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## ‘It was my call. I made the wrong one.’



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A police vehicle blocks Custis Neck Road, near Accomac, after an Accomack County Public Schools bus slid into a ditch. Superintendent David Jeck said no students were injured in the Tuesday afternoon incident.

Accomack Superintendent takes blame for snow storm dismissal

**BY TED SHOCKLEY**  
Eastern Shore Post

David Jeck, interim superintendent of Accomack County Public Schools, is apologizing for not dismissing school earlier on Tuesday, Feb. 11, when several inches of snow fell during the day.

The burst of snowfall — described as “heavy, wet snow” by the National Weather Service — led to slick afternoon road conditions, prompting an outpouring of social media criticism of the untimely dismissal.

A school bus also skidded into a ditch on Custis Neck Road near Accomac, although no injuries were reported, and first responders reported a number of accidents on primary and secondary roads caused by the snow and slush.

“The snow came earlier and heavier than we had expected,” said Jeck. “It was my call. I made the wrong one. I will do better next time.”

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## Sisters, mother injured in crash

State police investigated a two-vehicle crash with life-threatening injuries on Route 13 at Keller Pond Road, in Keller, on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that the driver of a 2016 Peterbilt propane truck, 52-year-old Christopher Fitzgerald Matthews, was traveling southbound on Route 13, when he lost control of the vehicle due to

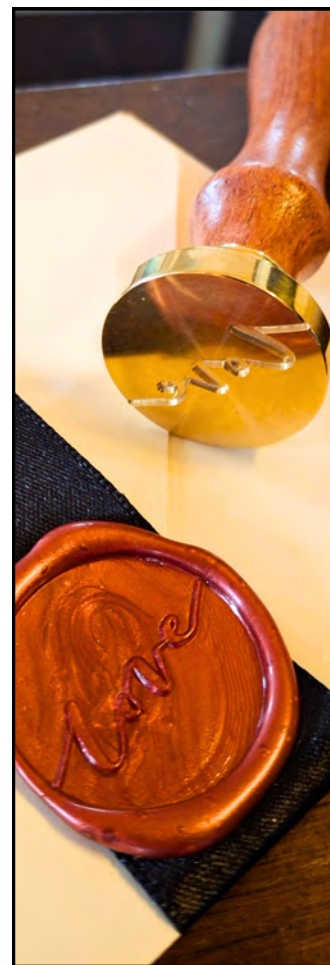
road conditions.

Upon losing control, the propane truck crossed over the grassy median, striking a 2018 Ford Escape head-on. The propane truck then continued off the roadway and overturned into a ditch.

The driver of the Ford, 38-year-old Loida Tema, of Parksley, and her two juvenile passengers, suffered serious life-threatening injuries.

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Chuck grew up northwest of Baltimore in Owings Mills and has 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and a wonderful wife. His professional career started in Baltimore at Sears Parts and Service, for whom he worked for 30 years, starting as a Service Tech, followed by Technical Manager, Branch Manager and then Construction Coordinator. After Sears filed Chapter 11, he spent a few years in retail store management. For the last 8 years, he's been a courier for FedEx Express. After 38+ years in the service industry, Chuck thought he was ready for retirement but a voice said "you're not done yet... there's more to do!"

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# ‘Hidden Figures’ takes center stage as Town Wide Read

BY SARAH BARBAN

Eastern Shore Post

Winter can be a lonely time, with cold weather keeping many indoors, but Cape Charles Memorial Library has a program that aims to bring residents together through two classic winter pastimes — reading and watching movies.

The idea behind the Cape Charles Town Wide Read is to get as many residents as possible to read the same book and then join a discussion of the book, a film screening of the movie adaption of the book, or both.

This year’s selection is “Hidden Figures,” by Margot Lee Shetterly. The book is available at the Cape Charles Memorial Library in advanced reader, young reader, and children’s editions — one of the requirements for a book to be considered for the Town Wide Read.

“We’re a small community and we’re trying to focus on cohesion,” said Cathy Fox, chair of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Board of Directors.

“For the people who live here all the time, this is a wonderful activity to help everyone come together,” she said. “There’s no politics involved, there’s no agenda. It’s just a great family-friendly activity. That’s the purpose of the library; it’s open to all.”

With the Town Wide Read taking place in February, the board felt it would be appropriate to celebrate Black history as well, Fox said.

“Hidden Figures” details the true story of how black women at NASA played an instrumental role in sending the first astronaut into orbit.

Books must have a movie adaptation to be considered for the Town Wide Read. The book discussion and film screening for the 2025 Town Wide Read will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, at Cape Charles Christian School, 237 Tazewell Ave., in Cape



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**Library Assistants Maureen Tamares-Meditz and Olivia Palmer pose with copies of “Hidden Figures” by Margo Lee Shetterly, which was selected as the Cape Charles Memorial Library’s 2025 Town Wide Read. On Sunday, Feb. 16, a discussion of the book will be held at 2 p.m. at Cape Charles Christian School, followed by a screening of the movie adaptation at 3 p.m.**

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The book discussion will be held at 2 p.m. and the film screening will start at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Residents can participate in the discussion, the screening, or both.

The book discussion will be moderated and there will be age-appropriate activities related to “Hidden Figures” for kids to engage with.

The Town Wide Read was started in 2018 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Cape Charles Memorial Library, Fox said.

Roger Moyer, who served as the library’s board chair at the time, was the force behind bringing the

event to town.

“I’m a reader,” Moyer said. “Now that I’m over 80, it’s one of the big things I do. When you live in Cape Charles during December, January, and February, it can be a little bit lonely and cold and a lot of people are gone.”

“It just seemed like a good thing to do to get people doing something together rather than just staying in your individual house and not communicating,” he said.

Participation over the last seven years has been strong, Fox said. Several book clubs have adopted the Town Wide Read book as their read for January, February, or March

in order to participate, which has strengthened the program. There’s always room for growth, however.

“It’s not as large as we want it to be,” Fox said. “Participation at the movies has been about 30 to 50 people and we’re hoping this year there will be more, especially because the subject is ‘Hidden Figures,’ which is tremendously popular.”

Participating in the Town Wide Read is a good way to become more engaged, Moyer said.

“I don’t like having my phone constantly in my hand, so it’s a way to get away from that and to immerse yourself in something that’s really worthwhile.”

AMERICAN LEGION POST 56 HOSTS BOY SCOUT TROOP 314



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American Legion Post 56 hosted a Flag Ceremony for Exmore Scout troop 314 on Saturday, Feb. 8. Pictured are Zion Sanchez, Nicholas Blue, Katelyn Reynolds, and Gabriel Hughes.



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**Review** the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) at the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Hampton Roads District Office located at 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, Virginia, 23435, 757-306-6736, TTY/TDD 711, or at VDOT's Accomac Residency Office, located at 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia, 23301, 757-306-6736. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Jeffrey Thurston, Project Manager, AECOM, 222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 300, Virginia Beach, VA, 23462, on or prior to **February 28, 2025**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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State Project: 0013-065-598, P101, N501  
Federal Project: NHPP-065-5(038)  
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**Snow falls among the boats in the parking lot of the Chincoteague Curtis Merriitt Harbor of Refuge on Tuesday afternoon.**

## Snow

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The school system announced that schools would close two hours early. However, many parents complained on social media that the early dismissal was too late.

Jeck said the bus slid into a ditch on Custis Neck Road near Accomac.

"Trying to predict the weather based on info from NOAA and other weather resources is not an exact science," said Jeck in an email, speaking of the National Oce-

anic and Atmospheric Administration.

"I had the decision to have a two-hour dismissal because I felt we could get kids fed and home before the roads got too bad. I was wrong."

Jeck was hired as Accomack's interim superintendent effective Dec. 1.

Because of snow-related school cancellations, Accomack schools will now be open for students on two days that originally were scheduled to be off days.

Students will now be attending school on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 17, and the Monday after Easter, April. 21.

## Virginia Birding Classic begins Apr. 15

The second annual Virginia Birding Classic will be held from April 15 to May 15.

The Virginia Birding Classic is a statewide birding competition in which teams of birders search the public lands of Virginia every spring for as many species as they can find in 24 hours.

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Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mpnt25u9> for more information about how to participate.

# DAR awards Arnold Good Citizenship award

The Northampton County Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently awarded its annual Good Citizenship Award at its Jan. 25 meeting.

Katherine Arnold, a senior from Broadwater Academy, received the award.

During the chapter meeting, Arnold read her winning essay and shared some of the activities that she is currently involved in and some of her future plans.

Arnold was presented with a certificate, a pin, and a monetary award. Her essay will be considered for state and national DAR Good Citizen Awards.

The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, created in

1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship.

Annually, the Northampton Chapter invites Northampton County high schoolers to submit entries that are reviewed by a committee.

This award recognizes and rewards high school seniors who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities.

These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.

Visit [www.northamptoncounty-chapterdar.org](http://www.northamptoncounty-chapterdar.org) for more information about DAR or to inquire about membership.



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Pictured from left are Northampton County DAR Chapter Regent Kathy Lehman, Hank and Stacie Arnold, Katherine Arnold, and Good Citizen Committee Chair Catie Hubbard.



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## CHINCOTEAGUE

# Tax hike wouldn't hit island

**BY JANET BERNOSKY**

Eastern Shore Post

Chincoteague homeowners will not be affected by the proposed property tax increase that is part of the proposed \$76.6 million fiscal year 2026 draft budget, according to Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason.

The real estate tax rate would jump 5 cents per \$100 of a property's tax assessed value, from 48.4 to 53.4 cents, if it is adopted by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.

The revenue from this increase, according to Mason, would help offset the difference between incoming revenues versus higher outgoing expenditures in the county

EMS department.

However, Chincoteague has its own EMS services — its property owners would not be subject to this increase.

"Chincoteague Island has provided paid EMS services for well over 25 years," said Mayor Denise Bowden.

Bowden said the town of Chincoteague has a good relationship with the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company.

Whereas the town pays the EMS salaries, the fire company pays for ambulances and equipment (plus housing for them, along with training.

"It's a partnership that's worked extremely well," Bowden said.

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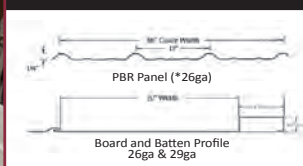
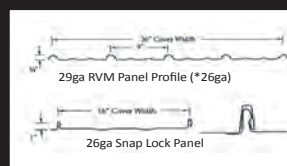
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Rural Health CEO Jeannette Edwards presented Rep. Jen Kiggans with a National Association of Community Health Centers award recognizing her for her support of community health centers during a D.C. visit on Thursday, Feb. 6. Pictured from left are board members Jay Davenport and Lisa Cuba, staff member Jennifer Tyler, Nick Widmyer from the National Association of Community Health Centers, staff members Dr. Joan Lingen, Edwards, Kiggans, staff member Amy Bull, board member Dr. Betty Bibbins, Lena Ben-Gideon from the National Association of Community Health Centers, and board member Ebony Brown.

# Rural Health heads to D.C.

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. representatives were in Washington, D.C., the week of Feb. 3 to discuss community health center priorities. Representatives met with two U.S. Congress members — Rep. Jen Kiggans and Sen. Tim Kaine — and a senior staffer for Sen. Mark War-

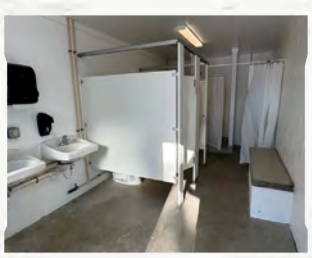
ner. During that week Kiggans agreed to serve as a co-chair of the House Community Health Center Caucus and Sens. Kaine and Warner delivered a letter of support for community health centers to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



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## THE PAPER'S POSITION

### Appreciation to those who get us through winter weather

Thanks and gratitude should flow always to those who keep us safe, our utilities intact, and our roads clear. But mere appreciation during this challenging winter seems quite inadequate.

After not getting snow in recent years — and after a relatively mild fall season — the Eastern Shore has certainly received its share of snow and cold. It has been messy and blustery both, and absolutely inconvenient.

So let us all herald gratefulness to the long list of those who respond during conditions that make the rest of us wary of journeying out.

There are many who have been taking care of us. We thank them sincerely.

Volunteer and career firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians have braved the elements to respond to all manner of emergencies, as they always do.

So have our state, county, and town law-enforcement officers. So have our tow-truck drivers and our electric cooperative workers.

So have Virginia Department of Transportation workers, who prepared our roads before the snowfall and then worked to clear them afterward.

Employees of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital have reported to work despite the transportation challenges of winter.

By naming some, we run the risk of inadvertently missing others who have worked to get us through winter's challenges. To the unnamed, we remain grateful and appreciative.

We would also be appreciative of a sudden tapering off of winter and the arrival of warmer temperatures.

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RICHMOND '25

## Bloxom continues discussion on bills

Crossover Day has passed, and I have one more bill to explain. HB2170 is a bill to allow soil and water districts to reallocate funds between districts to allow more agricultural best management practices to be implemented.



Del. Robert S. Bloxom Jr.

This bill passed the House of Delegates and is now heading to the Senate.

Crossover is also when each chamber discloses its spending priorities with adjustments to the governor's budget.

I had four budget amendments specifically for the 100th District. I had hoped to get the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center pulled from the planning pool for construction, but I was unable to get that project funded.

A large project at Virginia Tech took precedence over other projects.

Hopefully if the Senate has other ideas, I can resurrect the hope of getting this project started.

Another project that has been on my radar

### Guest columns and letters

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

Letters should be no longer than 250 words. Guest columns should be limited to 500 words.

Letters and guest columns may be edited. It is preferred that letters and guest content in the Eastern Shore Post or about the Eastern Shore.

Send letters to [editor@easternshorepost.com](mailto:editor@easternshorepost.com).

I had better luck with my amendment for permitting and detailed engineering for a natural gas pipeline to supply the industrial needs to Accomack County.

I also was fortunate in getting funding for dredging so that large barges with heavy payloads may reach Wallops Island.

Another project that has been on my radar

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# Bloxom

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is the renovation at the Hare Valley School complex that houses the Eastern Shore Agency on Aging as well as other valuable services that are applicable to the middle of the Eastern Shore.

The first two were included in the Senate budget, although at a different funding level.

The Hare Valley renovation was not included. It is my hope that all three will be included in the compromise between the two budgets.

I will find out later this week if I am appointed by the speaker to be a conferee.

A conferee is one of six delegates that get to negotiate the budget with our Senate counterparts.

I have been a conferee when I was in the majority when there were four Republicans and two Democrats, and in the minority with four Democrats and two Republicans, so I hope that appointment by the speaker continues.

The last topic I will discuss this

week is the broad array of bills that I group into categories that are being pushed by the majority.

Most government procurement bills show some type of preference for utilizing union labor.

A lot of bills control wages and put new programs in place, such as paid sick leave.

These would be a burden on employers to comply with. The majority party also held onto the Virginia Clean Economy Act, which is sure to increase the cost of electricity as the supply does not keep up with the demand.

The good news is the governor will veto all these bills that I consider bad for business and Virginia.

The sobering news is that we have elections this fall, and the control of the House and the governor's mansion are in the balance.

Divided government is not a bad thing, in my opinion, as it forces the two sides to talk and compromise.

If all these bills were enacted, I am not sure anyone would recognize Virginia.

To give you a sense of the workload, 2,475 bills and resolutions were introduced this year.

This does not include the bills or resolutions carried over from last year.

In all, 805 passed the House, 630 passed the Senate, 1,208 have failed, and the remaining ones need to be acted upon by Feb. 22.

This is a 45-day session, so all delegates and senators have bill limits. This means they can only introduce a certain number of bills. This is only half the work due to the fact that every year now seems to be a budget year.

The constitution of Virginia requires a balanced budget, so in the odd year of the two-year budget, spending must be adjusted up or down to match the revenue.

Virginia has been fortunate, as well as conservative, in its spending. This has resulted in excess revenue at the end of the first year, and each year I have served on the Appropriations Committee.

This is a much better scenario than what we see in our northern neighbor.

The other interesting thing about being on Appropriations is that a lot of bills are sent here to die.

The committee hearing the bill does not want to vote against the bill or perhaps against the patron, so it passes it

and refers it to Appropriations. This is letting someone else do the dirty work.

When one votes, sometimes it might be thought that the bill is a bad policy, but the patron often has a vindictive nature as well as a good memory. These actions seem especially true on the Senate side.

The senators seem to take personal affront to your voting against their bills. This is also the time when bills are held hostage in order to get leverage on the senator or delegate so that something is received in return.

It could be a budget play or a fair hearing on your bill. I have always tried to avoid these hostage situations but it is inevitably going to happen, especially the closer you get to the finish line.

I will continue to keep you updated on the progress here at the General Assembly as the next weeks bring us to a close Feb. 22. As always, I welcome any questions or concerns you have. Please feel free to contact my district office in Mappsville at 757-824-3456, the Richmond office during session at 804-698-1000, or you may email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Friday, February 14

■ **LECTURE:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore Community College Academic Building room 146, 29300 Lankford Highway, Mel-fa. Science and Philosophy Seminar of the Eastern Shore is hosting a lecture on single malt Scotch whisky.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown. The food-bank will hold a food distribution at the church.

■ **SCAVENGER HUNT:** 3 to 7 p.m., Chincoteague. The 19th annual Death by Chocolate scavenger hunt returns to down-town Chincoteague. Visitors can pick up a scavenger hunt card and visit downtown shops while sampling treats. To learn more visit <https://tinyurl.com/sxjwuxxp>

■ **PLAY:** Doors open 6:30 p.m., play starts 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theatre Company pres-ents "Dream Girl," a comedy about fantasy clashing with reality. Tickets are \$15. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/59w64ar3> to purchase or visit H&H Pharmacy to purchase by

## Best bets

■ **Saturday, Feb. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m.** the Onancock Elks Lodge will host Johnny G's Oyster Roast and More to sup-port a local man's medical bills. Call the Elk's Lodge at 757-787-7750 for tickets. The menu features oysters, clams, and barbecue. There will be entertainment and auction items.

■ **Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon** the Mary N. Smith Alumni Association will host Bingo for Seniors. Any-one over 55 can enjoy free games of bingo at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center.

cash or check.

■ **PANCAKE SUPPER:** 6 p.m., Historic St. George's Episcopal Church, 15389 St. George's Circle, Pungoteague. The church is hosting a Valentine's Day Lovefest pan-cake supper and celebration.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** doors open 6 p.m., mu-sic starts 7 p.m., Par 4 Bar and Grill, 9480 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles. Best

Kept Soul performs live. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/bp98rzpu>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Captain's Cove Yacht Club, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville. The Chest Pains perform live.

## Saturday, February 15

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon,

Onancock Winter Market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Shop for local produce, baked goods, meat, and more.

■ **SCAVENGER HUNT:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Chincoteague. The 19th annual Death by Chocolate scavenger hunt returns to down-town Chincoteague. Visitors can pick up a scavenger hunt card and visit downtown shops while sampling treats. To learn more visit <https://tinyurl.com/sxjwuxxp>

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley is hosting storytime with play literacy for kids 5 and under.

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 8 p.m., Onancock Elk's Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. This oyster roast benefits a local man's med-ical expenses. The menu features oysters, clams, and barbecue. There will be enter-tainment and auction items.

■ **PLAY:** Doors open 6:30 p.m., play starts 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theatre Company pres-ents "Dream Girl," a comedy about fantasy clashing with reality. Tickets are \$15. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/59w64ar3> to purchase or visit H&H Pharmacy to purchase by cash or check.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., ESO Arts Center, 15293 King St., Belle Haven. Nathan and Heather perform live. Tickets are \$20 in advance for \$25 at the door. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/tcm6y5rx>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. The Galatea Chamber Music group will per-form music by Schubert and Ravel.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, 148 Market St., Pocomoke City. Neal Hooks and Gabe Resto

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## Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

■ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** For meetings in Accomack and Northampton, visit [www.aaeasternshoreva.org](http://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](http://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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perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7:30 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. The Deloreans perform live. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/mrydjrh>

## Sunday, February 16

■ **LUNCH:** 11 a.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. Grace United Methodist Church is hosting its monthly Servant Sunday Lunch, a potluck where everyone is asked to bring an entree, side, or a dessert to share. After lunch, volunteers will be working to organize items for the upcoming thrift store.

■ **BENEFIT DINNER:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., New Church Volunteer Fire Company chicken and dumpling dinner, 4264 Firehouse St., New Church. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. It is dine in or carry out.

■ **SOUP LUNCHEON:** noon to 1 p.m., Drummondtown Baptist Church, 23474 Front St., Accomac. Drummondtown Baptist Church is hosting a soup luncheon to benefit the Walk to End Alzheimer's. For a donation diners can sample a variety of hearty soups, breads, salad, and desserts.

■ **LUNCHEON:** noon to 2 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, 6369 Occohanock Neck Road, Jamesville. Enjoy a free hot lunch of soup and grilled cheese and listen to Ed Bull speak.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 3 p.m., Living Word Church of Deliverance in Parksley is celebrating its 26th anniversary.

■ **TOWNWIDE READ:** 2 p.m., Cape Charles Christian School, 237 Tazewell

Ave., Cape Charles. Cape Charles' 2025 Townwide Read is "Hidden Figures," by Margot Lee Shetterly. The Townwide Read is meant to engage the community in a shared reading experience with a book discussion and film screening. The book discussion will be held at 2 p.m. and the film screening will begin at 3 p.m.

■ **YOUTH GROUP:** 4 to 6 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, 4158 Seaside Road, Exmore. The Eastern Shore Youth Group will meet. This group is open to kids from 5th to 12th grade.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 5 p.m., Cheriton United Methodist Church, 21309 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton. Sacred Harmony will provide a time of music and worship.

■ **PLAY:** Doors open 6:30 p.m., play starts 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents "Dream Girl," a comedy about fantasy clashing with reality. Tickets are \$15. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/59w64ar3> to purchase or visit H&H Pharmacy to purchase by cash or check.

## Monday, February 17

■ **MEETING:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Northampton Fire and Rescue, 10239 Pine Ave., Nassawadox. See a screening of the documentary "Braver Angels: Reuniting America" and learn more about the Braver Angels organization. This event is free and a light lunch will be provided. To RSVP visit <https://tinyurl.com/3kwk2mp3>

■ **ART CLASS:** 6 to 8:30 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Learn to paint a blue heron with Cheryl Taylor. This class is for those 16 and up. The cost is \$50. To register visit [chincoteagueca.org](http://chincoteagueca.org)

■ **MEETING:** 7 p.m., Sage Diner, Onley. The Accomack Republican Party hosts its

monthly meeting.

## Tuesday, February 18

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Tech help will be available all day.

■ **JEWELRY CLASS:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Historic Onancock School, Studio 104, Onancock. Students in this Eastern Shore Art League class will learn how to add faceted stones to jewelry designs. To register email [BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com](mailto:BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com).

■ **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 blast off to space.

■ **TEEN GAME NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley is hosting Teen Gaming Night.

■ **MUSEUM:** 5 to 8 p.m., Sturgis One Room School Museum, 209 Willow St., Pocomoke City. The museum will be open every Tuesday and Thursday in February in honor of Black History Month.

■ **CROCHET STITCH-A-LONG:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley is hosting a crochet stitch-

a-long. Learn how to make a crochet heart. ■ **WATERCOLOR CLASS:** 6 to 9 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Paint a watercolor of a winter marsh with Daniel Thomas. The cost is \$42. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mrychx8x> to register.

## Wednesday, February 19

■ **KIDS ACTIVITY:** 10 a.m. to noon, Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Kids can enjoy a hands-on learning experience with the museum's ambassador horseshoe crabs. Kids will learn about horseshoe crab biology, the history of the ambassadors, and get to handle horseshoe crabs. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2ssz3a6b> to register.

■ **SENIOR BINGO:** 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. Those over 55 can enjoy a game of bingo during the Mary N. Smith Alumni Association's monthly Senior Bingo. This is a free event.

■ **STEM PLAY:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids 5 and under can enjoy STEM play.

■ **MEMORY CAFÉ:** 3 p.m., Eastern Shore

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## PUBLIC NOTICE:

In pursuant with a motion made at the December 2024 town council meeting starting in February 2025 all town council meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Memory Café is a social engagement for care partners and those living with brain changes. It is hosted by trained facilitators.

## Thursday, February 20

■ **CROCHET AND KNITTING:** 11 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Adults can bring a project or learn something new with the help of an instructor. There will be activities to keep kids busy.

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 1 p.m., Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock. The Accomack Book Club will hold its monthly meeting. This month's topic is dystopia.

■ **MUSEUM:** 5 to 8 p.m., Sturgis One Room School Museum, 209 Willow St., Pocomoke City. The museum will be open every Tuesday and Thursday in February in honor of Black History Month.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley is hosting a conversation with Grayson Chess-

er titled Eastern Shore Decoys and Their Makers. Attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and their decoys.

■ **STEM NIGHT:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Kids from ages 5 to 11 can learn how electronics work.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Onancock Taphouse, Onancock. Johnny Mo performs live.

■ **PLAY:** Doors open 6:30 p.m., play starts 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents "Dream Girl," a comedy about fantasy clashing with reality. Tickets are \$15. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/59w64ar3> to purchase or visit H&H Pharmacy to purchase by cash or check.

## Friday, February 21

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 4 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity is hosting BBQ and Brews. The event features wine, beer, barbecue, and live music by the Phun Doctors.

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## Saturday, February 22

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 8 a.m. to noon, First Baptist Church, 31027 Depot St., New Church. First Baptist Church is hosting a bake and craft sale to support Northern Accomack Community Cats.

■ **DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT:** 8:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. tee off, Indiantown Park, Eastville. The Ice Bowl is a charity disc golf tournament to raise funds for the Foodbank of South Eastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. The cost is \$20 and includes two rounds.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, Onancock Winter Market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Shop for local produce, baked goods, meat, and more.

■ **BREAKFAST:** 9:30 a.m., Eastern Shore Railway Museum, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley. The Eastern Shore Railway Museum is hosting a special breakfast in its antique

dining car. The menu includes beverages, fresh fruit, and breakfast casserole. The cost is \$20 and reservations are required. There will be seatings at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Call 757-990-2143 to make a reservation.

■ **ART FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. Browse works showcased by local artists. There will be live music and food trucks on site.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley is hosting storytime with play literacy for kids 5 and under.

■ **POLAR PLUNGE:** noon to 1 p.m., Cape Charles Beach. The annual Freezin' for a Reason benefiting Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mal-lards at the Wharf, 2 Market St., Onancock. Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's Fire and Ice is an indoor/outdoor event featuring fire pits, hearty food, and drinks. For an extra purchase, partygoers can visit the bourbon tasting bar. Tickets are \$80. They can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/48bn2z8b>

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Our 2025 Celebrity Dipper, Jeannette Edwards, CEO of Eastern Shore Rural Health, has just announced that she has received an anonymous sponsor willing to match up to \$25,000.00 towards her dipping team. But only if we can raise the same amount between now and February 22nd, the day of the event. *Please consider sponsoring her so that she can hit the target and lock in the matching funds!*

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■ **PLAY:** Doors open 6:30 p.m., play starts 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents "Dream Girl," a comedy about fantasy clashing with reality. Tickets are \$15. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/59w64ar3> to purchase or visit H&H Pharmacy to purchase by cash or check.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 8 p.m. to midnight, Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, 5030 Chicken City Road, Chincoteague. Witches Brew performs live.

## Sunday, February 23

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 12:30 p.m., Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wardtown. A Black Awareness Sunday service will be led by guest preacher C.C. Jackson from Seventh Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond.

■ **PANEL DISCUSSION:** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Chesapeake Room at Bay Creek, 3335 Stone Road, Cape Charles. A Pathway to American Renewal: Moving Beyond Race is a panel discussion and book reception that will highlight the history of Rosenwald Schools and other institutions that played a role in advancing freedom for all Americans during segregation. Register here <https://tinyurl.com/mrhfw893>

■ **COMEDY SHOW:** 3 p.m. doors open, 4 p.m. show starts, Par 4 Bar and Grill, 9480 Lankford Highway, Temperanceville. The Love and Laugh Comedy Show features a lineup of comedians and music by DJ Groove. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/bddbc46k>

■ **MOVIE SCREENING:** 4 p.m., The Historic Palace Theater, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative is presenting a screening of "Monuments with Blackboards" a documentary exploring the history of Rosenwald Schools in Virginia. Admission is free.

■ **YOUTH GROUP:** 4 to 6 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, 4158 Seaside Road, Exmore. The Eastern Shore Youth Group will meet. This group is open to kids from 5th to 12th grade.

## Monday, February 24

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

■ **CONFERENCE:** registration opens at 9 a.m., The Chincoteague Center, Chincoteague Island. The Eastern Shore Tourism Commission hosts its annual Tourism Summit. Christine Trippi will deliver the keynote address. To learn more visit <https://visitesva.com/2025summit/>

## Tuesday, February 25

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

■ **MUSEUM:** 5 to 8 p.m., Sturgis One Room School Museum, 209 Willow St., Pocomoke City. The museum will be open every Tuesday and Thursday in February in honor of Black History Month.

## Wednesday, February 26

■ **DISCUSSION:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Virginia's Eastern Shore Land Trust, 6 Crockett Ave., Onancock. Join staff from the land trust for coffee, tea, donuts, and a discussion about wildlife diversity.

## Thursday, February 27

■ **STEM CLUB:** 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. This STEM club is designed for kids 5 and up. The theme of this session is programming.

■ **MEETING:** 10:30 a.m. doors open, 11 a.m. meeting begins, Sophia's Italian Restaurant, 115th St. and Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Md. The Republican Women of Worcester County is holding its monthly luncheon meeting. The speaker will be Michelle Talkington. The cost is \$27. RSVP by Feb. 19 to [gopwomenofwc@gmail.com](mailto:gopwomenofwc@gmail.com)

■ **MUSEUM:** 5 to 8 p.m., Sturgis One Room School Museum, 209 Willow St., Pocomoke City. The museum will be open every Tuesday and Thursday in February in honor of Black History Month.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Onancock Taphouse, Onancock. Jan and Zane perform live.

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# OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

## Billy Birch

**Mr. John William “Billy” Birch Jr.** found his strength renewed in the arms of the Lord on Monday, Feb. 3, 2025. Billy was born in Nassawadox on May 13, 1975. He was raised on Chincoteague Island and spent most of his adult life in northern Accomack County before relocating to Snow Hill, Md.

Billy dedicated his life in service to our community and country. At the age of 18, he began his career in law enforcement, serving as a Chincoteague Island police officer and then as a deputy with the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office. His passion for public service led him to further serve as a federal law enforcement officer. He held roles as a training manager, assistant operations manager, and eventually operations manager at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility. Billy also served as the director of emergency services for Worcester County, Md., and most recently worked as the Delmarva Peninsula emergency management specialist for the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA.



**Mr. Birch**

Outside of his professional accomplishments, Billy was a highly skilled competitive marksman who competed in local, state, regional, and national ATA and IDPA competitions with great success. He was a member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association, Salisbury Gun Club, Synepuxent Rod and Gun Club, and Monie Creek Gun Club. Whether at work or on the range, Billy always looked forward to learning something new and found fulfillment in sharing his knowledge and passion with others. He enjoyed traveling and was an excellent cook, often pre-

paring meals for family and friends.

Throughout his life, Billy was rarely seen without a canine companion by his side. He was grateful for the bond he shared with each of his dogs — Rascal, Precious, Magnum, Autumn, Gunnar, and Comet.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, John William “Bill” Birch Sr. and Mary Alice Birch, of Atlantic; his wife, Nancy Ann Engelhart Birch, of Snow Hill; his children, Brendan H. Birch, of Snow Hill, Nicole Birch, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Dakota W. Birch, of Chincoteague; his sister, Joy S. Birch, of Stockton, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial was held at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m., with Father Michael Imperial officiating. Interment followed in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Donations in Billy’s memory may be made to TidalHealth Foundation (for the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute Infusion Center at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional), 100 E. Carroll St., Salisbury, MD 21801 or online at [www.tidalhealth.org/about-us/donate](http://www.tidalhealth.org/about-us/donate)

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

[www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

## Marshall Schwenk

**Mr. Marshall Schwenk** died on Feb. 1, 2025. He was born on June 4, 1947, to Elva Jeanette and John Josiah Schwenk, of Red Hill, Pa.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara, to whom he was married for 45 years. Also surviving are his son Nathan Toms, of Hagerstown, Md., and his granddaughter, Nichole Toms, of Machipongo.

He was predeceased by his brother, Kirt Schwenk, of Barto, Pa. Kirt’s children, David, Lucas, and Victoria were dear to him.

After graduating from Haverford College in 1969, Marshall taught in a private school for a year and then went to California for a year, working



**Mr. Schwenk**

as a line cook in restaurants before going back to a half-way house in Maryland to teach at-risk youth. After leaving the half-way house, he started his own property cleanup business named Snakedrivers and married his first wife, Margiana Stotemyer. In 1975, divorce ended his business and sent him back to Pennsylvania to figure out what to do next. It was there he met his second wife, Barbara.

His favorite thing was working with his hands. He loved carpentry and forge work. Construction work was his bread and butter, but what he loved most was carving wood and making beautiful sculptures from rare woods he had accumulated over the years.

When he and Barbara moved to the Eastern Shore in 1996, he began renovating and extending an old three-room cabin as his and Barbara’s home on Church Neck. He also built a horse barn, a chicken coop, a huge shop, and several other buildings over the years. He happily made things that his wife requested such as cutting boards, new shelving in the kitchen and laundry, and a unit to store her extensive photo collection.

His greatest joy and accomplishment was raising his granddaughter, Nichole, from the time she was two years old. He loved her company and taught her many things such as archery and how to shoot a pistol, drive a stick shift, and build a fire in the woodstove. He and Nichole went on road trips to see family and friends, and they shared a love of classic rock music — the only music he considered worthwhile.

He was a loving husband, devoted

grandpop, and kind to people and animals. He maintained old friendships, some of them from the time he was only five years old, and made many new friends in his home on the Shore. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Memorial tributes may be sent to the family at [www.hollandfuneralhome.net](http://www.hollandfuneralhome.net)

Arrangements were made by Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

## Philip “Daff” Daffin

**Mr. Philip Bryan “Daff” Daffin**, 60, passed away at his home in Onley on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. A lifelong resident of Onley, Daff was born April 15, 1964, in Nassawadox, to the late Philip Milton “Karo” Daffin and Elsie Mae Outten Daffin.

Having been raised in a Christian home, Daff’s parents instilled in



**Mr. Daffin**

him the importance of faith in the Lord, unconditional love and support for family, and helping those in need. These values remained true to who Daff was and define a

life of unwavering dedication to others and service to his community.

At the age of 14, Daff found his calling in emergency response when he joined Onley Volunteer Fire and Rescue. His interest quickly extended to medical service, as he became one of the youngest certified EMTs in the department. After several years of training and experience as a volunteer, Daff knew he wanted to pursue a career as a first responder.

In 1986, he began working as a firefighter and EMT for NASA Wallops Flight Facility, where he faithfully served alongside his brothers and sisters for 35 years. Daff remained committed to his volunteer service with Onley VF&R until its closing in 2017

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and then transferred to Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, where he was a life member and past president. Throughout his nearly four decades as a first responder, Daff remained grateful for the bond shared amongst his brothers and sisters in fire service, a bond that existed no matter the house you served.

The loss of Daff's earthly presence will undoubtedly be profound, but he would want you to find comfort in knowing you will see him again. Rest assured, he'll be waiting at the pearly gates with a smile, a hug, and a joke at the ready.

Left to cherish his memory and honor his legacy are his wife, Candace Shirk "Candie" Daffin; children, Alyssa DeYoung, of Onley, Alex Farlow, Marie Maltba, and Jessica Stanley, all of North Carolina, and Kathy Shirk, of Alabama; sister, Cindy Daffin Mears, of Onley; grandchildren, Vanette, Elizabeth, Kenzie, Cayden, Kate, Kourtney, Skylar, Maddox, Makayla, Carson, Katona, and DJ; niece, Stephanie Bradshaw; and nephew, Billy Mears.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Carolyn "Faye" Hotvedt and her husband, Steve.

A funeral service celebrating Daff's life will be conducted from the Exmore Baptist Church Outreach Center on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Jonathan Carpenter officiating. Interment will be held at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery. Following interment, the family invites friends to join them to continue celebrating Bryan's life at the Tasley Volunteer Fire Company.

Those who knew Daff best knew he kept it casual and was often seen sporting his Patriots jersey. Please come as you are and feel free to represent your favorite sports team ... even if it's not the Patriots.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Shore Christian Academy, P.O. Box 28, Belle Haven, VA 23306 or to Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 68, Tasley, VA 23441.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

[www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

## Wescott Northam

**The Honorable Mr. Wescott B. Northam**, 100, passed away on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, in Accomac.

Born in Modest Town, he was the son of the late Thomas Long Northam and



**Mr. Northam**

Ida May Brown-lee Northam. Known from boyhood to his family and friends as Judge, he graduated from Accomack High School then attended Ran-

dolph Macon Military Academy for one year before pursuing his undergraduate and law studies at the University of Virginia.

Following undergraduate school, he served as a U.S. Navy Officer on LST 495 in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After law school he worked in the patent department for Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, Pa., then as a patent lawyer in Washington, D.C., before moving back to the Eastern Shore in 1958 to begin his law practice. He served as Accomack County Commonwealth's Attorney from 1963 to 1975 and as a General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court judge for the Eastern Shore from 1978 to 1990.

He was predeceased by Nancy S. Northam, his wife of 53 years. He is survived by his sons, Thomas L. Northam and wife, Billie, and Ralph S. Northam and wife, Pam; and grandchildren, Kathleen Kraft Mortensen, Travis W. Northam, Weston T. Northam, and Aubrey E. Northam.

Judge was also a boating enthusiast his entire life. A fond adage of his was: "When I'm on my boat, I am already where I want to be." To his family and friends, he would say, "Have fair winds and following seas."

To honor his wishes, there will be no funeral service.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

[www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

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## Dawn Holdgrafer

**Mrs. Dawn Holdgrafer**, 75, wife of the late John George Holdgrafer, passed away Monday, Feb. 10, 2025 at her sister's home in Wachapreague. Born June 29, 1949, she was the daughter of the late Edmond Reese Davis and Angela Smith Davis.

Dawn was a native of Tangier Island, where she continued to live



**Mrs. Holdgrafer**

throughout most of her life. For many years, she worked at the Islander Restaurant as both a cook and waitress, but faith and family always remained her priority.

While living on the island, Dawn was a faithful member of Swain Memorial United Methodist Church. She loved the Lord and always tried to live by His Word and was proud to have had the opportunity to take part in the Walk to Emmaus, 32.

Dawn had a mild obsession with collecting cookie jars and gnomes and treasured each one as if it were her first. Dawn was happiest when surrounded by family and friends, especially when she was with her grandchildren who, without a doubt, were the light of her life. Her lively personality and uncanny ability to make those around her laugh will be forever remembered by those who had the great privilege of sharing this life with her.

In addition to her husband and parents, Dawn was predeceased by her children, Angela Violet "Vi" Pruitt and Jonathan Holdgrafer; her brother, Cliff Davis; and her great-grandson, Ayden Brown.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Claudette Elliott (Chris), of Salisbury, Md.; her sister, Mary Crockett (Henry), of Wachapreague; her grandchildren, John Pruitt (Michelle), Josh Pruitt (Andi), Edward Brown (Danielle), Alecia Brown (Kenny), Alan Michael Brown (Bri), and Jayden Holdgrafer; her great-grandchildren, Chandler, Violet Paige, Kyler, Philip, Savannah, Ben, Ashlynn, Blake, Reid, Jax, Lincoln, Evelyn, Lily, Julian, Jonathan, and Wayne;

several great-great-grandchildren; nephews, Jackie and Jesse; and nieces, Mindy and Brittany.

A service to celebrate Dawn's life will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m., with Mr. Tracey Moore officiating.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Swain Memorial UMC, P.O. Box 199, Tangier, VA 23440 or Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onancock, VA 23417.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

[www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

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## John Runion

**Mr. John Wesley Runion**, 64, passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, at his home in Mears. Born Aug. 3, 1960, Lake-wood, N.J., and raised in Lakehurst, N.J., he was the son of Harriet Marie Runion, of Nelsonia, and the late Elsworth Runion Sr.

Like most Eastern Shoremen, John spent as much time as possible outdoors. He especially enjoyed exploring the back roads on his scooter or taking



**Mr. Runion**

long bike rides. He was a skilled auto mechanic whose talents were known by many throughout his lifelong career.

In addition to his mother, John is survived by his daughter, Jessica; his sisters, Harriet and Susan; his brother-in-law, Gary; his granddaughter, Brooke; and his special nephew, Shane, as well as several nieces, nephews, and their families.

Other than his father, he was predeceased by his brothers, Elsworth "Butch" Runion Jr. and Jimmy Runion, and his sister, Patricia Ann Henderson.

The family invites friends to join them for a gathering in celebration of his life at the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 2 until 4 p.m.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

[www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

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# Wescott Northam, retired area judge, fondly recalled

BY CAROL VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

Wescott B. Northam, retired judge, former Accomack County Commonwealth's Attorney, and World War II Navy veteran, died Friday, Feb. 7, in Accomac at age 100.

Northam's son, Ralph, a physician and the 73rd governor of Virginia, in his inaugural address in 2018 credited his father and his mother, the late Nancy Shearer Northam, with instilling in him the values that have guided him through life, calling those values "a moral compass."

He recalled the advice his father, an avid boater, gave when as a boy Ralph started to venture in his boat from home out into deeper waters.

"He said, 'Ralph, remember — when you get out there, you can always trust your compass. If things get dark or foggy, if you can't find your way — keep your eye on the compass. It'll



Wescott Northam

Wescott Northam, then 93, watched the speech on television from home.

Retired Judge Glen Tyler, whose career intersected at various points with Northam's, recalled Wescott Northam as "a fine gentleman, a decent and honest man."

Tyler, as a young lawyer in the late 1960s, defending people as their court-appointed attorney, often found himself in the courtroom opposite Northam, then Accomack's Common-

wealth Attorney. always bring you home safely," said Ralph Northam in his speech.

"He was right about that compass. ... We all have a moral compass deep in our hearts, and it's time to summon it again, because we have a lot of work to do," he said.

wealth Attorney.

"He and I were, I'm going to call it, friendly adversaries. We always had a good relationship. Of course, you fight hard when you go to court .... But it isn't like we don't like each other," Tyler said.

When Virginia consolidated the two county courts into a single, general district court, Tyler was among local attorneys who testified before a General Assembly committee in support of Northam's appointment to the bench.

Tyler after that tried numerous cases in that court, with Judge Northam presiding, before he himself was appointed as circuit court judge.

Wescott Northam was known to most acquaintances as "Judge" from an early age — well before he held the position as an adult.

His father, Thomas Long Northam, also had served as judge in the same Eastern Shore court.

Born in Modest Town, Wescott

Northam graduated from Accomac High School and attended Randolph Macon Military Academy for a year before earning undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Virginia.

He served as a naval officer in the Pacific in World War II after his undergraduate studies.

After law school, Northam worked in Westinghouse's patent department in Pittsburgh, Pa., then as a patent lawyer in Washington, D.C., before moving back to the Eastern Shore in 1958 to begin a law practice.

He was Accomack Commonwealth's Attorney from 1963 to 1975 and later was appointed General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court judge on the Eastern Shore, a position he held from 1978 to 1990.

Northam was married to Nancy for 53 years, until her death in 2009.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas, an attorney, and Ralph, their spouses, and four grandchildren.

## ESCADV seeks Richmond funding

Local Virginia agencies providing essential services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking are facing an unprecedented financial crisis.

Ongoing cuts to the federal Victims of Crime Act program have led to a \$22.5 million reduction in federal awards to Virginia over the past five years, including a 54% decrease in funding for frontline agencies that include the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Rapidly eroding the community safety net for victims, these drastic cuts have left many without critical support.

To address this, ESCADV joined the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance in Richmond on Jan. 30 to urge state lawmakers to allocate \$8.25 million in additional funding.

When combined with current state

funds and VOCA resources, this would restore Virginia's funding for these critical services to \$27.75 million annually.

"We must put victims first and ensure agencies can continue to provide frontline support and 24/7 crisis response," said Kasey Walter, ESCADV's executive director.

"I look forward to meeting with Delegate (Robert) Bloxom and Senator (Bill) DeSteph to address the funding crisis faced by ESCADV and sexual and domestic violence agencies across the state," said Kayla Gray, ESCADV's Fund Development Coordinator.

In 2024, ESCADV provided vital sexual and domestic violence support services to 223 residents of Virginia's Eastern Shore — of whom 73 were children. It expects to serve an even greater number in 2025.

## Smith named OMS board director

Onancock Main Street has added Javon Smith to its board.

Smith is a dedicated community member and nonprofit strategist with a passion for community service. His experience includes fundraising, volunteering, donating professional services, and event planning for local nonprofits.

Smith grew up in the town of Onancock and continues to live in Onancock. As a proud, lifelong resident with a passion for community development, he looks to help develop new community partnerships, increase recreational activities, and add more diverse experiences to ensure the continued growth of the historic town of Onancock.

Smith earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Virginia State University and has 14 years of experience at certified public ac-



Javon Smith

counting firms, specializing in business and individual taxation and tax planning. He is actively sitting for the certified public accountant exam.

Smith joins five other board members for OMS, which is

part of the Virginia Main Street Program. OMS is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization that works to preserve and revitalize Onancock's historic downtown. As examples, OMS has supported high-impact downtown revitalization projects such as assessing the feasibility of renovating vacant commercial buildings.

GREENBACKVILLE’S YONKER GETS WPS RING



Worcester Preparatory School seniors Jayden Scopp (far left/Berlin, Md.), Danielle Carr (4th from left/Lewes, Del.), Avery Roselle (2nd from right/Rehoboth Beach, Del.) and Naz Unal (far right/Ocean City, Md.) were in attendance to present juniors with their rings. Juniors pictured from the left are Emily Patrowicz (Berlin, Md.), Anisha Batra (Rehoboth Beach, Del.), Catherine Cullen (Berlin, Md.), Sydney Mize (Dagsboro, Del.), Ayla Yonker (Greenbackville) and Kobe Bouzaglo (Berlin, Md.).

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Worcester Prep  
recycles tennis balls

As the tennis season approaches, Worcester Preparatory School junior Catherine Cullen is teaming up with RecycleBalls to help prevent tennis balls from ending up in landfills.

RecycleBalls is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reusing and recycling as many tennis balls as possible across the United States. Millions of used tennis balls contribute to landfill waste, and the materials they are made from can take approximately 400 years to decompose.

Tennis ball recycling containers are in Worcester Prep’s Athletic and Performing Arts Center. Donations will be collected throughout the tennis season this spring.

For more information on RecycleBalls, visit their website at [www.recycleballs.org](http://www.recycleballs.org)

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# SPORTS

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## Montross, Cropper lead high-flying Firebirds

BY MARK MORING

Eastern Shore Post

Every time Megan Montross steps onto a basketball court, the crowd boos. Loudly. And her mom, Becky, loves it.

But why?

Because her youngest daughter, a junior guard at Arcadia High School, has gone by the nickname “Boo” since she was a baby. Her parents don’t even remember why they started calling her that, but the moniker stuck. And to this day, she doesn’t really answer to her given name anymore. “Just call me Boo,” she says.

The girl with the ghostly name certainly spooks opponents, who haven’t figured out how to keep her from scoring. Montross is just 5-foot-3 but averages 17 points per game for the Firebirds, who were 10-5 overall and 4-0 in the Eastern Shore District heading into a pair of games this week.

Arcadia was in prime position to go undefeated in the league to win the title, quite a turnaround from last year, when they went 6-14 and 2-4, finishing third.

And it’s not just the girls team flying high. It’s the boys, too, with Montross’ fellow junior Jordan Cropper leading the boys at 19 points per game. The Firebirds were 12-5 and 4-0 heading into this week’s games, also poised to go unbeaten in district play — a big improvement over last year, when they went 12-11 and 3-3, finishing third.

Together, Montross and Cropper — first-team all-district players last year as sophomores and now the favorites to win district players of the year — have led the Firebirds to new heights this winter. Here’s a closer look at each:

### Something to prove

Jordan Cropper’s favorite NBA player is Shai Gilgeous-Alexander of the Oklahoma City Thunder — and

no wonder. SGA is a scoring machine, leading the NBA at about 33 points per game.

Cropper is a bit of a scoring machine himself. This week, he was on pace to break 1,000 career points, and next year as a senior, he will almost certainly break Baron Broadwater’s school record of 1,333 points, set in 1993.

A 6-foot-4 guard/forward, Cropper started thinking about the record last winter, when he scored 398 points as a sophomore, putting 1,000 within reach this year.

The milestone “means a lot to me,” Cropper says. “To hit it my junior year, that’s crazy.”

Arcadia was planning a special celebration, including a commemorative ball, to mark the occasion. But Cropper didn’t want to make a big deal about it. He just wants to play ball.

“He’s a very humble kid,” says coach Keon Harmon. “He doesn’t let the spotlight outshine the team. We don’t see that much in kids these days. He’s very coachable and a great kid to have on the team.”

Assessing his own game, Cropper says, “I can put the ball in the basket,” but admits that his defense needs work. “At first, I was a little lazy on defense,” he confesses. “I didn’t like the hard work. But I’ve decided I have to adapt to it, be a dog, and play good defense.”

Harmon says defense is one of “three things that I preach.” The others are pushing the pace and rebounding. He says the Firebirds are finding a groove in all three, the main reason they’re on track to win the district title.

Cropper says the team was disappointed in last year’s record, when the Firebirds barely broke .500. So this year, “we felt like we had something to prove,” he says. “Now we’re playing well together, playing hard.”

When he’s not hooping, Cropper,



JORDAN CROPPER PHOTO COURTESY ELBERT ADAMOS;

INSET PHOTO EASTERN SHORE POST/MARK MORING

**Jordan Cropper goes up for a dunk against Nandua. Inset: Megan “Boo” Montross brings the ball up the floor.**

who is getting looks from several colleges, likes to play video games, listen to music, and hang out with his family and his girlfriend. His family includes dad, Kevin, a maintenance worker; his mom, LaTanya, a nurse; and older brother, Kevin Jr., a junior on the track team at Regent University.

But for now, he’s focused on the next few weeks.

“My goal,” he says, “is to make it to states.”

### Boo’s birthday bash

Montross is the epitome of the term “gym rat.” Since she first picked up a

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EASTERN SHORE POST/MARK MORING

Megan “Boo” Montross and Jordan Cropper are scoring machines for Arcadia High School’s varsity basketball teams.

## Firebirds

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basketball as a preschooler, she can’t get enough of it. When her parents — Tony, a state trooper, and Becky, a babysitter — asked her what she wanted for her birthday last year, her reply was typical.

“I just want to play basketball,” she said.

So Arcadia coach Casey Cordrey opened the gym, and the party was on. Boo’s friends and family came to celebrate and play. “They were all on the court,” Cordrey says. “That was the party.”

Cordrey first met Montross as an eighth-grader, when she led Arcadia

Middle to the league championship. Her shooting form — a two-handed set shot — wasn’t great, so Cordrey, who played in high school and college, has worked with her over the years to refine it. Today, she’s pretty deadly from three-point range, her favorite shot.

Four or five years ago, Arcadia girls basketball was on life support with only six girls in the program. Cordrey started hitting the hallways hard, recruiting to build the program, which is now the school’s third-leading sports revenue producer (behind football and boys basketball). Montross and fellow junior Amani Hope, another first-team all-district pick last year, have led the way and are surrounded by a solid cast.

“It’s nice to see how much we’ve improved as a team,” Cordrey says. “They

each know what they’re good at, and they work well together.”

When Montross isn’t in the gym, she’s either hanging out at home with her family or volunteering with Atlantic Volunteer Fire and Rescue. She recently finished firefighting academy training and wants to be a professional firefighter after graduating.

Her main role with the department today is in “rehab,” which is officially defined as a person who “provides rest, rehydration, nourishment, and medical evaluation to responders who are involved in incident scene operations.”

Or, in Boo’s words, “If they need anything, I get it for them.”

And when the Firebirds need a basket, they get it to her.

And the boos rain down.

## CALL spring 2025 registration now open

Baseball and softball registration at Central Accomack Little League is now open.

Registration for the Challenger division is free.

T-ball registration is \$40.

Registration for baseball, which includes coach pitch, minors, majors, 50/70, juniors, and seniors, is \$70.

Softball registration, which includes coach pitch, minors, majors, juniors, and seniors, is \$70.

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

Visit Central Accomack’s page at <https://tinyurl.com/3wwnsjpa> for more information.

## Eastern Shore Ice Bowl will be played Feb. 22

The 15th annual Eastern Shore Ice Bowl, co-sponsored by Northampton County Parks and Recreation and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Disc Golf Club, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Indiantown Park in Eastville.

The Eastern Shore Ice Bowl, a one-day disc golf tournament open to the public, raises money for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.

The registration fee is \$20. Food donations will also be accepted. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and the tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Each participant will receive a complimentary mini marker, and there will be prizes for division winners.

For more information about the Eastern Shore Ice Bowl and other Ice Bowl events, visit <https://icebowl.org/>

## Shore Little League spring registration live

Registration for Shore Little League is now live. From Jan. 17 to Feb. 16, single players may register for \$65 and families may register for \$100 at <https://tinyurl.com/3kdfvttt>

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Firebirds win eight straight

On Thursday, Feb. 6, Jordan Cropper poured in 27 points to lead Arcadia to its eighth straight win, an 82-50 Eastern Shore District victory at Chincoteague. Other top performers for the Firebirds (12-5, 4-0) included Tyrell Wise (16 points, four rebounds, three assists, four steals, two blocks), Kamren Harmon (10 points, three steals), Ryheim Pettie (nine points, seven rebounds), and Zach Giddins (seven points, three assists, six steals). Camaury Davis scored 17 points and Matthew Taylor added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Ponies (4-9, 0-5).

Arcadia coach Keon Harmon said the recent return of Wise, a senior who missed a year recovering from an ACL tear, has made the Firebirds stronger and positions them well for a good run in the postseason.

#### Northampton notches Ws

On Friday, Feb. 7, five players scored in double figures to lead Northampton to a 69-66 win over visiting Mathews. Antoine Horsley led the Yellow Jackets (7-10) with 16 points, followed by Jaylen Anderson (13), Jasheem Collins (11), Malique Collins (11), and Timothy McCaskill (11).

On Thursday, Feb. 6, Amir Bailey's 18 points led Northampton to an 80-31 district win over visiting Nandua. The Jackets, who improved to 3-2 in the district, also had strong games from Anderson (15 points), McCaskill (12), Jasheem Collins (11), and Horsley

(10), while Malique Collins had eight steals. Nandua, which fell to 2-2 in the district, was paced by Amari Scarborough and Ja'Myne Bailey with eight points each.

#### Nandua lose four in a row

On Monday, Feb. 10, Nandua dropped a 67-41 decision to visiting Norfolk Christian. It was the fourth straight loss for the Warriors (6-10), who were led by Aiden McIntyre's 10 points and 12 rebounds. Coach Fantonis Warner said his team has been plagued by turnovers in recent games, but "I still love how the fellas continue fighting!"

On Friday, Feb. 7, the Warriors traveled to Middlesex and fell 73-30. Jahod Fields led Nandua with 11 points.

#### Vikings drop fifth straight

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Broadwater dropped its fifth straight game, falling 58-35 at Greenbrier Christian Academy. Teddy Seybolt and Grayson Ross led the Vikings (4-9) with 11 points each.

On Friday, Feb. 7, the Vikings fell 77-24 at Hampton Christian Academy; Ross led the team with 10 points.

On Friday, Jan. 31, Broadwater dropped a 40-37 decision to visiting Isle of Wight. Noah Pruitt led the Vikings with 10 points, and Ross added eight points and six boards.

The night before, Broadwater lost 49-46 at Gateway Christian despite 21 points from Pruitt and 15 from Seybolt.

### SWIMMING

#### Warriors bound for regionals

On Friday, Feb. 7, Nandua's boys and girls swimming teams wrapped

up their regular season with wins in a tri-meet in their home pool at the Eastern Shore YMCA. The girls finished their season at 7-2 with wins over Bruton and Lancaster, while the boys improved to 7-1 with a win over Bruton.

Notching state qualifying times were Meya Charnock (500 free) for the girls, and the boys 400 free relay with a new school record — Lucas Calvetti, Camden Lewis, Zac Smith, and Austin Wert.

It was Senior Night, honoring six girls (Tanique Bartley, Charnock, Emma Holt, Morgan Johnson, Taylor Killmon, and Jordan Penland) and four boys (Calvetti, Lewis, Smith, and Wert).

Both teams were scheduled to compete in the regional championships Friday, Feb. 14, in Richmond. Nandua's girls have won regionals three straight years, and the boys won for the first time last year.

"We would love to win with both teams again," said coach KJ Bentley. "It's our last full team event (before states), and everyone wants to do their best."

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Firing on all cylinders

On Thursday, Feb. 6, Megan "Boo" Montross had 17 points, five rebounds, and four steals to lead Arcadia to a 44-23 Eastern Shore District win at Chincoteague. Other leaders for the Firebirds (10-5, 4-0) included Amani Hope (eight points, four assists), Payton Taylor (four points, eight assists, six rebounds, nine steals), Olivia Rat-

zlaff (seven points, seven rebounds, four steals), and Uriah Hope (eight rebounds).

"The girls came out firing on all cylinders," said coach Casey Cordrey, noting an 18-4 first-quarter lead over Chincoteague. "It was another solid district win. I feel the team is locked in and ready for the last week of regular season play."

#### Warriors split pair of games

On Friday, Feb. 7, Nandua dropped a tough 36-33 decision to visiting Middlesex. Corrin Burrell led the Warriors (7-9) with 10 points, while Ja'Daya Needam and Keira Wheatley each had four blocks, and Anahi and Arline Juarez had solid games defensively.

On Thursday, Feb. 6, Wheatley's 12 points and Burrell's 11 led Nandua to a 46-23 district win at Northampton. Needam added five blocks for the Warriors, who are 3-1 in the district. No stats were reported for Northampton.

#### BA wins one, drops two

On Friday, Feb. 7, Broadwater lost 72-41 at Hampton Christian Academy. Kacey Ford had 16 points and Miranda Smith added 10 points and six rebounds for the Vikings (7-6).

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Broadwater dropped a 52-35 decision at Greenbrier Christian. Ford's 16 points and Leah Smith's 10 paced the Vikings.

On Friday, Jan. 31, Ford and Smith scored 13 points each to lead Broadwater to a 38-31 win over visiting Isle of Wight.

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# Northampton wrestlers qualify for state tourney

The Northampton Yellow Jacket wrestling team took third place in the Virginia High School League Regional 1A/B Super Region Tournament at Mathews High School.

Andrew Daggins (144-pound weight class) placed first.

Palmer Hubbard (215-pound weight class) placed first.

Justin Suarez (heavyweight class) placed second.

Isreal Birch (120-pound weight class) placed second.

Jerry Sturgis (190-pound weight class) placed third.

Brendan McGee (126-pound weight class) placed third.

Cameron Sanders (106-pound weight class) placed fourth.

Lucas Kindt (150-pound weight class) placed fifth.

Diego Maldonado (165-pound weight class) placed fifth.

The top four placers at each weight have qualified for the state wrestling championship, so Northampton will be taking seven wrestlers to the state championship in Salem.

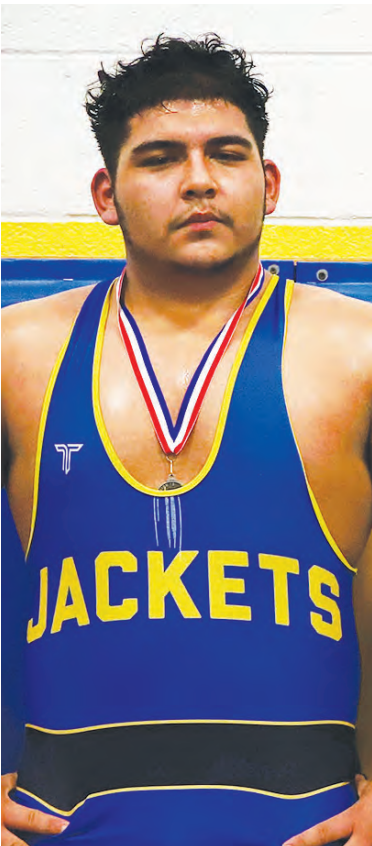
Fifth-place finishers will go to Salem as alternates.



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Palmer Hubbard was first in the 215-pound class.**



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**Andrew Daggins was first in the 144-pound class.**



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# Black history events planned for Feb. 23

A seminar and book reception hosted by Bob Woodson, a Bay Creek resident and founder of the Woodson Center and a frequent FOX News guest and contributor to the Wall Street Journal, is being held at Bay Creek from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23.

Woodson will moderate a panel discussion on his new book, “A Pathway to American Renewal: Red, White, and Black Vol II,” with panelists Stephanie Deutsch, historian and author; Will Crossley, president of Piney Woods School in Mississippi; and Tevya Griffen, founder and president of the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative.

The panel will examine the significance of the Rosenwald schools and other historical institutions highlighted in the book, emphasizing the vital role they played in advancing freedom for all Americans during the era of segregation. The discussion will explore the core values that defined their success — self-determination and perseverance in the face of adversity — and how these principles offer valuable lessons for addressing today’s challenges and charting a path forward to rebuild and

strengthen our nation. Register to attend here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrhfw893>

The discussion will be held at the Chesapeake Room at Bay Creek, 1 Clubhouse Way, Cape Charles.

The panel discussion will be followed by a film screening.

The Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative is hosting a free screening of ‘Monuments with Blackboards,’ a documentary film by Longleaf Productions exploring the history of Rosenwald Schools in Virginia. It prominently features the Historic Cape Charles Elementary and its alumni. The film explores the profound impact that the Rosenwald School program had on generations of Black Virginians and highlights the efforts to ensure that the gains of the Washington-Rosenwald legacy live on through the movement to preserve the buildings that remain. Admission is free.

The film screening will be held at the Historic Palace Theatre in Cape Charles. The doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the film screening will start at 4 p.m.

## Accomack schools adjust schedule

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the Accomack County School Board voted to designate President’s Day, Feb. 17, and the Monday following Easter Sunday, April 21 as the two make-up snow days. Those two days will now be regular in-session school days.

## ESCC holding registration rally

Eastern Shore Community College is hosting a Registration Rally on Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

They will be offering registration

assistance, advising, financial aid information, class selection, and information about workforce programs.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. there will also be a Black History Month program in room 147/148. It will feature music by Jacqueline Faison-Elmandorf and local black history remarks by Bobby Harmon.

# February Arts Fest scheduled

Eastern Shore Community College will hold this year’s February Arts Fest in the Main Academic Building on its campus in Melfa on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature two floors full of a variety of talents and offerings, plus live musical performances, and food options as well.

A refinement of the former ESCC Heritage Festival, the February Arts Fest concentrates on the impressive amount of creativity and artistic talent on the Shore and in the surrounding areas.

With an increased number of Saturday classes being held on campus, the college determined that the event would need to be staged entirely in the new Academic Building.

While the Heritage Festival incorporated a broader theme, the February Arts Festival is more focused and driven by creativity.

Now in the second year, this approach has proven popular with par-

ticipants and visitors alike, making the offerings much more accessible and weather-proof in an always-unpredictable February.

The February Arts Fest attracts painters in all media, woodcrafters and carvers, sculptors, ceramics artists, fiber artists, photographers, digital artists, and many more.

The two stories of the ESCC Academic Building will be bursting with offerings created by talented residents, including some ESCC students and instructors.

In addition, local and regional musicians will be entertaining in the student lounge, where food and refreshments will be on sale.

The event is made possible by the ESCC Foundation, which provides support to students attending Eastern Shore Community College.

Questions about the event or registration can be directed to Bill LeCato at 757-789-1797 or email [wlecat@es.vccs.edu](mailto:wlecat@es.vccs.edu).

## COMMUNITY

# Young Professionals announce scholarship

Young Professionals of the Eastern Shore has opened applications for its annual scholarship.

Seniors graduating from an Eastern Shore of Virginia high school or home school in Spring 2025 with plans to further their education at a college, university, or trade school beginning in the Fall of 2025 are eligible to apply. One \$1,000 scholar-

ship will be awarded.

Students must submit an essay along with their application. For more information or to access an application, visit the Young Professionals of the Eastern Shore, VA Facebook page.

The deadline for applications of April 11.

## Town Wide Read planned for Feb. 16

The Cape Charles Memorial Library will host its Town Wide Read event on Sunday, Feb. 16, starting at 2 p.m. at the Cape Charles Christian School.

The book for this year is “Hidden

Figures” by Margot Lee Shetterly. A moderated discussion of the book and age-appropriate activities related to the book for children will begin at 2 p.m. and a screening of the movie adaptation will begin at 3 p.m.

Cape Charles Christian School is located at 237 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles.

# Community mourns Hopkins' death

BY TED SHOCKLEY  
Eastern Shore Post

On the water, aboard a workboat, Gavin Hopkins saw his future.

The 21-year-old Painter resident didn't mind the hard work required of a waterman. He liked the camaraderie of the crew and solitude of the open water.

After several years of working for other watermen and learning the trade, he hoped to purchase his own boat and start his own business.

"He fell in love with it," said his grandfather, John Henderson.

The possibilities were endless — until they ended.

Hopkins was fatally injured on Friday, Jan. 24, in a single-vehicle crash on Bayside Road in Franktown.

State police said he lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree. Hopkins



Gavin Hopkins

died upon impact, police said.

Police said he was not wearing a seatbelt and speed is believed to be a contributing factor.

In the wake of his death, Hopkins' family and friends have struggled to understand the death of a man whose future was as bright as his personality.

"He had a sweet spirit and would do anything for you," said Henderson.

Hopkins enjoyed attending the YMCA Camp Silver Beach so much during his childhood summers that he ended up working there as he got older.

A fundraiser on [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

had a goal of \$1,000 to raise in Hopkins' memory for others to enjoy the camp experience.

As of Feb. 13, the fundraiser has drawn \$7,100.

The fundraiser page cites the camp as "the place where Gavin impacted so many campers and friends."

"Gavin was a phenomenal counselor, a hard worker, a persistent positive presence on those around him, and most importantly, an incredible friend who touched the lives of so many," the page states.

Of Camp Silver Beach, Nancy Henderson, Hopkins' grandmother, said, "That was a huge part of his life."

Hopkins was a 2022 graduate of Broadwater Academy. The school posted a tribute to him on Facebook, saying, "It was a true privilege to have watched Gavin Hopkins grow from pre-k to senior year within the

halls here at Broadwater.

"From the very beginning, his kindness and warmth were evident in everything he did."

The Hendersons said Hopkins became fond of working on the water thanks to his Broadwater classmate, Garrett Miles, and his father, Donnie Miles.

"That's how he got his start," said John Henderson.

Hopkins' mother, Ashley Parks, of Onancock, said after a short time in college, her son decided on a life working the water.

"My grandfather and father were watermen and Gavin wanted to get his own little setup going," she said.

"To me he sounded really excited about buying the boat. And he was going to do it himself. He worked and he saved his money."

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# Funding for Chincoteague school officers debated

**BY JANET BERNOSKY**

Eastern Shore Post

The Town of Chincoteague has formally requested funding from Accomack County to partially pay the salary of its high school resource officer for the next school year.

Town Manager Mike Tolbert made the proposal on Feb. 5 before the Accomack County Board of Supervisors as part of its budget requests meeting for the 2026 fiscal year.

Tolbert, who said the town doesn't often make a funding request to the county, noted that Chincoteague Combined School was without a school resource officer — an on-campus law-enforcement officer — for over a decade until 2021.

At that time, in cooperation with Accomack County Public Schools, the Chincoteague Police Department received a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services to fund an officer position at the high school for four years.

That grant runs out at the end of this school year.

Funding later was received for a similar position at Chincoteague Elementary School, which runs through the end of the 2025-26 school year.

The positions were filled by Officers John R. Carmody at the high school and Gino V. Geminiani at the elementary school.

Tolbert said the hope is to retain these officers, who have now built trust and rapport with staff and students.

In his request, Tolbert said the town is looking for funding for the 180-day

school year portion of the salary for a resource officer at the high school.

The town would pick up salary costs over holidays, including summer vacation, as well as benefits, uniforms, training, certification costs, and providing a vehicle. The town also would ask for the same provision at the end of the elementary school officer grant.

Calling it a “win-win,” Tolbert said the plan would save the county about 30% while maintaining the officer position at the school.

Chincoteague Mayor Denise Bowden advocated for county funding for the resource officer. She appealed to the supervisors, “from one human being to another,” to consider that between 2000 and 2022, a total of 515 gun-related deaths and 1,161 injuries occurred nationally in both public and private schools.

In 2019, Bowden continued, gun violence became the leading cause of death in children from birth up to 19 years of age.

Bowden also said Chincoteague generates about one-third of the county's total revenue — more than it gets in return.

She said the sheriff's department isn't fully staffed and worried if it could dedicate deputies to fill Chincoteague's resource officer positions if the responsibility of policing the schools reverted to the county.

She said Chincoteague's police department is fully staffed and can dedicate officers to those slots without the risk of them being pulled for other duties “unless there was an all hands on

deck event” elsewhere.

In requesting funds for both elementary and secondary school resource officers, she said the roughly \$125,000 price tag was “mere pennies when compared to our most real resources ... our children, teachers, and staff.”

“I challenge you to make history ... by not only funding these two positions for us, but by finding funds to put an SRO in every elementary school in the county,” Bowden told supervisors.

“Are those kids not deserving of the same level of protection and security?”

Bowden warned the supervisors to never become so complacent to think that a violent tragedy couldn't happen here.

Supervisor Robert Crockett, a former Accomack County sheriff, took issue with the request.

Crockett said he was first apprised of the situation by Todd Wessells, the current sheriff, who received a request letter earlier from Chincoteague.

“Go back in history,” said Crockett. “I know a bit about school resource officers.”

Crockett pointed out that under his tenure, a grant was written that initially brought three school resource officer positions to the county. Before the grant ended, he said, he had to decide how to continue to fund the positions or lay people off.

At that point, an Accomack County Public Schools administrator said Chincoteague no longer required its resource officer. The remaining two positions then became road deputy

jobs, though they essentially filled the slots as school resource officers.

Calling it a potential “ripple effect,” Crockett said if the county fulfills Chincoteague's request, what would prevent the sheriff's office from now asking for similar funding?

Tangier Island does not have a school resource officer for Tangier Combined School from the county.

Contacted later, Wessells said there are four school-based positions filled by road deputies. Three are staffed at the moment, but he anticipates that a fourth deputy will be on board in about six weeks.

Of these positions, one deputy each is assigned to the two mainland high schools. The county's Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or DARE, officer serves as a roving deputy to the elementary and middle schools. The fourth slot will also be a roving position.

Wessells said that three of these positions are funded by the Virginia Compensation Board, determined by population.

The remaining position is funded in an equal split between the county and the school division.

Crockett called Chincoteague's request a “big ask,” especially because the town entered into a memorandum of understanding with the school system as part of the grant and wondered if it had recourse there.

With reassurances from Wessells, Crockett concluded by saying, on the opening day of next school year, “if Chincoteague decides not to put a police officer at the high school, a deputy

## Accomack NAACP Freedom Fund banquet is scheduled

On Saturday, Feb. 22, the Accomack NAACP will host its Annual Freedom Fund Banquet and Image Awards Ceremony at Mary N. Smith Cultural Center in Accomac.

The event will begin with a network-

ing reception at 5 p.m. and the formal banquet at 6 p.m. The event's theme is, “Together, We Are Stronger.” All proceeds from the banquet will benefit the NAACP's local and state programming.

Gaylene Kanoyton, the first vice president of the Virginia State NAACP, will be the keynote speaker.

With a remarkable track record of leadership and community service,

Kanoyton serves on the Hampton Roads Arts Commission, the Hampton Child Development Center Board, and the Chesapeake Bay Academy Board.

Image Awards will be presented to several local businesses and individuals during the banquet for their support and service to our neighbors and communities. The event will host local leadership as well as provide musical entertain-

ment, a photo station, door prizes, and delicious food served by My Brothers' and Sisters' Keeper Catering company.

Tickets are available for \$75. To purchase tickets, sponsor the event, or place an ad in the souvenir booklet, please email NAACP7041ACCK@gmail.com or reach out to any chapter member. Call 757-694-5172 or 757-665-6354 for more information.

# Fundraisers slated to help Shore pillar get back home

Robin Sexauer is well-known on the Eastern Shore of Virginia for her work as a counselor with the state Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services.

Her work with vocational rehabilitation has touched many lives. Now a group of supporters on the Eastern Shore is working to help Sexauer.

Sexauer was on vacation in Europe in December when she became ill, was hospitalized, and went into a coma. She is in Austria and needs a medically assisted flight back to the United States.

The cost of the medical transport flight is \$125,000. A number of fundraisers have started to raise the money.

On Facebook, Sexauer has said she is progressing, getting stronger, and is physically able to walk with the help of a walker.

“My recovery is going very well,” she said in a Feb. 6 Facebook post. “I have a second family in Austria now.”

She added, “Your prayers are working, so keep them coming.”

■ Donations are being accepted at Taylor Bank. A bank account has been set up called the Robin Sexauer Medical Fund account.

Checks should be made payable to the Robin Sexauer Medical Fund and either mailed in or delivered to Taylor Bank, 25090 Shore Parkway, Onley, VA 23418. Mail donations at-

tention to Lisa Lewis.

■ A raffle for one of three Eastern Shore of Virginia gift baskets will be held on March 9. The baskets will have more than \$1,000 of Eastern Shore merchandise.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Tickets are available from Cathy Ann Bell, Susan C. Kellam, Catherine DeAngelis, Bev Misuna, and Georgette Justis Press. Call Bell for more information at 757-442-1003.

■ There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner for Sexauer on Friday, March 7, from 4:30 to 8 p.m., at the Eastville Community Center, 17202 Courthouse Road, Cape Charles.

The menu will be homemade spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Beverages include coffee, tea, and water.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Carryout orders also are available.



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**SWM, 33**, master's degree, professional job, seeking a SF, childless of any race or nationality, 22 to 35, who enjoys outdoor recreation and family time. I speak Spanish and want some practice. I'm not into bars or nightlife. I like disc golf, corn hole, good tacos, and quiet Eastern Shore living. **Box 1-267. Leave name and number with the Eastern Shore Post at 757-789-7678 or email [editor@easternshorepost.com](mailto:editor@easternshorepost.com).**

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## LOCAL SOCCER TEAM TAKES FIRST PLACE



COURTESY PHOTO

Northampton High School soccer coach Chase Baxa took a group of 13 players to the Christopher Newport University Winter 7 vs. 7 tournament. This tournament hosted over 54 teams. Baxa's team finished first in its six-team division. Pictured from left are Thomas Dix, Eli Philpot, Gage Kellogg, Alejandro Suarez, Alex Gildo, Alex Ramirez, Sebastian Mayorga, Fernando Panuco, Anthony Castillo, Jose Palacio, Adrian Rosales-Reyes, Luke Jones, and John Ramos.

## Art League scholarship set

The Eastern Shore Art League will be awarding the Becky Rootes Memorial Art Scholarships in honor of Becky Rootes, past president of the league.

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

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

Details on the application process and dates for submission of applications are available on the Eastern Shore Art League website, <https://www.esartleague.org>

Information will also be provided to local high schools.

# Area group gets award at farmworkers conference

The Agricultural Workers Advocacy Coalition received an award for its service to the community at the Virginia Farmworkers Advocacy Network conference hosted by the Legal Aid Justice Center in Richmond on Jan. 22 and 23.

The coalition is composed of organizations and individuals on the Eastern Shore who focus on welcoming and supporting over 1,200 seasonal farmworkers who plant and harvest food for the entire nation.

The coalition reaches out to churches, schools, businesses, and community organizations to seek their involvement welcoming the workers as neighbors while they reside on the Shore.

The coalition provides vital services to workers such as welcome kits, extra gently used sneakers, transportation (primarily to medical appointments), legal services, air conditioning units to alleviate heat stress, and food supplies from Dos Santos Food Pantry during times of food insecurity.

The conference brought together individuals, organizations, and farmworkers from Southwest, Central, Northern, Tidewater, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia who are involved with workers in agribusinesses from Christmas tree farms, bee keeping,



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**Rick Willis, vice president of the Agricultural Workers Advocacy Coalition, and Vivian Montano, coalition steering committee member, receive the award for community service.**

aquaculture, apple orchards, and tomato and potato farming.

Several panels were held with a variety of topics, including models for community involvement.

Stacy Rhodes, coalition president, and Father Mike Imperial, pastor of St. Peter the Apostle, Onley Catholic Migrant Ministries, shared the work of

their organizations.

Farmworkers themselves (including a worker who attended coalition meetings and is now working in Canada) detailed many issues and concerns they face as workers.

Workshops presented a variety of subjects such as issues dealing with illegal trafficking of farm workers, support for workers in tax preparation (all workers file and pay taxes in Virginia for the months they work here), and safety and health issues.

The conference concluded with participants dividing into teams to visit their senators and delegates in the General Assembly.

The focus was encouraging delegations to support pending bills to provide workers with protection from heat stress (HB 1980, SB 1103) and to remove the exemption preventing farmworkers eligibility for minimum wage (HB 1625).

The conference concluded with the introduction of the group by Del. Adele McClure in the General Assembly Chamber. In her introduction, McClure emphasized that agribusiness is at the top of economic drivers for the state and it is the farmworkers who make this possible.

# Fund to address critical needs

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation has announced updates to its grant guidelines, including the introduction of a pilot Fall Small Grants Program designed to be more responsive to urgent community needs while strengthening the capacity of local nonprofit organizations.

The new Fall Small Grants Program, launching in Fall 2025, will provide seed funding and capacity-building support for grassroots and emerging nonprofits working to improve the lives of Eastern Shore residents.

This initiative is part of ESVCF's commitment to fostering innovative solutions, supporting nonprofit growth, and ensuring local organizations have the resources needed to create meaningful change.

"The introduction of the Fall Small Grants Program allows us to be more agile in addressing pressing community challenges while also equipping nonprofits with the tools and funding necessary to maximize their impact," said Monika Bridgforth, executive director of ESVCF. "By investing in both immediate needs and long-term nonprofit sustainability, we hope to build a stronger, more resilient Eastern Shore."

Additionally, ESVCF has refined its Spring Competitive Grants Program to better align with community priorities and funding focus areas. This program will continue to support capital projects and

proven initiatives that address key needs in these six broad focus areas: arts and culture, child and family welfare, economic stability, education, environment, and health and wellness.

Since its founding in 2004, ESVCF has awarded \$4.5 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations, significantly improving the lives of Eastern Shore residents.

"These grants have had a tangible impact on our community, empowering nonprofits to expand their reach and better serve the people of the Eastern Shore," said Bridgforth. "We are proud to continue this legacy of giving and look forward to supporting more organizations through our newly updated grant programs."

Nonprofit organizations interested in applying for the Spring Competitive Grants Program must submit their applications by March 1. Applicants are encouraged to review the updated grant guidelines on the ESVCF website to ensure eligibility and alignment with funding priorities.

For more information on the updated grant guidelines, the new Fall Small Grants Program, or assistance with applications, please contact Monika Bridgforth, executive director, at [esvcf2016@gmail.com](mailto:esvcf2016@gmail.com) or 757-789-0910.

ESVCF is dedicated to inspiring philanthropy, strengthening local nonprofits, and improving lives throughout the Eastern Shore.

# Community Foundation gets new board members

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation has installed three new members on its board of directors: Jim Shaeffer, Beth Sharpley, and Leslie West.

Shaeffer is the fifth president of Eastern Shore Community College, a position he has held since 2019.

Shaeffer has fostered a new culture of "YES! Your Eastern Shore" at the college, emphasizing hospitality, transparency, accountability, and inclusion.

Under his leadership, ESCC has expanded its impact by offering two-year degree programs, workforce certifications, and customized training to serve the unique needs of Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Shaeffer will retire in June 2025, leaving behind a legacy of innovation and dedication.

Sharpley serves as chief financial officer at Coastline Chemical and brings a wealth of experience as a professional and community leader.

Currently the second vice chair of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, she also chaired the 2024–2025 United Way Campaign.

Sharpley's commitment to philanthropy is evident in her fundraising efforts, including raising over \$103,000 as a Celebrity Dipper for Habitat for Humanity. She also actively supports Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore.

West is an Eastern Shore native with more than 20 years of experience in academia and industry.

West currently serves as assistant professor in the Department of Business, Management, and Accounting at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Known for her innovative teaching methods, she specializes in accounting, auditing, and business communications. Prior to joining UMES, West held leadership roles as chief financial officer and director of human resources at Broadwater Academy.

"We are thrilled to welcome these talented and dedicated individuals to our board of directors," said Monika Bridgforth, executive

director of ESVCF.

"Each of our new board members brings a unique perspective, deep expertise, and a shared passion for enhancing the quality of life for our residents. Their contributions will be invaluable as we continue to identify and address the Eastern Shore's most pressing needs."

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, strengthens local nonprofit organizations, and enriches lives across Accomack and Northampton counties. By funding impactful programs, supporting nonprofit capacity-building, and fostering community partnerships, ESVCF seeks to create a vibrant and thriving Eastern Shore.

The board of directors plays a critical role in achieving this mission by providing strategic leadership, ensuring community needs are met, and advocating for solutions that make a lasting difference.

The foundation also extends thanks to retiring board members Karen Downing and Rob Leatherbury for their valuable service.



**Leslie West**



**Beth Sharpley**



**Jim Shaeffer**

"Their dedication and commitment to the foundation and the Eastern Shore community have left an indelible mark, and we wish them both the very best in their future endeavors," the foundation stated in a press release.

For more information about ESVCF's mission and initiatives, visit [esvcf.org](http://esvcf.org) or contact us at [esvcf2016@gmail.com](mailto:esvcf2016@gmail.com).

# Nandua Middle Junior Beta Club fares well at state meet

The Nandua Middle School Beta Club recently attended the Virginia State Convention in Hampton.

The students enjoyed the trip and heard speakers discuss the internal motivation needed to keep going and overcome obstacles.

The convention was opened and led by Taliyah Grimes, the current Virginia State Jr. Beta president from Nandua Middle School.

Throughout the convention, Nandua's Beta students participated in various competitions:

- Jacob Rice, third place in computer science
- Amio Destine, first place science
- Sophia Panuco, third place Spanish
- Samely Roblero, first place Spanish
- Isabel Ramirez, second place Spanish
- Lillian Truckner, third place in digitally enhanced art
- Second place engineering team: Henvi Patel, Tanner Hrubes, Benjamin Koltys, Hudson Ford, and Ke'Mhaij

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■ Taliyah Grimes, second place in mixed media

■ Performing arts, solo, duo, trio, Lela Lusk, Emelyn Johnson, and Alyssa Phillips

■ Lela Lusk, premier performer for dance

■ Emelyn Johnson, premier performer for song

■ Aria Taylor, premier performer for song

■ Alyssa Phillips, first place in quilting, first place in scrapbooking, and first place in large group talent

Rooke Johnson, from Nandua Middle School, closed the convention after being elected as the new Virginia Jr. Beta President.

The club is having a fundraiser and is seeking donations online with Money Dolly. Donations can be made to support these outstanding students as they seek to become National Champions in Orlando, Fla., in June.



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Nandua Middle School Junior Beta Club members gather with their awards at the Virginia State Convention in Hampton



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From left, Alyssa Phillips, Emelyn Johnson, and Lela Lusk, pose with their second place State Plaque for Solo, Duo, Trio in Variety Act.



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Taliyah Grimes, right, current Virginia Junior Beta president, hugs Rooke Johnson, newly elected Virginia Junior Beta President.



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Club members dropped off over 100 stuffed animals to be donated to the local police department for kids in need. Pictured from left are Layla Wheatley, Sarah Augustin, Journey Eder, Brookelynn Smith, Sarah Diem, and Nevaeh Bailey.

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In death we love you still.

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Love always and forever,

Your mom, family, and friends

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your wife.

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your friend,  
and if given the choice,

I'D DO IT ALL AGAIN.

I love you.

- Sandra

# Help Wanted

## 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/yez66ra> for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. Position open until filled.

## CUSTODIAN

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for the full-time position of Custodian. The primary duty of this position will be to clean and maintain county-owned facilities. Minimum pay rate for this position is \$13.98/hr. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Requires high school diploma or GED or vocational training and work experience. A valid Virginia Driver's license is required.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements, and application form at <https://tinyurl.com/yez66ra> or an application can be obtained through the Human Resources office.

Please submit completed county application form to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road. Position is open until filled. Northampton County is an EOE.



## BUSINESS OFFICE LIAISON EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Shore Community College is a member of the Virginia Community College System. The College serves the residents of Accomack County and Northampton County as a two-year institution of higher learning.

The Business Office Liaison will provide support for students and employees of the college in the ESCC Business Office. Activities performed include, but are not limited to, posting federal receipts and disbursements to automated accounting system; working with TCC on preparation of financial aid reconciliation and disbursement of awards; accounts receivable billings for tuition and fees; daily printing and distribution of various reports from SIS, AIS, and Cardinal for all business office staff; procurement including ordering and invoice tracking; and records management. This position may also serve as cashier for receiving and posting all revenues and compiling daily cash settlement reports with preparation of corresponding deposits.

ESCC is seeking applications for this full-time position. For additional details, qualifications, and application process, please visit <https://jobs.vccs.edu/postings/81949>

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## ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

### Heavy Equipment Operator F/T position with benefits

**Open Until Filled | Starting Salary: \$34,398 - \$45,000**  
(based on experience)

Accomack County is currently accepting applications for a full-time Heavy Equipment Operator in the Department of Public Works. The position's primary responsibility is to operate a variety of equipment related to waste management at the County's transfer station and landfill. Employees in this classification perform skilled and manual work. Position is responsible for operating heavy equipment (e.g. loaders, excavators, and dozers), portable power equipment, and sometimes, hand tools. Operators ensure the safe and efficient use of equipment, performing pre-operation inspections, monitoring equipment condition, and performing minor maintenance or repairs.

**Minimum qualifications are:** High school diploma or GED; supplemented by one (1) to two (2) years previous experience and/or training involving the operation of heavy equipment; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. **Preferred qualification:** possession of a Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement.

Satisfactory completion of a background check, medical exam including drug screening and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. DMV records check will be performed annually thereafter. A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us> **The position is opened until filled with the review of applications beginning on Thursday, March 6, 2025.**

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## ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

### Flight Line Attendant I

**PT position | Hourly Rate: \$15.75**

**FT position with benefits | Starting Salary \$32,760**  
(based on experience)

The County of Accomack is seeking qualified applications for the full-time and part-time position of **Flight Line Attendant I** based at the Accomack County Airport in Melfa.

The position is responsible for providing fueling services to aircraft, maintenance of both the terminal building and equipment. Applicants must be able to climb a ladder with a 30 lb. fuel hose and *must be able to work weekends*.

**Minimum Qualifications:** A high school diploma or GED; satisfactory completion of a background check and drug screening prior to employment. Reliable transportation a must. **Preferred Qualifications:** Previous aviation or airport facilities experience. A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us>

**First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025.**

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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.**

## 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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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.

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

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### WORKFORCE CAREER AND CREDENTIALS COACH EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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The Workforce Career and Credentials Coach will assist students interested in or enrolled in workforce programs with career and educational planning services, program admissions, financial aid, successful credential completion, identifying work-based learning opportunities, and job placement and retention. The Coach will work collaboratively with the Adult Education Department in programs related to Integrated Education and Training (IET). The Coach will assist students in overcoming barriers to success by connecting them to supportive services at the college and in the region, as appropriate. The coach will work closely with Workforce Adjunct instructors and their students before, during, and after their credentialing programs to help the college workforce unit achieve goals related to the VCCS and ESCC strategic plans.

ESCC is seeking applications for this full-time restricted funded position. For additional details, qualifications, and application process, please visit <https://jobs.vccs.edu/postings/81967>

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Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following positions: **Full-Time Certified Law Enforcement Officer** and **Full-Time Correctional Officer** and **Full-Time Dispatcher**. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at [www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org](http://www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org) Open until filled. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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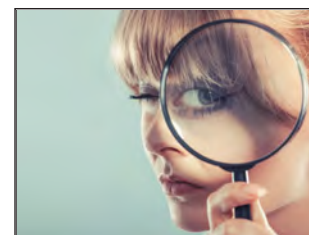
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## ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL2500007600  
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,  
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

SAINTISE PHILIPPI  
v. SOCRATES PETER KING CHARLES  
The object of this suit is:  
TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that SOCRATES PETER KING  
CHARLES appear at the above-named court and protect  
his interests on or before MARCH 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

January 27, 2025  
Talia C. Taylor, Clerk

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING POCOMOKE CITY COUNCIL

A public hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled  
Mayor & Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Pocomoke City  
Hall, 101 Clarke Avenue, Pocomoke City, Maryland on:

**MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public  
comment on proposed Resolution No. 2025-R-7. A fair  
summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE POCOMOKE CITY COUNCIL  
AMENDING SECTION § C-18 OF THE POCOMOKE  
CITY CHARTER.**

A. The Pocomoke City Council has determined that the  
Pocomoke City Charter should be amended to clarify and  
modify the powers and duties of the Mayor; and

B. The desire to amend the powers and duties of the  
Mayor has been a topic of considerable discussion  
among the Council for some time; and

C. The Annotated Code of Maryland authorizes the Council  
to amend its Charter through a resolution and appropriate  
notice to the public.

§ C-18 (D) Mayor, Powers and duties

**D. THE MAYOR SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO  
BREAK A TIE IN THE CASE OF A SPLIT VOTE OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL.**

Written comments may be addressed to: John Barkley,  
City Manager, P.O. Box 29, Pocomoke City, MD 21851  
or delivered to City Hall, 101 Clarke Avenue, Pocomoke  
City, MD 21851 and must be received 4:30 p.m., Monday,  
March 3, 2025.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF POCOMOKE CITY

## PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accor-  
dance with 2013 Virginia Code Title 15.2 - COUNTIES,  
CITIES AND TOWNS, Chapter 54.1 - Virginia Wireless  
Service Authorities Act, Section 15.2-5431.25 - Rates  
and Charges, on February 26, 2025, at 12 PM, the East-  
ern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (“ESVBA”)  
will hold a public hearing at its offices located at 4174  
Lankford Highway, Exmore, VA 23350 concerning pro-  
posed rates and charges for the use of ESVBA services.  
Copies of the proposed rate structure can be obtained  
from the ESVBA during normal business hours.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will  
hold a public hearing commencing at 5:00 p.m. on  
Tuesday, February 25, 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 com-  
ments regarding the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED,  
“AN ORDINANCE TO PERMIT EXEMPTION  
FROM TAXATION OF REAL ESTATE  
OF CERTAIN ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED PERSONS”**

The purpose of this ordinance is to increase the household  
income limit from \$50,000 to \$57,500; to increase the total  
net worth allowed from \$100,000 to \$115,000; to increase  
from \$3,000 to \$3,450 the amount to be excluded from the  
annual income of the owner’s relatives living in the dwelling  
other than the spouse’s; to modify the window for applica-  
tions; and to increase the total maximum exemption allowed  
from \$1,000 to \$1,150.

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 A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Accomack County Wetlands  
Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of a Public  
Hearing that will be held in the Accomack County Admin-  
istration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, 23292  
Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia at 10 AM, Thurs-  
day, February 27, 2025, on the wetlands applications of:

**Freedom Mortgage Corporation VMRC #2024-2834**

The portion of the project within the Wetlands Board’s  
jurisdiction is the proposed construction of a 243-foot  
bulkhead to be constructed behind an existing failing  
bulkhead. Proposed project is located in Schooner Bay  
Estates on Chesconessex Creek at 20270 Canvasback  
Lane, Onancock, VA 23417. Tax Map #75D-3-3-14.

**David Kieffer VMRC #2024-2592**

The portion of the project within the Wetlands Board’s  
jurisdiction is the proposed installation of a 25-foot  
low profile revetment adjacent to the Captain’s Cove  
subdivision. Proposed project is located at 37470  
Bayside Drive in Greenbackville, VA 23356. Tax Map  
#5A1-1-990.

**David Schlotter VMRC #2024-2590**

The portion of the project within the Wetlands Board’s  
jurisdiction is the proposed installation of a 50-foot  
revetment in the Captain’s Cove subdivision, located  
at 37464 Bayside Dr. Greenbackville, VA 23356. Tax  
Map #5A1-1-991

All interested parties will have the opportunity to be  
heard or present written statements. Applications may  
be examined in the Office of Environmental Programs in  
Accomac, Virginia. Handicapped assistance is available.  
Please call (757) 787-5728.

VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 24-560

vs.

The heirs and devisees of DOLORES V. GENTES  
PAUL F. GENTES  
CAPTAIN’S COVE GOLF AND YACHT CLUB, INC.  
PENDER & COWARD, P.C.

Defendants

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia,  
designated as tax map number 005A10100066500

standing in the name of Dolores V. Gentes, pursuant to  
Section 58.1-3965 et. Seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has  
been used to ascertain the names and location of all of  
the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Dolores V.  
Gentes; that there are or may be other persons having  
an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter  
of this suit whose names and last post office addresses  
are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees, and  
successors in title of Dolores V. Gentes; and that Paul  
F. Gentes is a nonresident of Virginia whose last known  
post office address is 2154 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air,  
MD 21015.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for  
two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the  
parties named herein appear on or before March 6, 2025, at  
9:30 a.m. in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the  
County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary  
to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 6th day of February, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1410  
Yorktown, VA 23692  
757-898-7000

## PUBLIC NOTICE CANDIDACY FILING 2025 POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND

A Special Municipal Election will be held in the “Maryland  
Room” at the Pocomoke Community Center, Pocomoke City,  
MD 21851 on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, to elect a candidate  
for the District 3 City Council seat.

Certificate of Nomination forms are available by contacting  
the City Clerk at City Hall at 410-957-1333 ext. 103. The fee  
to file a certificate of nomination shall be \$25.00.

A City Councilmember must be at least 21 years of age,  
a registered voter of Worcester County, and a resident of  
District 3 for at least one (1) year immediately preceding  
the election. The last day to file for candidacy is on Thurs-  
day, February 27, 2025, at 4:30 P.M.

Board of Elections Supervisors  
City of Pocomoke

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## ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§1-211.1:8.01-316-317,20104

Case No. 24CA008  
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,  
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
IN RE: ADOPTION — DESTINY THOMAS LEE

ROBERT THOMAS LEE  
TOBITHA LEE

v.  
LASHETTA L. BRINKLEY  
ALVIN SMITH

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO:  
ADOPT CHILD, DESTINY THOMAS LEE

It is ORDERED that LASHETTA BRINKLEY and ALVIN SMITH appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before April 8, 2025.

February 5, 2025  
Talia C. Taylor, Clerk

## TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SOFTWARE FOR TOWN MANAGEMENT OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS

The Town of Cape Charles is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide Software as a Service (SaaS) assisting the Town with the management of Short-Term Rentals (rental of residential property for lodging purposes for a term of less than 30 days) operating in the corporate limits of Cape Charles. Said service to include the electronic submission and payment of all associated fees in the monitoring, registration, compliance, oversight and enforcement of Short-Term (Vacation) Rentals.

The Request for Proposal package is available at [www.capecharles.org](http://www.capecharles.org) under *Bid Opportunities* or can be picked up from the Town Clerk's office at 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, Virginia 23310. Bid submittal deadline is 2:00 PM, Friday, March 7, 2025.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received, and to make the award to the proposer whose proposal most closely satisfies the needs of the Town as outlined in this Request for Proposals.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that RWFI Properties LLC (VMRC #2024-2435) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install a riprap revetment channelward of an existing failing bulkhead and to construct an open-pile wharf adjacent to property (TM #30A5-A-567) located on Main Street situated along the Chincoteague Channel in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2024-2435) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/> We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

## VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff  
CIVIL CASE NO. 24-569  
vs.

PETER HENRY BAILEY  
CARLETHA L. AYRES-HARMON  
MARY A. CUSTIS  
NORMAN JEROME TURNER, if living  
The heirs, devisees, and successors in title of  
VIVIAN ANN BAILEY  
FRANCINE COLLINS  
PEGGY ANN STRAND  
JEAN BAILEY  
MINNIE BAILEY  
PETER H. BAILEY JR.  
CORA THERESA BAILEY  
MARY MAGDALENE BAILEY  
EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH  
A&N ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
EZ LOANS OF VIRGINIA  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Defendants

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, designated as tax map number 110000300B003

standing in the name of Peter Henry Bailey, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et. Seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Norman Jerome Turner and Vivian Ann Bailey; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Norman Jerome Turner and Vivian Ann Bailey; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Peter Henry Bailey, whose last known post office address is 26020 Drummondtown Road, Onley, VA 23418; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Mary A. Custis, whose last known post office address is 15 Church Street, Wachapreague, VA 23480; that the last addresses of Peggy Ann Strand, Jean Bailey, and Mary Magdalene Bailey are unknown; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Peter H. Bailey Jr., whose last known post office address is 1224 22nd Street, Newport News, VA 23607; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Cora Theresa Bailey, whose last known post office address is 32359 Big Pine Road, Painter, VA 23420.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before March 6, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 6th day of February, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1410  
Yorktown, VA 23692  
757-898-7000

## TRUSTEE SALE 27220 BAYLYS NECK RD, ACCOMACK, VA 23301 ACCOMACK COUNTY

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of **\$228,000.00**, dated **October 16, 2019** recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. **190003989**, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the **Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, on March 18, 2025 at 2:00 PM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

**Lot 11 and the fee simple strip providing access to Bayly's Neck Road, State Route 662, designated as ingress/egress easement to benefit Lot 12, Laughing Gull, with any improvements thereon**

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

**TERMS OF SALE: CASH:** A deposit of **\$20,000.00** or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$9,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Trustee  
This is a communication from a debt collector.

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (91002)  
448 Viking Drive Suite 350  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
757-457-1460 - Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
or visit our website at [www.siwpc.net](http://www.siwpc.net)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that RWFI Properties LLC (VMRC #2024-2434) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install a riprap revetment channelward of an existing failing bulkhead and to construct an open-pile wharf adjacent to property (TM #30A5-A-566) located on Main Street situated along the Chincoteague Channel in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2024-2434) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/> We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that RWF Properties LLC (VMRC #2024-2454) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install a riprap revetment channelward of an existing failing bulkhead and to construct an open-pile wharf adjacent to property (TM #30A5-A-568) located on Main Street situated along the Chincoteague Channel in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2024-2454) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>. We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Parksley will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 6 PM at the Parksley Volunteer Fire Co. Banquet Hall. The purpose of the public hearing is to invite interested parties to speak with the town council regarding the open council seat. Those who are interested must be a resident of the Town of Parksley and have active voter registration. Please bring print copies of a resume and any other pertinent information. For more information, please contact the town office at [town@parksley.org](mailto:town@parksley.org).

## PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that would allow impacts to wetlands and open water in Accomack County, Virginia

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** February 14, 2025 to March 17, 2025

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 8231 Beach Road, Chincoteague, Virginia 23336; VWPP Permit No. 24-2623

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant has applied for a new permit for the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Recreational Beach Relocation Project. The project is located on Assateague Island and extends from Beach Road northeast approximately 3.3 miles along the NWR Service Road. The proposed activity is the construction of an improved access road, five parking lots with two entrance roads, and a board walk with six walkways to the beach, and water control structure improvements at Dikes C and D. The proposed activity would affect 2.95 acres of non-tidal wetlands and 0.52 acres of open water. The proposed activity would affect lands in the Atlantic Ocean watershed. To compensate for the surface waters affected, the applicant would purchase 2.98 wetland mitigation credits. DEQ's tentative decision is to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts written comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Sheri Kattan, DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462; Phone: 757-705-9404; E-mail: [sherikattan@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:sherikattan@deq.virginia.gov). The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

## TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, INC. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chincoteague Town Council will hold a Public Hearing commencing at 7:00 PM on March 3, 2025, in the Council Chambers of the Town of Chincoteague, 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, Virginia 23336, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning the following proposed Ordinance to vacate property lines of a recorded plat of subdivision in the Town of Chincoteague, Accomack County, Virginia.

### AN ORDINANCE VACATING PROPERTY LINES OF A SUBDIVISION PLAT

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of a municipality may vacate part of a recorded plat after the sale of a lot shown on said plat pursuant to §15.2-2272(2) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended; and,

**WHEREAS**, an Application has been filed by Steven L. Liscum and Alison O. Liscum to vacate the property line between Tax Parcels 030A3A0000228C0 and 030A3A0000229C0 as shown and set forth on a recorded plat entitled PLAT OF SURVEY "Nature's View" which plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia in Plat Book 2004, at page 90 which plat of survey is entitled "Plat of Survey "Nature's View" (Parcel 228A, 229A, & 232), surveyed and divided into parcels A, B & C respectively at the request of Robert D. Umphlett, Sr. and Emerson S. Liscum. Located on Chincoteague, the Islands District, Accomack County, Virginia" and also as set forth on that certain plat of survey "BOUNDARY SURVEY & LOT LINE VACATION LANDS OF: STEVEN L. LISCUM or ALISON O. LISCUM PROPOSED LOT "D" + 3.286 ACRES NATURE'S VIEW SUBDIVISION TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE ISLANDS ELECTION DISTRICT ACCOMACK COUNTY - VIRGINIA", which was filed with the Town of Chincoteague with the application to vacate said property line.

**WHEREAS**, the basis of said vacation is that:

1. Applicants are the fee simple owners of adjoining parcels 228C and 22C and the property line sought to be vacated lie within these lots.
2. That the said Steven L. Liscum and Alison O. Liscum desire to remove the property line between the Lots 228C and 229C so that it can become one new lot of record.

### THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE:

1. That the property line between Lots 228C and 229C, as shown on that certain plat of survey recorded as aforesaid in Plat Book 2004, at page 90 which plat of survey is entitled "Plat of Survey "Nature's View" (Parcel 228A, 229A, & 232), surveyed and divided into parcels A, B & C respectively at the request of Robert D. Umphlett, Sr. and Emerson S. Liscum. Located on Chincoteague, the Islands District, Accomack County, Virginia", be and is hereby abandoned and the new plat showing lot line to be vacated which plat was filed with the application is hereby approved for recordation.
2. That as a result of said vacation of property line between the former Lots 228C and 229C shall result in one new parcel of land as shown on new plat.
3. That the Town Manager after the time for an appeal of the adoption of this Ordinance has expired, or if appealed the action of counsel is upheld, shall cause a copy of this Ordinance to be recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County.
4. That the effective date of the Ordinance shall be upon adoption by the Town Council for the Town of Chincoteague.

Handicapped assistance available by calling (757) 336-6519.

Mr. Michael T. Tolbert  
Town Manager  
Town of Chincoteague

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## Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. This relief pitcher won World Series titles with the 1969 New York Mets and the 1980 Philadelphia Phillies. His son is a country music star. Who is he?

2. Who did Muhammad Ali defeat in a hard-fought unanimous decision to retain the undisputed heavyweight championship at New York City's Madison Square Garden on Sept. 29, 1977?

3. Name the motorsports driver, engineer, designer and businessman from New Zealand who was killed in 1970 while testing a new racecar in England.

4. Center Will Perdue won three NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls from 1991-93 and won his fourth title with what team in 1999?

5. Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver Calvin Johnson, who played for the Detroit Lions from 2007-15, was nicknamed after what "Transformers" character?

King Features Syndicate, Inc.  
5. Megatron  
4. The San Antonio Spurs  
3. Bruce McLaren  
2. Earnie Shavers  
1. Tug McGraw  
**Answers**

## Legal Ads

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025 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-000018-2025 — Andrea Zember — 20300 Block of Market Street, Onancock, Virginia**

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-179 for an off-premises sign not permitted by section 106-178. The applicant intends to locate a 6' x 10' two-sided sign on this parcel. The approximate .65-acre site is located in the 20300 Block of Market Street between Onancock and Onley, adjacent to Duncan Manor Drive, and is on Tax Map #93D-4-35.

The parcel is zoned General Business.

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.

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

## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* It is illegal to publish photographs of handcuffed suspects in France, as they're not to appear guilty until actually proved so.

\* The word "king" in a snake's name indicates that it preys on other snakes.

\* St. Lucia is the only country in the world named after a woman. Originally called the Island of the Iguanas by early Carib settlers, the name was later changed after French seamen were shipwrecked there on Dec. 13, the feast day of St. Lucy.

\* Studies have shown that spending only a few minutes every day in the New York City subway system can ultimately result in hearing loss.

\* Pope Gregory I decreed that rabbit fetuses were marine mammals and they could therefore be eaten during Lent.

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## Marriage Licenses

■ Denise Iliana Vargas Zuniga, 37, of Mexico, and Pablo Maldonado Sanchez, 42, of Onley  
■ Kristen Elizabeth Mervine, 32, of Belle Haven, and John Anthony Musso, 35, of Belle Haven  
■ Caitlin Kelsey Berchtold, 27, of New Jersey, and Jonathon Chet McCabe, 31, of Frankford, Del.  
■ Robin Childress Holloway, 35, and Brennan Lazlow Waldorf 36, both of Cambridge, Md.  
■ Alisa Marie Cawley, 33, and Philip Michael Luciani, 36, both of Pennsylvania  
■ Amy Rebecca Mears, 43, of Chincoteague, and Brian Carl Young, 54, of Pennsylvania  
■ Keahmaya Monet Parker, 30, of New Church, and Demarckus Mevante Walker, 32, of Melfa  
■ Jessica Thornes Taylor, 34, and Shawn Michael Brooks, 26, both of Bloxom  
■ Alexis Lynell Jackson, 34, of Pocomoke City, and Harold Edward White Jr., 38, of Oak Hall

## Northampton Property Transfers

■ From Elizabeth Fitchett  
To Harold Moon  
Lot, 60 x 210 feet, near Nassawadox  
For \$23,500  
■ From Cindy and H. Allen Floyd III  
To Gregory and Carol Papillo, trustees  
Lot, 25 acres, near Nassawadox  
For \$135,000  
■ From Tad Helm Inc.  
To David and Dianne Caldwell  
Lot 57, Kings Creek Landing, Cape Charles  
For \$535,000  
■ From Intrepid Investments LLC  
To Andrew and Karen Trettin  
Lot B-89, Bayside Village, Bay Creek, Cape Charles  
For \$1,001,924.23

## Accomack Property Transfers

■ From Gina B. Williams and Daniel C. Williams  
To Kim D. Binion and Christopher E. Binion  
4164 Division St., Chincoteague  
For \$560,000  
■ From Chong Weldon and Tommy Weldon  
To Jennifer Branco and Charles Branco  
Bay Haven lot 17A, Belle Haven  
For \$259,000

■ From Albert DePhillipo  
To Carol Wert and Michael Wert  
3503 Navigator Drive, Greenbackville  
For \$215,000  
■ From Waterside Land Trust LLC  
To Raymond Dale Rivenbark  
Waterside Village I, phase II, Painter  
For \$68,700  
■ From Chincoteague Beaches Bungalow LLC  
To Brenda Robeson and John Robeson  
4175 Division St., Chincoteague  
For \$335,000  
■ From the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
To Barbara Lyn Ward and James A Ward Sr., co-trustees  
35361 Bluff Drive, Belle Haven  
For \$403,257  
■ From Larry F. Ward  
To Antonio Aguilar Martinez  
28066 Main St., Hallwood  
For \$52,500  
■ From Dawn Alonzo and Lawrence E. Morrison Jr.  
To Nathan Iseman  
Lot 16, Sunset Landing Drive, Onancock  
For \$37,000  
■ From Elizabeth M. Webb  
To Andrea Abban and Andrew Abban  
33351 Holly Lane, Wallops Island  
For \$260,000  
■ From Robert W. Leatherbury  
To D&B Holdings LLC  
23307 Courthouse Ave., Accomac  
For \$325,000  
■ From Nell Minton  
To Anna B. Burger, trustee  
18306 Hermitage Road, Onancock  
For \$1.6 million  
■ From Linda L. Snow and Daniel L. Snow  
To Mildred Wheatley and Deborah Towers  
Trails End lot 138, unit 3, sheet 6, Horntown  
For \$37,500  
■ From George A. McCullough and Marion Jane McCullough, trustees  
To Bradley L. Moyer  
16 Center St., Wachapreague  
For \$425,000  
■ From Charles David Dryden Jr., trustee  
To Rutha Oriol Vainqueur and Ducange DeLouis  
Parcel Z, Temperanceville  
For \$210,000  
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|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Assateague Beach    | H<br>L | 9:11 a.m.<br>3:39 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:48 a.m.<br>4:13 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:25 a.m.<br>4:48 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:02 a.m.<br>5:24 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:42 a.m.<br>6:03 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:25 p.m.<br>6:47 p.m. | H<br>L | 1:14 p.m.<br>7:39 a.m.  |
| Chinco. Channel     | H<br>L | 9:09 a.m.<br>3:28 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:47 a.m.<br>4:04 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:25 a.m.<br>4:39 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:04 a.m.<br>5:14 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:44 a.m.<br>5:52 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:29 p.m.<br>6:34 p.m. | H<br>L | 1:20 p.m.<br>7:45 a.m.  |
| Gargatha Neck       | H<br>L | 10:07 a.m.<br>4:18 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:44 a.m.<br>4:52 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:21 a.m.<br>5:27 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:58 a.m.<br>6:03 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:38 p.m.<br>6:42 p.m. | H<br>L | 1:21 p.m.<br>7:24 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:10 p.m.<br>8:18 a.m.  |
| Folly Creek         | H<br>L | 9:11 a.m.<br>3:18 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:48 a.m.<br>3:52 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:25 a.m.<br>4:27 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:02 a.m.<br>5:03 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:42 a.m.<br>5:42 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:25 p.m.<br>6:26 p.m. | H<br>L | 1:14 p.m.<br>7:18 a.m.  |
| Wachapreague        | H<br>L | 9:36 a.m.<br>3:38 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:11 a.m.<br>4:11 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:45 a.m.<br>4:44 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:20 a.m.<br>5:16 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:57 a.m.<br>5:51 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:37 p.m.<br>6:51 a.m. | H<br>L | 1:23 p.m.<br>7:44 a.m.  |
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| Muddy Creek         | H<br>L | 1:34 p.m.<br>7:55 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:06 p.m.<br>8:32 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:40 p.m.<br>9:09 a.m.  | H<br>L | 3:15 p.m.<br>9:50 a.m.  | H<br>L | 3:53 p.m.<br>10:34 a.m. | H<br>L | 4:34 p.m.<br>11:22 a.m. | H<br>L | 5:19 p.m.<br>12:15 p.m. |
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

TYKES IN THE SADDLE

- ACROSS

1 Milk-Bone products

10 Legend-ary masked swordsman

15 "Getting out of it is not possible for me"

20 Stat for a baseball pitcher

21 Mountain nymph of Greek myth

22 Can't get out of it

23 Start of a riddle

25 Santa's little helpers

26 "Delicious!"

27 Insect snares

28 Told fibs

29 Attempts to hit, as a fly

31 Hair fixative

32 Ryder Cup org.

33 Manipulator

34 Prefix with angle

35 Felt concern

38 Riddle, part 2

43 Supreme Norse deity

44 California vineyard valley
- 45 Joust verbally

46 Words before "dream" or "be different"

47 Jazz pianist Allison

48 Loft

50 In a very uncordial way

52 City in Iowa

53 Riddle, part 3

57 Not docile

58 Serpentine fish

59 Above, in poetry

60 Gabrielle of volleyball

64 Vietnamese New Year

65 Grad's gala

68 Flop

70 Indian royal

72 Caméra — (Cannes award)

73 Wear down

75 Actor DeLuise

77 Space

79 Big city in Ontario

81 Riddle, part 4

86 Utah winter vacation spot

89 From Tehran or Tabriz

90 Ladle, e.g.

91 Concerning

92 Iris coverer
- 94 With 108-Down, "Piece of cake!"

96 Memorable periods

97 Squint

98 End of the riddle

101 Cottage cheese bits

102 Hit the slopes

103 Alternatives to coffees

104 Part of LAPD

105 Perp catcher

106 Like fishes without appendages

108 Casino fixture

110 Holier-than- —

112 Rock's Reed

115 Make irate

116 Riddle's answer

120 Crouch down

121 Fill with panic

122 Vacant elected positions

123 1,000-kilo metric unit

124 Conical tent

125 Analyzed to detect the presence of
- DOWN

1 Like a wet lawn at dawn

2 Waikiki locale

3 Protein unit

4 Blasting stuff

5 Kept in check

6 1950s Ford

7 "I smell —!"

8 Yanks

9 — -cone

10 Astrological diagrams

11 Writer Sarah — Jewett

12 Scan or skim

13 Aries animal

14 Ukraine port

15 "Tell me about it!"

16 Ale grain

17 Generalized rivalry situation

18 Zinc — (cosmetics ingredient)

19 Brand of tortilla chips

24 Gymnast Korbut

30 Competitor of McDonald's and Burger King

31 Big Swiss city

32 Extol

33 Toward a stream's source

35 Calculate

36 Ornament hanger, e.g.

37 Italian rice dish
- 38 Lot in life

39 Makes the decision

40 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy

41 PC shortcut code

42 Barter

44 Consumer advocate Ralph

49 Signaled, as an actor

51 Pre-euro Italian money

54 Bank of China Tower architect

55 Power connectors

56 One of the Muses

61 He played Santa in "Elf"

62 Recoiled in fear

63 Blackboard clearers

66 Baltic Sea feeder

67 Tile designs

69 Blocks up

71 — Hopkins University

74 Clog-clearing brand

76 Year division

78 Writing assignments

80 Cause to stumble
- 82 Keaton and Sawyer

83 Not yet final, in law

84 Folk stories

85 Bank offering

86 Gets on it right away

87 Investigate

88 Checking the fit of

93 One of the Muses

95 1984 comedy starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin

99 React to with a quick breath

100 Inflict upon

101 Meal division

105 Tally up

107 Boxer Spinks

108 See 94-Across

109 Apollo's instrument

110 Variety tools

111 Gardening tools

112 Bread unit

113 Film director Preminger

114 Khrushchev's fed.

117 Corrida cheer

118 Decay

119 Actor Danson

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