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Northampton High School junior Rylee Coates makes a jump in the pole vault event at the Virginia High School League Class 1 Indoor Track and Field Championships, held at Liberty University. She won five state championships at the meet.

Northampton's Coates wins five state track titles

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

When Rylee Coates was learning how to walk, she was already in a hurry to get from here to there.

"I would run so fast that I would always fall on my face," she said.

Sixteen years later, she's running faster than ever and definitely not falling on her face.

The junior at Northampton High School won five gold medals at the VHSL Class 1 Indoor Track and Field Championships, held March 5 and 6 at Liberty University.

Winning five state championships in one meet is more than remarkable. It's historic.

Virginia is the only state that allows competitors to enter five or more events — three running events and as many field events as

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ACCOMAC

Courthouse green gets a makeover

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

One member of Ye Accawmacke Garden Club has made it her mission to restore Accomack County's historic courthouse green to its former glory, transforming it into a welcoming and educational place for the public to enjoy for generations to come.

The project is about "preserving the history and moving forward into the future," said Hope Saecker, a retired Broadwater Academy first grade teacher.

She lives in the town of Accomac, right around the corner from the "court green," as local historian Floyd Nock dubbed it in 1976.

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Police bust alleged Parksley perv at library

According to Accomack Sheriff W. Todd Wessells, on Friday, March 7, at 3:03 p.m., the Accomack County Sheriff's Office received a report of a sex offense at the Eastern Shore Public Library in Parksley.

When deputies arrived, they encountered an adult male who advised he was there to meet a female juvenile whom he had sent explicit photos.

The male, identified as Matthew Thomas, 20, of Parksley, was taken into custody at the scene.

Thomas was charged with the use of a computer to commit certain sex offenses with a minor.

Additional charges may be pending. Thomas was remanded to the Accomack County Jail with bond denied.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Parksley Police Department.

Anyone with information is asked to call 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666.

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This program only occurs once every five years. It is an opportunity to safely dispose of any pesticides no longer being used. The program is open to:

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Participants are responsible for bringing their items to the drop-off location.

For exceptions such as unknown pesticides or quantities exceeding 3,000 pounds, contact VDACS at 804-371-6561 or reach out to an extension agent.

To prepare for disposal, conduct an inventory and set aside unwanted pesticides. Store them safely until the disposal event.

For unknown chemicals exceeding five gallons or 50 pounds, contact the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Painter at 757-807-6586 to arrange a visit with the pesticide investigator for sampling.

Pre-register for the program by completing the form available at: https://tinyurl.com/y6zssvku Paper forms are also available at the extension office.

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Green

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Originally named Drummondtown, the town has served as Accomack's county seat since 1690. The clerk's office, built in 1794, is home to the second-oldest court records in the United States.

The original courthouse was built in 1756. It replaced with the current structure in 1899.

The Accomac court green, which features a Revolutionary War-era cannon, adjoins both the courthouse and clerk's office.

Saecker started her project after observing that trees on the court green, ravaged by disease and the effects of climate change, had died.

She began by asking the mayor if new trees could be planted. But since Accomack County owns the court green, Saecker had to work with both town and county officials to move her project forward.

She also needed funding. Ye Accawmacke Garden Club gave $1,500, a donation that was matched by the Accomac Town Council. The Accomack County Board of Supervisors gave $5,000.

With $8,000 in funding, Saecker was ready to buy some trees, but there was a problem. The court green project also needed the approval of Accomack's judges, one of whom required Saecker to hire a professional landscaper.

Saecker was disheartened when she realized that the cost of a landscaper alone would consume all of her funding.

But the initiative was saved when Cape Charles landscaper Kim Allen volunteered to design the project for free.

Saecker is also grateful to Ed Tankard, of Eastville, president of Tankard Nurseries, who helped Saecker choose disease-resistant trees for the court green.

The newly planted trees on the court green include willow oak, fringe tree — which blooms with fragrant white flowers in the spring, deciduous magnolia, and Saecker's favorite addition, a Jefferson elm.

What could be a more fitting choice for a historic court green than a Jefferson elm? she asked, rhetorically.

The Jefferson elm originated from an American elm that was planted on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in the 1930s and was cloned in the 1990s, after it was discovered that the tree possessed an unusually high tolerance to Dutch elm disease.

Andy Nunnally, of Accomack County Department of Public Works, drove to North Carolina to acquire the Jefferson elm that now stands in front of the courthouse. He is providing ongoing assistance with the project, Saecker said.

Phase I of the court green project was completed in November 2024 and included the landscape design, tree plantings, mulch donated by the Fairdale Farm Tractor and Equipment Company, of Accomac, and tree identification markers donated by Ye Accawmacke Garden Club.

Phase II will be completed this spring, including the permanent installation of Victorian-style park benches and possibly memorial plaques. The benches were purchased through a $5,000 donation from the Accomac Town Council.

Phase III will be completed later this year and will involve the Accomack County Department of Public Works installing three new flag poles, from which will fly the U.S. flag, the Virginia state flag, and the Accomack County flag. A historical marker will be located in the flag-pole area.

Phase IV is expected to include additional landscaping, a pollinator garden, and a virtual tour of the court green. The entire project is set to be completed in time for the 250th anniversary of American Independence on July 4, 2026.

Saecker also hopes to convince fellow educator Dennis Custis, who was a principal of Onancock High School and later Nandua High School, to return to Accomac next spring to conduct a one-time revival of the historical tour he used to give senior class students every year.

Saecker is intent on "the future of this town" and envisions Accomac's court green as an outdoor classroom.

She is excited to one day lead a history tour on the green and tell children the town's story.

Through its enhancement, the historic court green will regain the respect that it deserves, Saecker said.

It has been an "honor" to work on the Accomac court green project, she said.





Applications open for pageant

The Miss, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Chincoteague Pageant is accepting applications.

The pageant will be held at the Chincoteague Community Center on Sunday, April 27.

The application deadline is Friday, March 28. Applications can be picked up and submitted at Chincoteague Elementary School, Chincoteague High School, and Sandy Sky's Crafts, located at 4211 Main St. on Chincoteague.

Participants must submit an application along with a 4-by-6-inch headshot. Applicants must live on Chincoteague or attend school on Chincoteague. They also must be willing to represent Chincoteague at events if they win the crown.

Pick up an application for a complete list of requirements to apply and participate in the pageant.

For more information contact Ashley Powers at 757-894-2742 or Skylar Reed at 757-894-4691.

Accomack Band plans fundraiser

The Accomack Community Band is hosting Noteworthy Noodles, a spaghetti dinner on March 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m at Market Street Methodist Church. The church is located at 75 Market St., in Onancock.

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Art show planned for April

The Museum of Chincoteague Island will host its annual ArtSea 5-by-5-inch art show and online auction from April 11 to 26.

Artists of any age can paint a 5-by-5-inch painting and donate it to the museum. The artwork will then be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the museum.

The deadline to submit a 5-by-5-inch piece of art work is April 4. Canvases are available at the museum for those who would like to submit art. Canvases can be picked up on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m.

Artists can also purchase their own 5-by-5-inch canvas as long as it is 1.5 inches in depth.

Art can be dropped off at or mailed to the museum, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague, VA 23336.

From April 11 to 26, submitted artwork will be up for auction at https://tinyurl.com/4b78avtu

Island Theater seeks volunteers

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Concern raised about tax exemption process

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

A Northampton resident recently shared his acquaintances' criticism of the county's program to provide tax relief for elderly and disabled individuals.

Andrew Santucci, of Cheriton, said the county requires "too much personal information" for many people to participate in the program, and one of his acquaintances took an application, read it, and "threw it in the trash."

Northampton supervisors in February approved updates to an ordinance that allows an elderly or disabled individual who meets certain financial requirements to be partially exempt from paying real estate taxes on a home that is his or her sole dwelling.

The program's income and asset limits were raised to account for "cost of living increases" due to inflation, said County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski.

The annual household income limit was raised from $50,000 to $57,500, and the limit on combined net worth was increased from $100,000 to $115,000.

The maximum amount of real estate tax that can be exempt annually, per household, rose from $1,000 to $1,150.

Depending on annual household income, elderly or disabled homeowners can save 40% to 90% on their real estate tax bills.

"If I can save a few dollars, I'm going to do it," Santucci said. But a lot of homeowners "just don't care, or they don't want to mess with it."

"They'd rather pay the full price and (not) be bothered with ... giving their information out," he said.

The program application consists of four pages, including an affidavit that must be signed by the commissioner of revenue, her deputy, or a notary public.

The applicant must be age 65 or older or be permanently and totally disabled as of Dec. 31 of the previous year.

Copies of the following documents, where applicable, must accompany the application:

Bank statements from October, November, and December of the previous year for each account belonging to the applicant and his or her spouse.

Statements for each certificate of deposit, or CD, including IRA and 401-K accounts.

The declaration and cash value pages for each life insurance policy.

Federal and state income tax returns for the last three years.

Annual social security statements.

A driver's license or other photo identification.

A notification for fuel assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia Energy Assistance Program.

A notification for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

The application must list the net values of the applicant's assets and his or her spouse's assets, including other real estate, motor vehicles, machinery and equipment, savings and checking accounts, CDs, stocks and bonds, life insurance and annuities, and cash on hand.

The form must also list annual gross income for every household member, including salaries and wages, pensions or retirement, social security, interest, dividends, capital gains, trust funds, rental imcome, food stamps, fuel and air conditioning assistance, and other public assistance.

Last year, about 120 Northampton County residents took advantage of the program.



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Work begins on $2.25 million sewer project

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

The contractor on Chincoteague's approximately $2.25 million sewer project began its work in early February and is making "steady progress," Town Manager Mike Tolbert said on March 3.

Underground Connections, of Onancock, has completed the installation of all two-inch pipe on the project. The sewer system also will contain three-inch and four-inch pipe.

The contractor has targeted the project for completion before Memorial Day. According to the contract, if the job is not done before that date, work may not resume until after Labor Day.

The history leading up to the current sewer project dates back to the 1980s, when the U.S. Coast Guard received a permit from the Department of Environmental Quality to install a package sewer plant to treat wastewater and discharge effluent into the Chincoteague Channel.

It was the first time treated wastewater had been legally discharged into the waters surrounding the island, Tolbert said.

Through additional permits obtained by various commercial enterprises, today five sewer package plants are legally discharging effluent into Chincoteague Channel.

One of the highest-capacity plants was developed for the Sunset Bay condominium project by Bluewater Development, which sold the plant's excess capacity to 10 businesses on Main Street.

Those businesses and the condominiums are currently using the Sunset Bay package sewer plants.

The town purchased the sewer plants from the original developer in December 2022. The deal included a valid, unused discharge permit from DEQ, which would allow additional wastewater treatment of 37,000 gallons per day.

"It was all approved, just sitting there, and that was the real ... benefit that we received from the transaction," Tolbert said.

Chincoteague then entered a legal agreement to transfer the Sunset Bay sewer facility and additional permit to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

Through the agreement, HRSD committed to both replacing the aging sewer plants with higher-capacity plants by December 2026 and using the additional permit to offer sewer service to more businesses.

The town also agreed to build a low-pressure force main collection system on Main Street and Maddox Boulevard, the $2.25 million project that is currently under construction.

Each business that connects to the system is required to obtain, install, operate, and maintain its own sewer pump.

Chincoteague will own and maintain the collection system and will charge sewer customers connection fees and annual maintenance fees.

HRSD will charge customers for sewage treatment at its standard rate.

The collection system will run north on Main Street from Sunset Bay, turn onto Maddox Boulevard, and end at the Museum of Chincoteague.

The upgraded treatment facility will have a capacity of 130,000 gallons per day, and HRSD is planning future upgrades that will increase capacity to 350,000 gallons per day.



Coates

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they want.

In addition to her five wins, Coates finished second in a sixth, for a total of 58 points — likely making high school history in the process.

The National Federation of State High School Associations doesn't keep such records, but a spokesman said he'd never heard of an athlete scoring that many points in one meet.

Singlehandedly, Coates led Northampton to third place in the team standings, behind Auburn (91 points) and Brunswick (78). Northampton's boys team finished ninth. (See story, page 21.)

Coates won the 55-meter dash (7.42 seconds), the 55-meter hurdles (8.42), the high jump (5-0), the long jump (17-9), and the pole vault (11-6).

She finished second in the 300-meter (44.05, a half-second behind the winner).

It sounds exhausting, but Coates loves it.

"Physically, I feel pretty good when I'm competing," Coates said. "But the soreness really hits me the day after.

"I've always enjoyed doing many events. If I don't do as well in one event but do great in another, I still leave the meet proud of myself and happy."

Coates almost always has good reason to leave a meet proud and happy. To wit:

■ As a freshman, she was MVP at the state meet, where she won the pole vault and racked up 31 points

■ As a sophomore, she was outdoor state champ in long jump, pole vault, and 100 hurdles, and second in three other events.

■ She holds 12 school records at Northampton, and five school records at Broadwater Academy, where she competed in the 7th and 8th grades.



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Rylee Coates of Northampton High School competes in the 55-meter hurdles, which she won, at the state indoor track meet. In the inset, she holds medals from her five first-place finishes.

There are many more highlights that could be added to that list, and many more to come — starting Saturday, March 15, when Coates runs in the 60-meter hurdles at the New Balance National Indoor Championships in Boston.

On March 21 to 23, she plans to enter the pole vault and her first indoor pentathlon at the Adidas Indoor Nationals in Virginia Beach.

At both events, she'll represent the Virginia Beach Flames Club, where she also trains.

Soon after those competitions, Northampton begins its outdoor track season.

And she'll have summer meets and a senior year, so there are many more accolades to come.

Unsurprisingly, Coates is getting looks from a number of colleges.

Since she excels in so many events, she might be a good fit for the heptathlon (100 hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200, long jump, javelin, 800) or pentathlon (60 hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump, 800).

Coates also plays volleyball at Northampton, where she is a straight-A student who loves science and English. She enjoys reading and creative writing.

Away from the track, she likes hang time with friends, family, and her pets — four dogs and three cats.

She likes the beach, photography, singing, and playing the ukulele. She's active in her church, St. Charles Catholic, and in Young-Life, a youth ministry.

Her friends say Coates is a caring person who always tries to help others.

"My parents raised me that way," Rylee said.

Her dad, Greg Coates, is hatchery manager at Cherrystone Aqua-Farms, where he runs the oyster breeding program.

"I'm not a fan of oysters," Rylee said, chuckling. "But I love crabs."

Her mom, Kimberly Coates, is the school nurse at Broadwater.

And her sister, Brelyn, is in 8th grade at Northampton and a rising star in multiple sports. The family lives in Eastville.

"And I'm lucky to have both sets of grandparents on the Shore, too," she said. "My PopPop is Mel Coates, born and raised in Machipongo, and he's the reason we've all ended up here. I'm so happy to live on the Eastern Shore."

The Eastern Shore, particularly the Northampton High School family, is pretty happy about it, too.

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In Cape Change, drawing line in the sand on the beach plan

It has been known as "Cape Charles" since 1886 but the Northampton County beachfront municipality could accurately be called "Cape Change" instead.

Few places have changed as much as Cape Change, er, uh, Cape Charles. It's a railroad town that the railroad left. Its former blue-collar housing stock is now dominated by second-home showplaces. The old Hollywood Farm is now a premier golf and residential community. The storied oyster stew at Etz's restaurant has been replaced by delicious dining all over town. Remember King's Creek Marina? Remember the nine-hole Northampton Country Club golf course?

But when Cape Change's newly devised beachfront master were unveiled last fall, there was a substantial pushback against the proposed changes. There was a line drawn in the sand, so to speak.

Compared to the rest of town, Cape Change's Chesapeake Bay beachfront is decidedly spartan — just a concrete boardwalk, a weathered gazebo, a King Neptune statue with a humorless stare, and the famous beach.

The proposal last fall would have included a food-truck plaza, an entrance plaza, pergolas, outdoor seating, some shaded areas, a new boardwalk, a covered pavilion with seating, and perpendicular parking.

Even in Cape Change, that was too much change — and that's too bad. The proposed beachfront plan was unique and addressed many needs. What's so offensive about creating seating, gathering spaces, pergolas, and a raised food truck plaza? That's certainly not going to make it Ocean City or Virginia Beach, as some feared.

We hope the compromise plan, when unveiled later this spring, at least retains Americans with Disabilities Act access. We'd like to see the addition of multiple restroom and shower areas.

And maybe some dressing rooms, which are nice amenities for a beach. Because in Cape Charles, a town that has changed so much, there's no place to change one's clothes after leaving the beach. That should be a change on which everyone can agree.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disagrees that residential zoning density is thwarting housing

To the editor:

This is in response to both Stefanie Bowmann's Feb. 21 article, "In Northampton, a housing dilemma," and the Post's March 7 editorial, "Average value of new home is remarkably high."

Two statements are true — that the high-end housing market is booming, and that low- to mid-price housing is not being built by the private sector.

And both statements apply to almost every tourist community up and down the coast, not just to Northampton County.

To blame residential zoning density for the disparity is too easy.

The towns in the county all have higher densities than the county — and three of the towns have access to wastewater infrastructure.

If density was the issue, we would have plenty of mid-priced apartments, duplexes, and small lot single family homes, built by private developers.

Rental units, especially those with shared septics, would be professionally managed. But we don't. Why not?

The developers and home builders are awash in orders for high-end vacation homes, short-term rental housing, and investment real estate — just like tourist communities all across the country.

Increasing density outside the towns would be no guarantee of anything, except maybe more high-end housing, condos, and vacation rentals.

There is no legal way local government can dictate house prices or rental costs to the private sector.

The county would need to create its own housing authority to be able to control rental prices on its units.

Hopefully, lower cost housing may continue to be provided by the public sector and nonprofits — if funding can be found. But hope is not a plan.

Mary Miller
Eastville

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Shore to benefit from budget items sent to the governor



Del. Robert S. Bloxom Jr.

This week I will discuss the major items that were included in the amendment package to the budget that was sent to the governor.

The conference report for House Bill 1600, known as the budget bill, includes the agreed-upon amendments between the House of Delegates and the state Senate.

This budget gives rebate checks to taxpayers, makes large investments in our schools and to public employees, and it does not raise taxes.

The budget provides a $200 rebate for individual filers and a $400 rebate for joint filers.

The budget also increases the standard deduction to $250 for single filers and to $500 for married couples and extends the standard deduction for another year.

It also included an increase to the earned income tax credit from 15% to 20% until 2027.

This gives tax relief in a different way than what the governor had proposed but it still puts $1.1 billion back into the hands of hardworking Virginians.

The next largest item in our conference report is an additional $782 million in state funds to our public schools.

It lifts the cap on support personnel imposed during the recession of 2008.

This adds over $400 million to the state's expenses yearly, but it was promised to be returned when the state could afford it. I felt it was imperative to fulfill our obligation to the local schools.

Included in the amount above is a $1,000 bonus to teachers in June, with no local match required.

State and state supported local employees will receive a 1.5% bonus this summer.

There were some targeted raises for E-911 dispatchers and juvenile corrections officers, as well as Virginia State Police. This is in addition to the base budget raises that were already in place.

A lot of money was also invested to help our state colleges keep tuition increases to a minimum.

The other large expenditures at the colleges were in capital with new buildings.

The University of Virginia received funding for a new arts center, which was promoted by the Senate.

The project the House received in exchange was for Virginia Commonwealth University to acquire the Altria building for the expansion of its medical school.

Virginia Tech received funding for two new buildings, which both chambers supported. These capital projects totaled approximately $550 million of state investment.

The budget does not show the schools' investment from their supporters. One way in which we judge a project is if we have matching money — which makes our investment go further.

There is a lot of spending in this budget that I do not like and I wish the money was going to other priorities, but I am in the minority.

I will say the budget is well planned, balanced, and is weighted to a one-year spending project so as not to add too much to ongoing expenses.

I would like to focus on the amendments that I proposed. I received a bit of flexible spending to rejuvenate the old ferry dock on the backside of Wallops Island.

The language in the budget also included some direction to use the dredge material for beneficial usage for marsh replenishment.

I am hoping the timing works and that we will be able to harden the shoreline to help protect the southern tip of Chincoteague and Curtis Merritt Harbor.

I was furthermore fortunate to receive money for the natural gas pipeline permitting and detailed engineering to bring this project one step closer to reality.

The final project I was successful in receiving was a rebuilding of Hare Valley School, which houses the Area Agency on Aging, Head Start, and Meals on Wheels.

The appropriations may not completely rebuild the facility, but the building will receive a new roof, air conditioning and heating, and hopefully new windows. These groups do such a marvelous job and need a respectable building in which to work.

In the upcoming weeks I will discuss a few of the bills we sent to the governor to veto, amend, or sign into law.

It has been a pleasure to represent you, and I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months now that I have returned to the district. As always, if you need to contact me, please call the district office at 757-824-3456 or email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov.

'You'll love our nature' — but not our trash

To the editor:

The Eastern Shore of Virginia's slogan is "You'll love our nature."

It is true. We have beautiful beaches, marshes, trails, woodlands, estuaries, flora, and fauna.

People come from all over to experience miles and miles of unspoiled beaches, Chincoteague ponies, and those famous saltwater oysters.

However, I feel that while many appreciate this nature, there are those who feel they can trash, pollute, and upset the already fragile ecosystem we have on the Eastern Shore.

This impact is visible and invisible.

The visible signs can be seen in trash along the roads — trash that is deliberately thrown out of vehicles.

These are people who don't care about the environment, but more importantly, they don't care about their community.

This action then pollutes the waterways, which is less visible but has a huge impact on the ecosystem.

You can drive down the causeway to Chincoteague and see things like plastic bottles and trash bags. Many of these items are then blown into the waterways, which hold an abundance of life above and below the water.

According to the EPA, plastic is particularly a concern because it does not ever fully biodegrade in the environment.

A recent report by the World Economic Forum details that we're more likely to have plastic in the ocean than fish in 2050.

I ask that everyone think twice before littering because it has an impact on how we see the entire community as a whole.

We can do better and must do better.

I ask that the Accomack County Board of Supervisors and other governing bodies be held accountable for stepping up and working on real solutions.

I ask them to work on how they can cut down on littering and hold more clean-ups throughout the year and increase recycling efforts.

I ask local organizations, churches, businesses, schools, and even individuals to adopt a road and begin recycling in your store, home, and church.

It takes a second to throw trash out the window, but it has a lasting, negative impact on the community that we call home.

Let's continue to keep the slogan "You'll love our nature" going — not the alternative, "love our trash"

Heather Jorgensen
Chincoteague

GUEST COLUMN

Northampton shouldn't abandon 'prudent' zoning decisions

BY PEG VOLK
Guest columnist

I appreciate the Eastern Shore Post highlighting the Northampton issue of housing in its March 7 editorial, "Average value of new home is remarkably high."

And it is very commendable that the Northampton County administrator, Board of Supervisors, and some agencies are working on possible solutions to this critical issue.

As you, and they, note, the issue of housing density is a big one.

However, this regulation was not put in the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance simply to preserve our rural character, though that is certainly one of the many factors considered when these regulations were created.

An overriding factor was one of most critical importance — water.

As all who live here on the Eastern Shore and in Northampton County know, most of us have wells and septic systems.

What a lot of people, particularly newer arrivals, may not know is that we only have one source of water — our aquifers, which are only replenished by rain.

(And if you haven't noticed, we have been in moderate drought conditions since last September. This winter snow and rain we've recently experienced has not alleviated the situation as of yet.)

We can all see the climate change issues affecting our towns and cities across this country.

This is not a time to abandon the prudent decisions that currently rule our zoning.

As pointed out in the editorial, the building growth needs to grow organically from the existing town centers so that the impact on services — emergency responders, utilities, etc. — are not overstrained and taxes don't increase for the existing population.

This point is another strong part of the comprehensive plan that drives the current zoning ordinance.

(Our property taxes in Northampton County have already increased exponentially with the recent increase in population due to the pandemic.)

I would sincerely hope that the existing county supervisors, members of the planning commission, and any other authorities or individuals included in these density discussions would remember these cautions.

And don't forget, this is a fragile peninsula that is an important flyway to our bird migration.

Over-construction will remove important habitat that cannot be replaced. It would imperil one of the many important factors that make our Shore a tourist destination, which is another of the driving forces of the comprehensive plan and zoning.

The residents who worked on these documents over these years did it with the protection of the existing citizenry in mind.

We knew our Shore could not accommodate the kind of development that you see just across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, for the reasons stated above.

We have limited natural resources. We want smart growth, not destructive and intrusive development.

I would urge all involved to not look for a quick fix that would destroy what we all love and need on the Shore.

■ *The writer lives in Northampton County.*

GUEST COLUMN

Operation Prevention raises awareness of opioids' effects

BY KARRIE PHILLIPS
Guest columnist

Operation Prevention is an opioid prevention program that educates youth on the science behind addiction and the lasting effects opioid misuse can have on your body.

It also equips youth with skills to avoid opioid misuse and how to have those conversations with their peers.

However, to truly understand how vital this program is in today's society, we have to take a brief look back to the roots of the opioid crisis in America.

In the mid-to-late 1990s, prescription opioids were beginning to be prescribed more frequently, and deaths from overdose began to grow.

Then in 2011 the Centers for Disease Control declared deaths from prescription painkillers as an "epidemic."

In 2014 we started to see the rise of fentanyl-related deaths. In 2017 the opioid epidemic was declared a national public health emergency.

Lastly, in 2020, fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine deaths began to accelerate.

Operation Prevention was created in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration and Discovery Education. It is an award-winning, evidence-based program dedicated to preventing substance misuse in youth, in schools, and in communities nationwide.

In the fall of 2024, the Eastern Shore Community Services Board's Office of Prevention Services launched Operation Prevention on the Eastern Shore.

Tenth-grade students in Accomack County Public Schools completed the program over the course of six weeks in their health classes during the fall semester.

Out of 194 students, testing data showed a 97% increase in overall knowledge and awareness about oppioid misuse and addiction.

When we give youth information about topics surrounding substance use, we are making them better equipped to make good decisions in the future — which, in turn, just might be life saving.

CSB Prevention Services also launched this program in Northampton County Public Schools, with the eighth graders completing the middle school version of the curriculum last month.

Operation Prevention is funded through a collaborative grant from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority, Accomack County, Northampton County, and the Eastern Shore Community Services Board, and in partnership with Accomack and Northampton school systems.

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance misuse, the Eastern Shore Community Services Board provides same-day access services and outpatient substance use treatment services.

Visit www.ESCSB.org for more information. For more information about Operation Prevention, visit Operationprevention.com

■ *The writer is a senior prevention specialist for the Eastern Shore Community Services Board.*

GUEST COLUMN

You'll be remembered 'for the mark you have on others'

BY CHIP CHOQUETTE
Guest columnist

On a cold and damp Saturday last month, a group of about 100 folks huddled together in the main hallway of Pocomoke High School to honor a man who was killed in a car accident 1,700 miles away.

Friends, family, and even a long-retired high school tennis coach came together and spoke high praises, not just of his many achievements in particular, but overwhelmingly of the positive mark he chose to make on the people around him.



Dr. Kenneth Ryan Nugent

Several feet from the podium sat a sturdy blue bench emblazoned with a plaque honoring his memory — to be placed adjacent to the school's tennis courts and dedicated in his honor.

The gathering was followed by a memorial run down to the Pocomoke River for a wake of sorts at the Dockside restaurant, providing a local means of fellowship for those who couldn't make the long journey to Texas to lay him to rest last summer.

Kenneth Ryan Nugent, born Feb. 9, 1988, in New York state, joined us here on the Shore in about the fourth grade.

The outgoing new kid quickly made friends with all he met, even if he was a Yankees fan.

He excelled academically, athletically, and socially; according to his former coach, he led the tennis team to its best performance in school history.

Like many, Kenny left the Eastern Shore to pursue higher education.

Following completion of his bachelor's degree at Maryland's St. Mary's College, he ascended onward to medical school.

As the namesake of a New York Police Department officer killed in the line of duty, service to others was a calling that he answered.



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Photograph panels of Dr. Kenneth Ryan Nugent stand behind a bench named in his memory. Nugent, a 2006 graduate of Pocomoke High School and a physician in Texas, died last July. A memorial was held for Nugent last month.

Even with an overflowing plate, he would make time for a friend.

While he was in residency at ChristianaCare in Delaware, I recall catching up with him at a restaurant near his hospital.

He was eager to meet our firstborn son as we passed through the area to visit family farther north.

As he spent much of our brief rendezvous entertaining our little guy, it was a reminder that his love for others knew no bounds.

His pursuit of emergency medicine, and his soon-to-be wife, saw him move out to San Antonio, Texas, where he began an incredible career and started a family.

His exceptional skill and concern for his fellow man propelled a rise to the ranks of medical director of his hospital's emergency department. Even more than his career, Kenny's dedication as a husband, father, and friend was apparent in the balance of his life.

He never lost sight of what was most important — the impact that each of us has on those around us.

Within the void of loss I've struggled to find a silver lining. Even an accomplished emergency physician was not immune to the tragic fragility of life.

How painfully we are reminded that tomorrow is not promised.

One thing we can be sure of: We will be remembered by the mark that we have on others.

Take a moment and hold a door for a stranger.

Call an old friend you haven't spoken with in a while.

Wave and smile at your neighbor.

Or head downtown and pull some weeds at a local garden.

Make a mark.

■ *The writer lives in Pocomoke City. Dr. Kenneth Ryan Nugent, 36, a 2006 graduate of Pocomoke High School and the medical director of GSEP Emergency Medicine in San Antonio, Texas, died July 7, 2024, in a vehicle crash. He is survived by his wife, who was pregnant with their second child at the time of his death. He is also survived by a daughter, his parents, and other family members.*

ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, March 14

■ WALKING GROUP: 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly walking group.

■ 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.

■ PULLED PORK SALE: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Melfa Volunteer Fire Company, 28328 Hatton St., Melfa. The fire department is selling Ken Blair's pulled pork as lunches, dinners, or in bulk. Dine in and take out are available. A lunch or dinner plate comes with pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, and a drink for $12. Pints of pulled pork are $10 and quarts are $18. For more information or to pre-order call 757-710-8031 or 757-710-7583.

■ SCAVENGER HUNT: From 4 to 7 p.m., downtown Chincoteague will host Search for the Shamrocks, an annual St. Patrick's Day-themed scavenger hunt. Visit downtown shops and answer a riddle to win a card; turn in cards by 4:30 p.m on Saturday at Ropewalk on Chincoteague to be entered to win prizes. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/475bm9z4

■ DESIGNER BAG BINGO: Doors open 5 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m., the Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The Great Pocomoke Fair is hosting its annual spring Designer Bag Bingo. Tickets are $30 in advance or $35 at the door. Call 410-422-9195 or 410-726-8012 to reserve tickets.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. The Fil Rhythm Band performs live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Laydbaxx perform live.

■ CONCEALED CARRY CLASS: 6 to 9 p.m., Hampton Inn and Suites, 4129 Lankford Highway, Exmore. The Armed Self Defense Institue is hosting a concealed carry class. The cost of the class is $55. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/yc4bcs4y

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., Captain's Cove Golf and Yacht Club Marina Restaurant, Greenbackville. Cove Trio performs live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, 148 Market St., Pocomoke City. Chris English performs live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 to 10 p.m., The Pearl, 5278 East Side Road, Chincoteague. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

Best bets

■ Saturday, March 15, at 3 p.m., The annual Onancock St. Patrick's Day Parade kicks off.

■ Wednesday, March 19, from 6 to 8 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College will host international music star Bic Tizon Dife, who will host an acoustic talk show. The evening will include acoustic music and stories. The event is free for ESCC students. Tickets are $25 for the public. Visit https://tinyurl.com/2u254nka for tickets.

Saturday, March 15

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

■ EASTER EGG HUNT: 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N Smith Road, Accomac. The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association's Easter Extravaganza includes an egg hunt, crafts, face painting, food, and drinks. This is a free event and geared towards kids 12 and under. Parents must stay with their children.

■ COMMUNITY DAY: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cape Charles. Cape Charles is hosting a community cleanup and picnic. To participate in the cleanup meet at the gazebo on the beachfront at 10 a.m. for an assignment. At noon, a community picnic will be held at the Harbor Pavilion. The life of former mayor Smitty Dize will be honored during the picnic.

■ STORYTIME: 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids 5 and under can hear a story and engage in play literacy.

■ BOOK SIGNING: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Book Bin, Onley. Jake Jacobs, author of "Vengeance" and "No Backup," will be holding a book signing.

■ SCAVENGER HUNT: From 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., downtown Chincoteague will host Search for the Shamrocks, an annual St. Patrick's Day-themed scavenger hunt. Visit downtown shops and answer a riddle to win a card; turn in cards by 4:30 p.m on Saturday at Ropewalk on Chincoteague to be entered to win prizes. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/475bm9z4

■ CAR SHOW: noon to 3 p.m., Ker Place, Onancock. Antique cars and tractors will be on display.

■ ST. PATRICK'S DAY: 1 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with bagpipes at 1 p.m., a keg toss competition at 1:30 p.m., and music by the Raucous Brothers to follow.

■ ST. PATRICK'S PARADE: 3 p.m., Downtown Onancock. Onancock Business and Civic Association hosts its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 4 to 7 p.m., The Onancock Taphouse, Onancock. Tim and Savannah Finch with the Eastman String Band perform live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., in Chincoteague, is hosting Irish Cabaret, an evening of stories and songs with Briar and Bramble: The Patch Brothers, Greg Shupe, Heinz and the Red Bird, and others. The suggested donation is $5 and there will be a cash bar.

■ CONCERT: 7 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. Pianist Carlo Balmoria performs live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 to 10 p.m., Giddens Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Franktown. Celebrate the season at the Mardi Gras Meets St. Patrick's Day dance at the Do Drop Inn. Music will be provided by Melissa and the Speakeasises and The Down and Outs Band. There will be appetizers, prizes, and dancing. Tickets are $20 in advance at the Book Bin in Onley or Rayfield's Pharmacy in Nassawadox

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Be included

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

Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

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

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

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

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

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

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or Cape Charles. Tickets are $25 at the door.
■ LIVE MUSIC: 8 to 11 p.m., Off the Rails, Parksley. The Rhythm Section performs live.
■ LIVE MUSIC: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague. Bare Bones Time Machine performs live.

Sunday, March 16

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 12:30 p.m., Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wardtown. A women's emphasis service will be led by guest preacher Diamond Brooks, of Plainfield, N.J.
■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, 14371 Metompkin Road, Mappsville. The church is hosting a 100 Men and Women in Green program sponsored by Willing Workers and Missionaries. The guest speaker will be Harold White of New Beginnings United Methodist Church.
■ ECSTATIC DANCE: 3:30 to 5 p.m., 10237 Rogers Dive, Nassawadox. This weekly dance sanctuary is a donation-based community event that encourages free form/ecstatic dance. The music will be an eclectic mix designed to inspire movement. RSVP to 757-948-0388.
■ CONCERT: 4 p.m., Hungars Episcopal Church, 10107 Bayside Road, Machipongo. Hungars is hosting a contemplative service of music and scripture with a choral evensong and organ recital. The organ recital will be at 4 p.m. and the service will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17

■ MEETING: 7 p.m., Sage Diner, Onley. The Accomack Republican Party hosts its monthly meeting. For more information contact Sam Sellard at 757-709-8252.

Tuesday, March 18

■ INFORMATION SESSION: 9 a.m. to noon, Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles. The Town of Cape Charles is hosting "STR 101" to help short-term rental owners learn about Cape Charles' policies.
■ TECH HELP: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Tech help is offered all day on demand.
■ ART CLASS: 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. During Village Neighbor's monthly Coffee Talk participants can learn how to paint on glass, creating a painting that can be hung in a window for a sun catcher effect. RSVP to 757-349-9969.
■ JEWELRY CLASS: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Historic Onancock School, Onancock. Join Brad Smith for the Eastern Shore Art League's monthly jewelery class. The project this month is a spinner ring. All tools will be provided. To register email BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com.
■ STORYTIME: 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Kids 4 and under can enjoy a story.
■ GAME NIGHT: 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Teens can gather for board games or video games.
■ YARN CLUB: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Bring a crochet or knitting project to work on.
■ LECTURE: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Ted Corbett will deliver a lecture titled "Four Virginia Women in the American Revolution."

Wednesday, March 19

■ BUSINESS EVENT: 9 a.m. to noon, Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles. The Town of Cape Charles is holding a business license renewal event.
■ BINGO: 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. Senior citizens 55 and older can play bingo for free during the Mary N. Smith Alumni Association's monthly Senior Bingo.
■ STEM PLAY: 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids 5 and under can engage in STEM play.
■ BIBLE STUDY: noon to 1 p.m., El Sol Restaurant, 24254 Bennett St., Parksley. Join Grace United Methodist Church for "Burritos and Bibles," a Lenten Bible study.
■ CRAFT GROUP: 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Every Wednesday, Island Community House hosts Sit n' Stitch, a time for crafters to bring handheld projects and work on them while enjoying community.
■ MEMORY CAFE: 1:30 to 3 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Memory Cafe is a social engagement for care givers and those living with brain changes. It is organized and run by trained facilitators.
■ BIBLE STUDY: 6 p.m., El Sol Restaurant, 24254 Bennett St., Parksley. Join Grace United Methodist Church for "Burritos and Bibles," a Lenten Bible study.
■ PUZZLE RACE: 6 to 8 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Compete to see who can put together a puzzle the fastest. Competitors can work alone or as teams of two. A

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY JOBS FAIR

Presented by Cape Charles Main Street

Come find the perfect summer or year-round job!

WHEN
Saturday, March 22
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE
Northampton County YMCA Building
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TUE MAR 18 7 PM
"LAST BREATH"
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Adventure/Drama



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prize is awarded for the fastest solve and all teams take the puzzle home. The cost is $25. Visit https://island-community-house.square.site to sign up.

■ TALK SHOW: 6 to 8 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. Bic Tizon and DIFE will be hosting an acoustic talk show at Eastern Shore Community College. The evening will include acoustic music and stories. The event is free for ESCC students. Tickets are $25 for the public.

Thursday, March 20

■ WORLD SPARROW DAY: 9 to 11 a.m., Brownsville Preserve, 11369 Brownsville Road, Nassawadox. Join the Nature Conservancy for a guided hike celebrating World Sparrow Day. This two-hour program is handicap accessible. This event is free but registration is requested. Email mvanclief@tnc.org to register.

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

■ BOOK CLUB: 1 p.m., Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock. The Accomac Book Club will discuss "Braiding Sweetgrass," by Robin Wall Kimmerer. All are welcome.

■ GAMES: 2 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts afternoon games every Thursday.

■ BINGO: 5 p.m. doors open, 6 p.m. games begin, Eastern Shore Railway Museum, Parksley. Play bingo for $1 per game. Donate a canned good and get one free game. Bring a lawn chair and a clip board. Soup, snacks, baked goods, and beverages will be available.

■ FAIRY PARTY: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids 7 and up can make fairy crafts and enjoy treats.

■ CRAFT: 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Kids ages 5 to 11 can learn to make a popsicle stick catapult.

■ BALLROOM DANCING: 6 p.m., The Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles. Avid dancers and those with two left feet can join Ballroom and More on the Shore to learn how to dance. There is a $5 cash-only fee to participate.

Friday, March 21

■ WALKING GROUP: 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly walking group.

■ GUIDED WALK: 10 a.m. to noon, Brownsville Preserve, 11332 Brownsville Road, Nassawadox. Welcome spring with a guided hike. There will also be kids' activities and a giveaway. To register visit: https://tinyurl.com/yxb6bbdf

■ LECTURE: 6 p.m., Kerr Place, 69 Market St., Onancock. Local historian David Scott will discuss the homes and architecture of the Eastern Shore. This event is free and open to the public.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Vernon Holloman performs live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Shortcut Sunny performs live.

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 7 p.m., Rock Church of the Eastern Shore, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Rock Church is celebrating its 49th anniversary. The guest minister will be Phil Cappuccio.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 to 11 p.m., Par 4 Bar and Grill, 9480 Lankford Highway, Temperanceville. The Focus Band performs live.

Saturday, March 22

■ INDOOR YARD SALE: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. An indoor yard sale is being hosted to benefit Pledge the Pink Foundation for breast cancer. For more information contact Kris Walker at kwalk969800@gmail.com

■ BIRDING WALK: 8:30 a.m., Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Woodland Trail parking lot, Chincoteague. The Eastern Shore Master Naturalists are hosting a birding walk. See the spring activity of year-round birds and the migratory birds that are returning and beginning to nest.

■ CHESS TOURNAMENT: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Center Great Hall, Melfa. This rated tournament is open to students and the community. ESCC students can participate for free, Eastern Shore residents can participate for $5, and non-resi-

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dents can participate for $20. Email nuckols@hotmail.com to register.

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

■ PLOW DAY: 9 a.m., corner of Lankford Highway and Machipongo Drive, Machipongo. The Peninsula Tractor Organization is hosting an Antique Tractor Plow Day. The Eastville Volunteer Fire Department will be selling food and drinks and all proceeds will benefit the department.

■ JOB FAIR: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northampton County YMCA, 22257 Parsons Circle, Cape Charles. Cape Charles Main Street is hosting a job fair.

■ STORYTIME: 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids 5 and under can hear a story and engage in play literacy.

■ PUZZLE COMPETITION: 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Teams of four compete to see who can put together a puzzle fastest. Call the library \to register at 757-787-3400.

■ CASH BASH: Doors open 12:30 p.m., event 1 to 6 p.m., Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company, 1410 Market St., Pocomoke City. There will be a chance to win $250 every 15 minutes during Cash Bash. At 3:30 p.m. $500 will be given away and the grand prize of $10,000 will be given away at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are $40 or three for $100. Tickets include all-you-can-eat food and all-you-can-drink beer and soda. There will also be a cash bar. For tickets visit https://tinyurl.com/2vewf6k5

■ AUTHOR TALK: 1 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Eric Cheezum will discuss Chessie, the Chesapeake Bay's own sea monster. Cheezum will have copies of his book "Chessie: A Cultural History of the Chesapeake Bay Sea Monster" for sale. The talk is included in the price of admission to the museum.

■ OYSTER ROAST: 4 to 8 p.m., Exmore Town Park, Exmore. Shore Little League is hosting its 9th annual oyster roast. There will be live music, a silent auction, a raffle, a cash bar, roasted oysters, clams, chowder, and barbecue. Tickets are $50 in advance, $60 at the door, and kids 12 and under are free. Visit https://tinyurl.com/4wdsurfm to purchase tickets.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Josh Barrett performs live.

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 7 p.m., Rock Church of the Eastern Shore, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Rock Church is celebrating its 49th anniversary. The guest minister will be Phil Cappuccio.

Sunday, March 23

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 10:30 a.m., Rock Church of the Eastern Shore, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Rock Church is celebrating its 49th anniversary. The guest minister will be Phil Cappuccio.

■ ECSTATIC DANCE: 3:30 to 5 p.m., 10237 Rogers Dive, Nassawadox. This weekly dance sanctuary is a donation-based community event that encourages free form/ecstatic dance. The music will be an eclectic mix designed to inspire movement. RSVP to 757-948-0388.

Monday, March 24

■ BALLROOM DANCING: 6 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock. Avid dancers and those with two left feet can join Ballroom and More on the Shore to learn how to dance. There is a $5 cash-only fee to participate.

Tuesday, March 25

■ TECH HELP: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Tech help is offered all day on demand.

■ STEM STORYTIME: 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Kids 4 and under can enjoy STEM Storytime.

■ TEEN GAME NIGHT: 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids can play video games or board games or participate in the manga book club.

■ FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Enjoy free popcorn and a screening of "Migration."

Wednesday, March 26

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

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The 2025 Eastern Shore Small Farm and Homesteader Workshop will offer sessions on cut flower farming, small fruit production, and poultry production. The cost is $15. Visit https://tinyurl.com/5c8uzca9 to register.

■ KIDS PROGRAM: 10 a.m. to noon, Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City. During Toddlers with Dragons kids can learn about bearded dragons and enjoy a hands-on learning experience. The cost is $10 for kids and $5 for adults for non-museum members. Museum members are free.

■ STEM CLUB: 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Kids from 5 to 12 can enjoy STEM play.

■ BIBLE STUDY: noon to 1 p.m., El Sol Restaurant, 24254 Bennett St., Parksley. Join Grace United Methodist Church for "Burritos and Bibles" a Lenten Bible study.

■ CRAFT GROUP: 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Every Wednesday, Island Community House hosts Sit n' Stitch, a time for crafters to bring handheld projects and work on them while enjoying community.

■ COMMUNITY DINNER: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church is hosting a community chili and baked potato dinner. The cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. Dinners include a salad and drinks.

■ BIBLE STUDY: 6 p.m., El Sol Restaurant, 24254 Bennett St., Parksley. Join Grace United Methodist Church for "Burritos and Bibles" a Lenten Bible study.

Thursday, March 27

■ COMMUNITY LUNCHEON: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Enjoy a meal with fellow community members. This is a donation-based event.

■ BLOOD DRIVE: 1 to 6 p.m., Craddockville United Methodist Church, 33464 Boston Road, Painter. Sign up for appointments at www.redcrossblood.org

■ BLOOD DRIVE: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. The Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague Island is hosting a blood drive. Visit https://tinyurl.com/2sz3u9tz to make an appointment.

■ GAMES: 2 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts afternoon games every Thursday.

■ TEEN CREATIVE WRITING: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. The theme for this month's Teen Creative Writing program is terror of the fae.

■ AUTHOR TALK: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Chris Chandler will discuss his book "Doc's Hound: A Saga of a B-17 Crew."

Friday, March 28

■ WALKING GROUP: 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly walking group.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Tidewater Bluegrass performs live.

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

Saturday, March 29

■ YARD SALE: 8 a.m. to noon, the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Center is hosting an indoor yard sale. Vendors can get a 6-foot table for $15 or three tables for $35. Call 757-336-6519 extension 5 to reserve a space.

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

■ OPEN HOUSE: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rhyme and Reason Academy, 6471 Lankford Highway, Oak Hall. Get an inside look at Rhyme and Reason Montessori School. Tours of the school will be offered and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

■ FESTIVAL: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum and Pocomoke Elks Lodge, Pocomoke City. The Delmarva Decoy and Heritage Festival is coming to Pocomoke. Carvers from across the region will be displaying their work at the museum and at the Elk's Lodge. The museum will have kids activities available. To purchase tickets visit https://tinyurl.com/4pafwpd5

■ STORYTIME: 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parsley. Kids 5 and under can hear a story and engage in play literacy.

■ INFORMATION SESSION: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Northampton County YMCA, Cape Charles. The Town of Cape Charles is hosting an information session for its Beachfront Master Plan. Citizens can visit several stations highlighting different parts of the plan, ask questions, and leave comments.

■ FUNDRAISER: 4 to 11 p.m., Central Accomack Little League, 10 Hartman Ave., Onancock. The 3rd annual Seafood and Music Jamboree features fresh seafood, live music, and activities. For tickets visit https://tinyurl.com/yzy7ya29

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Johnny Mo performs live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, Chincoteague. Fil Rhythm performs live.

■ PLAY: 7 p.m., Island Theater Theater Annex, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague. Lowershore Performing Arts Company persents "The Altos." Tickets are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors, active military, or first responders. No one under 12 will be permitted. Visit https://tinyurl.com/39t3drs3 for tickets.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7:30 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. The Tidewater Guitar Orchestra performs live. Tickets are $30 for adults and $15 for students. To purchase tickets visit https://tinyurl.com/sbkvme7f

Sunday, March 30

■ ECSTATIC DANCE: 3:30 to 5 p.m., 10237 Rogers Dive, Nassawadox. This weekly dance sanctuary is a donation-based community event that encourages free form/ecstatic dance. The music will be an eclectic mix designed to inspire movement. RSVP to 757-948-0388.

Monday, March 31

■ BINGO: 1 to 3 p.m., the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. Island Community House is hosting bingo. Play 20 games for $5 per card.

Tuesday, April 1

■ BAKING CLASS: 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Learn how to make a Chessmen banana pudding with Mz. Baker. Each participant will learn how to make the dessert and take home a portion. The cost is $20. Visit island-community-house.square.site to sign up.

Wednesday, April 2

■ SENIOR LUNCHEON: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department, 5052 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Police Department is hosting a luncheon for senior citizens. Don's Seafood will provide chicken and dumplings for the meal.

■ BIBLE STUDY: noon to 1 p.m., El Sol Restaurant, 24254 Bennett St., Parksley. Join Grace United Methodist Church for "Burritos and Bibles" a Lenten Bible study.

■ CRAFT GROUP: 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Every Wednesday Island Community House hosts Sit n' Stitch, a time for crafters to bring handheld projects and work on them while enjoying community.

■ INFORMATION SESSION: 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles. The Town of Cape Charles is hosting an information session for its Beachfront Master Plan. Citizens can visit several stations highlighting different parts of the plan, ask questions, and leave comments.

■ BIBLE STUDY: 6 p.m., El Sol Restaurant, 24254 Bennett St., Parksley. Join Grace United Methodist Church for "Burritos and Bibles" a Lenten Bible study.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 8 p.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, 5030 Chicken City Road, Chincoteague. Paul Brion and the Raucous Brothers perform live.

Thursday, April 3

■ TOWN HALL: 8:30 a.m., Island House Restaurant, 15 Atlantic Ave., Wachapreague. Discuss state and local issues with elected official during the ESVA Chamber's Eggs and Issues. For tickets or more information visit: https://tinyurl.com/yfntr7mv

■ GAMES: 2 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts afternoon games every Thursday.

■ DISCUSSION: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onancock. Riverside is hosting a health equity panel called Heart Safe, Stroke Smart, which is aimed at preventing stroke and heart disease for all. Light fare will be served from 4:30 to 5 p.m., followed by a resource fair with prizes and giveaways, and finally a panel discussion from 6 to 7:30 p.m. discussing topics like health factors, signs of a stroke, and how genetics effect risk. There will also be a cooking demonstration.

■ BOOK CLUB: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. This month the Romance Book Club will be discussing "Under Loch and Key," by Lana Ferguson.

OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Johnny Downing

The family of **Mr. Johnny Downing** would like to invite friends to join them for a memorial tribute at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club on Saturday, March 22. There will be a reception at 1 p.m., followed by the tribute at 2 p.m. Those playing golf that day are welcome to stop by the reception as you leave the ninth green.



Mr. Downing

You might honor Johnny by planting a tree or making a donation to St. James' Episcopal Church Memorial Fund (memo: Kitchen Renovation), P.O. Box 540, Accomac, VA 23301; the Eastern Shore Youth Golf Club, 14421 Country Club Road, Melfa, VA 23410; or a charity of your choice.

To view the full obituary or share a memory with the family, visit www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Tom Davis

Mr. Thomas Allen "Tom" Davis Sr., 66, husband of Cherron Fletcher Davis, passed away peacefully on March 7, 2025, at his home in New Church.

Born on Nov. 22, 1958, in Salisbury, Md., he was the son of the late Willie "Billy" A. Davis Jr. and Audrey Grace Miller Davis. Tom was a successful Eastern Shore farmer throughout his life, passing his love of the land down to the next generations. He was one of the founding members of the Virginia Harness Horse Association and remained active on the board. One of his proudest positions was on the negotiating committee for the development of Colonial Downs to ensure harness racing in the state of Virginia. Tom was the driving force behind the Maryland Horse Auction and the Eastern Select Sale, showcasing some of the greatest racing talent in the mid-Atlantic region.

An avid Disney fan, Tom planned many trips for his entire family and "adopted" family members. He always made sure that each person's experience was special and unique. Those trips didn't stop with Disney. He and Cherron often secured the most hard-to-get tickets to all the most popular concerts and escorted their grandchildren near and far.



Mr. Davis

Tom was well known throughout the Eastern Shore for his amazing support of youth sports. There was absolutely nowhere he would rather be than on a field or court cheering on kids. He and Cherron followed their children throughout their school and collegiate careers, never missing a game, and were continuing the tradition, supporting each grandchild in every endeavor. He was the biggest supporter and cheerleader of not only his own family, but all Eastern Shore children. He quickly became "Pop" to many kids. His family had been extended and multiplied by the dozens from relationships that grew out of a little round ball, whether it be a baseball, a softball, a volleyball, a football, a basketball, or a soccer ball. One of Tom's proudest achievements was being the defensive coordinator for the 2000 Virginia State Champion football team at Broadwater Academy, along with two state runner- up teams. His coaching antics will live on through the stories of all of his players for many years.

Above all, Tom was the true definition of a devoted family man. His world was made whole each Sunday evening as he and Cherron hosted a houseful of children, grandchildren, friends, family, and anyone else who happened to show up hungry at 6 p.m. If you were lucky, Tom had baked a special cake for the occasion.

Other than his beloved wife, Cherron, Tom is survived by his children, Elaine Davis McNure and husband, Moe, of New Church, Elizabeth Davis Powell and husband, Ryan, of Onancock, and Thomas Allen "Tommy" Davis Jr. and wife, Meredith, of New Church; his siblings, Patricia Davis, of New Church, Beth Sharpley and husband, John, of New Church, and Willie Alton "Bill" Davis III and wife, Connie, of New Church; his grandchildren, Taylor McNure Watson (Brad), Payton Elizabeth McNure, Harley Davis McNure, Madison Grace Powell, Ella Mae Powell, Audrey Edith Davis, Thomas Allen "Ty" Davis III, Colby Stephen Davis, and Willie Foster Davis; his beloved nieces and nephews, Ashley, Benjamin, Cordie Lee, Katie, Jonathan, Sarah, and their families; and his adopted family, Jeremy Harrissmith and Lauren Tanis.

Everyone was invited to attend the graveside service on Thursday, March 13, at 5 p.m. at the Davis Family Cemetery, 2479 Tulls Millpond Road, New Church, VA 23415, with Pastor Bruce Bowden officiating. The family invited all to gather for a special time of fellowship following the service, just as they do each Sunday evening.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Central Accomack Little League, P.O. Box 486, Onancock, VA 23417, c/o Billy Justice, or Holly Grove Grandparents Association, 19169 Lands End Drive, Parksley, VA 23421, c/o Betsy Miles.

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

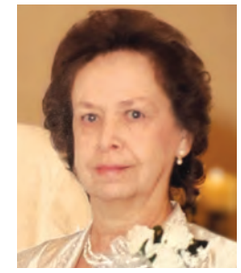
Patricia Halsey

Mrs. Patricia Ann Halsey passed away peacefully to her Lord and savior in heaven on March 3, 2025.

Patricia was born in Virginia on April 21, 1944, to her parents, James and Pansy Lyons (Bowden). She was a member of Union Baptist Church and she loved her family.

She is survived by her son, Brian Odell and his wife, Stacey, of Atlantic; her grandson, Kevin Odell (Sydney); her great-grandchildren, Iris and Kaleb Odell, of Salisbury, Md.; and her granddaughter, Kylie Odell, of Baltimore.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Pansy Lyons (Bowden); her first husband, Kenneth Odell; her youngest son, Kevin Odell; and her second husband, Willis Halsey.



Mrs. Halsey

There will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 14, at Downings Cemetery in Oak Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at https://act.alz.org/

Condolences may be made online at https://www.salyerfh.com/

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home on Chincoteague Island.

Robert Savage

Mr. Robert Duer Savage, 80, a resident of Stanardsville, passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Born in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Charles Sydney Savage and the late Gladys Duer Savage. He was a carman for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and a member of the CSX Carmens Association.



Mr. Savage

He is survived by his children, Robert Duer Savage Jr., of Gloucester, and Sharon Kaye Savage, of Stanardsville; his brother, Ralph Thomas Savage (Jennifer), of Heathsville, and sister, Janet Lee Jenkins, of Yorktown; and his sister-in-law, Jayne S. Savage, of Indian Harbor, Fla.; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by two brothers,

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Obituaries

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Charles Sydney Savage Jr. and Richard Wharton Savage.

Graveside services will be held at Belle Haven Cemetery on Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Joel E. Meitz officiating.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

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.

COMMUNITY

Spell-Rite spelling bee slated for May 1

Crossword puzzle, game show, or spelling bee lovers, mark your calendars now and save the date for an evening of fun benefiting the Eastern Shore Literacy Council.

Spell-Rite "Bee for Literacy" will be held on Thursday, May 1, at Eastern Shore Community College. A social hour with a silent auction will start at 5 p.m. followed by a catered buffet dinner. A cash bar will be available.

Silent auction items include jewelry, numerous gift certificates from local businesses and summer camps, a private wine class, a weekend pass to SRO GT World Challenge America, July 18 to 20, 2025, at Virginia International Raceway Alton, handcrafted items, and much more.

Spell-Rite, an entertaining spelling bee competition, features six school-spirited teams of spellers vying for the title "Best Spellers on the Shore." Teams will represent Accawmacke Elementary School, Arcadia High School, Broadwater Academy, Kegotank Elementary School, Metompkin Elementary School, and Occohannock Elementary School.

Tickets for this fundraiser are now on sale. Only 140 will be sold. The cost is $50. Purchase tickets at the Book Bin in Onley, the ES Literacy Council office, located at Eastern Shore Community College, or online at eslcspellrite.com

Call 757-789-1961 or send an email to esliteracy@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities, to donate to the silent auction, or to purchase tickets.

Spell-Rite is the major fundraiser for the Eastern Shore Literacy Council. Proceeds will be used to support Eastern Shore Literacy Council programs.

ESLC is a learner-centered program for adults who wish to improve reading skills, transition to GED, learn or improve English speaking skills, and/or obtain citizenship.

The Eastern Shore Literacy Council provides one-on-one or small group tutoring to adults who want to raise their reading and writing levels utilizing trained volunteer tutors. Tutoring is also provided to those who come from other countries and want to improve their ability to speak, read, and write English.

Direct services are provided through ESLC staff and volunteers and are funded through donations of individuals, businesses, and organizations on the Eastern Shore, as well as through grants from the VA Literacy Foundation, National Book Fund, VADOE, and United Way of the Eastern Shore.

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Jacket relay team wins gold at states



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Northampton's 4x200 relay team, from left, Jace Logan, Jeremiah White, Mark Tankard, and Elijah Hope, won the Class 1 state championship last week.

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton's 4x200 relay team — Jace Logan, Jeremiah White, Mark Tankard, and Elijah Hope — won the gold medal at the VHSL Class 1 Indoor Track and Field Championships, held March 5 and 6 at Liberty University.

The team's winning time of 1:37.57 was good for 10 points, helping to lead the Jacket boys to ninth place in the team standings (out of 19 teams).

Others scoring points for Northampton's boys included the 4x400 relay team of Kendrick Collins, Hudson Taylor, Fernando Palacio, and Eli Philpott (sixth place, 3:49.33), Tankard (seventh place, long jump, 19-1.25), Hope (seventh place, 55 hurdles, 8.95), Logan (seventh place, 55 dash 7.06), and Collins (seventh place, 300, 38.82).

Meanwhile, Rylee Coates won five events to singlehandedly lead Northampton's girls to a third-place team finish.

Jackson named AAC Player of the Week

East Carolina junior outfielder Emma Jackson, a former Chincoteague Pony, has been named the American Athletic Conference Player of the Week, according to an announcement from the league office on Monday afternoon.

Jackson had a stellar stretch of games at the plate last week for the Pirates, slashing numbers of .583/1.333/.706 while hitting three home runs, recording nine RBI, and tallying 16 total bases.

In the Pirates' 2-1 win over Michigan last Wednesday, Jackson hit the go-ahead two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth to help get ECU the win. The junior tied a season-high twice with three hits in the first two games of the UTSA series, including hitting a grand slam in ECU's 10-5 series-opening win. Jackson came up clutch again in the second game of the series, hitting a three-run homer in the top of the eighth inning to help the Pirates outlast UTSA in extra innings, 9-6.

Jackson and the Pirates will host Tulsa for a weekend conference series starting Friday, March 14, at 5 p.m.

Revelle dominant in season opener

On Tuesday, March 11, Ramsey Revelle pitched a one-hitter, striking out 14 and walking none, to lead the Vikings to an 11-0 season-opening victory over visiting Tidewater Academy.

The game was called after five innings. Revelle also went 2-for-2 at the plate with a double and scored two runs. Kacey Ford went 2-for-3 with a double and scored three runs. Tatum Watson and Elana Hickman had two RBI each.

ESCC to host chess tournament

The Eastern Shore Community College, in conjunction with its chess club student group, the Melfa Monarchs, will hold a tournament on March 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be a rated tournament under the auspices of the U.S. Chess Federation, thus giving locals the chance to earn a rating from the organization.

This is the first such tournament ever held on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. It will take place in the Great Hall of the Workforce Development Building.

The competition will consist of three rounds in the "quad" format. Players will be grouped into fours, with each competitor playing each of the other three. The prizes are: $50 for first place in each quad and $25 for second place.

The entrance fee is $5 for ESVA residents and $20 for nonresidents who pre-register. There will be an additional $5 fee for on-site registration. ESCC students, faculty, and staff may take part for free. All participants, including those paying no fee, should pre-register by emailing ESCC Chess Club coach Mark Nuckols at nuckols@hotmail.com or the club's faculty sponsor, Christina Duffman, at cduffman@es.vccs.edu.

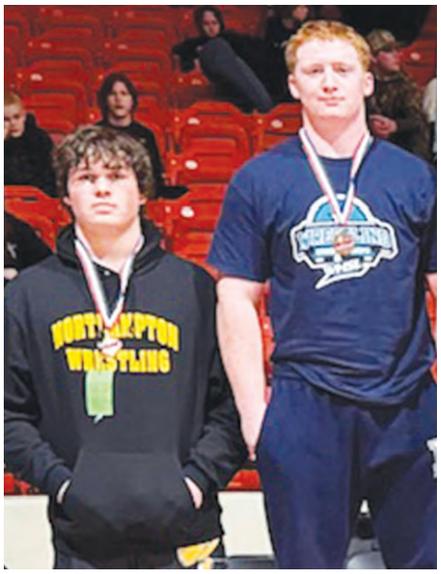
Payments are to be made only in cash and only at the event registration, which will run from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. that Saturday.

As this is a rated tournament, players will be required to notate their games. Games will be played on clocks with a G75d5 time control (75 minutes for each player with a 5-second delay). Players are encouraged to bring their own clocks, boards, and notation sheets.

All players must be members of the USCF. One-year memberships can be purchased at new.uschess.org

Participating ESCC students can have their dues covered by the sponsoring foundation with advance notice.

NORTHAMPTON YELLOW JACKETS WRESTLERS PLACE IN STATE TOURNEY



COURTESY PHOTO

Northampton's Palmer Hubbard, left, placed fifth in the state in the 215-pound weight class.



COURTESY PHOTO

Northampton's Isreal Birch, right, placed sixth in the state in the 120-pound weight class.



COURTESY PHOTO

Northampton's Jerry Sturgis, right, placed sixth in the state in the 190-pound weight class.



COURTESY PHOTO

Northampton's Andrew Daggins, right, placed sixth in the 144-pound weight class.

CHINCOTEAGUE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS 9-12 AND 13-15 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



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The 9 to 12 age team, called the Clippers, was sponsored by Devon Lemoi. Pictured are, front row from left, Sawyer Birch, Ethan Bloxom, and Andre Jorganson. Pictured in the back row are Coach Devon Lemoi, Locklyn Giddings, Alex Dawkins, Sammie Dawkins, and James Ross.



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The 13 to 15 team, called JT Lawns, was sponsored by Jerry Tarr. Pictured are, front row from left, Ethan McCleish and Braden Templeman. Pictured in the back row are Rylee Giddings, Karter Stanley, Jaden Merritt, Braedyn Ayers, Travis Johnson, and Coach Jerry Tarr.

HOLLY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GIRLS WIN SOUTH CONFERENCE TITLE



The Holly Grove Christian School girls varsity basketball team defeated Greenwood Mennonite on Feb. 22 to become the Delaware Valley Christian Athletic Conference's South Conference Champions for the the 2024-2025 season. The Lady Eagles had an overall record of 13-7 this season with a 10-5 conference record. Pictured from left are Harlee Pilchard, Ella Powell, Caroline Price, Leah McCabe, Abby Pruitt, Kate Sterling, Mackenzie Muir, Samantha Porter, Kamryn Salvas, and Bethanie Parks. Absent from the photo is Reagan Brittingham.

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Eight students at Chincoteague Elementary School, with others, have formed a new group called the "Tie Guys." Pictured in the front row are Lloyd Tyler, assistant principal, Jykeem Fosque, Orion Bowden, Eli Thornton, William Fix, and fifth grade teacher Ray March. Pictured in the back row are Jaxtin Keeney, Dominic Aker, Colton Baker, Connor Pruitt, and School Resource Officer Geno Geminiani.

NORTHAMPTON

Personal property tax relief offered

Northampton County has extended the deadline to apply for personal property tax relief until Thursday, May 1.

The Northampton County Tax Relief Program provides assistance in the payment of real estate tax for the elderly and/or handicapped.

Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, or permanently and totally disabled as of Dec. 31 of the year immediately preceding the taxable year.

Disabled applicants under the age of 65 must attach certification from the Social Security Administration, or if not eligible for Social Security, a sworn affidavit by two medical doctors licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth.

The dwelling must be the sole residence of the applicant.

The combined (if married) income of the applicant from all sources can't exceed $57,500.

The combined (if married) net worth can't exceed $115,000.

Applications are available after January 1 of the tax year and must be filed with the Commissioner's office by April 15 of most years.

For tax year 2025, due to an ordinance change by the board of supervisors to increase the household income and net worth limit, the Northampton County Commissioner of Revenue's office will accept applications until Thursday, May 1.

For more information call the Northampton County Commissioner of Revenue's office at 757-678-0446.

COMMUNITY

Long-sleeve shirts being collected

Telamon Virginia is hosting a long sleeve shirt drive in honor of National Farmworkers Awareness Week from Sunday, March 23 to Monday, March 31.

The goal is to collect as many long-sleeve shirts as possible nationwide to help protect farmworkers from pesticide exposure and heat-related illnesses.

The shirts will be distributed by Telamon's network of trainers during its pesticide safety and heat stress prevention training throughout the year.

To donate, stop by the Virginia Employment Commission office at 25036 Lankford Highway, Onley.

A gently used long-sleeve shirt that is light colored and made of natural fabric can help prevent exposure to pesticide residues and prevent suffering a heat-related illness.

National Farmworker Awareness Week is a week of action for communities and individuals to bring attention to farmworkers and honor them for the contributions they make to our daily lives. Up to 85% of America's fresh fruits and vegetables are handpicked. There are an estimated 2.5 to 3 million men, women, and children who work in the fields in the United States.

Farm work is one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States. Farmworkers suffer from the highest rate of toxic chemical injuries of any workers in the nation and have higher incidences of heat stress, dermatitis, urinary tract infections, parasitic infections, and tuberculosis than other wage-earners.

America's 2.5 million farmworkers face long hours of arduous work putting their health and safety at risk due to exposure to dangerous pesticides and heat stress. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency indicates that over 20,000 cases of doctor-diagnosed pesticide poisoning are reported yearly.

Samuel Outlaw Blacksmith Shop honored by Civil Rights Network

The African American Civil Rights Network announces the inclusion of the Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop Memorial Museum as a Park History Program Partner.

This partnership will enhance the blacksmith shop's educational and interpretive programs, while promoting the preservation of local history and cultural heritage.

The Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop Memorial Museum, located in Onancock, is a historic blacksmith shop that showcases the life and work of Outlaw, a prominent local blacksmith.

The museum features a collection of historic artifacts, tools, and equipment, offering a unique glimpse into the region's industrial and cultural past.

As a Park History Program Partner, the Outlaw Memorial Museum will collaborate with the African American Civil Rights Network to develop and implement educational programs, exhibits, and events that promote the understanding and appreciation of local history.

This partnership will also support the preservation of historic resources and promote cultural tourism in the region.

"We are thrilled to be welcomed as a Park History Program Partner," said Gerald Boyd, museum curator.

"This partnership will enable us to provide more comprehensive and engaging educational programs, while promoting the rich cultural heritage of the Eastern Shore."

The Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop Memorial Museum is open to the public by appointment 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information about the museum and its programs, visit outlawblacksmithshop.org

Montessori school in Oak Hall plans open house

Rhyme and Reason Academy, a Montessori school in Oak Hall, will have an open house on March 29 from 10 a.m. to 4. p.m.

There will be an opportunity to learn about Montessori, an educational approach that combines classical academic subjects with hands-on exploration.

There will also be a guided tour of the primary classroom for children aged 3 to 6 year old.

The event is open to everyone. The school is located at 6471 Lankford Highway, Oak Hall. For information visit rhymeandreasonacademy.com

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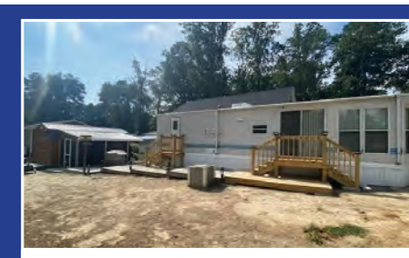






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CHINCOTEAGUE

Chamber announces Beacon Awards

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce announced its inaugural Beacon Awards, which will build on the legacy of its annual awards event to honor those shining a light on leadership and excellence in the community.

While honoring the past, the new format will expand the number of awards presented to individuals and organizations who have made and are making significant contributions to the growth and success of the community.

The chamber aims to create a broader platform for honoring those who go above and beyond in making Chincoteague a thriving and inspiring place to live, work, and visit. The awards will honor excellence in two categories: Annual Achievement Awards and Community Impact Awards.

Annual Achievement Awards

Leonard 'Buddy' Burton Outstanding Business Person: recognizes an individual who has demonstrated excellence in professional and community leadership and exhibits the highest of moral and ethical standards that has been a Chincoteague Island resident and/or employed by a Chincoteague business for at least five years and has made, or is making, significant contributions to the welfare of the community through involvement and participation.

John White Shields Outstanding Citizen: recognizes an individual who has consistently demonstrated excellence in community leadership and exhibits the highest of moral and ethical standards and has made, or is making, significant contributions to the welfare of the community through involvement and participation, who has lived on Chincoteague Island for at least five years.

Young Person of the Year: The Nicki L. West Memorial Scholarship recognizes a Chincoteague High School Senior who will continue their higher education at a 2-year, 4-year, or technical school of higher learning. Seniors can submit their scholarship application through their high school guidance office as part of the local scholarship program.

As part of the expanded awards initiative, the chamber is introducing three new Community Impact Awards. These new honors aim to celebrate the individuals, businesses, and initiatives that are making a significant difference in the community. Through these awards, the chamber seeks to recognize exceptional contributions across a variety of sectors, from innovative projects and educational dedication, to the success of emerging businesses. Each award highlights a specific area of impact and provides an opportunity to showcase the many ways in which people and organizations are working to create a stronger, more dynamic Chincoteague.

Community Impact Awards

Best Initiative: recognizing an outstanding initiative launched in the last two years that demonstrates innovation, impact, and positive contributions to an organization or the community.

Educator of the Year: recognizing the extraordinary efforts of an individual who has dedicated their life to education in all its forms. It can recognize a teacher but also a mentor, counselor, administrator, librarian, coach, tour guide, or anyone who contributes to the growth and development of learners of all ages in the Chincoteague community through dedication, leadership, and positivity.

Emerging Business: Recognizing an outstanding new business, that has been in business for five years or less that demonstrates innovation, growth, and a positive impact on the community.

The Chamber encourages residents, visitors, business owners, and organizations to submit nominations for individuals or entities who exemplify the qualities of leadership, community service, innovation, and impact. Nominations forms can be downloaded at https://tinyurl.com/3vejajdp and will be accepted through April 1.

COMMUNITY

Specialty crop funding available

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is currently accepting applications for the 2025 Specialty Crop Block Grant program. The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service provides VDACS with Specialty Crop Block Grant funding to increase the competitiveness of Virginia specialty crops in the marketplace.

VDACS will accept grant proposals of up to $100,000 per project from state and local government agencies, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and agricultural associations, industry, and producer groups.

Individual producers are not eligible to apply for this grant. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2.

The duration of each grant is up to two years, and the grant period is expected to begin Oct. 1, 2025.

Applicants should use the 2024 application form. The form might be updated if federal guidelines change.

The application form is available at https://tinyurl.com/yc2p3hp9

To receive direct notification of the availability of a new 2025 form, potential applicants should email melissa.ball@vdacs.virginia.gov.

Funding of selected projects is contingent upon the availability of federal funding.

Two virtual information sessions will be held to detail the 2025 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program round of funding.

Wednesday, March 19 at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26 at 2 p.m.

Visit https://tinyurl.com/yc2p3hp9 for session links and additional information including previous years' guidelines, instructions, and an application for the Specialty Crop Competitive Grant.

Applications, along with any questions, should be sent to Janelle Otieno at janelle.otieno@vdacs.virginia.gov, or by mailing materials to VDACS, Specialty Crop Block Grant Application, 102 Governor St., Richmond, VA 23219.

Specialty crop competitive grant proposals must be specific and explain how an association, industry group, or organization will use the funds to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.

Some examples include research, promotion and marketing plans, as well as food safety projects, and projects that improve food access.

In awarding USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funds, VDACS will give priority to projects that have the sole purpose of enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crops as they pertain to the following issues:

- Enhance food safety
- Improve the capacity of all entities in the specialty crop distribution chain to comply with the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act and in cost-share arrangements for finding audits of such systems, including USDA GroupGAP, for small farmers, packers, and processors.
- Invest in specialty crop research, including research to focus on conservation and environmental outcomes.
- Develop new and improved seed varieties and specialty crops.
- Improve pest and disease control.
- Increase child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops.
- Improve efficiency and reduce costs of distribution systems.
- Enhance sustainability.

Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops to include floriculture.

Visit https://tinyurl.com/9hkxtunu for more information on eligible and ineligible crops.

Civil War Trails program honors Peter Jacob Carter

Cape Charles is the first site on Virginia's Eastern Shore to join the multistate Civil War Trails program, and its sign helps tell the story of Peter Jacob Carter, whose life is one made for the movies.

Rising from the aftermath of the Civil War, Carter not only served in the United States armed forces during the Civil War but became a federally appointed lighthouse keeper directly across from the new sign, which is located at 21 Bay Ave., Cape Charles.

The town of Cape Charles, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission, Civil War Trails Inc., and the Virginia Tourism Corporation partnered with a dozen local stakeholders to develop the story, checking the facts behind Carter's life.

The most important person involved in that effort was the late Dr. Arthur Carter, a direct descendant of Peter. Since Arthur Carter's death in 2023, the family, the U.S. Lighthouse Association members, the Cape Charles Museum staff, and more than a dozen other local and nationally renowned historians contributed to the project.

However, the initial funding to create the new Civil War Trails site wasn't available until the American Civil War Round Table of the United Kingdom stepped up.

The group, based in London, was not only excited about Peter Carter's story but also to assist in adding it to the Civil War Trails program, which offers over 1,500 sites across six states.

Although expansive, the program did not offer any site for travelers on Virginia's Eastern Shore previously.

"The culture and history of the Eastern Shore of Virginia are very important facets of the communities here," said Robert Sabbatini, executive director of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission.

"The ESVA Tourism Commission is proud to recognize the first Civil War Trails site on the Eastern Shore and give another option to visitors looking to learn more about the Shore's rich history," he said.



CIVIL WAR TRAILS

John Hozey, left, Cape Charles town manager, and Robert Sabbatini, executive director of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission, help install the new sign.

The partners are expected to gather with elected officials and the Carter family on Thursday, April 10, at noon to officially unveil the sign.

In the interim, the Virginia Tourism Corporation will be lifting up the story through the printing and distribution of the popular Civil War Trails mapguides that now feature Cape Charles.

"This new Civil War Trails site in Cape Charles offers travelers an opportunity to stand in the footsteps of a warrior," said Rita McClenny, president and chief executive of the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

"Men like him did not sit idly by as the war progressed and this new sign commemorates those who fearlessly fought for emancipation and equality."

The public is welcome to the ceremony. The address for the ribbon ceremony is 4 Bay Ave., Cape Charles.

For more information about the event, call the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission at 757-787-8268 or email Robert Sabbatini at executivedirector@esvatourism.org.

For more information about Civil War Trails or Peter Jacob Carter please call Civil War Trails at 757-378-5462 or visit www.civilwartrails.org



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Tull, new to city council, ready for the challenge

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

Sharnell Tull is looking forward to new opportunities and challenges when she takes the oath of office on May 5 to represent District 3 as the newest member of Pocomoke City Council.

"We are looking forward to having Sharnell aboard," said Mayor Todd J. Nock. "I am excited to see what she brings to the table."

For years, Tull said, people have sought her opinions on various topics, both personally and publicly, which eventually led to her being encouraged to run for office.

While it has been in the back of her mind for some time, she also wanted to make certain it felt right to her personally.

When she read about the council vacancy in her home district, with a special election date set for April 29, she decided to apply.

In what felt like a confirmation to her, Tull was the only applicant.

The election has been canceled and she now aspires to a self-described "learning curve" to understand as a public figure how city government operates.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sharnell Tull was the only applicant for the special election for Pocomoke City's District 3 council seat, so the election was canceled. She will take her oath of office May 5.

Tull, however, already is up to date on relevant issues in her district and the city — roads, sidewalks, and lighting.

These have been important topics with the creation of the city-wide Safe Paths initiative that will resume this spring.

While working nights at Somerset Community Services, a lack of proper street lighting in her neighborhood is something she has noticed.

"Street lighting is so important, especially for pedestrians walking after dark and for safety in general," Tull said.

Sharing her background as a child growing up in Pocomoke City, Tull said she spoke from the heart from an early age.

As soon as she could write, she kept journals and diaries — some recorded in old-school, composition-style notebooks.

She further honed her public speaking skills through participation in 4-H as a child, giving another voice to her written words.

With several published collections of her poetry under her belt, Tull also has taken to the stage under her persona called "Sista Big," reading her poetry works at open mic and other public events in the community.

Her works draw on her own life, religion, current events, and music.

She took her stage name, impromptu, when she was literally about to be introduced to perform, drawing inspiration from the Anthony Hamilton song "Sista Big Bones."

"People know Sista Big, but it's now time for people to get to know Sharnell, too," she said of her new role on council.

Tull described herself as quieter, humbler, and more contemplative than her more vocal stage presence, and thinks both sides of her personality will serve her well in her new role on council.

She said she "sat with the decision to run," prayed about it, and sought counsel from older family members before filing for the seat.

Coming full circle with the decision, Tull feels ready to embrace this new chapter in her life.

"I believe this will be my legacy," she said.

"This is a new opportunity, and I am excited to stick my foot in the pond and make some waves of change."

Get coffee with a cop at the Book Bin

The Book Bin, Four Corner Plaza, Onley, will host Coffee with a Cop on Saturday, March 29, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Onley Police Chief E.J. Long and other officers will meet with the public.

There will be free drip coffee and doughnuts while supplies last.

Saxis U.M. Church plans pancake supper

Saxis United Methodist Church will hold its annual pancake supper on Friday, March 21, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Saxis Fire Hall, 8337 Free School Lane, Saxis.

The cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children aged six and younger. There will be baked goods for sale and a silent auction.

The menu is all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, scrapple, apples, coffee, juice, and water.

The dinner is eat in our take out.

Contact Aubrey Justice at 757-894-2167 or Sherrye Lewis at 757-894-0813 for information or for pre-sale tickets.

Delta Kappa Gamma group offers scholarships

Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional society of women educators promoting excellence in education, is offering four grants-in-aid to female high school seniors, college undergraduates, or graduate students from Accomack and Northampton counties who intend to pursue a career in the field of education.

These grants-in-aid are to be applied toward the costs of college tuition and fees, room and board, books, and miscellaneous supplies needed for attending an accredited institution of higher education. The four grants-in-aid are listed below:

- The $500 Elizabeth Jones Newton Grant-in-Aid is available to a resident of Accomack or Northampton county.
- The $4,000 Elizabeth Payne Miles Grant-in-Aid is offered to a resident of Accomack County.
- The $4,000 Burylss Bruce Payne Grant-in-Aid is offered to a resident of Northampton County.
- The $3,000 Eva Wessels Payne Grant-in-Aid is offered to a resident of either Accomack or Northampton.

The four grants-in-aid are given in memory of long-time members Elizabeth Jones Newton, Elizabeth Payne Miles, and the parents of Elizabeth Miles, Burylss Bruce Payne and Eva Wessels Payne.

Applications must be received or postmarked by April 18. Only applications completed in full will be considered. Applicants may see their respective high school guidance counselors for application forms or contact Norma Jones at 757-442-7796.

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Grant to manage Onancock Main Street program

Onancock Main Street announces Maggie Grant has been hired as the Onancock Main Street program manager. Her first day was March 3.

The manager oversees administration, general responsibilities, and day-to-day activities of OMS initiatives.

Grant will work closely with the OMS board and committees, Onancock business owners and managers, town government, and other stakeholders to develop and execute strategies and gain support for downtown preservation and revitalization efforts. The position is part-time.

Originally from Richmond, Grant has lived in several places, including Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Gainesville, Ga. She moved to Onancock in 2019.

"Since moving here, many of my jobs have overlapped, but all have had a common theme of hospitality, marketing, and promoting the Eastern Shore of Virginia, with a focus on Onancock," said Grant.

"I hope to bring new ideas, while also preserving and promoting the small-town charm that attracted me to Onancock."

Grant holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Temple University and a master's degree in higher education administration from Rowan University.

She is a licensed Realtor and has worked in various roles, including teaching, supervising college residence halls, and coordinating fundraising events, as well as hotel and property management.



COURTESY PHOTO

Maggie Grant is the new Onancock Main Street program manager. "I hope to bring new ideas, while also preserving and promoting the small-town charm that attracted me to Onancock," she said.

Most recently, she has created social media content for local businesses.

Grant lives in Onancock with her husband and 3-year-old daughter. They enjoy dancing to live music in town, visiting the farmers market, and hanging out at the Historic Onancock School playground.

"Maggie's background comprises a unique set of transferable skills which will benefit not just OMS, but all of Onancock," said Lisa Fiege, OMS president.

"She shares our passion for our town, and we are thrilled she has agreed to join our team."

Grant will work from the new OMS office at 38 Market St., Onancock.

Boyd speaks at NPS meeting in Maryland

National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways hosted its annual partner meeting Feb. 12 and 13 in Cambridge, Md.

The annual partner meeting is the keystone technical assistance activity of the office to provide in-person assistance to Chesapeake Gateways Members Network.

The technical assistance meeting is limited by invitation and included 80-100 public and private sector participants.

Gerald Boyd, curator of the Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Memorial Museum, presented an afternoon session on Collaborative Conservation for Preserving Vital Communities.

CHINCOTEAGUE

Water system filtration is working

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

Chincoteague Town Manager Mike Tolbert updated the town council on March 3 on the status of the town's wells.

Since April 2021, Wallops Flight Facility has operated a granulated activated charcoal filtration plant that removes contaminants from all of Chincoteague's shallow wells.

The purpose of the filtration system is to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAs, potentially harmful chemicals that were in the firefighting foam formerly used at NASA in extinguishing aircraft fires and training firefighters.

The operation of the filtration plant depends upon Chincoteague using any of its four shallow wells that are on Wallops Flight Facility property, which are operated on demand.

The plant has treated approximately 167.6 million gallons of the town's water to date, Tolbert said.

"It effectively removes all the PFAs from our water and it furnishes the town with completely safe water," he said.

Tolbert noted that Wallops Flight Facility voluntarily built and operates the plant and tests samples of the filtered water monthly.

The town manager said he has seen "no positive results for PFAs."

He added that Wallops Flight Facility will continue to treat and monitor the water until the wells are relocated.

Lawson is Shore Tourism's new destination developer

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission has named Megan Lawson as its new director of destination development.

A seasoned marketing and business development professional with 15 years of experience, Lawson has built a career on fostering relationships, amplifying brand stories, and driving meaningful growth for businesses and communities, according to a press release from the tourism commission.

A longtime resident of the Eastern Shore, Lawson's family moved to the Shore from Alaska in the mid-1990s.

After graduating from Northampton High School, Lawson went to Virginia Tech, where she earned a degree in communications, specializing in public relations.



Megan Lawson

Lawson began her career in the hospitality industry, where she developed an understanding of guest experience, event planning, and destination marketing.

She later worked in corporate marketing, managing investor and corporate events for a leading healthcare IT company in Maryland, where she built relationships with key stakeholders and executed high-level strategic initiatives.

Her passion for storytelling, business development, creativity, and community brought her back to the Eastern Shore, where she spent nearly a decade as the marketing director at New Ravenna, where she led national marketing campaigns and brand strategy for the luxury design company.

In this role, Lawson worked closely with clients around the world, meeting with them both in person and virtually to strengthen partnerships, develop training and promotional programs, align on business objectives, and collaborate on growth strategies.

In her new role, Lawson will focus on enhancing visitor experiences, strengthening tourism partnerships, and fostering sustainable growth that benefits both residents and travelers.

She is excited to collaborate with local businesses, government leaders, and community organizations to further establish the Shore as a premier destination.

"Megan will be a tremendous asset to the tourism industry on the Eastern Shore. Her knowledge and expertise will aid many businesses on the Shore, and I am thrilled for her to join the Tourism Commission team," said Robert Sabbatini, executive director of the tourism commission.

"The Eastern Shore is home, and I'm honored to help share its story with the world," Lawson said.

Lawson lives in Nassawadox with her family. Lawson officially begins on April 1.

Taylor Bank gives $30K to ESVA Housing Mission

BY BILL STERLING
Special to the Eastern Shore Post



COURTESY PHOTO

Taylor Bank recently pledged a $30,000 donation to ESVA Housing Mission to support critical home repairs for low-income families on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Pictured from left are Rick Hill, construction supervisor for ESVA Housing Mission; Donna Smith, chairwoman of the ESVA Housing Mission board; Don Taylor, board advisor for ESVA Housing Mission; John Custis, director for both Taylor Bank and ESVA Housing Mission; M. Dean Lewis, CEO and president of Taylor Bank; Shannon Lewis, AVP, relationship officer, manager of Onley Branch; Shannon Satterwhite, AVP, loan and business development officer; John Fiege, treasurer for ESVA Housing Mission; Adam James, SVP, senior credit officer; and Lisa Lewis, manager of Taylor Bank's Cape Charles branch.

The work of making critical home repairs for low-income families living in Accomack and Northampton counties received a major boost last week when Taylor Bank announced it would be donating $30,000 to ESVA Housing Mission.

Don Taylor, board advisor for the new nonprofit organization on Virginia's Eastern Shore, said the funds provided by Taylor Bank will address a fast-growing problem in the community that threatens elderly, low-income residents.

"The number of poverty-level single-family homes on the Eastern Shore of Virginia is over 3,000. Many of these homes contain hazards that are a threat to their aging owners. ESVA Housing Mission is partnering to create healthy homes for those in need."

Taylor Bank is not just providing financial resources, however. Plans are in place for a team of employees from the community bank to be on site to build a wheelchair ramp for a low-income family this spring, with construction materials and leadership provided by ESVA Housing Mission.

Volunteers from other local businesses, civic clubs, and churches are signed up to work on other scheduled projects, which include roof and floor repairs. Four home repair projects were completed in the final four months of 2024 after the organization was founded and plans are to complete 30 projects in 2025.

"Our Healthy Homes Initiative is designed to make homes warm, safe, and dry," said Taylor.

M. Dean Lewis, chief executive and president of Taylor Bank, said, "ESVA Housing Mission is fulfilling an important role by providing vital housing assistance for low- to moderate-income residents on the Eastern Shore of Virginia."

Founded in Berlin, Md., in 1890, Taylor Bank serves the Delmarva Peninsula with personalized financial services for businesses and individuals, using a relationship-driven approach. It operates 12 banking locations across lower Maryland, Delaware, and Accomack County, with a new branch soon to open in Northampton County.

Contributions to ESVA Housing Mission can be mailed to John Fiege, Treasurer, ESVA Housing Mission, 34 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417.

If interested in participating in a home repair project, contact Donna Smith, chairwoman of ESVA Housing Board, at dsmith@esaaacaa.org, phone 757-442-9652, or Jennifer Shelton Barnes at jennifer.barnes@rivhs.com or call the voice mailbox at 757-709-5468.

Walks on protected lands offer rare opportunity

About the walks

Upcoming walks

To sign up for upcoming walks and others with Birding Eastern Shore, visit https://www.birdingeasternshore.org

- Seaview Farm, March 22, at 8:30 a.m.
- Nickawampus Farm, June 21, at 8:30 a.m.

About the groups

- Birding Eastern Shore provides free bird walks to the community to help people connect with birds. The group believes that watching birds is a joyful and meaningful way to spend time. Members also enjoy educating people about bird life and bird conservation. Contact Birding Eastern Shore at info@birdingeasternshore.org.

- Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust works closely with landowners to protect the Eastern Shore's farm and forestland, scenic creeks and bays, historic resources, wildlife habitat, and natural resources with conservation easements. A conservation easement is a voluntary deeded agreement offering permanent protection from development while respecting private property rights. Conservation easements are as unique as the property they protect. For more information on land conservation and upcoming events visit www.veslt.org

Last November, Meriwether Payne received an unexpected visitor to her home, Seaview Farm.

A white-winged crossbill migrated farther south than its normal range in the boreal forests of Canada and stopped at her feeder before Thanksgiving.

Crossbills are seen outside of their range when a failure occurs in their primary food source.

The last time a white-winged crossbill was documented on the Eastern Shore of Virginia was the winter of 2012-2013.

Payne moved to Seaview Farm in Accomack County more than 30 years ago. She first visited Virginia's Eastern Shore when she was 3 and grew up exploring the fields, woods, and seaside marshes.

"I owe a huge debt of gratitude to my parents, Eunice and Lee Payne, for having the foresight to buy this piece of God's country in 1961," said Payne.

"I can't see living anywhere else. I have two freshwater wildlife ponds, a beautiful tract of woods, and around 25 acres of open land that I have allowed to grow up in wildflowers for the many birds and pollinators I am lucky to have here."

When the crossbill appeared, Payne and Roberta Kellam, vice president and president with Birding Eastern Shore, respectively, shared the rare bird sighting.

More than 60 people from Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. traveled to see the crossbill in the first three days of its visit.

"I know how much joy I get from seeing wildlife thriving on this farm and I'd love to share that if it'll make someone else feel as good as it makes me feel," said Payne.

In addition to spotting the crossbill at the feeder, Payne encouraged her visitors to use the scope on her pier to view shorebirds and walk the trails through her meadow.

Payne regularly welcomes students and birders to Seaview Farm.



COURTESY PHOTO

Participants enjoy birdwatching at Eastern Shore protected lands.

Last fall, she hosted Nandua Middle School's eighth grade for a photography field trip.

Birding walks with Birding Eastern Shore and Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust have become an annual tradition.

Cara Burton, who attended one of the walks in 2024, said, "I really enjoy Birding Eastern Shore and the land trust's special walks and exploring trails not normally open to the public. It makes me appreciate their work in stewarding the protection of our natural spaces and its wildlife. Walking with a group is always fun, too —to meet others who share a love for the outdoors and birding."

The third annual walk at Seaview Farm will be March 22. The walks are free and open to the public.

"Because of the benefits I received from placing a conservation easement on my farm, I feel a sense of obligation to share it," said Payne.

Her father was the first to introduce her to the idea of permanently preserving the farm with the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust.

"I am so glad that I was able to donate a conservation easement on my portion of the farm in 2005, protecting it from development in perpetuity," she said.

Private landowners play an important role in conserving land and creating and maintaining habitat that supports the rich diversity of plant and wildlife species on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Since 1970, numerous bird populations, including migratory and boreal forest birds in North America, have declined by 30%.

Kellam said, "Land protection that supports bird habitat is a key component of bird conservation. For some species, conservation requires the protection of plants that provide food to birds by either seed or by the insect population supported by the plants; others require protected marshes or forests to breed."

The Eastern Shore of Virginia is part of a globally important migratory bird corridor, with a recorded 432 species of birds in Accomack and Northampton counties.

"I love knowing that the caterpillars on my oak trees are food for hundreds of little baby birds and that the China fir, spruce, and hemlock I planted 28 years ago may have been the reason the crossbill thought my farm was a good place to stop and refuel," said Payne.

While the crossbill is unlikely to attend the walk in March, there will be plenty of shorebirds and songbirds to see.

WORCESTER REPUBLICAN WOMEN



COURTESY PHOTO

The Republican Women of Worcester County's Red Shoe Book Club met Tuesday, March 11, at the Ocean Pines Library to discuss the book "Melania," by Melania Trump. Pictured front row from left are Susan Ostrowski, literacy chair; Jennie Allen; and Julie Koehler. In the back row are Jean Scanlon, Linda Sirianni, Nina Willett, Donna Rhynalds, and Liz Mumford. The Republican Women will hold their monthly meeting and luncheon on Thursday, March 27, at Worcester Technical High School, 6290 Worcester Highway, Newark, Md. The guest speaker will be Matt Heim, executive director of the Lower Shore Land Trust. The cost is $27 per person, tax and gratuity included. The reservation and payment deadline is Thursday, March 19. For more information, email gopwomenofwc@gmail.com.

SOROPTIMIST CLUB NEW MEMBER



COURTESY PHOTO

Soroptimist International Club of Accomack County recently installed a new member. Peggy Bennett, right, was installed by Director Lois Evans, at left, at a recent Soroptimist meeting.

Accomack Woman's Club announces scholarships

The Woman's Club of Accomack County recently announced that scholarship applications for Eastern Shore graduating seniors are now available at local high school guidance offices.

The club is awarding three $2,000 scholarships to female graduating high school seniors, or a returning adult learner at the college level, residing in Northampton or Accomack counties, entering the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medical sciences (RN programs) or education at an accredited two- or four-year school in the state of Virginia or the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

These scholarships are locally funded by club projects and community support.

In addition, the Woman's Club is facilitating scholarship applications for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Virginia, for students majoring in early childhood education.

The WCAC Scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 1, and the Early Childhood Scholarship applications must be received in Richmond by March 15.

For additional information and applications, students are encouraged to contact their local high school guidance counselor.

Academy for Lifetime Learning offers $4,500 in local scholarships

The Academy for Lifetime Learning announces that it is again offering three $1,500 scholarships to graduating students on the Eastern Shore of Virginia to continue their education at a community college or university.

One of the three, the Betty Ross Nursing Scholarship, named in honor of the founder of the Academy for Lifetime Learning, who passed away in 2014, is open only to graduates pursuing a nursing program.

The other two scholarships are open to any high school graduate who plans to study at a two- or four-year college.

The scholarships are to be used to defray college expenses.

Supporting materials can be uploaded with the application in standard formats.

Scholarship requirements and the online application form can be found on the Academy website at https://www.allesva.org/2025-scholarship-information/.

Completed applications must be submitted online by May 1.

For further questions, please contact Mary Kay Mulligan at 757-787-4891 or email esvaall@gmail.com.

The Academy for Lifetime Learning of the Eastern Shore of Virginia is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization where members share a common interest in continuing learning experiences and intellectual stimulation.





SUBMITTED PHOTOS

On Friday Feb. 21, the American Legion Squadron 56 (Sons of Legionnaires) dedicated a Squadron Everlasting Board, honoring those sons who have come and gone. James "Jim" Weiner, who died in 2024, was one of the charter members who helped get the squadron started on Nov. 25, 2007. At left, Weiner's widow, Kathy Weiner, cuts the celebratory cake. Pictured at right is Marvin Milton, also a charter member, with the board and the charter.

Birding Eastern Shore plans March 22 event

Birding Eastern Shore invites the public to join experienced birder, Capt. Meriwether Payne, to explore Seaview Farm on Saturday, March 22, at 8:30 a.m. The farm is at 23039 Rose Cottage Road, Melfa.

Enjoy birding opportunities from shorebirds to songbirds found in the diverse habitats of this seaside private property protected by a Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust Conservation Easement.

Boots are recommended for this trip. The program is free.

Pocomoke City Council OKs new Fair Board members

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

In a move to reorganize and forge connections between Pocomoke City government and the Great Pocomoke City Fair, the city council approved people to serve on the Fair Committee.

Sarah Chapman, Stephanie DuBrell, Dean Ennis, Alice Jean Ennis, and John Smith took their oaths of office on March 10.

■ City Manager John Barkley urged council to set dates to begin working on the fiscal year 2026 budget. Council agreed for the first of these meetings to occur Tuesday, March 10.

Mayor Todd J. Nock was adamant that the first order of business was to set the fines and fees schedule for the upcoming fiscal year.

■ Council also approved an amendment to the city charter to amend the powers of the mayor to break a tie in certain council situations.

Andrew Illuminati, city attorney, said a tie vote is usually a failed vote. These tie-breaking situations could now include the absence of a council member at a meeting, a vacant seat, or a council member abstaining from a vote for a particular reason.

Council member Brooke Cottman said this also aligns with the mayor's ability to veto.

■ Public Works Manager Bill East presented bids for projects in his department. Council voted to approve a bid from Shorite Controls, LLC, for $10,299.90 for parts for repairs at the Jenkins Orchard Pump Station. Hill's was chosen to do the installation, with their $9,766.60 bid.

■ Also approved was a bid of $9,000 from Tiger Roofing for the wastewater plant roof.



Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company line and executive officers are, from left, Alex Tucker, vice president and deputy chief; Baxter Brasure, assistant treasurer; Noah Jester, secretary; Denise Bowden, president; Bobby Lappin, chief; J. Wesley Jeffries, assistant secretary; Sam Richardson, assistant chief; Andrew Olsen, chief engineer; Dean Orsino, first assistant chief engineer; and Cody Britton, second assistant chief engineer. Missing from the photo are Billy Joe Tarr, treasurer; and Hunter Leonard, public relations.

COURTESY PHOTO



Award winners from the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company banquet include, from left, Alex Tucker, line officer of the year; Noah Jester, EMS driver of the year; J. Wesley Jeffries, recognition of 50 years of active service; Cathy Repsher, executive officer of the year; Carol and Will Turner, honorary members of the year; Beverly Bowden, auxiliary member of the year; and Dean Orsino, firefighter of the year. Absent from the photo is Billy Joe Tar, life member of the year.

COURTESY PHOTO

At Virginia Beach wildfowl museum, Shore influence

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum in Virginia Beach offers world-class wildfowl carvings, including those by father-and-son duo Mark and Ian McNair, of Craddockville.

The museum also features a historical perspective on wildfowl hunting and carving from its location amid the hotels and restaurants of the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

"Everything has a story," said Parke Atkinson, an Eastern Shore native, friend of the McNairs, and member of the museum board.

Atkinson lives in Virginia Beach and owns a moving company in Hampton Roads.

The museum is housed at the historic de Witt Cottage, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places. It was built in 1895.

Atkinson said the museum usually rotates exhibits frequently, but McNair's works have been too well-received to replace.

The collection will likely be rotated out later this year, having been displayed for nearly three years.

Mark McNair, 73, of Craddockville, began carving at the age of 23. His work is considered among the best on the East Coast.

The museum features some of his work on display downstairs, part of a collection owned by Mark and Margie Cromwell.

His two sons, Ian and Colin, are also decoy carvers but also have other professions within the industry.

Ian, 43, co-owns High 'N Dry Outdoors, a company specializing in waders and other outdoor apparel.

Colin, 38, works as a decoy specialist for Copley Fine Art Auctions, a Massachusetts-based auction company specializing in antique decoys, and sporting and wildlife paintings.

Ian McNair said he has been carving for as long as he can remember, having first picked up a spokeshave tool at the age of 3.

His work in the museum occupies the upstairs gallery, which is believed to be the largest public collection of Ian McNair carvings in the world, totaling roughly 60 pieces.

Much like his father, Ian's work is highly sought after in the wildfowl carving community and fetches high prices at auction.

"It's an honor to be in this museum," he said, "It's an honor to be able to share my work."

When you go

■ The Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum is located at 1113 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day except Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission is free.



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Pictured from left are Parke Atkinson, an Eastern Shore native and board member of the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum; Ian McNair, an Eastern Shore decoy carver featured at the museum; and Scott Hubbard, a decoy collector and friend of Atkinson who also lives on the Eastern Shore. Below, one of Ian McNair's carved geese is among pieces on display at the museum.



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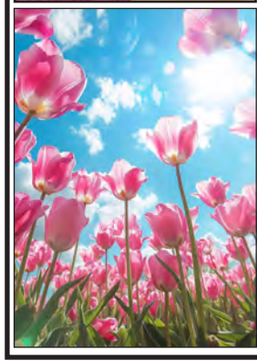
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Help Wanted

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARKS AND REC KICKBALL UMPIRE

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REQUIREMENTS:

Strong understanding of kickball rules and gameplay.

Prior experience as a sports official or umpire preferred.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to remain calm and composed in high-pressure situations.

Availability to work evenings and weekends during the kickball season.

Passion for sports and a commitment to upholding the values of fair play and sportsmanship.

TO APPLY:

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements, and application form at https://tinyurl.com/yezes6ra 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

Open until filled. EOE.

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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

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

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OPEN POSITIONS

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

- Building Inspector

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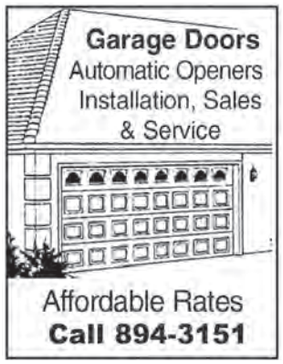
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Sweet little home filled with big treasures and curious finds.

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Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE
10354 JERUSALEM ROAD,
TEMPERANCEVILLE, VA 23442

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 10, 2011, in the original principal amount of $307,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 201100386. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on April 11, 2025, at 12:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN NEAR TEMPERANCEVILLE, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PARCEL OF LAND SURVEYED AT THE REQUEST OF THE PIERSON GROUP, INC., LOCATED EAST OF TEMPERANCEVILLE, ATLANTIC DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA," MADE BY SHORE ENGINEERING CO. INC, DATED JULY 12, 2005, SAID PLAT BEING ATTACHED TO THIS DEED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT BEING HERBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE HEREIN CONVEYED PROPERTY.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com

NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than **60 DAYS** on the property of 15545 Smith Beach Road, Cape Charles, Virginia.

Description of watercraft: 1975 Robalo #VA7814HH

Application for Watercraft Registration/Title will be made in accordance with Section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources with questions.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
3304 HIGH SEA DRIVE,
GREENBACKVILLE, VA 23356

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 7, 2013, in the original principal amount of $276,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 201302503. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on April 11, 2025, at 12:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOWING LOT SITUATE IN THE CAPTAINS COVE SUBDIVISION, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA: LOT 1476, SEC. 3, CAPTAINS COVE, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 285 AT PAGE 94 AND IN PLAT BOOK 15 AT PAGE 83, ET SEQ.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a $50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTION
POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND

The Special Municipal Election that was to be held in the "Maryland Room" at the Pocomoke Community Center, Pocomoke City, MD 21851 on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, has been canceled.

One candidate, Sharnell M. Tull, has filed a Certificate of Nomination. This candidate is unopposed. In accordance with Section C-36 of the Charter, the Board of Elections has canceled the Special Election.

Board of Elections Supervisors
Pocomoke City

Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25CL210
vs.

The heirs and devisees of
THELMA WISE BROADWATER
The heirs and devisees of
JEAN MARIE BROADWATER BROWNELL
The heirs and devisees of
WALTER JACKSON BROADWATER III
JEFFREY BROWNELL
PHILLIP BROWNELL
CAROL SHIMELMAN
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being 19.00 acres, more or less, and designated as tax map number 06700A000014800.

standing in the name of Thelma Wise Broadwater, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Thelma Wise Broadwater, Jean Marie Broadwater Brownell, and Walter Jackson Broadwater III; 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 Thelma Wise Broadwater, Jean Marie Broadwater Brownell, and Walter Jackson Broadwater III; that Jeffrey Brownell is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 43 Cambridge Circle, Smithfield, RI 02917; that Phillip Brownell is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 5540 Malt Drive #4, Fort Myers, FL 33907; and that Carol Shimelman is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 39 Wickhams Fancy #39, Collinsville, CT 06019.

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 April 7, 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 7th day of March, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

I ask for this:

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

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25CL211
vs.

The heirs and devisees of ADORSEY COULBOURN
JERRY A. BOGGS
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, fronting 200 ft. on Savageville Road, and designated as tax map number 09200A000008400.

standing in the name of Adorsey Coulbourne, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Adorsey Coulbourn, also known as Adorsey Coulbourne; 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 Adorsey Coulbourn; and that Jerry A. Boggs is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 810 Brian Hill Place, Apartment E, Essex, MD 21221.

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 April 7, 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 7th day of March, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, the Accomack County School Board will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the FY26 Budget Amendment during their Regular Work Session meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School, 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25CL212
vs.

The heirs and devisees of LOIS SEYMOUR
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 8, Block 6, Town of Melfa, and designated as tax map number 102B00506000800.

standing in the name of Lois Seymour, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Lois Seymour, also known as Lois Floyd Seymour; 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 Lois Seymour.

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 April 7, 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 7th day of March, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

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TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
MASON AVENUE ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

The Town of Cape Charles is accepting bids for the installation of power and underground lines run under the sidewalk in the business district on Mason Avenue. The complete IFB document can be found at www.capecharles.org under *Bid Opportunities* or at the Town Hall located at 2 Plum Street. Bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on April 4, 2025. Bids received after that time will be returned to the contractor unopened.

Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-150

vs.

The heirs and devisees of NIVLYS A. RAYNOR, deceased
JENNIFER LANGLEY
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, designated as tax map number 03900A000001100

standing in the name of Nivlys A. Raynor, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et. Seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Nivlys A. Raynor; 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 Nivlys A. Raynor.

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 April 4, 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 4th day of March, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

I ask for this:

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

WANDERLUST HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC
trading as
Channel Bass Inn
6228 Church St., Chincoteague Island
Accomack County, Virginia 23336-2440

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer — Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

SUN TRS SUNSET BEACH LLC
trading as
Cape Charles Chesapeake Bay KOA Resort
32246 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles
Northampton County, Virginia 23310

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Specialty Establishment — Convenience Grocery Store, Wine, Beer, Consumed Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Bruce Thelen/Manager

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

VAR-000022-2025 — Mark A. Ward — 31031 Mappsville Road, Mappsville, Virginia

The applicant requests a variance of 4 feet 6 inches from the 12-foot height restriction for structures that are within 10 feet of the side property line pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-59. The applicant wishes to construct a 36-foot by 40-foot accessory building, which is 16 feet 6 inches in height, 6 feet from the side property line. The 3-acre site is located at 31031 Mappsville Road, approximately 2500 feet southeast of its intersection with Metompkin Road and is on Tax Map #56-8-14. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

SUSE-000021-2025 — Eric G. Olson — 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa, Virginia

The applicant requests a special use permit for tourist homes for four structures pursuant to Accomack County Code section 106-53(20). The 372 acre site is located on Bobtown Road, adjacent to the south side of Red Bank Lane and is on Tax Map # 101-A-3. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

SUSE-000028-2025 — Jeff Matthews — 25496 Parksley Road, Parksley, Virginia

The applicant requests a special use permit for a retail store pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(9). The applicant wishes to convert an existing agricultural sales store to a beauty salon. The 1.50 acre site is located at 25496 Parksley Road, at the intersection with Fisher Road and is on Tax Map #78-A-112. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

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

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

NOTICE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On April 15, 2025, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the Town of Onley, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes.

Del Rossi, Deborah Ann
093C20700000400
Lilliston, Jackie L. & Darryl L.
093C30210000400

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the law office listed below. The pro rata costs of publication hereunder shall become a part of the tax and together with all other costs, including reasonable attorney's fees set by the court, shall be collected when payment is made whether or not court proceedings have been initiated.

JAMYE SALAZAR
TREASURER
TOWN OF ONLEY, VIRGINIA

JAMES W. ELLIOTT
Attorney at Law
7100 Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757) 898-7000
www.vataxsale.com

FIRST PUBLISHED
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: ADOPTION OF: B.B.O
DOCKET NO. CC-54-2025-A-11

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS PROCEEDING IS TO OBTAIN AN ORDER OF ADOPTION OF THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD

TO: MARIO ARMANDO ORDUNA ROCHA

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code §48-22-206 et seq., that a petition for adoption of the child, B.B.O., has been filed in the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia.

NOTICE: You are hereby notified that your parental rights, if any, may be terminated in the proceeding and that you may appear and defend any such rights within the required time after such service. If you are hereby properly served and fail to respond within the required time after its service, you may not appear in or receive further notice of the adoption proceedings.

A copy of the Petition may be obtained by MARIO ARMANDO ORDUNA ROCHA from the Circuit Clerk at the office, located at the Wood County Judicial Building 2 Government Square, Room 131, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26101.

Notice and a copy of the Petition shall also be served accordingly under W.V. Code §48-22-206. You are further notified that a final adoption hearing shall be held on April 7, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter, including at a such later date and/or time not further requiring publication as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge John D. Beane, Wood County Judicial Building, at 2 Government Square, Room 421 Parkersburg, West Virginia, 26101.

Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25CL217

vs.

The heirs and devisees of ABBIE REECE FLAKE, deceased
WILLA FLAKE
CAROL ROGERS
JAQUAN ROGERS
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 certain tract of land, situate in Prospect Neck, County of Accomack, Virginia, containing 40 Acres, more or less, and designated as Tax Map Number 09100A00000550

standing in the name of Abbie Reece Flake, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Abbie Reece Flake; 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 Abbie Reece Flake; that Willa Flake is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 255 West 127th Street, Apt. 3C, New York, NY 10027; that Carol Rogers is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 2829 Sedgwick Avenue, Apt. 6K, Bronx, NY 10468; that Jaquan Rogers is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 2829 Sedgwick Avenue, Apt. 6K, Bronx, NY 10468.

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 April 10, 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 10th day of March, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

I ask for this:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Accomack County School Board will be having superintendent interviews on March 12 through March 14, 2025. The interviews will be taking place at 26350 Warrior Drive, Onley, VA 23418 starting at 4:00 p.m. in Nandua Middle School's Media Center.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE TOWN OF HALLWOOD, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25CL214

vs.

The heirs and devisees of VESTA S. WESSELLS
The heirs and devisees of JAMES ANGELO WESSELLS
The heirs and devisees of BROADUS DEAN WESSELLS
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 Hallwood, Accomack County, Virginia, known as 27239 Main Street, and designated as tax map number 040A1A000000800

standing in the name of Vesta S. Wessells, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Vesta S. Wessells, also known as Vesta Susan Matthews Wessells, James Angelo Wessells, and Broadus Dean Wessells; 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 Vesta S. Wessells, James Angelo Wessells, and Broadus Dean Wessells.

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 April 7, 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 7th day of March, 2025.

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ES MANAGEMENT 08 LLC
trading as
ES Management 08 LLC
33103 Chincoteague Road, New Church
Accomack County, Virginia 23415-2319

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Specialty Establishment Convenience Grocery Store, Wine, Beer, Consumed Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Himansukumar Patel

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR ROUTINE GRASS MOWING

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is requesting quotes from licensed landscaping contractors for routine grass mowing of multiple properties. To receive bid requirements and property locations, prospective bidders should call 757-815-1102 or email mparker@ escsb.org.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
640 WASHINGTON AVE., CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310
LOT 1 AND A PORTION OF LOT 2,
TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
TAX MAP NO. 083A1-01-00-0000001

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 4, 2022, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia ("Clerk's Office") on August 8, 2022, as Instrument No. 220002010 (the "Deed of Trust"), for whom Pender & Coward, P. C., Substitute Trustee (the "Substitute Trustee"), has been duly substituted pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee, dated as of December 23, 2024, and default having occurred in the payment of the debts secured by the Deed of Trust, and at the request and direction of the holder of the note evidencing such debt (the "Lender"), the Substitute Trustee will sell the above-referenced property at public auction to the highest bidder at 10:00 a.m. on the 21st day of March 2025, on the front steps of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347.

TERMS: Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information. A deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 10% of successful bid price, payable in cash or by certified or cashier's check to the undersigned, will be required at the time of sale from the successful bidder, with the closing to occur within thirty (30) days of the date of said sale or within such time set by Substitute Trustee in its sole discretion. There is no warranty relating to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition, and the Property shall be conveyed by special warranty deed. The sale of the Property shall be subject to the right, if any, of parties in possession, and the Property shall be sold "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS", without representation or warranty of any kind including, without limitation, warranty relating to the zoning, structural integrity, physical condition, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, habitability or environmental condition, fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability of all or any part of the Property, and SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, reservations, agreements and other conditions contained in the chain of title thereto, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any. The Substitute Trustee is not obligated to deliver possession of the Property to the successful bidder; obtaining possession of the Property shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to waive the deposit requirement as to any bidder, withdraw any Property from sale at any time before the termination of bidding, keep the bidding open for any length of time, and reject any and all bids. All closing costs, including but not limited to the payment for preparation of the Substitute Trustee's Deed by the Substitute Trustee's attorney and payment of the grantor's tax, shall be borne by the successful bidder. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale concerning the purchase of the Property by the successful bidder, a copy of which will be available immediately prior to announcing the sale. All information for review by appointment only. Time is of the essence. Other conditions may be announced at the sale.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at the Accomack County Circuit Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301 at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

PARCEL 1: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. SADRACK ANTENOR
MAP NO. 075A0A000007500
ON DEEP CREEK ROAD
APPROXIMATELY 1.899 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

PARCEL 2: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. NELLIE BULL
MAP NO. 109A00400001100
14194 LINHAVEN CIRCLE
APPROXIMATELY 15,126 SQ. FT., MORE OR LESS

PARCEL 3: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DOROTHEA E. CLARK/THE COVE LLC
MAP NO. 005A60200014800
LOT 148, SECTION 10, CAPTAIN'S COVE

PARCEL 4: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. BRENDA L. DANIELS
MAP NO. 005A50200000600
LOT 6, SECTION 6, CAPTAIN'S COVE

PARCEL 5: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. BRENDA L. DANIELS/LESLIE B. EVANS
MAP NO. 005A40100192900
LOT 1929, SECTION 4, CAPTAIN'S COVE

PARCEL 6: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. BRENDA L. DANIELS/
SHANNON C. JOHNSON
MAP NO. 005A40100226200
LOT 2262, SECTION 4, CAPTAIN'S COVE

PARCEL 7: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. GEORGE T. DAVIS
MAP NO. 11200A000004600
21397 TROWER ROAD
APPROXIMATELY 17.50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

PARCEL 8: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. EQUITY TRUST CO.
MAP NO. 005A20100024200
LOT 242, SECTION 2, CAPTAIN'S COVE

PARCEL 9: TOWN OF KELLER vs. REUBEN GARRISON
MAP NO. 11B00100002100 AND 111B00100002200
ON CENTER AVENUE

PARCEL 10: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. KRISTY LEE GODWIN
MAP NO. 03900A000004200
ON MARSH MARKET ROAD
APPROXIMATELY 1.125 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

PARCEL 11: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. EDNA M. HALL
MAP NO. 077B0A000000900
22653 LEE MONT ROAD
APPROXIMATELY 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS

PARCEL 12: TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE vs. SUSAN CAROL KERR
MAP NO. 031A002000016E0
5410 OAK DRIVE
APPROXIMATELY 0.34 ACRE, MORE OR LESS

PARCEL 13: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MAGGY'S EASTERN SHORE PROPERTIES, LLC
MAP NO. 062A1A000023800
16597 WEST RIDGE ROAD; TOWN OF TANGIER
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY

PARCEL 14: REMOVED

PARCEL 15: REMOVED

PARCEL 16: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. SOTOS MODULAR HOMES LLC
MAP NOS. 109B00400000100, 109B00400000200, 109B00400000300, 109B00400000400, 109B00400000500, 109B00400000700, 109B00400000800, 109B00400000900, 109B00400001000, 109B00400001100, 109B00400001200, 109B00400001300, 109B00400001400, 109B00400001500, 109B00400001600, 109B00400001700, 109B00400001800, 109B00400A00000, and 109B00400RD0000
ON BOSTON ROAD; BOSTON KNOLL SUBDIVISION
APPROXIMATELY 15.56 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

PARCEL 17: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. SOTOS MODULAR HOMES LLC
MAP NO. 109C00400002600
ON MARILYN DRIVE; LOT 26, SECTION II, BOSTON PARK

PARCEL 18: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. ROBERT PAUL WILLIAMS
MAP NO. 055A0A000003100
14332 LANKFORD HIGHWAY
APPROXIMATELY 0.689 ACRE, MORE OR LESS

The terms of sale shall be cash or a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days.
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The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store, Wine, Beer, Consumed Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Todd Burbage/President

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Brian Terry (2024053) has applied for approximately 24.96 acres of oyster planting ground in Occohannock Creek situated in Accomack County.

The application is located at Lat/Long:
N37-33.3156 / W75-52.302

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2024053): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

Send written comments or concerns to: Marine Resources Commission, Shellfish Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Robert S. Bloxom Jr. (2024063) has applied for approximately 13.89 acres of oyster planting ground in Gargathy Bay situated in Accomack County.

The application is located at Lat/Long:
N37-46.1424 / W75-33.9642

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2024063): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

Send written comments or concerns to: Marine Resources Commission, Shellfish Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

Plaintiff
CASE NO. CL24-595

v.

ESTATE OF LEE A. HALA, *et. al.*

Defendant

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THIS MATTER, having come before this court upon the Motion of Petitioner, by and through Counsel, Andrew Higgins, Thomas Hodge, Sara Tussey, and the law firm of Rosenberg & Associates, LLC, for entry of an order of publication, and upon Plaintiff's Affidavit of Order of Publication, and the Court having reviewed the Motion and Affidavit; and

IT APPEARING that the object of the instant Complaint is to quiet title and for a declaratory judgment as to real property known as 29074 Nelsonia Road, Bloxom, VA 23308 (herein the "Subject Property"); and

IT APPEARING that Lee A. Hala, the record owner of the Property, is deceased and no estate has been opened or List of Heirs or Real Estate Affidavit filed in the land records of this Court; and

IT APPEARING that service of process has not been affected personally upon Defendants, the Estate of Lee A. Hala or the Unknown heirs of Lee A. Hala, ("Hala Parties Unknown"); and

IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate the Hala Parties Unknown and that Petitioner has NOT been able to locate any evidence that an estate has been established or a List of Heirs filed for Lee A. Hala; and

IT APPEARING that the last known address for Lee A. Hala is 29074 Nelsonia Road, Bloxom, VA 23308; and

IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Defendants be completed pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, and it is therefore,

ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED that an ORDER OF PUBLICATION be and hereby is to be published in the Eastern Shore Post once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Defendants the Estate of Lee A. Hala and the Hala Parties Unknown, and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED that all Respondents be placed on notice that a Complaint is pending in the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, namely Nationstar Mortgage LLC v. The Estate of Lee A. Hala, *et. al.*, Case No: CL24-595, to quiet title and for a declaratory judgment as to real property known as 29074 Nelsonia Road, Bloxom, VA 23308; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED that the Estate of Lee A. Hala and the Hala Parties Unknown must appear on or before the 23rd day of April, 2025, before this Court and make known to this Court any objection they may have to the Complaint and to state their interests in and to the Subject Property; to claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of the Petitioner; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to all Defendants at the last known address of 29074 Nelsonia Road, Bloxom, VA 23308, and

ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED that the Eastern Shore Post shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2025.

Caretta S. Harris
Deputy Clerk, Accomack County Circuit Court

WE ASK FOR THIS:

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC

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QUINBY HARBOR BULKHEAD AND PIER REPLACEMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS #766

The County of Accomack is seeking sealed bids from qualified Virginia licensed contractors for the complete replacement of existing bulkheads and the removal and replacement of existing piers located at the end of Harbor Point Road in the Town of Quinby, Virginia.

The work generally consists of the complete replacement of existing bulkheads and the removal and replacement of existing piers.

All work is shown on the plans (13 sheets, dated February 21, 2025) prepared by Clark Nexsen. The contractor shall be required to adhere to all applicable comments from these documents. The County will waive the tipping fees for all materials removed from this project and delivered to the North Landfill (9400 Cutler Lane, Atlantic, VA 23303) by the contractor, including concrete, dewatered soil, vegetation, and timber. The contractor is responsible to obtain any necessary County permits, but the permit fees will be waived.

There will be a Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025, starting no earlier than 10:00 at the project site.

Sealed bids may be delivered to the Accomack County Finance Office, 23296 Courthouse Ave., Suite 204, Accomac, VA 23301 or may be mailed to the Accomack County Finance Office, c/o Jessica Pawin, P.O. Box 620 Accomac, VA 23301 until 12:00 PM Thursday, April 3, 2025. On the same day, at 3:00 p.m. local time all bids received by the due date and time will be publicly opened and read aloud via "Zoom Meeting." Interested persons wishing to join the live bid opening should contact Jessica Pawin at jpawin@co.accomack.va.us at least one day prior to the date set for the opening of bids. Bids received after the due date and time will be returned unopened.

More information may be found on the following websites:

https://www.co.accomack.va.us/;
https://eva.virginia.gov/index.html;
and https://bceva.com/

**TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

The Cape Charles Town Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive comment on the following:

Conditional Use Permit Application 2025-02: From Donna and Gregory Kohler at 711 Tazewell Avenue/302 Fig Street (aka Fig Street Inn) (Tax Map #83A4-2-A, 83A4-2-J, 83A4-2-1) to amend a previously approved Bed & Breakfast Conditional Use Permit to request to add to its allowed commercial uses the following: bicycle rental, gift shop, and an EV charging station.

The application is available for public review on our website at www.capecharles.org under *Agendas & Minutes, Town Council*. Please contact the Planning Department at 757-331-2036 or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information.



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TOWN OF ONLEY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Town of Onley, Virginia is seeking proposals from interested electricians and electrical firms for design and construction services related to the installation of a new electrical service and related infrastructure, to be located at the garage located at 25559 E. Main Street, Onley.

The respondent shall be a licensed electrician in the Commonwealth of Virginia and shall present demonstrated evidence of ability, qualifications, and experience in successfully completing similar projects for small local governments and/or businesses. In addition to a listing of similar projects completed and a contact person of reference for each project, bonding, workman's comp and liability and insurance information shall be provided along with the contact information for the respondent's insuring and bonding agencies.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on-site at 25559 E. Main St., Onley, VA 23418 on Friday, March 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly suggested.

RFPs should be addressed to Town of Onley, PO Box 622, Onley, VA 23418, Attn: Town Garage Electrical Project, and received on or before 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2025. Bids may also be dropped off in person to 25308 Lankford Hwy., Onley, VA 23418. Late submissions will not be accepted. Sealed proposals will be opened on April 7, 2025, at our regular monthly meeting. Contracts will be awarded based on information received and based on the proposal that is expected to be the most beneficial to the project. The Town of Onley reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

Detailed bid packet and more information may be obtained by calling 757-787-3985.

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* When Katherine Johnson was little, she loved to count things. By the age of 10, she was in high school. In 1961, she calculated the trajectory of NASA's first trip into space. She was so consistently accurate that when NASA began to use computers, they had her check the calculations to make sure they were correct.

* Elvis Presley wore a cross, a Star of David and the Hebrew letter chai because he didn't want to "miss out on heaven due to a technicality."

* Soccer player Mohammed Anas accidentally thanked both his wife and girlfriend in a post-match speech.

* A single person's DNA contains as much information as 50 novels.

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Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. Nino Salukvadze, who at age 55 competed in her 10th Olympics at the 2024 Paris Summer Games, participates in what sport?

2. The Conerly Trophy has been awarded annually since 1996 to the best college football player in what U.S. state?

3. Steve Phoenix, a pitcher for the Oakland Athletics in 1994-95, was born in what Arizona city in 1968?

4. What U.S. athlete won a gold medal in the 4x100 meter relay at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics and then was awarded the Bronze Star while serving with the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War?

5. Rosey Rowswell was the play-by-play radio voice of what Major League Baseball team from 1936 until his death in 1955?

6. Name the member of the 2006 NBA champion Miami Heat who won the NBA All-Star Three-Point Contest two straight years from 2007-08.

7. What Pro Football Hall of Fame cornerback retired after the 2013 season with an NFL career record 203 pass deflections?

Answers

1. Shooting
2. Mississippi
3. Phoenix
4. Melvin Pender Jr.
5. The Pittsburgh Pirates
6. Jason Kapono
7. Champ Bailey

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Lot 24, near Cheapside, Capeville
For $169,900

■ From David and Lorraine Harrod
To Garrett Updegraff
Lot 55, Watersons Point, Tower Hill
For $91,500

■ From Blue Waters VA LLC
To Donald and Kathryn Middagh
Lot 7, land near the Capeville district
For $400,000

■ From Christopher and April Caison
To Gia Owens
Lot 30, Watersons Point, Tower Hill
For $284,000

■ From Bay Legacy Construction LLC
To Trevor Ritland and Karen Sankes-Ritland
Lot L92, Village L, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For $1,095,000

■ From P & E Incorporated
To ES Management LLC
Lot, 260 x 155 feet, near Fairview
For $635,286

■ From Mark Hudson
To Robert and Linda Krepps
Lot, 5 acres, near Cheriton
For $75,000

■ From AEO Legacy Development LLC
To Deena Stevenson and Thomas Pierce
Lot 55, Tower Hill
For $530,000

■ From Beco Tower Hill LLC
To AEO Legacy Development LLC
Lot 84, Tower Hill
For $95,000

■ From ALG Trustee LLC, substitute trustee, and Joseph Boole
To Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Lot 1, Exmore
For $285,600

■ From Colleen Forst
To Christopher and April Caison
Lot 11, 8.59 acres, Deerfield, Wilsonia Neck
For $177,500

■ From Antonia Colom by Jose Matos, attorney-in-fact
To Malcolm Clissold
Lot 36, Vaucluse Shores
For $150,000

■ From Antonia Colom by Jose Matos, attorney-in-fact
To Heather Brady
Lot 35, Vaucluse Shores
$90,000

■ From Anthony and Jeannie Guardino
To C&L Homes Inc.
Lot 80, Marina Village East, Cape Charles
For $76,500

■ From Eloise Widgeon
To C&L Homes Inc.
Lot 55, Marina Village East, Cape Charles
For $80,000

■ From Bradley Konawalik and Kelly McCarthy
To Douglas and Jenny Kleintop
Lot 24, Parcel I, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For $115,000

■ From Board of Trustees of the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Inc.
To Breakpoint Properties LLC
3 lots at Oyster
For $150,000

■ From Hector Santiago-Montes
To Jasson Ramirez Silva
Lot on Sawdust Road and lots 1 and 2, Nassawadox
For $91,300

■ From Curtis and Deborah Koller
To JLO Investments LLC
Lot 1, Peaceful Ponds II, Occohannock
For $36,500

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

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Chestnuts	Hide	Sense	Wrangler
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Last week's answers

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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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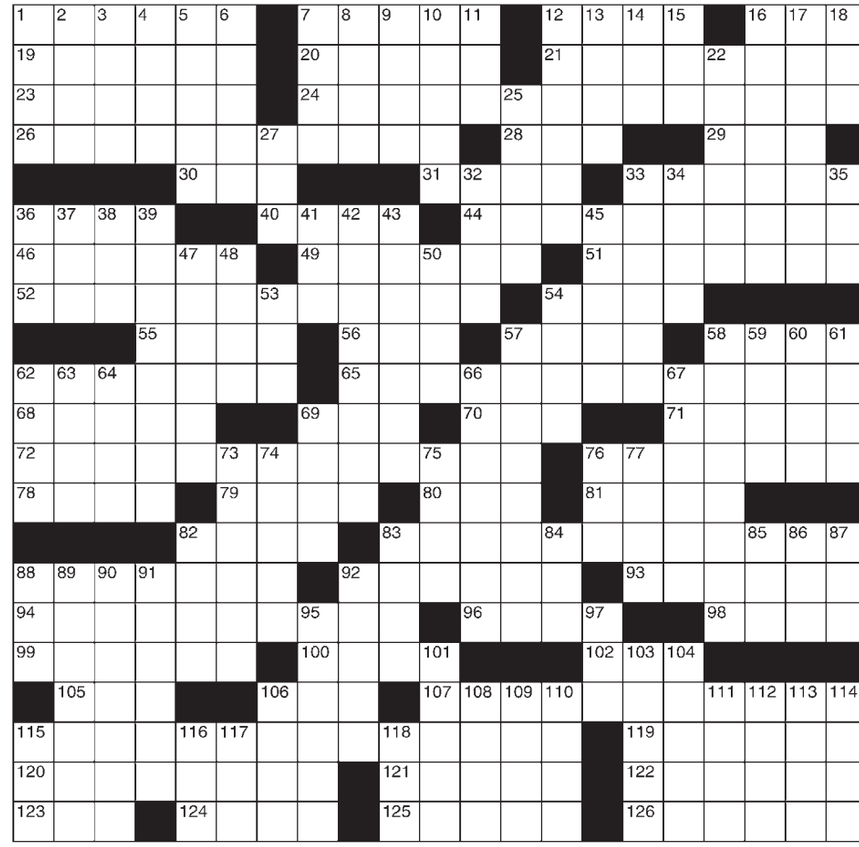
INTELLECTUAL TREAT

ACROSS

1 Accord, Civic and Pilot
7 Blue toon
12 Hubbubs
16 Honorary deg. for a jurist
19 Unicellular organism
20 Subdued, with "down"
21 Receives a salary, say
23 Boston baseballers
24 Verb form in "I used to solve puzzles," e.g.
26 Position of advantage
28 Stuff in some viral genes
29 How- — (manuals)
30 Detroit-to-Philly dir.
31 Job opening
33 Literary finale
36 War deity
40 Pre- — (replace)
44 What's allotted in soccer when a player is hurt
46 Sell in stores
49 Thinned out
51 Bohemian lager
52 "Fathers and Sons" novelist
54 Notion, in Nice
55 Story
56 Lions' locale
57 L-Q linkup
58 "Little" co-star Rae
62 In the best-case scenario
65 Sibling who looks the same
68 Japanese menu item
69 Fall mo.
70 Suffix of superlatives
71 Korean, e.g.
72 Molar requiring extraction, maybe
76 Title for Gandhi
78 "Good Will Hunting" director Gus Van —
79 Virtuosos
80 Screening airport org.
81 Oodles
82 Love deity
83 Dog with a reddish, wiry coat
88 Beirut's land
92 Barney Fife portrayer Don
93 Charred
94 Retreat in the clouds
96 Downs food
98 Good friends
99 River mouth features
100 From scratch
102 Horse's kin
105 San Francisco's — Valley
106 Aged
107 Invention of Rorschach
115 Painful podiatric problem
119 Geronimo's people
120 2003-16 Cowboys quarterback
121 Large spoon
122 "Peanuts" girl
123 Former United rival
124 Has- —
125 Lectern, e.g.
126 Group of PC experts ... or what this puzzle's 10 theme answers are?

DOWN

1 Mata —
2 Boding sign
3 Signals "OK"
4 Lucy's Arnaz
5 House
6 "Wailing" instruments
7 Rouse
8 NYC cultural center
9 Like many insensitive jokes
10 Smells awful
11 32nd prez
12 Will Smith's role in "Men in Black"
13 Ten: Prefix
14 Hitter Mel
15 Concorde, e.g., in brief
16 Ointment base
17 Thin, supple and graceful
18 34th prez
22 — fours (teacakes)
25 Fern leaf
27 Golf ball prop
32 "Salt" co-star Schreiber
33 Port city near Buffalo, NY
34 TV's Gomer
35 Neighbor of Belg.
36 Grande of pop, to fans
37 Gun, as an engine
38 Greek vowel
39 Christmas party headwear
41 Fuel efficiency stat
42 Forecasts
43 Found on a radio dial
45 "What's —?" (Bugs Bunny's greeting)
47 Like tilted type
48 Break in the action
50 State bird of Hawaii
53 Marina del —
54 Beginning ltr.
57 Volcano in Calif.
58 "We're in danger here!"
59 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
60 Thailand, once
61 Noted visitor to 60-Down
62 Wife of Osiris
63 Part of Russia's parliament
64 Fox Sports competitor
66 Webpage
67 Pakistani city
69 Lyric poems
73 Occult cards
74 Low-budget, in adspeak
75 Other, in Oviedo
76 Wrestling pad
77 Stein drinks
82 "Watermark" singer
83 Apropos of
84 33rd prez
85 Radio host Glass
86 Japanese menu item
87 Tpks., e.g.
88 Cornea cover
89 Still, at this late date
90 Salami alternative
91 Vein's cousin
92 Japanese fencing style
95 Sam of Sam's Club
97 Actor Mineo
101 Be victorious in
103 "Same goes for me"
104 Honoree on Mar. 17
106 "I'm buying"
108 Zilch
109 Potter's oven
110 Ran, as dye
111 Sharp-tasting
112 Brutus' "Behold!"
113 Actor LaBeouf
114 Burst (with)
115 Hairy sitcom cousin
116 Celestial ball
117 Suffering
118 Golf's Ernie



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