groundwater issues, meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce office in Melfa from 10 a.m. to noon.

There is opportunity to learn more about this issue as well as participate in public comment at every meeting.

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Nandua swimmer wraps up unbeaten career with ‘Grace’

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

Don’t be fooled by the sweet smile. Grace Bentley has a killer instinct — particularly in a swimming pool.

A senior at Nandua High School, Bentley has never lost in a regular season swim meet — she’s 33-0. This week, Bentley led the Warriors swim team to the Class 2 State Championships in Richmond.

Bentley, one of eight Warriors to qualify, was one of the favorites in both the 100-meter free and 100-meter back. (The event, held Thursday, finished after deadline.)

There’s good reason that Bentley listens to songs like Survivor’s “Eye of the Tiger” to get psyched up for a race. The dynamic rock beat and anthemic chorus sync up perfectly with her work ethic and will to win. This is one competitive young woman.

And it doesn’t stop with the pool. Challenge her to a friendly game of cards, and she will try to wipe you off the table.

But the name Grace describes her well. She’s friendly and kind. Teammates and classmates love her. Coaches and teachers, too. And children — she teaches swim lessons to little ones — simply adore her.

Bentley’s internal drive and her external glow are both manifestations of a strong faith.

“I definitely believe God has a plan for me,” she says. “He knows what’s best for me. He’s going to put me on the right path and help me through whatever is happening. But sometimes there are bumps in the path.”

One of those bumps came two years ago when Bentley, while running for Nandua’s track team in the spring, developed stress fractures in both legs. She had to wear a boot all summer long and stay out of the pool.

Bentley fretted how such a setback



PHOTO COURTESY ELBERT ADAMOS

Grace Bentley swims in one of her top events — the freestyle.

would affect her swimming career, which had been on an upward trajectory since she first started at age 8. By the time she got out of the boot and back in the pool, she was discouraged.

“My times were not as good,” she remembers. “I was heading into my junior year, and I was like, ‘Well, now I’m not going to be able to swim in college. Now I’m going to be a terrible swimmer for the rest of my life.’”

“I was like, ‘Why? What kind of plan can this possibly be?’ But I just had to step back and say, ‘Everything happens for a reason. Look at the bigger picture, keep my eyes on the finish line.’ I had to put my faith and trust in God, and know that he would help me get to where I needed to be.”

Heading into this week’s state meet, Bentley is right where she wants to be — one of the favorites to win both of her events. She swam personal bests in the 100-meter free (55.60 for first

place) and 100-meter back (1:01.75, second) at the recent 2A Regionals.

But it takes more than just faith to be a champion athlete. It takes skill, hard work, and a lot of discipline. Grace says her work ethic is in her DNA; her mother, aunt, and grandmother were competitive swimmers.

But she’s also driven by her desire to always get better — whether in the pool, the classroom (a 4.29 GPA), or anywhere else. “I can see how much potential I have ahead of me,” she says. “And that motivates me.”

There’s plenty of motivation at home, too. Her mom, KJ, who swam at UNC-Wilmington, is also the Nandua coach, and she marvels at her daughter’s work ethic.

“Grace always pushes herself to do more,” KJ says. “She’s always looking to do her best. She is driven to meet challenges.”

Sarah Bentley, a Nandua sopho-

more who is swimming the 50-meter free and 100-meter breast at the state championships, also pushes Grace — and vice versa. The sisters “have made each other better,” KJ says. “They get excited for each other when they do well. They are the shoulder to cry on when they are discouraged or disappointed.”

The whole family gets in on the act, including younger sister Caroline, 11, a promising swimmer. And their father, Chris, oversees the “dry land” workouts with the girls.

Grace, of course, hopes it all adds up to more wins — not just at the state meet, but in college, too. She intends to swim at the Division III level; she’s been accepted at several schools, but has not yet decided where to go.

But first things first. It’s time to put on the headphones, crank up the music, and dive right in with her eyes on the finish line.

Broadwater falls to Atlantic Shores and Greenbrier

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Lady Vikings basketball team hosted Atlantic Shores Christian on Monday, Feb. 5, and fell to the Seahawks 56-34.

The Seahawks jumped out to an early lead, outscoring the Vikings 22-11 in the first quarter. The Vikings were unable to shift the momentum in their favor. Atlantic Shores extended its lead in the second quarter, adding 10 points to Broadwater’s five. The Seahawks continued to build on their lead in the second half, outscoring Broadwater 24-18.

Standout players for the Vikings included Leah Smith with 15 points, four rebounds, eight steals, and a block. Kacey Ford contributed six

points, and Carly Clayton added five points.

The Broadwater boys basketball team also hosted Atlantic Shores on Feb. 5 and fell to the Seahawks 64-24.

Luke Duer and Teddy Seybolt led the Vikings on the night with six points each.

The Lady Vikings returned to action on Friday, Feb. 9, at Greenbrier Christian Academy and fell to the Gators 62-48.

The Gators ran away with the lead early, scoring on their opening possession and going up 2-0 in the first five seconds of the game. Broadwater trailed 18-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Broadwater’s offense picked up in the second quarter, edging out the Gators 17-16. Early foul trouble and injuries for the Vikings stopped

Broadwater’s momentum. The Gators outscored the Vikings 28-22 in the second half.

The Broadwater boys basketball team also traveled to Greenbrier Christian Academy on Feb. 9 and fell to the homestanding Gators 59-46.

A slow start for the Vikings ended with Broadwater trailing 8-2 at the end of the first quarter. The offense came alive for both the Vikings and the Gators in the second quarter. Greenbrier led 29-17 at halftime. A back-and-forth second half ended with the Gators outscoring the Vikings 30-29 to secure the victory.

Sophomore Noah Pruitt led the Vikings on the night with 19 points, four rebounds, and a block. Rufus Abbott added 11 points, and Chris Ames contributed eight points.

Emma Jackson named AAC Player of the Week

East Carolina sophomore outfielder Emma Jackson has been named the American Athletic Conference Player of the Week according to an announcement by the league office on Monday, Feb. 12.

Jackson has gotten off to a hot start at the plate for the Pirates, batting .652 with nine RBI, six doubles, and two home runs.

The Chincoteague native currently ranks first in the American in batting average (.652), runs scored (11), hits (15), and on-base percentage (.680).

She is the first Pirate to garner an AAC Player of the Week honor since Bailey Ledvina in 2021.

The Virginia Tech transfer’s standout performance of the week came in her Pirate debut against Charleston Southern last Thursday, Feb. 8, when she went 4-for-5 at the plate with two home runs in ECU’s 11-1 season-opening win.

REGIONAL

Virginia enters spring fire season; burning law in effect

The Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) joins fire departments across Virginia to announce spring fire season and raise awareness of the statewide burning law, in effect from Feb. 15 through April 30. The law prohibits outdoor burning before 4 p.m. when the fire is within 300 feet of the woods or dry grass.

Violation of the burning law is a Class-3 misdemeanor and punishable with a fine up to \$500. Those who allow a fire to escape may be liable for suppression costs and any resulting property damage.

The burning law applies to all open-air fires such as debris burning, campfires, and charcoal grills like those found in park settings. This law does not apply to charcoal or gas-fired barbecue grills. Some exceptions to the law are made for campfires at Virginia State Parks. To learn more about Virginia’s 4 p.m. burning law and fire prevention, visit <http://tinyurl.com/4j7rx4z5>

“Last fall, Virginia experienced extreme fire activity that provided a stark reminder of the importance of safe burning practices,” said DOF Chief of Fire and Emergency Response John Miller. “Simple safety measures are easy to follow and significantly reduce the likelihood of an escaped

fire, the number one cause of wildfires.”

Although Virginia also has a wildfire season in the fall, more than 60% of the commonwealth’s annual average of 700 wildfires occur in the spring. Rising temperatures, dry and windy weather, and abundant fuels such as frost-killed vegetation and dead leaves, increase the potential for wildfires and make them harder to extinguish.

Please note: In addition to the statewide 4 p.m. burning law, individual cities and counties may have specific burn laws, bans or restrictions. Check with local officials in your area before burning.

Keep these things in mind this spring fire season:

- Burning is allowed between 4 p.m. and midnight as long as proper precautions are taken
- Never leave a fire unattended
- Avoid burning during dry and windy conditions
- No fire may be started, and no fuels can be added to a fire after midnight
- Have a shovel, rake, and a charged hose on hand to control the fire
- Call 911 if a fire escapes your control.

VIMS offers local summer internships

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science’s Eastern Shore Laboratory, in Wachapreague, is accepting applications for five laboratory and field summer interns for the summer 2024 season.

Interns will have the opportunity to work directly with research scientists on projects such as shellfish aquaculture, water quality, restoration ecology, and marine ecology.

The goal of the program is to provide hands-on learning and employment opportunities for local students interested in careers in science.

Requirements for the internship are both active enrollment in a high school (rising or graduating seniors), college, or university degree program and a primary residence in either Accomack or Northampton counties.

Admission to the internship program is by competitive application. Applications are due by Feb. 26.

To apply, or for more information, visit <https://jobs.wm.edu/postings/58082>

‘Crumbs from the Table of Joy’ at North Street

When Godfrey Crump leaves Florida after his wife dies and moves his two teenage daughters to Brooklyn, he is looking for a new life, following evangelist “Father Divine.”

With a sister-in-law in Harlem and a new wife, Godfrey and his daughters discover a new world they never could have imagined in their home in a small, rural town in the south.

This is the humorous and touching story of “Crumbs from the Table of Joy,” by Lynn Nottage, opening on Friday, Feb. 16 and running for six performances through Feb. 25, at the North Street Playhouse.

Aja Ruffin, whom North Street audiences remember from her portrayal of Billie Holiday in “Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar and Grill” and Camae in last year’s “The Mountaintop,” is expanding her horizons by not only being on stage but also taking on her first job as a director.

Her very talented cast includes North Street veterans James Rich, Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Madison Herold, and newcomer, Maliyah Kellam.

Tickets for all performances are available at northstreetplayhouse.org or at the door one hour before each performance. For additional information, call 757-787-2050 or email northstreettickets@gmail.com.

For this production, there will be a performance on Thursday, Feb. 22, but no performance on Saturday, Feb. 24. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

“Crumbs from the Table of Joy” is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service and is coproduced by Ed Weber Construction, PNC Bank, Cooper and Humbles Funeral Co. and the Virginia Commission for the Arts.



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Pictured are, front row from left, Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Aja Ruffin, and Maliyah Kellam. In the back row are Madison Herold, James Rich.

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Merritt named to dean's list at Virginia Tech

Emma Merritt, of New Church, has been named to the fall 2023 dean's list at Virginia Tech.

Merritt is a junior at Virginia Tech and is enrolled in the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

She is the daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Merritt of New Church.

Film about Chincoteague at Ocean City festival

A film by Maryland filmmaker Amy Nicholson about Chincoteague's Inlet View campground has been accepted into the eighth annual Ocean City Film Festival and will screen on March 8 at noon at The Princess Royale, and March 9 at 11:30 a.m. at The Ashore in Ocean City, Md.

Tickets are currently on sale at OCMDFilmFestival.com

"Happy Campers" follows the final summer of scrappy Chincoteague campground Inlet View, where working-class families enjoy waterfront living and simple pleasures.

"When the relentless march of capitalism threatens their shabby Shangri-La, residents face their final days in the sun, and reveal the secrets to a rich life," according to a press release.

The Ocean City Film Festival is an initiative of the nonprofit Art League of Ocean City, which produces the festival annually.

The league is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs, and community art projects.

Colonial Dames set winter meeting March 2

The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century will meet for its winter meeting on Saturday, March 2, at 11 a.m., at Painter-Garrison's Methodist Church, Painter.

Jenean Hall will speak about colonial women. She will bring her book, "Another Day: More Stories from the Early Colonial Records of Virginia's Eastern Shore," to sell and autograph.

If anyone would like to join the Colonial Dames, Teresa Smith is the Eastern Shore Chapter Registrar, and will assist you in filling in membership applications.

Smith can be reached at

tsmith6228@comcast.net

The ladies of the church provide a lunch and each member pays \$25.00 for the meal. Non-members who want to attend the meeting should RSVP by Feb. 22.

To attend, send a check of \$25 written to Lit Dodd, Colonial Dames, to P.O. 158, Eastville, VA 23347, or email rledodd@verizon.net.

James Madison Univ. announces honors

James Madison University announces its academic honors for the fall 2023 semester.

Taylor Thornes, of Onancock, who is majoring in communication sciences and disorders, made the president's list.

James Coulthard, of Onancock, who is majoring in engineering, made the president's list.

Tucker Arcos, of Machipongo, who is majoring in hospitality management, made the president's list.

Janalee Beach, of New Church, who is majoring in kinesiology, made the president's list.

Caroline Boyd, of Cape Charles, who is majoring in general psychology, made the dean's list.

Zy'Re'ion Jackson, of Painter, who is majoring in architectural design, made the dean's list.

Grace Farlow, of Exmore, who is majoring in elementary education, made the dean's list.

Madelyn Sale, of Willis Wharf, who is majoring in engineering, made the dean's list.

Lucas Parks, of Parksley, who is majoring in geography, made the dean's list.

Colleen Brittingham, of Greenbackville, who is majoring in health sciences, made the dean's list.

Samantha Marshall, of Eastville, who is majoring in marketing, made the dean's list.

Colin Dendler, of Chincoteague, who is majoring in writing rhetoric and technical communication, made the dean's list.



The Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity would like to invite you to participate in the **27th Annual February Freeze**. This year's dip in the bay will be on **Saturday, February 24, 2024**, at Cape Charles Beach. Teams and individuals sign up to take the dip and raise pledges to help us build strength, stability and self-reliance through safe and affordable housing for Eastern Shore families.

See our website <https://easternshorehabitat.org/> for more information, or contact the Habitat office (757-442-4687) with any questions or to make a pledge over the phone.



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Accawmacke Indians claim properties in Eastville

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

The Accawmacke Indians are staking their claim to lands in Eastville they say historically belonged to the tribe but were deeded away to outsiders over the course of more than 200 years.

“This is how the wrongs get righted,” Accawmacke Indian Chief Lisa Cypress said of the tribe’s recent efforts to reclaim their land.

On Smith Beach Road in Eastville, four properties owned by the THS Family Limited Partnership have been “put on notice” by a legal ad published online in the Eastern Shore News on Feb. 10, said Cypress, who claims the land is illegally occupied.

According to quit claim deeds filed in Northampton County Circuit Court, landowner Thomas H. Smith, for whom the THS Family Limited Partnership was named, is not the rightful owner.

Cypress said he is no relation to Tom Smith, a “Negro Indian Landowner” who was the last Accawmacke heir to live on the land in the 1970s, the documents state.

“To those illegally occupying our Accawmacke Crown Patented land. You may not sell our Crown Patented titled land(,) you may not convey this land by any means to your relatives, descendants(,) or friends. The land and all that remains upon the land at the time of your vacancy and or death reverts to the ownership of the Accawmacke Indians,” the legal notice states.

Cypress said that within a few months of publication of the notice, the Accawmacke Indians will begin rehabilitating and upgrading the vacant properties on Smith Beach Road, including the installation of security cameras.

They want to start out small in “ramping up the tourism” and eventually create an Accawmacke Indian-themed resort that will bring jobs



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A sign posted in front of a house on Smith Beach Road near Eastville are available on the Art League website, www.esartleague.org, and at high schools. claims the property for the Accawmacke Indians. The group has filed quit claim deeds in Northampton County Circuit Court seeking ownership of the property.

and economic benefits to the region.

Any buildings occupied by renters will remain undisturbed, Cypress said.

Accawmacke Indians have signified their claim to the properties on Smith Beach Road by posting “No Trespassing” signs there and also at Indiantown Park, which is owned by Northampton County.

Cypress is not worried about the possibility of landowners pressing charges against any of the Accawmacke Indians for trespassing or filing a lawsuit against them.

She said, “I’m not participating in that show. ... If they want to litigate, they’re going to have to take it to the Supreme Court because I’m not showing up for anything other than that.”

The Accawmacke Indians, also known as Gingaskins, were granted a reservation in the area now known as

Eastville through an English crown land patent in 1640.

Cypress said that because of the crown land patent, ownership of the lands must remain in perpetuity with the direct descendants of the Accawmacke Indians.

But the Virginia General Assembly disregarded the crown land patent in 1813 when it responded to complaints by white landowners and passed legislation to dissolve the reservation.

Approximately 650 acres were divided into more than two dozen parcels and deeded to individual members of the Accawmacke Indian tribe, who could sell the land if they desired, Cypress said.

All of the parcels eventually were sold. Today, none are deeded to Accawmacke Indian descendants.

The Accawmackes attempted to re-

claim some of their land through a lawsuit that Cypress filed in July 2021, in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, in Norfolk.

The lawsuit was filed against PNC Bank and the Northampton County Board of Supervisors for land occupied by PNC’s Eastville branch and Indiantown Park, respectively.

Accawmacke Indian graves, including that of a former chief, remain at Indiantown Park.

In March 2023, U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Hanes dismissed the lawsuit, and in July 2023, the judge denied Cypress’ appeal.

Cypress now says that her lawsuit was filed in an “improper jurisdiction.” Even though lower courts can settle real estate disputes, they have no authority regarding a crown land patent, the “highest form of title,” she said.

Extension granted for childcare center opening

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County last month granted a 45-day extension to a startup group opening a new childcare center near Painter.

“We have set our dates for opening. Our staff is ready to go. Our director’s already been identified. We’re just waiting at the hands of the state,” said Chief Operating Officer at Shiloh Baptist Church Enterprises Michael Chandler.

The extension will be 45 days or less from the date the Accomack County Board of Supervisors approved it, Jan. 17, meaning the center should open by early March.

The county awarded SBC Enterprises \$150,000 in Coronavirus

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in May 2022 to support its Shiloh Child Care startup, addressing a need for more childcare providers in Accomack County.

SBC Enterprises had until Dec. 31, 2023, to spend those funds, but requested an extension after delays installing a wheelchair ramp at the facility and due to turnover in Virginia Department of Education inspectors, Chandler said.

As of Dec. 31, the inspector “has everything that is required of us” and the childcare center is awaiting its final inspection to receive its state license, he told the supervisors.

Supervisor Reneta Major, who is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, commended the group for

addressing a key need on the Eastern Shore.

“The area that we are in — the lower part of Accomack County — is a (childcare) desert,” she said.

“I’m just so proud of ... all the persons of SBC Enterprise. They

have done a phenomenal job,” she said of the startup.

“We’re at the mercy of the state now ... We’re just waiting, and hopefully we’ll get our licensure,” she said.



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Shields Bridge's 18-month rebuild to begin this year

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

A multi-million-dollar project to replace Shields Bridge near Belle Haven is slated to start in late 2024.

Crews will spend roughly 18 months demolishing and rebuilding the 1933 bridge over Occohannock Creek, closing the span to traffic and rerouting drivers along Big Pine Road throughout construction, said Tim Kelly, senior communications specialist at the Virginia Department of Transportation.

VDOT advertised the project earlier this year to contractors who will complete construction, said the department's Accomack Residency Administrator Chris Isdell, who gave an update to the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission Jan. 2.

"VDOT has determined (the bridge) to be structurally deficient and in need of replacement," Kelley said, adding, "It is important to note ... 'structurally deficient' means there are elements of the bridge that do not pose a safety risk, but that need to be monitored, maintained ... or repaired."

"The project will replace the bridge that is reaching the end of its service life," he said.

The move marks the final stages of a multi-year effort to replace the crossing over Occohannock Creek.

In 2020, VDOT hosted a public meeting to gather residents' feedback on designs for a new bridge. The final project incorporates some of their input, including an extra nine inches of clearance to allow boats to pass under the bridge, Kelley said.

The project will also replace the roads leading up to both sides of Shields Bridge and proposes adding guardrails along their shoulders.

It replaces less than a quarter-mile of State Route 178 but, because the bridge will be demolished in one phase, the route will be closed to traffic for the duration of construction, Kelley said.

Drivers will be rerouted to Big Pine



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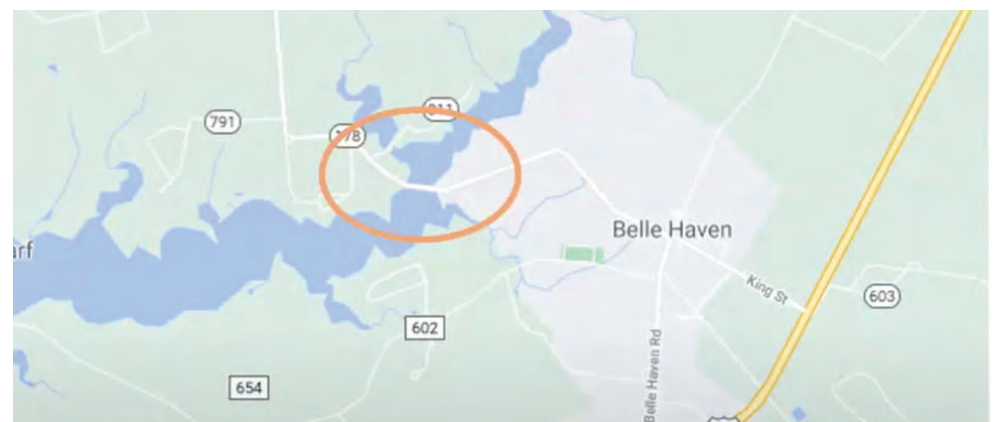
A multi-million dollar project to demolish and rebuild Shields Bridge over Occohannock Creek near Belle Haven is slated to start this fall, according to a Virginia Department of Transportation spokesperson. The bridge will be closed to drivers for roughly 18 months while the bridge is under construction.

Road. No property owners will lose access to their homes, he said.

The closure will impact the 1,521 vehicles that use the bridge on average each day.

VDOT estimates the rebuild will cost \$11.3 million, funded through its State of Good Repair program, which uses state funds to rehabilitate deteriorated pavement and bridges, Kelley said.

■ Visit <http://tinyurl.com/mrxv3kee> to learn more about the project.



Harmony Davis is Youth of the Year for B&GC

Harmony Davis is the Youth of the Year representative for the Eastern Shore Boys & Girls Club in the annual Youth of the Year competition for Southeastern Hampton Roads.

Davis, 14, attends Nandua Middle School and is in the eighth grade. She says prior to joining the Boys & Girls Club she was a very timid person and not open to speaking to other people. “The club has drastically changed me in coming out of my shyness, and now I love talking and interacting with everyone,” said Davis.

Davis loves photography, shopping, and cooking. She plans to pursue a career in nursing after graduation because she loves helping people.

Boys and Girls Club executive director Kathy Custis said it’s hard to believe Davis was very shy before joining the club. “She is just such a people person who brings joy to everyone.”

The competition for the Youth of the Year among seven clubs in the Southeastern region for Boys & Girls Club is March 28 in Norfolk.



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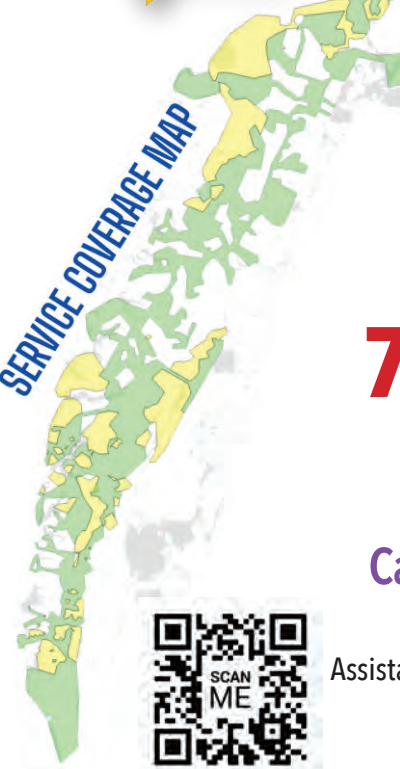
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The Eastern Shore Alzheimer's Leadership Council hosted the Help Fight Alzheimer's Celebration Breakfast and 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's Kick-off on Feb. 9 at Eastern Shore Community College. Speakers were Willie Randall, financial advisor with Edward Jones; Donna Smith, executive director with the Eastern Shore Area on Aging/Community Action Agency; Myra Riley-Taylor, president of Onancock's Bayside Revitalization Project; and Doug Panto, community programs manager of the Alzheimer's Association. The walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, at ESCC. People or organizations that would like to participate can contact Shawn Martin, development manager, at 757.563.5279 ext. 9404 or semartin@alz.org. Pictured are Alzheimer's Council members, from left, Janet Justis, Lindsay Drummond, Dale Parks, Robin Sexauer, Wendy Marshall, Brenda Holden, Diana Lumley, and Jessica Bonniwell.

American Civil War is topic of talk

The Science and Philosophy Seminar of the Eastern Shore of Virginia has scheduled a seminar called "The American Civil War, Slavery, and Cotton."

The free 90-minute seminar will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, in Room 148 of the academic building of Eastern Shore Community College,

29300 Lankford Highway, Melfa.

Al McKegg will discuss the simple fiber from which almost all 19th century clothing was made, and the enormous wealth generated by the American slave system that grew that fiber and drove our country to a disastrous civil war, which echoes still.

McKegg, by trade a writer and musician, moved to the Shore a decade ago. He still writes and when the wind is fair, sails.

These seminars are occasionally

rescheduled on short notice. Prospective attendees are urged to check the Seminar's website, www.SciPhi.org, shortly before a scheduled date.

The seminar is an informally organized group that meets more or less regularly to explore and discuss a wide array of topics, ranging from philosophical speculation to scientific research.

All seminars are open to the public. Admission is free.

Charlie Roe named Grand Marshal

The Onancock Business and Civic Association Board of Directors announces that Charlie Roe, formerly of Onancock, has been named Grand Marshal for the ninth annual "O'Nancock" St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 16.

Roe and his beloved terrier, Jack, were fixtures in and around Onancock for years.

In considering Roe for this honorary position, it was noted by many that Roe was always first to raise his hand offering to assist OBCA in its many endeavors.

Roe's volunteer commitments include Secondhand Thrift, the Community Services Board in Parksley, the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and The Nature Conservancy in Nassawadox.

For more information on the annual parade and classic car and truck show, visit Onancock.org or email 23417obca@gmail.com.

Men's basketball league is slated

Accomack County Parks and Recreation will be accepting registration for its 2024 men's basketball league for teams interested in playing.

The league will start on Sunday, March 10. A meeting will be held for coaches and managers on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. at the public works office located at 24401 Joynes Neck Road, Accomac.

A representative must be present for any team interested in registering.

Contact the Parks and Recreation office at 757-787-3900 or 757-709-4208 for questions or to express interest.

Grievance aired over removal of grievance rights

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton supervisors at their regular meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 13, did not vote to approve amendments to the county's personnel policy after a longtime county employee pointed out the apparent removal of a provision for department heads to file grievances.

"I'm concerned that you would consider a policy that excludes your senior staff members from this basic provision," said Deputy County Administrator Janice Williams during the public comment period.

"If you're going to have a grievance policy in your personnel manual, it should apply to employees at whatever level they are, department head or support staff," said Williams, who has worked for every

county administrator Northampton has ever had.

Williams also has served as acting county administrator and has worked for Northampton County for 43 years.

She listed seven other county employees who could be affected by such a policy change: Ronald Rowe, director of solid waste management, 45 years; Mark Heneghan, director of information technology, 20 years; Chris Thomas, director of public works, eight years; Susan McGhee, director of planning, permitting, and enforcement, eight years; John Chandler, finance director, seven years; Lakita Fisher, director of parks and recreation, three years; and Greg DeYoung, emergency services director, three years.

Williams said that she was on

the committee that reviewed the personnel policy and her comments were "not meant to be disrespectful" to her fellow committee members.

However, she was dissatisfied that the committee had not conducted a final review "to spot any deficiencies" in the policy.

Section 13-3 of Northampton County's proposed updated personnel policy states that grievances can be filed by the deputy county administrator and department heads "except those hired after February 1, 2024."

County attorney Michelle Clayton said the new language in the policy was meant to allow the current deputy county administrator and department heads to file grievances but prevent their future replacements from doing so.

"In most counties, department heads do not have grievance rights," she explained.

"I don't understand the logic behind that," Williams said.

Clayton noted that since the proposed policy was made public online, many had commented on its potential implications, including Northampton Board of Supervisors Chair Betsy Mapp.

"All of these people do deserve to be able to participate" in the grievance process, Mapp said.

Clayton said that if supervisors wanted all county employees to have the right to file grievances, "that's fine."

She said staff would clarify or change the wording of the policy, and she would present it to supervisors for their approval in two weeks.

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Broadwater wins Blue Crab Bowl

On Saturday, Feb. 10, students from Broadwater Academy in Exmore won the Blue Crab Bowl, a regional ocean science academic competition that is part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl.

The Blue Crab Bowl, hosted by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and co-hosted by Old Dominion University, is part of a nationwide competition that tests students' knowledge of ocean science disciplines through buzzer-style, multiple-choice questions and open-ended team challenge questions.

Students on the championship team include Derek Boyle, Margot Custis, Virginia Custis, John Lewis, and Sofi Rader. They are coached by Charles Carlson.

The NOSB is building our next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates, and informed community members by educating them in ocean science topics that are increasingly relevant today and into the future.

The NOSB is an academic competition of the Center for Ocean Leadership, a University Corporation for Atmospheric Research Community Program.

"Congratulations to our regional winners," said Sonya Legg, COL director. "You are to be commended for your many months of study and preparation for competition. Importantly, you've learned more than how to successfully compete — you've learned about the many challenges facing our global ocean and how each and every one of you can play a crucial role in addressing those challenges as an ocean-literate community member. I'd also like to thank our regional coordinators and volunteers. The NOSB can only succeed with your continued dedication to the program and its students."

The 2024 NOSB regional competi-



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The Broadwater team includes, from left, coach Charles Carlson, John Lewis, Sofi Rader, Margot Custis, Virginia Custis, and Derek Boyle.

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The NOSB is a program of the Center for Ocean Leadership. Now in its 26th year, the NOSB seeks to interest students in pursuing a college degree and a future career in the ocean sciences.

Through this educational forum, the NOSB strives to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policymakers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates, and informed citizens to consider and appreciate the ocean.

Most high school students do not have the opportunity to study ocean science as part of their formal coursework, which makes the NOSB one of

the only ways students gain exposure to this field. Many past NOSB participants have moved on to pursue college degrees and careers in ocean science and related fields, helping to solve the growing environmental, economic, and security issues facing our ocean and planet.

The COL coordinates and facilitates collaborative ocean science, research, education, and communication efforts between and among government agencies and ocean research and education institutions. COL programs currently focus on ocean education, observation, and stewardship.

Historic district board needed, councilor says

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

Pocomoke City urgently needs a historic district commission to maintain and preserve the area's architectural significance, one of its council members said during a Monday, Feb. 12, meeting.

District 3 Council member Monda Marsh made an impassioned plea to her colleagues and the audience to create clearly defined boundaries for the existing historic district and to create a historic district commission to ensure the district's architectural integrity.

Marsh, who previously served as the recording secretary on the city of Annapolis' Historic District Commission in the 1970s, considers the timing to be crucial as Pocomoke City officials are now working on their 10-year comprehensive plan.

While some homes have been re-

Public safety forum

■ On Feb. 28, Pocomoke City Police Chief Arthur Hancock will hold a public safety forum at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center, 1410 Market St., Pocomoke City.

stored, Marsh noted that other blighted properties have been demolished, often due to a lack of maintenance or enforcement of building codes.

New construction on some lots hasn't been consistent with the architectural styles of the older, more historic structures, she said.

Along with creating funding opportunities through grants, the establishment of the historic district and com-

mission would require new construction or restoration projects to meet specific guidelines, depending on the style of the structure, subject to approvals by the commission.

The majority of homes and commercial structures located within the historic district defined by the National Register of Historic Places date from 1870 to 1940, reflecting a wide range of home and architectural styles — Victorian, both Greek and Colonial Revival, and Beaux-Arts.

Many properties in Pocomoke City, including the Costen House and the Mar-Va Theater, already are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mayor Todd Nock said Pocomoke City has been looking to find its niche for many years relative to other towns and cities along Maryland's Eastern Shore.

He said he believes it lies in its history and stressed the importance of pre-

serving these historic homes and buildings for future generations.

In other news:

■ A proposed ordinance was introduced requiring landlords to register their properties and apply for a yearly license, subject to inspection and compliance with building codes.

■ The council voted to approve a resolution creating an arts committee with members serving three-year terms with possible renewal to encourage artistic expression, promote cultural diversity, and provide opportunities for collaboration between local artists, community groups, and schools.

■ Further discussion on cannabis zoning legislation was tabled until the Feb. 20 meeting to allow the new city manager time for review.

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Local Business and Employment Notice

Indoor Plumbing/Rehabilitation Program

Eastern Shore of Virginia Rural Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance are preparing to implement housing improvement programs within Accomack and Northampton Counties, the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Flex Program and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rural Homeownership Rehabilitation Program, both of which will use federal HOME Funds. These programs will result in procurement opportunities from contractors licensed in building remodeling, demolition, and well and septic installation. Also, jobs in the following trades may become available: masons, carpenters, roofers, plumbers, electricians, drywallers, and laborers.

In carrying out these programs, the above agencies, its contractors and subcontractors will, to the greatest extent feasible, utilize qualified businesses and persons residing within Accomack and Northampton Counties for procurement, employment, and training positions. All projects will be competitively bid, and all job openings will be listed with the local office of the Virginia Employment Commission, 25036 Lankford Highway, Onley VA. All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. Information received from persons seeking jobs, or from businesses providing services will be provided to all general contractors as part of the procurement process. Written request should include your name, address, telephone number, and product or service you propose to provide.

Any firm or individual located within the two Counties may request to participate in the procurement opportunities associated with the programs by contacting Eric Luchansky at the Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority, or at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance, P.O. Box 387, 23372 Front Street, Accomack, VA 2330, by phone at 757-787-2800 Ext: 118, by fax at 757-787-7221, or by Virginia Relay @ 711.

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Counties seek funding to address opioid epidemic

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
AND CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack and Northampton counties are jointly applying for a state grant of more than \$254,000 to partner with the Eastern Shore Community Services Board to address the region’s opioid epidemic.

“We’re joining forces with Northampton and using CSB basically as our contractor to help with the program and to help write the grant proposal,” said Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason in an update to county supervisors on Jan. 17.

Kelly Bulin, the Eastern Shore Community Services Board’s director of program development, planning, and prevention, presented the proposal to Northampton supervisors on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The two counties are seeking funding from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority, which was established through the settlement of a federal lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies that produce opioids.

Accomack and Northampton will provide matching funds of more than \$96,000 and \$79,000, respectively, bringing the total proposal request to approximately \$430,000.

The breakdown of the total project cost is:

- About \$191,000 for outpatient services, including intake assessments, case management, individual and group therapy, and health navigation

- Nearly \$28,000 for transportation to the ESCSB outpatient clinic in Parksley from anywhere in Northampton and Accomack coun-

ties, including Chincoteague and Tangier islands

- A total of \$9,000 for medications, such as suboxone, for uninsured and under-insured patients

- Nearly \$124,000 for school-based prevention education for students in grades 9 through 12

- About \$39,000 for a media campaign to include mass transit bus advertising, radio and digital media, and newspaper advertisements.

Northampton County Finance Director John Chandler clarified that no “new money” was required to fund the project. Accomack’s and Northampton’s contributions are the remaining opioid abatement settlement funds that were allocated to each county individually.

Accomack’s contribution includes its remaining settlement funds from fiscal year 2023 and its total alloca-

tion for FY 2024 through FY 2026.

Northampton is committing all of its settlement funds for FY 2022 through FY 2026.

“We’re basically handing our money off ... so that we have a complete program to help the Eastern Shore for both counties,” Chandler said.

With Accomack and Northampton working individually, “we didn’t have enough money to come up with a program ... with the education, the outreach, and intervention,” he said.

“The state’s encouraging a regional approach to the problem,” said Northampton County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski.

Northampton supervisors unanimously approved the proposal, with action by Accomack supervisors expected to follow.

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Shore Little League plans eighth annual benefit oyster roast

Shore Little League will hold its eighth annual benefit oyster roast on Saturday, March 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. It will be held at the Exmore Town Park.

There will be music, a cash bar, a silent auction, a raffle, clams and oysters, barbecue, and chowder.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and can be purchased at Western Auto in Exmore, the Exmore Diner, Northampton Lumber in Nassawadox, Rayfield's Pharmacy in Nassawadox, and Oceans East in Capeville. Call 757-414-1433.

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Cape Charles to host Women's Wellness Weekend

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Cape Charles will host a spring Women's Wellness Weekend that will focus on topics like self-compassion and body positivity and feature a keynote address by Dr. Michele Davidson, a psychiatric nurse practitioner and author.

The weekend event, set for Friday, April 5, through Sunday, April 7, includes a number of Eastern Shore-based therapists and coaches who specialize in areas ranging from yoga to healing sound.

"The idea came about when a group of the practitioners came together," said Wendy Hubbard, one of the organizers. Hubbard is a somatic experiencing practitioner, helping people feel safe in their bodies while exploring emotions and memories.

"We hope this will be the first of an annual event," she said.

The event also will create awareness about the depth and breadth of wellness and healing services on the Eastern Shore.

"There are all these local practitioners," said Hubbard, who is co-chair with Christa Peachy, a trauma-informed somatic life coach, breathwork facilitator, and meditation teacher.

"No one knows that we offer these wonderful services," she said.



Wendy Hubbard, co-organizer of the upcoming Women's Wellness Weekend in Cape Charles, stands next to one of the promotional banners at a Virginia Welcome Center. The weekend event, set for Friday, April 5, through Sunday April 7, includes a number of Eastern Shore-based therapists and coaches who specialize in areas ranging from yoga to healing sound.

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"We've designed them so they would appeal to different people," said Hubbard.

It is limited to 100 participants and scholarships are available for teachers, first responders, and others by emailing wellnessesva@gmail.com.

Hubbard said she is excited to have people who have never been to the Eastern Shore or Cape Charles experience the area, shop, and dine.

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Northampton's Jerry Sturgis, third from left, finished first in the 190-pound weight class in the regional competition.



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Northampton's Justin Suarez, center, finished first in the heavyweight class in the regional competition.



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Northampton's Andrew Dag-gins, center, finished first in the 144-pound weight class in the regional competition.



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Northampton's Gibson Hub-bard, center, finished first in the 215-pound weight class in the regional competition.



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Northampton's Reegan Mc-Gee, left, finished second in the 126-pound weight class in the regional competition.



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Northampton's Brock Le-land, left, finished second in the 138-pound weight class in the regional competition.



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Northampton's Irina Maksy-myuk, right, finished third in her weight class in the regional competition.



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Northampton's Rogelio Gar-cia, right, finished third in the 175-pound weight class in the regional competition.



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Northampton's Brendan Mc-Gee, left, finished four in the 150-pound weight class in the regional competition.

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JOSEPH GREGORY KELLAM, et al.,
Plaintiffs
CASE NO. CL23000580-00
vs.

GLORIA JEAN DUNHAM CLAY, et al.
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The object of this proceeding is, inter alia, to confirm title in the Plaintiffs by adverse possession of certain real property, known generally as 27346 Redwood Road, Melfa, Virginia, Accomack County Tax Map No. 93A-A-19, Tax Parcel Number 093A0A000001900, all of which is described more particularly in the Complaint and Exhibits attached thereto on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, to which reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description thereof; and

WHEREFORE, it appearing that certain Defendants' offices and or places of residence cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry within the Commonwealth, or, if ascertained are not residents of the Commonwealth,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants GLORIA JEAN DUNHAM CLAY, ORLANDO TURNER, TRUSTEE, PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, HEIRS OF MILTON E. FLOYD, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, if any, who may be HEIRS OF MILTON E. FLOYD, or successors, heirs, devisees, or assigns of GLORIA JEAN DUNHAM CLAY, ORLANDO TURNER, TRUSTEE, OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF THE EASTERN SHORE, INC., PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, or HEIRS OF MILTON E. FLOYD, or others who may have an interest in the subject property, are to appear before this Court on or before the 27th day of March 2024 and protect their interests, if any,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks pursuant to § 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, in Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in Accomack County, Virginia, and that the Clerk of this Court shall post this Order at the front door of the courthouse.

TESTE:

Hon. Talia Taylor, Clerk
Circuit Court of Accomack County

By: Caretta S. Harris, DY
January 24, 2024

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REMINDER

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ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Accomac, VA. Public hearings will be held at 6:30 p.m. to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or present written comments on the following matter(s):

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to Solicit Input on a Proposed Revision to the Solid Waste Management Plan in Accordance 9VAC20-130-130.

Every five (5) years the County is required to update its Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). In accordance with 9VAC20-130-130, Public Participation, the County must publish a notice and hold a public hearing on the plan before submitting a plan or major amendment.

2. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Amending Accomack County Code Chapter 102, Waterways, Division 3, Quinby Boat Harbor, Section 102.67 of the Accomack County Code

The Board will receive public comment on the proposed draft ordinance that, if approved, would reduce the number of Quinby Board Harbor members from nine to seven.

Any citizen wishing to view documents, submit a comment, having questions, or needing special assistance for the disabled, may contact the County Administrator's Office by contacting:

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County's electronic Board Agenda at:
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TOWN OF NASSAWADOX PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Nassawadox will hold a public hearing on Friday, February 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., to consider a Curfew Ordinance for Minors. The hearing will be held at Northampton Fire and Rescue Building, 10239 Pine Ave., Nassawadox, VA 23413.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet and conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and review the following applications to forward recommendations to the Eastville Town Council or the Board of Supervisors.

The Eastville Town Council will meet jointly with the Planning Commission at the same time and place to discuss ZTA 2023-07.

ZTA 2023-07: The Town of Eastville has applied for a Zoning Text Amendment to add the following additions to the Eastville Zoning Ordinance:

The addition of *portable storage container* to Article II, Section 2-3 Specific Definitions.

The addition of a new section, Section 18-7(f) Temporary Portable Storage Container, to Article XVIII Supplemental District Regulations.

Immediately thereafter the Planning Commission will continue with the following three public hearings:

ZMA 2023-01: Dimitri Hionis has applied for a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 3.15 acres of a parcel from MHP (Mobile Home Park) to H/R (Hamlet/Residential) and 2.74 acres of the same parcel from A/RB (Agriculture/Rural Business) to H/R (Hamlet/Residential) to construct single family residence homes. The property is located at 4314 Cedar Grove Drive in Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 112-A-94.

ZMA 2023-03: Virginia Builders Holding, LLC and Cape Charles Chocolate, LLC has applied for a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone a combined 13.067 acres of two adjacent parcels from TE-1 (Town Edge-1) to TE-CG (Town Edge Commercial General). The property is located on Lankford Highway and is further described as Tax Map 84-2-B & 84-2-B1.

ZMA 2023-04: NKM Properties LLC has applied for a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 6.62 acres of a parcel from TE-1 (Town Edge-1) to TE-CG (Town Edge Commercial General) and 7.01 acres of an adjacent parcel from TE-1 (Town Edge-1) to TE-CG (Town Edge Commercial General). The property is located on Parsons Circle, Cape Charles and is further described as Tax Map 84-A-92 & 91-A-15B.

The applications, as well as the full text of the proposed amendments, are on file and open to public inspection in the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA, and can be viewed electronically at:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/va/northco/Board.nsf/Public>

Anyone wishing to comment on the above items is invited to attend the meeting and make their comments known. Written comments can be submitted to the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement//P.O. Box 538//Eastville, VA 23347, and via email to olivia.bennett@co.northampton.va.us for consideration at the February 20, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

Handicapped assistance available: Please telephone (757) 678-0440 at least 48 hours in advance.

Public Meeting Town of Accomac

The Town of Accomac will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office located at 23367 Front St., Accomac. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the Troyer Special Use Permit and update all permit information in the Town's Ordinance.

Legal Ads



NOTICE

Accomack County's Annis Cove Boat Ramp

Please be advised that the replacement of the concrete boat ramp at Annis Cove located on Guilford Creek will commence on or about March 1st, 2024. The concrete ramp will be closed for construction during the month of March. For additional information, please contact the Public Works & Facilities Office at (757) 787-1468.

Minority & Female-Owned Business Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program Eastern Shore of Virginia Rural Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance are preparing to implement housing improvement programs within Accomack and Northampton counties — the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rural Homeownership Rehabilitation Program, both of which will use federal HOME Funds. These programs will result in procurement opportunities from contractors licensed in building remodeling, demolition, and well and septic installation, as well as businesses that provide building materials such as paint, floor coverings, roofing, siding, windows, doors, and cabinets.

In carrying out these programs, the above agencies are soliciting the participation of minority and female-owned businesses, contractors and suppliers. Businesses may be included on appropriate bid and procurement lists by submitting a written request within ten days of this notice. All procurements will be made on a competitive basis.

Requests should include the name, product or service provided, and how the firm qualifies as a minority or female-owned business, and should be forwarded to Eric Luchansky at the Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority, or at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance, P.O. Box 387, 23372 Front Street, Accomack, VA 23301, by phone at 757-787-2800 Ext: 118, by fax at 757-787-7221, or by Virginia Relay @ 711.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Alex Lambert (VMRC #20232507) is requesting a permit from Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install 24 adjustable longlines with 24 pilings holding a total of 2,160 Hexcyl 25-liter baskets atop lease 22445 located in Hungars Creek adjacent to property serving 12432 Trout Lane in Northampton County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #20232507) at <http://tinyurl.com/bdtmf38d> We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received on or before February 28, 2024. Mail public comments to Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

For more specific application information, please visit: <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/> or call (757) 247-2200, Option #8.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet for the purpose of conducting two public hearings. Site visits to the properties will occur immediately prior to the commencement of the Board meeting.

Buffer Exception 2023-05: Christopher Morgan and Nan Arpino have applied for a buffer exception to extend an existing deck towards the shoreline and construct an addition to the left front of the residence. The property is located at 27515 Allure Chase, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 104C-1-A.

Buffer Exception 2024-01: Gregory Winkelman is requesting a buffer exception for an encroachment of 200 square-feet into the buffer area to construct a screened porch on the northwest side of the existing residence. The property is located at 13583 Solitude Trail, Machipongo, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 48-A-8.

Anyone interested in the above matters should attend the public hearing to make their comments known. Additionally, comments may also be written and sent to the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department. The files may be viewed in the Northampton County Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department in Eastville, VA, located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA.

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TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VA
PUBLIC HEARING
February 26, 2024, 7:00 PM
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The Town Council for the Town of Onancock, VA will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Onancock Town Hall at 15 North Street. The purpose of this hearing is to hear public opinion on town ordinance Article II: Stopping, Standing, and Parking. The proposed ordinance is available on the town website as an attachment to the meeting notification.

Questions or comments may be directed to Matt Spuck, Town Manager, at 757-787-3363, or via email at Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com.

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Sports Trivia by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What college athletic conference produced both the men's and women's NCAA soccer champions in 2021?
2. Name the brothers, known for their violent style of play, who were teammates on the Montreal Canadiens in the 1920s and died within days of each other in 1956.
3. What NASCAR driver had 40 wins in his Cup Series career from 1981-2013 and finished second in the standings five times without winning a season championship?
4. On Sept. 7, 2021, what Tampa Bay Rays rookie reached base safely for the 37th consecutive game, passing Mickey Mantle's 36-game on-base streak for a player age 20 or younger?

Answers
1. The ACC, with Clemson (men) and Florida State (women)
2. Sprague & Odie Cleghorn
3. Mark Martin
4. Wanda Franco
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Bible Trivia by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ..."? (Hope, Abundance, Touch, or Truth)
3. In Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes, but love covereth all ..."? (Sins, Beings, Creation, or Enemies)
4. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story? (Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, or Song of Solomon)
5. Where does one find the phrase "God is love"? (Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, or 1 John)
6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? (Love, Trust, Marriage, or Worship)

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Northampton property transfers

■ From Virginia Builders LLC
To John and Cheryll McDowell
Lot 57, Watersons Point, Tower Hill, Capeville
district
For \$553,667.85

■ From Michael Walls
To Susan Herlick and William Dunham
Lot 17, Cape Charles
For \$590,000

■ From Michelle Payne
To Glenn Cave
Lot 56, Bay Creek, Phase IV, The Colony,
Cape Charles
For \$120,000

■ From Lighthouse Real Estate Management
II LLC
To Kings Court VA LLC
Lot 138, Kings Bay, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$975,000

■ From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Preserve Homes & Neighborhoods VA LLC
Lot 28A-1, The Commons, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$70,000

■ From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Preserve Homes & Neighborhoods VA LLC
Lot 28B-1, The Commons, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$60,000

■ From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Preserve Homes & Neighborhoods VA LLC
Lot 28C-1, The Commons, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$60,000

■ From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Preserve Homes & Neighborhoods VA LLC
Lot 28D-1, The Commons, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$70,000

■ From Beco Tower Hill LLC
To K.M. Cash Construction Corp.
Lot 30, Watersons Point, Tower Hill, Capeville
district
For \$59,000

■ From Momentum Consulting LLC
To Augustus Epps Jr. and Ellen Spong
Unit 303, Wilson's Building Condominium,
Cape Charles
For \$450,000

■ From James Elliott, special commissioner, and
Bay Creek LLC
To Asir Korkmaz
Lot 25, Plantation Pointe, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$180,000

■ From C&A Buildings and Remodeling LLC
To Andrew and Sara Wade
Lot 41, Nottingham Estates, near Cheapside
For \$392,265

■ From 543 Mason LLC
To Marcus and Paige Pollard
Lot 566, Cape Charles
For \$526,000

Accomack property transfers

■ From Diana Cretella
To Kelly Lee Hales
.8432 acre on North Main Street, Chincoteague
For \$135,000

■ From U.S. Secretary of Housing and
Urban Development
To Alpha Mateo Sanchez
18200 Beacon Lane, Melfa
For \$137,000

■ From Ruth Tolbert; Michael Tolbert,
attorney-in-fact; and Toby F. Rubin, trading
as FBA Realty
To RWF Properties
4019 S. Main St., Chincoteague
For \$1.45 million

■ From Shawn E. Bowden and Tammy J. Bowden
To Daniel E. Whealton
6495 Pearl Drive, New Church
For \$28,000

■ From Elizabeth Waugh
To John C. And Lisa L. Burns
33520 Watts Bay Drive, Wallops Island
For \$379,000

■ From Brian E. Mattingly
To Plus K Properties LLC
Captain's Cove Lot 1170 Section 1
For \$57,319

■ From Plus K Properties LLC
To Gemcraft Homes CC, LLC
Captain's Cove Lot 1170 Section 1
For \$90,000

■ From Jonathan Stone, John Rhodes, and
Cody Rhodes
To Patriot House 1776 LLC
6228 Sharpley Street, Chincoteague
For \$35,000

■ From Robert Blankenship Jr., Patricia Ann
Blankenship, and Donna Faye Blankenship
To John H. And Cora B. Cawley
35283 Pine Cove Circle, Belle Haven
For \$399,000

ESCBA WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT



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Jerry Phillips, right, is the new president of the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association, taking over from outgoing president John Fiege, left. The ESCBA, with a membership of 56, has a guest speaker on the fourth Tuesday of each month to promote ethical decisions and Christian principles in all business dealings. Each year it hosts a Prayer Breakfast to foster unity among elected leaders and recognize local officials, including first responders, law enforcement officers, and clergy. The ESCBA also presents scholarships to local graduating students each June. For more information or to join, contact Phillips at jpsilverbeach@gmail.com.

TIDE TABLE

Seaside

Bayside

		Friday Feb. 16		Saturday Feb. 17		Sunday Feb. 18		Monday Feb. 19		Tuesday Feb. 20		Wednesday Feb. 21		Thursday Feb. 22
Assateague Beach	H L	1:12 p.m. 7:40 a.m.	H L	2:15 p.m. 8:48 a.m.	H L	3:24 p.m. 10:00 a.m.	H L	4:29 p.m. 11:11 a.m.	H L	5:24 p.m. 12:10 p.m.	H L	6:10 p.m. 12:54 p.m.	H L	6:51 p.m. 1:30 p.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	1:16 p.m. 7:31 a.m.	H L	2:16 p.m. 8:34 a.m.	H L	3:18 p.m. 9:37 a.m.	H L	4:18 p.m. 10:38 a.m.	H L	5:14 p.m. 11:33 a.m.	H L	6:04 p.m. 12:21 p.m.	H L	6:50 p.m. 1:04 p.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	2:08 p.m. 8:19 a.m.	H L	3:11 p.m. 9:27 a.m.	H L	4:20 p.m. 10:39 a.m.	H L	5:25 p.m. 11:50 a.m.	H L	6:20 p.m. 12:49 p.m.	H L	7:02 a.m. 1:33 p.m.	H L	7:44 a.m. 2:09 p.m.
Folly Creek	H L	2:01 p.m. 8:04 a.m.	H L	3:04 p.m. 9:12 a.m.	H L	4:13 p.m. 10:24 a.m.	H L	5:18 p.m. 11:35 a.m.	H L	6:13 p.m. 12:34 p.m.	H L	6:59 p.m. 1:18 p.m.	H L	7:37 a.m. 1:54 p.m.
Wachapreague	H L	1:33 p.m. 7:43 a.m.	H L	2:28 p.m. 8:41 a.m.	H L	3:32 p.m. 9:41 a.m.	H L	4:36 p.m. 10:40 a.m.	H L	5:32 p.m. 11:35 a.m.	H L	6:21 p.m. 12:25 p.m.	H L	7:01 a.m. 1:10 p.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	1:12 p.m. 7:19 a.m.	H L	2:15 p.m. 8:27 a.m.	H L	3:24 p.m. 9:39 a.m.	H L	4:29 p.m. 10:50 a.m.	H L	5:24 p.m. 11:49 a.m.	H L	6:10 p.m. 12:33 p.m.	H L	6:51 p.m. 1:09 p.m.
Machipongo	H L	1:42 p.m. 7:48 a.m.	H L	2:45 p.m. 8:56 a.m.	H L	3:54 p.m. 10:08 a.m.	H L	4:59 p.m. 11:19 a.m.	H L	5:54 p.m. 12:18 p.m.	H L	6:40 p.m. 1:02 p.m.	H L	7:18 a.m. 1:38 p.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	5:22 p.m. 11:43 a.m.	H L	6:30 p.m. 12:48 p.m.	H L	7:19 a.m. 1:53 p.m.	H L	8:21 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	H L	9:17 a.m. 3:49 p.m.	H L	10:07 a.m. 4:36 p.m.	H L	10:51 a.m. 5:17 p.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	5:39 p.m. 12:28 p.m.	H L	6:47 p.m. 1:38 p.m.	H L	7:41 a.m. 2:49 p.m.	H L	8:51 a.m. 3:52 p.m.	H L	9:52 a.m. 4:47 p.m.	H L	10:42 a.m. 5:33 p.m.	H L	11:24 a.m. 6:12 p.m.
Guard Shore	H L	5:31 p.m. 12:24 p.m.	H L	6:39 p.m. 1:34 p.m.	H L	7:33 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	H L	8:43 a.m. 3:48 p.m.	H L	9:44 a.m. 4:43 p.m.	H L	10:34 a.m. 5:29 p.m.	H L	11:16 a.m. 6:08 p.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	5:06 p.m. 11:36 a.m.	H L	6:14 p.m. 12:46 p.m.	H L	7:08 a.m. 1:57 p.m.	H L	8:18 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	H L	9:19 a.m. 3:55 p.m.	H L	10:09 a.m. 4:41 p.m.	H L	10:51 a.m. 5:20 p.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	5:20 p.m. 11:56 a.m.	H L	6:28 p.m. 1:06 p.m.	H L	7:22 a.m. 2:17 p.m.	H L	8:32 a.m. 3:20 p.m.	H L	9:33 a.m. 4:15 p.m.	H L	10:23 a.m. 5:01 p.m.	H L	11:05 a.m. 5:40 p.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H L	4:36 p.m. 11:10 a.m.	H L	5:44 p.m. 12:20 p.m.	H L	7:00 p.m. 1:31 p.m.	H L	7:48 a.m. 2:34 p.m.	H L	8:49 a.m. 3:29 p.m.	H L	9:39 a.m. 4:15 p.m.	H L	10:21 a.m. 4:54 p.m.
Nassawadox	H L	3:24 p.m. 9:27 a.m.	H L	4:28 p.m. 10:35 a.m.	H L	5:35 p.m. 11:43 a.m.	H L	6:39 p.m. 12:47 p.m.	H L	7:24 a.m. 1:42 p.m.	H L	8:15 a.m. 2:29 p.m.	H L	8:58 a.m. 3:10 p.m.
Occohan. Creek	H L	3:42 p.m. 10:20 a.m.	H L	4:43 p.m. 11:23 a.m.	H L	5:48 p.m. 12:26 p.m.	H L	6:58 p.m. 1:32 p.m.	H L	7:52 a.m. 2:31 p.m.	H L	8:44 a.m. 3:21 p.m.	H L	9:26 a.m. 4:05 p.m.
Cape Charles	H L	2:10 p.m. 8:40 a.m.	H L	3:18 p.m. 9:50 a.m.	H L	4:34 p.m. 11:01 a.m.	H L	5:44 p.m. 12:04 p.m.	H L	6:40 p.m. 12:59 p.m.	H L	7:13 a.m. 1:45 p.m.	H L	7:55 a.m. 2:24 p.m.
Kiptopeke Beach	H L	1:55 p.m. 8:13 a.m.	H L	3:03 p.m. 9:23 a.m.	H L	4:14 p.m. 10:32 a.m.	H L	5:19 p.m. 11:34 a.m.	H L	6:14 p.m. 12:28 p.m.	H L	6:47 a.m. 1:13 p.m.	H L	7:30 a.m. 1:52 p.m.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Falling Condensed Moisture**

Ages Ashes Ratified Rung
Airway Illness Rays Umps
Arching Itched Rays Utter
Art Ranger Rolling

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Last week's answers

ADJUNCT THE BABE ETHOS
COUTURE HASANIN LOATH
AND ANOTHER THING INNER
DEI NEATO EAT OGLE
THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

FOURTH-ESTATE
FANTASY

ACROSS

- 1 Not quite first-rate
7 "Patience — virtue"
10 Car tankful
13 Collie of TV
19 Cattle farm of the West
20 Trumpet blast
22 Singer and actor Frankie
23 When it's 12:00 p.m.
24 Element #3
25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
26 Start of a riddle
29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
30 Dr. Seuss' Sam —
31 Amo, — amas, —
32 "Addams Family" cousin
35 Riddle, part 2
43 Faint smell
45 Foldout bed
46 Co-workers of MDs
47 Stalactite site
48 Florence's river
49 Total amount
51 "Scram!"
52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
55 Riddle, part 3
61 Triceps' place
62 Pop's Celine
63 See 58-Down
66 Bullfighter
67 Riddle, part 4
70 Put a new front on, as a building
72 Unbroken
73 Recognized
75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
76 Famously feisty fish
77 Riddle, part 5
81 Oval shape
84 Dejected
85 "Who am — judge?"
86 Secret writing
87 Postal pieces
88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short
89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
91 Very long time periods
92 End of the riddle
99 Disloyal type
100 Impulsive desire
101 Illusionist Geller
102 Like planted seeds
104 Riddle's answer
113 Enter very quickly
114 Novelist Caldwell
115 Common gauge for toy trains
116 "Despite that ..."
117 Gets smaller
118 "Happy Days" actress Ross
119 Bunks on ships
120 Mil. ranker
121 Gym pad
122 Hole to receive a lace

DOWN

- 1 Bird's crop
2 Trellis strip
3 "Noelle" star Kendrick
4 Glasgow natives
5 Grandstander
6 Chimpanzee variety
7 "— have to wait"
8 Got married
9 Lure for insect extermination
10 The earth as a goddess
11 Cut — (dance)
12 Pago Pago people
13 "Meteor" actor Martin
14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
15 Long, involved story
16 Shut loudly
17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"
18 Grammy winner Brian
21 "— the breaks!"
27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"
32 "Let me!"
33 Bases-loaded situation
34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
36 Peak
37 Chicago daily, in brief
38 Global: Abbr.
39 Mark for life
40 Easter meat
41 Adam's mate

- 42 — Moines
44 Bob of choreography
49 Tahitian skirts
50 Package delivery co.
51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
52 Chi follower
53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage
54 Taxonomic subdivisions
56 Become lively
57 Cheer yell
58 With 63-Across, for the time being
59 See 75-Across
63 Oven used to bake naan
64 Spiny anteater
65 Most unkind
67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
68 Pooch's yap
69 Big blue body
71 Genre of many sitcoms
74 Wide shoe spec
76 Mining shaft
77 Higher ground?
78 "You wish!"
79 Condé —
80 User-edited website
81 Rescue squad VIP
82 "— -di-dah!"
83 False story
88 Projecting curves on saddles
89 By the day
90 Huffington of HuffPost
91 So to speak
93 Wise-acting
94 Thick-skinned critters
95 Day, in Chile
96 Studly guys
97 Abbr. on a bad check
98 End a vacation
103 Mother-of-pearl
104 Surfing need
105 Cake finisher
106 Holy Week's time
107 Eldest of the Brady boys
108 Helper: Abbr.
109 For fear that
110 Half a train track
111 — gin fizz
112 Camp shelter
113 Yank's rival

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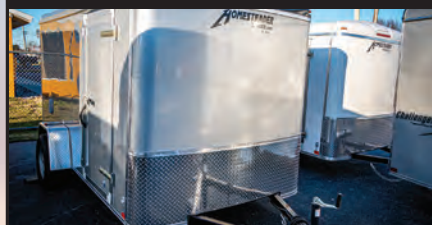
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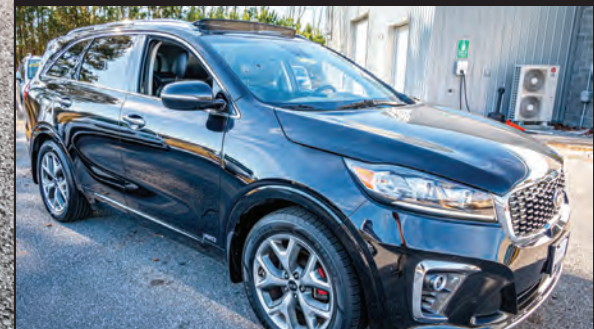
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