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Accomack GOP wins state award

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Accomack County Republican Committee has been awarded the Unit of the Year by the Republican Party of Virginia in recognition of growth and fundraising.

Sam Sellard, the Accomack County committee chairman, and his wife, Jean, accepted the award during the state GOP winter meeting in Charlottesville.

The Accomack GOP's growth — it now has more than 280 members, up from just 45 three years ago — caught the attention of

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COURTESY PHOTO

Sam Sellard, chair of the Accomack County Republican Unit, accepts the state Unit of the Year award with his wife, Jean.

Pro-Hall group sues Accomack school board

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

A group of supporters of ousted former Accomack County Superintendent of Schools Rhonda Hall has filed a lawsuit against Accomack's school board that alleges "myriad violations" of state open-meetings law invalidate the decision to terminate Hall's employment.

Hall, a 36-year employee of Accomack County Public Schools, was fired effective Friday, Oct. 25, after 16 months as superintendent.

Her tenure was marked by an admonishment from the state's public school leader for not following protocol during an alleged shooting threat.

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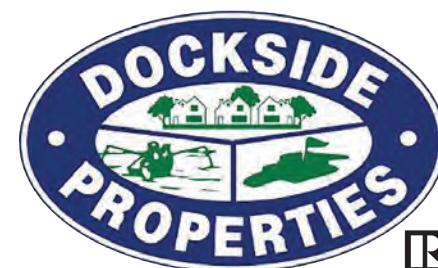
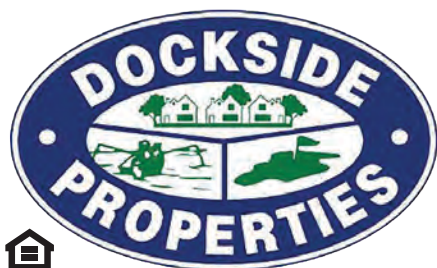
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The New Year's Day Polar Pony Plunge will take place on Jan. 1 from 1:25 to 1:30 p.m. at the Assateague Island beach.

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Unclear if water lines for 3,000 customers contain lead

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

About 3,000 Chincoteague water customers recently received letters notifying them that it is unknown if their service lines contain lead.

The letter clarified that they were not being notified of lead in the water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently developed new regulations for public water utilities, including a requirement that each utility must inventory the components of its distribution system and report all components that contain lead by Oct. 15, 2024.

The utilities must report on all water meters, pipes, and fittings, including components on the customer's side of the meter.

Chincoteague completed its report on time, but since most business or

home plumbing is installed by the owner or builder, the town had to report that the presence of lead in the pipes was "unknown."

EPA regulations require that water customers receive notice if the presence of lead in their plumbing is unknown.

Chincoteague home or business owners who know about their water service lines are asked to call the town office at 757-336-6519 and report the pipe material, size, and the year it was installed.

Town Manager Mike Tolbert noted it would be "labor intensive" and costly to dig up the customer's side of the water meter to inspect the pipe.

He said the new EPA regulations were created in response to the water crisis in Flint, Mich., which began in 2014 after the city switched to a water supply that became contaminated with

lead.

A decade later, more than 10,000 lead service lines in Flint have been replaced, and the amount of lead in the water is within federal guidelines and safe to drink, according to a National Public Radio report.

The new EPA guidelines were expected to set a deadline in the late 2030s for cities like Flint to finish replacing lead pipes.

Across the U.S., there are about nine million lead service lines that must be replaced, according to the NPR report.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause decreased IQs and attention spans in infants and children, leading to new or exacerbated learning and behavior problems. The children of women who were exposed to lead during pregnancy are at greater risk.

Adults who have been exposed to lead are at greater risk of heart dis-

ease, high blood pressure, and kidney or nervous system issues.

Some steps that decrease exposure to lead in drinking water include:

- Running tap water for at least five minutes daily before using water for drinking or cooking. Running the dishwasher, showering, or flushing the toilet also clears water lines.

- Avoiding the use of hot tap water for drinking, cooking, or preparing baby formula, as lead dissolves more easily in hot water.

- Regularly cleaning the faucet's screen, or aerator, where lead particles and other sediment and debris can collect.

- Installing a home water treatment device certified by the National Sanitation Foundation to remove lead.

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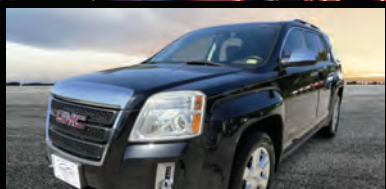
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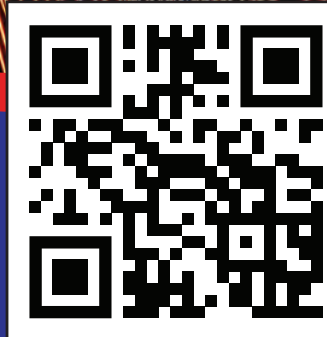
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School board approves appropriations for mental health services, GED classes

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

The Northampton County School Board at its December meeting approved more than \$358,000 in budget appropriation requests representing a half-dozen state and federal grants.

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services awarded the school division a \$158,000 School-Based Mental Health Services grant that will fund professional development for licensed mental health providers who are employed by the Eastern Shore Community Services Board and serve Northampton students.

A separate appropriation request was made for the federally funded portion of the mental health services grant, an additional \$108,000.

These funds will help cover the cost of Eastern Shore and Western Tidewater

CSB employees who serve Northampton students.

The partnership with Western Tidewater CSB allowed the school division to hire a full-time mental health services provider, which was not available on the Shore.

The provider will offer hybrid services — some in person and some virtual.

The federal funds also will be used for professional development for Northampton school staff, parent coaching, and intervention tracking services.

Both of the mental health service grants are new funding for Northampton schools.

They represent “exciting enhancements to the services for our students and their families,” said Chief Financial Officer Brook Thomas.

The Northampton school division, acting as the fiscal agent for two grants awarded to Eastern Shore Community

College, also made an appropriation request of nearly \$36,000.

The amount represented roughly \$32,000 from a Race to GED grant and more than \$4,000 from a PluggedInVA grant, both from the Virginia Department of Education.

Race to GED grants are used to provide professional development for adult educators, expand the number of GED classes offered, and upgrade testing centers.

PluggedInVA grants support education, technical training, and workforce preparation for underserved populations with low labor-force participation rates.

Northampton schools made an appropriation request of \$35,000 in funding from the Virginia Tiered System of Supports for training and supplies to continue the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program.

The school division also received a

grant of nearly \$11,500 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for digital mapping.

The grant will fund the update of Northampton school facility floor plan maps to improve communication with first responders during emergencies.

Northampton schools also received a grant of \$10,000 from the Virginia Department of Education for a National Board Certification Incentive Award. The grant award will supplement the salaries of four nationally certified teachers.

Thomas noted that none of the teachers is a new participant; all have ongoing national certification.

All of the appropriation requests were applied to the school division’s fiscal year 2025 budget and were submitted to Northampton County Finance Director John Chandler for future approval by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors.

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state party leaders.

In addition, the group raised \$45,000 over three years for regional and local elections. Membership in the local unit is \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families.

Sellard said the Accomack unit also recruited six candidates for the Accomack County School Board, three of whom won seats.

Attendance at Accomack Republican meetings, held on the third Monday each month at 7 p.m., at the Sage Diner in Onley, also has burgeoned.

In all, 105 members attended the last meeting and there has been record attendance in each of the last three months, Sellard said.

Three years ago, meetings drew 12 to 15 attendees, he said.

"Our primary focus as the Accomack Republican Party is to find Republican candidates, get Republicans elected in Accomack County, and turn out Republican voters," Sellard said.

The award, he said, is "a recognition of a cohesive unit with shared values that is motivated to have an impact in our community."

Accomack County's Republican Party will host the state Republican Party chair at its January meeting as a result of the award.

"When I retired, being chairman of the Accomack County Republican Party was not even on my radar," Sellard said.

He credited his wife, Jean, and Jo and Jeff Procter, his sister- and brother-in-law, for their help.

"We were trying to figure out how to be the most impactful," Sam Sellard said, in helping Republican candidates get elected.

"We started to engage with the community and our membership started to grow."

Sellard recently completed his first term as chair and was elected to a second term.

He said voters identify with Republicans because "the Republican Party is the party of the average working person," he said.

"I think the Republican Party is tired of being involved in foreign wars that don't benefit us as citizens," Sellard said.

"I think people are tired of paying too much for energy. I think people are tired of the open-border policies of the current administration."

Robert Crockett ends term as chair of board of supervisors

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold an organizational meeting on Jan. 8, 2025.

During the regular meeting in December, Supervisor Robert Crockett announced it was his last meeting serving as board chairman.

He also praised and thanked the three new supervisors finishing their first year on the board for a job well done: Roger L. DeGeorges (District 2), Jeffrey A. Parks Sr. (District 4), and Calvin L. Wash-

ington Sr. (District 5).

Crockett thanked the entire board for giving him the opportunity to serve as board chairman, with acknowledgment that it was so easy to do his job having served with his fellow board members.

"I think everyone knows how very well we get along together," he said.

He added that the supervisors wouldn't be successful without the support received from their county employees.

School board reviews goals for supporting staff, engaging community

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

The Northampton school board recently completed a mid-year review of its goals for the division.

The school board is working on four goals that align with the division’s five-year objectives, which include the categories of academic excellence and accessible pathways, attracting support and investing in all staff, and family and community engagement.

Chair Liz Jones said the school board is making “good traction” with its first goal, the creation and monitoring of a data dashboard that includes Northampton’s student enrollment numbers and absenteeism rates.

The desired outcome is for the school board to use data to better understand the division and provide

meaningful oversight.

Jones said a committee that includes board members and administrators will meet in January to “nail down the academic piece” of the data dashboard.

The second goal is to expand opportunities for students to explore careers and obtain jobs and internships through Northampton’s career and technical education program.

Superintendent Lisa Martin noted that the CTE committee will meet soon to review the division’s latest application for Perkins funding.

The U.S. Department of Education provides funding for CTE programs under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

The expected outcome of the CTE goal is to increase the number of community partners that offer job and in-

ternship placements to students, fulfilling local workforce needs.

The third goal is to learn what attracts staff to the school division and what causes turnover so the school board can provide for appropriate retention support.

Jones said a presentation detailing the school division’s exit interview process and a report of current exit data are expected by Jan. 31, 2025.

Based on the exit data, at least one new retention strategy will be considered for implementation ahead of the hiring cycle for the 2025-2026 school year.

The fourth goal involves “how do we, as a board, do a better job of getting the word out to our constituents about ... big decisions we’ve had ... what’s happening in these meetings,” Jones said. “This is a tough one.”

The goal is to use positive, intentional communication to not only inform but also engage the public in school board meetings and division activities.

This communication may take the form of social media posts, town hall meetings, media stories, and other outreach.

Once a communication strategy is determined, the school board will set a measurable goal — to increase public engagement by a certain percentage based on data such as web traffic, social media engagement, and meeting participation numbers.

School board member Jo Ann Molera agreed the goal is challenging.

“Some people are going to take full advantage of opportunities that the district provides in terms of information sessions ... and then others just



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Hall

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James Fedderman, an Accomack County teacher and former president of the Virginia Education Association, filed the lawsuit with three Accomack residents — Ana Jurado, Debra R. Olsen, and Nicole Lynette Shrieves.

A hearing in the case has been scheduled for Friday, Jan. 10, at 9:30 a.m.

Janet Martin Turner, Accomack County's school board chair, and school board attorneys Jamie Imbrahim and L. Lee Byrd did not respond to a request for comment about the case.

Fedderman via social medial crowdsourced a fundraising campaign to support the lawsuit's expenses. He and the three other plaintiffs are represented by attorney Kevin Martingayle.

They allege notice of the meeting at which Hall was terminated violated the Virginia Freedom of Information Act because it wasn't posted in all required locations and "notice to the public consisting of less than three days was unreasonable under the circumstances."

It also alleges the wording of a "closed special meeting" was misleading because all closed sessions must be preceded and followed by open-to-the-public sessions.

The lawsuit alleges the location — the school board's conference room — was vaguely described and not adequate to accommodate the public.

The school board and its chair "thwarted, frustrated, and prevented public information and access, which violated both the letter and spirit" of state open-meetings

law.

Freedom of Information Act violations "are too numerous to be excused," the lawsuit reads, citing other allegations.

The lawsuit asked for nullification of the vote firing Hall, the issuance of an injunction preventing other violations of open-meeting law, and fines against Turner.

In a press release issued after Hall's firing, Turner said the "decision was made following a thorough review and consideration of various factors related to the leadership of our school district."

"We believe it is in the best interest of the district to move forward with new leadership that aligns with our vision and goals," the press release stated.

The vote followed several incidents disclosed during school board meetings, including statements from Accomack Sheriff Todd Wesells that school leaders had been "inconsistent" in cooperating with investigations.

The board also voted to take back a 5% pay raise Hall received without the board's approval, which it said violated the terms of the superintendent's contract.

In a separate vote, the board asked Hall to return the difference of any salary increase she received between when the raise took effect July 1 and the vote to revoke the raise.

David Jeck, who previously served as superintendent in Fauquier and Greene counties, began work as Accomack's interim superintendent on Dec. 1.

— *Stefanie Bowmann, an Eastern Shore Post staff writer, is a member of the Accomack County School Board. She does not have input in school board coverage.*

First Day Hike scheduled

Kiptopeke State Park is hosting a First Day Hike on Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 10 a.m. Those interested in the hike should meet at Picnic Shelter 1.

There is a shorter one-hour guided hike and a longer two-hour guided hike. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided afterwards. Parking is free on New Year's Day.

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A New Year's resolution for the Eastern Shore

It apparently is easy to be outraged, cynical, angry, peevish, quarrelsome, mean, or small. Even as good as we have it on the Eastern Shore, we sometimes gripe and grouse a bit about trifling matters, comment and complain when courtesy is warranted, and yammer on in ways that drag down others.

It is apparently much more difficult to be gentle and kind, two traits that, confusingly, have become a sign of weakness. They are not. Gentleness and kindness are signs of power. They are the New Year's resolutions for the Eastern Shore.

This year, some of our public meetings on the Eastern Shore have included cringeworthy statements and actions that are the contrary of gentleness and kindness.

Public participation in public business is vital. Uncouth, lowbrow words and deeds reflect poorly on all of us. That may sound highminded or preachy, but some public meetings in Accomack and Northampton counties in 2024 became boorish and coarse.

That's not reflective of who we really are. Time and time again, people on the Eastern Shore have shown an innate decency and respect, even in complaint, criticism, or protest. We are gentle and kind — even loving — in our interactions.

That doesn't mean we will all get along or have the same opinions. We most certainly won't. But as the old saying goes, a point of view that must be shouted should probably instead be reworked and strengthened.

Abandoning civility and decency isn't an answer to any problem. Encouraging gentleness and kindness in all interactions — even adversarial ones — is a noble goal. It is an appropriate New Year's resolution.

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LETTERS

Northampton STRs cause issues

To the editor :

I would like to comment on the article concerning regulations on short-term rentals, or STRs, by the Northampton Board of Supervisors published last week.

As an owner of several properties in Northampton County and also in Hampton Roads, I would support the regulations imposed on STRs.

The influx of STRs is causing a problem with housing in general for the Eastern Shore.

Affordable property to purchase just to live is becoming scarce and has also impacted affordable yearly rentals.

Unlike other areas with STRs, there are hardly any apartment buildings here on the Shore.

Northampton County is lacking teachers, bus drivers, and law enforcement officers. I personally feel this is due to lack of affordable housing.

Many positions in Northampton County's zoning and build-

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ing departments are vacant, also. Businesses struggle to hire employees.

For the board of supervisors to potentially impose a fine of \$500 for owners who do not register their property is laughable.

Owners are getting, at the very minimum, \$200 a day in rent.

I feel the owners who fail to register their homes should lose the right to have an STR.

How many county personnel

are going to monitor the registration and enforcement?

I live at Smith Beach. There are 10 to 12 STRs here. The listings on some of those STRs show private lands and beaches as a destination point.

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Frederick C. Evans
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Exmore business changes hands with retirement

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The bad news: Dave Scanlan retired Dec. 23.

The good news: Scanlan's protégé, Bobby Bundick, is taking over the business.

For almost a quarter century, Scanlan has owned and operated Dave's Quality Service Center, a staple on Main Street, Exmore.

Sometime soon, the name on the outside of the building will change. But Scanlan and Bundick said the reputation and service isn't changing.

Tall and thoughtful, Scanlan has an exacting approach to his trade — and his hobbies.

He remodeled the old fuel station his business occupies, complete with vintage parking-lot lights.

The small office at his service center includes antiques on display and an old jukebox.

"I like restoring old things," Scanlan said. "I like history."

A native of Exmore and the son of Jimmy and Naomi Scanlan, he has worked on automobiles all of his life.

After high school, he finished at the top of his class when he earned an associate degree in specialized technology at a Pennsylvania school.

He worked at several automotive dealers on the Eastern Shore — Pomoco Ford in Cape Charles, Center Chevrolet in Exmore, and then Midway Chevrolet in Pocomoke City — before opening his own place.

Scanlan's Exmore business is known for its top-flight work and diagnoses and repair of difficult automotive issues.

Along the way, he has worked on everything from a 1929 Ford Model A to a Tesla electric vehicle.

"It's amazing what has come through these doors," Scanlan said.



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Dave Scanlan, left, who has retired from his Exmore business, Dave's Quality Service Center, shakes hands with longtime employee and friend Bobby Bundick, who is taking over the automotive shop.

Scanlan has known Bundick, 45, practically all of Bundick's life. Bundick was a member of a youth group at Exmore Baptist Church led by Scanlan.

Bundick, as a teenager, said he didn't have the money for a pickup truck so he built one in the driveway of his home. Scanlan took notice.

"I knew he had what it takes," Scanlan said. "I believed in him. I knew he had oil running through his veins."

Bundick, the son of Bobby Lee Sr. and Elizabeth Gale Bundick, of Exmore, worked with Scanlan first at Pomoco Ford and then again when Dave's Quality Service Center opened on Jan. 1, 2002.

Scanlan said he is proud of the staff that will remain after his retirement. In addition to Bundick, Kyle Sosnoski works on vehicles, and Jeffrey Schwartz works at the desk, taking payments and making appointments.

Scanlan isn't going far. He is planning to open an antiques shop on Main Street, across the street from the Exmore Baptist Church Outreach Center. And if Bundick has a question, "My phone is going to be on for them and I will be there for them," he said.

And even though the business' name will change to Bundick's Auto LLC, Bundick is in no hurry to change the lettering on the building's sign.

"I'm in no rush to take that down," Bundick said. "That will be sad."

ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, December 27

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, Chincoteague. Tim and Savanna Finch perform live with Jon Glik.

■ **DJ:** 8 p.m., Par 4 Bar and Grill, 9480 Lankford Highway, Temperanceville. DJ Crush Groovey performs during Par 4's Best of the '90s and 2000s Party. This is a 30 and up event. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/y4e87a7b>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 8 p.m. to midnight, Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague. The Irie Tree Band performs live.

Saturday, December 28

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone, 10 North St., Onancock. Paul Parks performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague BREAKERS performs live.

Sunday, December 29

■ **POT LUCK:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. Grace United Methodist is hosting its Fifth Sunday Fellowship Lunch. The church will provide the main dish and others are asked to bring a side or dessert to share.

■ **OPEN MIC NIGHT:** 6 p.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague. Share a song with the community.

Monday, December 30

■ **FIBER ARTS:** 11 a.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. Bring a fiber arts project to work on.

Tuesday, December 31

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to noon, Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox.

Best bets

■ **Sunday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m.,** Grace United Methodist Church is hosting its Fifth Sunday Fellowship Lunch. The church will provide the main dish and others are asked to bring a side or dessert.

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 31, the Shore** will celebrate New Year's Eve. Cape Charles hosts its crabpot drop beginning at 10 p.m., Chincoteague begins its horseshoe drop celebration at 11 p.m., and restaurants and venues across the Shore are hosting live music and festivities to ring in the New Year.

Get on-demand help with tech issues.

■ **PLAYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. Kids can socialize and play with a variety of toys and activities.

■ **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Captain's Cove Marina Restaurant, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville. This celebration includes live music by Kings Ransom from 8 p.m. to midnight.

■ **BINGO:** 6 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, Pocomoke City. Help raise funds for the upcoming horse show season. The cost is \$40 for 20 games. Prizes include horse-related items such as tack, boots, and feed store gift cards. For \$300 reserve a table with eight seats; includes games. Extra cards will be available. Food and drink will be available for purchase. To reserve a spot call 814-279-7286.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone, 10 North St., Onancock. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

■ **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** 7 to 10

p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, 148 Market St., Pocomoke City. Margot and Valerie perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Island Theatre, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague. The Rhythm Section performs live. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$20 and include two drink vouchers and favors. Purchase tickets at the door or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ya5fp92s>

■ **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** 8 p.m., Par 4 Bar and Grill, 9480 Lankford Highway, Temperanceville. Phenomenal Sounds performs live. Tickets include a three-course meal. The attire is semi-formal. This is a 30 and up event. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ywx-uf9tz> for tickets.

■ **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** 8 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, 4113 Main St., Chincoteague. DJ Street will be spinning tunes. There will be a complimentary toast at midnight.

■ **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** 8 p.m., Havana 13, Onley. DJ Stay Solid will be spinning tunes.

■ **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., The Pearl, 7452 East Side Road, Chincoteague. DJ Reflex will be spinning tunes. A breakfast buffet will be served from midnight to 2 a.m. for \$15 per person.

■ **CRAB POT DROP:** 10 p.m., corner of Mason Avenue and Pine Street, Cape Charles. Celebrate the new year at the annual crab pot drop.

■ **HORSESHOE DROP:** 11 p.m., Robert Reed Downtown Park, Chincoteague. Get ready for the Pony Island Horseshoe Drop and Costume Promenade. This year's costume theme is "Should've Been a Cowboy." Costumed revelers will gather at Robert Reed Park at 11 p.m. before the horseshoe drop rings in the new year at midnight.

Wednesday, January 1

■ **FIRST DAY HIKE:** 10 a.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter 1, Cape Charles. Friends of Kiptopeke State Park is hosting a First Day Hike. There will be a shorter one-hour hike and a longer two-hour hike. Both are guided. There will be hot chocolate and cookies served afterwards. There will also be a scavenger hunt. Materials for the scavenger hunt will be available at the contact station, park office, and trail head. Parking is free.

■ **DRAG RACE:** noon, The Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Challengers can bring a vehicle and participate in this New Year's Day Grudge Match. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/4nzdmdua3>

■ **POLAR PLUNGE:** 1:25 p.m., Assateague Island National Seashore, Assateague Island. Dress up in your silliest outfit and take a dip in the water or watch from the beach as others take the Pony Polar Plunge. There

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Be included

The Eastern Shore Post wants your listings for live music, theatrical performances, carnivals, special events, and anything else that is just plain fun. Send to editor@easternshorepost.com

Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

■ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** For meetings in Accomack and Northampton, visit www.aaeasternshoreva.org or call 757-350-0466.

■ **AL-ANON:** For more on Al-Anon, a group of relatives and friends of alcoholics. visit www.vaalanon.org/districts/district-7-eastern-shore

■ **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** Group meets every Wednesday at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Call 757-999-6771.

■ **COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** All-day, every-day hotline for those impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault: 757-787-1329.

■ **SUICIDE HOTLINE:** If you are having thoughts of suicide or know someone at risk, call 988. Call the local 24-hour hotline at at 757-442-7707 or 800-764-4460.

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is no fee to participate, but those entering the water will need to sign a waiver.

■ **YOGA:** 4:30 p.m., Island Community House, 6346 Mumford St., Chincoteague. A yin yoga session will be paired with a sound bath and savasana. Email chincoteagueyogacollective@yahoo.com to sign up. The cost for the class is \$45.

Thursday, January 2

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 2 p.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. This month's read is "The Book Thief," by Markus Zusak.

Friday, January 3

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., games start 7 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department, 5052 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague. For \$25 play 20 games of bingo, including a \$500 blackout game at the end. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 11 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, 4113 Main St., Chincoteague. Joe Boris and the Fun Time performs live.

Saturday, January 4

■ **COAT CLOSET:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Onley United Methodist Church will open its coat closet. Anyone in need of a coat, hat, scarf, or gloves is invited to come by the coat closet and collect what they need. For more information contact Jeanette Edwards at 757-710-1524.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids 5 to 11 can hear a story and learn with play literacy toys.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 11 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, 4113 Main St., Chincoteague. Joe Boris and the Fun Time performs live.

Tuesday, January 7

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Get on-demand help with tech issues.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. Kids can enjoy songs, crafts, and stories. This week's theme is snow day.

■ **TEEN GAME NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids 13 to 18 can play board or video games in the teen room.

■ **ADULT CRAFT:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Adults can make a winter-themed craft.

■ **WRITERS GROUP:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Writers Group will meet to share pieces on the theme of crossroads. Each writer will be allotted five minutes to read. Pieces should be 800 words or less. Writers can stick to the prompt or share a recent piece of their choosing.

Wednesday, January 8

■ **STEM PLAY:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Geared towards kids 5 and under, this playtime allows kids to blend STEM concepts with sensory play.

Thursday, January 9

■ **BLOOD DRIVE:** 1 to 6 p.m., the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. Visit RedCrossBlood.org to sign up for an appointment.

■ **STORYTIME:** 4:30 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Kids can enjoy stories and snacks at this evening storytime. PJs are encouraged.

■ **ART SHOW:** 5 to 7 p.m., At Altitude Gallery, Cape Charles. View Gordon Campbell's aerial photography and hear from researchers at the Virginia Coast Reserve Long Term Ecological Research program about the coastal landscapes of the Eastern Shore. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **TEEN CREATIVE WRITING:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Teens can learn all about creative writing.

Friday, January 10

■ **SPECIAL STORYTIME:** 4 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids can bring their stuffed animals to a

special storytime at the library. There will be a story, a snack, and an idea badge craft for the stuffed animals. Then the stuffies will have a sleepover in the library. Come back on Saturday to see what they got into.

■ **ART CLASS:** 5:30 p.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. Make a piece that combines art and poetry with help from Sharnell Tull. Registration is necessary. Call 410-957-0878 to reserve a seat.

Saturday, January 11

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids can listen to a story and engage in play literacy.

■ **AUDITIONS:** 1 p.m., St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church, 18 3rd St., Pocomoke City. Lower Shore Performing Arts Company will be holding auditions for "The Altos" and "My Curiosity." Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4wy2ua3y> for more information.

■ **SOUP COOK-OFF AND BUNCO:** 5 to 7 p.m., Onancock Baptist Church, 1 Crockett Ave., Onancock. Bring a pot of soup to enter into the soup cook-off or just enjoy an evening of Bunco. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided.

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 33418 Research Drive, Painter. This oyster roast is an Eastern Shore tradition. Tickets include all-you-can-eat oysters and barbecue. The event also features a silent auction. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$60 at the door, and \$25 for current or future Virginia Tech students. For tickets visit

<https://tinyurl.com/yeayxxkb>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Historic Palace Theater, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Chicago Rewired performs live. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$15 for students. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yex57kav> for tickets.

Sunday, January 12

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. Ashley Boggan, the general secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church, will be a guest preacher.

■ **TRAINING:** 1:30 to 5 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The Coastal Virginia District of the United Methodist Church is hosting a district training at Grace United Methodist Church. The cost is \$10. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/34p7shcp>



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OBITUARIES

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John Barr

Mr. John Barr passed away peacefully at his home in Franktown on Dec. 15, 2024, with his wife and daughters by his side. Never one to back down from a challenge, John courageously and tirelessly fought his way through



Mr. Barr

leukemia 14 years ago and was faced with the task of fighting once again.

At the age of 18, John joined the Virginia State Police as a dispatcher and led a very re-

warding 34-year career before retiring as a first sergeant in 2004.

Once retired, John could be found most of the time somewhere on the Chesapeake Bay with a fishing rod in his hand chasing after the big flounder.

John's biggest accomplishment and the one he was the proudest of was the life he and his beautiful bride, Sharon, built right here on the Eastern Shore. Their 40 years of marriage brought together daughters Nykki Kellam and Traci Chewning, who together promoted him to the title of Grandpa. This would be the title he loved and cherished the most. John was an amazing Grandpa to Jagger, Marcie, Mark, Emma, Scott, and David. He was always either throwing a baseball around with them, attending ballet recitals, baseball and softball games, or theatrical plays, or working on the "Z" and reminding them how proud he was of each of them and how much he loved them.

Although not ready to let go, left to treasure all the memories made, the lessons taught, and many beautiful rides on the pontoon are his wife, Sharon (Toots); daughters, Traci and Nykki, and a special son-in-law who was more like a son to him, CJ; his brother, Lin Barr; and sister, Ronna

Dickenson, along with grandchildren, Jagger, Marcie, and Emma Rickards, and Mark, Scott and David Chewning; and special feline companion, Rascal.

John was predeceased by his mother, Mattie Barr, and sister, Donna Hatfield.

During his last few weeks John had shared with a friend that he had done everything he wanted in life, that he accomplished all he could have hoped to, but if he had one regret it is that he wished he had found his beautiful bride Sharon 10 years earlier so they could have spent more time together.

The family would like to thank Shore Hospice for the amazing care and support that has been shown to John and his family during this past week. Special thanks to Dr. Nicholas Drake, Dr. Jacob Greenberg, and Dr. Lloyd Kellam III for all of their medical support, advice, and care given to John during this difficult time.

A private service will be held for immediate family with Pastor Tammy Estep officiating. A celebration of life for all those whose lives were touched by John will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shore Hospice and/or The American Cancer Society.

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

Arrangements were made by the Holland Funeral Home at Nassawadox.

Margaret Ann Toth

Mrs. Margaret Ann Johnson Toth, beloved wife of Ronald Martin "Ronnie" Toth and mother of Stephen Lee Toth and Martin Ronald Toth, passed into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Hospital in Salisbury, Md. Born on Aug. 25, 1944, in Parksley, Margaret Ann was the daughter of Henry and Ann Johnson.

Margaret Ann was a force of nature — feisty, strong-willed, and unyielding in her determination. She knew what she wanted, stood firm in her beliefs, and took care of business

with a strength that inspired everyone around her. Her family often said she had eyes in the back of her head; her children quickly learned they couldn't get away with anything. Her classic style and love for country music, especially Kenny Chesney, made her unforgettable to all who knew her.

Margaret Ann's life changed forever when she met the love of her life,



Mrs. Toth

Ronnie, during a college break. Introduced by friends, he asked her to prom within minutes of meeting her. She said yes, and on prom night, Ronnie boldly declared, "I'm going to marry you." One month later, they did just that. The couple began their life together in Miami, where Margaret Ann worked as a nurse's aide and model. It was there they welcomed their two sons, Lee and Martin. In the early 1970s, they returned to the Shore, where she embraced new roles, helping with Ronnie's family-owned nursery and later working at Park's Market.

Margaret Ann's dedication to helping others led her to become an EMT and paramedic, serving with New Church, Atlantic, and Oak Hall. She was a past president of the New Church Ambulance Co. and one of the first shock trauma techs on the Eastern Shore. When Ronnie was injured while working at the prison and required care during his recovery, Margaret Ann's resolve led her back to nursing school at Wor-Wic. Her nursing career spanned decades, including 15 years at McCready Hospital, and later at PMRC, where she earned the love of her coworkers and the distinction of hosting the largest retirement party in the hospital's history.

She and Ronnie shared a love for adventure, often taking spontaneous road trips to the mountains. On one

memorable drive to Florida, Margaret Ann came upon an accident. Without hesitation, she crawled through the windshield of a wrecked car and stayed with an injured woman for two hours until they were able to remove the lady from the car. That moment was emblematic of the kind of woman she was — fearless, compassionate, and selfless.

Her greatest joy, however, was her family. Margaret Ann loved cooking for her loved ones, always fulfilling their birthday requests with legendary dishes like her crab casserole and peanut butter pie. She raised her boys to be self-reliant and independent, instilling in them the values of hard work and resilience. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life, and she spent as much time with them as possible.

Margaret Ann's presence, love, and strength will be missed beyond measure, but her legacy will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved her.

Margaret Ann is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ronald Martin "Ronnie" Toth, of Pocomoke City; children, Stephen Lee Toth (Camden), of Hampton, and Martin Ronald Toth (Bethany), of Pleasantville, N.J.; sisters, Henrietta Lee Johnson Hines, of Easley, S.C., and Vesta Labarbe Johnson Shreaves Nicolls, of Onley; brother, Henry Matthews "H.M." Johnson (Terri), of Norfolk; grandchildren, Brandon Lee Toth, Kasey Toth Carnes (Hunter), Corbin Toth, Angela Toth, Daniel Toth, Camden West, and Cayden West; great-grandchildren, Orion Toth, Athena Toth, Amelia Toth, Maverick Carnes, Liam Toth, and Morgan Toth; three nieces and two nephews; and many dear friends and past coworkers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry Matthews Johnson and Ann Margaret Johnson; siblings, Martha Virginia Johnson Roache, John Durbin Johnson, an infant brother; and brother-in-law, George Hines.

Family will receive friends for a

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Obituaries

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viewing and visitation in the chapel at Williams Funeral Home in Parksley, VA, on Friday, Dec. 27, at 1 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., with Pastor John Higginbotham officiating. Interment will immediately follow in Parksley Cemetery. A reception will follow the interment at Atlantic Baptist Church.

Flowers will be accepted, or memorial donations may be made in Margaret Ann's memory to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060-9979, <https://donatenow.heart.org/> or to Atlantic Baptist Church, P.O. Box 397, Atlantic, VA 23303.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Tommy Belote

Mr. Herbert Thomas "Tommy" Belote, 78, of Melfa, passed away Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Born



Mr. Belote

Aug. 31, 1946, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Levin Bailey Belote and Virginia Budd Belote.

Tommy graduated from Onancock High School, class of 1964, and received his bachelor's degree from East Carolina University. Following college, he returned home to the Eastern Shore and worked as a teacher for Accomack County Public Schools. He later became a security guard for Eastern Shore Seafood in Mappsville, where he worked for nearly two decades.

Tommy loved sports, a passion that began in his youth, having been well known at OHS for his athletic ability on the football, baseball, and track fields, as well as the basketball court. In his later years, he was often found watching college or profes-

sional football and never missed his favorite game shows. Tommy was a free spirit who lived each day on his terms, always embracing life with a laid back, authentic attitude. His independent nature was matched only by his love for his family, all of whom are grateful for the many memories they shared.

In addition to his parents, Tommy was predeceased by his sister, Lucia Evans. He is survived by his brother-in-law, Ivan Evans, of Onley; nephew, Otis Evans (Belinda), of Melfa; niece, Virginia B. Evans (Chuck), of Onancock; great-nephew, Wayne (Karen) and his daughter, Jazmine; and great-nieces, April and her daughter, Jordyn, and Ashley and her children, Landon and Libby.

The family will receive friends for a visitation at the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 3 p.m., with the Rev. Russell Fail officiating. Interment will be held at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions in Tommy's memory may be made to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Reita Schmidt

Mrs. Reita Diane Schmidt, 82, beloved wife of Charles Louis "Charlie" Schmidt and resident of Wilmington, Del., formerly of Painter, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024. Born July 29, 1942, in Jackson, Miss., and raised in Huntington, W.Va, she was one of 11 children born to the late Arnold John Kiessling and Mary Lucille Kiessling.

Reita was a dedicated registered nurse, rehabilitation specialist, and certified case manager who worked across Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania before retiring to Virginia's Eastern Shore. Raised in a devout Catholic family, she maintained a strong connection to her faith throughout her life. She was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley, where she was active in the Ladies Auxiliary

and taught RCIA classes. Reita loved quilting, reading, and playing games like bunco, pinochle, and bridge. She also enjoyed golfing and boating, but her favorite pastime and greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband of 61 years, Reita is survived by her children,



Mrs. Schmidt

Christopher Schmidt, of Bridgeville, Pa., Carolyn Love and her husband, David, of Yorkville, Ill., Annette Pic and her husband, Christopher, of Wilmington, and Daniel Schmidt, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; siblings, Nancy Kiessling Metty, of Texas, Terrance "Terry" Kiessling, of Ohio, and David Kiessling, of South Carolina; grandchildren, Sarah (Daniel), Joshua, and Jacob Love, Dan Schmidt, Andrew Pic (Kristin), Ryan Pic, Rebeca Sabad (Grant), David Pic, and Ellen, Sean, Lillyn, and Ashlyn Schmidt; great-grandson, Mason Pic; and several nieces and nephews, as well as their families.

Other than her parents, she was predeceased and joyously reunited with her infant daughter, Diane Marie Schmidt, and siblings, Arnold Kiessling, Max Kiessling, Mary Harlin, Patricia Sharpe, Francis "Bud" Kiessling, Joan Brandenburg, and Judy Harlin.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m., with Father Michael Imperial officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends for a visitation one hour prior to service at the church.

Contributions in Reita's memory may be made to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, P.O. Box 860, Onley, VA 23418 or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Teresa Sellers

Mrs. Teresa Dee Sellers, 56, wife to Robert Sellers and resident of Captain Howe Lane, Cape Charles, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 17, 2024. Teresa was born on Aug. 24, 1968, in Nassawadox to Patrica Sue Rasmussen and the late Danny C. Rasmussen Sr.

Teresa attended Cape Charles High School and later got her GED. Teresa never knew a stranger. She was a member of the Cheriton Fire Department and loved playing bingo and poker. She



Mrs. Sellers

was also an avid crafter and enjoyed making candles, jewelry, and crocheting.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, and her children, Johnathan, Benjamin, and Ivory; three stepchildren, Robert, Christopher, and Antonio; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; her mother, Patricia Sue Rasmussen; and two brothers, Elroy (Beth) Rasmussen and Danny (Jessica) Rasmussen, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 28 at the Cape Charles Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to Cheriton Fire Department or the American Legion Post 56 of Cheriton.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Charlene Hall

Mrs. Elizabeth "Charlene" Hall passed away at Sentara Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, N.C. on Dec. 21. Charlene was born June 17, 1956, in Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital in Nassawadox.

After graduating Central High School, she worked as a nursing assistant for Intrepid Home Care, something she really enjoyed. She then went on and successfully graduated on May 18, 1991, as a registered

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nurse. She worked as an Intrepid ICU nurse, a hospice nurse, and ended up as a nurse at the prison in Fruitland, Md. After retiring she enjoyed helping take care of her grandchildren.

Charlene is survived by a loving son, Vernon Hall (Shannon); her mother, Jackie Farlow, of Melfa; her brother, Charlie T. Farlow (Susan), of Onancock; sister, Katherine Hernandez, of Killeen, Texas; six grandchildren, Madison, Carson, Alexis, Damien, Dustin, and Hunter Hall; several nieces and nephews, Abby Taylor (Scott), of Wachapreague, Benjamin Farlow (Kaycee), of Bristol, Tenn., Shane Hernandez (Toni), of Killeen, Shaun Hernandez (Leeann), of Enfield, Conn., and Derek Hernandez (Becky), of Reno, Nev.; several great-grandnieces and nephews; and her very dear friend, Loretta Lynn Rogers, of Accomack.



Mrs. Hall

She was predeceased by her loving father, Charlie T. Farlow Sr.; and her grandparents, Elizabeth Farlow Lingo and Tommy Farlow and Captain Jack and Maude Melson.

Funeral services will be held at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore on Sunday, Dec. 29, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made to Friends of Animal Control, 18299 Killmontown Road, Melfa, VA 23410, c/o of Sue Burdge, founder and president.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Chuck Liebold

Mr. Merrill C. "Chuck" Liebold, retired master firefighter of the Virginia Beach Fire Department, for which he worked 23 years, passed away peacefully on Dec. 8, 2024, at his home in Machipongo, surrounded by his beloved family, following complications from liver cancer. Chuck dedicated over two decades of his life to serving his community, joining the Virginia

Beach Fire Department on Sept. 16, 1975, and retiring on Aug. 1, 1998. A



Mr. Liebold

skilled firefighter and trusted colleague, he was admired by his peers and cherished as a dear friend. In addition to his service as a firefighter, he was an excellent HVAC salesman for over 25 years.

Born on July 31, 1954, Chuck was a native of Virginia Beach who retired to the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 2014. He lived a life defined by love, dedication, and an unshakable sense of duty.

He was a devoted husband to his wife of 44 years, Martha Liebold, and a caring brother to Cheryl Liebold, Kirk Liebold (Kelly), and Lori (Beau) Combs. He was a loving father to his sons, Chris (Dawn) Hughes and Sean (Linda) Liebold and proud Papa to Kyla and Grayson Hughes, as well as Warren, Tazewell, and Woody Liebold. Chuck's greatest joy came from spending time with his family. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He had a special passion for the simple joys of life, particularly feeding the foxes that frequented his yard, enjoying the sunsets on the Shore, and sharing precious moments with his children and grandchildren. Chuck's love for his family and friends was boundless and indescribable, and his memory will forever be a source of inspiration to those who knew him. He was a resident of the Shore for over 10 years and a member of Eastville Baptist Church, where he served as trustee.

A memorial service to honor Chuck's extraordinary life and legacy was held Monday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m. at Azalea Baptist Church, 3314 E. Little Creek Road, Norfolk, VA 23518. A private interment for the family followed the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, t2t.org

Chuck was loved beyond measure and will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Fred Russell

Mr. Vinnie Fred Russell, 69, of Greenbush, passed away on Dec. 20, 2024, surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Fred was born Jan. 21, 1955, to the late Franklin Ayres Russell and Alice Fox Russell.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda Surran Russell, and his daughters, who were his most loved and closest to his heart; Deedra Margaret Ervin and Andrea Surran Russell; as well as his best friend and brother, Frank Russell, and his beloved sister-in-law, Debbie; his beloved niece, Brittany R. Lewis and her husband, Cullen; and Fred's



Mr. Russell

newest beautiful great-niece, Alice Lewis. Also left to cherish his memory are close friends, Maugie and John Fecteau; and Fred's spectacular companions, Sully, Betty, Pepper, Momma, Koodles, and Violet.

Fred was one of the last of his kind, a man's man who was not ashamed to show it. He really epitomized the idea that a man works hard, protects his family, gives back to his community, and always, always tells the truth. A man of few words, he was the one in the background, holding things together, the calm in the storm when things went sideways. His strong, gentle demeanor was such an example to others, and he was admired and respected by everyone he met.

Fred and Frank have spent virtually every single day of their lives together, working at their shop, Paddock Auto in Parksley, for decades, riding motorcycles, and traveling all over with their friends to all the rallies and events far and wide, or just riding the back roads of the Eastern Shore, which he loved.

Fred was very much the automobile enthusiast, and his encyclopedic knowledge of all things cars, foreign, domestic, classics, and new, was amazing. He was a proud member of the Aston Martin Owners Club. He enjoyed going to car shows, playing poker, and collecting wooden boats to "work on." He loved tinkering and always had some project in the works.

The love of Fred's life was his wife, Linda, who turned his world upside down

from the second they met, and they enjoyed their life together for the past 22 years. Even though they faced ups and downs, extreme obstacles, and Fred's cancer battles head on, the fight only made them stronger, invincible, and more in love and committed to each other with every passing day.

His daughters Deej and Anj were the apples of his eyes, and there was not one thing he would never do for them. They got what they wanted at all times. He was completely and unashamedly wrapped around their fingers, and there was nowhere else on this Earth he would have rather been than with his girls.

Another great love Fred had was for his niece Brittany, and he was also putty in her hands. His weak spot for her never diminished even as she grew up and started a family of her own.

Fred was a proud steward for the Town of Parksley, from organizing and helping during the legendary Parksley Fall and Spring festivals, car shows, the Railroad Museum, or even town yard sales, to helping out with the Volunteer Fire Company's Christmas parades, Miss Parksley Pageants, Old Fashioned Christmases, all of it. Fred was always ready and willing to give of his time and energy. He was very proud of Parksley.

Fred really enjoyed the friends that came to his shop as well as discussing, debating, and solving all the world's problems with his coffee buddies every day.

Fred's suffering is over, and he now is reunited with his deeply beloved mother and father. His life and name will never be forgotten, and he will always be loved and cherished in all of our hearts.

A memorial service will be conducted at the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley, on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Mike Barnes officiating.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Parksley Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 14 Parksley, VA 23421, or The Eastern Shore Railway Museum in Parksley.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Parksley.

Wachapreague to discontinue involvement in EMS services

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

Charles Pruitt, Accomack County's director of public safety, informed the Accomack County Board of Supervisors at its monthly meeting on Dec. 18 of the Wachapreague Volunteer Fire Company's decision to discontinue its involvement in EMS services.

This decision will take effect on Oct. 31, 2025.

Pruitt said this has ramifications that will need to be addressed prior to that time, given the unique service delivery model at the southernmost point in the county entered into in 2016 between the Wachapreague and Painter fire companies.

At present, Wachapreague has paid for and provided all EMS equipment, including two ambulances.

In turn, Painter has provided the facility to house this equipment, with the county supplying the EMS personnel who respond to most of the calls.

In 2023, call volume for this location was 478 in-district calls and 191 mutual aid calls.

Pruitt said continuing to have ambulance services located in Painter is vital.

He added that the county and the two fire companies are committed in working together toward a smooth transition that will provide an uninterrupted delivery of EMS services to this region.

"There will be no lapse," Pruitt said. "I assure you, we will work through this."

Supervisors Donald L. Hart Jr. and C. Reneta Major praised the services provided by both fire companies, located in their respective districts.

One plan currently on the table would involve the county purchasing the ambulances and equipment from Wachapreague, then entering into an agreement with Painter to house it.

Mike Mason, county administrator,

said no action by the board is required at present, but that additional information will be provided to the supervisors in early 2025, including further recommendations.

"We need to find the best solution — I will push to have that done," said Major.

■ Mason reminded the supervisors that Jan. 23 is County Government Day in Virginia and that they are invited to attend the meeting sponsored by the Virginia Association of Counties in Richmond that day.

■ Hart urged his colleagues to attend and to also get involved on committees within this organization so that Accomack County has more representation at the state level.

"If you see something that would interest you, please think about joining that committee," Hart said. "I would like some help and support — it would be nice to have Accomack County's voice on these committees."

Hart currently sits on VACo's executive committee and is the only Accomack County supervisor serving on any of its committees.

■ The supervisors unanimously approved reappointments for people serving in various capacities in the county.

Appointees include:

Eastern Shore Community Services Board: Cynthia Wilder and Eve Belote;

Community Criminal Justice Board: Thomas Dix;

Greenbackville Boat Harbor Committee: Allen Marshall;

Harborton Boat Harbor Committee: Paige May, Nick Shaeffer, and Kyle Bundick;

Donald Hart's nomination of Myra Riley-Taylor to serve on the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission was unanimously approved, as was Vanessa Johnson's nomination of Gracie Milbourne to also serve on that commission.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Coates coasts at track meet

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Northampton's Rylee Coates took first place in three events at the Lampert Timing Indoor Track Meet #3, held at the Boo Williams Sports Complex in Hampton. Coates won the 55-meter dash (7.46 seconds), the 55-meter hurdles (8.92), and the pole vault (10' 6"), while also finishing second in the high jump (4' 8"), leading the Yellow Jackets to a second place finish out of 13 teams.

Other top performers for Northampton's girls were Renniah Rono (second, 1,000m, 3:45.73), Sophie Tayloe (third, 1,000m, 3:51.93), and Yoseline Palacio (second, 500m, 1:42.94).

For Northampton's boys, Fernando Palacio won the pole vault, clearing 7 feet, 6 inches, and took 10th in the 500-meter run with a time of 1:25.86, leading the Yellow Jackets to a second place finish out of 13 teams.

Other top scorers for the Yellow Jacket boys included Alexander Vaca (ninth, 500m, 1:23.10), Eli Philpot (third, 1,000m, 2:58.60), Elijah Hope (third, 55m hurdles, 8.62), Hudson Taylor (sixth, 500m, 1:17.68), Jace Logan (fourth, 55m, 6.87), Jeremiah White (third, 55m, 6.86), Mark Tankard (second, high jump, 5' 6"; third, long jump, 19' 5.75"), and Sebastian Mayorga (eighth, 300m, 40.57).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Montross paces Firebirds

On Thursday, Dec. 19, Megan Montross poured in 20 points to lead Arcadia to a 51-38 victory at Southampton. Amani Hope added 15 points and Olivia Ratzlaff had eight for the Firebirds (2-3).

Yellow Jackets fall to 0-3

On Thursday, Dec. 19, the Yellow Jackets lost 53-25 at Lancaster. Miracle Brandon had seven points and Chasidy Lofton six for Northampton (0-3).

BOYS BASKETBALL

Warriors' streak snapped

On Thursday, Dec. 19, Nandua lost 79-59 to the host team in a holiday tournament at Franklin High School. Christian Grant had 23 points and eight steals for the Broncos. No stats were reported from Nandua (4-2), which had a three-game win streak snapped.

DISC GOLF



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On Sunday, Dec. 15, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Disc Golf Club held its yearly championship. Club members competed in a match play format to determine the champion. After three elimination rounds and a final round featuring the last four competitors, Alex Santos and his brother, Ramon Santos, were tied. In a playoff, Alex Santos, pictured, birdied Innova hole 10, defeating his brother to take the trophy, which was hand carved by club member Billy Crockett.

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EASTERN SHORE YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT



SUBMITTED PHOTO

R.A. Parks, far right, and his Team UnReel crew, from left, Brandon Parks, Josh Taylor, and Vince Taylor, won three of the four prizes available in the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club Rockfish Tournament held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. Parks and crew had the day one longest fish with a 44.5-inch rockfish and also took home prizes for the day two heaviest fish with a 5.3 pound rockfish and the day two longest fish with a 23.5-inch striper.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sam Sellard, left, pictured with crew member Kevin Shelly, and his team on the Mean Jean were the overall champions of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club Rockfish Tournament held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. Sellard had the heaviest combined weight of legal slot fish caught in the two-day tournament. Sellard also had the day one heaviest slot fish with a 6.1 pound rockfish.

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Bowden, new mayor, committed to the island

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

On Jan. 2, 2025, Denise P. Bowden will take the oath of office as Chincoteague's new mayor, becoming the first woman to hold this position in the town's history.



Denise Bowden

In November, Bowden defeated the incumbent mayor, J. Arthur Leonard, by a final tally of 1,177 to 904 votes (56.21% to 43.17%), with 13 write-ins.

Bowden has served on Chincoteague's town council since 2016, including a two-year term as vice-mayor beginning in 2018.

She was born the only child of Allan Bowden and Joyce Bowden Sackett. Her father passed away in 2009 at the age of 62 and her mother then married Ron Sackett in 2012.

"My parents taught me the meaning of hard work and finishing what you've started," she said.

Although Bowden describes her roots as "blue collar" and going back at least six generations on the Shore, she also descends from royalty, able to trace her ancestry directly back to England's King Henry VIII.

Indeed, family means everything to Bowden.

'The people of Chincoteague elected me to do this job and I will do my absolute best by them. Being elected mayor is a privilege I will not take lightly.'

**Newly elected
Chincoteague Mayor
Denise Bowden**

Her grandfather, Alfred Johnson, belonged to the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. and served on town council until his death at age 51.

Although he passed away when she was young, she looked up to him, believing her service to the community is an extension of the influence he had on her.

Bowden was later the caregiver for Nancy Williams, one of her grandmothers. Friends encouraged her to run for council shortly after her passing.

Looking back, Bowden readily admitted she had absolutely no idea what she was getting herself into.

"I have learned so much about the inner workings of town government. I

am still learning and probably always will be."

Family also includes her beloved and much-doted-upon rescue dog Buddy. Bowden refers to him as "the apple of my eye."

Growing up on Chincoteague, she counts herself a proud alumna of Miss Diane's Pre-School and subsequently attended public school on the island.

A 1987 graduate of Chincoteague High School, she played both softball and volleyball during her years there — something she wishes she could still do.

After graduation, Bowden couldn't wait to leave the island and the Shore, attending a community college in the southwestern corner of the state — about as far away as one could get while still staying in Virginia.

Two years later, she returned home vowing to never leave.

In 1992, Bowden joined the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, becoming the first female on its firefighting side. For the third time since joining, she once again serves as its current president.

When she isn't actively involved serving her community, Bowden enjoys boating and fishing, beach time, traveling, following the New York Yankees, creating things in her shed, and listening to music by both Loretta Lynn ("Coal Miner's Daughter" is her favorite) and Elvis Presley.

"Outside of my dad, there's never been a more handsome man," Bowden

said of Presley.

As mayor, as in her life, Bowden said that when she lays her head down at night, she wants to be confident in the decisions she's made that day.

Ready for the job, she has a vision of what she hopes to accomplish during her tenure.

By exploring affordable housing options, Bowden hopes to see more young families move to Chincoteague and stay long term.

Companies such as RocketLab, she believes, are key to providing good jobs to make this happen.

Bowden also hopes to address the beach move to the north, improve the condition of the inlet, and uncover reasons behind the lack of doctors on the island.

Retaining Chincoteague's small town charm, while growing local businesses and continuing to attract visitors to the island, are also important long-term goals.

First and foremost, though, Bowden remains fiercely loyal to the town's residents, calling them "our backbone and success story."

Describing her leadership style as "vocal, hands-on, and engaged," Bowden hopes to be approachable as mayor, listening to and learning from her constituents every single day.

"The people of Chincoteague elected me to do this job and I will do my absolute best by them," said Bowden.

"Being elected mayor is a privilege I will not take lightly."

Ag classroom Book of the Year named

Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom has selected "Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm" by Lindsay H. Metcalf as its 2025 Book of the Year.

Volunteers will read the book to thousands of children during Virginia AITC's annual Agriculture Literacy Week, March 17-21.

With bright illustrations by Xin Li, "Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm" explores how produce is grown both inside and outside on farms.

Readers can join best friends Emma and Efrem as they learn about their families' farms and the various farming equipment, innovations, and techniques involved in growing the food.

"This year's selection spotlights the diversity of agriculture and the technology used to produce food for our

communities and worldwide," said Tammy Maxey, Virginia AITC's executive director. "Agriculture Literacy Week is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to share stories of farming with children across the commonwealth. Over 70,000 youth participate in this event annually, spurring their interest in agriculture and in growing food and fiber."

Now in its 15th year, Agriculture Literacy Week is AITC's largest edu-

cational event of the year, with thousands of volunteers reading to children across the commonwealth. The program helps teach youth about the importance of agriculture, and about the origins of their food.

Copies of "Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm" are available for purchase at \$14 each from Virginia AITC, and a book order form is located on the Virginia AITC website, virginia.agclassroom.org

First footing, New Year’s tradition, practiced on Shore

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

After Cindy Faith moved as a child with her family to Chincoteague from New York, she answered the door on New Year’s Day, greeted by an older boy offering luck and well-wishes for the coming year. Faith thanked him and closed the door.

Minutes later came another knock — same boy, same words.
“I’ll get my mother,” she said.

The boy once again offered luck and felicitations for the upcoming year. Her mother thanked him and closed the door.

A short time later came another knock, this time with a different boy offering greetings and good luck for the upcoming year.

Curious, Lorraine Faith asked the boy if there was anything she should do in return.

“Usually we are given some coins,” the boy said shyly, and Faith obliged.

Years later, through research, Cindy Faith learned that this was called first footing, with a similar custom shared throughout parts of Europe.

On the Eastern Shore, it most likely was brought by colonists coming from England who were familiar with it, she said.

According to tradition, after midnight on New Year’s Day, the first visitor to a home can bring either good or bad luck for the coming year.

A dark-haired male was thought to

be the bearer of good fortune, while a fair-haired male brought the opposite.

No one is to leave the home until this occurs.

Some historians have traced this particular aspect back to the eighth and ninth centuries, when attacks by Vikings (with lighter hair) were common — often with an unlucky outcome.

In Ireland and the Isle of Man, light or red hair was permissible for visitors, who could also be women.

That initial visitor, or “first foot,” came bearing gifts for the family. Coming empty-handed was a sign of bad luck, regardless of hair color.

Traditional gifts included silver coins, shortbread, salt, coal, wood, or whiskey, representing prosperity, food, flavor, warmth, and good cheer.

The first foot should leave the home backside first, so as not to take the luck with him out the door.

On the Shore

Over the years here on the Eastern Shore, first footing has come to be known by a few different names. The practice itself has changed a bit, too.

On Chincoteague Island, Tammy Riley said both her boys grew up participating in the tradition she refers to as “new yearsing.”

Gifts of coins or fruit are handed out to visitors, who offer back good luck and glad tidings.

However, Brenda Bowen, of Willis Wharf, said she never heard of first

footing, or anything like it, until she actually moved to England.

Shirley Stine Hunt grew up in Northampton County and vividly recalled delivering packages to a neighbor’s home on New Year’s Day when she was 4 years old.

When she tried to enter their home, she was stopped to allow her dark-haired brother to enter first for good luck.

“Little blonde-haired females were not considered lucky,” she lamented.

Cape Charles resident Marion Sofield said her mother would have her dark-haired brother go out the back door and come back in through the front.

“My dad said he wasn’t sure if this qualified as good luck but said it couldn’t hurt,” Sofield said.

Growing up on Tangier Island in the 1960s and 70s, Steve Dize knew this tradition as “New Year’s Give.”

Mostly, he said, kids would knock on doors and people would put money in their jars.

“We went all over the island and made \$8 to \$10,” he said. “But now, they make a lot more than that.”

However, he mentioned that some old-timers took the tradition seriously and wanted a dark-haired boy to come inside first and walk through their home to bestow good luck.

Dize had blonde hair and said that sometimes the old-timers wouldn’t open the door until a dark-haired boy came by first.

Jan Garcia said her mother’s family practiced this tradition growing up on the Shore.

To this day, Garcia said she and her own family uphold this practice in Hawaii, along with preparing Southern New Year’s staples like black-eyed peas and traditional collards cooked with a ham hock for good luck.

Cindy Faith shared a humorous story involving her friend, the late Jenny Thornton Somers, of Chincoteague, who stayed overnight at a friend’s house on New Year’s Eve as a teen.

Returning home on New Year’s Day, the front door was locked and her mother wouldn’t let her inside, although it was quite chilly.

Following a few frantic phone calls made by her mother, Somers was finally allowed in after a dark-haired neighbor’s foot stepped through first.



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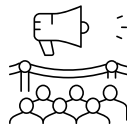
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SWF, 63, looking for someone to accept me for who I am. I'm an attractive woman wanting to

meet someone to have fun with. I'm very giving, compassionate, and friendly. I consider myself open-minded but deal breakers are drunk people and liars. My ideal partner would be aged 55 to 65. **Box 1-255. Leave name and number with Eastern Shore Post at 757-789-7678 or email intro@easternshorepost.com.**

SWM, 67, seeks woman or gender nonconformist for friendship. I'm warm and thoughtful and am not a typical male. I have never really understood sports. I consider myself an open-minded person but my deal breakers are cruelty, hateful speech, and bad hygiene. **Box 1-256. Leave name and number with Eastern Shore Post at 757-789-7678 or email intro@easternshorepost.com.**

SWM, 57, wanting to share life, adventures, and paths less traveled. Seeks woman or couple for friendship. I have gathered together a simple life filled with passionate pursuits. On a Saturday night you will most likely find me with my Labrador retriever. **Box 1-257. Leave name and number with Eastern Shore Post at 757-789-7678 or email intro@easternshorepost.com.**

**There's a loneliness problem
on the Eastern Shore.
Let's do something about it.**

Would Eastern Shore residents actually participate in a newspaper personal ads forum? That's for readers of the Eastern Shore Post to decide. But it is worth a try.

Sometimes it is a challenge to meet new people on the Eastern Shore of Virginia — consider people who have moved to the Eastern Shore for work, who have retired to the area, who have lost spouses, or who don't enjoy hanging out in bars on a Saturday night.

Also, it can be intimidating to reach out to the public in search of companionship, friendship, or a relationship. But you never know until you try. And don't forget — the Eastern Shore can be especially lonely during the dark, cold winter months.

Starting with the Friday, Jan. 3, edition of the Eastern Shore Post, we're going to print personal advertisements. We're trying to alleviate loneliness, build relationships, and create community. We hope you'll give it a try. See details below and examples at left. And call or email today!

Up to 10 lines, two weeks, \$25

It can be hard to meet people on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The Eastern Shore Post is here to help with the Introductions section. Participants can run 10 lines for two weeks for \$25 without publishing a phone number or email address. Those responding to the personal ads contact the Eastern Shore Post, who forward the respondents' information to the advertiser.

The Eastern Shore Post is only coordinating the introduction and is not responsible for anything that happens after the introduction.

This section is open to people age 18 and older. No graphic anatomical descriptions or sexual innuendo is allowed. This section is intended to fill a community need and be respectful and respectful while doing so.

Call 757-789-7678 or email editor@easternshorepost.com to place your personal ad.

State officials encourage safe driving

As part of Virginia’s “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign, Virginians are reminded to plan a safe ride home if their holiday plans include alcohol.

Between Dec. 11, 2024, and Jan. 1, 2025, 168 Virginia law enforcement agencies will participate in the holiday wave of Virginia’s “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign.

Law enforcement officers will conduct 761 individual saturation patrols and 82 sobriety checkpoints across the commonwealth.

“This holiday season, Virginians have the opportunity to give the gift of a lifetime — a safe ride home after drinking,” said Gov. Glenn Youngkin. “As every drunk driving fatality, injury, crash, and arrest is 100% preventable, Virginia’s ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ DUI enforcement and public education campaign is on a mission to keep the commonwealth’s roads safe from drunk drivers this holiday season. Inasmuch, Virginians celebrating the holiday season with alcohol are asked to plan for a safe ride home.”

Between Thanksgiving Day 2023 and New Year’s Day 2024, 466 people were injured and 13 lost their lives because of alcohol-related crashes on Virginia roadways.

Though this is a decrease in alcohol-related crash fatalities from the previous holiday season, drivers must continue to plan a sober ride.

“Safety is the best gift you can give your family and your community during the holidays,” said Virginia Secretary of Transportation W. Sheppard Miller III. “Be the one who makes sure your loved ones get home safe by serving as or arranging a designated driver. One simple decision can save lives and prevent heartbreak. Together we can keep the roadways safe and help all Virginians arrive alive.”

“More than a third of all U.S. traffic deaths occurring during the holiday season involve drunk drivers,” said Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Gerald Lackey. “You don’t want to be the reason someone doesn’t make it home for the holidays. Please, do not get behind the wheel if you have been drinking. Plan a safe ride home before you leave.”

In addition to the season’s stepped-up law enforcement efforts to combat drunk driving, Virginia’s “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign this year launched a newly enhanced and research-based statewide public awareness campaign entitled “What’s the Damage?” This campaign, including new TV and radio spots, delivers fresh creative and messaging reminding Virginia motorists of the costs of drunk driving and to plan a safe ride home before drinking.

The campaign’s new creative can

APPOINTMENT

Cape Charles man named to potato board

Ronald Bailey, of Cape Charles, owner and operator of Twin Cedar Farms, has been appointed to the Virginia Potato Board.

The Potato Board is in charge of the management and expenditures of the Virginia Potato Fund established in the state treasury.

The Board may expend funds to provide for programs of research, education, pub-

licity, advertising, and other promotion, manage the fund so as to accumulate a reserve for contingencies, establish an office and employ such technical and professional assistants as may be required, contract for research, publicity, advertising and other promotional services, and take all actions as will assist in strengthening and promoting the best interest of producers of potatoes.

Atlantic sturgeon focus of artwork contest

Artists are invited to create and submit an original piece of art, excluding photography, for the 2025 Restore the Wild Artwork Competition, hosted by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.

Artwork for Restore the Wild should reflect Restore the Wild’s mission to restore and create natural habitats vital to the survival of Virginia’s wildlife.

The subject focus of 2025’s artwork is the Atlantic sturgeon, fish passage, and clean water habitats.

Atlantic sturgeon seem like a relic of the past, with their huge size and armor-like appearance, and they’re inextricably linked with Virginia’s history, having played an important role for Native American and colonial human populations.

Due to overharvest and water pollution, they have rarely been seen in Virginia’s tidal rivers since the mid-1900s, and efforts to revitalize their popula-

tions have been underway for more than 50 years.

They were listed as federally endangered in 2012, but in recent years sturgeon have been seen breaching and swimming in the James and other rivers again.

A panel of the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources and other conservation organizations or artists deemed appropriate by the department will judge all submitted art.

Pieces selected for the 2025 Restore the Wild Artwork exhibition will be displayed in The Gallery at Main Street Station, 1500 E. Main St., Richmond from Friday, March 7, until Friday, March 28.

Artists are invited to submit in the categories of natural history illustration, artistic expression, youth 10 and under, and youth 11 to 17.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ctwkameb> for more information about submission.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

66th annual Bank of Cheer feeds hundreds

The 66th Bank of Cheer went smoothly last week as 115 deliveries of food to needy families were completed by a group of volunteers that included employees of the Accomack Parks and Recreation Department, students and retired teachers from Northampton High school, a group from the Pungoteague Ruritan Club, members of the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen’s Association, and other volunteers.

Laura Trala, who has coordinated the deliveries for over 30 years, provided detailed instructions and directions to the volunteers after spending countless hours ordering the food, shopping for hams and turkeys, and working with local organizations and other area leaders to establish a list of families in need of help at Christmas.

The day prior to the delivery, volunteers packed assorted canned

vegetables, meats, soup, fruit, and staples such as sugar, flour, rice, and cornmeal at the Moose Lodge in Belle Haven.

Boxes were provided once again by Dublin Farms of Horntown.

“I am constantly amazed at the generosity of Eastern Shore of Virginia residents when confronted with the needs of their less-fortunate neighbors,” said Trala. “I also appreciate the group of volunteers, many of whom come back year after year.”

It has become a Christmas tradition for local residents, community organizations, churches, and other groups to make a donation to the Bank of Cheer.

One hundred percent of their donations go to help the Bank of Cheer recipients.

All labor, transportation expenses, and the boxes are donated.

BANK OF CHEER



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Northampton Middle and High School Honor Society students helped to deliver Bank of Cheer boxes filled with food to needy families on the Eastern Shore. The advisors were Rebecca Lusk and Karen Wells.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Pungoteague Ruritan Club members, pictured from left, Jim Gillett, Ed Lampman, and George Rams, were among 11 club members who helped deliver Bank of Cheer boxes to needy families from the Maryland state line to Kiptopeke.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Northampton County retired teachers Sally Young Richardson, Joe Mysko, Kevin McManus, and Tom Bonniwell continue to deliver Bank of Cheer boxes after first leading high students more than 30 years ago.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Laura Trala, center, and members of the staff of the Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department plan the delivery after packing 115 boxes of food along with other volunteers from the Pungoteague Ruritan Club.

Central Accomack Little League announces signups

Central Accomack Little League's spring season registration has begun.

The cost for the Challenger Division is free. The cost is \$40 for the tee-ball division; \$70 for baseball divisions including coach pitch, minors, majors, 50/70, juniors, and seniors; and \$70 for softball divisions including coach pitch, minors, majors, juniors, and seniors.

There is a 10% discount for educators, nurses, first responders, and active military.

Visit <https://tshq/bluesombrero.com/centralaccomackll> to register.

North Accomack Little League announces signups

North Accomack Little League has scheduled its registration. It will be held through Feb. 28. Opening day is April 5.

Co-ed divisions include tee-ball for ages 4 to 6 and coach pitch for ages 5 to 7.

Baseball divisions include minors for ages 7 to 9, majors for ages 10 to 12, juniors for ages 13 to 14; seniors from ages 15 to 16.

Softball divisions include minors for ages 7 to 9, majors from ages 10 to 12, juniors from ages 13 to 14, and seniors from ages 15-16.

Visit <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/northaccomackll> to register.

Bagwell retires from Marine Corps, earns doctoral degree

A proud Eastern Shore native, Sam Bagwell graduated from Central High School in 1978 and entered the U.S. Marine Corps weeks later, embarking on a path of service and dedication.



Sam Bagwell

In addition to his military and professional accomplishments, Bagwell is also a distinguished member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., exemplifying the fraternity's aims: manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.

Since 2006, Bagwell has also fought a courageous battle against cancer, demonstrating resilience and faith through every challenge.

He earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in public administration from National University, a master of arts in education from Central Michigan University, a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma, and a doctor of education degree in organizational leadership from the City University of Seattle.

POYER DONATES PAPERS



COURTESY PHOTO

Last month Nassawadox resident Dave Poyer transferred notes, manuscripts, and typescripts of the 22 Dan Lenson novels to the U.S. Naval Academy's Nimitz Library. This included notes on "The Command," "Tomahawk," "The Threat," "China Sea," "The Circle," "The Gulf," "Black Storm," "The Passage," "Return of Philo McGiffen," "Korea Strait," "The Weapon," "Deep War," "Hunter Killer," "The Towers," "Tipping Point," and "Onslaught." It also included reference materials accumulated for articles for "Shipmate" magazine. Original manuscripts and typescripts also were included. Poyer is pictured with Jennifer Bryan, of the Special Collections and Archives Division, doing the turnover on the shipping dock.

Accomack supervisors discuss road issues

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved some consent agenda items involving county roads.

The first involved directing staff to publish and post a required notice of intention to begin the abandonment process involving a small stretch of road (.10 mile) from Courthouse Avenue to School Street that previously served as a bus turnaround at the former Accomack Primary School.

Accomack County Public Schools plans to

renovate the building to use as office space and the road will no longer have a function.

The second involved an approval for staff to submit a resolution to VDOT to assess certain conditions and deteriorating road surface of Route 660, Mink Farm Road, in Onancock.

A District 6 resident expressed concerns that this road is virtually impassable during high tides and significant rain events.

They also noted the road's surface is poor and that it's often impossible for vehicles traveling in opposite directions to safely pass each other.

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Help Wanted

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting
applications for:

Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some
holidays.

Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have high
school diploma or GED.

Benefits include: VRS Retirement, Annual Leave,
Sick leave, Paid Holidays, and Health Insurance

Applications may be obtained from the Eastern Shore
Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347
or online at <https://tinyurl.com/5n6epayy>

Open until filled.

Apply in person at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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FULL-TIME & PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications
for a full-time or part-time Communications Officer. Job does
require shift work, nights, weekends, and some holidays.

Qualifications: Over the age of 18 and have obtained a high
school diploma or GED. This full-time position is open to both
certified and non-certified applicants; however, all part-time
applicants are required to be certified prior to applying.

Applications may be obtained from Northampton County
Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347 or
County's website.

Open until filled. EOE.

Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications
for the following positions: **Full-Time Certified Law En-
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Inquiries may be directed to:
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Northampton County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of
race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

**The deadline for classified and legal ads in the
Jan. 3 edition is Monday, Dec. 30, by 2 p.m.**

Help Wanted

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR:

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends, and some holidays.

Qualifications: Over the age of 21 and have obtained a high school diploma or GED.

Applications may be obtained from the Northampton County Sheriff's Office located at 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347 or the County's website.

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OPEN POSITIONS

Northampton County has the following open position in the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department:

- Building Inspector

Please refer to Northampton county's website at <https://tinyurl.com/yezesa6ra> for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. Position open until filled.

Help Wanted

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* The odds of giving birth to a baby at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1 are around 1 in 526,000 -- roughly the same as the odds of getting struck by lightning.

* In ancient Greece, throwing an apple at a woman was considered a marriage proposal.

* Iceland has one of the largest gun ownership rates in the world, but one of the lowest crime rates in the world.

* Jim Cummings, who voices Winnie the Pooh, calls sick children in hospitals and talks to them in the character's voice. He once phoned a little girl who was fighting cancer, and her mother told him it was the first time the child had smiled in six months.

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Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from which two New Testament books (KJV)? (Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, or Jude/Revelation)
2. Who visited Jesus on the night of His birth and found Mary, Joseph and the babe lying in a manger? (Innkeeper, Shepherds, Herod, or Magi)
3. Where was the young child when the Magi came to visit Him to present gifts? (Manger, Under the stars, House, or Temple)
4. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? (0, 1, 2, or 7)
5. Who was King of Judaea at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem? (Solomon, Herod, Balak, or Belshazzar)
6. What animals were present at Jesus' birth? (Lions and bears, Sheep and goats, Cows and donkeys, or No mention of animals)

Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. What Swedish tennis player won the Australian Open, French Open and U.S. Open singles titles in 1988?
2. At the 2024 Paris Games, Greco-Roman wrestler Mijain Lopez became the first Olympic athlete in any sport to win five gold medals in the same individual event. For what country did he compete?
3. Name the goalkeeper who started for Brazil in its 1958 and '62 FIFA World Cup championships and was awarded with the FIFA Order of Merit in 1998.
4. Since 2008, the college football rivalry game between the Ole Miss Rebels and the LSU Tigers has been known as what?
5. In August 2022, New York Yankees pitcher Aroldis Chapman was placed on the injured list for an infection in his leg caused by what?

Answers

1. Matthew/Luke
2. Shepherds
3. House
4. Zero
5. Herod
6. No mention of animals

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Answers

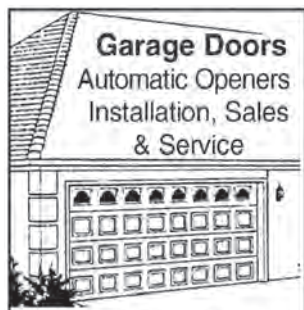
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5. A recent tattoo

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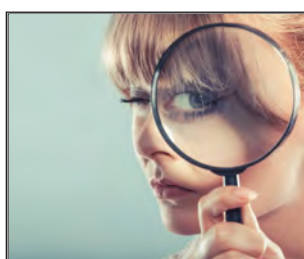
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Legal Ads

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON ROAD ROUTE 9640

Pursuant to §33.2-909 Code of Virginia, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors will consider abandonment of Route 9640, from Route 684 Mitchell Road to the parking area/dead end, a distance of 0.06 miles. This matter is being considered by the Board of Supervisors at the request of VDOT because the property is in the secondary state highway system, is privately owned, and no apparent public necessity exists for its continuance. Additional materials related to the proposed abandonment may be obtained by contacting the Accomack County Administrator's Office on or before January 14, 2025.

County of Accomack
County Administrator
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(757) 787-5700

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104

Case No. 24CL00076700
Accomack County Circuit Court
23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA 23301

IN RE: ELIZABETH MARIE DIMARTINO
The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A NAME CHANGE FOR ELIZABETH MARIE DIMARTINO

It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 28, 2025.

November 26, 2024
Caretta S. Harris, Dep. Clerk

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026-2030

The Capital Improvement Plan is a long-range five-year planning tool used to schedule anticipated Capital Projects lasting longer than three years and costing more than \$50,000 and to coordinate how they will be funded.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and on the County's website at <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Billy Bonawell (2024064) has applied for approximately 9.2 acres of oyster planting ground in Pocomoke Sound situated in Accomack County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-55.5582 / W75-44.2464

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2024064):

https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php

or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

Send written comments or concerns to:

Marine Resources Commission, Shellfish Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

William Mason Melvin (2024034) has applied for approximately 17.8 acres of oyster planting ground in Assateague Channel situated in Accomack County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-55.029 / W75-21.8802

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2024034):

https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php

or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

Send written comments or concerns to:

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024, AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

SUSE-000686-2024 — Vaux Hall Farm, LLC — 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(9), which permits the use of land for retail stores and shops including storage facilities. The applicant wishes to use an existing building for retail. The 372-acre parcel is located at 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa, approximately 400 feet south of its intersection with Red Bank Lane and is tax parcel #101-A-3. The parcel is zoned Agricultural, is partially located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (6 and 7 BFE), and is partially located within the Chesapeake Atlantic Protection Area Resource Protection Area.

SUSE-000693-2024 — William Sayers and Whitney Sayers — 17212 Michaels Hill Road, Melfa

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14), which permits travel trailers located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation. The applicant wishes to temporarily place a travel trailer on the parcel while building a new home. The 1.5-acre site is located at 17212 Michaels Hill Road, Melfa, approximately 1,100 feet west of its intersection with Hollies Church Road and is tax parcel #101-A-43. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

SUSE-000707-2024 — Jimmy Taylor Jr. for Jimmy W. Taylor and Jeni C. Taylor — 21629 Parsons Road, Greenbush

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22), which permits dwelling, accessory, on lots with a minimum area of five acres, or on nonconforming lots with a minimum

area of 60,000 square feet recorded in the land records as of June 28, 2006. Accessory dwellings shall be one (limited to one per lot and two) permitted with an occupied main dwelling. The applicant intends to locate an accessory dwelling on a property with a primary residence. The 19-acre site is located at 21629 Parsons Road, Greenbush, approximately 1,800 feet north of its intersection with Accomac Road and is tax parcel #86-A-57A. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

SUSE-000708-2024 — Silas Natanael Reyes Tomas — 23518 Leslie Trent Road, Parksley

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(12) which permits the use of land and/or any permanent or temporary location of any type of building or facility thereon which is not specifically permitted within this chapter. The applicant intends to locate a 12' x 28' accessory shed on a property with no primary use. The 0.22-acre site is located at 23518 Leslie Trent Road, Parksley, VA 23421, at its intersection with Staunton Avenue, and is on Tax Map #78A2-1-439. The parcel is zoned Residential.

VAR-000709-2024 — Betty Sewell for CMH Homes, Inc. — 6495 Pearl Drive, Oak Hall

The applicant requests variances of 3.6 feet (south line) and 3.3 feet (north line) from the 15-foot side yard setbacks required in the Agricultural District, pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-58. The applicant intends to place a new single-family dwelling that is located 11.4 feet (south line) and 11.7 feet (north line) from the side lot lines. The 0.355-acre lot is located on the east side of Pearl Drive approximately 1,200 feet north of its intersection with Chincoteague Road on tax parcel #27-5-33. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia or <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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**FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE
IN CAPTAIN’S COVE
January 17, 2025, 11:00 AM
To be held at the Marina Club in Captain’s Cove Subdivision
3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville, VA 23356.**

The following properties will be auctioned:

Section/Lot: 1-0463, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100046300
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 1-0486, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100048600
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot: 1-0654, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100065400
Assessed Value: \$1,500.00

Section/Lot: 1-0840, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100084000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 1-0870, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100087000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 1-0881, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100088100
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot: 1-0887, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100088700
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

Section/Lot: 1-0902, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100090200
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot: 2-0244, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100024400
Assessed Value: \$20,000.00

Section/Lot: 3-1655, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100165500
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 3-1723, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100172300
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 3-1792, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100179200
Assessed Value: \$186,000.00

Section/Lot: 4-1895, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100189500
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 4-1919, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100191900
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 4-2201, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100220100
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 4-2273, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100227300
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 4-2274, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100227400
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 5-0054, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40300005400
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 5-2572, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40300257200
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 7-0037, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60100003700
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

Section/Lot: 7-0095, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60100009500
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 7-0153, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60100015300
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot: 7-0161, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60100016100
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot: 7-0236, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60100023600
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 8-0047, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50300004700
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 9-0030, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50400003000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 9-0066, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50400006600
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 10-0068, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60200006800
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot: 11-0010, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50100001000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot: 12-0044, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A70200004400
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

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Tax Map No. 005A70200010600
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Tax Map No. 005A70100025900
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

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Tax Map No. 005A70100028100
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

Section/Lot: 13-0399, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A70100039900
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

Section/Lot: 15-0133, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A80200013300
Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot: 16-0006, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A90300006000
Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot: 16-0093, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A90300009300
Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot: 16-0102, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A90300010200
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Tax Map No. 005A90300014600
Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot: 16-0168, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A90300016800
Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot: 17-0023, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A90200002300
Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot: 17-0043, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A90200004300
Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot: 18-0021, Captain’s Cove
Tax Map No. 005A90100002100
Assessed Value: \$900.00

TERMS: Minimum Bids will be announced prior to the start of the auction on the date of sale. Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information, including but not limited to the Minimum Bid. Successful bidder will be required to deposit with Trustee a deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to the lesser of \$5,000 or 10% of successful bid in cash or certified funds at time of sale, with the closing to occur within thirty days of the date of said sale. Written one-price bids will be accepted for any of the properties pursuant to the terms set forth in Va. Code § 55.1-1833. There is no warranty relating to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition. Property is being sold pursuant to Va. Code § 55.1-1833, and title will be conveyed pursuant to statute and subject to all liens or encumbrances as provided in said statute. All information for review by appointment only. Notwithstanding the Minimum Bids announced at the time of sale, the Trustee reserves the right to accept and/or reject all offers. Time is of the essence. Other conditions may be announced at the sale.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE 11334 JANE PITTMAN ST. EXMORE, VA 23350

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Quintara Lyons ("Borrower") to New Road Community Development Group of Exmore, Inc. ("Lender"), dated March 29th, 2021, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia at Instrument No. 220002815, said Deed of Trust and accompanying debt instrument having since been assigned to Juno Enterprises, LLC and default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court Northampton Courthouse Door, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347-0036, on:

Friday, January 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM

Improved real property, being known as 11334 Jane Pittman St. Exmore, VA 23350 and described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, situate in Northampton County, Virginia, designated as Lot 50A on that subdivision plat entitled "A Plat of Survey New Road Community Located Near Exmore, Franktown District, Northampton County, Virginia," made by Shore Engineering, Inc. dated February 25, 1997, which is recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Northampton County in Plat Book 39 at Page 7. Tax Parcel Number: 10A1-13-50A.

SUBJECT TO all rights of way, easements, restrictions and reservations of record affecting the said property.

TOGETHER WITH all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Parcel ID: 10A1-13-50A

TERMS OF SALE: The purchase price in the form of immediately available funds will be due and payable on the closing date. A deposit in the form of immediately available funds in the initial amount of \$6,000.00 will be required at the time of sale from the successful bidder, which deposit amount may have to be increased by the successful bidder within two business days of the foreclosure sale to an amount that equals 10% of the total bid price. The successful bidder will be required to close within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. Time will be of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. In the event an auctioneer is used in connection with the sale of the Property, there will be included a buyer's premium of 10% of the purchase price that must be paid by the successful bidder. All loss or damage to the Property from the time of sale and before settlement shall be at the risk of the successful bidder. The Property will be sold "AS IS" and the Real Property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all rights, reservations, leases, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions, as they may lawfully affect the Property. Any Personal Property will be conveyed by Bill of Sale, without warranty. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust will deliver physical possession of the Property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs, including the Grantor's recording tax. Real estate taxes will be pro-rated as of the foreclosure sale date. Additional terms may be announced at the sale.

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

BTG Trustee, LLC, Substitute Trustee.

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Brian Gallagher, 1906 Towne Centre Blvd., Ste 275, Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-533-4855

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing commencing at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments regarding the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND

The purpose of this ordinance is to develop grant programs for the development and revitalization of safe and attainable housing in the County as authorized by Virginia Code Section 15.2-958.5 for the purpose of preventing neighborhood deterioration in the County. The Fund shall utilize money appropriated by the Board of Supervisors as it shall deem necessary and proper.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office, Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours.

HANDICAPPED ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Call 757-678-0440

Charles Kolakowski, County Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia, to conduct a public hearing on the following matter:

Major SUP 2024-12: Jason Hahn is applying for a major special use permit to develop a rustic campground, a use requiring a special use permit in the TE-1 (Town Edge-1) zoning district. The proposed rustic campground would consist of four campsites and associated uses and structures. The property is located at 22464 Bayview Circle, Cape Charles, VA and is further described as Tax Map 84G-1-A1.

The application is on file and open to public inspection in the Planning, Permitting & Enforcement Office and the County Administration Office, both located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

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 County Administration Office, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, and via email to jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us.

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

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. What is the name of the snowman in the animated movie "Frozen"?
2. How many U.S. states does the Mississippi River run through or along?
3. In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many "geese a-laying" are given to the narrator's true love?
4. Who starred in the 1980s exercise video series "Sweatin' to the Oldies"?
5. How many cups are in a pint?
6. Which famous author often uses Castle Rock as a setting in his novels?

TOWN OF BELLE HAVEN, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025, AT 7 P.M. ESO ARTS CENTER 15293 KING STREET, BELLE HAVEN VA 23306

Ordinance No. 1-2025

An Ordinance Adopting the Provisions of Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia for The Town of Belle Haven

Section 1. Purpose: This ordinance is enacted to regulate motor vehicle and traffic offenses within the Town of Belle Haven, Virginia, by adopting provisions of the Code of Virginia as specifically permitted pursuant to § 46.2-1313 and Title 46.2, as amended.

Section 2. Adoption of State Law: The Town of Belle Haven hereby adopts the motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia as set forth in Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia, including all amendments thereto, as the traffic regulations of the Town of Belle Haven. All violations of such statutes, as adopted, shall constitute violations of the Town's traffic ordinances and shall be punished as provided by state law.

Section 3. Enforcement and Penalties: Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the same penalties as those established under Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia. Enforcement shall be conducted by law enforcement within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Belle Haven.

Section 4. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect on a date to be determined.

Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the scheduled public hearing.

Written comments can be submitted to the Town of Belle Haven, P.O. Box 238, Belle Haven, VA 23306 or via email: townofbellehaven@gmail.com.

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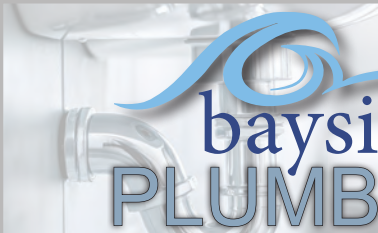
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		Friday Dec. 27		Saturday Dec. 28		Sunday Dec. 29		Monday Dec. 30		Tuesday Dec. 31		Wednesday Jan. 1		Thursday Jan. 2
Assateague Beach	H L	5:24 p.m. 11:52 a.m.	H L	6:09 p.m. 12:39 p.m.	H L	6:41 a.m. 1:23 p.m.	H L	7:26 a.m. 2:06 p.m.	H L	8:10 a.m.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

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Last week's answers

ALPHABET ELLS UTAHANS
SUPINELY GOOP KINETIC
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

JANUARY 1 FUN

ACROSS

- 1 Drag race vehicle
8 Schuss, e.g.
11 Stinging flier
15 Contributed
19 Halloween mask feature
20 Hoodwink
21 Falco of TV
22 Leave off
23 Tendency toward chaos
24 Fido's noise
25 * Star of the 1950s TV series "China Smith"
27 BLT seller
28 Naval forces
30 — Field (Mr. Met's home)
31 * Getting tired
34 Baby bird
38 Evergreen with red arils
39 Actress Polo
40 Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
42 Young moray, e.g.
43 Cowl wearer
45 * Hope when the situation is desperate
51 Mosque official
54 Scrooge portrayer Alastair
55 Minerals in thin sheets
56 * "Vanity Fair" novelist
61 "One World" musician John
65 Holders of frozen cubes
66 Girl in the fam
67 "Insecure" actress
69 — Hawkins dance
70 Astonishment
73 E'en if
75 Actor Bridges
76 Fathers
79 Auditing gp.
81 Was disgusting to
84 Deep desires
85 * Period superseded by auto-mobiles
89 Ragtime pianist Blake
90 Aficionado
91 Large cut
92 * Three-part novel by Gertrude Stein
98 Green-light
102 Removal of restrictions, for short
103 RV refuge org.

DOWN

- 1 Honorarium
2 Writer Rand
3 Lay in place
4 Tossed
5 "Relax!"

- 6 Of Swiss mountains
7 Playa del —
8 Climb up
9 Divided Asian land
10 Get by logic
11 Joins closely
12 Org. for cavity fixers
13 Thereafter
14 Counterparts of manis
15 Cousin of a chimpanzee
16 Poehler of "Baby Mama"
17 Fight (for)
18 Zeta follower
26 Pronounces
28 "Just my opinion," in a text
29 Supermodel Banks
31 Fitness locale
32 Early auto
33 Award for U2
34 All-time low
35 Creeping vine
36 Once called
37 Fido's threat
41 Intertwine
44 Tartan skirt wearers
46 Suffix with owl or wolf
47 Vardalos of Hollywood
48 Sierra, Yukon and Acadia
49 Trendy berry
50 Shells out
52 Boggy areas
53 Motorists' gp.
56 Very thin, as clouds
57 "It matters to me"
58 Escorted from outside
59 Org. with bag screeners
60 The whole — and caboodle
61 Fox-sighting cry
62 Jagged, as a leaf's edge
63 "When I Need You" singer Leo
64 Hopper of old gossip
68 Fake coins
71 Not fooled by
72 Previous to
74 Globe
77 Ergo
78 Japanese noodle type
80 In no danger
82 Playwright O'Neill
83 Links letters
86 Dangerous
87 Vetoing vote
88 Genetic stuff
89 Spider's hatching pouch
92 NFL goals
93 With it, in old slang
94 Lyricist Gershwin
95 Battle with spongy balls
96 "So funny!"
97 Light beams
99 Actress Alley
100 Even a single
101 "—haw!"
105 Regal seat
106 Playground fixture
109 Wipe clean
110 "Bad, Bad — Brown"
112 Delight in
113 Nimble
114 Big name in thesauruses
115 In a fitting manner
117 Small kid
119 Chip topper
120 Fish spawn
121 She-sheep
122 Mug handle
124 Bit of word wit
125 Rap sheet abbr.
126 Boomer's kid

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