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CAPE CHARLES

Criticized beach plan gets changes

Was derided by public, who said proposal would make town too much like Virginia Beach, Ocean City

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

The proposed Cape Charles beachfront master plan, which has been updated since it was introduced in October 2024 and received wide public criticism, is nearly ready to be unveiled.

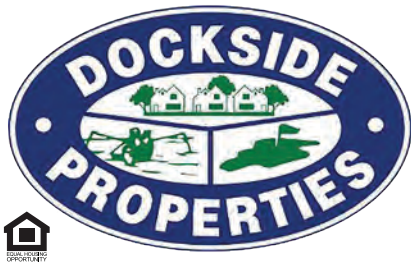
Cape Charles residents called the original plan “overkill” and said it would make the town too much like Ocean City or Virginia Beach. They wanted to preserve the “simplicity” of the natural beach.

The beachfront plan that was proposed last fall included: a larger beach, modified dune layouts, a food-truck plaza, outdoor seating, restrooms, showers, volleyball courts, pergolas, a pavilion, a new boardwalk, and additional parking.

Paul Chandler said during the Oct. 4, 2024 public input session that the town paid Massachusetts consulting and design firm Vanasse Hangen Brustlin \$99,000 to create the beachfront master plan, but “nobody wants it.”

He noted that 72% of people who responded to a survey about the plan said “everything is just

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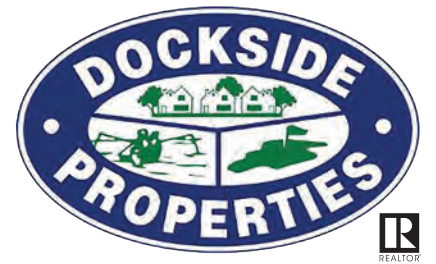
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Shore History receives grant to repair roofs

Shore History, originally founded as the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society in 1957, has been awarded \$166,500 from the Virginia250 Preservation Fund to support the preservation of two significant historical landmarks: Ker Place and the Hopkins & Bro. Store at the Onancock Wharf.

These funds will facilitate the installation of period-accurate cedar shake shingle roofs, ensuring the longevity of these nationally registered properties and the collections, archives, and exhibits housed within them.

Ker Place, a Georgian-style Federal period home, was constructed between 1799 and 1803 for merchant farmer John Shepherd Ker, his wife, Agnes Corbin Ker, and their family.

In 1960 the Eastern Shore of

Virginia Historical Society purchased the property. Over the past 68 years, the organization has meticulously restored the home to its original 1806 appearance, as documented in John Ker's inventory.

Today, Ker Place serves as the headquarters for Shore History and is a hub for cultural activities and events that celebrate Eastern Shore history.

The Hopkins & Bro. Store, established in 1842 by Captain Stephen Hopkins, was a vital center of commerce and trade for 125 years, operating under the names Stephen Hopkins & Son and later Hopkins & Bro.

Located at the heart of Onancock Wharf, the historic building continues to anchor the town's waterfront district.

The site features the original

mercantile store, a former ferry ticket office, a five-slip dock, and an adjacent parking lot near the public boat launch.

Presently, the building is home to Mallards Restaurant and Burnham Guides Paddle and Ride, both of which contribute to the historic atmosphere of the Wharf.

Visitors to Mallards can also explore a mini-museum curated by Shore History, showcasing 125 years of Chesapeake Bay mercantile heritage.

Both Ker Place and the Hopkins & Bro. Store are listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

However, their cedar shake shingle roofs, integral to their historical authenticity, now require replacement.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining traditional craftsmanship, Shore History has partnered with F.A. Taylor Co., a firm specializing in historic cedar shake shingle installation, to undertake the restoration.

The Virginia250 Preservation Fund grant ensures that these landmarks will continue to serve as vital community resources for future generations.

By preserving Ker Place and the Hopkins & Bro. Store, Shore History remains dedicated to connecting people with the Eastern Shore's rich cultural and economic heritage.

These restoration efforts not only protect the physical structures but also honor the stories and craftsmanship that have shaped the region's past and present.

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County of Accomack, Virginia
Public Hearings Notice
Fiscal 2025-2026 Estimated Budget & Tax Rates
March 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

A brief synopsis of the Operating and Capital Budget for the County of Accomack for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year was ordered published by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on February 26, 2025. The Operating and Capital Budget is published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only. **The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the Accomack County budget and tax rates on March 24, 2025, at Metompkin Elementary School, 24501 Parksley Road, Virginia with the budget hearing beginning at 6:00 P.M.** Citizens have the right to submit oral or written statements on the estimated budget & tax rates. Any citizen having questions concerning the estimated budget or tax rates needing special assistance to attend the meeting may contact the County Administrator's Office by calling (757) 787-5700 or (757) 824-5444 or by email: administration@co.accomack.va.us. A summary of the budget is available for inspection in the County Administrator's Office during normal business hours and is listed on the Accomack County website on the Finance Department "Budget Development" page. This notice is published in accordance with Virginia Code Sections 15.2-2506 and 58.1-3007.

Consolidated General Government Estimated Budget

Estimated Revenues & Other Sources		Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	
General Property Taxes	\$ 44,041,875	General Government Administration	\$ 8,425,710
Other Local Taxes	12,843,426	Judicial	2,723,415
Permits, Fees, & Licenses	538,633	Public Safety (includes law enforcement and jail)	22,163,060
Fines & Forfeitures	150,000	Public Works	9,882,499
Use of Money & Property	2,597,966	Health & Welfare	7,696,335
Charges for Services	5,368,713	Education (local share of public school division budget)	23,323,601
Miscellaneous Revenue	307,449	Education (Community College supplement)	91,028
Recovered Costs	250,464	Recreation & Cultural	2,206,723
From the Commonwealth	11,705,341	Planning & Community Development	8,130,345
From the Federal Government	2,854,012	Contingency/Nondepartmental	990,544
Total Estimated Revenues	80,657,879	Debt Service	3,769,703
From Use of Fund Balance, General Fund	8,907,351	Total Estimated Expenditures	89,402,963
From Fund Balance, Other Funds.	1,196,094	"Rainy Day" Committed Fund Balance Addition	972,774
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 90,761,324	Landfill Assigned Fund Balance Addition	385,587
		Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 90,761,324

Accomack County School Board Estimated Budget

Estimated Revenues & Other Sources		Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	
Charges for Services	\$ 280,000	Instruction	\$ 53,354,059
From Other Sources	2,024,805	Administration, Attendance, & Health	4,084,004
From the County	23,323,601	Pupil Transportation	5,362,746
From the Commonwealth	49,542,103	Operations & Maintenance	7,682,554
From the Federal Government	3,852,960	Food Services	4,007,997
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 79,023,469	Technology	4,235,601
		Transfers	296,508
		Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 79,023,469

Accomack County Economic Development Authority Estimated Budget

Estimated Revenues & Other Sources		Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	
From the County	\$ 60,000	Planning & Community Development	\$ 60,000

Proposed Tax Rates per \$100 Valuation and Personal Property Tax Relief (PPTRA)

Type of Rate	2024 Adopted Rate ¹	2025 Proposed Rate ²	Type of Rate	2024 Adopted Rate ¹	2025 Proposed Rate ²
Real Estate & Mobile Homes (base rate)	\$0.383	\$0.383	Automobiles & Trucks (base rate)	\$3.630	\$3.630
Atlantic, Metompkin, Lee & Pungoteague EMS Tax Districts ³	\$0.101	\$0.151	Atlantic, Metompkin, Lee & Pungoteague EMS Tax Districts ³	\$0.090	\$0.090
Greenbackville & Captains Cove Area Mosquito Control District	\$0.015	\$0.015	Maximum Automobiles & Trucks Tax Rate	\$3.720	\$3.720
Maximum Real Estate & Mobile Home Tax Rate	\$0.499	\$0.549	Other Taxable Personal Property (base rate)	\$3.630	\$3.630
Machinery & Tools (base rate)	\$3.630	\$3.630	Atlantic, Metompkin, Lee & Pungoteague EMS Tax Districts ³	\$0.090	\$0.090
Atlantic, Metompkin, Lee & Pungoteague EMS Tax Districts ³	\$0.090	\$0.090	Maximum Other Taxable Pers. Property Tax Rate	\$3.720	\$3.720
Maximum Machinery & Tools Tax Rate	\$3.720	\$3.720	Personal Property Tax Relief:		
Airplanes (base rate)	\$0.730	\$0.730	Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less	100%	100%
Atlantic, Metompkin, Lee & Pungoteague EMS Tax Districts ³	\$0.020	\$0.020	All other personal use vehicles (Relief applies to first \$20,000 of value only)	31%	31%
Maximum Airplanes Tax Rate	\$0.750	\$0.750			

Proposed Fees

Fee Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Cigarette tax (per pack) (amending Section 82-412 of the Accomack County Code)	\$0.20	\$0.40

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATES LISTED ABOVE

¹ The 2024 tax rate is the tax rate adopted by the Board of Supervisors last fiscal year.
² The 2025 "proposed" rate is the tax rate ordered advertised by the Board of Supervisors on February 26, 2025.
³ This special tax district imposes an "add-on" real estate and personal property tax rate that is used to fund emergency medical services (EMS). It does not apply to property located in the Town of Chincoteague.

Man sentenced for distributing oxycodone

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

A 420-pound Accomack County man who was convicted of distributing oxycodone tried unsuccessfully to have his incarceration delayed while his medical care in prison is coordinated.

Travis Wade Bailey, 59, of Temperanceville, was reciting a list of his medical problems when he was interrupted by an Accomack Circuit Court judge, who asked what Bailey’s medical condition had to do with his sentencing.

Bailey said he suffers from diabetic skin ulcers, high blood pressure, herniated discs, has plates and screws in his arm, has a veinal filter to prevent

fatal blood clots, and received injuries in an automobile accident, among other ailments.

Bailey had difficulty walking into the courtroom, even with a walker. He told the court he had weighed 545 pounds but had lost some weight.

His presentence report stated his weight at 420 pounds, said Michael Baker, assistant commonwealth’s attorney.

“Seems like you should be the last person in the world to be distributing oxycodone,” Judge Lynwood W. Lewis Jr. told Bailey.

Carl Bundick, Bailey’s lawyer, asked that his client be allowed delayed reporting to jail to determine his medical care while incarcerated.

Assistant Commonwealth’s Attor-

ney Michael Baker said Bailey had 14 charges of drug-related offenses on his record, including a 16-year prison sentence for distribution in Maryland in 2015 from which he was paroled.

The judge commented on Bailey’s seven-page criminal history. He denied his request for a delayed reporting to jail, noting that the case was first set for sentencing in January and said Bailey requested and received a continuance for the same reason.

Lewis sentenced Bailey to 10 years with all but one year suspended. He ordered him to be on two years of supervised probation and on good behavior for five years.

He remanded him to jail.

“They will get you straight when you get over there,” he told him.

Historic Onancock School hosting indoor yard sale

The Historic Onancock School is hosting an indoor yard sale on Saturday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the main gallery

All proceeds will benefit the Pledge the Pink Foundation for breast cancer. For more information contact Kris Walker at kwalk969800@gmail.com.

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AI could track STRs in county

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton County supervisors are considering the services of an online firm to attain compliance with regulations for short-term vacation rental homes, which are currently under development.

Granicus provides governments and schools with digital solutions to help them streamline workflows, improve public services, and increase community engagement.

Less than 10% of short-term-rental owners voluntarily register their businesses and pay all related taxes, according to Granicus representative Kester Bonsu.

It is “incredibly time-consuming for most communities” to track down the remaining 90%, he said.

The number of short-term rentals is growing and that further impedes a locality’s ability to identify all of them, Bonsu said.

According to his presentation, there are 15 times as many short-term-rental listings in the current global marketplace as there were in 2011, and vacation rental homes outperformed hotels in 27 global markets within the last year.

Moreover, complaints about short-term rentals more than doubled within the last year, and because the properties are offered on hundreds of platforms, it is nearly impossible to track all of them manually.

Noncompliance with regulations can mean lost revenue for the locality and diminished neighborhood character and housing affordability for residents.

As of January, there were 630 listings for short-term rental properties in Northampton County, representing more than 500 unique rental units, according to Granicus.

At least 38% of the listings were for single-family homes, but 62% of the home types were unknown.

Similarly, at least 44% of the offerings were entire homes, but 56% of the unit types were unknown.

The mid-range price per night of the rentals was \$266.

Nearly 200 of the listings, more than 150 unique rental units, were for properties in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Northampton County’s ability to permit and register short-term rental homes, collect taxes, and help resolve complaints would center on the Granicus address identification system.

The system scans for rental listings on more than 60 websites. A combination of artificial intelligence and human analysts determine the exact address and owner information for each short-term-rental home identified.

A record of each short-term-rental home is maintained, which may include photos of the property, automatically captured and time-stamped screenshots of rental listings, and case notes.

A 24/7 hotline is available for concerned neighbors to report incidents by phone or online. A complainant will be asked to submit proof of an alleged violation via photo or video.

If the property is registered, Granicus Host Compliance will call or text the property’s host or emergency contact to seek acknowledgment and resolution of the complaint. Resolution notes are entered into the database to hold repeat offenders accountable.

The company said it offers modular pricing and will tailor its services to Northampton County’s short-term rental needs.

Granicus is currently partnering with 16 local agencies in Virginia to address challenges with short-term vacation rental homes, including the cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Hampton.

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Town council approves funds for social media policy, training

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

An attorney who held a social media training session for Exmore police officers last month has offered to write official policy on town employee social media use for a maximum cost of \$5,000.

“I think \$5,000 is a really good insurance policy” considering how much “you’re going to pay a lawyer in court, trying to protect the town, if someone made up the wrong social media post,” said Town Manager Taylor Dukes on Monday, March 3.

Police Chief Angelo DiMartino noted that subsequent training will cost \$20 per person, and training could be provided for other town employees such as clerks and public works employees.

In December 2016, the 4th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond decided the case of Liverman v. City of Petersburg, in which two police officers sued the police chief after he put them on probation for posting their concerns on Facebook about inexperienced officers who had been promoted and were leading police training sessions.

The two officers allegedly violated a 2013 local policy prohibiting social media activity that “may bring discredit to the Petersburg Bureau of Police and any other City of Petersburg department.”

However, the court found that the policy violated the officers’ First Amendment rights. The court also noted that comments one of the plaintiffs made on social media were “private in nature” and “did not address a matter of public concern.”

An article on the Technology &

Marketing Law Blog in December 2016 addressed the court’s findings and stated, “How hard is it to draft an appropriate social media policy for employees? Actually, pretty hard.”

Law blogger Eric Goldman noted that government employers must “navigate the Constitution” when adopting policies on social media use, and he recommended that employment lawyers write those policies.

DiMartino said, “Everybody knows social media has become a problem with people sharing photos, pictures, making comments they shouldn’t make,” but he cautioned that “Petersburg, Virginia, paid out \$4.7 million over a social media mess up.”

The Exmore Town Council consented to the expenses for the policy writing and employee training.

Town council meeting dates

Dukes proposed changing the town council’s monthly meeting date from the first Monday to the second Monday of every month.

He said the change would allow town staff more time to prepare reports on the activities of their respective departments from the previous month.

Dukes explained that it is challenging for staff to complete their reports before the first Monday of the month when the first day of the month is on a weekend.

The motion was made to change the meeting dates, and it passed unanimously.

Dukes told the town council to allow time for public hearings to be held and that the first meeting on the second Monday of the month likely will not occur until July.



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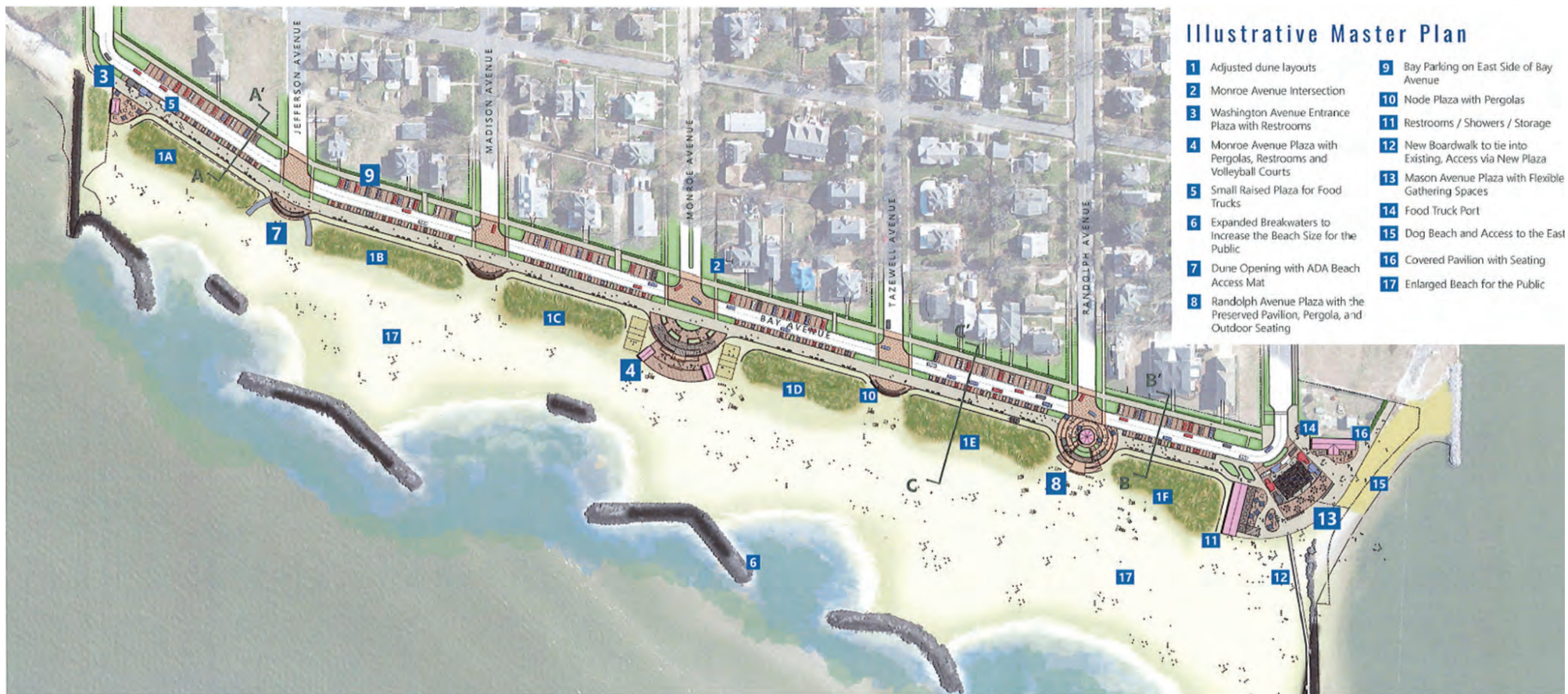


IMAGE COURTESY TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES

The proposed Cape Charles beachfront master plan included a new entrance plaza, a plaza with pergolas, and more. The plan has been adjusted.

Cape Charles

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right” with the beach as it is.

Of about 400 respondents, only 15 asked for perpendicular parking, but it was included in the plan. Only three people asked for benches and one asked for shade, yet there is an array of seating and shade options in the plan. “It’s just crazy,” Chandler said.

He said the top three requests for the beach were restrooms, accessibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and maintenance of

the existing beachfront.

Erin Harvey likened the proposed plan to “paving paradise” and said the changes would “wipe away what’s special about the town.”

He said he liked the developments on Peach Street, at Strawberry Street Plaza, and in Central Park, but the beach is “entirely different.”

“We have other places for plazas and brick and sidewalks, but not the beach,” Harvey said.

“It’s really an asset that we have something wild and free right there on the edge of our town, that we have a natural beach,” he said.

Lori Blewitt said she has been a

part-time resident of Cape Charles for more than 30 years and loves the town.

In the many newspaper and magazine articles she has read about Cape Charles, “nowhere do they say, ‘You guys need to fix this place up.’ They’re saying, ‘This is the place you need to go because it’s unlike anywhere else on the East Coast,’” she said.

Blewitt also questioned why cost estimates for the beachfront improvements were not included in the plan.

Town Manager John Hozey explained that first a decision must be reached on which improvements should remain in the plan, then a

multi-year process can begin, which will include cost estimates, grant opportunities, and capital budget planning.

Since receiving feedback on the proposed plan, town staff members have been working on changes to the proposal to align with the beachfront vision that Cape Charles residents have shared.

The updated beachfront master plan was to be revealed at two public information sessions on March 1 and March 5, but the events were postponed and have not yet been rescheduled.

Conservation scholarships are available for students

Eastern Shore of Virginia residents enrolled in or having applied to a college curriculum related to natural resources conservation may apply for scholarship funding from local sources.

The W. Foster Fletcher Conservation Scholarship and the William H. Beasley Sr. Memorial Scholarship, both administered by the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District’s endowment committee, are available only to Eastern Shore of Virginia residents who are full-time students or who have applied to a college undergraduate level curriculum.

Up to \$1,000 will be available for scholarships to be awarded to two students, depending upon the

qualifications of the applicants.

Friday, May 2, is the deadline to apply for the W. Foster Fletcher Conservation Scholarship and the William H. Beasley Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Application materials may be obtained from the district office in Accomac by calling 757-302-4433, by email at julie.head@esswcd.org or by visiting <https://www.esswcd.org/scholarships>

EDITORIAL

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SERVING VIRGINIA'S EASTERN SHORE

THE PAPER'S POSITION

Average value of new home is remarkably high

Here's a sobering number: The average value of a newly built home in Northampton County is \$543,000 — not including the land.

We know some of the homes being built around Cape Charles and on the water are priced much higher than that, which skews the average.

Still, that's a daunting figure for someone who is hoping to put down roots on the Eastern Shore, create a life, raise a family, and make a contribution.

We were glad to see that Northampton County, its elected supervisors, and various agencies got together in January to discuss ways to get these prices under control.

One of the main obstacles referenced by elected officials and area developers is housing density. The county's zoning regulations, particularly on housing density, prevent developers from using creative strategies to build attainable housing.

However, a tension has existed in Northampton County in recent decades over housing density's impact of open space. There is a concern that too many homes would impact rural character.

A move in the right direction would be amending the county zoning ordinance to allow double housing density — duplexes — in some areas.

The goal here, however, would be to focus this increased housing density around currently existing population centers that have amenities like public water and sewer.

Any discussion of this issue should always include the high average value of a newly built home in Northampton — and the dire need to lower that figure.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Eastern Shore Post strives for accuracy. Corrections and clarifications will be printed in this space. Email editor@easternshorepost.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government employees deserve 'respect and support'

To the editor:

My thanks goes to the Eastern Shore Post for its excellent and well-balanced coverage of the local impacts of the recent cuts and layoffs that the Trump administration has required of federal agencies.

I worked in the federal government during the Clinton administration, first as a legislative assistant to a congressman from Oregon, and then as a sort of utility infielder for Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt — the official title was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs.

For the last two years of the administration, I worked as as the State Department's negotiator for two global environmental climate agreements.

During that time, I worked closely with senior career employees at Interior, the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the State Department, and USAID.

Contrary to the image thrown out by Elon Musk, the men and women I worked with were dedicated to the missions of their agencies.

They worked hard in jobs that were high stress and, at times, dangerous.

Their pay was not close to what most of them

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could have made in the private sector. Yet I rarely heard any of them complain. They took pride in their work and in their opportunity to serve the country they love.

So it makes it difficult for me to accept the kind of cavalier comments of some of the folks you quote in the article.

Mistakes do get made and sometimes our leaders get their policies wrong. But the government employees who serve us every day deserve our respect and support.

Brooks B. Yeager
Chincoteague

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An important hope to have: We can all be a little nicer

A telephone temper tantrum crept up on me this week. I didn't feel it coming until it was too late.

I kicked a box, my reading glasses broke in three pieces, and folks in adjoining rooms heard the commotion, so I'm told.



Ted Shockley

When I emerged, I got odd looks from people who know me.

They were disappointed and surprised. I could see it in their faces.

In retrospect, it all seemed like an apt analogy of our community and

country right now.

Some folks are aggravated and make surly, mean comments — some quietly, some in a full-throated howl.

Others are listening and watching with a mix of disappointment and surprise.

It is naive to hope we all can be a little nicer. However, it is an important hope to have.

I'm trying to tamp down my own angry, negative reactions.

But sometimes I have eaten entirely too much healthy food, and if I don't get fried chicken and brownies quickly, I might take a hostage.

Sometimes people mess with the adjustment in the driver's seat of my

van, and I can't seem to get it comfy and perfect again, and I say mean things I don't really mean.

We all get frustrated. I have firsthand knowledge of how the words of the frustrated can disappoint and surprise others.

And I have a theory that keyboard warriors and telephone tough-guys find it easy making inelegant statements because they don't see the faces of those they offend.

Online responses

On Sunday, Feb. 23, I asked on the Eastern Shore Post's Facebook page for local information on federal layoffs and the impact of cutbacks.

I received some important community information and there was a lot of thoughtful discussion.

Reporting on this issue will continue.

A newspaper, of course, documents a community's bad news and good news, tragedies and triumphs, in an effort to inform and educate.

A newspaper serves as a forum for a diversity of opinions and encourages readers to share their own well-made thought.

Some of the more than 500 Facebook responses, however, were angry and negative — toward the government, toward the newspaper, toward anyone with a different opinion.

Of course, I didn't exactly expect grace of expression in the comments — that's a high bar I never meet in my

own comments.

But I didn't exactly expect such lowbrow and offensive remarks, either.

Predictably, when people were mean or surly in their comments, there was some disappointment and surprise.

People said they were shocked at the anger and vitriol. One wrote that she was ashamed to be from the Eastern Shore after seeing all the negativity.

I decided to talk directly with people around Wallops, our community's biggest area of government-funded initiatives, to get more information. It's what newspapers do.

In the moment

On Monday, Feb. 24, I walked into Amarin Coffee's new shop in Watts-ville, near the NASA-Wallops Flight Facility gate.

It's a beautiful place with a modern aesthetic and an assortment of breads and buns on display. People say the coffee is excellent. It recently opened.

I asked to speak to the owner and Yen Nguyen came to the counter. I told her who I was, that I was writing a story for the Eastern Shore Post, and asked her thoughts on the potential impact of government cutbacks on her business.

I asked her how to spell her name. I wrote down the opinions she shared, and I read some of them back to her,

to ensure I got them right.

On Friday, Feb. 28, when the story was published, a few people were surprised by Nguyen's comments.

Someone posted on Facebook a photograph of her quotes and the back-and-forth vitriol from keyboard warriors began anew.

During less contentious times, what Nguyen said may have been considered middle of the road.

Nguyen called me the day it was published and wrote me a letter on Monday, March 3.

Like everyone else, she was disappointed and surprised — at the criticism, at the aftermath, that she was quoted in the newspaper.

It happens to all of us these days. We get caught up in the moment.

It happened to me this week, when I got mad while on the telephone, raised my voice, broke my eyeglasses, and kicked a box.

It happens on social media all the time — those keyboard warriors stir the pot, prod, and provoke.

Maybe we would all rethink our tough words if we imagined the disappointed and surprised looks on the faces of those hearing or reading our comments.

Trust me: The looks on the faces seldom lie.

And the looks show we are pretty disappointed and surprised with ourselves right now.

■ *The writer is editor of the Eastern Shore Post. Reach him at editor@easternshorepost.com.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Had hoped to talk to U.S. Rep. Kiggans

To the editor:

I traveled 50 windy and rainy miles to Chincoteague on Wednesday, March 5, hoping for an opportunity to speak with U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans in person on Chincoteague Island.

Unfortunately, she chose to skip

out on the advertised "mobile office hours," frustrating the scores of people in attendance.

Here is what I had hoped to say to her.

"Thank you for your service to our country as a military spouse, a Navy pilot, and now as an elected public official representing our second congressional district. Thank you. This work isn't easy, I'm sure.

"Clearly you are a thoughtful and informed leader, intelligent, compas-

sionate, committed to protecting and improving the lives of all residents of the Eastern Shore, and dedicated to upholding the U.S. Constitution and honoring both the history and the promise of America.

"You have all the tools and talent you need to do your job.

"We need you to stand up to the illegal and uninformed firings. We need you to protect our veterans. Support our farmers. Help our teachers. Steward our natural resources. Protect So-

cial Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Safeguard our personal information. Counter the chaos and confusion of this coup. We need you to demonstrate the power of three equal branches of government."

Protect the safety and well-being of your constituents, Representative Kiggans.

We need you to do your job.

Patty McLaughlin
Machipongo

ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, March 7

■ **SUB SALE:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7:30 p.m., The Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The Great Pocomoke Fair is hosting its first Friday game night and sub sale. Dine in and carry out will be offered. CJ the DJ will be playing tunes from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and corn hole and board games will be available. For \$12 get a cheesesteak, cheeseburger, or chicken tender sub with fries and a drink, four chicken tenders, fries and a drink, or a loaded bowl with fries topped with cheesesteak, a cheeseburger, or chicken tenders. Call 410-251-8810 to order in advance.

■ **FISH FRY:** 3 to 7 p.m., Ebenezer Baptist Church, 9504 Occohannock Road, Exmore. The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Free Masons are hosting a drive through fish fry. For \$10 get a plate with whiting, chips, bread, and coleslaw.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 4:30 to 8 p.m., Eastville Community Center, 17202 Courthouse Road, Cape Charles. This spaghetti dinner is a fundraiser for Robin Sexauer's medical transport flight. Tickets are \$12 and include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desserts, and drinks. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/3dwpchxc>

■ **BINGO:** 6 p.m., doors open, 7 p.m., games begin, Arcadia High School gym, Oak Hall. The Arcadia High School Booster Club is hosting cash bingo. The cost is \$40 for a three by three game board. Bonus games are two for \$5. Regular games pay out \$100 and bonus games pay out \$200. No one under 18 is permitted. Concessions will be available.

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney

Best bets

■ **Friday, March 7, from 4:30 to 8 p.m.,** The Eastville Community Center will host a spaghetti dinner that is a fundraiser for Robin Sexauer's medical transport flight. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/3dwpchxc>

■ **Monday, March 10, at 10:30 a.m.,** the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore is hosting Fashion in Bloom, a fashion show at The Coach House Tavern at Bay Creek. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/3wy93hjv>

Stone Pub, Onancock. Hemlock Harlow performs live.

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., The Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke City. Holly Grove Christian School's drama department presents "Whole Latte Love," by Todd Wallinger. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/5n84ew2a>

Saturday, March 8

■ **MEETING:** 9 a.m., Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 25365 Saxis Road, Temperanceville. The Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy will hold its monthly meeting. Lisa Johnson will facilitate a workshop on "Candidating for Pastoral Assignments."

■ **THRIFT STORE:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church will have its thrift store open.

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

■ **JOB FAIR:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincote-

ague. Employers and job seekers can connect at the Chincoteague Center's Job Fair. Interview rooms will be set up and generic resumés will be available to fill out.

■ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. Citizens for Central Park hosts garden maintenance time at the park on the first Saturday of the month. Volunteers can water, weed, trim, prune, plant, or transplant to help maintain the landscaping. Bring gloves and tools.

■ **EQUESTRIAN EVENT:** 10 a.m. gates open, noon games start, The Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The Rags to Riches Game Show will feature classes on leadline, AC Delco, open classes, and youth classes for those 15 and under. The games will include poles, barrels, and a rotating series of other games. Games are \$5 each or \$20 for all day. All riders under 18 must wear a helmet. There will be a 50/50 raffle.

■ **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton County YMCA, 22257 Parsons Circle, Cape Charles. A

four-on-four basketball tournament is being hosted at the YMCA. Entry is free. Players must be between 13 and 17. To participate email Ricardo_finley@yahoo.com.

■ **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.

■ **CLAM FRITTER SALE:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Girdletree Volunteer Fire Company, 2739 Snow Hill Road, Girdletree. The Girdletree Auxilliary will be selling clam fritter sandwiches, fries, cheeseburgers, and drinks.

■ **MEETING:** 1 p.m., Sage Diner, Onley. The Disabled American Veterans will hold its monthly meeting.

■ **PLAY:** 2 p.m., The Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke City. Holly Grove Christian School's drama department presents "Whole Latte Love," by Todd Wallinger. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/5n84ew2a>

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 8 p.m., The Shanty, Cape Charles. Oysters for Education is an oyster roast to support the Northampton County Education Foundation. Tickets are \$125 per person and include oysters, barbecue, sides, and two drinks. There will be a silent auction and live music provided by Clara and Company. Visit <https://givebutter.com/jj2h9b> for tickets.

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

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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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<https://tinyurl.com/48bn2z8b>

■ **WOOD BURNING CRAFT:** 6 p.m., American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton. Melanie Widgeon Lewis will be leading a class on how to create a burned wood cheese board. The cost is \$45. Light refreshments will be served and beer and wine will be available for purchase. To register email valland2@verizon.net or sjkt@verizon.net.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 6 to 10 p.m., Broadwater Academy, 3500 Broadwater Road, Exmore. Viking Disco Nights features dinner, drinks, dancing, silent and live auctions, and music by the Right On Band. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/6emva3pw>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. show starts, ESO Arts Center, 15393 King St., Belle Haven. Margot and Co. perform live. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/d94c3a9s>

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Onancock Baptist Church, 1 Crockett Ave., Onancock. Sherry Belote will lead a service of testimony and worship.

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., The Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke City. Holly Grove Christian School's drama department presents "Whole Latte Love," by Todd Wallinger. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/5n84ew2a>

Sunday, March 9

■ **ECSTATIC DANCE:** 3:30 to 5 p.m., 10237 Rogers Drive, 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 10

■ **CAREGIVER SUPPORT:** 10 to 11 a.m., Commonwealth Senior Living, 23610 North St., Onancock. This is a support group for those caring for a loved one. It is designed to be a time to build support, find assistance, and access information. Please RSVP by the Friday before to 757-693-4384.

■ **FASHION SHOW:** 10:30 a.m. doors open, 12 p.m. luncheon and fashion show, The Coach House Tavern at Bay Creek, Cape Charles. The Garden Club

of the Eastern Shore is hosting Fashion in Bloom, a fashion show and fundraiser for the club. Attendees can shop with vendors from 10:30 a.m. to noon before the fashion show and luncheon begin. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/3wy93hvj>

■ **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 11

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

■ **MEETING:** 9 a.m., CSB Administration Office, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tassley. The CSB will hold its monthly board meeting.

■ **VETERANS SERVICES:** 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. A representative from the Virginia Department of Veteran's Services will be on hand to explain benefits and answer questions. No appointment necessary.

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

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

■ **VETERANS SUPPORT COMMITTEE:** noon to 1:30 p.m., American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. Community partners will network with veterans to learn how to better meet their needs. A free light lunch will be provided.

■ **TEEN GAME NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern

Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids can do crafts and play video or board games.

■ **WORKSHOP:** 6 p.m., Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown. The Screen Sanity Program is designed to help parents learn tips and tricks for raising happy kids in an increasingly digital world. This event is hosted by Montessori Children's House of Franktown but it is open to the public.

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

Wednesday, March 12

■ **CONFERENCE:** Registration opens at 9 a.m., The Chincoteague Center, Chincoteague Island. The Eastern Shore Tourism Commission hosts its annual Tourism Summit. Christine Trippi will deliver the keynote address. To learn more visit

<https://visitesva.com/2025summit/>

■ **SEED GIVEAWAY:** 10 a.m. to noon,

Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. The library is celebrating National Plant a Flower Day with a seed giveaway. Patrons can take up to four free vegetable, flower, herb, or fruit seeds per household from the seed library. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Master Gardeners will also be on site to answer gardening questions.

■ **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.

■ **KIDS GAME DAY:** 4 to 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids ages 6 to 11 can play board games or video games.

■ **CORNER BEEF DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, 21344 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton. For \$15 get a dinner with corned beef, cabbage, buttery potatoes, corn bread, tea, coffee, and dessert.

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■ **YOUTH GROUP:** 5:30 to 7 p.m., Craddockville United Methodist Church, 33464 Boston Road, Painter. Kids club is open to all kids from pre-K to fifth grade. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m.
■ **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 13

■ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. Citizens for Central Park hosts weekly garden maintenance time at the park. Volunteers can weed, prune, trim, water, plant, and transplant to help maintain the landscaping. Bring your own gloves and tools.
■ **STEM NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids ages 5 to 11 can make their own popsicle stick catapult.
■ **CRAFT:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Adults can make a yarn bird. Call the library at 757-414-0010 to register.
■ **ART CLASS:** 6 to 8:30 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Arts Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Learn to paint a floral scene with Cheryl Taylor. This class is for ages 16 and up. The cost is \$50. To register visit chincoteagueca.org.
■ **INTERNATIONAL MOVIE:** 7 p.m., Roseland Theatre, 48 Market St., Onancock. This month’s international film is “Farewell Mister Haffmann.” Tickets are \$8.

Friday, March 14

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown. The foodbank will hold a food distribution at the church.
■ **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.
■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, 148 Market St., Pocomoke City. Chris English performs live.

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.
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■ **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:** 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.
■ **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.

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.
■ **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.
■ **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.

■ **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.

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■ **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 ES-CC 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 mvancielief@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.
■ **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.
■ **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

■ **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

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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

■ **BIRDING WALK:** 8:30 a.m., Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Woodland Trail parking lot, Chincoteague. The East-

ern 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-residents 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.

■ **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.

■ **ART CLASS:** 6 to 8:30 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Learn to paint a floral scene with Cheryl Taylor. The cost is \$50. This class is for ages 16 and up. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydpyek8f>



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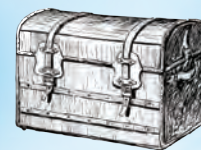
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OBITUARIES

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Jack Phillips

Mr. John (Jack) Edward Phillips II, a retired retail executive, born Nov. 4, 1932, passed away peacefully after a brief illness in Newport News on Jan. 29, 2025.

He was born in Belle Haven and preceded in death by his loving wife of 72



Mr. Phillips

years, Barbara Phillips, who passed on Sept. 21, 2024; his father, Fred Kellam Phillips; his mother, Winnie Davis Sturgis Phillips, his sister, Emma Phillips Smith; and

his brothers, Fred Kellam Phillips Jr., and Hilton Brooks Phillips.

He is survived by his three daughters, Deborah Hope Phillips Bank and her husband, Martin E. Bank, Susan Phillips, and Karen Phillips Kirby and her husband, Steven L. Kirby; his grandsons, John Thomas Steele Jr. and his wife, Lynn Steele, Jon-Michael Tyler Bowman and his wife, Jessica Burton, Jeffery Allan Moore Jr., and Kyle Edward McCloud and his wife, Tori McCloud; his great-grandchildren, Alana Hope Steele, Drake Thomas Steele, Landon Chase Michael Bowman, Liam James Bowman, and Lochland Jahn Bowman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack's devotion to his family was the number one priority in his life. Jack grew up loving sports and was a good athlete, which enabled him to be offered several invitations to try out for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He went on to coach his three daughters in the City of Newport News' women's softball league, starting out in the D-league division and working their way to A-league.

He loved to play golf and followed his favorite Major League Baseball team, the Atlanta Braves, and his favorite football team, the Washington Commanders. Jack and Barbara

enjoyed their many travels through the United States and abroad.

From the age of 45, he was diagnosed with heart disease, requiring three open heart bypass surgeries and numerous heart stents, along with other health conditions.

In appreciation for the medical professionals and one special physician, Dr. Alan Banks, and the lifesaving services performed by his medical physicians, nurses, and hospitals, along with the advancements in medical research and treatments, Jack wanted to give back to further medical research and training by becoming a Virginia Anatomical Donor, leaving his body in the care of the State Anatomical Program in Richmond.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Muriel Dowell

Mrs. Muriel "Penny" Mildred Dowell, 83, of Chincoteague Island, formerly of Delaware County for over 50 years, passed away peacefully at her residence on Jan. 10, 2025.



Mrs. Dowell

A service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 10, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ASPCA, Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, 26528 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA 23418, or Riverside Home Health Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418.

Services have been entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Island.

Online condolences can be given at www.salyerfh.com

Kinsley Parks

Kinsley Noelle Parks, 4, of Crisfield, Md., tragically passed away on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at Nemours Children's Hospital in Wilmington, Del.

Born in Salisbury, Md., on Feb. 15, 2021, she was a daughter of Autumn



Kinsley Parks

Rebecca Parks and Jalen Scott Evans, of Crisfield, and Irving Ballard Jr., of Fruitland.

Kinsley was a student in Mrs. Blair Mariano's Pre-K 3 class at Carter G. Wood-

son Elementary School in Crisfield.

Kinsley was full of life and loved to have fun. She liked to sing and dance, boss people around, dress up as princesses, go to the trampoline park, and watch her favorite show, Bluey. She loved being outdoors and enjoyed riding on her hoverboard, swimming, going to the park and beach, and boating. Scrapple and hotdogs were her favorite, and she loved cats.

Along with her parents, she is survived by her siblings, Isabella Kate Saint Val, Brycen Evans, Karter Evans, Makai Kenney, Kyliel Nock, Jakourie Ballard, and Wynter Ballard; her grandparents and great-grandparents, Stewart Parks, Natalie Parks, Jessica Howell, Darin Parkinson, Rita Parkinson, James "JP" Parkinson, Lorie Whidbee, Laurie Evans, and Connie Parks; her aunts and uncles, Sophia Parkinson, Matthew Smith, Nathan Click, Jay Click, Will Parks, Russ Parks, and Ikerii Ballard; her special aunt, Elizabeth Landon; numerous cousins; and her babysitter who was more like family, Melinda Dowden.

Funeral services at Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home will be held on Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service. Pastor Andy Cobb will officiate. Interment will follow in Sunnyridge Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations to help the family can be sent to Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home, 306 W. Main St., Crisfield, MD 21817. Credit card donations can be made over the phone at 410-968-0707.

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

To send condolences to the family, please visit

www.bradshawandsonsfuneralhome.com

Rick Spohn

Mr. Richard Lynn "Rick" Spohn, 71, beloved husband of Peggy Guthrie Spohn and a resident of Onley, passed away Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

Born Aug. 28, 1953, in Sharon, Pa., and raised in Masury, Ohio, he was the



Mr. Spohn

son of the late John William Spohn Sr. and Ella Nora Jewel Spohn.

After graduating from high school, Rick attended Slippery Rock University before transferring to Old Dominion University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education with a focus on English. He dedicated 15 years to teaching in both private and public middle and high schools across Virginia and Maryland.

A passionate singer, Rick was a former member of the Eastern Shore Madrigals. He also had a love for writing short stories and poems and was a published author.

In addition to his wife of 27 years, he is survived by his children, Derek Spohn, of Norfolk, Elizabeth Spohn, of Virginia Beach, and Shari Buchanan and her husband, Devin, of Illinois; his sister, Nora Humphrey, of Sharon; his grandchildren, Nova, Declan, Damien, and Kaylee Buchanan, and Anastasia Spohn; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

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Other than his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Tim Alan Spohn, Edward Leroy Spohn, David Wayne Spohn, and John William Spohn Jr.

To honor his wishes, no public service will be held.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Geri Chick

Mrs. Geraldine "Geri" A. Chick, 86, passed away on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, at Commonwealth Senior Living in Onancock, just eight days after the passing of her husband, Gerald W. Chick.

Geri was a longtime former resident of Toms River, N.J., before settling in



Mrs. Chick

Schooner Bay, Onancock, following a couple of brief moves along the way. She and Gerald found the Eastern Shore of Virginia to be their sanctuary and quickly acquired

a multitude of friends who eventually transitioned into extended family.

Born Nov. 18, 1938, in Jersey City, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Edward E. Ross and Florence B. Ross. Geri was a graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing in Orange, N.J., and served as a school nurse for 12 years at Bradley Beach School. She was active in the Monmouth County School Nurses & Teachers Association and after moving to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, she became a health educator with Eastern Shore Rural Health and later retired from the Maryland school system.

Geri lived a life full of faith, love, kindness, and dedication. She was involved in Eucharistic ministries at both St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Toms River, and then St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, in Onley.

She and Gerald initiated the Compassionate Friends Chapter on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and they both had served on the board of the Compassionate Friends Chapter in Ocean County, N.J.

Geri was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Gerald W. Chick, and their children, Edward Martin Chick and Donna Lynn Chick, with whom she is now reunited.

Survivors include her brother-in-law, Francis H. Chick Jr. and his wife, Barbara, of Bricktown, N.J.; her sister-in-law, Diane Chick, of Red Bank, N.J.; and her nieces and nephews, Marybeth Kelley and her husband, Michael, Melanie Bock and her husband, Bob, Timothy Botti and his wife, Pat, William Chick and his wife, Gina, Craig Chick, Edward John Chick, Bryan Chick and his wife, Novelle, Anthony Chick, and Lisa Ham and her husband, Steve, as well as a foster son, Duran Bryant, and his wife, Kelly, and several great-nieces, great-nephews and godchildren.

Geri cherished her family as well as the friends she considered family. Those friends are heartbroken but Geri's compassion, guidance, and unwavering affection will live on with her devoted friends, Sue Elliott and her husband, Rick; Wanda Caffrey and her husband, Joe; Rebecca Crutchley and her husband, Barry; and Brittley Fitchett and her fiancé, Cole Tyson.

A service to celebrate Geri's life will be held at Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

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.

Ercle Herbert Jr.

Mr. Ercle F. Herbert Jr., 93, of Schooner Bay, Onancock, died Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Born June 6, 1931, in Washington, D.C., he was the only child of the late Ercle F. Herbert Sr. and Helen Stevens Herbert.

Ercle graduated from St. John's College Military Academy and then



Mr. Herbert

spent a year at Billis School, a prep school for the Naval Academy. Soon-to-be President Gerry Ford attended a football game and took notice of Ercle's talents on the field.

Mr. Ford, a former University of Michigan All-American football player, invited Ercle to his office and suggested he attend his alma mater.

Having won the Washington Metro Area Golf Championship, Ercle considered a career as a golf pro but soon changed his mind. Following graduation from Michigan, he took over the family business, Herbert and Herbert, a property and casualty insurance firm.

In his early twenties, Ercle purchased 800 acres in western Maryland and built a log cabin. He sold his property in western Maryland and bought a home in Queenstown, Md., from which he commuted to Washington, D.C., a trip of 55 miles, for eight years. From there he bought a 200-acre property in Cashville, where he and his wife, Jane, built a home and lived for 50 years until moving to Schooner Bay.

Ercle defined himself as having and actively using a boat and there were few places he would have rather been than on the open water. His greatest passions were hunting and fishing, and he especially looked forward to throwing lines on the Chesapeake Bay, offshore fishing trips, and hunting waterfowl. He spent a year or two in the early 1970s in Palm Beach, Fla., behind the helm of the "Chaos IV."

He was grateful for the many friendships made over the years and greatly enjoyed the company of fellow fishermen,

hunters, and their families.

While most 'wintered' in Florida, Ercle and his wife, Jane, spent summers in the Keys and fished every day. Ercle and Jane were also members of the Ocean City Light Tackle Club, or OCLTC, active from the early 1970s to this past year. In 1974 Ercle chaired the first OCLTC tournament in Cozumel, Mexico, and it was the first such tournament where most members brought their children.

Ercle was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley and the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club.

In addition to his parents, Ercle was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Jane Herbert. He is survived by his sons, Ercle F. Herbert III, of Las Vegas, and John Lawrence Herbert, of Richmond, Maine, both born to his first wife, Katharine, who died in the 1980s.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and will be announced when scheduled.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Whitman

Mrs. Elizabeth Walta Whitman, a resident of Exmore, passed away Friday, Feb. 28, 2025.

A native of Petersburg, she was the daughter of the late Edward Frank Walta and the late Amelia Gaidowski Walta. She retired from Titmus Optical.

She was predeceased by her husband, Luther Irving Whitman.

She is survived by several stepchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m., with the Rev. Mike Muender officiating. Interment will be at South Lawn Memorial Park, Petersburg, on Tuesday, March 11, at noon.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

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Richard Belote

Captain Richard Edward Belote, 91, of Lewes, Del., and formerly of Willis Wharf, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Feb. 24, 2025.

Born in Mappsburg, he was the son of the late Edward Belote and



Capt. Belote

Mary Blanche Doughty Belote. Captain Belote was employed with the Virginia Ferry Company and The Delaware Bay and River Authority at the Cape

May-Lewes Ferry Company and retired from the Delaware Pilots Association.

In addition to his wife, Rose Marie Belote, he is survived by his children, Richard Ames Belote (Clare), Charles Edward Belote, Tammy Lynn Chorman (Nelson), and William Scott Belote (Melissa). He is also survived by his stepchildren, Michael Daffner (Mickey),

Linda Daffner Abbott, and David Matthews (Robin).

He was predeceased by a son, Richard Wayne Belote, and two stepchildren, Gerald Daffner and Dominick Daffner. He had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren — too numerous to count. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Captain Belote was a world champion decoy and waterfowl carver. He also provided an oral history for the Cape Charles Museum and was a member of The Barrier Islands Museum. He can be seen on YouTube videos discussing his life with the Virginia Ferry Company. He loved anything to do with the water, including hunting, fishing, crabbing, and clamming. He enjoyed time spent with family and friends.

Funeral services were held at Doughty Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m. His celebration of life was officiated by Pastor Zachary Lewis. Family received friends one hour prior to service. Interment followed at Belle Haven Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore.

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

DMV warns customers of toll charge scam

Did you get a text about an overdue toll charge? It's likely a scam. The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles is alerting customers about a new text scam where fraudsters pose as toll agencies and falsely claim you owe money for unpaid tolls.

In the text message, the scammers urgently tell you to pay a toll to avoid late fees and include a link in the message. Clicking that link could result in your personal information being stolen, making you a victim of this scam.

"The DMV will never send you text messages about toll bills," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. "We urge our customers to be vigilant and avoid sending your personal information via text."

Here are some tips from the Federal Trade Commission on how to avoid falling for a text scam like this:

Don't click on any links in, or respond to, unexpected texts. Scammers want you to react quickly, but it's best to stop and check it out.

Check to see if the text is legit. Reach out to the state's tolling agency using a phone number or website you know is real — not the information from the text.

Report and delete unwanted text messages. Use your phone's "report junk" option to report unwanted texts to your messaging app or forward them to 7726 (SPAM). Once you've checked it out and reported it, delete the text.

For more information about Virginia's toll facilities, access to your E-ZPass account, or concerns regarding a text message about toll payment, visit <https://www.tollroadsinvirginia.com/>



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CBA announces scholarship for seniors

Throughout its history, the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association's purpose has been "to promote Christian principles with emphasis on encouraging the highest ethical standards in all business, professional, community, and personal dealings."

Toward that end, in an effort to reach out to and support students in Accomack and Northampton counties, the association is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2025-26 school year to a graduating senior from the public and private schools and home school students in Accomack and Northampton counties. The scholarship also is available to graduates from Eastern Shore of Maryland schools, provided the applicant is a Northampton or Accomack resident.

The application deadline is April 30. Scholarship information and applications can be obtained from guidance counselors at all public high

schools, Broadwater Academy, and Holly Grove Christian School, or by calling Vernon Bell, association scholarship chairman, at 757-787-3920 or shorebells@verizon.net.

Becky Rootes Memorial Scholarship available

The Eastern Shore Art League has opened applications for the Becky Rootes Memorial Art Scholarships in honor of Becky Rootes, past president of the ESAL.

The \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to two graduating high school students residing on the Eastern Shore of Virginia who are continuing to an advanced educational institution (community college, college, or university) and who are planning to pursue a field of study inclusive of the visual arts. Entries are 2-D visual art or 3-D visual art. Applications are due April 10.

Details are available on the Eastern Shore Art League web site, <https://www.esartleague.org/>



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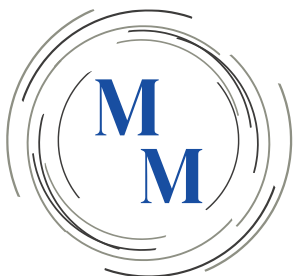
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WRESTLING

Padgett earns gold at states

Dylan Padgett got whacked in his right eye at some point during his title match in the state Class 2 wrestling championships last Saturday, March 1. Afterward, he was sporting quite the shiner.

He hardly noticed. That's what it takes to be a state champ. A little thing like an accidental elbow to the eye doesn't faze you.

"It didn't affect me," said Padgett, a Nandua junior. "I just wrestled."

Padgett won the 120-pound division by winning four straight matches, including an 8-3 decision over Poquoson's Logan Keesee in the final, avenging a loss to Keesee two weeks prior in the 2A regional final.

The state title was Padgett's goal heading into this season after finishing third last year as a sophomore.

"I came up short of my goal last year, so since then I've been training twice a day every day at Nandua then at G.O.A.T. House Wrestling Club," said Padgett, who finished the season with a 23-3 record. "Shoutout to my family for supporting me and a huge shoutout to my coaches at Nandua and my club coach, Casey Paglia. I wouldn't be here today without them."

Padgett is the fourth wrestling state champ in Nandua history, and its first since Nathan Iseman, who won at 171 pounds in 2008. Padgett's state title is also the Shore's first since Northampton's Casey Paglia won his third title in 2012.

Nandua's Arnold Destine, in just his third year of wrestling, finished second in the state at 126 pounds. Destine pinned his first two opponents before falling to Glenvar's Levi Wright in the title match.

The Warriors took three other wrestlers to the state tournament — Grayson Ford (144 pounds), Roldan Roblero-Romero (175), and Roque Vi-



COURTESY PHOTO

Nandua wrestlers, from left, Arnold Destine and Dylan Padgett, finished second and first, respectively, in their weight classes at the 2A state wrestling tournament.

cente-Gomez (165), who all lost their first matches. All seven of Nandua's state competitors are juniors, positioning the Warriors for a great season next year.

Poquoson won the team title with 242.5 points. Nandua finished 12th out of 35 teams.

Warriors coach Nathan Metzger called Padgett's championship "an incredible moment. We've had several wrestlers over the years place at the state tournament, but this was an unforgettable one.

"Dylan works tirelessly at his craft. His dedication to the sport, mind and body, is the epitome of what a state champion should be." Metzger is excit-

ed about having Padgett for another year, but says the junior won't rest on his laurels.

"He was back to training the Monday after he won the state title," Metzger says. "As Dylan himself says, 'Job's not finished.'"

SWIMMING

Bentley leads the way

On Thursday, Feb. 27, Nandua junior Sarah Bentley was hoping to swim a personal best in the 200-yard breaststroke final at the Class 2 state championships. She fell a little short, finishing in 1:12.16, but it was good enough for second place — and a spot

on the all-state team.

Bentley also finished third in the 200 IM and fifth in two relays to lead the Nandua girls to fourth place in the team standings — the fourth straight year the Warriors have finished in the top four at states.

Meanwhile, Nandua seniors Zac Smith, Camden Lewis, Lucas Calvetti, and Austin Wert finished third in the 200 free relay, also earning spots on the all-state team and pacing the Warrior boys to fourth place in the team standings — the school's best ever finish.

Bentley, the daughter of coach KJ Bentley and the younger sister of former Nandua star Grace Bentley, was thrilled with her performance.

"It feels great to know that the hard work we have put in this season has paid off," she said. "I was hoping to set some new PRs and maybe break a school record." She met both goals in the 200 IM final, finishing in 2:20.08.

Bentley was also particularly happy with her 50 free split in the 200 free relay, where she had hoped to break 26 seconds; she beat that by 0.4 seconds. And she already has a goal for next winter: to win the 100 breast, her strongest event.

Coach Bentley said the girls team "surpassed our expectations. They really stepped up and swam hard for themselves and each other. They lift each other up in practices and meets all season but especially at states. We could not be prouder of our swimmers!"

Carter Harmon, who oversees the boys team, said he was "extremely happy about the results" and thanked seniors Calvetti, Lewis, Smith, and Wert, "who all have played a pivotal role. Losing these four athletes and their leadership is going to be tough."

Complete Nandua results (top 16 finishers in each event scored team points):

Boys individual: Austin Wert (8th, 50 free; 5th, 100 free); Parker Shotwell (7th, 200 IM; 12th, 100 back);

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Lucas Calvetti (13th, 200 free; 8th, 100); Camden Lewis (6th, 200 free; 4th, 500 free); Zac Smith (13th, 100 back); Hayden Williams (13th, 100 breast).

Boys relays: Smith-Lewis-Calvet-ti-Wert (3rd, 200 free); Smith-Lewis-Calvetti-Wert (4th, 200 medley); Smith-Hayden Williams-Parker Shotwell-Lucas Elliott (8th, 400 free).

Girls individual: Sarah Bentley (2nd, 100 breast; 3rd, 200 IM); Meya Charnock (8th, 200 free; 7th, 500 free); Chloe Bacchi (11th, 200 free); Lexi-Mae Thornes (15th, 50 free; 13th, 100 free); Morgan Johnson (9th, 100 breast).

Girls relays: Charnock-Bentley-Thornes-Bacchi (5th, 200 medley); Charnock-Bentley-Thornes-Bacchi (5th, 200 free); Jordan Penland-Emma Holt-Campbell Bays-Morgan Johnson (10th, 400 free).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Montross is district POY

Arcadia junior Megan “Boo” Montross was recently named the Eastern Shore District Player of the Year after averaging 17 points per game for the district champion Firebirds.

Joining Montross on the first team are Arcadia’s Amani Hope and Payton Taylor; Chincoteague’s Alyson Clark and Olivia Mason; and Nandua’s Corrin Burrell, Keira Wheatley, and Natalyn Garcia. Honorable mention selections are Arcadia’s Olivia Lynch, Nandua’s Nahkiya Whaley, Northampton’s Miracle Brandon, and Chincoteague’s Dynasty Wallop.

BA falls in state semis

On Friday, Feb. 28, Broadwater fell 47-37 to Brunswick Academy in the semifinals of the VISAA Division IV State Championships, held at Longwood University. The Vikings, who had won five of their previous six, finished the season with a 12-8 record.

Leah Smith led the Vikings with 13 points, four rebounds, and three steals, while Miranda Smith added 11



PHOTO COURTESY ELBERT ADAMOS

The 200 free relay team of Zach Smith, Austin Wert, Lucas Calvetti, and Camden Lewis placed third. The swimmers were named to the 2A all-state team.

points. Broadwater had advanced to the semis with a 50-45 win over visiting Fuqua, led by Kacey Ford’s 23 points and Adrianna Holloway’s 11.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cropper crowned POY

Jordan Cropper, an Arcadia junior, is the Eastern Shore District Player of the Year. He averaged 19.3 points, 8.4 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 1.9 steals, and 1.2 blocks per game. He also scored his 1,000th career point last month.

Joining Cropper on the first team are fellow Firebirds Rhyheim Pettit and Lavor Johnson; Chincoteague’s Camaury Davis; Nandua’s Amari Scarborough and Elijah Parker; and Northampton’s Jaylen Anderson and Jasheem Collins.

Honorable mention picks were Northampton’s Amir Bailey, Chincoteague’s Bryon Hurst, Nandua’s Cody Ragone, and Arcadia’s Zachary Giddins.

Arcadia’s season ends

On Thursday, Feb. 27, Arcadia’s fine season came to an abrupt end with a 138-69 thumping at John Marshall in the semifinals of the

Class 2A Regional Tournament. The Firebirds, who had won 11 of their last 12 games, were simply outmatched by the Justices, the No. 13 team in the nation.

Arcadia (15-7), which won the Eastern Shore District title, was led by Tyrell Wise (21 points, nine rebounds), Jordan Cropper (15 points, eight rebounds), and Ryheim Pettit (seven points, 12 rebounds).

Vikes exit in state quarters

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, Broadwater’s season ended with a 90-19 loss to Rise Academy in the quarterfinals of the VISAA Division IV State Championships. The Vikings finished the year at 6-13.

Jackets’ Collins lauded

Freshman guard Jasheem Collins was named second team all-region for Class 1A. Collins was the second-leading scorer this season for the Yellow Jackets (8-12), who lost to Lancaster in the regional quarterfinals. “We were impressed by his ability as a freshman,” said Coach Wayne Bell. “Jasheem is a versatile player who can score inside or outside. He proved he deserved to make the varsity as a freshman.”



PHOTO COURTESY CAROLINE BENTLEY

Nandua swimmer Sarah Bentley placed second in the 100 breast and third in the 200 IM and was named to the 2A all-state team.

4-H seeking event volunteers

Northampton County 4-H is seeking volunteers to help with the program's financial simulation, Real Money, Real World.

Real Money, Real World allows freshmen at Northampton High School to learn budget management and decision-making skills in a hands-on way.

Students are given a real life scenario of someone in their 20s

trying to stay within a monthly budget.

All of the booths students interact with during Real Money, Real World are staffed by volunteers.

The Real World, Real Money program is taking place at Northampton High School on Friday, March 7, from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY

Registration open for 4-H camp

Registration is now open for 4-H camp.

4-H camp is a weeklong residential camp held at the Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield.

4-H camp is an opportunity for youth to learn skills through hands-on experiences. The camping program helps youth build self-esteem and challenges them to be innovative and creative.

Campers have the opportunity to participate in classes, with many options to choose from: arts and crafts, canoing, riflery, archery, robotics, swimming, and theater arts, just to name a few.

There are also swim and recreation times, special evening events, songs, games, and more.

4-H camping is cooperative group living in a natural environment that focuses on social, spiritual, mental, and physical devel-

opment for both boys and girls.

This year's camp dates are July 21 to 25. Camp is open to kids ages 9 through 13 as of Sept. 30, 2025.

To register their children, parents must fill out a registration form by June 27 and mail it and a \$150 deposit or full payment to the Accomack County Extension Office, P.O. Box 60, Accomac, VA 23301. Full payment must be made by June 30.

The cost is \$425 for 4-H camp, but scholarships are available, with priority given to Accomack County youth, followed by youth from across the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Email vceaccomack@vt.edu for a registration form.

Contact the extension office at 757-787-1631 for details about scholarships.

Cape Charles opens nonprofit funding

Cape Charles is starting budget preparations for fiscal year 2025-2026 and is encouraging nonprofit organizations to apply for grants to support projects that help contribute to the town's strategic vision and goals.

Completed applications must be

received by Courtney Neale, assistant to the town manager, by March 28.

Incomplete applications or those received after the due date will not be considered. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/4v9z89cd> for an application.

COMMUNITY

ESCC to hold chess tournament

Eastern Shore Community College, in conjunction with its chess club student group, the Melfa Monarchs, will hold a tournament on Saturday, March 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the great hall of the Workforce Development Center.

It will be a rated tournament under the auspices of the U.S. Chess Federation, giving locals the chance to earn a rating from the organization.

This is the first tournament of its kind ever held on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, with the aim of it becoming an annual event.

The competition will consist of three rounds in the quad format, meaning that players will be grouped into fours, with each competitor playing each of the other three.

Odd people out will be accommodated. The prizes are \$50 for first place in each quad and \$25 for second place.

The entrance fee is \$5 for Eastern Shore of Virginia residents and \$20 for nonresidents who preregister. There will be an additional \$5 fee for on-site registration. ESCC students,

faculty, and staff may take part for free. Registration fees must be paid in cash during registration, which will be from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m.

All participants, including those paying no fee, should preregister 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.

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).

Some boards, clocks, and notation sheets will be available, but players are encouraged to bring their own.

All players must be members of the U.S. Chess Federation. One-year memberships can be purchased at new.uschess.org for \$54 for adults, \$48 for seniors, \$33 for those under 24 at expiration, and \$24 for those under 19. Participating ESCC students can have their dues covered by the sponsoring foundation with advance notice.

COMMUNITY

Grants offered for environmental education

Organizations involved in environmental education on Virginia's Eastern Shore who need funds to help provide these opportunities can apply for the 2025 Billie Fitzgerald Memorial Conservation Grant by filling out a simple one page application form.

Friday, May 2 is the application deadline for applications through Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District.

Schools, teachers, scouts, community groups, and other organizations in Accomack and Northampton Counties are eligible for these grants.

Funding of up to \$500 is available for projects such as outdoor classrooms, nature trails, storm drain stenciling, recycling programs, butterfly gardens, materials for water quality testing, birdfeeders for the schoolyard, and field trips for environmental study.

The Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District Endowment Committee does not fund beautification projects, food or money for textbooks.

Interested parties may obtain an application form the district office in Accomac by calling 757-302-4433 or emailing julie.head@esswcd.org.

Accomack schools express need for budget funding

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

Offering adequate compensation to both recruit and keep teachers, along with resolving pay scale compression, were up for discussion when the Accomack County School Board presented its annual budget before the board of supervisors on Feb. 26.

Interim Accomack County Public Schools Superintendent David C. Jeck said that the teacher pay scale is “badly compressed,” particularly at the higher end for people with more years of service.

The beginning pay scale offers larger increases in the pay scale steps at the front end to attract and keep new teachers, he said.

However, increased compensation for experienced teachers with more years of service doesn’t keep up.

In addition to an across-the-board 3% teacher raise, consistent with the

governor’s budget, Jeck planned to further address the compression with additional, variable raises across the pay scale.

Jeck expected the school division will receive almost \$1.5 million from the governor’s budget to help with teacher compensation.

Saying “the teacher shortage is real,” Jeck said educators can go anywhere to find a job, so it’s important to be competitive with salaries to both recruit and keep teachers.

“Teachers are in the driver’s seat right now,” Jeck said. “It’s important to hold on to the good people we’ve got and pay them accordingly.”

Supervisor Robert Crockett, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of Jackie Phillips, asked the school division to contribute toward the equivalent salaries for 3.5 school resource officer positions, along with the SRO position at Chincoteague High School.

Calling this “Plan A,” Crockett said the ideal would actually be “Plan B,” which would involve an SRO in every school, including the elementary level.

Jeck said he would discuss the matter with the school board at the upcoming meeting and hopes to “fund as many SROs as they can get.”

Concerned, he added that if county resembled Fauquier County at all, recruitment might be an issue.

The total proposed operating budget for Accomack County Public Schools for FY 2026 is \$75,023,469. Of this total, \$23,429,999 will come from local sources.

■ Roosevelt “Ted” Mercer Jr., chief executive officer of the Virginia Space Port Authority, updated the supervisors on present and future programs underway at the facility.

Among other topics, he discussed STEM programs underway in the schools.

Additionally, stating that “not all jobs require a four-year degree,” Mercer said the spaceport is committed to training and hiring technicians, working closely with the Eastern Shore Community College on relevant curricula.

It is the spaceport’s 30th anniversary in 2025, and celebrations will occur later this year, he said.

■ The Onancock Bayside Revitalization Committee was awarded \$150,000 through the county’s Community Revitalization Fund to demolish derelict and abandoned structures in its area.

■ A public hearing on the draft Fiscal Year 2026 budget will be held at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on March 24, held at Metompink Elementary School, in Parksley.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., with the public hearing scheduled for 6 p.m.

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A group of about 35 protesters gathered on Wednesday, March 5, at the Chincoteague Town Office to share their concerns with representatives of U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans at the congresswoman's scheduled office hours. Kiggans' representatives said the time was intended to help people who have had difficulties with federal departments; however, they listened to complaints ranging from concern about a lack of support for Ukraine to the dismissal of federal employees. Representatives said Kiggans customarily does not attend office hours events. Some in the crowd wished to speak to Kiggans.

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Interim school superintendent resigns job

Accomack County Public Schools Interim Superintendent David Jeck resigned effective March 5, citing the need to attend to urgent personal matters out of state.

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve this very special school community," he wrote in a Feb. 27 letter to the Accomack County School Board.

The school board approved Jeck's resignation at its work session on Tuesday, March 4.

At that same meeting, the school board also approved the hiring of Charles "Eddie" Lawrence as acting superintendent.

Lawrence currently is employed as a part-time assistant principal at Nandua Middle School. He previously served eight years as the superintendent of Northampton County Public Schools before retiring in 2022.

The school board has begun efforts to hire a new superintendent and has received and reviewed applications. The board will conduct the first round of interviews next week.

The last round of interviews will be held at the end of the month, with a final decision expected shortly thereafter.



DEADLINE REMINDER

Accomack County Senior or Disabled Tax Relief Program Deadline - April 1, 2025

Requirements – 65 years of age or older or permanently and totally disabled, combined gross income cannot exceed \$36,704, net worth cannot exceed \$80,000 excluding the home, must be owners or partial owners and must occupy the property

Contact the Commissioner of the Revenue office for all eligibility requirements 757-787-5747



Public Input Sought for NCPS 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

The Northampton County School Board will hold a Budget Input Session on the 2025-2026 School Budget Proposal on March 13, 2025, at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Occohannock Elementary School, located at 4208 Seaside Road, Exmore, Virginia 23350. This session will also be streamed virtually using the regular Zoom meeting link which can be found on the NCPS website. Following a brief presentation on the proposed budget, public comments will be accepted. Parents, community members, and school employees may either email comments on the budget proposal to kareid@ncpsk12.com by 4 pm on the day of the meeting, provide comments in-person during the meeting, or use the Q&A function in Zoom to submit comments to the Superintendent and the School Board regarding their top funding priorities for the school system.

For further information, please contact Ms. Karen Reid at (757) 678-5151 x2002.

Electric cooperatives offer scholarships

Electric cooperatives in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware are accepting applications for their scholarship program from high school seniors who intend to pursue higher-education studies.

The scholarships are awarded by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives Education Scholarship Foundation.

The online application and additional information is posted on the Education Foundation's Website, vm-daec.com/scholarshipfoundation.

The application deadline is April 1. Any high school or home-schooled

senior graduating in spring 2025, and whose primary residence is served by an association member cooperative, is eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship to be applied to a two or four-year college or trade school.

A&N Electric Cooperative is a member of the association, making local students eligible to apply.

An applicant must be entering his or her first semester at a postsecondary or technical/ trade school in the fall of 2025.

At least 30 scholarships have been awarded to local students served by A&N Electric Cooperative over the past eight years.

Questions about donations and the application process should be directed to scholarship@vm-daec.com.



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Safety, marksmanship training is slated

The Civilian Marksmanship Program is a congressionally-chartered corporation with the mission of promoting safety and marksmanship for American youth.

NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Inc., a CMP-affiliated club, will provide training in competitive rifle on Saturday, March 22.

The range entrance is located 300 yards east of the intersection of Route 13 and Chincoteague Road.

Those attending can arrive at 9:30 a.m. to complete releases. The training will commence at 10 a.m. Training will be complete around 3 p.m.

The training is free for juniors 17 and under. Cost for adults 18 and over will be \$25. Participants need to be 13 or older and U.S. citizens. Both boys and girls are welcome, including people with disabilities.

Participants should wear long pants and long sleeves, a billed cap, and glasses if they need them to read. Do not bring personal firearms. The club

will provide ear and ear protection, drinks, and snacks. The event will be held rain or shine, since the club has a covered firing line.

Call 757-710-0294 or 757-442-3013 with any questions. Follow Facebook page, "NOAAWIVA Junior Rifle Team" for timely updates and useful information.

Parents and other adults are welcome on the adult team and to help out in other ways, too.

Avian flu drives up prices of eggs

Consumers are feeling the pinch from the increasing cost of everyday expenses. But while inflation is causing goods and services to rise in general, the spike in egg prices has another culprit — highly pathogenic avian influenza.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, HPAI has affected more than 166 million birds across the U.S. since 2022. In January and February alone, the U.S. lost about 43 million birds to the disease.

These numbers include turkeys and poultry raised for meat, but egg layers have been the most impacted. Infected birds are depopulated to contain the virus, and the resulting production declines have tightened supply and sharply pushed up egg prices.

The USDA reports that prices in January were 53% higher compared to the same time last year.

"Egg supplies are tight right now due to avian influenza, but the U.S. is still producing enough total eggs

to meet normal demand," said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development, and innovation for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

"The market also experiences distribution challenges during the disease outbreak. Challenges like hauling eggs longer distances and other logistical issues, replacement hen availability, state mandates for cage-free egg production, and panic buying all help drive higher egg prices."

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Seminar to be held on groundwater

Science and Philosophy Seminar of the Eastern Shore of Virginia has scheduled a seminar, “Measuring and Managing the Shore’s Groundwater.”

The free 90-minute seminar will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 7, in Room 148 of the Academic Building of Eastern Shore Community College, 29300 Lankford Highway, Melfa.

Sue Mastyl will discuss the

Shore’s finite groundwater resource. She will describe our shallow and deep aquifers, recharge rates, the permitting process, and the role of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee.

Mastyl is a retired medical writer. She and her husband, Bill, retired to Harborton 18 years ago. She is a member of the ESVA Ground Water Committee.

COMMUNITY

Anglers Club holds annual banquet

The Eastern Shore Anglers Club held its annual fundraising banquet and awards ceremony Saturday, March 1, at the Onancock Elks Lodge.

The club would like to thank the sponsors, artisans, and club members that donated to another successful event.

The club could not continue to teach children on the Eastern

Shore the importance of the outdoors without the community’s help.

The next monthly meeting of the Eastern Shore Anglers Club is on Monday, March 10, at the Sage Diner in Onley. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Capt. Alan Ring will be the guest speaker. He will be sharing his expertise on spring flounder

AWARD

Kellam earns spot on Provost’s List

Ohio University College of Business student Kristin Kellam, of Exmore, has been named to Ohio’s fall 2024 Provost’s List.

At the end of each semester, Ohio University’s undergraduate students are evaluated based on their semester GPA and hours to determine placement on the President’s List, Dean’s List, or Provost’s List.

The Provost’s List recognition is shared with high-achieving,

part-time undergraduate students who exemplify academic success.

Qualifying students must possess a 3.5 or greater GPA and between six and 11.99 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In the fall semester of 2024, approximately 1,900 of Ohio University’s part-time undergraduate students qualified for the Provost’s List.

50Plus Center plans trip

The Pocomoke City 50Plus Center is planning a trip to the Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum.

The trip will be Thursday, April 3, with a 9 a.m. departure time from the center. The estimated return time is 7 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early for departure.

The cost for adults is \$45 and for seniors 65 and over the cost is \$43. Transportation and entry into the museum are covered in the price.

For more information contact Veronica or Dannon at 410-957-0391,

The 50Plus Center is located at

400 Walnut St., Pocomoke City.

The 50plus Center provides local seniors opportunity for social interaction, emotional and physical support, meals, and nutrition assistance.

This is accomplished through arts and crafts, games, exercise, and monthly trips to various places of interest.

Pocomoke City 50plus has the distinct advantage of sharing building space with the Worcester County Health Department. Its major goal is to connect older adults to vital community services that can help them stay healthy and independent.

ONANCOCK

Town awarded winter market grant

The latest round of awards from the Governor’s Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund Infrastructure Grant program have been announced, including one Eastern Shore of Virginia recipient.

A total of \$264,000 in competitively awarded matching grants will support six new community infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening local food production and sustainable agriculture.

These investments span six localities, enhancing markets and a food aggregator while expanding access to fresh, locally grown food for communities across the Commonwealth.

“Awards from the Governor’s Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund Infrastructure Grant program are pivotal in providing targeted support to communities who want to create innovative solutions to local,

healthy food access,” said Gov. Glenn Youngkin. “We are proud to invest in the efforts of these dedicated food leaders who are making a lasting impact on the lives of Virginians across the Commonwealth.”

The Town of Onancock received \$31,943 in grant funding for the Onancock Winter Market.

The Town of Onancock is receiving funding to purchase equipment and a prefabricated building to house a winter market that will be stocked by farmers and food vendors.

This building will provide vendors a food hub from which to sell their products year-round.

The grant will be used to purchase the building, electrical hook up, HVAC installation, insulation, ramps, interior and exterior lighting, flooring, paint, signage, a commercial refrigerator, and point of sale equipment.

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Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements, and application form at <https://tinyurl.com/yezesa6ra> or an application can be obtained through the Human Resources office.

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Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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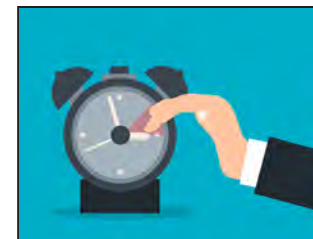
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Legal Ads

PUBLIC AUCTION of valuable REAL ESTATE

51 Market Street, Onancock, VA

The undersigned Trustee by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust from Benjamin L. Osmanson and Elen F. Osmanson dated September 1, 2023, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack in as Instrument Number 230003510, upon being requested to do so by the noteholder, will sell at public auction, subject to any and all terms and conditions contained in said deed of trust, to the highest bidder,

IN FRONT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
AT 11:00 A.M.

the following tract of valuable real estate, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the Town of Onancock, Accomack County, Virginia, containing forty-one thousandths of an acre (0.041 A.) and described as follows: Beginning at the corner of North and Market Streets in said Town; and thence running North 27° 20' East along the West side of said North Street a distance of fifty-five feet ten inches (55 ft. 10 in.); thence North 63.25° West a distance of forty-four feet two and one-half inches (44 ft. 2 ½ in.); thence running South 4° West a distance of sixty-five feet eight inches (65 ft. 8 in.) to the North side of Market Street; and thence running South 78.5° East along the North side of Market Street a distance of eighteen feet five and three-quarter inches (18 ft. 5 ¾ in.) to the point of beginning.

Together with all rights, easements, buildings, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Subject to valid recorded easements, covenants, reservations and restrictions in the chain of title to the property hereby conveyed, which have not expired or otherwise be-

come ineffective.

Being in all respects the same lot or parcel of land conveyed to Benjamin L. Osmanson and Elen F. Osmanson, husband and wife by deed dated August 30, 2023, from Onancock Wise Building, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County as Instrument Number 230003505 (Tax Map No. 085A2A000005800).

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR TO COLLECT A DEBT.

TERMS

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be required in cash on the date of sale with liberty to the purchaser to pay as much more in cash on that day as he might desire. The balance not so paid in cash to be evidenced by the note of the purchaser, payable thirty days from date with interest at 9% from date of sale, and with personal security should the undersigned Trustee require it. Title to the premises to be retained as additional security until the full amount of the purchase price has been paid. Bidders may be required to offer proof of a satisfactory financial condition prior to Trustee's acceptance of their bid.

The property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the time bid off; possession to be given on the day of sale, and taxes for the year 2025 to be prorated as of the date of sale.

Upon payment in full of the purchase price the purchaser to be entitled to a deed for said property upon same properly prepared at their expense conveying said property with SPECIAL WARRANTY of title and tendered to the undersigned Trustee for execution.

For further information apply to the undersigned Trustee.

Given under my hand this the 5th day of February, 2025.

JOHN P. CUSTIS

Trustee

25020 Shore Pkwy., Ste. 2A

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757-302-4131

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

Case No. 24CA008

Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
IN RE: ADOPTION — DESTINY THOMAS LEE

ROBERT THOMAS LEE
TOBITHA LEE

v.
LASHETTA L. BRINKLEY
ALVIN SMITH

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

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

February 5, 2025
Talia C. Taylor, Clerk

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, AT 7:00 PM IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

PLAT-000698-2024: Chris Carbaugh for The Atlantic Group and Associates — 20300 Fairgrounds Road, Onancock

Request for a public hearing under Section 78-9(c) and (d) of the Accomack County Code for a recommendation from the Planning Commission to the Subdivision Agent for a 130-lot residential subdivision, including common areas and private roads, that is served by public utilities. It also includes a separate lot for multi-family residential apartments for rent.

The 95.89 acre site is located on the south line of Fairgrounds Road approximately 2,700' east of its intersection with Market Street. The site extends westward and is alternatively located on the west line of Lankford Highway (US Route 13) approximately 320' south of its intersection with Cooperative Way. The site is comprised of Tax Map Numbers 93-A-87, 93-A-89, 93-A-90, 85-A-51.

The site is zoned Village Development District with profers and is located partially within the Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Area Resource Protection Area. The recommended future land use designations are Village Development Area and Commercial Area.

This case was originally scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, but the public hearing was postponed due to inclement weather.

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

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



PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on Thursday March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matter:

Appeal V250055 A request from Edward Booker Parcel 30A7-A-71 Logan Lane, for a variance from Article III, section 3.9.3 (1) of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to place a doublewide residence on said parcel. The new residence would be placed 8' from the side property lines. Current zoning requires a minimum 10' side yard setback. The property is zone C-3.



PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on Thursday March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matter:

Appeal V250073 A request from Craig Glovier, Parcel 30A5-3-48 6207 Maddox Blvd, for a variance from Article IV, section C.4.7.12 of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to place a second food truck on said parcel. Current zoning requires a minimum 5,000 square feet in area, additional vendor on same parcel required to have an additional 3,000 square feet. Requesting variance from area requirements. The property is zone C-3.

Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 24-793
vs.

The heirs and devisees of NORMAN H. MARSHALL,
deceased
NORMAN MARSHALL
ALBERT JOHNSON
LILLIAN M. AMES-DAVIS
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 01300A000004600

standing in the name of Norman H. Marshall, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et. Seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Norman H. Marshall; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Norman H. Marshall; and that Lillian M. Ames-Davis is a nonresident of Virginia whose last known post office address is P.O. Box 1708, Newark, DE 19714.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before March 18, 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 18th day of February, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

I ask for this:

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

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Accomack County, Virginia 23415-2319

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Wetlands Board will meet and conduct public hearings on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA, to consider the following wetlands/coastal primary sand dunes matters and conduct regular business. Site visits to the properties will be conducted on the same date, starting at 8:00 a.m.

VMRC 2025-0134: Arlington Plantation Property Owners' Association, Inc. is applying for a permit to construct 2 docks with L heads on an existing boat ramp. The property is located on Arlington Chase Road, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 97A-A-1A along the shoreline of Old Plantation Creek.

VMRC 2025-0229: Donald & Patricia Stephenson are applying for a permit to repair an existing bulkhead with a return in the same footprint and reinstall low profile groins. The property is located at 3222 Butlers Bluff Drive, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 112F-1-6 along the shoreline of Chesapeake Bay.

Anyone interested in the above matters should attend the scheduled public hearings. The applications may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. Written comments can be submitted to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office, P.O. Box 538, Eastville, VA 23347.

Handicapped Assistance Available: Please call (757) 678-0440 extension 516 at least 48 hours in advance.

Marshall Cox, Chairman
Wetlands Board



ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULE MARCH 19, 2025

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

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

Conduct a Public Hearing: Repeal and Reenact Accomack County Code Section 2-3 The Board of Supervisors approved a public hearing to be held for an ordinance amending the Accomack County Code, Chapter 2, entitled "Administration" Section 3 to deem members of boards and commissions of trust, file a disclosure statement of personal interests as a condition of assuming office and annually thereafter. Any citizen wishing to view documents, submit a comment, having questions, or needing special assistance for the disabled, may contact the County Administrator's Office:

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

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

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

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:
Pender & Coward, P. C., Substitute Trustee
222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 400
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
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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:

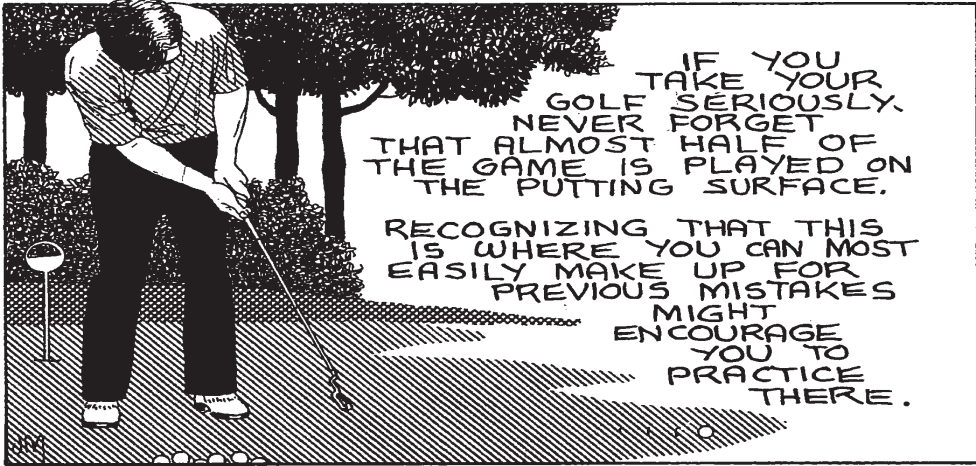
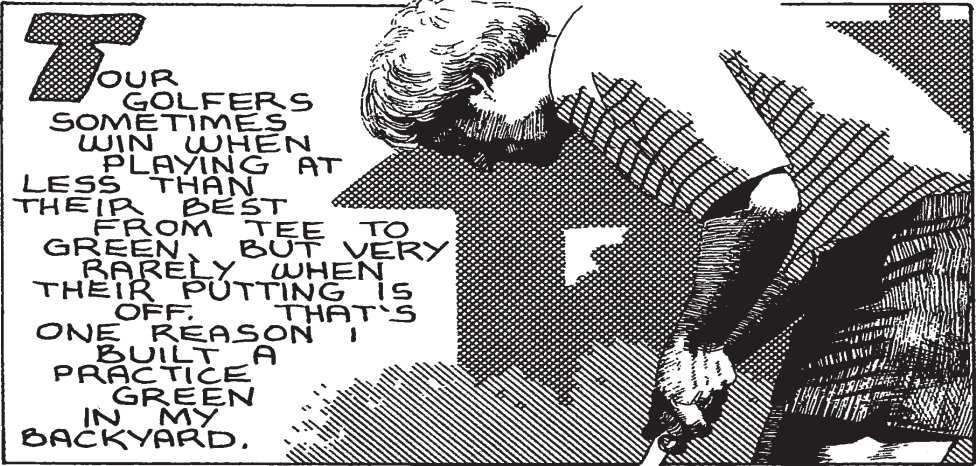
ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. SOTOS MODULAR HOMES LLC
MAP NO. 109C00400002600
ON MARILYN DRIVE; LOT 26, SECTION II, BOSTON PARK
- PARCEL 18:

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.
Additional terms will be announced at the sale.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

In accordance with Section 28.2-209 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing on the proposed amendments to these regulations will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, VA 23651.

Written public comments on the proposals below or on items not on the agenda must be provided by 11:59 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025. Comments should be made at the following link: https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/fisheries/search_publiccomments.php or addressed to Public Comments, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, VA 23651.

I. Chapter 4VAC20-510, "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia"

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-510, "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia" to 1) amend the recreational size limit to 43 inches; 2) repeal the one fish over 50-inch allowance in the recreational fishery; and 3) establish the recreational fishing season.

The purpose of these amendments is to comply with the required reductions per Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Addendum II to Amendment 1 of the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia.

VMRC DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; THEREFORE, IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS BECAUSE OF A DISABILITY, PLEASE ADVISE MICHELE GUILFORD (757-247-2206) NO LATER THAN FIVE WORKDAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE AND IDENTIFY YOUR NEEDS.

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.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 24-785

vs.

The heirs and devisees of CLEMENT ARCHIE SMITH, deceased
DENNIS W. SMITH
JASON SMITH
CAROLYNE HORTON
TERESA SHARPE

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 those parcels of land in Accomack County, Virginia, known as 36155 Bells Neck Road and designated as tax map number 12000A000007900 and tax map number 039A0A000002700

standing in the name of Clement A. Smith, 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 Clement A. Smith; 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 Clement A. Smith; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Dennis W. Smith, whose last known post office address is 24185 Atlantis Lane, Abingdon, VA 24212; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Carolyne Horton, whose last known post office address is 2872 Horton Ridge Road, Swords Creek, VA 24649; and that Teresa Sharpe is a nonresident of the state of Virginia whose last known post office address is 696 Emmett Road, Bristol, TN 37620.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before March 18, 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 18th day of February, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

I ask for this:

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

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 24-786

vs.

The heirs and devisees of CLEMENT ARCHIE SMITH, deceased
DENNIS W. SMITH
JASON SMITH
CAROLYNE HORTON
TERESA SHARPE

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 those parcels of land in Accomack County, Virginia designated as tax map number 04100A000011400 and 092A0A000004200

standing in the name of Clement A. Smith, 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 Clement A. Smith; 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 Clement A. Smith; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Dennis W. Smith, whose last known post office address is 24185 Atlantis Lane, Abingdon, VA 24212; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Carolyne Horton, whose last known post office address is 2872 Horton Ridge Road, Swords Creek, VA 24649; and that Teresa Sharpe is a nonresident of the state of Virginia whose last known post office address is 696 Emmett Road, Bristol, TN 37620.

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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., Accomack, 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

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., Accomack, 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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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 24-783

vs.

MONTERO E. SAMPLE
CASSANDRA YVETTE SAMPLE
The heirs and devisees of SAMUEL EMANUEL GARRISON
DISCOVER BANK
CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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 those parcels of land in Accomack County, Virginia, designated as tax map numbers 092A0A0000002A0 and 092A0A0000002B0

standing in the name of Montero E. Sample, 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 Samuel Emanuel Garrison; 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 Samuel Emanuel Garrison; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Montero E. Sample, whose last known post office address is 13261 Shellbridge Road, Painter, VA 23420.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before March 18, 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 18th day of February, 2025.

Talia Taylor, Clerk

I ask for this:

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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:

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 24-535

vs.

The heirs and devisees of
HILLIS LARRY BOWEN, deceased
LINWOOD BOWEN

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 lot or parcel of land near Jenkins Bridge, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as tax map number 02400A0000046A0.

standing in the name of Hillis Larry Bowen, 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 Hillis Larry Bowen; 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 Hillis Larry Bowen; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Linwood Bowen, whose last known post office address is 25422 Saxis Road, Temperanceville, VA 23442.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before March 26, 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.

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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.

EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS



NOW AVAILABLE CITIZEN INPUT

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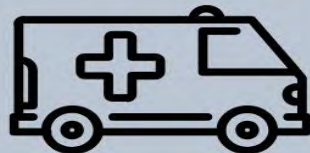
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION

Pursuant to the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Regulations, Virginia Administrative Code section 9VAC20-160-120, Canonie Atlantic Company (PO Box 312, Cape Charles, Virginia) hereby provides notice of voluntary remediation at the following site:

Canonie Atlantic Property (Former Bay Coast Railroad)
202 Mason Avenue, Cape Charles, Virginia 22347
VRP Number VRP0784

Environmental investigation detected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and groundwater and elevated concentrations of arsenic in shallow soil at levels that could pose risk to human health or the environment. The contamination likely is the result of former use of the property as a railroad maintenance yard at the Site. To address the potential risk, the Canonie Atlantic Company applied to and was deemed eligible to participate in the Voluntary Remediation Program. A Remedial Action Plan (RAP) has been reviewed and accepted by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The RAP includes removal of petroleum-impacted soil and the installation and maintenance of engineered land cover over one impacted area of the site. Institutional controls in the form of restrictions on groundwater use will be placed on the property.

Persons wishing to comment on the voluntary remedial action or request additional information should contact the following person who is familiar with the Site:

John Voorhees
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
10988 Richardson Road, Ashland, Virginia, 23005
(804) 412-6558
john.voorhees@stantec.com

Written comments will be accepted until April 7, 2025.

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- * The Spangler Candy Company named their famous lollipops "Dum Dums" because it was a word that was easy for kids to say.
- * A 2016 study revealed that only 27% of the words spoken in the biggest movies were uttered by women.
- * When a man allegedly found a dead mouse in his can of Mountain Dew, Pepsi had an expert claim in an affidavit that the drink was so acidic it would have dissolved the mouse after 30 days.
- * The Hubble Space Telescope is so powerful that it can spot the glow of a firefly from some 7,000 miles away.
- * During his inauguration, Teddy Roosevelt wore a ring that contained a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair.

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Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. Name the San Francisco 49ers tight end who caught a 14-yard touchdown pass with 9 seconds left to beat the New Orleans Saints 36-32 in a divisional playoff game for the 2011 NFL season.
2. Not to be confused with the NFL's Lombardi Trophy award, the Lombardia Trophy in Italy is a competition in what sport?
3. In the final round of the PGA Tour's 2014 Puerto Rico Open, what creature attempted to steal golfer Andrew Loupe's ball from the green on the 16th hole?
4. Name the 1980s Houston Oilers head coach who berated an official by telling him, "This isn't college. You're not at a homecoming. This is N-F-L, which stands for 'not for long' when you make them [expletive] calls."
5. Left-handed pitcher Mel Parnell played his entire Major League Baseball career from 1947-56 with what team?

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5. The Boston Red Sox
4. Jerry Glanville
3. An iguana
2. Figure skating
1. Vernon Davis

Answers

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■ Nathan Matthew Tatum, 20, and Maran Ameil LeCato, 21, both of Parksley

Accomack Property Transfers

■ From Kimberly Ann Keough, attorney-in-fact To Trina Neighbors and Glenn Neighbors
5464 Pearl Drive, Chincoteague
For \$450,000
■ From AEO Legacy Development LLC To Katrina Gilbert and Justin Gilbert
64 Hill St., Onancock
For \$299,000
■ From Amie Nicola and Anthony Nicola To Debby A. Miller and Jody L. Miller
2301 Spinnaker St., Greenbackville
For \$338,000
■ From Candee Justis Reid To Wendy Sarita Perez Gutierrez and Hugo R. Perez Perez
21272 Lankford Highway, Parksley
For \$13,000
■ From Donald L. Hart Jr., trustee, Larcum Inc. To Guerlande Lucas and Lenel Lucas
19500 Main St., Melfa
For \$70,000
■ From Jane S. James To Anna Elizabeth Hines-Tanner and Zachary Alan Tanner
4 Francis St., Onancock
For \$340,000
■ From John T. Ferguson III and Dennis P. Ferguson To Valerie Lyn Conicelli and Trampus Joseph Huffman
8230 Sea Spray Drive, Chincoteague
For \$75,000
■ From Debra Lee Martin and Joel C. Martin To Linda Lamonica and Gerlando Lamonica
4174 Division St., Chincoteague
For \$425,000
■ From Gina Williams To Karen Teresa Breeding and James Richard Breeding
23 Rosedale Drive, Chincoteague
For \$125,000
■ From Jeremy Reuben Burkett To Anderson's Investments LLC
Captains Cove lot 70, section 9, Greenbackville
For \$7,500

■ From Sherry Jessee, Richard Jessee, and Joseph H. Brown To Jerome Pegg
Trails End lot 5 unit 3, sheet 3, Horntown
For \$25,375
■ From Sherry Jessee and Laura Jessee To Jerome A. Pegg
Trails End lot 6, unit 3, sheet 3, Horntown
For \$26,500
■ From Timothy Alan McCready and William T. McCready III To Michiko Machida Murphy, Steven Roy Murphy, and Clifford F. Murphy
33270 Chincoteague Road, Wallops Island
For \$295,000
■ From William M. Moore To Nelda Bomia
37337 Merrimac Court, Greenbackville
For \$280,000
■ From Joanne Bosworth and Donald Bosworth To Gail Wright
Captains Cove Lot 2461, section 5, Greenbackville
For \$5,000

Northampton Property Transfers

■ From Stephanie Castro, Guy Morris, Alvin Morris Jr., Kevin Morris Jr., and Deborah Morris To Diana and Dirk Gleysteen
Lot B, 4.1 acre, near Pickett's Harbor
For \$129,000
■ From Mary Biesinger To Raymond Tinucci
Lot 5, 0.706 acre, Arlington Meadows
For \$55,000
■ From Sandcastle Construction LLC To Frantz Associates LLC
Lot 8, 2.59 acres, Sugar Hill, Capeville
For \$750,000
■ From Erika Christian To Debra and Robert Woodrick
Lot 18, Eastville Commons, south of Eastville
For \$30,000
■ From HB Group LLC To Thomas Conklin
Lot 1, 1.64 acres, Peaceful Lakes, Occohannock Neck
For \$20,000
■ From Porch Light Go LLC To The Nature Conservancy
Lot in Nassawadox
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TIDE TABLE

Seaside

Bayside

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

- Awning

Blinds

Brim

Canopy
- Clouds

Curtains

Eyebrows

Long sleeves
- Neckerchief

Shade tree

Straw hat

Sunglasses
- Sunscreen

Umbrella

Visor

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Last week's answers

SABRINA SEAWALL MARIO
ASEPTIC ELLAMAI ERECT
GODMOTHER OF PUNK STALE
AFC IRK SEES IDOL
HIGHPRIESTESS OF SOUL
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NAILFILE RUSTS BAN
FIRSTLADY OF HIPHOP NNE
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

BODILY ACTIVITY

ACROSS

- 1 Hair salon workers

8 Visits briefly

15 Sharp-image flat-screens, e.g.

20 Very fast cat

21 Not challenging enough

22 Balcony window, perhaps

23 Be on track

25 D.C. transport

26 Bricklayer's blend

27 Unit of work

28 2015-16 CBS "Cyber" series

29 Send again, as a parcel

30 — buco

31 Kin of "Ruffi"

33 Greek "H"

35 Repulsed by

37 Assume an onerous duty

40 "I haven't —" ("No idea")

44 Strapped garment

45 Meadowland

46 Pop's mama

47 Pay

50 Café addition

52 Lobster limb

56 Second purchase

57 — Lanka

58 Everyone

59 1978-89 New York mayor

61 Like a player who has hit a triple

63 Chinese temple

66 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)

67 Do speaking motions voicelessly

71 Actress Bingham of "Baywatch"

75 Akron native

76 Collector of useless items

81 12.5% fraction

83 Actress Sothern

84 Cavaliers, on sports tickers

87 Capital of Saudi Arabia

88 Fencing sword

89 Enthusiastic

91 Focus on what you'll get if you win

93 Bulk beer buy

95 Angry music genre

97 Film director DuVernay

98 Weighed down (with)

99 Support one who ultimately fails

105 2009-17, politically

106 Equal: Prefix

107 "The Addams Family" cousin

108 Poker holding

112 "Nick and — Infinite Playlist" (2008 film)

113 Car navig. aid

115 Actor Kilmer

117 Consumed no cooked food

119 Kriss Kringle

120 Conform to one's political group

123 1989 Disney princess

124 Captivates

125 Kind of spray

126 Latin "that is"

127 Really foolish

128 Paternity prover, perhaps

DOWN

1 Joe —

- 2 Baltimore ball team, for short

3 Decade parts

4 Caused

5 Jazz singer James

6 Enthusiastic

7 Hen or heifer

8 Mix together

9 Wearing dapper duds, with "out"

10 "— -la-la!"

11 Dog or cat owner's concern

12 Toothy tools

13 Bible book before Jeremiah

14 Big Apple team, on sports tickers

15 Four-bagger

16 Fixtures for displaying wedding gowns, say

17 Donated 10%

18 Cinéma — (filmmaking technique)

19 Apply messily

24 Renovates, in brief

29 Partial refund

32 Judge's garb

34 Notify

36 "—, vidi, vici"

37 Fixed maximum

38 Forest den

39 Fatty tissue of animals

40 — -Cuban (jazz genre)

41 Joel or Ethan of film

42 Misplaced

43 Ogden's state

48 Male lead

49 Brand of 120-Down

51 Actor — Ray

53 Email giggle

54 Superb serve

55 "How come?"

58 Bureau

60 Apostle

62 Couple

64 "I've got it!"

65 Dadaist Jean

68 Bangkok native

69 Impede

70 Take a risk

71 No-frills shirt

72 Split

73 Census stat

74 King-trapping situations

77 Actress Sedgwick

78 FBI attack

79 Wood-shaping tool

80 At that time

82 Discusses in detail, with "out"

85 Actress Remini

86 French "Ta-da!"

90 Zig or zag

91 Vast time spans

92 Former senator Gary

94 On hold

96 Make damp

99 Tiny tree

100 On a train or plane

101 Singer Wilson of Phillips

102 Farm carts

103 Rule over

104 — Island Ferry

108 Ancient serf

109 Come to light

110 Thin iPods

111 Resided

114 Mani- —

116 Church nook

118 Model Banks

120 Steeped drink

121 "Bali —"

122 "Super cool!"

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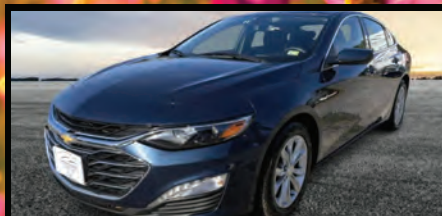
2019 SUBARU CROSSTREK
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