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Draft county budget includes 5-cent tax hike

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County homeowners could feel a hit to their pocketbooks in the form of a real-estate tax increase proposed as part of the county's Fiscal Year 2026 draft budget.

County Administrator Mike Mason shared details about the proposed increase during his presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, Feb. 3.

The draft operating budget is \$76.6 million for the next fiscal year. In addition, there is an \$8.4 million capital budget and \$3.7 million in debt service, totaling \$88.9 million in total expenditures.

The proposal would see the real-estate tax rate jump approximately 5 cents, from 48.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 53.4

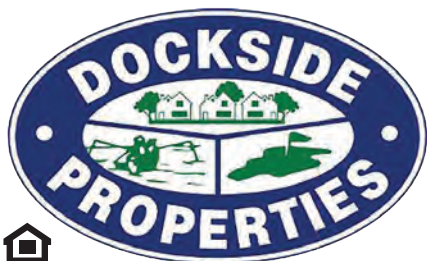
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NATIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS DAY



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Chincoteague Mayor Denise Bowden presents proclamations to Chincoteague Combined School school resource officer John Carmody, left, and Chincoteague Elementary School school resource officer Gino Geminani, in honor of National School Resource Officers Day, which is Feb. 15. "Both officers have been a valuable asset to our island schools and we wanted to recognize their very important contributions to our community," Bowden said.



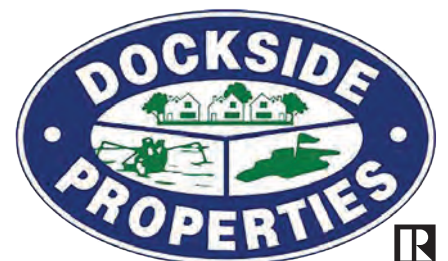
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Preliminary investigation has re-

vealed that the juvenile crashed the 2020 Dodge Durango unmarked vehicle at a high rate of speed when he ran off the roadway and struck a tree. The juvenile suffered serious injuries and had to be flown to TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

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Man sentenced for assault, sodomy, abduction of fellow church member

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

An Onancock man will spend nearly 20 years in prison for a violent, drug-fueled attack on a woman he knew from church and who was a family friend.

Norris Ray Beasley, 33, was sentenced to 50 years, with all but 19 years, nine months suspended, for abduction.

The sentencing was given by Circuit Judge Lynwood W. Lewis Jr.

Beasley also received 10 years for attempted sodomy and 12 months for assault and battery, with all sentences to run concurrently.

Upon release, he will be on supervised probation for 10 years and

must maintain good behavior for 15 years.

In August 2022, Beasley called the woman and asked to come and talk to her. She agreed, she said, knowing he had many difficulties in his life.

On the witness stand, the woman, who suffers from Parkinson's disease and walked with great difficulty using a cane, said he arrived at about 6:30 p.m. She said they talked.

She recalled telling him she was having a very difficult time as a result of the disease. She said he twice asked to use the bathroom.

Upon returning the second time, he had his pants unzipped and belt unbuckled, asking for oral sex.

When she refused, she said he became aggressive, grabbing her by her

hair, attempting to remove her shirt and knocking her to the floor.

She testified that Beasley first tried to silence her by putting his hand over her mouth and then by stuffing her mouth with cotton batting. He locked the door to prevent her escape, she said.

After a time, she was able to flee onto a screened porch where he could not get to her.

He finally left, warning her not to tell anyone about what he had done.

She said Beasley began calling her and sending text messages soon after the attack. She said she did not respond and called police.

Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan told the court the woman asked to come to Beasley's sentenc-

ing to tell her harrowing story.

"God wanted me to shine a light in the darkness," she told the court, explaining why she chose to present what was clearly difficult testimony.

Morgan said the terrible nature of the attack was better revealed in her testimony than it would have been if the story was read from paper by someone else.

She described the lasting impact of the attack, saying her Parkinson's symptoms had greatly worsened and that she was fearful all the time, even while walking her dog in her yard.

Defense attorney Patrick Bales asked for a light sentence, saying Beasley was a different man when not under the influence of drugs.

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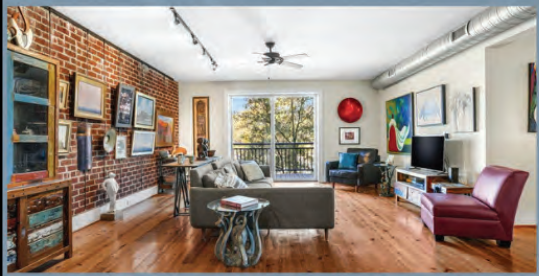
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Bloxom man sentenced in trailer park stabbing

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

A Bloxom man will spend 10 years in prison for fatally stabbing a man in a Mappsville trailer park.

Edwin Colon Matias, 38, pleaded guilty in September 2024 to the second-degree murder of Deandre Abbott.

The plea agreement with prosecutors capped his active prison time at 10 years.

Judge Lynwood W. Lewis Jr. sentenced Matias to 40 years with all but 10 years suspended.

Lewis ordered him to be on supervised probation for 10 years and to maintain good behavior for 15 years.

On the witness stand at his sentencing, Matias gave testimony Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan said he had not heard before and did

not believe.

Matias said he stopped at a house in the trailer park to ask directions.

Using an interpreter while testifying, Matias said his paraplegic wife and his son were in the car.

He claimed Abbott became aggressive to him and threatened his family.

He said Abbott had a knife, which he used in the stabbing.

He also said Abbott was the initial aggressor and said he had no idea he was seriously hurt.

"If I had known I would have called an ambulance," he testified.

He left the scene and the injured man also drove away only to crash his vehicle and die soon after, Morgan said.

Defense attorney Richard Phillips asked that Matias receive a sentence

of only five years, saying the stabbing was in self-defense.

Morgan said Matias never before mentioned his wife and teenage son were witnesses to the crime and wondered why his tale of self-defense had not come out at his trial.

He asked that the full 10 years be imposed. He noted that Matias has a lengthy criminal record, with a history of assaultive behavior including protective orders, assault of family members, burglary, and a threat to bomb.

He also noted Matias spoke English well enough in the past not to need a translator.

He said the defendant spoke with a probation officer for a presentence investigation report and appeared to have no trouble speaking or understanding English.

Cape Charles Library hosting giveaway

February is Love Your Library Month and Cape Charles Memorial Library is celebrating with a giveaway.

Patrons who sign up for the apps Libby, Kanopy, Freeding, or Magster with their library card this month and show a librarian will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 Cape Charles gift card.

These apps allow library patrons to access digital materials like audio books, e-books, magazines, and more.

The winner will be drawn on Feb. 28 on Facebook Live.

The Cape Charles Memorial Library is located at 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

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Registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten Programs will be conducted on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 and Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

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cents.

Mason said the proposed increase is necessary to help address the structural imbalance that exists in the county's EMS funding — service costs exceed its dedicated revenue stream.

He said that a 1-cent increase in real estate taxes generates approximately \$577,000 in annual revenue.

Mason also said that real estate tax rates here are still lower than in surrounding counties.

The rate is 68.5 cents per assessed \$100 in valuation in Northampton County and 95.7 cents per \$100 valuation in Worcester County, Md.

Approximately 55% of county revenue comes from real estate taxes.

No change is proposed in the personal property tax rate of \$3.72 per assessed \$100, which has remained unchanged for decades.

Mason has suggested a 10-cents-

per-pack increase in the county's cigarette tax, from 20 to 30 cents.

He said the cigarette tax for Northampton and Worcester counties, along with Chincoteague, is 40 cents per pack.

The cigarette tax increase will generate an extra \$376,787 in revenue.

The county's largest expenditures go to education (27%) and public safety (24%, with 12.8% going toward EMS services).

Mason proposed the local share for the 2026 budget to Accomack County Public Schools will total \$23,427,866. This represents an increase of \$314,042 from last year.

He stated that Accomack County has very little debt and is working to increase its "rainy day" fund to cover unexpected expenses.

Mason added that the budget he presented is balanced, as required by the Code of Virginia.

The supervisors expressed the desire to have the new budget approved between the end of February to mid-March at the latest.

Safety tips for farmowners

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agriculture, forestry and fishing industries are still the most dangerous in America.

The Census of Fatal Occupational Injury reports 23.5 fatalities per 100,000 full-time workers across all three industries in 2022, with a majority due to incidents with transportation or equipment.

For example, refastening power take-off shields on equipment can be easily overlooked when in a hurry.

Power take-off entanglements are among the top three causes of farm deaths, with survivors often suffering from severe and disabling injuries such as amputations, according to the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety. The center recommends checking power take-off shields before each use to ensure they're working properly. Power take-off shields, rollover protection systems, and required slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment are just a few lifesaving items that Farm Bureau

field underwriters look for when making farm safety visits to policyholders with farmworkers' compensation coverage.

Underwriters look at farm barns; equipment and machinery; chemical storage buildings; workshops; grain bins; silos; animal handling facilities; and dairy, winery, brewery, orchard, and agritourism operations.

They also walk around the property and look for things like rickety ladders and unfenced manure pits, and ensure required safety guidelines like "No Smoking" and "Toxic Chemical" signs are posted accordingly.

Farmowners are encouraged to have an emergency response plan for medical and weather-related incidents for workers.

By law, any employer in Virginia with more than two employees must carry workers' compensation insurance.

If an accident occurs, it's crucial for employers to immediately report any workplace injuries to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission.

Town sewer system will be 100% complete by March

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

Exmore's new sewer system will be 100% up and running nearly four years after the town council voted unanimously to partner with the public Hampton Roads Sanitation District on the project.

When town officials began seriously weighing options in 2019, Exmore was burdened by an aged sewer treatment plant and a Virginia Department of Health consent order that limited the town to serving about 350 customers. Now there's opportunity for growth in Exmore, where the population is below 1,500.

The nearly \$18.5 million sewer project brought a host of challenges, including costs that approximately doubled due to materials and labor shortages during the COVID-19 pan-

demie and the rising inflation that followed.

The town was also met with resistance by Exmore residents who balked at the connection mandate that applied even to homes with working septic systems.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture instituted the requirement as a condition for the town to receive grant and loan funding.

But the option Exmore chose also had advantages. Through partnership with HRSD, the town constructed a collection system but avoided the need for a new treatment plant.

Exmore's wastewater is now transported through the HRSD main on U.S. Route 13 to the Onancock treatment plant, which has excess capacity.

Exmore officials also negotiated a deal with HRSD in which the town

controls billing, allowing Exmore to make special payment arrangements for customers if needed.

At the Exmore Town Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 3, Town Manager Taylor Dukes announced that the project will be done in about three weeks.

Remaining work to be completed includes the installation of pump stations at the Food Lion shopping center and Holiday Inn.

Dukes is washing his hands of around four homeowners who still refuse to allow workers to connect their properties to the sewer system.

The town has met the required number of connections and continues "spending attorney fees, and we're not getting anything," he said.

Dukes cautioned that the uncooperative property owners will bear the full cost of connecting to the public

sewer system when their private septic systems fail.

The town council authorized a payment of not quite \$200,000 to the sewer project's contractor, Kevcor, of Norfolk. The balance to finish the contract is less than \$100,000.

Exmore had just over \$6 million in the bank at the end of January, Dukes reported.

Northampton County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski had notified him of efforts to get funding put in the state budget to repair or replace old water lines in Exmore in anticipation of the future construction of workforce or retirement housing, Dukes said.

The county is also considering extending the water lines to the area of Occohannock Elementary School and down Broadwater Road, he said.

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Maria Burns stands on the set of "Dream Girl," which is set to open on Feb. 14 at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance.

'Dream Girl' to premiere Feb. 14

Chincoteague Island Theatre Company's MainStage production of 'Dream Girl,' by Elmer Rice, will run Feb. 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 22.

'Dream Girl' is a comedy about a young, unsuccessful author who runs a failing bookshop in New York City.

Despite being written in 1945, the plot is surprisingly modern.

Georgina Allerton navigates life and love as she dances around relationships with three different men, but her path is complicated by her inability to stop daydreaming and focus on the present.

'Dream Girl' ran for over a year on Broadway and then toured nationally, starring Lucille Ball as the heroine of the story.

This production boasts the talents of a local 14-person cast, headed by Maria Burns as Georgina Allerton; and a dedicated crew, including director Lexi Hubb, music and sound designed by Bill Troxler, lighting designed by David Nees, costumes by Eva Osborne and Elizabeth Dook, and set design by Justin Aruck and Eva Osborne.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at H&H Pharmacy on Chincoteague Island by cash or check, or online at ChincoteagueCA.org

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. shows at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Community Center for the Arts at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague.

Chamber to hold annual meeting, install new board members

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual general membership meeting on Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Chincoteague Center.

Light fare will be provided by Blackfin Island Grill and Tapas Lounge.

The guest speakers are Bob Leffel, deputy refuge manager at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, and Hugh Hawthorne, superintendent of Assateague Island National Seashore. They will be presenting on the beach relocation and other island projects.

The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore welcome 1.3 million visitors annually who can enjoy 14,000 acres of natural beauty, wild-

life, and the Chincoteague Ponies.

Leffel has worked in the private sector and for three different federal government agencies, but most of his 35-year federal career has been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Leffel has worked as an animal caretaker, a biological technician, a maintenance mechanic, a facility manager, and now as deputy refuge manager.

He has lived and worked on the Shore for the past 21 years, with the last 10 being at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

He loves his family, the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and tinkering with an endless supply of broken stuff.

Currently he is fulfilling the role of acting refuge manager for the Chincoteague complex, which is com-

prised of four separate refuges on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Hawthorne is the superintendent of Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland and Virginia. He is a Navy veteran and has been with the National Park Service for 26 years, with almost five years as superintendent at Assateague.

This is his third National Park Service superintendent position, as he was previously superintendent at Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument in New Mexico and William Howard Taft National Historic Site in Ohio.

A new slate of officers for the chamber's board will also be voted on at the meeting.

A slate of four nominees have been selected to fill four seats on the

Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce board of directors, which consists of 11 members from various industry sectors.

Current chamber board members Angie Abell, Dustin Mears, Jean Rose, and Cynthia Wilder have all expressed a desire to remain on the board for another three-year term.

Chamber members will vote on this slate of nominees at the meeting.

Chamber team members will present the 2024 Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce Annual Report, which is available at ChincoteagueChamber.com/Chamber, and its 2025 overview including new initiatives and upcoming events and projects.

To attend, RSVP by Feb. 13 to info@chincoteaguechamber.com.

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THE PAPER'S POSITION

Attend the basketball game to help charismatic coach

People attend high school athletic events for different reasons. Maybe they have a relative playing a sport. Maybe they have a deep sense of school pride and follow a particular team.

On Feb. 11, there will be an even more important reason to attend a basketball tripleheader at Arcadia High School.

Proceeds will benefit the school's girls basketball coach, whose family lost their home and belongings in a fire.

Taylor Major, the coach, is well-known in Eastern Shore athletic circles. He's a good man who has come home to make a difference in the lives of others. He is charismatic and a natural leader of young people.

The action against Northampton High School starts with a boys junior varsity game at 4 p.m., followed by a girls varsity game at 5:30 p.m., and the boys varsity game at 7 p.m.

Donations will be accepted at the gate to benefit Major and his family. In addition, all ticket sales will be donated. Major is a teacher at the school.

It is hard enough being a teacher but it is extra difficult to focus on teaching and coaching, while having gone through a tragedy like what Major has suffered.

Supporting a young man like Major — who has supported and encouraged so many young people on the Eastern Shore through the year — after this personal tragedy shows our community cares.

Congratulations to the Arcadia High leadership for organizing this worthwhile fundraiser for a very well-respected young educator.

This is the essence of community — and it speaks well of our community.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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LETTERS

Court cases side with Archie Rantz

To the editor:

In reference to the Jan. 31 article in the Post, "Board of supervisors votes not to refund surplus from property sale," can Accomack County afford to pay an attorney to enforce Archie Rantz's rights?

In 2023 the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that failure to pay a homeowner the surplus funds from a forced sale of private property, after reimbursing the county for delinquent taxes, is unconstitutional. (See Tyler v. Hennepin County, 598 U.S. 631, 647, which quotes, "The taxpayer must render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, but no more.")

Accomack County confiscated surplus funds of \$2,823.85 and fears reimbursement would "create a huge financial liability ... by setting the precedent ... to ex-

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pect similar treatment at any point in time," as quoted in the article.

Confiscation of private property without payment of just compensation is in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Rantz can enforce his constitutional rights through an inverse condemnation cause of action.

Inverse condemnation claims can be brought within three years of the unlawful taking. (See i.e., Richmeade, L.P., v. City of Richmond, 267 Va. 598, 610, 2004, which affirms the three-year limita-

tions period).

Accomack County confiscated Rantz's funds in May 2022. Rantz can file a valid claim in the circuit court before May 2025.

Rantz can recover his attorney's fees for a successful claim of inverse condemnation.

(See Va. Code §§ 8.01-187, 25.1-420; see also Town of Iron Gate v. Simpson, 82 Va. App. 38, 58-59, 2024, requiring the town to pay attorneys' fees).

A lawyer will incur more fees than the amount the county confiscated, \$2,823.85, to

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Petitioner addresses Northampton zoning case

BY KEN DUFTY
Guest columnist

Thank you to Stefanie Bowmann for her Feb. 1 article, “Challenge to zoning decision fails,” covering the Northampton Circuit Court’s dismissal of a May 6, 2024, lawsuit I brought against the Northampton County Board of Supervisors for violating the terms and conditions of the 2009 and 2020 comprehensive plans.

The core argument in the case was that the Board of Supervisors has no legal authority to ignore duly adopted zoning laws and U. S. Supreme Court precedent, which says they can’t.

Contrary to the impression one might get from reading the article, the case I brought to the court had nothing to do with what the developer wants to build after bulldozing down an occupied mobile home park on Cedar Grove Drive.

The plaintiff simply asked the judiciary to answer three questions:

■ Does Northampton County have a legally enforceable Comprehensive Plan?

■ Does the board of supervisors have to adhere to rulings by the su-

preme court declaring that every zoning amendment must serve the public interest and welfare and not just the interests of a private developer in order to be upheld?

■ And can citizens hold their local government accountable when they blatantly and flagrantly violate density (houses per acre) restrictions that indeed serve as the rural quality nectar that attracts investments, like mine, in this great and unique county?

By never addressing those questions, the court has answered each one in the negative by simply telling this petitioner that he has forfeited his right to hold his local government accountable because of the address on his driver’s license.

The circuit judge was right that when citizens challenge a project near their home because they fear it might affect their rural quality of life and their environs, plaintiffs must live within 2,000 feet of the project to argue their case in court.

That is called “jurisdictional standing” and it makes a lot of sense. But I am not arguing that impact from a project 20 miles away bothers me or

ever will.

I argued the decision by the board of supervisors to allow high density development in a rural setting with no sewer or water sets a dangerous precedent and was directly counter to the legislative authority and settled case law restricting such an assault.

Indeed, subdividing land in Northampton County has been illegal since the 2009 Comp Plan.

Hence, it appears the slim majority of the planning commission and the board of supervisors just came up with a slick trick to create a Hamlet District where there never was one — a pipe dream that is now smoking thanks to the recent court decision upholding that judicial travesty and lawless misconduct.

The court ruled in my case that no one can challenge a local government even when those officials blatantly twist sound land-use precepts into an unrecognizable mash unless the challenger happens to live in a very small circle of constitutional privilege.

To the devil with that First Amendment right to challenge your government. You no longer have the power to raise your voices.

If this decision stands, which I do not believe it will, all a developer has to do is look at an aerial view of this rural county, find parcels that have no one living within a quarter mile of an empty field, and then go to the planners and their elected representatives and rub some shoulders, make some promises, shake some hands, and get that patch of dirt rezoned into a Hamlet District, where you can put two houses on each acre, knowing that no one can challenge that governmental decision because they don’t live close enough to be able to do that.

This sad take has to elicit a “wait.. what?” response from anyone who knows anything about land-use law and precedent.

Again, thanks to the Post for covering this issue, which I refrained from commenting on until we had a final order.

I live by two time-worn rules, which have served me well: “You only lose a fight if, at the end, you say “I shoulda”; and, “If you don’t fight for what you love, chances are somebody’s going to try to take it away from you.”

And to that, I say, stay tuned.
■ *The writer lives in Exmore.*

Letters

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litigate the matter in circuit court.

Depending on how much resistance the county employs, the attorney fees could significantly overshadow the disputed \$2,823,85.

Can Accomack County afford to *not* pay Rantz?

Joseph V. Sherman
Virginia Beach

■ *Editor’s note: The writer is an attorney with Poole Brooke Plumlee, a Virginia Beach-based firm.*

Support the Shore’s migrant community

To the editor:

The Eastern Shore is home to a large migrant community: our family, friends, and neighbors.

Over the last two weeks there has been a deliberate attack on this community — on our community — making it all the more important we support them in this moment through education, advocacy, and action.

The last two weeks have been nothing short of chaos from a federal policy perspective.

Among the more concerning efforts locally is the administra-

tion’s actions toward the immigrant community.

Amid reported mandates that the administration had instructed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials to arrest 1,500 immigrants per day (Washington Post, Jan. 26), guidance was issued rescinding a directive that prohibited ICE officials from taking enforcement action in schools, churches, and hospitals.

These efforts have not solely been the domain of the federal government, as Gov. Glenn Youngkin has vowed to use state law enforcement and the National Guard to assist in federal deportation efforts and proposed a budget amendment tying local law enforcement funding to compliance with federal efforts.

House Bill 2389, currently being deliberated by the Committee on Public Safety, seeks to codify Youngkin’s stance on federal immigration efforts, effectively compelling local law enforcement to carry out federal initiatives or risk losing state funding.

The concern is where these programs start and where they end.

Martin Mayer
Machipongo

■ *Editor’s note: The writer is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.*

Appreciates the work of roadside litter team

To the editor:

I wish to thank the Accomack County roadside litter team for the great job they did Monday, Feb. 3, on Keller Pond Road. Both the southern and northern ends of Keller Pond Road are typically littered within a week or so of a pickup done by a couple of local residents.

It is so refreshing to look out and see the natural beauty of the Eastern Shore on our off-13 roadsides. Those of us on Keller Pond Road are thank-

ful to the county for investing time and effort into addressing the roadside litter problem on the Shore.

Local residents are encouraged to do their part, as well, in preserving the beauty of the Shore through engaging in roadside litter pickups in their own communities. One of the great options to become active in this is to join Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore.

Please visit the Waste Watchers website at wastewatchersesva.org for information to get involved.

Mark Stapleton
Painter

Camp Occohannock gives thanks for funding

To the editor:

I would like to give a very big thank-you to everyone who supported the Polar Duck Dip, Camp Occohannock's annual fundraiser, on Jan. 18.

We raised a grand total of \$81,000.

We appreciate those who donated items for our silent auction and to Zeb Barfield for handling the auction.

We thank those who took the plunge and gathered sponsors.

We deeply appreciate all the donations, both large and small, that will benefit our camp's ministries.

Occohannock on the Bay camp is growing, thanks to you.

A special thank-you goes to our celebrity dippers — the Rev. Beth Givens, Coastal Virginia's United Methodist District Superintendent, and Blake Johnson, owner of the Is-

land House Restaurant and a strong community advocate.

Occohannock on the Bay is expanding ministries and at the same time caring for the camp. The Polar Duck Dip is instrumental in funding both missions.

We have growing operating expenses due to funding added staff for the growing number of camper participants, bulkhead repairs, finishing repairs on the director's home, adding a zipline, and adding a mini-golf course.

Although we feel the dip was a huge success, we did not reach our goal of \$90,000, which is the amount needed to accomplish the camp's immediate needs.

There is still time for you to join in by donating at bit.ly/campootbdonate

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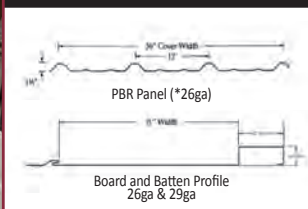
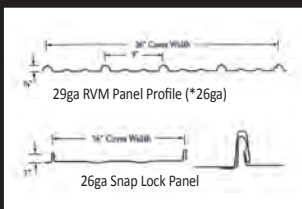
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Northampton superintendent addresses immigration

BY LISA MARTIN
Guest columnist

We understand that recent discussions and policy changes regarding immigration may be causing uncertainty within our community. As of Jan. 21, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security has authorized Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, to conduct enforcement activities at schools that were previously considered protected areas. We want to reassure you that our policies remain unchanged: All chil-

dren attending in Northampton County Public Schools have the right to a public education, regardless of immigration status. The 1982 Supreme Court ruling in Plyler v. Doe affirms that all students are entitled to an education under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Additionally, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA, protects student records, including information that could reveal immigration status. We do not collect or disclose this information unless required by a judi-

cial order. ICE officials must have a judicial warrant to enter school property, and parental consent is required before they can interview any student. Our staff has been briefed on the appropriate protocols should ICE or law enforcement request access to our schools. Any such request will be referred to the school administration and the superintendent's office for review. We also encourage families to keep their emergency contact information up to date to ensure we can reach des-

ignated individuals if needed. During this time, please know that we are here for you. If you need support, our school counselors are available to assist and connect you with community resources. Our top priority remains providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environment for all students. Thank you for your trust and partnership as we navigate these challenges together. ■ *The writer is superintendent of Northampton County Public Schools.*

COLUMNA DE INVITADOS

La superintendente de Northampton aborda la inmigración

BY LISA MARTIN
Columnista invitada

Entendemos que las discusiones recientes y los cambios de políticas con respecto a inmigración pueden estar causando incertidumbre dentro de nuestra comunidad. A partir del 21 de enero de 2025, el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional autorizó al Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) a realizar actividades de aplicación de la ley en escuelas que anteriormente se consideraban áreas protegidas. Queremos asegurarle que nuestras políticas permanecen sin cambios: Todos los niños que residen en

las escuelas públicas del condado de Northampton tienen derecho a una educación pública, independientemente de su estatus migratorio. La ley de la Corte Suprema del 1982 en Plyler v. Doe afirma que todos los estudiantes tienen derecho a una educación según la Cláusula de Igual Protección de la 14ª Enmienda. Adicionalmente, el Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)/ Ley De Privacidad y Derechos De Educación Familiar protege los registros de los estudiantes, incluyendo información que podría revelar el estatus migratorio. No recopilamos ni divulgamos esta información a menos que lo requiera

una orden judicial. Los funcionarios de ICE deben tener una orden judicial para ingresar a la propiedad escolar y se requiere el consentimiento de los padres antes de poder entrevistar a cualquier estudiante. Nuestro personal ha sido informado sobre los protocolos apropiados en caso de que ICE o las autoridades soliciten acceso a nuestras escuelas. Cualquier solicitud de este tipo se remitirá a la administración de la escuela y a la oficina de la superintendente para su revisión. También alentamos a las familias a mantener actualizada su información de contacto de emergencia para garantizar que podamos comu-

nicarnos con las personas designadas si es necesario. Durante este tiempo, sepa que estamos aquí para ayudarlo. Si necesita apoyo, nuestros consejeros escolares están disponibles para ayudarlo y conectarlo con recursos comunitarios. Nuestra principal prioridad sigue siendo proporcionar un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro, acogedor, e inclusivo para todos los estudiantes. Gracias por su confianza y colaboración mientras navegamos juntos por estos desafíos. ■ *El escritor es superintendente de las escuelas públicas del condado de Northampton.*

Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color historic funds available

The Department of Historic Resources announced today that the sec-

ond round of the Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund for the 2025 fiscal year is now open and accepting preapplications. The Virginia BIPOC Historic Preservation Fund was established under Virginia Code § 10.1-2202.5.

The intent of the program is to support Virginia's historically underserved and underrepresented communities through protecting their associated cultural and historical sites. This fund will provide grants for the acquisition, protection, and rehabilitation of historic and archaeological sites of

significance associated with Black and Indigenous communities and People of Color in the Commonwealth. For more detailed information and updates or to fill out a preapplication form, visit the program webpage at <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/>

Accomack superintendent addresses immigration

BY DAVID JECK
Guest columnist

As you may be aware, the new presidential administration has released a memo that rescinds a 2021 memo by the Department of Homeland Security that designated schools as areas protected from immigration enforcement actions.

We understand that this may be concerning for some of our students and families. We wanted to take a moment to share some important information regarding this matter and the

rights and protections afforded students when on school grounds.

It is important to note that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects the privacy of student education records and restricts the sharing of personally identifiable information without parental consent. This includes data that could reveal a student's immigration status. The federal law also supersedes any state-level policy that seeks to mandate the release of student data.

Additionally, schools are not allowed to share student records with immigration or law enforcement agencies without consent or a judicial order.

We also want to share that Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, officials must have a judicial warrant to enter school property. If a warrant is presented, parental consent is required before ICE officials are able to interview any student.

Accomack County Public Schools is updating our teachers and staff on their responsibilities and the proper protocols to follow if ICE officials visit one of our schools in the future. As always, the safety and wellbeing

of our students is our number one priority.

During this time of uncertainty, we want our families to know that we are here for you. If you need any support, please reach out to your child's school office. Our school counselors can provide direct support and/or connect you with resources available in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important communication.

■ *The writer is interim superintendent of Accomack County Public Schools.*

El superintendente de Accomack aborda la inmigración

BY DAVID JECK
Columnista invitada

Es de conocimiento público que la

nueva administración presidencial ha publicado un nuevo memorando que anula un memorando del 2021, del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional que designaba a las escuelas como áreas protegidas de las acciones del control de la ley de inmigración.

Entendemos que esto puede ser preocupante para algunos de nuestros estudiantes y familias. Queríamos tomarnos un momento para compartir con ustedes información importante sobre este tema y los derechos y protecciones que se les brindan a los estudiantes cuando se encuentran en nuestras instalaciones escolares.

Es importante señalar que la Ley de Derechos Educativos y Privacidad de la Familia (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) protege la privacidad de los registros educativos de los estudiantes y restringe la divulgación de información personal identificable sin el consentimiento de los padres.

Esto incluye datos que podrían revelar el estatus migratorio de un estudiante. La ley federal también reemplaza cualquier política a nivel estatal que busque obligar a la divulgación de datos de los estudiantes.

Adicionalmente, a las escuelas no se les permite compartir los registros de los estudiantes con agencias de inmigración o agencias de control y aplicación de la ley de inmigración, sin el consentimiento o una orden judicial.

También queremos informar que los funcionarios del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) deben tener una orden judicial para ingresar a las instalaciones de las escuelas. En el caso de que se presente una orden judicial, entonces, se requiere el consentimiento de los padres antes de que los funcionarios de ICE puedan entrevistar a cualquier estudiante.

Las Escuelas Públicas del Conda-

do de Accomack están informando a nuestros maestros y personal en general sobre sus responsabilidades y los protocolos adecuados que deben seguir si los funcionarios de ICE visitan una de nuestras escuelas en el futuro. La seguridad y el bienestar de nuestros estudiantes es nuestra prioridad número uno, como siempre lo ha sido.

Durante estos momentos de incertidumbre, queremos que nuestras familias sepan que estamos aquí para ayudarlos. Si usted necesita ayuda, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la respectiva escuela de su hijo(a). Nuestros consejeros escolares pueden brindarle apoyo directo y/o conectarlo con los recursos disponibles en nuestra comunidad.

Gracias por su atención a este importante comunicado.

■ *El escritor es superintendente de las escuelas públicas del condado de Accomack.*

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Farmers discuss ag topics in Richmond

Over 100 farm leaders shared their perspectives on seven key agriculture issues in one busy morning at Virginia's General Assembly on Feb. 3.

As part of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's annual Legislative Day, farmers met with lawmakers and aides to urge action on legislation favorable to agriculture and forestry. Advocates expressed support or concern for bills regarding local zoning authority for utility-scale solar facility siting, farm labor, the large-animal veterinarian

shortage, and the retail labeling of invasive plant species.

A Feb. 2 dinner featured remarks from Sen. Dave Marsden, D-Burke, chair of the Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committee. He was lauded for sponsoring many of Farm Bureau's budget amendments in the past.

Reflections on Martin Freed's life

As befits this modern age, the first that most of us found out Martin Freed had died was an email or a Jan. 27, 2025, posting on Facebook by Ruta Vaskys, his wife of 48 years:

Martin, my husband and the love of my life, died on Saturday at Riverside Memorial Hospital. His death was quick and peaceful with me by his side.

Martin was born and lived much of his early life in Brooklyn, N.Y. The area wasn't as citified in those years as it now is and some of his activities there — such as trapping muskrats in Brooklyn's marshes — foreshadowed the role remote places would play later in his and Ruta's lives.

And remote many of those places were. Fishing, hunting, rockhounding and simply traveling to enjoy the world's beauty took Martin and Ruta far and wide: to Alaska, Australia, Mexico, Maine, Texas, Louisiana (hunting wild boar), Eastern Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

The camping vehicles they built and adapted served as their adventure steeds. The first, its name inspired by Don Quixote's horse, was a camper that rode the back of their pickup truck. Rocinante served them faithfully for many years, but time eventually took its toll.

Its replacement was an extensively modified 2024 Dodge Ram Promaster van, which they named Rocinantukus (Little Rocinante in Lithuanian).

The geographical diversity and cosmopolitan nature of their lives is illustrated by their recipes, which include a huge range of ingredients they caught or foraged. The recipes included:

■ Maeun-tang, Korean bean paste fish stew, made with crappie from Lake Bob Sandlin, Texas, served with wild rice from Manitoba

■ Soft crab from Quinby harbor with crisp-fried rock tripe from Maine

■ Tacos pescado with air-fried breaded catfish, homemade kimchi, garden fresh tomatoes, and home-fermented kosher pickles



Martin Freed, of Quinby, died Jan. 27, 2025, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

■ Seaweed, shrimp, and crappie soup, made with three alga species from here to Alaska to Nova Scotia. The crappie are from Texas; the shrimp, crab shells, and Suillus mushrooms are local.

■ Wild boar tenderloin in wild puffball mushroom/elderberry wine sauce, served over quinoa.

According to Ruta, their half-century of love began in 1976 when they met at the peak of Vermont's Mt. Abraham. They later moved to Alaska, where they studied, taught, and adventured.

Martin earned a graduate degree in physical oceanography from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and taught at Kotzebue.

Martin's life was characterized by intensity. What he did, he did with overflowing energy — energy that continued even when severe allergies and hypoxemia forced him to carry oxygen, breathing it through tubing and a nosepiece.

It's impossible to describe his life without simultaneously describing Ruta's, for their lives were utterly intertwined. Their travels, their fishing, their foraging for wild foods, their political activity, and their writing (with books published on rockhounding in two states and

fishing in four) all were done together. That oneness is reflected in the note Martin wrote to Ruta on her birthday in 2023:

Now that you've completed your 79th revolution around the Sun, I just want you to know how much I love you. You combine intelligence with everlasting beauty. A rare combination. I am the luckiest man in the universe to have spent the last 43 years with you. You are my girlfriend, lover, buddy, consultant on all matters, fishing partner, our dog's mother, as well as my wife. Thank you for all the things you are.

Martin and Ruta's political work on the Eastern Shore began in the late 1990s, when they joined the Accomack County Democratic Committee, or ACDC.

According to Frank Moore, ACDC's chair at the time, they were the "backbone of the committee and its efforts to register voters."

During President Barack Obama's first campaign, with the help of other volunteers, they registered over 1,100 Eastern Shore voters, many of whom had never voted before. They also designed the campaign's large Obama highway signs, raised and contributed money to purchase them, and led the efforts to erect them along the entire length of U.S. 13, from the bridge-tunnel to the Maryland line.

For these efforts Martin and Ruta were named Volunteers of the Year for Virginia's Second Congressional District. The award was presented at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Banquet in Richmond, where Martin — in his typical anti-establishment approach to life — wore his hunting camouflage and boots instead of the formal attire typical for such an event.

Their other political activities included being major donors to ACDC and many Democratic candidates, serving as poll observers at all elections (usually taking the early morning shift and sometimes more than one), and canvassing their Quinby neighborhood and others for virtual-

ly all campaigns.

Much that was significant and meaningful about Martin's life was shared in Ruta's, so what's written here recounts the history and achievements of both.

In some ways that sharing came to an end on Jan. 25, when Martin died at Riverside Hospital. But in some ways it does not end.

The memories of Martin live on in all who knew him, cared for him, and loved him. The memories live on, now wrapped in the pain of his loss.

Ruta posted the following on Facebook a few days after his death:

Thank you, thank you all. Your wonderful and kind words about Martin warm my heart and offer me consolation and gratitude. To me Martin was an extraordinary man; we shared joy, happiness, and some sad moments in a wonderful life.

I miss him terribly but your love and remembrance of him gives me consolation and strength.

In times of grief I often turn to music and poetry. A poem by Becky Hemsley mirrors my feelings:

I missed you quietly today. So quietly that no one noticed.

I missed you as I climbed out of bed and as I brushed my teeth; when I waited at the lights on the drive into work and as I heard the rain outside my window.

I missed you as I ordered lunch and as I kicked off my shoes when I got home; as I switched off the lights and climbed into bed for the night.

I missed you without tears or noise or fanfare.

But, oh, how I felt it.

I felt it in the morning, at lunchtime, in the evening and at night. I felt it as I woke, as I waited, as I worked. I felt it at home, on the road, in the light, in the dark, in the rain.

I felt it in every one of those moments, each one sitting heavier and heavier as the weight of me missing you kept growing and growing.

Yes, I missed you so quietly today. But I felt it so loudly.

— Written by Al McKegg

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Eastern Shore Post

Friday February 7

■ **SUB NIGHT:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., First Friday Sub Sale at the Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Get a cheesesteak sub, fries, and a soda for \$11, a cheeseburger sub, fries, and a soda for \$11, or four chicken tenders, fries, and a soda for \$9. Call ahead at 410-251-8810.

■ **ART CLASS:** 5:30 p.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. Make a piece combining art and poetry with the help of Sharnell Tull.

■ **PIZZA NIGHT:** 5 to 8 p.m., drive-through pizza night at the New Church Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., 4264 Firehouse St., New Church. Pepperoni, sausage, or bacon pizzas are \$14 and combination pizzas are \$15.

■ **VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Enjoy live music by Jackie and Bill and sample delicious treats.

■ **BINGO:** 6 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. first game, The Chincoteague Center, Chincoteague. For \$25 play 20 games of bingo, including a blackout game at the end. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

■ **TATTOO NIGHT:** 9 p.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague. Crybaby Tatttoo is hosting a tattoo night at Teaguer's with tunes by DJ Dee Erv.

Saturday, February 8

■ **BIRDING WALK:** 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Tom Cove's Visitors Center, 8586 Beach Road, Chincoteague. The Eastern Shore Master Naturalists group has rescheduled its birding walk. Birders can walk around Tom's Cove and Assateague Island and can expect

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■ **Sunday, Feb. 9, at 3 p.m.** the Historic Palace Theatre in Cape Charles is hosting "An Afternoon with the Marquis de Lafayette." Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/msre4ed8> for tickets.

■ **Thursday, Feb. 13, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center is hosting a Small Farms and Homesteaders Workshop. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/VCE-ES-SFW-2025>

to see snow geese, swans, ducks, loons, and other birds.

■ **MEETING:** 9 a.m., the Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy will hold a virtual meeting. This event is open to licensed Baptist clergy. There will be a sermonette and updates about scholarships and upcoming workshops. Contact 757-990-2764 for more information.

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

■ **SOUP SALE:** 9:30 a.m. to noon, Calvary Church, 21457 Hopkins Road, Parksley. A variety of soups will be available during this Souper Bowl Soup Sale. Varieties include Eastern Shore clam chowder, vegetable beef, chili, peas and dumplings, navy bean and ham, chicken noodle, and corn chowder. Soup is \$5 a pint or \$10 a quart. To order call or text Tia Bell at 757-894-0707 or 757-710-4734 or email calvaryumc.huntingcreek@gmail.com

■ **KIDS CRAFT:** 10 to 11:30 a.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Kids can make art with

wrapped string on mats during Creative Kids Class. This is a drop-in event and parents must stay with their children.

■ **MENTORING:** 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. Young men ages 9 to 17 can attend the RISE Mentoring Program. The theme for this session will be goals. Lunch will be provided.

■ **ART CLASS:** 1 to 3 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City. Make a wooden door hanger with a chicken motif. The cost of the class is \$55 for non-members and \$50 for members. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/46pcehew> for tickets.

■ **SOUP AND BAKE SALE:** From 2 to 4 p.m., Melfa United Methodist Church, 19444 Main St., Melfa is hosting a soup and bake sale. Soups will be \$5 a pint or \$10 a quart.

■ **LOW COUNTRY BOIL:** 4 to 9 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Department, 21334 South Bayside Road, Cape Charles. For \$60 per person enjoy all-you-can-eat shrimp, coleslaw, corn, potatoes, and sausage.

■ **NRA FRIENDS EVENT:** 4:30 p.m., "Food, Fun, and Firearms" at the Pocomoke Elks Lodge, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City. Ticket are \$75 and tables start at \$1,000. Sponsored by the Lower Eastern Shore Friends of the NRA. There will be games, an auction, and dinner. For more information, call 845-866-0183 or visit friendsofnra.org

■ **VALENTINE'S DANCE:** 7:30 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Enjoy complimentary champagne and chocolates while dancing to the sounds of The Shoal Shakers. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/2emrkt9>

Sunday, February 9

■ **HISTORY PROGRAM:** 3 p.m., The Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation presents "An Afternoon with the Marquis de Lafayette" with Mark Schneider playing Lafayette. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at <https://tinyurl.com/msre4ed8>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 6 p.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague. Sweet Sunshine performs live.

Tuesday, February 11

■ **BREAKFAST:** 8:30 to 10 a.m., American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main St., Chincoteague. All veterans and active military are invited for a free breakfast.

■ **MEETING:** 9 a.m., Eastern Shore Community Services Board Administration Office, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley. The CSB will hold its monthly board meeting.

■ **VETERANS AFFAIRS:** 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bay-

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

Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

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

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

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

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

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

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side Road, Cheriton. Representatives from the Virginia Department of Veteran Services will be on hand to help veterans understand their benefits. No appointment is required.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Kids can enjoy stories, songs, and crafts with one of the museum's special animals.

■ **VETERAN'S SUPPORT:** noon to 1:30 p.m., American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The Veteran's Support Committee aims to network with veterans to connect them with resources and better meet their needs. A free light lunch will be served.

■ **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.

■ **WRITERS GROUP:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The twice-monthly Island Writers Group is for writers of all skill levels to share their craft. Prompts are provided but any recent work can be shared. The prompt for this session is blue.

Wednesday, February 12

■ **CRAFT AND BAKE SALE:** 8 a.m. to noon, First Baptist Church, 31027 Depot St., New Church. This fundraiser supports Northern Accomack Community Cats. Tables for those who would like to be vendors are free.

■ **WORKSHOP:** 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Northampton County YMCA, Cape Charles. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Climate Equity Project is holding a community workshop to introduce the Eastern Shore of Virginia Livability Hub, a resource developed with community input to address the region's most pressing climate challenges and opportunities. Participants can test the tool and engage in breakout discussions.

■ **YOUTH GROUP:** 5:30 to 7 p.m., Craddockville United Methodist Church, 33464 Boston Road, Painter. Kids club is open to all kids from pre-K to fifth grade. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 13

■ **CONFERENCE:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 33446 Research Drive, Painter. The

Eastern Shore Small Farms and Homesteaders Workshop will feature information on cut and edible flower production, small fruit production, and small flock/backyard chicken raising from specialists from colleges and state agencies. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/VCE-ES-SFW-2025>

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 11 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 North Main St., Chincoteague. Nancy's Thursday Book Club meets monthly. This month they will discuss books about cooking or books with recipes in them.

■ **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.

■ **INTERNATIONAL MOVIE:** 7 p.m., Roseland Theater, 48 Market St., Onancock. This month's film is "Ezra." Tickets are \$8.

Friday, February 14

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown. The foodbank 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 downtown 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 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.

■ **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 pancake supper and celebration.

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 downtown Chincoteague. Visitors can pick up a scavenger hunt card and visit downtown shops while sampling treats. To learn more visit <https://tinyurl.com/sxjwuxxp>

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 8 p.m., Onancock Elk's Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. This oyster roast benefits a local man's medical expenses. The menu features oysters, clams, and barbecue. There will be entertainment 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 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:** 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 perform music by Schubert and Ravel.

■ **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/mrydjrhrr>

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

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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. Bay-side 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/3kww2mp3>

■ **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

Tuesday, February 18

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

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

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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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

Saturday, February 22

■ **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., Parkside. 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.

■ **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., Mallards 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>

■ **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 lead by guest preacher C.C. Jackson from Seventh Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond.

■ **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>

■ **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.



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Jack Taylor

Mr. Jack Allan Taylor, 79, of Greenbackville (retired in Leesburg, Fla.), passed away in hospice care overlooking Lake Harris on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025.

Born Nov. 30, 1945, in Athens, Ohio, he was the son of the late Mary Margaret and Harry Taylor. After graduating high school and moving to the Washington, D.C., area, he joined the FBI, served in the U.S. Army Reserves, and earned a bachelor's degree from American University.

In 1984, Jack married his loving wife, Lavenia, and they were active together within the Union United Methodist Church and their community, looking after elderly neighbors and opening their home to those in need. Jack enjoyed fishing from a pontoon boat, driving to the beach, telling "fish tales," and eating out. As a professional "wheeler-dealer" he never missed an opportunity to buy something big or small.

He is survived by two sisters, Sue Ann Rinehart, of Gates, N.C., and Sally (William "Bill") Taylor-Gardener, of Athens; two stepchildren, Michael "Chad" Chase (LeAnne), of Mapps ville, and Angela Chase (Chris) Pruitt, of Greenbackville; three foster-daughters, Laurel (Trey) Wilkerson, Tricia Bell, and Elizabeth Lankford; four grandchildren, Skyler and Andrew Chase, and Pheobe and Peyton Pruitt; one great-grandson, Jacob Chase; a brother-in-law, Edward C. "Peanut" (Cathy) White, of Greenbackville; several nieces and nephews; and a faithful dog, Paco.

Besides his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his wife of 31 years, Lavenia White Taylor; his

niece, Terry Hogue Wolfe; his sister-in-law, Eva Jane Marsh; and his brothers-in-law, Arthur White and Tommy Rinehart.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778 or to Union United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 5, Greenbackville, VA 23356.

John Snead IV

Dr. John Peyton Snead IV, age 91, passed away Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, at his home in Onancock.

Born Sept. 27, 1933, in Front Royal, he was the son of the late John Peyton Snead III and Lydia Crabbe "Pinky" Snead, of Sperryville.

After graduating from Woodberry Forest School in 1954, John continued



Dr. Snead

his education at the University of Virginia, where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1955 and a medical degree in 1959. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

On Aug. 30, 1958, John married his soulmate, Sharon Fosque, with whom he built a beautiful life. After graduating from UVA, John enlisted in the U.S. Army and interned at Madigan General Hospital on Fort Lewis near Tacoma, Wash. From 1962 through 1967, John practiced family medicine with his father in Sperryville. In 1967, he was a resident at Georgetown University Medical Center. Upon completing his psychiatric residency, he practiced child, adolescent, and adult psychiatry in Falls Church, Leesburg, Rixeyville, and Warrenton. He served as director of the Fauquier Family Guidance Center and director of Psychiatry at Graydon Manor

Residential Treatment Center.

John and Sharon moved to Park City, Utah, to enjoy long ski seasons and mountain biking and hiking in summer and fall. While living in Utah, John served as medical director of Cottonwood Treatment Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Later they returned to live in Onancock full time, where John practiced at the Wicomico County Public Health Department in Salisbury, Md., and worked for the Eastern Shore Community Services Board.

Throughout his life John enjoyed skiing, tennis, hiking, camping, and fishing with his family and friends. He enjoyed many outings in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and the Wasatch Mountains of Utah.

John was a longtime member of Little Fork Church in Rixeyville and of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Sharon Fosque Snead; his children, Stephanie L. Snead, of Bel Air, Md., and John Peyton Snead V and his wife, Carol, of Portland, Ore.; his grandchildren, James, Mary, and Cara Juarascio and Ben and Ellie Snead; his great-granddaughters, Mia and Sophia Kirsch; and his nieces and nephew, Cassie Coates Robbins, Carolyn Lindsey Henderson, and Mark Lindsey, as well as their families.

In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by his sister, Betty Snead Coates Lindsey, and his niece, Susan Coates Crossman.

A service to celebrate John's life will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m., with Father Ed Hunt officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 338, Onancock, VA 23417, www.holytrinityonancock.com/give or to a charity of one's choice.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

David Briggs

Mr. David M. Briggs passed away on Jan. 25, 2025.

He was born in Browns Gap, near Grottoes, on March 25, 1951. He was moved to Pennsylvania as an infant, where he grew up and was educated.



Mr. Briggs

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam conflict.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague.

He was the past post chaplain, a first vice commander, and post commander. He was named legionnaire of the year in 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Briggs; his son, Gregory Briggs; his stepdaughters, Faye Mayne and her husband, Ronnie, of Odenton, Md., Jean Payne and her husband, Mark, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Bonnie Glover and her husband, Lonnie, of Severn, Md.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald L. Briggs; his mother, Fern Briggs; his daughter, Adrien Bradbury; and his brother, Jeffrey Briggs.

Funeral services will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

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Newspaper obituaries

The Eastern Shore Post accepts obituaries from all funeral homes. Costs of obituaries are determined by length. There is a \$25 additional charge for each head-and-shoulders photograph included. Ask your funeral home to send obituaries to the Post by emailing ryan@easternshorepost.com. Price quotes are available. Call 757-789-7678 with questions.

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Bill Whittington

Mr. William (Bill) Badger Whittington, 63, passed away Jan. 28, 2025, at Nassawadox Rehab and Nursing Home.

Bill was born and raised in Nassawadox to the late John J. and Mary Elizabeth Badger (Spooks) Whittington. He was one of the first residents of Dogwood View Apartments, living there for over 30 years.

He was well-known around town and loved riding his moped up and down the sidewalks and to his favorite job at Rayfield's Pharmacy. He also enjoyed his work over the years at Captain's Deck, E.L. Willis Restaurant, and Eastern Shore Rural Health.

Bill's greatest joy was being a member of Redbank Baptist Church, where he served as an honorary deacon and greeter for many years. He was also self-appointed choir conductor from his front row seat. Bill never met a stranger, and it was well-known he loved women: His famous line was always, "Hey, toots, you are gorgeous!"

Survivors include his sisters, Suzanne Ames (Paige), Betsy Binswanger

(Millard); a brother, Jay Whittington (Sharon); a special niece, Kelly Warren (Ty); and nephews, Tyler Ames (Gina), John Whittington (Kate), and Scott Whittington (Ellen); as well as countless cousins, devoted friends, and caregivers from all over the country.

A funeral service for Bill will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. John Robertson officiating at Redbank Baptist Church. Interment will be private at Redbank Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Redbank Baptist Church, P.O. Box 932, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Michael LaFontaine

Mr. Michael LaFontaine, 39, walked into the loving embrace of his creator on Jan. 30, 2025.

Strengthened by his relationship with the Lord, Michael spread his light onto everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Linda; his sisters, Rachel and Heather; his son, Michael; and his loving girlfriend of nine years, Nicole.

He will be forever missed. May he rest in peace.

Linda Wilson

Mrs. Linda Parks Wilson, 73, of Pungoteague, passed away Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, in Pocomoke City. Born Feb. 3, 1951, in Nassawadox, she was the daughter of Bill and Betty Parks.

Linda was a woman of immense passion, embracing every interest with



Mrs. Wilson

unwavering dedication and every love with the full depth of her soul. She was her daughter's fiercest advocate in the darkest of moments, standing by her with unshakable devotion.

Her fervid convictions meant she was one not to be crossed, but she was not immune to forgiving or saying she was sorry.

Words cannot fully capture the depth of her love for those closest to her, a love that extended to the animals she cherished. Her beloved dogs, Bubba and Willy, brought her immeasurable joy, and she dedicated herself to ensuring the humane treatment of all animals. Linda's commitment to animals led her to found Angel Paws, an organization dedicated to rescuing, fostering, and adopting animals both locally and globally, and reflected her boundless compassion.

Her artistic endeavors included painting, crafts, and the ability to combine discarded and sometimes overlooked items into decorative and

useful works of art. There just wasn't enough time in one lifetime to develop all her talents.

Although they didn't always see eye to eye, her loved ones could always count on her in tough times. The familial sense of humor they shared always had a way of bubbling to the surface even if the conversation became less than comfortable. She now joins all of her loved ones on the other side of that rainbow. Those on this side of the rainbow may see the rain for a while, but once the mist clears, they'll find comfort in knowing she is at peace.

Linda is survived by her mother, Betty Evans Parks, of Onancock; her daughter, Kristin Kelly Edwards, of Wachapreague; her brother, William Thomas "Billy" Parks III, of Onancock; and her granddaughter, Zoe Edwards, of Wachapreague.

She was predeceased by her father, William Thomas "Bill" Parks Jr.

Funeral services will be private.

Contributions in Linda's memory may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418, www.shorespca.com; FACES (Friends of Animal Control Eastern Shore), 18299 Killmontown Road, Melfa, VA 23410; or consider adopting an animal and giving it a loving home.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

DWR announces deer and turkey harvest data

Wildlife biologists with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources have compiled harvest totals for the 2024-25 hunting season.

During the deer hunting season, hunters reported harvesting 205,759 deer in Virginia, down just 0.4% from the 206,586 deer taken during the same time frame the previous season. This year's total included 101,238 antlered bucks; 665 bucks that had shed their antlers; 13,019 button bucks; and 90,837 does.

Archery hunters took 14% of the total deer harvest, while muzzleload-

ing deer hunters and firearms hunters took 24% and 62% of the total harvest, respectively. In counties where dogs could be used to hunt deer, 52% of deer were harvested with the aid of dogs during the general firearms season.

A total of 1,423 wild turkeys were harvested in Virginia during the 2024-25 fall turkey hunting season, just slightly below the 2023-24 season total of 1,443.

While Virginia's turkey population appears to remain robust, fall turkey harvests have been declining for over two decades. A recent DWR survey of turkey hunters indicated that many turkey hunters are choosing to save

their turkey tags for the more popular spring turkey season and that they choose to pursue other game during the fall.

One of the largest drivers of fall hunting success is the annual productivity of Virginia's turkey population. In 2024, the productivity estimate (2.1 poults/hen) was below the long-term average (2.6 poults/hen) for the third year in a row but slightly up from just 1.89 poults/hen reported in 2023. However, there were significant regional variations this year with the Northern Piedmont and the North Mountain Regions performing above average (2.7 and 2.8 poults/hen, respectively). Since juvenile birds ac-

count for 40 to 60% of the fall harvest, population productivity greatly influences turkey population size and fall harvest.

As in the last several years, the archery harvest remained relatively high, making up approximately 22% of the overall harvest. Thanksgiving Day and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving continue to be popular fall turkey hunting days. This year a total of 400 birds were harvested during that two-day time frame, accounting for 28% of the total fall harvest. Thanksgiving Day accounted for the single highest day of fall harvest with 266 birds (19%).

SPORTS

Eastern Shore Post

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS WRESTLING

Perez-Vicente shines

On Saturday, Feb. 1, Nandua senior Dulce Perez-Vicente won six straight matches in the VHSL Zone 2 tournament to qualify for the State Open Championships, to be held Feb. 26 and 27 in Glen Allen, a Richmond suburb.

The State Open will include girls from all levels, Class 1 through Class 6. Nandua is a Class 2 school with 636 students in grades nine through 12. Perez-Vicente will wrestle against competitors from big-city schools with enrollments of 2,000 students or more.

The Zone 2 tournament, held at Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, also included students from schools of all sizes, from Hampton Roads to Richmond — 61 teams and 220 participants in all.

Perez-Vicente actually lost a close first-round match in her 132-pound weight class, then came out of the losers' bracket with six consecutive wins to finish fourth and qualify for the state meet. She was the only small-school (Classes 1-2) wrestler to qualify from the Zone 2 meet.

"Anyone who has ever wrestled knows just how difficult of a challenge it is to win six straight high-level matches," said Nandua coach Nathan Metzger.

Perez-Vicente highlighted a fine



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Nandua's Dulce Perez-Vicente has qualified for the state wrestling championships, to be held Feb. 26 and 27 in Glen Allen.

showing from the Warriors at the Zone 2 meet. Nandua sent 11 girls to the event and finished 10th out of 61 teams.

Vanessa Lopez-Morales, Iris Martinez-Chavez, and Keley Velasquez Bravo were all one win away from qualifying for states. Mariana Morales-Chan finished the event with three wins, while Yoselin Sauce-

do-Escalante, Stephanie Cruz-Vargas, and America Velasquez had one victory each. Emelin Saucedo-Escalante and Elena Lopez-Barrera also competed.

Metzger said his staff "could not be more proud of what the ladies went out and accomplished at the meet. They went to war on the mats and gave everything they had."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

'Boo' paces Firebirds

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Megan "Boo" Montross had 20 points, four assists, and 10 steals to lead Arcadia to a 46-37 win at Nandua, putting the Firebirds (9-5, 3-0) firmly in first place in the Eastern Shore District. After spotting the Warriors a 10-5 lead early in the second quarter, Arcadia went on a 9-0 run to take a 14-10 lead and never trailed again.

"We could not buy a bucket in the first quarter," said Arcadia coach Casey Cordrey. "But then we got back into Arcadia basketball and played great team basketball."

Other top performers for the Firebirds included Amani Hope (six points, five steals), Payton Taylor (five points, seven assists, five rebounds, eight steals), and Olivia Ratzlaff (five points, 12 rebounds).

Corrin Burrell led Nandua (6-8, 2-1) with 16 points, and Keira Wheatley added six blocks. Coach Shaquontae Kellam said poor defense and missed free throws contributed to the loss.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, Montross had 16 points to lead Arcadia to a 56-31 win at Northampton. Hope added 11 points and seven assists, and Ratzlaff had nine points and 13 rebounds. No stats were reported for Northampton.

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Send your high school sports results to the Eastern Shore Post — scan the QR code to get started

To all high school coaches and athletic directors on the Eastern Shore:
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Sports

(Continued from page 22)

Holly Grove keeps rolling

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, Cate Sterling had 26 points and three blocks, and Kamryn Salvas added eight points and seven rebounds to lead Holly Grove Christian to a 44-23 win over visiting Faith Baptist. The Eagles (8-4) have won four of their last five games.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Arcadia wins seven in a row

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Arcadia stayed atop the Eastern Shore District with an 82-46 win at Nandua. It was the seventh straight victory for the Firebirds (11-5, 3-0), while Nandua (6-7, 2-1) had a three-game win streak snapped. Neither team reported individual stats.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, Jordan Cropper's 27 points, six rebounds, and three assists led Arcadia to a 79-78 district win at Northampton. Also for the Firebirds, Tyrell Wise had 18 points, four assists, and three steals, while Zachary Giddins added 16 points.

For Northampton, Amir Bailey scored 22 points, while Jaylen Anderson added 16.

Jackets buzz past Ponies

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, Northampton won an Eastern Shore District game at Chincoteague, 70-45. No individual stats were reported for Northampton (5-10, 2-2).

Camaury Davis had 14 points and six assists for Chincoteague (3-8, 0-4), which also got 10 points from Byron Hurst and 10 rebounds from Matthew Taylor.

Holly Grove gets first win

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, Jack Ellis had 20 points and 12 rebounds to lead Holly Grove Christian (1-7) to its first win, a 60-47 victory over visiting Faith Baptist.

SWIMMING

Lewis sets two school marks

On Saturday, Feb. 1, Camden

Lewis set two new school records to lead Nandua's boys swimming team to first place in the Tricorn Splash Invitational in Williamsburg.

Lewis set one record in winning the 100 backstroke and another on the winning 400 freestyle relay with Lucas Calvetti, Zac Smith, and Austin Wert. Nandua's boys (7-1) finished with 345 points, followed by Bruton (261) and Middlesex (168).

Nandua's girls team (6-2) made it a sweep by finishing first with 351 points, followed by Bruton (335) and Northumberland (117).

Top competitors for Nandua's boys included Lewis (first 200 IM, first 100 back), Wert (first 100 free, second 50 free), Calvetti (first 200 free, first 100 butterfly), Zac Smith (second 100 butterfly, second 100 back), Liam Stern (first 500 free, third 100 back), and Hayden Williams (second 100 breast). Nandua's boys also won the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

Top swimmers for Nandua's girls were Chloe Bacchi (first 200 free, third 100 breast), Morgan Johnson (second 200 IM), Meya Charnock (third 100 butterfly, third 100 back), and Sarah Bentley (third 100 free, second 100 breast). In relays, Nandua's girls finished second in the 400 medley and the 400 free, and third in the 200 free.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, Nandua's boys swept Salisbury School and Salisbury Christian in a tri-meet in Salisbury, while the Warrior girls split their meeting with those two schools.

Nandua's boys got first-place finishes from Lewis (200 IM), Wert (50 free, 100 free), and Smith (100 back), plus the winning 200 medley relay (Calvetti, Lewis, Smith, and Wert).

For Nandua's girls, the 400 free relay team of Bacchi, Bentley, Charnock, and Lexi Mae Thornes had a state qualifying time in finishing first, while Bentley also won the 500 free.

The Warriors wrap up their regular season with a home meet on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Eastern Shore YMCA.



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ESCC names new soccer teams and coach

Eastern Shore Community College is proud to announce the hiring of Chase Baxa as the head coach of ESCC's newly formed soccer program. Baxa began in his role on Feb. 3 and will proceed with student recruitment for the men's and women's teams. This will include recruiting existing ESCC students and high school seniors from every high school on the Shore. The college is extremely excited for the enthusiasm existing Shore-wide for these upcoming opportunities.

After a naming campaign held in the community and online last fall, final choices were posed to ESCC students in January. With the final say for the team name, the campus spoke definitively and voted for the "ESCC-FC" (Eastern Shore Community College Football Club) with a nod to popular and dominating outfits worldwide. Logos and branding for ESCC-FC will be forthcoming.

A program budget was developed based on the experiences of other Vir-



COURTESY PHOTO

Chase Baxa, a former Division III college soccer player and current head coach of boys soccer at Northampton High School, was named the head coach for Eastern Shore Community College's newly formed soccer program, ESCC-FC.

ginia community colleges that have athletic programs and presented to the Accomack and Northampton

boards of supervisors. Both boards, along with the ESCC Foundation, have provided funding to enable the launch of the program.

Coach Baxa is from western Pennsylvania and moved to the Eastern Shore in 2021. A graduate of Geneva College, he played four years of Division III soccer there. He currently teaches science at Northampton High School and coaches the boys soccer program. He credits an incredible team and many coaches to help bring his overall coaching record to 43-14, including one state championship and one state runner-up.

Baxa also directs a travel soccer program, Shore FC, for players looking to play at a higher level. He says his passion for both science and soccer has led to incredible opportunities. At Northampton he has taught grades nine through 12, including environmental science, Earth science, ecology, anatomy, marine biology, and his specialty, physics.

He said that, "My goal for the men's and women's Eastern Shore Community College soccer teams is simple: to showcase the talented and devoted student-athletes that come from the Eastern Shore and create a team that the entire community will be proud of."

In the coming months there will be multiple opportunities to play soccer and showcase talents. This includes a student intramural league and weekend pick-up games starting in March. In April, the first ESCC Soccer ID Camp will be conducted to take a closer look at the students interested in continuing their soccer careers.

Open tryouts will then be held at the beginning of the fall semester to finalize the team before the season. Additional information and updates will be available on the ESCC website at es.vccs.edu and through the college's social media channels. Coach Baxa's contact information is cbaxa@es.vccs.edu.

Birding Eastern Shore field trip set for Feb. 13

Veteran Eastern Shore birders Maggie Long, Joette Borzik, and Paul Anderson will host a guided field trip to the Edward S. Brinkley Nature Preserve on Thursday, Feb. 13, beginning at 8 a.m.

The preserve includes a diversity of bird habitat, including a grove of new growth pine trees, woods edge, open field, wooded wetlands, seaside marsh, and freshwater pond, where a variety of winter waterfowl, raptors, and sparrows can be identified.

Field trip participants will meet in the parking lot of the Edward S. Brinkley Nature Preserve, 20001 Seaside Road, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

The field trip is free, and the public is invited to attend. Those attending should always be prepared for ticks, the sun, mosquitoes, and the weather.

To register for this trip, contact Maggie Long at 610-500-9971.

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 East-

ern 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/3kdfvttn>

Skills assessments for baseball will take place on Saturday, Feb. 15, beginning at 9 a.m. for 6- and 7-year-olds, 10 a.m. for 8- to 10-year-olds, and 11:30 a.m. for 11- and 12-year olds.

Skills assessments for softball will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, beginning at 3 p.m. for 8- to 10-year-olds and 4 p.m. for 11- and 12-year-olds.

Volunteers are needed, including coaches and various other positions. If interested, fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/34ed7tde>

There will be an All Coaches Meeting/Draft on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m.

Playaz basketball tryouts Feb. 8 and 9

There will be tryouts for Eastern Shore Playaz youth travel basketball teams at Northampton County Parks and Rec, 7247 Young St., Machipongo, on Feb. 8 and 9.

Boys ages 15 and up will have tryouts on Feb. 8 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. On Feb. 9 boys ages 9 to 11 will try out from 8:30 to 10 a.m., and boys ages 12 to 14 will try out from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Girls ages 14 to 17 will try out on Feb. 9 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$10 to try out. Parents must sign in players 15 and younger.

For more information, contact 631-774-7863.

Town adopts planned unit development ordinance

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

The Exmore Town Council on Monday, Feb. 3, unanimously approved an ordinance that allows the council to consider applications for planned unit developments, or PUDs, which could mean massive growth for the town.

Town Manager Taylor Dukes noted that the council will not be required to approve any PUDs, but the ordinance will bring the council to the negotiating table with developers.

“If someone says, ‘Hey, I want to build 500 homes,’ you say, ‘No, we don’t want 500 homes; we’ll do 250,” Dukes said, as an example.

Mayor Douglas Greer recalled a developer who had proposed the construction of mixed-use buildings with commercial space on the first floor and

residential space on the second floor. The project couldn’t move forward because it did not adhere to the zoning regulations in its proposed location, but the project could have been permitted in a PUD.

“We have the control” over development in a PUD, Greer said. “If we don’t want it, we don’t have to have it.”

In August 2024, Atlantic Group developer Chris Carbaugh attended a council meeting to propose a PUD of nearly 500 homes on more than 150 acres — roughly one home for every 1/4 acre to 1/3 acre.

But in September 2024, former Town Manager Robert Duer suggested a more modest level of growth with the construction of about 125 new homes.

The town would have a total of about 900 to 950 homes, and its popu-

lation could grow from 1,473 to approximately 1,950.

That would keep Exmore’s population below 2,000, allowing the town to retain the special rate for sewer service that the town negotiated with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

Councilman Thomas Lewis made the motion to approve the PUD ordinance.

Without the ordinance to enable negotiations with developers, “we’re just going to scare everyone away, and they’re going to jump somewhere else, and we’re not going to build this town up,” he said.

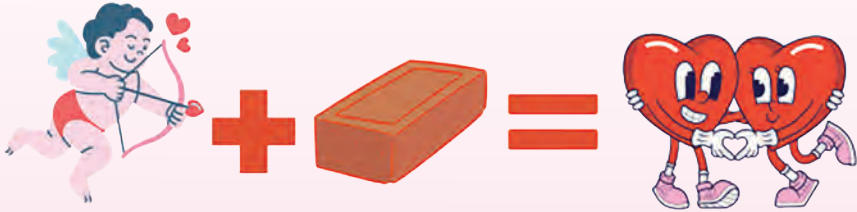
A PUD allows for flexibility in zoning to promote the creative design of communities that make economical and efficient use of land, supply comforts and conveniences to residents, and provide a better living en-

vironment than is typically achieved through conventional regulation.

Exmore’s PUD ordinance requires at least 25 acres of contiguous land area for a planned unit development.

At least 25% of the total land area must be devoted to landscaped open space. If the PUD has residential components, at least 7.5% of the residential areas must be reserved for recreation and the development of recreational facilities.

Materials that must be submitted with a PUD application include an archaeological and historic site survey, traffic impact study, stormwater management plan, waste-stream impact study, environmental impact study, wetlands identification and protection plan, economic impact study, school impact assessment, and a utility implementation plan.



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CBBT expansion hits milestone

The Parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel Project at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel reached a significant milestone on Monday, Jan. 27, when Chessie, the tunnel boring machine, reached its end destination, breaking through the receiving pit on Two Island at Thimble Shoal Channel.

“Today marks a proud moment for the entire team involved in this project,” said Fred Stant, CBBT commission chairman. “The parallel tunnel is a key component of enhancing the safety and efficiency of this vital transportation link and demonstrates the CBBT commission’s commitment to advancing infrastructure and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.”

Mining for this two-lane, approximately one-mile long tunnel began in February 2023.

In May 2023, Chessie struck an obstruction, later determined to be a large ship’s anchor, manufactured in England at the turn of the 20th century.

Encountering obstructions while tunneling is not an uncommon occurrence, but this strike resulted in an additional eight months of construction to safely remove the obstruction.

Tunneling resumed almost one year later in May 2024, averaging 50 feet per day.

“This breakthrough represents the culmination of extensive planning, engineering precision, and complex construction work during the planned

and unplanned phases of the tunnel mining,” said Jeff Holland, executive director for the CBBT. “We especially commend the work crews who operated in a high-risk environment to remove the anchor obstruction without injury or loss of life.”

The tunnel boring machine used for this project was designed and built by Herrenknecht of Germany.

With a cutterhead measuring 43 feet in diameter with an overall length of 308 feet, this giant machine was appropriately named Chessie by then-6th grader Grace Bentley of Nandua Middle School in a naming contest held throughout the region.

Over the course of its mining, Chessie removed approximately 500,000 cubic yards of soil and installed nearly 10,000 concrete segments, each weighing 10 tons.

The design-build contractor for this project is Chesapeake Tunnel Joint Venture, a team comprised of Dragados USA and Schiavone Construction Company, LLC. The two sister firms are part of ACS Dragados of Spain.

Looking ahead, Chesapeake Tunnel Joint Venture will begin to construct the roadway inside the tunnel, install the electrical and mechanical systems, and construct the support buildings. Once complete, the new tunnel will carry two lanes of traffic southbound and the existing tunnel will carry two lanes of traffic northbound. Current forecast for project completion is early 2028.

EVENT

Fire and Ice rescheduled

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has postponed its Fire and Ice event due to expected inclement weather this weekend.

The new date will be Saturday, Feb. 22, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mallards at the Wharf.

The event features hearty food, fire pits, a complimentary drink

to help partygoers warm up, or access to the bourbon tasting bar for an additional charge.

Tickets are \$80, to purchase visit <https://tinyurl.com/mtca4fzn>

For questions contact 757-302-2140 or sally.schreiber@rivhs.com.

CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN HOLD MEETING



COURTESY PHOTO

David Lawrence was the featured speaker at the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen’s Association at the Island House in Wachapreague recently. Lawrence, who is also a member of the association, spoke about his experience volunteering for missionary work, primarily as a construction supervisor, in several regions of the country, including in Puerto Rico after a hurricane. Lawrence is also known locally for his work with therapy dogs. He visits Shore Memorial Hospital and local nursing homes with his dog, who is the second pup to hold the job.

COMMUNITY

Heating safety tips for winter

Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths, but with a few safety tips and precautions most heating fires can be prevented from happening.

Here are a few tips:

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like a furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

- Have a three-foot kid-free zone around open fires and space heaters.

- Never use an oven to heat a home.

- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions. Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.

- Make sure fireplaces have a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

- Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid the risk of poisoning.

- If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

Governor's Fellows application open

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Governor's Fellows Program.

The Governor's Fellows Program is an opportunity for rising college seniors and recent graduates to get a firsthand look at the executive branch in action.

Since 1982, fellows have worked alongside the governor's cabinet and staff, learning about state government.

"We are excited to welcome the next generation of leaders to kick off their careers with our administration," said Gov. Glenn Youngkin. "The Governor's Fellows Program is a unique opportunity for Virginia students to experience public service firsthand and gain essential work skills for their future."

During their time in service to the Commonwealth, fellows have the opportunity to learn from special guest speakers who are leaders in state government and beyond.

Fellows also experience state government on the road, visiting state government agencies and historic sites.

"The Virginia Governor's Fellow Program was an incredible experience where I gained insights into my professional self, formed lasting friendships with inspiring individuals, and grew both personally and professionally," said Anjali Jarral, 2024 Governor's Fellow. "It challenged me to step outside my comfort zone and

broadened my perspective on leadership and public service — an experience I'll always cherish."

Qualified applicants must be rising college seniors, graduating seniors, graduate students, or have equivalent work or military experience.

All Virginia college and university students are eligible to apply.

Virginia residents who attend out-of-state colleges and universities are also eligible.

Both public and private college and university students are encouraged to apply.

The selection of fellows is based solely on merit. The fellows program does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status.

The deadline to apply for the Governor's Fellows Program is Monday, March 3.

Interviews will begin on Monday, March 10. Applicants will be advised on decisions beginning on April 11. The program runs from June 2 through Aug. 1.

To apply, visit the Governor's Fellows Program website and send the required recommendation letters to:

Governor's Fellows Program,
Post Office Box 2454, Richmond, VA 23219.

Please email any questions to govfellows@governor.virginia.gov.

New Livability Tool to be debuted

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Climate Equity Project is hosting a workshop to debut its Livability Tool on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Northampton County YMCA in Cape Charles from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

The Livability Tool is designed to help explore data and make equitable climate decisions.

Participants can also contribute information to the livability

hub or engage in a facilitated breakout discussion to dive deeper or share insights to help refine the hub.

Childcare will be provided and a buffet dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ys4bt38j> to register.

How residents can report bird flu

As bird flu numbers increase residents may be wondering what to do if they find a sick or dead bird on their property. Here are some tips from the Eastern Shore Health District:

Anyone who raises domestic poultry and notices signs of bird flu in the flock (for example: sneezing, coughing, or a high number of bird losses), should consult with their vet and alert the state's Veterinarian Office at 804-692-0601.

Anyone who sees a sick or dead eagle, hawk, owl, or turkey, or who finds five or more dead vultures or waterfowl in the same area within five days should notify the Department of Wildlife Resources at 855-571-9003.

Anyone who becomes ill, including eye redness or flu-like symptoms, after coming into contact with sick birds or poultry, should see a healthcare provider and let them know of any recent exposure.

EVENT

Backyard Bird Count Feb. 14-17

The annual Great Backyard Bird Count returns this year.

Each year in February, millions of people count the variety of birds that can be seen and heard in their own backyards.

Everyone is invited to participate in the bird count that takes place Feb. 14-17.

The Great Backyard Bird Count brings together people from all over the world to connect and share their love of birds while learning about migration patterns. These observations help scientists better understand global bird populations before one of their annual migrations.

All participants need to do is log the birds that they count in a 15-minute period on at least one of the four days of the event.

Participants can download the Merlin Bird ID app to help identify the birds in their area or they can use the eBird Mobile app to enter bird sightings.

Citizen participation matters. The bird count contributes to a global study that helps protect bird populations all over the world.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a way to connect with birds, nature, and each other while contributing to science.

Applications open for Wells scholarship

Applications are now open for the Carla Savage-Wells Memorial Scholarship.

Eastern Shore of Virginia high school seniors, including homeschooled students, with a GPA of at least 2.5, who are enrolled in an accredited college or trade school for the fall 2025 semester and who demonstrate a commitment to community service are eligible.

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The deadline for applications is March 31.

To learn more or apply visit www.cswscholarship.org

Family Immigration Emergency Preparedness Plan

Child Care Plan

Designate Trusted Caregivers: Identify adults who can care for your children in your absence. Update school/daycare emergency contacts with their information.

Prepare Medical Info: Document your child's medical conditions, medications, doctor contacts, and health insurance details. Share this with schools and caregivers.

Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit: Use this form to authorize a caregiver to make decisions for your child. It does not transfer custody.

Legal and immigration preparedness

Understand Your Immigration Options:

■ Green card holders: Check if you can apply for U.S. citizenship.

■ Visa holders: Explore paths to a green card.

■ Undocumented: Consult a licensed immigration attorney for eligibility.

■ Avoid fraud: Work only with licensed attorneys or accredited representatives. Never sign blank forms or pay for "special connections."

Know your rights

If ICE Visits Your Home:

■ Do not open the door without a signed warrant from a judge.

■ Verify the warrant by asking ICE to slide it under the door.

During ICE Interactions:

■ Stay calm and silent. Do not answer questions or sign anything.

■ Request a lawyer and a hearing before an immigration judge.

■ Carry Essentials: A valid ID (if applicable), a Know Your Rights card, and your attorney's phone number.

Store copies of the following in a secure but accessible location:

■ Passports, birth certificates, and health insurance information.

■ Immigration documents (e.g., green card, work permit, A-number).

■ Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit and emergency contact lists.

Emergency resources

■ Sin Barreras: Legal and immigration aid, www.sinbarrerasville.org and 434-531-0104.

■ Just Neighbors: Immigration legal services, www.justneighbors.org and 703-979-1240.

Plan Familiar de Preparación para Emergencias de Inmigración

Plan de Cuidado Infantil

Designe cuidadores de confianza: Identifique a los adultos que puedan cuidar a sus hijos en su ausencia. Actualice los contactos de emergencia de la escuela/guardería con su información.

Prepare información médica: Documente las condiciones médicas, los medicamentos, los contactos con el médico y las detalles del seguro médico de su hijo. Comparta esto con las escuelas y los cuidadores.

Declaración jurada de autorización del cuidador: Use este formulario para autorizar a un cuidador a tomar decisiones por su hijo. No transfiere la custodia.

Preparación legal y de inmigración

Entienda sus opciones de inmigración:

■ Titulares de la tarjeta verde: Verifique si puede solicitar la ciudadanía estadounidense.

■ Titulares de visas: Explora los caminos para obtener una tarjeta verde.

■ Indocumentado: Consulte a un abogado de inmigración con licencia para conocer la elegibilidad.

■ Evite el fraude: Trabaje solo con abogados autorizados o representantes acreditados. Nunca firme formularios en blanco ni pague por "conexiones especiales."

Conozca sus derechos

Si ICE visita su casa:

■ No abra la puerta sin una orden firmada por un juez.

■ Verifique la orden pidiéndole a ICE que la deslice por debajo de la puerta.

Durante las interacciones con ICE:

■ Mantén la calma y el silencio. No responda a preguntas ni firme nada.

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■ Lleve consigo lo esencial: Una identificación válida (si corresponde), una tarjeta de Conozca sus derechos y el número de teléfono de su abogado.

Guarde copias de lo siguiente en un lugar seguro pero accesible:

■ Pasaportes, actas de nacimiento, e información sobre seguros de salud.

■ Documentos de inmigración (por ejemplo, tarjeta verde, permiso de trabajo, número A).

■ Declaración jurada de autorización del cuidador y listas de contactos de emergencia.

Recursos de emergencia

■ Sin Barreras: Servicios legales de inmigración www.sinbarrerasville.org y 434-531-0104.

■ Solo Vecinos: Servicios legales de inmigración, www.justneighbors.org y 703-979-1240.

Plan Preparasyon Imigrasyon Pou Ljans Pou Ljans Fanmi

Plan Swen Timoun

Deziyen moun k ap bay Swen ou fè konfyans: Idantifye granmoaj ki ka pran swen pitit ou yo nan absans ou. Mizajou lekòl/gadri kontak avèk enfòmasyon yo.

Prepare Enfòmasyon Medikal: Dokimante kondisyon medikal pitit ou, medikaman, kontak doktè, ak detay asirans sante. Pataje sa a ak lekòl ak moun kap bay swen.

Afidavi Otorizasyon Moun kap bay swen an: Itilize fòm sa a pou otorize yon moun k ap bay swen an pou pran desizyon pou pitit ou a. Li pa transfere titèl.

Preparasyon Legal ak Imigrasyon

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■ Detantè Visa: Eksplòre chemen nan yon kat vèt.

■ San papyè: Konsilte yon avoka imigrasyon ki gen lisans pou kalifikasyon.

■ Evite fwod: Travay sèlman ak avoka ki gen lisans oswa reprezantan ki akredite yo. Pa janm siyen fòm vid oswa peye pou "koneksyon espesyal."

Konnen Dwa Ou yo

Si ICE Vizite kay ou:

■ Pa louvri pòt la san yon mandyan siyen nan men yon jij.

■ Verifye garanti a pa mande ICE glise li anba pòt la.

Pandan entèraksyon ICE:

■ Rete kalm ak silans. Pa reponn kesyon oswa siyen anyen.

■ Mande yon avoka ak yon odyans devan yon jij imigrasyon.

■ Pote Esansyèl: Yon ID valab (si sa aplikab), yon kat Dwa Ou genyen, ak nimewo telefòn avoka w la.

Kopi magazen sa ki an sekirite men aksesib:

■ Paspò, batistè, ak enfòmasyon asirans sante.

■ Dokiman imigrasyon (pa twòp, kat vèt, pèmi travay, A-nimewo).

■ Afidavitasyon Otorizasyon Swen an ak lis kontak ijans yo.

Resous ijans

■ Peche Barreras (San barye): Èd legal ak imigrasyon, www.sinbarrerasville.org ak 434-531-0104.

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Supervisors approve community revitalization fund

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton supervisors on Jan. 14 approved an ordinance to establish a community revitalization fund as permitted by Virginia Code to prevent neighborhood deterioration.

Northampton County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski developed the program to address the issue of “houses that are just sitting there, rotting away slowly,” which could be repaired and provide much-needed housing for residents, he said in October 2024.

The program features four options for decreasing the cost of neighborhood improvements:

■ Waiving disposal fees for the voluntary demolition of blighted and derelict structures. This option also saves the county money in staffing and publishing

notices about the demolition of unsafe structures.

■ Rebating permit fees for the rehabilitation and construction of attainable housing that will be used as a primary residence for long-term rental. The ordinance defines “attainable housing” as a home with an assessed value of \$350,000 or less. The home may not be used as a short-term rental for seven years after a final building inspection is completed or a certificate of occupancy is issued.

■ Rebating real estate taxes for newly constructed attainable housing for seven years, during which period the home may not be used as a short-term rental.

■ Rebating permit fees for essential repairs to attainable housing, including improvements to bring the home into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Examples of essential repairs include fixing roofs, foun-

dations, heating and air conditioning, plumbing, and electrical systems. The benefiting property may not be used as a short-term rental for seven years.

Chair John Coker said he approved of the proposal, except for the loan program that had raised eyebrows when it was discussed last fall.

Kolakowski also had proposed offering 10-year, zero-interest loans of up to \$30,000 each for homes needing major renovations such as roof replacements.

Supervisors had expressed concerns about what would happen if the loans were not repaid, and they were dissatisfied with suggestions to put liens on the properties or sell the homes to recover the loan funds.

Kolakowski clarified that the loan program was not included in the ordinance that he was asking supervisors to approve that evening.

However, he is continuing work on the loan program and will present it to supervisors for approval at a later date.

One person spoke during a public hearing on the matter.

The Rev. Shaun Smith, of the Lower Shore Charge of the United Methodist Church, which includes Cape Charles, Cheriton, and Capeville, requested clarification about the program.

He asked if the church could access the program benefits and if wheelchair ramps and other accessibility modifications were included in the qualifying repairs. The church performs this work under the guidance of a licensed contractor who is a member.

“Depending on whether they meet the criteria, yes,” Coker said.

The ordinance was approved unanimously.

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Onancock sets 10th annual St. Patrick's Parade March 15

On Saturday, March 15, the Onancock Business and Civic Association will present the 10th annual O'Nancock St. Patrick's Parade.

It is a day filled with small-town America celebration, including the widely anticipated annual parade, shopping, dining, and music.

Visit Onancock restaurants, galleries and shops all day. This year's theme is "Lucky Onancock."

The always-popular classic car and tractor exhibition, starting at noon, will precede the parade.

The parade starts at 3 p.m. on Market Street. St. Patrick, his color guard, Pipe and Drum Corps, floats, and more are part of the parade.

The volunteers of the association will once again support this event.

For more information, visit www.Onancock.org or email 23417OB-CA@gmail.com

The association announces Jean and Dick Freeman of Onancock have been selected to serve as grand marshals.

The Freemans, longtime members of OBCA, are recognized for their extensive volunteer efforts and passionate advocacy for the health of Eastern Shore residents and the environment.

Dick Freeman serves on the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and Eastern Shore Community Services Board. Jean Freeman actively supports the local Red Cross. Both dedicate significant effort to OBCA's Annual Town Litter Cleanup, The Chesapeake Bay Clean Up, OBCA's July Ice Cream Social, and Christmas in Onancock.

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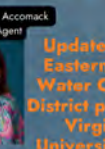


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Eastern Shore Lodge 62, with the support of the Virginia State Fraternal Order of Police, distributed Christmas dinner packages to five families in each of the towns of Exmore and Cape Charles on Dec. 22. Families were identified based on need by officers from the respective towns. Pictured from left are Lodge 62 Vice President Joe Rigby, his grandson, Lincoln, Exmore Police Sgt. Tyler Hinman, Lodge 62 President Dennis Shirmer, and Exmore Police Sgt. Brandon Parks.

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Pictured from left are Cape Charles Police Sgt. William Lewis and Police Officer Harper Matthews. Police Chief Jim Pruitt, not pictured, also participated in the distribution. Lodge 62 thanked Food Lion and store managers Sean Rogers and David Thomas for their assistance in the program.

COURTESY PHOTO



Projected county revenues up \$1.6M over last year

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton County’s projected revenues for fiscal year 2026 are around \$46 million, about \$1.6 million more than last year.

About 90% of that total is local revenue, around 6% is state funding, and only about 0.29%, or \$133,000, is federal funding.

Finance Director John Chandler expects the county to receive more than \$28 million in real estate tax revenue, about \$1.9 million more than last year.

The estimate was based on 2024 tax bills and \$96 million of new construction in 2023.

County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski noted that the average value of a new home in Northampton is \$540,000.

Chandler expects nearly \$880,000 in late real estate tax payments, a “temporary blip” as property owners who weren’t paying their taxes during and after the COVID-19 pandemic catch up.

Personal property tax revenue of more than \$4.5 million is expected, about \$519,000 more than last year.

County officials attributed this to new vehicles costing more and used vehicles retaining value.

Revenue from other local taxes is trending down and is expected to be about \$7.1 million, around \$376,000 less.

Projected sales taxes are \$2 million, a \$150,000 decrease. Revenue from the additional 1% sales tax to fund Northampton school capital projects is expected to be \$1.9 million, a \$200,000 decrease.

In Northampton County at large,

transient occupancy tax revenue of \$620,000 is anticipated, a \$130,000 decrease.

However, in Cape Charles, transient occupancy taxes of \$275,000 are anticipated, a \$100,000 increase.

Food and beverage taxes also are projected to increase \$60,000 for a total of \$560,000 in revenue.

Interest on investments likely will be \$1.4 million, a decline of \$175,000 due to falling interest rates.

Northampton is expected to receive about \$263,000 more for shared expenses, a total of \$2.6 million.

The shared expenses are the salaries of Northampton’s constitutional officers, which include the clerk of circuit court, commissioner of revenue, commonwealth’s attorney, treasurer, sheriff, and voter registrar.

The increase in shared expenses includes a 3% cost of living adjustment.

In fiscal year 2024, the Virginia Compensation Board paid nearly 44% of the constitutional officers’ salaries and Northampton paid about 56%.

Chandler also reported on Northampton’s financial position at the end of FY 2024 based on county policies:

■ Northampton’s annual debt payments should not be more than 12% of governmental fund expenditures. The county spent about \$53.1 million in the general, regional jail, social services, and school operating funds in FY 2024, and it made debt payments totaling nearly \$5.4 million, or almost 10.2%.

■ Northampton’s unassigned fund balance, essentially a rainy day fund, should not fall below 10% of the county’s combined operating expenses. The unassigned fund balance was more than \$9.8 million in FY 2024, or nearly 18.5% of operating expenses.



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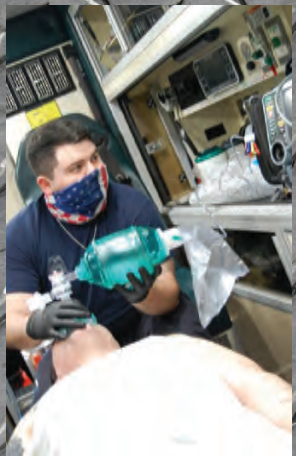
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EXMORE

Yellow lights continue to draw ire of officials; town police are lauded

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN

Eastern Shore Post

Exmore officials persist in their concern over the safety of flashing yellow left-turn arrows at the intersections of U.S. Route 13 and town roads.

"Somebody's going to get killed at these intersections with these flashing lights," said Police Chief Angelo DiMartino on Monday, Feb. 3.

One of Exmore's four reportable crashes in January was caused by a driver in the southbound turn lane who didn't see the vehicle in the northbound turn lane but saw the yellow flashing arrow and decided to take a "gamble, and she lost," DiMartino said.

He intends to talk to Virginia Department of Transportation representatives and "explain it's just not safe for our citizens."

Councilman Chase Sturgis suggested that accidents are happening because drivers who encounter the yellow flashing arrows in the left-turn lane mistakenly believe that oncoming traffic will be stopped at a red light.

"It's not, 'You just made the light.' No, you didn't. They've still got a green," he said. DiMartino confirmed that oncoming traffic has the right of way.

The police chief would like VDOT to refrain from installing any additional yellow flashing lights. He also would like the two existing yellow flashing lights to be removed.

"They've increased our crashes," DiMartino said.

He reported that Exmore police as-

sisted in the matter of a vehicle that was stolen in Accomack County.

Cpl. Eddie Diaz had spotted the vehicle and activated his emergency equipment. "Of course, the car takes off," DiMartino said.

The driver bailed out of the car and ran into a field, but a Northampton County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit with a "good tracking dog" set up a perimeter around the area, and the subject was caught, DiMartino said.

The vehicle was recovered with little to no damage, he said.

DiMartino also commended his officers for assisting the Accomack County Sheriff's Office with a gunshot victim in Painter when no sheriff's deputies were nearby.

The Exmore officers secured the scene, applied a tourniquet to the victim, who was sitting in a "massive puddle of blood," and recovered a shell casing.

But the "best part" was Sgt. Tyler Hinman's demonstration of dedication to Exmore when he decided they would leave promptly after a deputy and a state trooper arrived.

"It was good that he's got that mindset that, 'Hey, we've got to get back. ... We've got a town to take care of,'" DiMartino said.

The Exmore police department received \$3,200 in grant funds for additional security cameras, he said.

DiMartino called the security cameras "awesome" in reducing crime and helping the police department meet its goals and objectives.

"Our serious crimes have dropped by more than 50%," he said. "Our drive-bys and shootings ... have fallen right off."

Mayor apologizes for lack of oversight at fairgrounds

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

The Pocomoke City mayor has apologized for a lack of oversight by the city that led to a state environmental violation from the state at the Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds.

Mayor Todd J. Nock made the comment before a packed audience, made up largely of supporters and committee members affiliated with the fair, at the city council meeting held on Feb. 3.

Working off a tip, a representative from the Maryland Department of the Environment visited the fairgrounds in January and later said that fill dirt used to create a riding arena had impacted an area with a modified wetland designation.

Based on his recent research, Nock said that a 1994 resolution, codified in the city charter, created a five-member Fair Board, whose duty was to advise the mayor and council and keep them abreast of events and activities at the fairgrounds.

However, at the moment, there are only three active members: Dean Ennis, Alice Jean Ennis, and Pam Polk.

Norman Ennis, who recently passed away, had also served on the board.

Dean Ennis spoke at the meeting, saying that he has served as a liaison between the fair board and two separate groups operating at the fairgrounds: the Harness Racing Board and the Great Pocomoke Fair, Inc., a nonprofit.

Nock added that per that resolution, council was to have an appointed member serving as ex-officio on the Fair Board. Currently, no one serves in that capacity.

District 1 Councilmember Scott Holland expressed an interest in filling that role. He also suggested appointing Sara Chapman to fill one of the two vacancies on the Fair Board. Ennis suggested John Smith, who

has long been affiliated with the fairgrounds, for the remaining slot. No action was taken on this at the meeting.

Both Holland and Councilmember C.L. Marshall have advocated leasing the fairgrounds to the involved groups so they could write grants for programs and for maintenance, a matter that Marshall again raised at the meeting.

Nock said that since the Fair Board is a city entity, no lease is required. District 4 Councilmember Brooke Cottman said that grants can be written by the city.

The 2025 Great Pocomoke Fair, with expanded dates, will take place Aug. 2 to Aug. 9, with other events planned throughout the year.

In other news, two items on the meeting agenda for Feb. 3 were tabled unexpectedly.

The second reading of a resolution to amend the city charter to allow the mayor's vote to break a tie was tabled when it was brought up that it wasn't advertised sufficiently.

Attorney Andrew Illuminati said that after a proper 21-day advertising period, this could be back on the agenda for the first meeting in March.

A resolution for the acceptance of a land donation was also tabled because it wasn't in all the councilmembers' packets, as well as difficulty with the meeting's audio feed at that time.

Later, Nock said that the gift was from the Stevenson family and that he hoped to someday see the name of Will Stevenson on the community center he hoped would be built there.

City Manager John Barkley announced that the special election to fill the vacant District 3 council seat will take place on Tuesday, April 29.

Voters will be able to cast their ballots from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Maryland Room at the Community Center located at the Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company building,

1410 Market St.

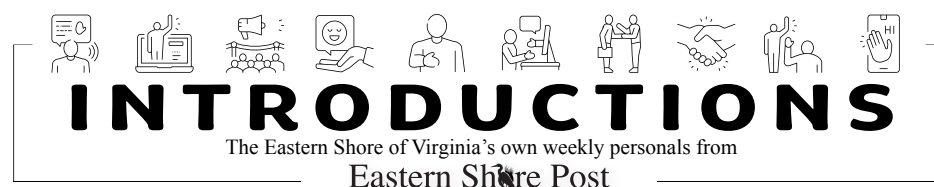
The new council member will take the oath of office on Monday, May 5.

Demolition of the Armory building has begun, said Barkley, with the first phase involving the safe removal of asbestos. The building has been fenced off and veiled, and he expects this phase to be completed within the next two weeks.

He anticipates the entire project will be finished by the end of March.

Nock announced that a citywide events coordinator has been hired and will be formally introduced in the near future.

This position expands the former downtown events coordinator position left vacant last year.



SWF, 69, working part time, non smoker, seeks man aged 68 to 78, non smoker. I enjoy cooking and sharing a good meal and movie, long walks, and day trips. I live a simple uncomplicated life, avid reader, member of the YMCA and learning yoga. **Box 1-266. Leave name and number with the Eastern Shore Post at 757-789-7678 or email editor@easternshorepost.com.**

The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore is seeking musicians. For more information, Visit www.orchestraes.org

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.**

SWM, 45, outgoing father who loves talking and fishing. I'm just looking for someone I can communicate with, who can lift me up. I have 10 months left in my incarceration I am looking for someone who I can build a relationship with when I get out of here. I'm financially stable. **Box 1-268. Leave name and number with the Eastern Shore Post at 757-789-7678 or email editor@easternshorepost.com.**

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

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

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

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Happy, happy birthday over in Glory Land! I carry you in
my heart always. Take your rest. One day, when that great
getting up morning comes, we will meet again. I thank God
for the many years we shared together.

Your loving wife,
Annie M. Collins & Family

Help Wanted

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.

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For more information or to apply,

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POSITION: Secondary Bookkeeper

LOCATION: Northampton High School

SALARY: \$37,408 - \$58,021 based on experience

BENEFITS: Health insurance, dental insurance, VA
Retirement benefits, and paid leave.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Extensive knowledge of business/finance functions
- Demonstrated skills in financial and accounting procedures
- Knowledge of computers and business office procedures
- High school diploma with post high school related course work preferred
- Such alternatives to the above qualifications as to the School Board may feel appropriate and acceptable.

SUMMARY: Seeking detail-orientated and organized book-
keeper. Duties include managing accounts, reconciliations,
processing purchase orders, supply replenishment, creat-
ing/maintaining spreadsheets, preparing reports, and other
financial recordkeeping.

SUBMIT APPLICATION: www.ncpsk12.com

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/yezesa6ra> 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/yezesa6ra> 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.

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.

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

COASTAL CONSERVATION INTERN

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is seeking applications for a spring/summer Coastal Conservation Intern to assist science and conservation staff with programs at the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve (VCCR). The 10-week, 35 hour/week position will begin in May 2025 and is based on a Tuesday through Saturday schedule.

The intern will assist with public outreach about VCCR barrier islands, stewardship of barrier island beach-nesting birds, marine habitat restoration, preserve management, and education and outreach events. Basic qualifications include high school diploma and experience working outdoors.

To see complete details for this position and to apply, go to www.nature.org/careers, click *Jobs At TNC*, search jobs by the position title, location, or **job #56200**, then click *Apply for Job* to submit an online application by **11:59 p.m. on February 23, 2025**. The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



BUSINESS MANAGER

The Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club seeks an experienced Business Manager to oversee financial operations, budgeting, member relations, and office administration for its 550+ members.

Key Duties:

- **Financial Management:** Oversee invoicing, accounts receivable/payable, and member billing.
- **Reporting:** Prepare monthly financial reports and assist with budget development.
- **Compliance:** Ensure adherence to financial policies and local/state regulations.
- **Member Relations:** Handle member inquiries and support event planning.
- **Office Support:** Maintain organized records and collaborate with department managers.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in business, finance, or accounting
- 3-5 years of financial or office management experience
- Strong financial acumen and organizational skills
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service abilities

Private club experience is a plus. For a full job description and to apply please visit our website at esycc.com or email your resume and cover letter to estodghill@esycc.com.



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS POSITIONS #08720 / 05465

The Eastern Shore Health District is seeking two enthusiastic team members to join the Population Health Team as Community Health Workers serving Accomack and Northampton counties.

These are full-time positions with a primary focus on community engagement with and service delivery to persons at high risk for poor maternal outcomes. CHWs connect patients to community services as needed, such as Medicaid, WIC, and transportation. CHWs assist patients with care navigation, whether with Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, EVMS, or CHKD as needed. These positions may support a new doula initiative and a new group prenatal care initiative.

Two positions are available: #08720 and #05465. Multi-lingual candidates are encouraged to apply. For detailed job information and to apply, visit <https://jobs.virginia.gov/> Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by February 9, 2025, 11:55 p.m. EEO.



MEDICAL INTERPRETER (DIRECT SERVICES ASSOCIATE II)

Facilitates service delivery to clients by interpreting language to staff and clients. Duties typically associated with overall service delivery include securing patient history; providing basic health education; explaining various routine assessments, diagnostic and treatment processes; promoting immunizations; and identifying social or financial service providers to contact for assistance. May provide general administrative tasks such as keyboarding, filing, and reception.

Starting Pay Range: \$18 to \$20 per hour depending on knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience.

Qualifications: Ability to perform above duties. Ability to work with multi-cultural populations. Bilingual English/Haitian Creole, or multi-lingual English/Spanish/Haitian Creole.

Contract Position: State benefits are not provided. Selected candidates will register with a contract agency for temporary medical workers. Contract agency will process time and pay for hours worked. Base location is at Northampton County Health Department.

To apply, send resume to: Tjuana.harmon@vdh.virginia.gov and indicate in your e-mail subject "Application for Interpreter."

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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

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

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

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

Open until filled.

Apply in person at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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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 Open until filled. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT - Needed in Nassawadox, VA. Duties include bookkeeping, payroll, tax preparation and data entry. A minimum of two years of experience is preferred. Please send a resume to Medcatalyst, P.O. Box 21 Nassawadox, VA 23413 or email to teri@medcatalyst.net.

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CONTACT:
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(585) 315-6322

Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. Xaviar Babudar, sentenced to more than 17 years in prison for a string of armed bank robberies, was a wolf-costumed superfan of what NFL team?

2. Tennis player Ons Jabeur, Wimbledon ladies' singles finalist in 2022 and '23, hails from what country?

3. What is the name of the Arizona State Sun Devils' official athletic mascot?

4. What umpire blew a call at first base in the bottom of the ninth inning to help the Kansas City Royals defeat the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 of the 1985 World Series?

See answers at left

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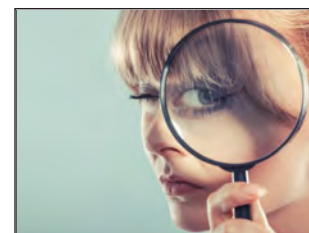
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Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA
 Plaintiff
 vs.
 CIVIL CASE NO. 23-804

WILLIAM GREEN TAYLOR
 BIRDIE MAE TAYLOR
 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURION BANK
 PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC

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 the Town of Chincoteague, Island District, Accomack County, Virginia designated as tax map number 030A110000030D2

standing in the names of William Green Taylor and Birdie Mae Taylor, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 et. Seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to determine whether Birdie Mae Taylor is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of her heirs, devisees, and successors in title; 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 Birdie Mae Taylor; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of William Green Taylor, whose last known post office address is 39 Pond Brook Lane, Louisa, VA 23093.

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 February 24, 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 24th day of January, 2025.

Lynwood W. Lewis Jr., Judge

I ask for this:

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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

Legal Ads

INVITATION TO BID COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, VIRGINIA CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FISHING PIER

The County of Northampton, Virginia, is accepting sealed bids for the construction of a new fishing pier at the Oyster Harbor located at 21209 Crumb Hill Road, Cape Charles, VA 23310. The pier will be approximately 10 feet wide and 200 feet long. Sealed bids may be submitted either as a physical hard copy or electronically through eVA, the Virginia Department of General Services central electronic procurement website. Faxed or emailed proposals are not acceptable. Bids will be received until 2:30 PM, Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter. Physical bids received after the assigned time will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Bid documents can be obtained by contacting Chris Thomas, Director of Public Works, at cthomas@co.northampton.va.us or 757-678-3377.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the bidding.

All bidders are subject to and must comply with the provisions of Northampton County's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and applicable State and Federal anti-discrimination laws.



ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Public Hearings Schedule February 19, 2025

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**, in the **Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Accomac, VA.**

Public hearings will be held at 6:00 p.m. to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or present written comments on the following matter:

Conduct a Public Hearing: Amending the Accomack County Code, Chapter 82 entitled "Taxation," Sections 82-163 and 82-164. The Board of Supervisors approved a public hearing to be held for an ordinance amending the Accomack County Code, Chapter 82, entitled "Taxation," Sections 82-163 and 82-164, to expand the real estate tax exemption for surviving spouses of members of the U.S. Armed Forces killed in action to surviving spouses of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who died in the line of duty with a line of duty determination from the U.S. Department of Defense, as required by Virginia Law.

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

Mike Mason: (757) 787-5700 / 824-5444 or
administration@co.accomack.va.us

County's electronic Board Agenda at:
<https://go.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public>

Live Meeting Audio:
<https://tinyurl.com/3d3ctfnp>

PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Tangier, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 30 days from the first date of this public notice - January 31, 2025 through March 3, 2025.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Town of Tangier, 4301 Joshua Lane., Tangier, VA 23440. Permit #VA0067423.

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Town of Tangier Wastewater Treatment Plant, 16140 West Ridge Road, Tangier, VA 23440

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town of Tangier has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the reissuance of a permit for treated domestic wastewater discharges from the town's residences and businesses. The applicant proposes to discharge at a rate of 0.10 million gallons per day to the Chesapeake Bay in Accomack County in the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Ocean, and Small Coastal basin watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality – bacteria, nutrients, organic matter, physical and chemical properties, solids, inorganics, and flow. Sludge produced will be hauled by a contractor to the Princess Anne WWTP in Princess Anne, MD for further treatment and disposal.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: The DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of 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: Kyle W. Strickland at DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA, 23462, Phone: (757) 705-9761, E-mail: kyle.strickland@deq.virginia.gov The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ Tidewater Regional Office by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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 comments 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 applications; 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission invites public comment on proposed amendments to regulations, as shown below. By February 6, 2025, the proposed draft regulations may be viewed on the VMRC web calendar at <https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm>

In accordance with Section 28.2-209 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing on the proposed amendments to these regulations will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Written public comments on the proposals below or on items not on the agenda must be provided by 12:00 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2025. Comments should be made at the following link: https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/fisheries/search_publiccomments.php or addressed to Public Comments, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ) HARBOR ELECTRICAL SERVICES

The Town of Cape Charles is requesting quotes for electrical services at the Town Harbor. The work entails inspection of sixty-five (65) Lighthouse electrical pedestals on the harbor docks and preparation of a list of pedestals needing repair including necessary electrical components and estimated labor hours for each. Repairs are not included in this RFQ and will be contracted separately.

The complete RFQ document can be found at www.capecharles.org under *Bid Opportunities* or at the Town Hall located at 2 Plum Street. Quotes are due by 11:00 a.m. on February 28, 2025, at which time the quotes will be publicly opened and read.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance 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 Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority ("ESVBA") will hold a public hearing at its offices located at 4174 Lankford Highway, Exmore, VA 23350 concerning proposed 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION HABITAT PERMIT APPLICATION 20242395

Notice is hereby given that Thomas E. Powers (VMRC #20242395) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install up to 480 floating aquaculture cages over 40,000 square feet within Magothy Bay of Northampton County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #20242395) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>

We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received on or before February 19, 2025. Mail public comments to Marine Resources Commission, Shellfish Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

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

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

Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Timothy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who said, "Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars but the ark of the covenant ... remaineth under curtains"? (David, Nathan, Saul, or Solomon)
3. From Numbers 12, why was Miriam shut out of camp for seven days? (Ungodly act, Leprous, Fasting, or Lent)
4. Who took David in as his own after the slaying of Goliath? (Jonathan, Solomon, Saul, or Eliakim)
5. About how tall was Goliath in approximate cubits? (3, 4, 5, or 6)
6. Who led the Israelites over the River Jordan after they set out from Shittim? (Moses, Joshua, Aaron, or Elijah)
7. What was the name of Samson's father? (Noah, Manoah, Jesse, or Levi)
8. Who wrote the book of Proverbs? (Jude, Moses, Solomon, or Isaac)

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8. Solomon
7. Manoah
6. Joshua
5. Six
4. Saul
3. Leprous
2. David
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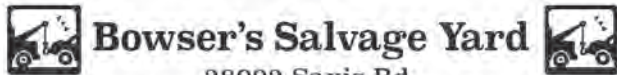
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To MWOW Properties LLC
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Lot 2, near Jamesville
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To Ted and Rita Quinn and Catherine Gular
Lot B-93, Bayside Village, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
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To Timothy Clougherty
18286 Woodland Ave., Parksley
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Assateague Beach	H L	3:39 p.m. 10:11 a.m.	H L	4:44 p.m. 11:22 a.m.	H L	5:42 p.m. 12:22 p.m.	H L	6:33 p.m. 1:11 p.m.	H L	7:12 a.m. 1:53 p.m.	H L	7:54 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	H L	8:33 a.m. 3:05 p.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	3:40 p.m. 9:59 a.m.	H L	4:42 p.m. 11:01 a.m.	H L	5:39 p.m. 11:57 a.m.	H L	6:32 p.m. 12:47 p.m.	H L	7:05 a.m. 1:32 p.m.	H L	7:49 a.m. 2:13 p.m.	H L	8:30 a.m. 2:52 p.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	4:35 p.m. 10:50 a.m.	H L	5:40 p.m. 12:01 p.m.	H L	6:38 p.m. 1:01 p.m.	H L	7:21 a.m. 1:50 p.m.	H L	8:08 a.m. 2:32 p.m.	H L	8:50 a.m. 3:09 p.m.	H L	9:29 a.m. 3:44 p.m.
Folly Creek	H L	4:28 p.m. 10:35 a.m.	H L	5:33 p.m. 11:46 a.m.	H L	6:31 p.m. 12:46 p.m.	H L	7:14 a.m. 1:35 p.m.	H L	8:01 a.m. 2:17 p.m.	H L	8:43 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	H L	9:22 a.m. 3:29 p.m.
Wachapreague	H L	4:00 p.m. 10:05 a.m.	H L	5:05 p.m. 11:06 a.m.	H L	6:01 p.m. 12:03 p.m.	H L	6:52 p.m. 12:55 p.m.	H L	7:35 a.m. 1:42 p.m.	H L	8:19 a.m. 2:24 p.m.	H L	8:59 a.m. 3:03 p.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	3:39 p.m. 9:50 a.m.	H L	4:44 p.m. 11:01 a.m.	H L	5:42 p.m. 12:01 p.m.	H L	6:33 p.m. 12:50 p.m.	H L	7:12 a.m. 1:32 p.m.	H L	7:54 a.m. 2:09 p.m.	H L	8:33 a.m. 2:44 p.m.
Machipongo	H L	4:09 p.m. 10:19 a.m.	H L	5:14 p.m. 11:30 a.m.	H L	6:12 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	H L	6:55 a.m. 1:19 p.m.	H L	7:42 a.m. 2:01 p.m.	H L	8:24 a.m. 2:38 p.m.	H L	9:03 a.m. 3:13 p.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	7:35 a.m. 2:14 p.m.	H L	8:39 a.m. 3:16 p.m.	H L	9:38 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	H L	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	H L	11:17 a.m. 5:43 p.m.	H L	11:58 a.m. 6:23 p.m.	H L	12:35 p.m. 6:59 p.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	7:54 a.m. 3:05 p.m.	H L	9:08 a.m. 4:08 p.m.	H L	10:09 a.m. 5:06 p.m.	H L	11:02 a.m. 5:56 p.m.	H L	11:47 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	H L	12:26 p.m. 6:35 a.m.	H L	1:01 p.m. 7:16 a.m.
Guard Shore	H L	7:46 a.m. 3:01 p.m.	H L	9:00 a.m. 4:04 p.m.	H L	10:01 a.m. 5:02 p.m.	H L	10:54 a.m. 5:52 p.m.	H L	11:39 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	H L	12:18 p.m. 6:31 a.m.	H L	12:53 p.m. 7:12 a.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	7:21 a.m. 2:13 p.m.	H L	8:35 a.m. 3:16 p.m.	H L	9:36 a.m. 4:14 p.m.	H L	10:29 a.m. 5:04 p.m.	H L	11:14 a.m. 5:46 p.m.	H L	11:53 a.m. 6:23 p.m.	H L	12:28 p.m. 6:57 p.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	7:35 a.m. 2:33 p.m.	H L	8:49 a.m. 3:36 p.m.	H L	9:50 a.m. 4:34 p.m.	H L	10:43 a.m. 5:24 p.m.	H L	11:28 a.m. 6:06 p.m.	H L	12:07 p.m. 6:43 p.m.	H L	12:42 p.m. 6:44 a.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H L	6:51 a.m. 1:47 p.m.	H L	8:05 a.m. 2:50 p.m.	H L	9:06 a.m. 3:48 p.m.	H L	9:59 a.m. 4:38 p.m.	H L	10:44 a.m. 5:20 p.m.	H L	11:23 a.m. 5:57 p.m.	H L	11:58 a.m. 6:31 p.m.
Nassawadox	H L	5:53 p.m. 12:02 p.m.	H L	6:41 a.m. 1:07 p.m.	H L	7:43 a.m. 2:04 p.m.	H L	8:37 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	H L	9:24 a.m. 3:37 p.m.	H L	10:06 a.m. 4:16 p.m.	H L	10:44 a.m. 4:52 p.m.
Occohan. Creek	H L	6:04 p.m. 12:45 p.m.	H L	7:03 a.m. 1:52 p.m.	H L	8:08 a.m. 2:51 p.m.	H L	9:01 a.m. 3:43 p.m.	H L	9:47 a.m. 4:29 p.m.	H L	10:30 a.m. 5:10 p.m.	H L	11:09 a.m. 5:48 p.m.
Cape Charles	H L	4:47 p.m. 11:17 a.m.	H L	5:58 p.m. 12:20 p.m.	H L	6:40 a.m. 1:18 p.m.	H L	7:33 a.m. 2:08 p.m.	H L	8:18 a.m. 2:50 p.m.	H L	8:57 a.m. 3:27 p.m.	H L	9:32 a.m. 4:01 p.m.
Kiptopeke Beach	H L	4:30 p.m. 10:45 a.m.	H L	5:36 p.m. 11:48 a.m.	H L	6:32 p.m. 12:45 p.m.	H L	7:08 a.m. 1:35 p.m.	H L	7:54 a.m. 2:17 p.m.	H L	8:34 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	H L	9:10 a.m. 3:28 p.m.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: JUST ONE OF — THINGS

- Best
Course of
Earthly
Insignificant
- Last
Living
Mere
Nice
- Other
Real
Scheme of
Seeing
- Sure
The way of
Thick of

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Last week's answers

SCUBA STAGE BEAM TME
NENES HALAL ELBE ERMA
OPERE OLLIE AMEN ESPY
WHATCOOKINGPRODUCTDO
IER CTS IEDS OHARE
NUTLET SNARE BIV SIN
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Weekly SUDOKU

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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

CELEBRITY ANAGRAMS

- ACROSS
1 Hindu music pattern
5 Captivated
13 Kellogg's toaster treat
20 Missing GI
21 Sprinted competitively, perhaps
22 One shunning something
23 Best Actor nominee for "Mrs. Miniver"
25 Maximal-ebb phenomenon
26 Trauma pro in a hosp.
27 "Knives Out" actress — de Armas
28 No, in Fife
30 Japanese wheat pasta
31 Filmed again
33 American Ballet Theatre principal dancer beginning in 2015
39 Double Stuf cookies
42 Look for water with a divining rod
- 43 "Juno and the Paycock" playwright Sean
44 He played Otto Octavius in "Spider-Man 2"
48 Truth bender
49 Shifts body weight against
50 Pics to click
52 Which person
55 Series-ending abbr.
56 "Yes, Yvette"
57 "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" poet
62 Jeff Bridges sci-fi film
65 Glockenspiel relative
66 Frosty film
67 Planet's path
68 Trying Jenny Craig, e.g.
70 Stands up
71 Midday time
72 Treaty result
74 Impacts
77 Apt retail establishment for 57-Across to own?
80 "Kewll!"
81 Daddies
- 83 Moose kin
84 These, in Spain
85 Alternative to laser tag
88 — buco
89 Apt item for 44-Across to keep files in?
92 Chief
95 Garlic mayo
97 Principal
98 Apt business for 33-Across to have on the stock exchange?
101 Mimicking a crow's cry
105 Sci-fi princess
106 Alias letters
107 Pal, to Yves
110 Former chief justice Roger
111 Carrier based in Tehran
114 Apt ingredient for 23-Across to make
119 Guevara called "Che"
121 Assistant
122 Court period
123 Like the Zax and the Lorax
124 Gleeful cries
- DOWN
1 Less refined
2 Au courant
3 Top medals
4 Valved brass instrument
5 Make a gaffe
6 California wine valley
7 Have — with (be favored by)
8 Lady's title
9 Assn.
10 "Norma —"
11 Writer Umberto
12 IHOP competitor
13 Prefix with -lithic or -zoic
14 — -lacto vegetarian
15 "Wham!"
16 From which a name is taken
17 Reebok rival
18 Made over
19 Au courant
24 Tourist destination that's "green"
29 Golf rarity
32 Ho-humness
34 Cruel Amin
35 Many an heir
36 Pan Am rival
37 Travel origin, generically
- 87 Virtual money
88 "— vincit amor"
89 Heavy drinker
90 Bar brew
91 "It's go time!"
92 Almanac, in large part
93 Ship's diary
94 Trent of Mississippi
95 Slushy drink
96 — Rica
97 Accessory near a mouse
98 Real estate transaction
99 Individuals
100 "It's too hard for me"
101 Brought on
102 More crafty
103 Comic Idle
104 "— I a stinker?"
105 "I'd rather — there" ("That topic is off limits")
106 A while ago
107 Loch —
108 Ketchup ingredient
109 Belittled, informally
110 Study of insects, informally
- 75 Many a monk
76 Some unofficial sci-fi stories
77 Two-gender pronoun
78 Prefix with center
79 Camera variety, briefly
80 Swiss mount
81 Bowled over
82 Gas ratings
83 Floor cleaner
84 Styled after
85 Writer Anaïs
86 Partners
87 Capital of South Dakota
88 Laoians and Thais
89 Just dandy
90 Likenesses
91 Leslie of "Lili"
92 "The Deep" director Peter
93 Delhi's land
94 Very poor
95 Whirls around
96 Short skirt
97 Old Peruvian
98 "Do — say!"
99 Skater Midori
100 Adam and —
101 Actress Lucy
102 TV pitches
103 Signing tool

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