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STATE CHAMPION

Arcadia High School senior Lavor Johnson won the gold medal in the triple jump, at 46 feet, 3 inches, to win the state Class 2A championship in Harrisonburg. Other Eastern Shore state champs include Northampton's Rylee Coates, who won three state titles, and Nandua's Oberto Jean, who cleared the bar at 6-7 to win the state high jump. See complete coverage beginning on page 22.

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CHINCOTEAGUE

Town council discusses lack of lifeguards

Fed cuts gut Assateague beach attendants, worrying officials

BY STEFANIE BOWMANN
Eastern Shore Post

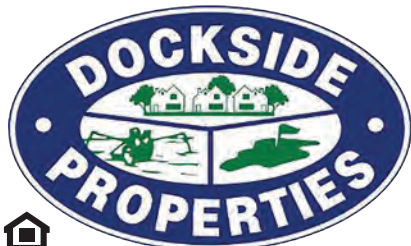
Chincoteague officials on June 2 discussed the potential impacts of the lack of lifeguards on Assateague Beach this summer due to federal spending cuts.

"I don't know that ... we should get into employing lifeguards ourselves, but I just feel like we're going to have to do something. I think this is going to put such a strain on our EMS system," said Mayor Denise Bowden.

Director of Emergency Services Bryan Rush reported that Chincoteague EMS responded to 34 calls for service on Assateague last year, including on the main access road to the island, on the three-mile trail, and the surf.

Seven of those service calls were requests by lifeguards who had performed a rescue or

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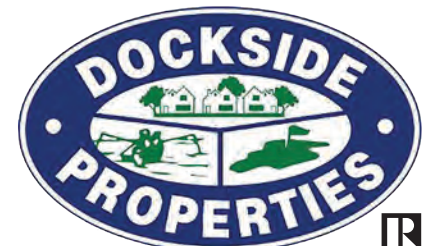
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Fecal advisory for Cape Charles beach lifted

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Recreational waters are monitored for bacteria using indicator organisms such as enterococci, a group of organisms used to determine the extent of fecal contamination.

Environmental health officials sample Cape Charles public beach on a weekly basis during the swimming season from late May to early September, according to Eastern Shore Health District Director Jon Richardson.

While they do not cause illness, scientific studies indicate that their presence is closely correlated to the presence of other disease-causing organisms.

People swimming or playing in waters with bacteria levels higher than the standard have an increased risk of developing gastrointestinal illness.

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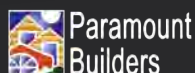
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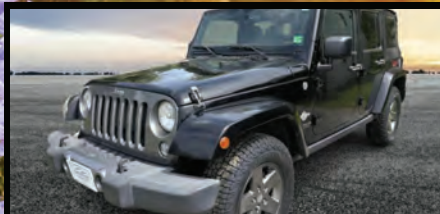
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Old library, under renovation, to house county offices

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Those driving through downtown Accomac may have noticed renovations at the former Accomac branch of the Eastern Shore Public Library.

The renovations are to prepare the building to house the Accomack County’s building, planning, and economic development departments, and environmental programs, said Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason.

These departments currently are in two different locations.

“Bringing these operations under one roof will result in a one-stop shop for county permitting purposes,” said Mason.

The building was originally built in 1965 and received a major addition in 1984.

The library closed in August 2023

with the completion of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library and Heritage Center in Parksley, which opened the same month.

The county acquired the property in 2020 as part of a deal with the Eastern Shore Public Library Board of Trustees.

The deal outlined that the county received the property in exchange for contributing funding to the new library.

The building is in the process of being updated and refurbished — the exterior has been completed and has already received work to the roof, masonry, and windows.

The interior is set to receive mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements in the coming months.

Approximately \$307,000 has been spent on the project so far. The project budget is \$1,481,530.



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The former Eastern Shore Public Library branch on Front Street in Accomac is being renovated into Accomack County offices.

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Hallwood man found guilty of killing bald eagles

An Accomack County man pleaded guilty in federal court to killing more than 20 juvenile and mature bald eagles and hawks in violation of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

William Smith, no age given, of Hallwood, was sentenced to one day in jail, two years of probation, and nearly \$10,000 in fines, according to the state Department of Wildlife Resources.

Virginia Conservation Police Master Officer Brian Bratton concluded an investigation March 31 that had begun during the 2023-24 waterfowl season when he received information about an individual trapping and poisoning hawks and eagles on the Eastern Shore.

“(The defendant had) built a small waterfowl impoundment on his prop-

erty,” Bratton said. “He’s a big duck hunter, and he was in the process of trying to really get it going (and attracting ducks).”

When Bratton and a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agent interviewed the suspect and inspected his property, they found a pole trap, which was used to attract birds of prey to land and then snare them, and a juvenile bald eagle carcass on the ground.

Said Bratton, “He was very aware it was illegal, but in his mind, the ends justified the means because he’s getting rid of the predatory birds to protect the ducks. That many hawks and eagles is pretty significant, so I feel like it’s a win for protecting the resource from further loss.”



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Assateague rescues by the numbers

■ Federal spending cuts have left the Assateague Island National Seashore without lifeguards to help beachgoers.

■ Director of Emergency Services Bryan Rush reported that Chincoteague EMS responded to 34 calls for service on Assateague last year, including on the main access road to the island, on the three-mile trail, and in the surf.

■ He reported that the lifeguards completed 24 rescue missions, some involving the rescue of two or three people at once.

■ Chincoteague EMS personnel can reach the surf from the volunteer fire station within eight or nine minutes, but they are not rescue swimmers, Rush recently told the town council.

Lifeguards

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needed assistance for someone with an injury such as a broken bone, he said.

Chincoteague EMS responded directly to 11 incidents in the surf, such as near-drowning, drowning, or injury, when lifeguards were off duty, Rush said.

EMS received 21 lifeguard calls that did not require emergency responses because the lifeguards had resolved the issues, such as fish hook injuries, scrapes, and burns, Rush said.

He reported that the lifeguards completed 24 rescue missions, some involving the rescue of two or three people at once.

“Especially when the storms are offshore in August, that certainly becomes problematic with rip currents and waves and so forth,” Rush said.

He noted that lifeguards typically were on duty in the summer on weekends until the third or fourth week of June; thereafter, they worked daily from about 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

‘I just feel like we’re going to have to do something. I think this is going to put such a strain on our EMS system.’

**Denise Bowden
Mayor, Town of Chincoteague**

Staffing was usually cut around the third week of August, when college students working as lifeguards returned to school.

The lifeguards were employed until about two weeks after Labor Day, Rush said.

Without the lifeguards, EMS can expect to respond to many more calls for service, particularly those involving drownings and near-drownings, he said.

Rush has considered other agencies that could help fill in the gaps, such as the U.S. Coast Guard and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, but often 25 to 45 minutes pass before a boat can arrive on scene, he said.

Chincoteague EMS personnel can reach the surf from the station within eight or nine minutes, but they are not rescue swimmers.

They are trained to use a rope gun and inflatable rescue device that are kept on the ambulance, but that would be of little use in an incident involving multiple people needing rescue, Rush noted.

Councilman Chris Bott said that surfers also have volunteered their aid in rescues but “it never gets written up or talked about.”

Town Manager Mike Tolbert said he will arrange a meeting with representatives of the National Park Service.

He will also contact Virginia U.S. Reps. Jen Kiggans and Rob Wittman, who are on the House Committee on Natural Resources, which oversees the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service.

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It will be held at the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, 32205 Seaside Road, Cape Charles. It is for children aged 9 to 13 years old.

Activities include hiking, arts and crafts, drawing, games, science activities, and more.

The cost is \$15 per child and space is limited.

Register by emailing Erin Morgan at emorgan2@vt.edu.

Broadwater teachers grade AP exams

Two Broadwater Academy teachers were invited by the College Board to serve as official readers for this year's Advanced Placement exams.

Michele Whitaker was once again selected to join a team of global educators to evaluate responses for the AP English Literature and Composition exam.

Tatum Ford, an AP Art and Design instructor, received her first invitation to serve as a scorer.

Both educators recently returned from a week in Salt Lake City, Utah, where they joined colleagues from

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Le Tour de Shore is Saturday, June 14

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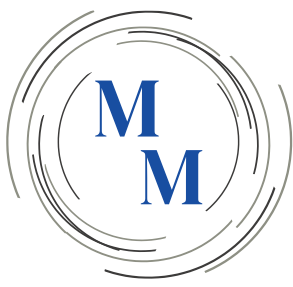
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Cheriton DMV Select closure is state problem

The Cheriton DMV Select location, which has been terrifically convenient for residents in lower Northampton County, is closing June 30. The mayor of Cheriton said the state funding to the town for hosting the Department of Motor Vehicles office is so low — rates from the state to the town have not changed since 2007 — that it has become a financial burden on the town.

A layperson might look at the money Virginians must pay their governments to own a vehicle — state sales taxes, registration fees, personal property taxes, safety inspections, fuel taxes at the pump, highway-use fees for vehicles with economical gas mileage — and wonder why the state can't scrape together enough money to keep these DMV offices open.

This is one of those issues that could be addressed by our candidates for the House of Delegates and State Senate elections. Why do residents in lower Northampton County and on Chincoteague Island have to drive to the DMV office in Onancock or the DMV Select office in Parksley to conduct in-person business?

Of course, many people conduct their DMV business online. But there are some chores that require an in-person visit. And many people think it is easier to conduct business in person instead of on a computer.

For decades, lower Northampton County has had a DMV Select location, first in Cape Charles and then in Cheriton. Apparently, the Cape Charles location also was a burden on the town because the location didn't generate enough revenue.

Perhaps the state should take a portion of the taxes we pay to own vehicles and more adequately fund these DMV Select locations. We need more of them — not fewer.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is school policy regarding ICE raids?

To the editor:

Federal agents are showing up at elementary schools in California seeking to grab children, lying about parental consent, and hiding their identifications. There's no indication of where the children will be taken. It took some nerve for the school superintendent and the staff there to resist the way that they did.

What interest should a Homeland Security agent have in a first grader?

It's going to come to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Maybe not tomorrow. Maybe not next week or even next month, but it's going to come here.

What is the existing policy of Northampton and Accomack school systems for dealing with a situation where heavily armed masked goons without badges or identification show up at a local school with the

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intention of taking your little one away?

How do we know that they really are Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents? They could just as easily be a well-prepared gang of pedophiles.

Apparently other school superintendents are standing in the way. Will ours? Or when you put your little one on the bus, is that the last time you will ever see them?

Jim Burton
Cambridge, Md.
formerly of Pungoteague

Regarding proposed Medicaid reductions

To the editor:

This letter comes from a physician whose five-decade career has been dedicated to providing health care to the poor and underserved.

Based on that experience, I can state with authority that the proposed changes to Medicaid included in H.R. 1 (the "The Big, Beautiful Bill") will create economic, operational, and moral failures for the Medicaid sys-

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A local example of a ‘spacial competition’ model

A big question on the Eastern Shore right now is why a brand-spanking-new Advance Auto Parts store



Ted Shockley

and a brand-spanking-new AutoZone auto parts store each recently opened about 100 yards from each other on U.S. Route 13 in Exmore.

It would seem one would be enough. However, I am not much of a businessman and even less of a

mechanic.

Maybe it’s just a coincidence that two similar stores opened at the same time in the same place.

Or maybe this area of the world has so many stalled and last-breath vehicles that merely one national auto parts store wasn’t enough to keep up with demand.

However, on a recent trip to Farmville, I found the same two stores directly across the street from each other.

This seems like a trend, I told myself.

I did some in-depth investigating and off-the-record questioning and am here to report on my findings.

Locating the stores so close together is not an accident. In fact, it happens all the time.

The concept is called “Hotelling’s Model of Spatial Competition” — clustering similar businesses in the same area makes those individual businesses more successful.

Essentially, being close together establishes the business equilibrium, sort of. It’s a fascinating topic to read about.

This issue happens with vehicle dealers, motels, fuel stations, and even fast-food restaurants that cluster together.

Remember that the Exmore McDonald’s restaurant was once located near Nassawadox, where it wasn’t nearly as busy as at its current location, next to Hardee’s.

Just a passing thought

Feel free to take this idea I have and run with it:

In addition to the Vacation Bible

School programming that is a staple of Eastern Shore summers, I think churches could also have Vocation Bible School.

Just change the first “a” in “vacation” to an “o,” and you have a whole new angle on Bible school.

Vocation Bible School could be an exploration of careers and trades with some religious education mixed in. After all, Jesus was a carpenter.

Just a passing thought.

Never forget

This is the third week of remembering the people from the Eastern Shore of Virginia who gave their lives during military service to our country. This week we honor those who died from June 14 through June 20.

■ Gardner Young, of Davis Wharf, near Craddockville, died June 19, 1919, of disease. Young’s name is included in the Library of Virginia’s war dead database; however, no further information is included on him.

In all, 45,000 military personnel during World War I died of influenza and related pneumonia — including dozens of Eastern Shore soldiers.

The database reports that Young was Black. Unfortunately, there is quite little known about fallen Black World War I soldiers. I haven’t been able to find out Young’s military branch, rank, or place of death.

■ Lindsay Gordon Stringfellow, 33, of Cape Charles, was killed in action June 20, 1945, on the Japanese island of Okinawa during World War II. Stringfellow was a private first class in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The 82-day battle was one of the bloodiest of the war.

Stringfellow was survived by his wife, Dorothy, who died in 1996 at the age of 79, and a daughter, Lindsey Weilbacher, who was 3 years old at the time of his passing.

Stringfellow’s parents once lived on Chincoteague Island.

Stringfellow’s remains are interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. His widow’s remains are interred in the Hollies Baptist Church cemetery, Keller.

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Letters

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tem locally and nationally.

They will increase financial stress on hospitals and community health centers, particularly in rural communities like ours.

They will increase costs to employer-based insurance and prompt workforce reductions. States will need to decide whether to pick up lost federal revenue or accept an increased burden of caring for the uninsured.

Nationally, only two states have implemented Medicaid work requirements: Arkansas and Georgia. In both these states, implementation of these requirements has led to significant drops in enrollment, due to

difficulties navigating the bureaucracy and computer-driven reporting systems.

In both states, administrative costs have exceeded savings. The overwhelming number of patients disenrolled will be those working unpredictable hours, part time, or without health benefits, or patients dealing with illness or responsibilities for caregiving.

From an ethical perspective, work requirements violate the principles of beneficence, non-maleficence (first do no harm), and equity.

Locally, 5,000 or more patients in our community will lose coverage. Nationally that number soars to 18 million.

Ironically, we already know several methods that can reduce costs

to Medicaid while maintaining or improving quality. These include reducing the cost of prescription drugs and increasing access to primary care as an alternative to emergency care.

There is a small window of opportunity to fix this during the reconciliation process — if Congress were to adopt a bipartisan approach to Medicaid reform, take Medicaid policy and appropriations out of H.R. 1, and establish a bipartisan task force to consult with nonpartisan experts and bring forward solutions through the regular committee process that will lower costs while maintaining quality of care for Medicaid recipients.

Dr. Arthur Fournier, M.D.
Exmore

Savage on dean’s list at Bridgewater

Hayley Savage, of New Church, was named to the 2025 spring semester dean’s list at Bridgewater College. Savage is a history and political science major at Bridgewater.

Savage was among approximately 600 students named to the dean’s list, which was announced by Associate Provost Dr. Jamie J. Frueh.

Students on the dean’s list have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Coeducational since its founding in 1880, Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Eastern Shore Rural Health monitoring federal budget proposals

BY DR. BETTY B. BIBBINS

Guest columnist

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. is our major provider of non-hospital health care on the Eastern Shore, taking care of two out of every three people on the Shore.

We take care of those who can go anywhere and choose us, as well as those with nowhere else to turn — 16.8% of our population lives in poverty (versus 10.2% statewide).

In spite of these challenges, our care and services are recognized as being in the top 10% of community

health centers in the country.

We do and will continue to provide primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services including:

- Dental programs with Accomack and Northampton schools so that children can get care without their parents having to take off work to drive them to appointments.

- An urgent care center founded after area residents voiced the need.

- Behavioral health services, recognizing the shortage of mental health care providers in our community.

We provide services to help our community maintain and improve

their health and well-being including:

- Assistance for qualified individuals to get medications they otherwise couldn't afford.

- Help in navigating insurance enrollment so that our citizens can get health care coverage.

- A free diabetes prevention program in recognition of the prevalence of diabetes on the Shore.

We are your community health center. ESRH has been here for 49 years.

Significant federal budgetary changes are being considered by Congress. Once the changes are finalized, we will know how ESRH will be

impacted.

Given our commitment to providing the highest quality health care to everyone on the Shore, the board of ESRH will monitor changes carefully. A key to our success in providing care for everyone has been bipartisan support and a nonpartisan approach to patient care. No matter what changes occur, we will be here for everyone in our community.

■ *The writer is a medical doctor and president-elect of the Eastern Shore Rural Health Board of Directors. She writes on behalf of the board of directors.*

Christian Birch still has the seahorse — and a poignant memory

This spring, Eastern Shore Community College invited student writers to reflect on identity, community, and personal growth at ESCC, as inspired by the college's "YES!" culture.

Christian Birch was selected from all of the entries by a panel of judges and awarded the James M. Shaeffer Award of \$500 (thanks to the generosity of Jeremy and Bunny McLean). The following is Birch's winning entry.

A long time ago at Chincoteague Elementary School, I was having a day like any other. I sat in class while my teacher taught history — or maybe it was math? At most times, such a day would have seemed entirely forgettable. That was doubly true on this day: I was feeling rather disengaged.

It was a familiar feeling at the time. My grades stayed the same, but my apparent disinterest in life did not go unnoticed by the school faculty. I remember my teacher checking in on me, asking if I had been feeling okay; I told her I was. She must have known that wasn't true, but she didn't broach the subject again. Likely, she thought it best that I had some space to cope in my own way.

After all, it couldn't really be helped. It was only natural for a kid to feel down in my circumstances: I barely ever saw parents anymore. My father,

it seemed, was always at one doctor's appointment or another, and my mother usually accompanied him.

Indeed, it couldn't be helped. They were doing their best in what seemed an impossible situation. I knew as much at the time.

Doing my best to put that out of my mind, I tried to pay attention to my teacher. That was until the classroom door opened to reveal my father.

Disbelief turned to elation as I saw him standing in the doorway, smiling, beckoning. With my teacher's permission, I ran toward him and embraced him. With my arms about his waist — which was level with my shoulders — he told me that he was taking me out of school for the day; we had something more important to do.

My memory of the ensuing car ride is foggy. I don't recall if he told me where we were going, or if he kept it as a surprise. I might have wondered, what could be more important than school?

Perhaps I even felt a brief moment of trepidation, as a child is wont to do in unusual circumstances; had I done something wrong? Something so wrong that it required me to be taken out of school and addressed immediately?

Whatever misconceptions I may have initially held regarding the purpose of

our trip, they were soon resolved. I was not in trouble, and we were not doing anything "important" in the professional or educational sense. We were taking a father-son trip to the beach; and indeed, the importance of such a trip was difficult to overstate.

We arrived in the early afternoon. Seagulls flew overhead as the ocean sounded its perennial churn. It was spring, and the sun bathed the world in a comfortable warmth.

On that warm, sunny beach, we spent the afternoon together. My memories of the specifics are now sparse. I recall that my father showed me how to make a sundial in the sand, and I dug tunnels. But most of those hours were spent simply walking and talking.

I don't remember what we talked about. I only remember the waves, the amber light of the late afternoon, and my father's smile. I remember a feeling of serenity like few I've felt since. We were simply doing as family does: taking comfort in one another's company, enjoying life while we were alive.

Eventually, our walk took us to a curious sight: a dried seahorse, sitting in a footprint in the sand; it seemed someone had stepped on it without even noticing. Being nearer to the ground as I was, I was the first to notice it. I picked it up excitedly and found it was still in-

tact, despite what it had been through. My father was pleased, both by my perceptiveness and by the fact that I had been given a keepsake by which to remember that day.

Finally, the sun neared the horizon and we went home. Yet, the feelings of that day persisted. They were to be a beacon in trying times.

That was 16 years ago. Today, my father is no longer with us. It is with a supreme sense of gratitude that I recall all those doctor's appointments. Only now do I understand their purpose: Difficult though they may have been, they gave my father more time to spend with me, my brother, my sister, and my mother.

The world will continue in all its apparent randomness. Things so precious as to feel like load-bearing pillars of the universe will disappear. So it has ever been.

And yet, I believe that so long as we continue to create moments like the one my father gave to me, all the pain of living will be worth it.

After all these years, I still have the seahorse. My life has continued — full of joy and heartbreak, blessings and loss, as human lives tend to go. Yet, so long as I live, I'll never forget that day. For all the trials of life, I find it funny to think that it may be worth it in the end, thanks to something so simple as a few hours on the beach.

In Onancock, the expensive priorities are piling up

BY ROSEMARY PAPARO
Guest columnist

The town of Onancock is a diverse and interesting community. I have met neighbors whose family roots go back centuries here and others who returned from the urban areas where they lived for decades.

Many of us more recent arrivals moved here because of the Shore's natural beauty and friendly people. The Eastern Shore is home to all of us now. And whatever our differences and diverse opinions, let us remember that Onancock's residents cherish our town and want it to thrive into the future.

Onancock must respond to and reflect its cultural diversity, its children and young people, its retirees, and those who work long shifts or two jobs as well as those who have deeper pockets. Again, we are all part of this town, not one more than another.

Residents who serve in the town's government, whether as mayor, a council member, or on any of the town's boards or committees, deserve our gratitude.

So, too, do those of us who regularly attend town meetings to voice concerns, opinions, suggestions, and, yes, sometimes our decided opposition to town proposals or decisions.

Our gratitude is also due to the many residents who volunteer to found,

or to serve on, the civic organizations that benefit members of our community. These efforts enrich the fabric of our town.

Keeping our cultural and economic diversity in mind is crucial as we consider the town council's current challenge in deciding whether to fund \$700,000 in capital repairs and upgrades to the Historic Onancock School building.

Although the town's attorney said the lease with the Friends of Onancock School does not permit the town to fund the School, the council is considering the matter and exploring potential options to do so.

This matter needs close attention because of cost overruns associated with the new, as yet unopened, welcome center and the police department offices in the old town hall building.

The final costs of those combined renovations, originally budgeted at \$722,000, is still unknown.

Those concerns aside, priorities for the school building's current capital repairs were not set by a qualified engineering firm. (The last exhaustive structural and mechanical engineering study took place in 2011.)

The point is that no one on council, in town government, or on the board of the friends group is qualified to determine the scope of work, to bid the job out, or to supervise the work.

The mayor, some council members, and FOS Board members repeatedly argue that the town owns the school and should fund all repairs.

The biggest problem with this proposition is that the town cannot afford this large expenditure when other needs are also pressing.

■ The Onancock Volunteer Fire Department needs an extractor to clean firefighters' gear. Each firefighter has just one set of gear, which can be contaminated during hazardous materials emergency events.

Currently, on their own time and in their own vehicles, our firefighters must take their contaminated gear to Tasley or Painter for decontamination.

Further, our town's customary annual contribution to our volunteer fire department is only \$15,000.

■ Onancock has made commitments to supply water to new homes and businesses outside the boundaries of the town.

Given recent breakages, we must be certain of our aging water system's ability to meet our needs as well as those of new customers by having a thorough analysis by a qualified water engineer.

Poor stormwater drainage and the absence of sidewalks is a problem on many town streets. Rising sea levels will soon have us looking at stormwater management problems at the low-

er part of Market and King streets, the site of the wharf, and the historic Hopkins Store.

■ Our historic northeast neighborhood now has multiple needs. It has much-needed new playground equipment with rubberized mulch, but the only places for children and their caregivers to sit are decrepit wooden "picnic" tables that are difficult for older and disabled citizens to use.

The basketball court is riddled with cracks that make it unusable and successive layers of asphalt made the hoops less than regulation height.

Neighborhood kids deserve better. Also in our northeast neighborhood is the town-owned historic blacksmith shop, an important historic site that needs major refurbishment as well as equipment such as a new anvil. In the new budget, allocation for the playground, basketball court, and blacksmith shop is \$0.

The town of Onancock has other needs, of varying complexity, from the revitalization of the old downtown to the problem of abandoned houses in many neighborhoods.

In these times of diminishing federal and state funds, it is critical that we all, together, consider Onancock's current and future needs and make prudent use of our limited resources.

■ *The writer lives in Onancock.*

Jordan Harper named to dean's list at McDaniel

Jordan Harper, of Chincoteague, has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the McDaniel College spring 2025 dean's list with highest honors.

Highest honors are earned for a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher, high honors for a grade point average of 3.70-3.89, and honors for a 3.50-3.69 grade point average.

McDaniel College, founded in 1867,

is a four-year, independent college of the liberal arts and sciences offering over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs.

William & Mary announces dean's list

The following residents were recently named to the dean's list at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2025 semester:

■ Kristina Savage and Brisni Velas-

quez-Gonzalez, of Accomac

■ Jay Kellam, of Franktown

■ Brenda Cardona-Hernandez and Ronaldo Lopez-Mendez, of Hallwood

■ Liam McLinda, of Onancock

■ Ciara Onley, of Painter.

James Madison announces spring grads

James Madison University announces the following students who graduated during the May 2025 com-

mencement exercises.

■ Marlene Robles Vazquez, of Accomac, who graduated with a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing.

■ Caroline Woods, of Chincoteague, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in English.

■ Tucker Arcos, of Machipongo, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in hospitality management.

■ Miles McIntyre, of New Church, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in integrated science and technology.

Wetlands banking and the Shore's future

BY BENJAMIN J. WILLIS
Eastern Shore Post

Recent news from across the bay should be making big waves locally, especially given the Shore's history with wetland mitigation banks.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to approve the mitigation of tidal saltmarsh wetland impacts in Hampton with tidal freshwater wetland credits from Prince George, which is well outside of the local watershed or hydrologic unit of the impacts.

This move flies in the face of all norms and statutory rules, and yet the credit transfer is likely to proceed.

This should sound all too familiar to many readers.

Just a few years ago, Northampton County was blindsided by a wetland mitigation project south of Exmore in which a field along U.S. Route 13 was converted to nontidal wetlands.

Dispute over the quality of the farmland notwithstanding, the main issue was that the credits were used to offset wetland impacts across the bay — against the statutory rules — while failing to give proper local notice due to a “clerical error.”

This discrepancy kicked off a brouhaha between Northampton, Accomack, and The Nature Conservancy that led Northampton to ban mitigation banks and Accomack to implement a conditional use permit for them.

Mitigation banking

For those unfamiliar with mitigation banking, Virginia has a no-net-loss-of-wetlands policy that mirrors federal wetlands protection.

The core concept is that any jurisdictional wetlands destroyed or negatively impacted by commercial development must be offset by the creation of new wetlands.

Mitigation banks supply the wetland creation side of this policy.

Mitigation banking started as a niche eco-capitalism industry with many small business bank developers. It was a

relatively simple but disjointed process.

The federal government decided to streamline the process with an inter-agency review team composed of multiple state and federal agencies with the Army Corps at the head.

What we ended up with was a cronyism-infected regulatory scheme that made mitigation banking more difficult than the development it is supposed to mitigate.

Today, it's far easier to impact wetlands than it is to create them, provided you have the money. The In-Lieu Fee Program provides that where no wetland credits are available, an impacting party can pay a fee into a state trust for the creation of future wetlands.

Statutory in-lieu fee rates for nontidal and tidal wetlands are \$200,000 and \$900,000 per acre, respectively.

In Virginia, the fund is called the Virginia Aquatic Resource Trust Fund.

Trust fund management

The commonwealth, in its infinite wisdom, deputized The Nature Conservancy to administer the trust fund. The conservancy opposes small-bank developers and gatekeeps the wetland mitigation industry. The conservancy sponsored the Exmore site and holds the conservation easement on the bank site in Prince George.

Under the supposed desire to ensure that wetland creation meets minimum standards, the interagency review team has made perfect the enemy of good.

Tidal wetlands are quite easy to create, but the permitting process for a mitigation bank is so convoluted that it is nearly impossible to produce credits at less than the in-lieu fee rate.

The exception is where you already own the land — as is the case with the bank my family is developing on our farm north of Wachapreague. I don't need anybody to take me at my word, because the proof is in the pudding.

There have been no new tidal saltmarsh mitigation banks for many years and most new banks are developed by multinational environmental firms.

Hurts rural areas

While some of the constituent parts are local, like construction crews and other contractors, any profits leave the county where the wetlands were created.

Rather than fix the broken process and make it easier for small bank developers to create wetlands, the Army Corps has decided to allow the resource trust fund and big developers to fund urban and suburban development at the expense of rural areas.

Cities can destroy their wetlands with impunity because they can create wetlands in poorer rural counties instead.

Yet if rural counties want to impact wetlands for anything, like a new public beach, they're quoted full sticker price with no concessions.

This is the same “rules for thee, but not for me” ideology that has put a stranglehold on the middle class, only at the county level.

Accomack veto power

Any person with integrity should admit when they were wrong. Well, I owe Accomack a major mea culpa, as time has proved wrong my opposition to their conditional use permit.

I was too trusting of statutes and the rule of law. I stand by the core point I raised in the zoning board meeting: Mitigation banking can save the family farm at a time when traditional revenue streams like farming and timber are struggling and kids have no desire to live on the farm, much less work it.

But it is clear now that Accomack was right to create a veto power for the mitigation bank developers that are coming their way. And mark my words, developers will be coming if in-kind mitigation is killed.

The Shore has the cheapest waterfront property cost in Virginia, not to mention the easiest elevations and soil types for mitigation. This is not lost on the big bank developers; they've only stayed away because of the uncertain-

ty regarding credit demand in the local watershed drainage pattern.

Unlike my family, big developers are not content to sell bit-by-bit to homeowners and local governments at less than the in-lieu fee; they want to sell credits in Virginia Beach or Northern Virginia at 20% higher than the fee.

The demand problem holding them back is moot if wetland credits are no longer limited to the bank site's respective and adjacent watershed drainage pattern. And if tidal impacts can be offset with nontidal credits, it'll be the end of small business in wetland banking.

Big developers will flock to the Shore to do exactly what the counties feared: buy up productive farmland and turn it into bermed mosquito pits. What's more, they'll cherry pick the easiest properties to convert into wetlands, leaving the county with inefficient or costly wetland projects when local mitigation needs arise.

A bipartisan issue

If you were perturbed by the conservancy's wetland project near Exmore, then please take the time to email the Army Corps and contact your local representatives.

Much like the Exmore project, the public has only learned the true nature of this project after the official public comment period has ended.

In-kind mitigation is a bipartisan issue that everyone on the Shore can rally around. I'm as staunch an advocate as you'll find for the reduction of our sprawling bureaucracy, and even for me this new development is beyond the pale.

Don't let the Army Corps pass this off as a reduction of regulation, when it's nothing but a handout to industry insiders. Doing away with in-kind mitigation is bad for the environment, it's bad for small businesses, and it's bad for rural areas.

■ *The writer is an attorney who lives in Melfa. He manages a local, family-operated tidal mitigation bank that is in development.*

ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

Friday, June 13

- **YOGA:** 8 to 9 a.m., Robert Reed Park, Chincoteague. This all-levels yoga class is led by the Chincoteague Yoga Collective. The suggested donation is \$15. If the weather is bad, yoga will be hosted at Island Community House.
- **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly walking group.
- **BUTTERFLY WALK:** 10 to 11:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, 32205 Seaside Road, Cape Charles. Take a walk along the refuge's butterfly trail and learn about the butterflies that visit the park.
- **RESCHEDULED GOLF TOURNAMENT:** 10 a.m., Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, 14421 Country Club Road, Melfa. The Bill Bagwell Memorial Golf Classic is a fundraiser for Shore History. Tickets are \$125. A boxed lunch and beverages are included. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2737vckm> for tickets.
- **HOT DOG CART:** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., No Limits Eastern Shore, 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley. No Limits will have its hot dog cart open.
- **CRABBING:** 1 to 2 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Fishing Pier, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Park staff will teach you how to crab. The cost is \$2 per person.
- **INDOOR YARD SALE:** 4 to 8 p.m., 20 Market St., Onancock. The Onancock Farmers Market is hosting an indoor yard sale to raise funds for a building for the winter market. All items are \$1.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Mini Golf, 2100 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Starfire Live performs on the patio.
- **PUZZLE RACE:** 6 to 8 p.m., Island

Best bets

- **Saturday, June 14, at 6:30 a.m., the annual Le Tour de Shore bike tour kicks off in Onancock's Town Square. With 25k, 50k, 100k, and 100-mile routes cyclists will be able to explore the Shore on two wheels. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/5v9szvht>**
- **Wednesday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Cape Charles Memorial Library is hosting its summer reading registration kick-off. Kids can register for the summer reading program and families can learn about local summer activities.**

- Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Singles or teams of two compete to see who can put a puzzle together fastest. There will be a prize for the fastest solve. The cost is \$20 per team and teams keep the puzzle at the end. Visit island-community-house.sauare.site to register.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., The Charlotte Hotel, 7 North St., Onancock. Pooh and Friends perform live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Captain's Cove Marina Restaurant, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville. Jason Lee performs live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Uncle Dave performs live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Two Bridges performs live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, Chincoteague. Joe Boris and the Fun Time perform live.
- **SALSA DANCING:** 7 to 9 p.m., Cypress

- Roots Brewing Company, 148 Market St., Pocomoke City. Learn to salsa dance with Jon Jon and Charlin. They'll also demonstrate bachata and merengue. No experience is necessary.
- **CAMP FIRE:** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Amphitheater, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Park staff will welcome campers, offer camping tips, and provide fun activities. Marshmallows will be provided for roasting.
- **OWL PROWL:** 8 p.m., Cape Charles Natural Area Preserve, 301 Patrick Henry Ave., Cape Charles. The library is hosting an Owl Prowl. Join Bill Dyas of Real VA for an evening stroll. Watch the sunset over the bay before enjoy a night walk through the preserve. There will also be information on how to support healthy owl populations on the Eastern Shore. There is limited space for this event. To register call 757-331-1300.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 8 to 10 p.m., The Onancock Taphouse, 8 North St., Onancock. Me-

dium Wave Jay performs live.

Saturday, June 14

- **BIKE TOUR:** 6:30 a.m., Onancock Town Square, Onancock. The annual Le Tour de Shore bike tour offers cyclists of all skill levels a scenic ride around the Eastern Shore. There are 25k, 50k, 100k, and 100 mile routes. There are rest stops along the way and a barbecue lunch is served afterwards. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/5v9szvht>
- **YARD SALE:** Gates open 7 a.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. A community yard sale is being hosted at the fairgrounds. Food will be available for purchase. Spaces are available for sellers for \$10, or \$20 with a table. To reserve a space contact Julie at 443-683-2833.
- **INDOOR YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 20 Market St., Onancock. The Onancock Farmers Market is hosting an indoor yard sale to raise funds for a building for the winter market. All items are \$1.
- **MEETING:** 9 a.m., Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 17450 Coal Kiln Road, Painter. The Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy will hold its monthly meeting. Rev. Charles Kellam is the host pastor. Rev. Donald Evans of First Baptist Church in Mapps ville will deliver a sermonette. Licensed Baptist clergy are invited to attend. Call 757-990-2764 for more information.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, corner of Market and Ames St., Onancock. Shop for local produce, meats, seafood, baked goods, and artisan wares.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market features local produce,

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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 757-442-7707 or 800-764-4460.

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baked goods, artisan wares, meat and seafood, and more.

■ **YARD SALE:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bay Storage, 22529 Parsons Circle, Cape Charles. This yard sale will feature not only vendors but also bounce houses, a DJ, food trucks, raffles, and fire trucks on display. To sign up for a spot call 757-331-3080. The cost is \$10 for Bay Storage tenants and \$20 for non-tenants.

■ **RALLY:** 10 a.m., 12168 Lankford Highway, Machipongo. The Accomack and Northampton County Democratic committees are organizing the ESVA No Kings Rally. The event will include speeches by local leaders, an open mic for public comment, food trucks, and doughnuts. On-site bathrooms will be available. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair.

■ **CHICKEN SALAD SALE:** 10 a.m. to noon, Calvary United Methodist Church Social Hall, 21475 Hopkins Road, Parksley. The church is selling chicken salad for \$5 a half-pint or \$10 a pint. Pre-orders are required. To order email cal-

varyumc.huntingcreek@gmail.com

■ **SUMMER READING KICK OFF:** 10 a.m. to noon, Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. Kids can sign up for the summer reading program. There will also be games, art projects, snacks, and balloons.

■ **BOOK SIGNING:** 10 a.m. to noon, The Book Bin in Onley will be selling copies of Kirk Mariner's and Curtis Badger's books. Badger will also be available for signings.

■ **SUMMER READING KICKOFF:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Library System is hosting a summer reading kickoff. There will be bounce houses, yard games, face painting, food trucks, crafts, activities, a DJ, information tables, and sign-up forms for the summer reading program.

■ **FLAG DAY:** 11 a.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton. A Flag Day ceremony will be held, featuring American Legion Post 56 and Boy Scout Troop 314.

■ **COMMUNITY LUNCHEON:** 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Living Word Community Church, 27394 White's Neck Road, Parksley. The church is hosting Community Feed Day, a community meal that is free of charge.

■ **JUNETEENTH:** noon to 4 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomack. The Accomack County NAACP is hosting its annual Juneteenth Community Festival. There will be vendors, food trucks, music, crafts, games, and more.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 3 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park South Beach, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Join park staff on the beach to learn how to use different kinds of nets and discover what inhabits the waters just off shore.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Starfire performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 p.m., Exmore Moose Lodge, Exmore. DJ Sleepy kicks the night off before Nashville Nights takes the stage. There will be food trucks on site and adult beverages will be for sale. This is an outdoor event; bring a chair. Tickets are \$25. Contact Amy Manelski at 757-709-4333 for tickets.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 10 p.m., The Oyster Farm Marina C-Pier, Cape Charles. Every Saturday during the summer C-Pier hosts live music.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5:30 to 9 p.m., Pico Taqueria, 6560 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., The Great Machipongo Clam Shack, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox. Peg Volk performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Hemlock Hollow performs live.

■ **CONCERT:** 6 to 11 p.m., The Oyster Farm Seafood Eatery, Cape Charles. Five different ukulele groups will perform on the lawn overlooking the bay. This is a free, all-ages event. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Acts include Chris Ousley, Half Pint Harry, Skye Zentz, Jess

Eliot, The Birdwatchers, and The Sonic Ukes.

■ **MOVIE:** Doors open 6:30 p.m., movie starts 7 p.m., Island Theater, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague. Watch a screening of "Before the Lighthouse," a film that depicts Chincoteague's history. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids and seniors.

■ **DINNER:** 6:30, Maranatha Baptist Church, 12354 Lincoln Ave., Exmore. The church is hosting Come to the Table, a women's event focusing on fellowship and encouragement. There will be dinner, games, prizes, and a message. Bring a clean mug for the mug exchange.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. The Jackie Faison Trio performs live in the Listening Room. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling 757-710-8718.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. The Country Gentleman perform live. This is a free concert. Donations are welcome.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, Chincoteague. Joe Boris and the Fun Time perform live.

Sunday, June 15

■ **MUD HOP:** Gates open 8 a.m., racing begins at noon, 316 Dirt Drags, 20305 Greenbush Road, Greenbush. Spend time with dad at the Father's Day Mud Hop. Tickets are \$20 for adults. Kids 10 and under are free.

■ **TURTLE WALK:** 1 to 1:30 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Big Water Visitors Center, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Help the park's box turtle enjoy a little fun in the sun.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. The Music Circle is a weekly open mic/jam session that raises money for charity. Tips and a portion of beer sales will be donated to the Eastern Shore SPCA.

■ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** 3 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park South Beach, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Help clean up trash and search for treasures on the beach.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 6 p.m., E and O Pub, 133 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Brian Irminger performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 p.m., Don's Daughter, 4113 Main St., Chincoteague. Joe Boris and the Fun Time perform live.

Monday, June 16

■ **YOGA:** 8 to 9 a.m., Robert Reed Park, Chincoteague. This all-levels yoga class

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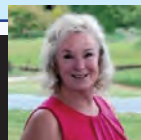
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is led by the Chincoteague Yoga Collective. The suggested donation is \$15. If the weather is bad, yoga will be hosted at Island Community House.

■ **TENNIS CLINIC:** 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Memorial Park, Chincoteague. The Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague is offering a free tennis clinic for youth and adults. The clinics will be led by Matt Ryan, assistant tennis coach at Salisbury University. Lessons for those from 6 to 15 will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. and for anyone 16 or over from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Email communitytennisassoc.2013@gmail.com with name, age, and contact information to register. Bring water, a hat, and sunscreen.

■ **STORYTIME:** 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. The Community Services Board is hosting story and craft time at the library.

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Play games with others at Island Community House.

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** 4 to 7 p.m., Landsberger Family YMCA, 6395 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The YMCA is hosting a pickleball open house featuring certified instructors Kim Haig and Andy Hiller. No registration is required. This is an 18 and up event.

■ **MOVIE:** Doors open 6:30 p.m., movie starts 7 p.m., Island Theater, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague. Watch a screening of “Before the Lighthouse,” a film that depicts Chincoteague’s history. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids and seniors.

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

Tuesday, June 17

■ **COFFEE TALK:** 10 to 11 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Enjoy coffee, pastries, and conversation with community members.

■ **PLAYTIME:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City. The Pocomoke Library is hosting playtime at the park. Bring a blanket and socialize with other families. This is geared to kids 5 and under.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. Members from the U.S. Coast

Guard Auxiliary will deliver a lecture on the role the Coast Guard plays and how the auxiliary supports that mission. The lecture is free with a museum membership. Tickets for non-members are \$8.

■ **OPEN MIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Onancock Taphouse, 8 North St., Onancock. Share a song, poem, or story during open mic.

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 N. Main St., Chincoteague. The Island Readers Book Club will be discussing “Anxious People,” by Fredrik Backman.

■ **DONOR APPRECIATION:** 7 to 9 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mum-

ford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House is hosting a donor appreciation event. RSVP is requested. Call 757-336-1993 to reserve a seat.

Wednesday, June 18

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 8 a.m., Seaview Farm, 18119 Seaside Road, Cape Charles. Birding Eastern Shore is hosting a field trip led by Maggie Long and Walter Childs. Seaview Farm is protected under a conservation easement with the Nature Conservancy. Birders can expect to see a variety of songbirds, warblers, marsh birds, and more. This is a free program. Birders should be prepared for weather, sun,

Eastern Shore class reunions

■ **The Central High School Alumni Reunion** will be held on **June 14 from 6 to 11 p.m., at the Mary N. Smith Enrichment Center, Accomac.** For more information, contact **Marvin Giddens (757-710-5632), Lisa Sturgis (704-207-1005), Gregory Giddens (757-710-5324), Kecia Burton (757-364-4837), Linwood “Toot” Sturgis (757-678-2888), Barry Onley (757-709-1001), Lisa Ashby (757-710-9944), or Greta Sample (757-678-6273).**

■ **The Parksley High School Class of 1975** is hosting its **50th anniversary reunion on June 14 at 6 p.m. at Off the Rails in Parksley.** Email **Denise Langley Bernard at deniselbernard@hotmail.com or Sandra Justice at sandrarjustice@gmail.com**

■ **The Arcadia High School Class of 1985 40th class reunion** scheduled for **June 20 and 21** has been postponed. For more information contact **Aretha Watson at 770-856-7830 or atwatson26@gmail.com, Steve Norman at sdnorman06@gmail.com, or Barry Watson at barren@bwatsoncpas.com.**

■ **The Parksley High School Class of 1978** will be having its **47th class reunion on Saturday, June 28, from 5 to 10 p.m. at Par 4 Bar and Grill in Temperanceville.** For more information, contact **Daniel Nock (757-894-4844), Joyce Green (757-894-1699), or Martin Watkinson (757-894-7242).**

■ **The Nandua High School Class of 2015** will hold its **10-year high school reunion on Saturday, July 26, at 2 p.m. at Mallards at the Wharf in Onancock.** Tickets must be reserved by **July 11.** For more information email **Chandler Davis Winnie at cpwinnie20@gmail.com or Taylor Wallace Patterson at trpatterson2022@gmail.com.**

■ **The Northampton High School Class of 1971** is holding a mixer on **Aug. 23, from 3 to 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton.** This is a free event. Classmates are being asked to support **Northampton High School** by mailing donations to **Northampton High School, Attn: Bookkeeper, P.O. Box 38, Easville, Va. 23347.**

■ **The Northampton High School class of 1976** will hold its **50th class reunion on Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27, 2026.** Those interested in attending should email their contact information to **Juana Custis Johnson at juanaljohnson@gmail.com, Maggie Ruffin Holley at mvholley@aol.com, Anson Harrison at aharr0421@gmail.com, Odears Walton Fletcher at odearsfletcher@gmail.com, Ronald Bailey at ronald_b763@yahoo.com, or Leon Gillis at Leon.Gillis@gmail.com**

■ **The Eastern Shore Post** wants your announcements for class reunions. They will run in this space each week at no charge leading up to the reunion date. To include your class reunion, email the information to **editor@easternshorepost.com**

and bugs. For more information contact Maggie Long at 610-500-9971.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market features local produce, baked goods, artisan wares, meat and seafood, and more.

■ **COMMUNITY FAIR:** 10 a.m. to noon, Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The library is hosting its summer reading registration kick-off. Kids can register for the summer reading program and families can learn about local summer activities.

■ **KIDS NATURE PROGRAM:** 10 a.m. to noon, Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City. During **Sharks with Toddlers** kids can get an up-close look at real shark teeth and fossils, make a salt dough shark tooth impression, and visit with the museum’s sharks. There will be multiple 20-minute sessions available between 10 a.m. and noon. The cost is \$10 for children and \$5 for adults. Museum members are free.

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

■ **ADULT ART CLASS:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. Learn how to reverse color.

■ **TURTLE WALK:** 1 to 1:30 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Big Water Visitors Center, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Help the park’s box turtle enjoy a little fun in the sun.

■ **MEMORY CAFE:** 1:30 to 3 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Memory Cafe is a social engagement for care partners and those living with brain changes. It is hosted by trained facilitators.

■ **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** 3 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park South Beach, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Help clean up trash and search for treasures on the beach.

■ **DANCE SANCTUARY:** 6 to 7:15 p.m., 10237 Rogers Drive, Nassawadox. This dance sanctuary is a donation-based community event that encourages freeform/ecstatic dance. The music will be an eclectic mix designed to inspire movement. RSVP to 757-678-1898.

■ **PAINTING CLASS:** 6 to 8:30 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Daniel Thomas will be teaching a pastel class. The

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scene students work on will be of ocean waves. All skill levels are welcome and all materials are provided. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/586y4z46>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Joe Crowdog performs live.

■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Carnival Grounds, Wachapreague. The

71st annual Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival returns with rides, games, food, and the Carnival Queen Contest. There are categories for Little Miss Carnival Queen, Little Mister Carnival King, Miss Pre-Teen Carnival Queen, and Miss Carnival Queen.

■ **OWL PROWL:** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Picnic Shelter 1, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Join park staff for a night hike and look for owls and other nocturnal creatures that call the park home.

Thursday, June 19

■ **PARK CLEANUP:** 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. Every Thursday, volunteers help weed, water, trim, plant, and transplant the landscaping at Central Park. Volunteers should bring gloves and tools.

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 1 p.m., Naomi Make-mie Presbyterian Church, 89 Market St., Onancock. The book club will discuss books about the Eastern Shore, readers choice.

■ **GAMES:** 2 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Play games with others at Island Community House.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 3 to 6 p.m., Captain's Cove Marina Restaurant parking lot, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville. Shop for fresh produce, baked goods, meat, crafts, and more.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 5 p.m., games start 6 p.m., Eastern Shore Railway Museum, 18468 Dunne Ave., Parksley. This bingo fundraiser will benefit the Nandua Middle School Beta Club. There will be a 50/50 raffle, a raffle, and food and drinks for sale. The cost is \$1 per game. Bring a canned

good and get one game free.

■ **STREET FAIR:** 5 to 7 p.m., Main Street, Chincoteague. Chincoteague's Third Thursday features extended shopping hours at downtown businesses, dining, and a chance for a stroll down Main Street. The Island Community House will be giving away a \$25 gift certificate to a local business. Enter for free.

■ **ART AUCTION:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The SailFest Art Gala and Silent Auction is a fundraiser for SailFest Cape Charles. The event includes appetizers, champagne, and a silent art auction for works created by regional artists. The artist whose piece is deemed to best capture the spirit of SailFest will be named the SailFest Art Winner. The dress code is "flipflop formal."

■ **JUNETEENTH KICKOFF:** 6 p.m., Giddens Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayside Road, Weirwood. This free spaghetti dinner is a kickoff celebration for Juneteenth and a celebration of active duty military members, veterans, and their families. There will be a spaghetti dinner,

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WACHAPREAGUE 71st Volunteer Firemen's 2025 Carnival JUNE 18 - JULY 5 OPEN 7 P M CLOSED SUNDAYS, MONDAYS & TUESDAYS For additional information call (757) 787-7818

Week 1	Wed. June 18	Little Miss Carnival Queen, Little Mr. Carnival King, Miss Pre-Teen Carnival Queen, Miss Carnival Queen (Hosted by Bill LeCato)
	Thu. June 19	"Accomack Community Band"
	Fri. June 20	"Irie Tree Band"
	Sat. June 21	"Rip Tide Band"
Week 2	Wed. June 25	"Paul Parks"
	Thu. June 26	"WESR Throwback Thursday"
	Fri. June 27	"Laidbaxxs Band"
	Sat. June 28	"Fil Rhythm Band"
Week 3	Wed. July 2	"DJ Sleepy"
	Thu. July 3	"Vince Kornegay and Mandy"
	Fri. July 4	"DJ Set It Off"
	Sat. July 5	"H. M. Johnson Band"

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live music, dramatic presentations, and more. Donations are welcome. For more information contact Jane Cabarrus at 804-513-0532.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Onancock Taphouse, 8 North St., Onancock. Johnny Mo performs live.

■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Carnival Grounds, Wachapreague. The 71st annual Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival is a local tradition with rides, games, food, and live music by the Accomack Community Band.

Friday, June 20

■ **FAMILY FUN DAY:** 9 a.m., Randy Cus-tis Memorial Park, 10194 Silas Court, Nas-sawadox. Play All Day VA is a statewide cel-ebration of fun and community. There will be games, activities, food, and family fun.

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

■ **BOOK SALE:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., cor-ner of Mason Avenue and Pine Street, Cape Charles. The Friends of Cape Charles Me-morial Library are hosting a book sale.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, Melfa. The Eastern Shore Colts Pop War-ner is hosting a golf tournament. The cost of the four-person scramble tournament is \$550 per team. There will also be prizes and raffles. To register contact Tommy Ward at 757-607-7299.

■ **CRABBING:** 1 to 2 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Fishing Pier, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Park staff will teach you how

to crab. The cost is \$2 per person.

■ **JUNETEENTH:** 6 to 9 p.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, 401 5th St., Pocomoke City. The Sturgis One Room School Museum is hosting its fourth annual Juneteenth Celebration at the library with an open mic night with Sharnell Tull.

■ **SUNSET CRUISE:** 6 to 9 p.m., Curtis Merritt Harbor, 2246 Curtis Merritt Harbor Drive, Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Library is hosting a sunset cruise fundraiser. The cruise includes food, wine, and live music by Troy and Clara Outten. Tickets are \$65. Call 757-336-5556 to re-serve a seat.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Willie C. and the Blues Band per-form live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Chris English per-forms live in the Listening Room. Tick-ets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling 757-710-8718.

■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Car-nival Grounds, Wachapreague. The 71st annual Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival is a local tradition with rides, games, food, and live music by Irie Tree Band.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Captain's Cove Marina Restaurant, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville. The Chest Pains 2.0 per-form live.

■ **CAMP FIRE:** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Kipto-peke State Park Amphitheater, 3540 Kipto-peke Drive, Cape Charles. Park staff will welcome campers, offer camping tips, and provide fun activities. Marshmallows will be provided for roasting.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., The Pearl, 7452 East Side Road, Chincoteague. SnackBar Jones performs live.



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Friday, June 27, 2025, and Monday, June 30, 2025.

We appreciate your patience and will reopen for normal business on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Gloria Bowden

Mrs. Gloria Lee Smith Bowden, 89, of New Church, entered into the loving arms of Jesus on Monday, June 2, 2025, surrounded by her family and her beloved cat, Sonny, following a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

Born on July 5, 1935, she was the daughter of the late William Ed-



Mrs. Bowden

ward Smith and the late Ella Mae Lankford Smith, of Make-mie Park, where they resided on the Smith family farm.

She attended Atlantic High School in Oak

Hall prior to marrying the love of her life, Herbert Hoover Bowden Sr., of Chincoteague.

She was a founding member of Pocomoke Church of God in Pocomoke City, renamed Living Waters Inspirational Church of God, where she was actively involved in all aspects of church operations, functions, ministries, and outreach for over 60 years. She was awarded Christian Woman of the Year, a Certificate of Recognition for Sunday School Outreach to local community nursing homes and retirement homes, and she was one of the first recipients of the Connie Pruitt Alleman Cornerstone Award.

She was the owner of Sunny Acres Mobile Homes in New Church. For 40 years, she prided herself in going above and beyond in assisting her customers all over Delmarva, many of whom were first-time homeowners.

In addition to working on her parents' farm growing up, she also cooked for them, her grandparents, aunts and uncles, and her many siblings. She also worked as a poultry farmer, seamstress, and caregiver to an abundance of family members and friends.

Gloria is survived by her two daughters, Darlene Jane Citro (husband, Santino), of Oak Hall, and Karen Lee

Bowden Banks (husband, Rodney), of Atlantic; a sister, Evalene Smith Ewell, whom she lovingly called Evelyn (husband, Eddy); two brothers, Richard William Smith, of Princess Anne, and Marvin Jerome Smith, of Snow Hill; her grandchildren, Jennifer Bowden Pack (husband, Don), Jason Allen Bowden (wife, Nicole), Jonathan Adam Bowden (wife, Angie), Joseph Andrew Bowden, Victoria Lynn Citro (fiancée, Rae), Jacqueline Lee Citro, Jacob Daniel Horsman, Sheena Lynn Horsman, Anna Hope Horsman, and Jessica Keller; her great-grandchildren, Noah Israel Pack, Camryn Gabrielle Bowden, Kirsten Brielle Bowden, Damienn Santino Anthony Citro, Abbygail Lynn Phillips, Nyla Jane Hinmon, and Amy Lynn Smack; a great-great-grandchild, Zariah Noel Bowden; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 46 years, Herbert Hoover Bowden Sr.; a son, Herbert Hoover Bowden Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Angela McCready Bowden; a grandson, Joshua Aaron Bowden; a son-in-law, Ronnie Eugene Horsman; a sister, Fairy McGee, brothers, Edward Randolph Smith, Edward William Smith, and Charlie Franklin Smith; special sisters-in-law, Shirley Smith, Betty Smith, and Sue Smith; and a brother-in-law, Nelson McGee.

Arrangements included a viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, at Thornton's Funeral Home in Parksley and from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, June 6, at Living Waters Inspirational Church of God in Pocomoke City, followed by a celebration of life at 2 p.m. conducted by the Rev. Greg Fentress, Bro. David Emely, and the Rev. Kevin Wilson.

Interment was in Downing's Cemetery in Oak Hall, followed by a fellowship meal at Living Waters Inspirational Church of God in Pocomoke City.

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

Pati Beck

Mrs. Patricia Ann Beck, lovingly known as Pati, passed away on June 4, 2025. She was born on Sept. 28, 1958, in Philadelphia, Penn., to Victoria Orsini and Leonard Orsini, both of whom preceded her in death.

Pati's greatest joy in life was her family. She leaves behind her three sons, Ryan Beck (Christy), of Palm Bay, Fla., Jesse Beck (Erin), of Onley, and Chris



Mrs. Beck

Beck (Becca), of Richmond; as well as her nine cherished grandchildren: Reid, Libby, Annie, Grace, Ezra, Evelyn, Rockwell, Cali, and Elli.

She is also

survived by her brothers, Joe Orsini, Len Orsini, Larry Orsini, and John Orsini; her sisters, Stephanie Orsini and Cindy Orsini; numerous nieces and nephews; and her former husband, Richard Beck, with whom she shared many meaningful years. She was also blessed with the love and support of dear friends who enriched her life and provided comfort in both joyful and difficult times.

Throughout her life, Pati worked as a dedicated hairdresser, bringing warmth and kindness to those she served. Though an accident made it impossible for her to continue her work, her resilient spirit never wavered. She had a deep passion for animals, especially her beloved dog, Sophie, who brought her comfort and companionship.

In accordance with her wishes, a private service will be held to honor her memory.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, an organization close to Pati's heart, at P.O. Box 164, 26528 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Roger Weinheimer

Mr. Roger Damian Weinheimer died on Friday, June 6, 2025, at his home in Onley, following a long illness.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Ann McMath Weinheimer, and other



Mr. Weinheimer

members of his dear family: his son and daughter from an earlier marriage, Billy Weinheimer (and wife, Eunice), and Amanda Weinheimer, and his granddaughters, Nora and

Mia Weinheimer, all residing in northern Virginia; his sister, Alima Davis, of Manlius, N.Y., his brother- and sister-in-law, Greg and Patti Weinheimer, of Indianapolis, Ind., and their families in Florida, Indiana, and New York; as well as cherished friends.

Roger was born into a large family on April 13, 1950, in Syracuse, N.Y. He was graduated from the State University of New York (Oswego) in 1973. He subsequently served in the U.S. Air Force in the area of intelligence and continued as an intelligence research analyst for several government defense agencies, holding a top secret clearance. His life was changed dramatically when he met the Lord Jesus during a time of great need. His faith never wavered.

Roger retired in 2011, and he and Ann moved from northern Virginia to her native Eastern Shore of Virginia. After growing up in central New York state shoveling snow, he loved the warm air and sunny farmland. He also loved Washington Redskins ballcaps, Bigfoot, buying lawn mowers, colorful socks, and reading his Bible.

He is deeply, deeply missed.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, June 12, at 3 p.m. at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Onley United Methodist Church "Freezer Fund," P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418; or Light House Ministries,

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Obituaries

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Steve Skees

Mr. Ira Steven "Steve" Skees, 71, of Onancock, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loved ones on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Born on Dec. 28, 1953, in Norfolk, Steve was the son of Wilbur Elmer Skees and Shirley Juanita Skees.

His childhood was spent in Norfolk with his two younger brothers, Mark and Kenny.

After graduating from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, he moved to the Eastern Shore with his family and spent his career working as an aerospace engineer in trajectory anal-

ysis for NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility in the sounding rocket program. His career in rocket science would send him on many great adventures all over the world conducting experiments and studying our atmosphere before he retired in 2018. Steve's focus and technical prowess in the launch control room affectionately earned him the nickname of the "Steely-Eyed Missile Man."

Steve had a strong passion for the arts, and he became a distinguished, self-taught wood carver and painter. He won many awards and accolades for his unique style and innovations in contemporary antique decoys, as well as other wood carvings. In 2004, he won Ducks Unlimited Carver of the year, and his works adorn people's



Mr. Skees

homes throughout the country.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Steve shared his love for the outdoors with his sons. Many nights were spent on Cape Point in the Outer Banks catching red drum, cobia, and Spanish mackerel. Many other fishing trips were taken aboard his beloved McKee Craft boat. There were plenty of early mornings in the 1990s spent on Wallops Island in the duck blind hunting black ducks or chasing deer through the dunes before ending the mornings watching dolphins swim in the ocean. He always loved to have a good time and frequently enjoyed his music and Maker's Mark bourbon whenever there was someone around to share it with; even if he didn't know the person, he would strike up a conversation. He was very thankful for his hunt club friends, with whom he loved to hang out in his later years.

Steve is survived by his children, Avery C. Skees and wife, Darcie, of Virginia Beach, and Dustin L. Skees and wife, Emily, of Virginia Beach;

his brothers, Kenneth B. Skees and wife, Chrissie, of Norfolk, and Mark C. Skees and wife, Rosemary, of Norfolk; his grandchildren, Everett H. Skees and Cohen L. Skees; two nieces; three nephews; one great-niece; two great-nephews; and a host of extended family and friends. Steve was also grateful to his former wife, Patricia, who graciously helped him in his later years and final days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur Elmer Skees and Shirley Juanita Skees.

A memorial service to honor Steve's life will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Saturday, June 28, at 1 p.m., with Pastor Paul Nolz officiating. Family will receive friends at the funeral home for a visitation one hour prior to the service.

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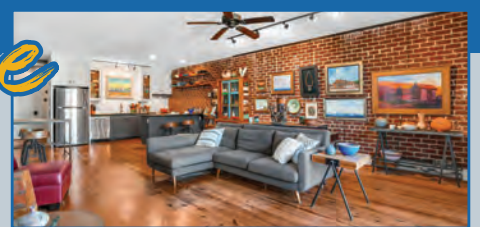
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SPORTS

Eastern Shore Post

Coates wins three golds, MVP at states

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

The Rylee Coates Show was on full display at the VHSL Class 1 State Track & Field Championships last weekend in Harrisonburg.

A junior at Northampton, Coates won three events, racked up a whopping 48 points, and was named girls MVP at the meet.

She won gold in the 100 hurdles, winning by 1.3 seconds and reaching the finish line while her competitors were just clearing the final hurdle, more than 30 feet behind. Coates won the final in 14.68 seconds, just barely short of her own state record of 14.65 seconds. But in the preliminaries, she shattered her state record with a run of 14.45 seconds.

Coates also won gold medals in the long jump and pole vault. She finished second in the high jump and fourth in both the 100 dash and the 300 hurdles. Along the way, her 48 total points singlehandedly lifted the Yellow Jackets to fourth place in the team standings.

Coates managed the remarkable feat despite having to compete in all six events on the second day of the two-day event, held June 6 and 7 at James Madison University. Many of the Friday events were postponed due to bad weather, filling Saturday's schedule to the brim.

"It was basically a heptathlon in five hours for me," said Coates, who sometimes had only minutes between events, barely able to catch her breath. "I feel I did my best. It was exhausting, but I pushed through and am very proud of myself. I'm super excited about winning MVP; it's a great accomplishment."

The accomplishment was even more extraordinary considering that Coates missed two weeks of practice and competition in early April with a nasty injury. She had accidentally spiked her own thigh while landing on a long jump, ripping open a long gash that needed 43 stitches.



PHOTO COURTESY JIM AGNEW/MILESPLOT; INSET COURTESY RYLEE COATES

Northampton's Rylee Coates blew away her competitors in the 100 hurdles. She ended up winning six medals and scoring 48 points.

But last Saturday in Harrisonburg, she seemed almost invincible.

Coates wasn't the only Shore athlete to bring home gold from the state meet.

In the Class 2A boys championships, Arcadia senior Lavar Johnson won the triple jump, and Nandua sophomore Oberto Jean won the high jump.

"It felt great winning a state championship in my favorite event," said Johnson, who also finished sixth in the 100, seventh in the long jump, and anchored the eighth place 4x100 relay. "Preparation is a big thing. You work on your flaws during the regular season so that when it's time to perform on the big stage, you'll be ready to give your best."

Arcadia's boys finished seventh in the 36-team field, led by Johnson, Jordan Cropper (third in high jump), Lucas Djasley (fourth in pole vault), and Aaron O'Shea (fifth in each the 800 and 1600). Nandua's boys finished 18th in the team standings.

Nandua's Jean was unavailable for comment, but his coach, James Lawrence, said his high jumper showed astonishing improvement just in the last few months, going from a best jump of 6-0 early in the season to 6-7 to win the state.

"He was very relaxed and focused on fundamentals and just executed very well," Lawrence said. "I wasn't surprised at the height he cleared. He has worked nonstop."

Another Nandua athlete, Keira Wheatley, had hopes of defending her 2024 title in the high jump. Her goal was to clear 5-5 or 5-6, but her best jump of 5-0 earned her a fifth place finish. The winning jump was 5-5.

"I was very disappointed because I know my true potential and how well I can perform," Wheatley said. "It just really got into my head. I just couldn't stop overthinking about clearing the bar."

"Keira was almost there," said Lawrence. "Unfortunately, there is just not

a lot of room for error once you get past five feet. But I told her after the meet the results don't define how great you truly are."

In the Class 1 team standings, Auburn won the girls and Brunswick won the boys. In Class 2, Clarke County won the girls and Floyd County won the boys.

Eastern Shore finishers at the VHSL Class 1 & 2 State Track and Field Championships (all running distances in meters) were:

Class 1 Girls

100: 4 Coates, Rylee (Northampton) 12.73.

800: 12 Maquire, Lindsey (Chincoteague) 2:48.96

100 hurdles: 1 Coates, Rylee (Northampton) 14.68.

300 hurdles: 4 Coates, Rylee (Northampton) 48.17.

High jump: 2 Coates, Rylee (Northampton) 5-00.

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Track and Field

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Pole vault: 1 Coates, Rylee (Northampton) 10-06.

Long jump: 1 Coates, Rylee (Northampton) 17-05.

Class 1 Boys

300 hurdles: 11 Hope, Elijah (Northampton) 44.85.

4x100 relay: 13 Northampton (Jace Logan, Jeremiah White, Elijah Hope, Khaidn Davis) 45.24.

Triple jump: 8 Collins, Kendrick (Northampton) 41-05.75.

Class 2 Girls

400: 14 Bailey, Jaynae (Nandua) 1:05.87.

High jump: 5 Wheatley, Keira (Nandua) 5-00.

Discus: 16 Stern, Trinity (Nandua) 75-01.

Pole vault: 7 Reed, Jemelina (Arcadia) 6-00.

Class 2 Boys

100: 6 Johnson, Lavor (Arcadia) 11.16.

200: 20 Johnson, Lavor (Arcadia)

23.36; 18 Lewis, Camden (Nandua) 23.29

800: 5 O'Shea, Aaron (Arcadia)

2:00.59.

1600: 5 O'Shea, Aaron (Arcadia)

4:30.52.

110 hurdles: 7 Scarborough, Amari (Nandua) 16.04.

300 hurdles: 22 Scarborough, Amari (Nandua) 44.02.

4x100 relay: 8 Arcadia (Zyair Harmon, Brian White Jr., Kyshaun Elmandorf, Lavor Johnson) 43.63; 16 Nandua (Elijah Parker, Oberto Jean, Camden Lewis, Amari Scarborough) 44.65.

High jump: 1 Jean, Oberto (Nandua) 6-07; 3 Cropper, Jordan (Arcadia) 6-04.

Pole vault: 4 Lucas, Djasley 11 Arcadia 10-06; 10 Normil, Kerson (Arcadia) 9-06; 2 Wilson, Nakahi (Arcadia) 9-00.

Long jump: 7 Johnson, Lavor (Arcadia) 21-02; 14 White Jr., Brian (Arcadia) 20-03.25; 17 Cropper, Jordan (Arcadia) 19-10.50.

Triple jump: 1 Johnson, Lavor (Arcadia) 46-03.75.

Discus: 15 Smith, Zac (Nandua) 118-06.



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Nandua's Oberto Jean cleared the bar at 6-7 to win gold in the high jump.



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Hart lands and releases his first cobia



Bill
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Summer-like temperatures are starting to produce summer-time catches, as most of the warm water species have arrived in local waters. One of those summer-time species, the cobia, has shown up in good numbers in the lower Chesapeake Bay with catches re-

ported all the way up the Virginia portion of the bay, just in time for the June 15 opening of the legal cobia season.

Upper Shore

Captain Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that the middle Chesapeake Bay is holding lots of striped bass around shallow water bottom structure and around submerged grass beds, with most of the rockfish exceeding the upper end of the slot limit. The stripers have been hitting both artificial and natural baits.

Speckled trout fishing is also improving, with catches coming on peeler and soft crab baits, as well as artificials. Capt. Matt's clients recently enjoyed success with speckled trout while using POP-A-LICIOUS popping corks with 3/16-ounce Freedom Bait jigs and Berkley Gulp Swimming Mullet. Deeper water bayside structures have produced some catches of sheepshead and bluefish measuring up to 30 inches.

On the seaside, the new longer flounder minimum size has hampered most anglers' efforts with catching a limit of fish measuring at least 17.5 inches. Undersized throwbacks are greatly exceeding legal-sized fish. Still, the best tide for flounder centers around the last of the incoming through the first of the outgoing, with pink or red and white teasers tipped with Berkley



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Four-year-old Shaw Hart landed and released his first cobia off Onancock.

Gulp and large live minnows or silversides producing its share of the fish.

The inshore ocean wrecks are starting to produce a larger class of flounder, as well as a few sheepshead and black sea bass. Deep droppers are finding tilefish for their efforts.

Jimmy Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait and Tackle, said that the surf fishermen on Assateague Island are starting to see increases in the numbers of spot and kingfish (whiting). Large sharks measuring up to 7 feet in length and some large red drum have also been caught from the beach and over some inshore wrecks. Large sheepshead and limit catches of sea bass have also come from the wrecks. In Chincoteague Bay, flounder to 24 inches have been caught, but finding keepers is now much harder due to the increase in the minimum size limit.

Wachapreague

Captain Lindsay Paul, aboard the Al-most Persuaded, told me that the flounder bite continues to be good, with lots of undersized fish, along with some larger fish, being taken when anglers can find clear water and decent weather. Gulp Swimming Mullet, combined with a live minnow or silverside, continues to be the go-to flounder bait combination for most anglers.

The springtime drum bite seems to be over. Large black sea bass can be taken over the offshore wrecks when the weather and sea conditions allow. Captain Paul predicted that the offshore blue water trolling fishery should kick into gear any day.

Lower Shore

Tyler Nestor, at Oceans East —

Eastern Shore, said a larger class of flounder is now being caught along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and around its rock islands. The bigger fish are being caught on 2-ounce jigs tipped with large Berkley Gulp grubs and strip baits.

The sheepshead bite was reportedly "going off" at the bridge-tunnel, as the shop has registered numerous Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament citations. Lots of the larger sheepsies have been taken on 1 1/2- to 2-ounce jigs tipped with fiddler crabs or sandfleas.

Cobia are being caught on the shoals in the lower bay, with bottom fishing while chumming, as well as sight casting bucktails, twitch baits, or live eels all being effective techniques.

The third island of the bridge-tunnel is holding large schools of red drum. Savvy anglers are locating the schools using side scan sonar, then jigging over the schools with bucktails. The area off Kiptopeke is producing catches of flounder, croakers, and roundheads (whiting).

Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, told me that the flounder fishing has been "great" over the last week. Flounder measuring up to 25 inches have been landed on Gulp and squid combinations drifted along the Ditch and the Fisherman Inlet Bridge. Larger flounder have also been found around some of the oceanic wrecks.

Sheepshead and small black drum are being caught consistently around the pilings of the bridge-tunnel on crab and sandfleas.

The evening red drum catch and release fishery in the shallows around Fisherman Island is described as "incredible," with most of the fish hitting crab baits.

Cobia fishing is picking up with the season opening on June 15. Anglers are reporting large cobia being seen cruising the surface. Cobia have been caught and released while chumming and bottom fishing off Latimers Shoal.

The waters around the concrete ships are teeming with schools of large sand mullet (whiting), with croakers mixed in, while the piers are producing small croaker, sand mullet, and a few flounder.

Annual Bayside Poker Run set for July 26

The 19th annual Bayside Poker Run to be held on Saturday, July 26, will have a new wrinkle with the addition of Occohannock Creek to waterways boaters will have the option of navigating along the Chesapeake Bay.

Headquartered at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club and sponsored by the Pungoteague Ruritan Club and the Onancock Rotary Club, this year’s event will offer a north-south option and allow boaters to choose either Onancock or Occohannock creeks in addition to stops on Pungoteague and Nandua creeks.

The Bayside Poker Run is a fun event that creates a special camaraderie among boaters and culminates in an award ceremony on the grounds of the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, where boaters and their families enjoy a picnic prepared by the Onancock Rotary Club. They also receive dock prizes and await the announcement of the two

major winners.

Any boat owner may register to participate in the event, which is an opportunity to explore the bay and its tributaries in a fun and leisurely fashion. It is not a race but simply boaters choosing their own course and own pace to locate and visit five locations designated on a nautical chart with notes and guidelines.

The event has long offered a land option if rough seas made participants uncomfortable traveling by water. All checkpoints are easily accessible by land.

Competition in the event will be in two parts. The “navigational skill” part will be for boaters to plot a course that will enable them to “log in” at six specific locations, plus two mystery locations, within designated time allowances. These locations will be spread among the four creeks and will be disclosed to all captains simultaneously at a captains’ meeting on

the morning of the event. Points in this competition will also be earned in “Survivor-type” challenges in various activities.

The “luck” part of the event will involve boaters picking up a playing card at each of the six locations and bringing a poker hand to a final destination at 5 p.m. At this location all boats meet to disclose their hands and have navigation sheets evaluated. The navigation prize will be \$500 and the poker prize will be a fall vacation getaway package of equal value for a grand prize total value of \$1,000.

A raffle featuring a blue crab bronze sculpture by David Turner will also be held with the drawing at the awards ceremony.

Registration for the event is \$150 for the boat/vehicle and captain, which also includes four crew members. Extra crew beyond four members are \$25 each, and extra poker hand en-

tries are \$75. Entries include the meal at the awards banquet following the event and a chance at many dock prizes donated by local merchants.

Captain’s sponsors are also available for \$250 and include five crew members plus recognition on signs and in the program. Additional sponsorships of \$150 are also available for businesses and individuals who wish to support the organizations that will benefit from the proceeds of the event.

Registration forms must be received in advance prior to July 18. Entries will be limited to a number of boats and vehicles the committee feels can be safely handled, so don’t delay.

For more information or to obtain registration forms, email Courtney Nottingham at mrs.anott2014@gmail.com or call 757-710-5739 or 789-3500. Registration forms can also be picked up at 25020 Shore Parkway Suite 1E, Onley, VA 23418 (Onley Town Center).

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Eastern Shore spring all-district teams announced

The all-district teams and players of the year for spring sports on the Eastern Shore have been announced.

Softball

Arcadia pitcher Ryann Giddins was named Eastern Shore District Softball Player of the Year after a strong season in the circle and at the plate. Giddins, just a freshman, went 10-6 for the district champion Firebirds, posting a 1.44 ERA while striking out 142 batters. At the plate, she batted .493 with 22 RBI and scored a team-high 39 runs.

Joining Giddins on the All-District first team were Arcadia’s Brinlee Kauthen, Megan Montross, Kaylee Shreaves, and Payton Taylor; Nandua’s Kylie Killmon and Rihanna Tay-

lor; and Chincoteague’s Julia Dunston, Caitlyn McPherson, Carmela Rosanova, Faith Stadler, and Meredith Wright. Honorable mentions were Arcadia’s Olivia Lynch, Chincoteague’s Virginia Sawyer, Nandua’s Amirrah Church, and Northampton’s Ryleigh Caison.

Boys soccer

Northampton junior Sebastian Mayorga (16 goals, 13 assists) was named Player of the Year. Joining Mayorga on the first team were Northampton’s Luke Jones, Manny Montalvo, Martin Montalvo, Thomas Dix, Jose Palacio, and Gaike Kellogg; Nandua’s Kevin Tinoco, Alex Plowden, Gyan Baiju, Liam Aigner, and Daniel Macca; and Arcadia’s Ed-

win Tomas, Aron Perez-Sarmiento, Reynaldo Juarez, and Diego Santos. Honorable mentions were Arcadia’s Anthony Beltran-Gramajo; Nandua’s Daniel Martinez; and Northampton’s Fernando Palacio.

Girls soccer

Player of the Year was Northampton senior Lizeth Panuco (14 goals). Joining Panuco on the first team were Northampton’s Grace Smith, Jorleni Martinez, Ava Siegrist, Mencia Garro, Rosana Diaz, Yarisbet Cruz, and Virginia Brown; Arcadia’s Diana Hernandez, Lesley Cux-Sarat, Yantza Lopez-Mendez, Aitana Pedrazza-Mateos, and Daniela Hernandez; and Nandua’s Campbell Bays, Robyn Anderson, and Iris Martinez-Chaves. Honorable

mentions were Arcadia’s Alisha Posien-Rodriguez; Nandua’s Jordan Penland; and Northampton’s Hannah Lane.

Baseball

Player of the Year was Nandua senior Aiden McIntyre (.345, 5 HR, 0.99 ERA, 111 strikeouts). Joining McIntyre on the first team were Nandua’s Jordan Snead, Greg Lessard, and Hayden Williams; Arcadia’s Dalton Barnes, Dylan Chesser, BJ White, and Zach Giddins; and Chincoteague’s Kent Reed and Bryce Luck. Honorable mentions were Arcadia’s Jacob Delgado; Chincoteague’s Micah Bennicoff; Nandua’s Austin Wert; and Northampton’s Brock Leland.

Nandua kickers fall in state quarters; Jackets win by forfeit

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

When Nandua boys varsity soccer coach Miguel Diaz looks back on the team’s season, he sees a group that played hard, fought until the end, and came up just short of moving to the state final four.

“I couldn’t be more proud of these guys,” Diaz said after Nandua’s 2-1 loss to Clarke County High School in the state quarterfinals Monday, June 9.

Nandua was held scoreless through most of the game before Archer Johnson kicked a goal with two minutes remaining.

The last two minutes of the game featured multiple shots on goal by Nandua. But none of them eluded Clarke County’s goalkeeper, Drake Barton, who had shut out the Warriors with the exception of Johnson’s goal.

“Their keeper came up huge — two or three saves in the end. That was the difference today,” said Diaz.

The team will be losing six seniors following this season — Kevin Gonzalez-Morales, Isaiah Joseph-Williams, Alexander Plowden, Raul Santo-Castaneda, Allan Tomas-Tema, and Wilbur Ortiz.

The scene after the loss was full of hugs, handshakes, and emotion from a team already eyeing next season.

“It’s a young team,” said Diaz, “we’re looking forward to the future.”

Northampton advances

Northampton’s boys soccer team advanced to the Class 1A semifinals without even taking the field. The Yellow Jackets won the Tuesday, June 10, quarterfinal by forfeit over Appomattox Regional Governor’s Arts & Tech, which didn’t have enough players to make the trip to Eastville.

The Jackets were scheduled to face Auburn High School on Friday, June 13, in one semifinal. Auburn advanced with a 9-1 win over Patrick Henry in Tuesday’s quarterfinals. Eastern Montgomery and West Point were to meet in today’s other semifinal.

Today’s winners will meet in Saturday’s championship game at 12:30 p.m. All games are being played at Spartan Field in Salem.

Northampton is seeking to win its second state championship in the last three years. The Jackets won it all in 2023 but lost in last year’s semifinals.

Mark Moring contributed to this story.



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Nandua High School’s Kevin Tinoco works the ball around a Clarke County defender during a state quarterfinal game in Onley on Monday, June 9. Nandua lost, 2-1.



Nandua High School’s Archer Johnson, left, prepares to kick during Nandua High School’s 2-1 loss to Clarke County on Monday, June 9. Johnson scored the Warriors’ one goal during the game.

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JIMMY SHOCKLEY

At a special needs camp, a special time — in a special place

BY JANET BERNOSKY

Eastern Shore Post

More than 70 special-needs adults participated in a week of togetherness and fun activities at a day camp sponsored by the Eastern Shore District of the United Methodist Church.

This was the 36th year for the event, held May 19 to May 23 at Camp Occohannock on the Bay near Craddockville.

Founded in 1958 as part of the United Methodist Church's camp and retreat ministry, it welcomed its first campers in June 1959.

Many participants attend from local group homes and day support programs that are part of the Eastern Shore Community Services Board. A group home from Virginia Beach also brought its residents to camp.

For the second year, members participated from No Limits Eastern Shore, a private nonprofit supporting survivors of traumatic brain injury located in Tasley.

This year's theme was "Living on the Wild Side." To create the perfect atmosphere at the camp's Cokesbury Worship Center, volunteers arranged stuffed and inflatable wild animals around the room and as table centerpieces.

Campers were given binoculars and a safari hat to further set the mood.

Activities included games and sing-alongs, a hayride, a petting zoo, a talent show, a magic show, and a boat ride on the Chesapeake Bay.

David Lawrence, of Accomac, brought his certified therapy dog, named Hunter, a furry Golden Retriever and willing recipient of hugs and kisses from campers.

The Tuesday Line Dancers from the Exmore Moose Lodge invited campers to boot scoot to country tunes after lunch.

K. C. the Clown and ventriloquist, performed by Kelly Harris, of Onancock, made balloon animals and entertained on the piano. She also performed with her canine puppet sidekick, Dee-oh-Gee, who has his very own puppet.

For the past six years, Brenda Laws has served as the camp coordinator.

At the time she started as coordinator, Laws was already somewhat familiar with the camp, having been employed as an early intervention case manager with the community services board.

She is also an ordained deacon with the United Methodist Church and is the service pastor at their Sign Post and Greenbackville churches.

"The camp is a fun way to get out of the routine and do something else," Laws said.

She relies on a group of volunteers, parents, and staff from participating organizations to make the week a success.

Laws is already looking forward to next year and will soon get together with volunteers to begin planning, with one focus in mind.

"Our campers talk about this all year," Laws said. "For many this is their vacation. We won't let them down."



EASTERN SHORE POST/JANET BERNOSKY

Clients from No Limits were among those attending a special needs camp held in late May at Camp Occohannock on the Bay near Craddockville and sponsored by the United Methodist Church.



Ann Pettit James, of Nassawadox, was one of the campers in attendance. James also helps deliver copies of the Eastern Shore Post every Friday with a group of volunteers from the Eastern Shore Community Services Board.

EASTERN SHORE POST/JANET BERNOSKY

Bookmobile offers new chapter in reading

BY KAREN JOLLY DAVIS

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

Children in Northampton County can build their own home libraries, thanks to a bookmobile that was launched on June 5. Every time a child visits the colorful bus, they can take two free books to keep.

“Reading can change lives,” said Northampton County School Superintendent Lisa Martin at the bookmobile’s ribbon cutting. “We’re getting books into the hands of our young people to encourage them to be lifelong learners.”

The bookmobile is a community project, funded in part by the Northampton County Education Foundation and an \$18,000 gift from the Eastern Shore’s Rotary Clubs in Onancock, Exmore, and Cape Charles.

A Rotary district grant provided almost \$13,000 of the gift. The Cape Charles Rotary also raffled a model dead-rise boat, raising \$5,000.

The bus comes with a pop-up tent — a mobile reading room — where Rotary members and other volunteers will read to anyone who wants to listen.

“We want to teach kids to read for fun,” said Martin. “And with the children reading, the whole family is reading.”

The bus was initially filled with 3,447 books, three laptops, and a special battery to keep the electronics running.

Language arts specialist Susan Camden spearheaded the bookmobile project. Amy Flournoy helped identify an appropriate bus, carpentry teacher Billy Davis led students in building the gorgeous shelving that lines the walls of the bus, and Chris Truckner helped find funding.

“It was a lot of work, but it was fun,” said Camden.

The bookmobile’s first stop was at Cheriton’s Fun Day on June 7. The bus will next appear at the Juneteenth parade and celebration in Exmore on June 21.

Children from all schools, including those who are homeschooled, are welcome.

The bus is expected to be available at major public events as well as having a schedule of visits to local towns.



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Pictured from left inside the bookmobile are Northampton School Superintendent Lisa Martin, upcoming Cape Charles Rotary President Dr. Betty Bibbins, Susan Camden, and Northampton School Board Chairwoman Liz Jones.



Jim Ritch, former president of the Cape Charles Rotary Club and publisher of the Eastern Shore Post newspaper, and Northampton County Superintendent Lisa Martin cut the ribbon for the bookmobile.

CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague presented ‘Terrific Kids’ awards for the third nine weeks to students at Chincoteague Elementary School. These awards honor students who demonstrate a positive attitude, good character, responsible citizenship, and/or academic improvement. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Joshua Johnson, Avyn Ferguson, Brent Vollmer, Lorelei Charnock, Stella Mendoza, Drake Read, and Mackenzie Watkinson. In the back row are Dalila Metcalf, Avery Smith, Jacob Ward, and Ava Neal. Absent from the photo are Leland Lynch and Andrea Mendoza.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Chincoteague Island Library recently gave reading awards to students at Chincoteague Elementary School for the third nine weeks. Students were recognized for showing effort and/or improvement in reading. Students received a certificate and a \$10 gift card to Sundial Books on Chincoteague Island. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Jaxon Wolfgang, Edgar Flores Jr., Claire Caina, Lewis Bowden, Timothy Roszell, River Kilpatrick, and Phillip Cathell. In the back row are Anders Savage, Selene Mendoza, and Jack Jester. Absent from the photo are Cooper Cherrix, Leland Lynch, and Olivia Cherrix.

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Cape Charles, Chincoteague, Onancock receive state tourism marketing grants

More than \$2 million in matching grant funds will be awarded to 197 local tourism programs across the Commonwealth, including five on the Eastern Shore.

These awards are funded through the Virginia Tourism Corporation's Marketing Leverage Program, Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program, and VA250 Tourism Marketing Program.

The Shore projects include:

■ The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce and Certified Visitors Center received \$11,120 from the Destination Marketing Organization Marketing Program for a campaign called "Discover Fall on Chincoteague Island."

■ Onancock Main Street Initiative received \$10,800 for a Marketing Leverage Program called "O' The Fun You'll Have."

■ Refuge Inn on Chincoteague Island received \$4,760 for a Marketing Leverage Program marketing Chincoteague's natural wonders.

■ Cape Charles Main Street received \$2,000 through the Marketing Leverage Program to promote SailFest Cape Charles.

■ The Town of Cape Charles received \$10,000 through the Destination Marketing Organization Marketing Program to promote Cape Charles.

These grant programs are designed to pair state funds with local tourism marketing campaigns to increase visitation and traveler spending through 2026.

Local partners will commit more than \$2.74 million to match the grant funding, generating more than \$4.76 million in new marketing and event production focused on increasing overnight visitation across the Commonwealth.

The tourism marketing will ultimately benefit 1,130 small busi-

nesses and nonprofits statewide.

Administered by the Virginia Tourism Corporation, these grant programs are designed to increase visitor spending by leveraging limited marketing dollars to stimulate new tourism marketing through partnerships and to extend the Virginia is for Lovers brand to drive visitation.

Using the hub-and-spoke tourism model, Virginia entities create local partnerships to apply for funding.

Partners include Virginia cities, counties, convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce, destination marketing organizations, museums, attractions, cultural events, and other tourism nonprofits and businesses.

Each grant program plays a distinct role in advancing tourism growth:

■ The Marketing Leverage Program is a reimbursable grant program to leverage existing marketing funds available to Virginia travel industry partners, including small businesses, attractions, accommodations, events, and destination marketing organizations.

■ The Virginia DMO Grant Program is awarded to destination marketing organizations for marketing expenses that show positive and significant economic impact on tourism and must include marketing plans designed to drive visitation to Virginia.

■ The VA250 Tourism Marketing Program is a reimbursable grant program that leverages existing marketing dollars to support research-based marketing tied to America's 250th commemoration. Building on the "America: Made in Virginia" theme, the grant program is designed to drive visitation by highlighting Virginia's rich cultural and historical legacy.

'Happy Campers' to air on TV

Maryland Public Television will air the documentary "Happy Campers" on Monday, June 23, at 9 p.m. on MPT-HD and the Maryland Public Television livestream.

The 78-minute film will also be available for Maryland Public Television members with access to MPT Passport to view on-demand using the free PBS app following its broadcast premiere.

Produced and directed by Amy Nicholson, "Happy Campers" chronicles the final summer together for a small seasonal community of working-class families at Inlet View Campground on Chincoteague.

When their summer home is sold for luxury development, the residents face eviction and risk losing their neighbors. In the process, they reveal what it truly means to live a rich life.

A rough-around-the-edges family campground, Inlet View's blue-collar residents chuckle about paying modest rent for a million-dollar view, but what makes them lucky is what they value.

According to Nicholson, beneath a few trailer park stereotypes lies an improbable utopia where anyone who makes it past the gate is welcome. People take food to their neighbors. They look out for each other's kids. They share everything from power tools to simple pleasures. Loneliness

and isolation are inconceivable.

It was only a matter of time before the real estate industry caught up with Inlet View. The location is spectacular. Dolphins swim just offshore. Pelicans glide past stunning sunsets. Its assets read like a sales brochure. And yet, the real magic of the place is the people.

Over the decades, the campers and their trailers have grown deep roots. They brace for eviction and the loss of friendships that span generations.

"Places like Inlet View get wiped off the map all the time without anyone knowing they existed, and a piece of America's collective soul gets lost in the process," said Nicholson, a Baltimore native who has been visiting Chincoteague since childhood. "Being there for a short three years was life-changing. 'Happy Campers' is my attempt to share my own revelations about what society loses when too much emphasis is placed on affluence and to give voice to a community full of beauty and wisdom that doesn't immediately seem like it would possess much of either."

An encore broadcast of "Happy Campers" will air on Tuesday, June 24, at 2 a.m. on MPT-HD and the Maryland Public Television livestream. The program will remain available to stream on demand for two years.

Birding field trip planned June 18

Birding Eastern Shore is hosting a field trip on Wednesday, June 18, at 8 a.m. Veteran birders Maggie Long and Walter Childs will lead a walk around Seaview Farm.

This property is protected from development by a conservation easement with the Nature Conservancy. Seaview Farm's diverse habitats include woodland, pond, and marsh.

Expect to see a variety of song-

birds, warblers, marsh birds, and more.

Seaview Farm is located at 18119 Seaside Road, Cape Charles.

For more information contact trip leader Maggie Long 610-500-9971.

This program is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Birders should be prepared for ticks, the sun, mosquitoes, and the weather.

Learn more about Birding Eastern Shore at www.birdingeasternshore.org

Council OKs lease for farmers market space

BY SARAH BARBAN
Eastern Shore Post

The Onancock Town Council voted on Tuesday, June 10, at a special meeting to approve a lease between the town and the Onancock Market for the piece of land where a building housing the Onancock Winter Market will stand.

The lease stipulates that the Onancock Market will pay the town \$1 per year to use the land for a term of 20 years.

The town lawyer reviewed the lease before the meeting and didn't raise any concerns, Mayor Fletcher Fosque said.

Four members of town council voted to approve the lease as written. Joy Marino abstained.

During the public hearing prior to the vote several citizens raised concerns about the length of the lease and the \$1 a year rent. Maphis Oswald, who resigned from the council in May, stepped up to give public comment.

"A town lawyer needn't burden himself or herself with figuring out what is best for the town and its res-

idents; not just allow the proposed tenant to write it and make sure the rental requirements are at best \$1," she said. "If the proposed tenant will be anyone remotely connected to town officials, your perusal of the proposed lease can be limited to assuring all parties that it is a long-term binding agreement with no ramifications."

Janet Fosque, board president for the Onancock Market, said the lease was based on the lease between Central Accomack Little League and the town for the land where the ballfields sit.

Theresa Van Dessel, market manager, elaborated on why the market wanted a 20-year lease term.

"Our farmer vendors and indeed all our food producers need to know they will have an outlet from which to sell their products by the time their investments reach fruition," she said.

New vice mayor

When Oswald resigned from town council in May, the role of vice mayor was left vacant. The duties of the vice mayor include running meetings if

the mayor can't be present and being a second signer on checks.

Sarah Nock was unanimously approved as vice mayor.

Council vacancy

Oswald's resignation also necessitates filling her seat on council.

Since 2010, 10 people have been appointed to council. In half of those cases the next highest vote getter in the last election was appointed. The other half never ran for election and were appointed to council.

Nock said that because six months have passed since the last election, she would feel more comfortable if people interested in being on council would submit an application and were interviewed, rather than appointing the next highest vote getter. Those who ran in November wouldn't be barred from applying, she said.

The mayor asked Town Manager Matt Spuck to advertise the council vacancy with the intent of conducting interviews as part of the next town council meeting.

Town square, sign

Onancock's Tree Board is working to redesign the town square. Bill Burnham, who heads the tree board, said the redesign will include space for art or sculpture, new lampposts, garden spaces, and a focus on minimizing hardscaping. A final plan will be presented to the town council for approval.

The budget to redesign the town square and build a new entry sign for Onancock is \$130,000, Spuck said. ARPA funds are being used for both.

The new sign will feature a Turner Sculpture heron, which cost \$28,000.

Basketball court

Grading work has begun for the new basketball court in the northeast park. Once a gravel base has been laid, a paver will be contacted. A quote for the work hasn't been received. A total of \$8,900 in ARPA funds remains for the project. Spuck estimated the project would be done in six weeks.

BLOXOM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY CADETS COLLECT LITTER



COURTESY PHOTOS

On May 25, cadet members and the supervisors of the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company cadet program took to the streets with trash bags and gloves. They spent the morning walking through the town of Bloxom, cleaning up trash from the ditches and roadway to do their part in keeping the community looking beautiful. A total of 10 trash bags, several large pieces of wood, and numerous amounts of junk metal were collected.



COURTESY PHOTO

Steve Stokes, right, and George Bennett, left, members of Accomack VFW post 2296, delivered a donation check to DelMarVa Boy Scouts of America Council CEO Ray Teat at a recent community meeting.

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Master Naturalist applications open

The fall 2025 offering of the Eastern Shore Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists Basic Training Course is filling quickly.

Eastern Shore Master Naturalists are volunteer educators, citizen scientists, and stewards helping conserve and manage natural resources and public lands on the Eastern Shore.

The chapter sponsors and supports dozens of projects, providing a wide range of volunteer service opportunities to its members throughout Accomack and Northampton counties.

There is no minimum number of volunteer hours required.

The basic training course covers the background knowledges and skills needed to prepare master naturalists for volunteer service with the chapter.

This includes a wide range of topics with an emphasis on the nature and natural resources of the Eastern Shore. Completion of the course is required to become a member.

The course is planned for 10 consecutive Thursdays from Sept. 4 through Nov. 6, including classroom instruction and field trips. Classes are held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Eastern Shore Laboratory in Wachapreague. Classes run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The course fee is \$150. Limited scholarships are available.

For more information visit <https://www.esmn.org/volunteer/> or email esmn.contact@esmn.org.

Applicants will be notified about their acceptance on or before July 1.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ashley Austin received the Violet Richardson/Dream It, Be It Award from the Soroptimist Club of Accomack County. Pictured from left to right are Austin and Soroptimist Member Wanda Smith.

Austin receives Soroptimist award

The Soroptimist Club of Accomack County recently presented its annual Violet Richardson/Dream It, Be It Award of \$500 to Ashley Austin and \$500 to the Eastern Shore SPCA. Austin chose the SPCA as the non-profit to receive the other half of the award.

Named in honor of the Soroptimist founder, the Violet Richardson Award is given to girls between the ages of 14 and 18 in recognition of

their volunteer service or their community leadership.

This award recognizes young women who make their community and world a better place through volunteering.

This award is not a scholarship. The honoree receives recognition along with a monetary award, of which she receives half and the non-profit organization of her choosing receives the other half.

Birding field trip planned June 21

On Saturday, June 21, at 8:30 a.m. Birding Eastern Shore is taking a field trip to Nickawampus Farm. Birders will learn about the role conservation easements play in providing vital habitat for birding.

This is the third annual partnership of the club and Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust.

The 400-acre farm is managed for

wildlife. Numerous habitats including grasslands, pollinator meadows, woodlands, shrubs, non-tidal wetlands, and salt marsh offer a wide variety of bird sighting opportunities. Hosts Ben and Sam Willis, along with bird club guides Maggie Long and Meriwether Payne, will lead a two-hour walk.

Reservations are required. To reserve a spot contact Meriwether Payne at 757-710-2454.

This program is free and open to the public. Birders should be prepared for sun, bugs, and the weather.

JMU announces dean's list students

James Madison University announces that the following students made the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester.

- Miles McIntyre, of New Church
- Abigail Killmon, of Machipongo
- Kamryn Mears, of Greenbush.

Two from area on Radford dean's list

Radford University has released its dean's list for spring 2025. Appearing on the dean's list is the most prestigious academic recognition students can receive for their performance during a semester.

Students will be placed on the dean's

list if they meet four specific criteria. They must have 12 semester hours of coursework graded A-F; earn GPAs of at least 3.4 for courses not graded on a pass-fail basis; obtain no grade lower than "C"; and receive no incomplete grades.

They include Shauna Stubbs, of Oak Hall, and Victoria Coulthard, of Onancock.

JMU announces spring graduates

James Madison University is announces that the following students made are spring 2025 graduates.

- Lucas Parks, of Parksley, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in geology
- Caleb Floyd, of Harborton, who graduated with a bachelor's of business management degree.

JMU announces honors graduates

James Madison University announces the following students who graduated with honors during the May 2025 commencement exercises.

- Kaylynne Napoleone, of Wallops Island, who graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.
- Abigail Killmon, of Machipongo, who graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.
- Madelyn Sale, of Willis Wharf,

who graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in engineering.

JMU president's list is announced

James Madison University announces that the following students made the president's list for the spring 2025 semester.

- Taylor Thornes, of Onancock
- Abigail Hildebrand, of Melfa
- Janalee Beach, of New Church.



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Don't overlook critical role of government

BY ARTHUR UPSHUR

Guest columnist

Over the last few months, we have watched the Trump Administration upending the federal workforce to reduce government spending.

I have many friends who are cheering these changes because they have been frustrated trying to deal with the government and have developed an intense distaste for bureaucrats and their work.

By the way, many of these same folks have some equally caustic evaluations of our county government employees.

I wanted to try to make a few moderating comments here because this debate goes extreme so quickly.

The right often claims moderates are traitors and bureaucracies are part of the deep state of left-leaning policy.

Leftists claim moderates are inadvertent collaborators with evil right-wing extremists.

Both sides seem to preach a campaign of fight, fight, no compromise. It is exhausting.

Moderating points

So let me start with some moderating points.

First, I acknowledge there is phenomenal waste in many government programs. We fund things that we should not spend money on.

Worse, we often have so many anti-fraud rules that the program does not really work.

Anyone who has tried to apply for a federal grant will tell you that the paperwork seems endless and often the payment is so late that the qualified people either never apply or would have gone bankrupt long before the funds were available.

There are good discussions about what should be funded and what should be cut in some of these

budgets.

Programs often have a life of their own and we fund programs that do not work rather than change them into something more effective.

We all want to reduce ineffective spending.

But I also recognize that government spending provides government services.

Services 'we depend on'

There are a ton of services that we depend on from our governments. And I want those services to be provided competently with good customer service from our government employees.

I want the air traffic control system to be run by experts and staffed by talented and well-trained people.

I want to believe that our public health is managed according to the best science we have by some of the most talented scientists and dedicated health professionals we can hire.

We want the military to have competent personnel to run all that sophisticated equipment and to be effective and committed to protecting our nation from harm.

We want a weather service that continually incorporates the best information and science to continuously improve forecasting and warnings of dangerous conditions.

We want a park service that runs our national parks to facilitate their enjoyment by our citizens.

We want an Internal Revenue Service that can afford the equipment and personnel to efficiently and effectively collect everyone's taxes fairly.

And that list can go on a long time depending on what types of services from government you want to support.

I wish that were the debate we were having today — what services do we

want and what are we willing to pay for them?

'Lost in the debate'

But somehow, the notion of government services has been lost in this debate.

DOGE and the Trump administration have created conditions that make it difficult for government employees to work effectively for us.

Every government employee I know has felt insulted and degraded by the way the leadership communicates to them and disparages their work.

Many federal employees work in areas that they care deeply about. The workers at USAID were motivated by their belief that they were helping people out in other countries with food, health supplies, and more.

That means that any cuts would be resisted by those folks. That would be normal. But here is the thing: While I know there was waste at USAID, I also know that not all of those programs are corrupt or wasteful.

To destroy the entire budget? I am pretty confident that was stupid. To use an old expression, we threw out the baby with the bath water.

And I know, like most human endeavors, most of the federal workers in those areas were well-meaning, hard-working, and trying to follow the rules and regulations that they were tasked to work with.

I am sure there are a few bad apples. There always are. But my training as a manager, my life experience in our society, all of my relationships in life have taught me that you never punish everyone for the bad behavior of a few bad apples.

You get rid of the bad apples.

Workers 'as people'

Here is my plea: Keep trying to think about all those govern-

ment workers as people, not as bureaucrats.

They are almost all trying to do a good job.

They largely need our support.

Many have foregone more lucrative career options because they want to make a difference with their service.

Many work in a management or technical environment that is pretty ridiculous. But we need them.

We need their dedication, their expertise and training, even their enthusiasm.

We may not support the service they want to provide. That is OK. We can still support them. And at the same time, we can push for the changes that might enable us to support their work.

County workers, too

I might add, in passing, that the same goes for our county administration.

I have always felt they have helped me in any way they can.

It is easy to blame them for bad policies from our elected officials.

They may need our help because they have limited experience outside of that government service.

And they often are not working in the best conditions, with poor management and unending rules and regulations to negotiate through.

It is easy to blame them. But if you can, try not to fall into that trap.

We will always need to make our government less costly and more effective, with better customer service.

We obviously need good, talented people to get there.

Your support of the folks in government service is a necessary first step, even while we advocate for change.

■ *The writer lives in Northampton County. He is a board director and past president of Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore.*

CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY AWARDS



COURTESY PHOTO

The following students received Student of the Month for May at Chincoteague Elementary School. Pictured are, front row from left, Colton Bloxom, Spencer Linkous, Ella Jester, Ives Clark, and Laney Goodson. Pictured in the back row are Layla Harley, Jacob Ward, Scarlett Forney, Forrest Gibson, Olivia Cherrix, Makayla Fernandez, Jionna Smalls, and Aurora Breland. Absent from the photo is Jack Jester.

Town of Nassawadox
Proposed Budget Fiscal year 2025-2026

Estimated Income		Estimated Expenses	
Consumption Tax ANEC	1,340	Advertising	600
Meals Tax	7,700	Insurance	5,400
Real Estate Tax	55,000	Mayor's Discretionary Fund	1,000
Rent	3,600	Salaries	6,000
Sales and Use Tax	30,000	Derelict Buildings	6,000
Cigarette Tax	9,100	Ditch Cleaning	10,000
Intrest	2,500	Landscaping/Mowing	5,000
Grants	15,000	Trash Collection	37,500
		Utilities-Electric	6,100
Total	\$124,240	Grant Disbursment	15,000
		Office Supplies/Equipment	500
		Office Maintenance	1,500
		PTO Donation	1,000
		Library Donation	750
		RCMF Donation	3,500
		Transfer to Reserves	24,390
		Total	\$124,240

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- 1. WASTEWATER TREATMENT CHARGE** – All customers except those in the Small Communities

Consumption based accounts with water meters per 100 cubic feet*	\$9.03
Minimum charge per day – metered customers	\$0.30
Flat rate accounts (single family residential) per day: less than 1-inch meter	\$1.52
Flat rate accounts (single family residential) per day: 1-inch meter	\$2.61
- 2. SMALL COMMUNITIES RATES** – (Small Communities include Mathews, King William, Middlesex, Urbanna, Surry, West Point, and the communities of Virginia's Eastern Shore.)

Community	Wastewater Treatment & Collections		
	Rate Per 1,000 gallons	Residential Flat Rate per day Less than 1-inch meter	Residential Flat Rate per day 1-inch meter
Small Communities (except King William)	\$18.60	\$2.40	\$3.49
King William	18.77	2.43	3.52

Community	Wastewater Treatment Only		
	Rate Per 1,000 gallons	Residential Flat Rate per day Less than 1-inch meter	Residential Flat Rate per day 1-inch meter
Small Communities (except King William)	\$12.07	\$1.52	\$2.61
King William	12.24	1.55	2.64

Metered customers minimum charge per day \$0.30
Unmetered customers – Single Family Residential (Flat Rate per day) \$2.40
Unmetered customers – (Other than Single Family Residential) shall be billed a flat rate based on Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).

Service	Cost per ERU per day
Treatment and Collections	\$2.40
Treatment Only	1.52

Lawnes Point (a subdivision of Isle of Wight County) metered customers - billed the Sewer Rate published by Isle of Wight Public Utilities in addition to the Wastewater Treatment Rate listed in the aforementioned section 1.
- 3. TOWN WHOLESALE TREATMENT RATE** – Incorporated towns with population less than 2,000

Consumption per 1,000 gallons	\$3.55
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- 4. HIGH STRENGTH OR UNUSUAL WASTE SURCHARGE**

Type	In Excess of	Per mg/L per 100 Cubic Feet*	Per 100 pounds
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	297 mg/L^	\$0.000185	\$ 2.97
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	282 mg/L^	0.000617	9.88
Total Phosphorus (TP)	7 mg/L^	0.009068	145.25
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	57 mg/L^	0.003000	48.05

Other Unusual wastes may be assigned a special rate. ^ Domestic Quality Wastewater
- 5. NUTRIENT CREDITS**

Type	Asset Charge (\$/pound/year)	Operational Charge (\$/pound)
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$9.19	\$0.1279
Total Phosphorus (TP)	63.88	1.0723
Total Nitrogen (TN)	15.14	0.3185
- 6. HAULED WASTEWATER** (Indirect discharge/tank truck waste)

Type	Per gallon
Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)	\$0.3804
Other Approved Hauled Wastes	\$0.1849
- 7. VOLUME-BASED FACILITY CHARGE**

Water Meter Size	Facility Charge	Water Meter Size	Facility Charge
5/8-Inch	\$2,540	6-Inch	\$473,040
3/4-Inch	\$4,275	8-Inch	\$919,990
1-Inch	\$7,685	10-Inch	\$1,541,210
1 1/2-Inch	\$19,175	12-Inch	\$2,349,345
2-Inch	\$37,300	14-Inch	\$3,355,425
3-Inch	\$95,250	16-Inch	\$4,569,200
4-Inch	\$185,240		
- 8. SERVICE FEES**

Access Card Replacement	\$25
Account Documentation Fee	\$10 per account per 12-month period
Advance Service Fee	Based on previous 12-month billing
Damaged Lock Fee	\$100
Damaged Meter/Antenna Fee	\$250 plus cost of meter and/or antenna
Delinquency and Restoration Fee	\$15 plus cost imposed by water supplier, if applicable
Inaccessible Meter Fee	\$50
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Meter (Deduction) Fee	\$2.00 per meter per month
Meter Reading Fee	\$75
Meter Removal Fee	Based on the charge imposed by water supplier
Returned Payment Fee	\$25
Service Restoration Fee	\$100
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Additional information is available at: www.hrsd.com/finance or by calling 757.460.2261

SHORE LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Dugout Destroyers were the 2025 Shore Little League Coach Pitch Season Champs with an 11-1 season. Pictured, back row from left, are head coach Chris Ashton, coach Elijah Carpenter, and coach Dave Williams. Pictured in the middle row from left are Layne Kindt, T.J. Robinson, Kairo Kellam, Xander Williams, Max Lusk, and Santiago “Chago” Panuco. Pictured in the front row from left are Zayne Elting, Connor Ashton, Beckett Lewis, Zneia Bailey, and Colby Hart.



COURTESY PHOTO

Shore Little League 2025 Coach Pitch All-Star Champions won the best-of-three series against Central Accomack Little League with a two-game sweep. Pictured are, back row from left, coach Chris Ashton, coach Elijah Carpenter, coach Dave Williams, and coach Hunter Elliott. Pictured in the middle row, from left, are T.J. Robinson, Layne Kindt, Xander Williams, Tramir Savage, Samuel Haney, Max Lusk, Garland Sterling, and Grayson Shelton. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Colby Hart, Connor Ashton, Kairo Kellam, and Santiago “Chago” Panuco.

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Cape Charles’ Citizens for Central Park, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, has established an endowment fund with the help of Milton and Dona Usry, of Pensacola, Fla. The Usrys are pictured at right. In the picture at left, Joan Natali, vice chair of the CCP board, receives the \$20,000 check from Mark Usry, the CCP board chair.

Coulthard graduates from Radford University

Victoria Coulthard, of Onancock, graduated from Radford University with a bachelor of science degree in anthropological sciences during its spring 2025 commencement ceremonies held in May.

Nearly 1,400 graduates were awarded degrees during two main ceremonies, the graduate commencement and hooding on May 9 in the Dedmon Cen-

ter and undergraduate commencement on May 10 on Moffet Lawn. Students were joined by proud family members, friends, and faculty as they marked this milestone achievement.

This year’s graduating class includes 259 first-generation college students, with graduates ranging in age from 18 to 66 and representing eight states, Washington, D.C., and 12 countries outside the United States. The nursing program had the largest number of students graduating from a single academic discipline.



Town of Chincoteague FY25 Proposed Budget Amendment

The Chincoteague Town Council will hold a public hearing on **June 19, 2025** at 6PM for a proposed FY25 Budget Amendment. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at **6150 Community Dr. Chincoteague, Va. 23336**. Commenting by letter: Written Statements may be mailed to the Town of Chincoteague, **Attn: FY25 Budget Amendment, 6150 Community Dr. Chincoteague, Va. 23336**. Emails may be addressed to **mtolbert@chincoteague-va.gov** with the subject line FY25 Budget Amendment. All comments must be received by **5pm, June 19, 2025**. Written comments will be included in the meeting official record. Comments must include the commenter’s name and address.

FY2025 Budget Amendment Expenditures	Approved Budget FY25	Proposed Amendment	Variance
GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,586,140.00	\$9,809,614.00	\$223,474.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,586,140.00	\$9,809,614.00	\$223,474.00
HARBOR TOTAL EXPENSES	\$822,269.00	\$522,392.00	\$(299,877.00)
HARBOR TOTAL REVENUES	\$822,269.00	\$522,392.00	\$(299,877.00)
TROLLEY TOTAL EXPENSES	\$92,803.00	\$85,503.00	\$(7,300.00)
TROLLEY TOTAL REVENUES	\$92,803.00	\$85,503.00	\$(7,300.00)
WATER TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,028,000.00	\$1,085,207.00	\$57,207.00
WATER TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,028,000.00	\$1,085,207.00	\$57,207.00
CENTER TOTAL EXPENSES	\$218,400.00	\$244,794.00	\$26,394.00
CENTER TOTAL REVENUES	\$218,400.00	\$244,794.00	\$26,394.00

Details of the FY 2025 Budget Amendment synopsis can be reviewed at the Town Office.



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CHINCOTEAGUE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



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Chincoteague Elementary School Students of the Month for April are, back row from left, La'Elle Scott, Ethan Dennis, Cooper Cherrix, and Cambria Mazurek. In the front row are Harper Marks, Ryker Price, Taniah Knox, Thatcher Elliott, River Kilpatrick, and Parker Wood. Absent from the photo are Allyson Lewis, Khy'an Neal, and Marianna Lagunas.

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Tangier documentary to show at Roseland

After a celebrated world premiere at IDFA in Amsterdam and sold-out screenings at the D.C. Environmental Film Festival and Annapolis Film Festival, “Been Here Stay Here” — a quietly powerful portrait of life on Tangier Island — is coming home to the Chesapeake Bay.

The film will screen at the historic Roseland Theatre in Onancock with showings on Friday, June 20, at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 21, at 7 p.m., Sunday, June 22, at 4 p.m., and Tuesday, June 24, at 7 p.m.

This special run follows a recent, deeply moving evening on May 10, when the filmmakers returned to Tangier Island to host two free public screenings for the island’s residents.

It was a night of community, gratitude, and homecoming — capping a six-year journey spent documenting a way of life at risk of vanishing.

“Last month, we had the honor of screening the film on Tangier itself,” said director David Usui. “It was the first movie shown there since 1958. We were blown away by the response: The entire community showed up and stayed long after the credits to talk about what the film meant to them, how it captured their lives with hon-

ty and care. If that night was any sign, we believe audiences in and around Onancock will connect with it just as deeply.”

Told with rare access and quiet observation, “Been Here Stay Here” captures the enduring spirit of one of the Bay’s most iconic — and most endangered — communities.

At a time of growing division and climate anxiety, the film offers something increasingly rare: intimacy, empathy, and a chance to see the people behind the headlines.

Tangier Island is often cited as a symbol of sea level rise.

But this film refuses to reduce its story to crisis. Instead, it offers a portrait of resilience, faith, and deep-rooted belonging.

Audiences meet watermen, churchgoers, and families who have remained on the island for generations, even as the world around them changes.

“Been Here Stay Here” is not a traditional climate documentary. There are no voiceovers, no statistics — just the rhythms of life, filmed with patience, respect, and care.

For ticketing and full schedule, visit: www.roselandonancock.com View the trailer at www.beenherestayhere.com



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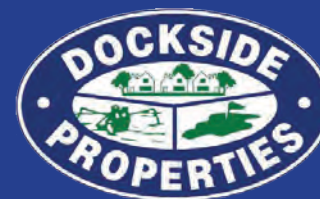
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Help Wanted

TOWN OF ONLEY POLICE OFFICER

The Town of Onley is accepting applications for a Full-Time DCJS-certified Police Officer.

A complete job description and application are available
at www.townofonley.org and applications will be accepted
until the position is filled. Applications will be received at
the Onley Town Office, 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA.

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PART-TIME GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is
accepting applications for a part-time grounds maintenance
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the lawns of various county-owned facilities. Other general
facilities maintenance duties may also be required. This is a
year-round part-time position with up to 35 hours per week
during the lawn care season and up to 20 hours per week
during the off season. Experience operating zero-turn lawn
mowers and towing trailers is a plus. A valid Virginia Driver's
license is required.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a
complete job description, requirements, and application
form at https://co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings.

Please submit completed county application form to Human
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Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications
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THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL JAIL COOK

Qualifications: Certified in food sanitation; over the age of 21

Duties: Plans, prepares and serves meals to inmates in
Eastern Shore Regional Jail

Hours: Must be able to work shift work, weekends, and
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Applications may be obtained from Northampton County
Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, P.O. Box 68, Eastville,
VA 23347.

This position is open until filled.
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Help Wanted

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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

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

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

Open until filled.

Apply in person at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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POSITION VACANCY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The County of Northampton is accepting applications for a County Administrator. A bachelor's degree is required, but a Master of Public Administration or a related advanced degree is strongly preferred. Significant professional experience in county or municipal government administration with a strong understanding of public sector operations is required, as well as a proven background in planning, zoning, redevelopment, or community development with demonstrated success in managing complex projects and initiatives. A demonstrated ability in fiscal management, personnel leadership, and strategic planning, including the oversight of budgets, staff, and long-term term organizational goals, as well as exceptional interpersonal skills with clear and effective written and verbal communication abilities suited to a wide range of audiences is required.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions and requirements: www.co.northampton.va.us Please submit completed resume with cover letter and contact information for three work-related references to Pracademic Partners (ian@pracademicpartners.com). This position remains open until a final selection is made; candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Northampton County is an EOE.

OPEN POSITIONS

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

- Building Inspector
- Code Compliance Inspector
- Planner/Community Redevelopment Specialist

Please refer to Northampton county's website at <https://tinyurl.com/yez6ra> for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. Positions open until filled.

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Mechanic I
F/T position with benefits
Starting Salary: \$37,202 - \$48,361
(based on experience)

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a full-time Mechanic I in the Department of Public Works. The position's primary responsibility is to repair, overhaul, fabricate, and maintain a variety of automobiles, trucks, equipment, and tools. Employees in this classification perform journeyman-level mechanical repair work. Position is responsible for inspecting, diagnosing, repairing and maintaining vehicles and equipment. **Minimum qualifications are:** High school diploma or GED; supplemented by one (1) to two (2) years previous experience and/or training that includes repairing automotive equipment; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Possession of an automotive A/C certification through either the EPA or ASE group, minimum of ASE certification. Possession of a valid driver's license. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Class A endorsement and a Virginia State Inspection License issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia within 12 months of hiring date.

Satisfactory completion of a background check, medical exam including drug screening, and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. DMV records check will be performed annually thereafter. Electronic applications are preferred, but paper versions will be accepted. The position is open until filled, with the review of applications beginning on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Additional details may be found online: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>

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- Ability to work independently in various field conditions
- Strong observational skills and attention to detail

Compensation & Benefits:

- Hourly wage based on experience
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The deadline to apply for this position is **June 13, 2025**. For information, contact Helene Doughty at hdoughty@vt.edu or 757-678-7946. EOE.

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Code Enforcement Officer I or II
F/T position with benefits
Starting Salary: \$39,061 to \$50,779
(based on experience)

The County of Accomack is seeking applications for a full-time position of Code Enforcement/Building Inspector in the Building, Planning & Economic Development department. The designation of Code Enforcement Officer I or II will be based on previous direct experience.

The position is responsible for enforcement of state, federal, & local laws and regulations, codes, and ordinances related to residential and commercial structures in a uniform and systematic manner. Applicants must be able to perform field work and may be assigned to do inspections in any location within the County.

Minimum qualifications: A high school diploma or GED; the ability to read and interpret building plans and specifications; experience with enforcing building and zoning codes and ordinances; ability to perform basic mathematical calculations. **Preferred qualifications:** Experience with Energov software program, ability to use mobile devices and platforms, and/or bilingual capabilities. Possession of a valid Driver's License and the satisfactory completion of a criminal history, drug screening, and DMV records check are required prior to employment. Job description and details are available online: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>
This position is open until filled, with the review of applications to begin on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

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Help Wanted

POLICE OFFICER – TOWN OF ONANCOCK

The Town of Onancock seeks a dedicated and community-minded Police Officer to join our team. Certification as a law enforcement officer in Virginia is **strongly preferred**, but we are willing to **provide training** for the right candidate.

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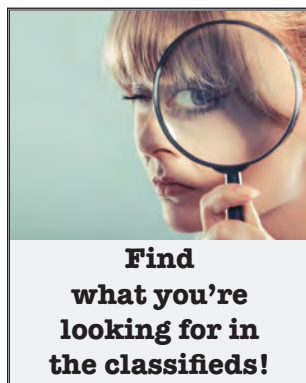
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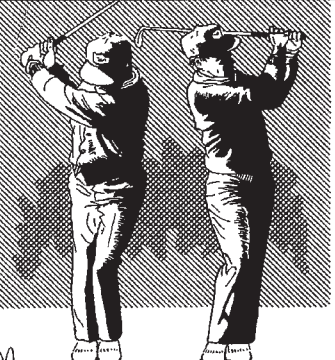
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Legal Ads

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. 24CL177
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re*: Divorce — Marcelino
Cifuentes Carrillo

MARCELINO CIFUENTES CARRILLO
28367 Sherwood Drive, Bloxom, VA 23308
v.
ANA VASQUEZ MARTINEZ
20875 Senedo Road, Edinburg, VA 22824

The object of this suit is:
TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE A VINCULO MATRIMONII

It is ORDERED that ANA VASQUEZ MARTINEZ appear
at the above-named court and protect her interests on or
before JULY 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

May 15, 2025
Caretta S. Harris, Deputy Clerk

FORECLOSURE SALE IN OYSTER BAY II COMMUNITY PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. described as: 5291 Pine Tree Way, Chincoteague, VA Parcel ID: 031B10300027800

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 55.1-1800 *et seq.*, Oyster
Bay II Community Property Owners' Association, Inc.
("Association") caused to be filed a certain Notice of Lien
on Real Property, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the
County of Accomack on December 4, 2019, and identified
as Instrument No. 190004608.002, a Notice of Lien on
Real Property, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit
Court for the County of Accomack on May 24, 2022, and
identified as Instrument No. 220002664, and a Notice of
Lien on Real Property, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the
Circuit Court for the County of Accomack on February 27,
2024, and identified as Instrument No. 240000692, and
appointed Pender & Coward, P.C., as Trustee ("Trustee"),
pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Trustee, and at the
request and direction of the Association, the Trustee will
sell the above-referenced property at public auction to the
highest bidder at **2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of June 2025,
on the front steps of the Accomack Circuit Court, 23316
Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301.**

TERMS: Announcements made at auction time take pre-
cedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information.
Successful bidder will be required to deposit with Trustee a
deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to the lesser of
\$20,000 or 10% of successful bid in cash or certified funds
at time of sale, with the closing to occur within thirty days
of the date of said sale or within such time set by Trustee
in Trustee's sole discretion. Written one-price bids will be
accepted for any of the properties pursuant to the terms set
forth in Va. Code § 55.1-1833. There is no warranty relat-
ing to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition.
Property is being sold pursuant to Va. Code § 55.1-1833,
and title will be conveyed pursuant to statute and subject to
all liens or encumbrances as provided in said statute. All in-
formation for review by appointment only. The Trustee re-
serves the right to accept and/or reject all offers. Time is of
the essence. Other conditions may be announced at the sale.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Pender & Coward, P.C., Trustee
222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 400
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
(757) 490-6261

TRUSTEE'S SALE 31510 SUNSET DRIVE, PAINTER, VA 23420

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated September
9, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$207,706.00
recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Acco-
mack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 201103422.
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 lo-
cation designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court,
on July 11, 2025, at 12:30 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 SIT-
UATE AT CEDAR VIEW, IN PUNGOTEAGUE MAGIS-
TERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
SHOWN AS LOT 22 IN SECTION B ON A MAP OR PLAT
OF THE SUBDIVISION OF CEDAR VIEW BEACH, AC-
COMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY KENTON B.
PATRICK, ENGINEER, ON JUNE 23, 1970, WHICH
MAP OR PLAT OF THE SUBDIVISION IS ATTACHED
TO AND EXPRESSLY MADE A PART OF A CERTAIN
DEED FROM GEORGE T. VINCENT, SR., ET ALS, TO
BEATRICE E. VINCENT, DATED JULY 7, 1970, AND
RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF ACCOMACK
COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 290, AT PAGE
499, WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE AFORE-
SAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 16, AT PAGE
30, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE
FOR A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE
PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED.

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 can-
cellation 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 con-
tract 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

PUBLIC NOTICE ACCOMACK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, the Accomack County School
Board will be holding its Regular Session School Board
Meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary
School, 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421.

Gretta L. Smith
School Board Clerk

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
vs.
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-162

The heirs and devisees of THEOPLES BAINES
THEOPLES BAINES

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 Northampton County, Virginia,
known as 5159 Emily Lane, and designated as tax map
number 00015-0A-BLK-00 0000106.

standing in the name of Theoples Baines, 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 Theoples
Baines; 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 Theoples Baines; and that Theoples
Baines is a nonresident of the state of Virginia whose
last known post office address is 36 Voshell Mill Road,
Dover, DE 19904.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once in the
Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein
appear on or before July 25, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the
Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of
Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to
protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 3rd day of June, 2025.

Traci Johnson, 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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The above establishment is applying to the
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CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY
for a Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages,
Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or
manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Kandy Peña

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

Legal Ads

**FORECLOSURE SALE
OF REAL ESTATE
IN CAPTAIN'S COVE
June 27, 2025, 10:00 AM
To be held at the Marina Club
in Captain's Cove Subdivision
3323 Dock Ct., Greenbackville, VA 23356**

The following properties will be auctioned:

Section/Lot:1-0569, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100056900
Assessed Value: \$1,300.00

Section/Lot:1-0665, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100066500
Assessed Value: \$11,400.00

Section/Lot:1-0771, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100077100
Assessed Value: n/a

Section/Lot:1-0820, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100082000
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:1-0834, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100083400
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:1-0844, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100084400
Assessed Value: \$20,000.00

Section/Lot:1-0862, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100086200
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:1-0869, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100086900
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:1-0878, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100087800
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:1-0890, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100089000
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:1-0901, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100090100
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:1-1060, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100106000
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:1-1068, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100106800
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:1-1077, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100107700
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:1-1104, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100110400
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:1-1550, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100155000
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0085, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100008500
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0097, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100009700
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0102, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100010200
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0103, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100010300
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0234, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100023400
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0239, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100023900
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0277, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100027700
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0360, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100036000
Assessed Value: \$20,000.00

Section/Lot:2-2508, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100250800
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1587, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100158700
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1655, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100165500
Assessed Value:

Section/Lot:3-1711, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100171100
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1755, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100175500
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1798, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100179800
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1511A, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A302001511A0
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1523A, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A302001523A0
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1529A, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A302001529A0
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1575A, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A302001575A0
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1576A, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A302001576A0
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1577A, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A302001577A0
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:4-1854, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100185400
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-1882, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100188200
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-1888, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100188800
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-1896, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100189600
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-1898, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100189800
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-1929, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100192900
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2015, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100201500
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2117, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100211700
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2124, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100212400
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2242, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100224200
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2250, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100225000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2253, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100225300
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2262, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100226200
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2268, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100226800
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

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

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

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

TRUSTEE: Pender & Coward, P.C.,
222 Central Park Ave., Virginia Beach, VA
Phone: (757) 490-6261
Email: capcove@pendercoward.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Accomack County Department of Public Works (VMRC #2025-0520) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to extend an existing groin adjacent to a public boat ramp located at 10122 Hammock Road situated along Messongo Creek in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2025-0520) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>

We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. David Kieffer (VMRC #2024-2592) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install a 25-foot riprap marsh toe sill adjacent to the property serving 37470 Bayside Drive situated along Chincoteague Bay in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2024-2592) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>

We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

INVITATION TO BID

Northampton County Public Schools is requesting sealed bids for L.P. Gas products and services for school cafeterias, science rooms, and maintenance facilities. Sealed bids are also being requested for food, supplies, and dairy products. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 23, 2025, when all bids will be opened and read aloud. For details and specifications, please contact Annette Kellam at (757) 678-5151, Ext. 2602.

Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE 2493 STONE ROAD, CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310 POSTPONED FROM JUNE 20, 2025 TO JULY 11, 2025

Equity Trustees, LLC is the Substitute Trustee under the Deed of Trust dated February 11, 2009, in the original principal amount of \$195,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia as Instrument No. 090000270.

A public auction of the Property was previously scheduled to be conducted on June 20, 2025, at 12:00 PM in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County and advertisements of the sale were published in this newspaper on April 18, 2025, and April 25, 2025.

In execution of the above described Deed of Trust, Equity Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on July 11, 2025, at 1:45 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, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE AND ABUTTING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 184, FORMERLY U.S. ROUTE 13, ABOUT ONE MILE EAST OF THE TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES, CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND HAVING A FRONTAGE ON THE SAID ROAD OF NINETY-TWO FEET (92 FT.), MORE OR LESS, AND RUNNING BACK IN PARALLEL LINES THEREFROM A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX FEET (156 FT.), MORE OR LESS, AND BOUNDED GENERALLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY THE VON CANON FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; ON THE EAST BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY JAMES H. FEESER, SR. AND SYLVIA L. FEESER; ON THE SOUTH BY VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 184; AND ON THE WEST BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY MARION ENGLEHARTDT.

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: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-165

vs.

The heirs and devisees of WILLIAM B. TANKARD
ROSE WILCOX

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:

PARCEL I: All that parcel of land in Northampton County, Virginia, being Lot 14, A.A. Davis, being tax map number 0003A-02-BLK-00 0000014.

PARCEL II: All that parcel of land in Northampton County, Virginia, being Lot 15, A.A. Davis, being tax map number 0003A-02-BLK-00 0000015.

standing in the name of William B. Tankard, also known as W. Boston Tankard, 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 William B. Tankard, also known as W. Boston Tankard; 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 William B. Tankard; and that Rose Wilcox is a nonresident of the state of Virginia whose last known post office address is 33 Ramblewood Drive, Wilmington, DE 19805.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before July 25, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 5th day of June, 2025.

Traci Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:

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

NOTICE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On July 14, 2025, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the County of Northampton, Virginia, for payment of delinquent taxes

Ames, Elmer
00084-0A-BLK-00 0000135
Anderson, Anna P.
00013-0A-BLK 00 0000026
Avgeros, Vivi Ulysses
0009B-02-BLK 00 0000006
Beckett, Sarah
00015-0A-BLK 00 0000028
Brickner, Richard J.
084C3-02-BLK 00 0000063
Christian, Terrelle
00058-0A-BLK 00 0000032
Church, Dorsey
058A2-0A-BLK 00 0000056
Davidson, Thomas M., Jr.
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Dickens, Gregoy A. & Rachel A.
012D1-02-BLK 00 0000006
East Coast Mobile Homes, LLC
0040B-06-BLK-00 00000A2
Rogers, Deon O. & Barbrielle G.
0040B-10-BLK 00 0000050
Root, Nicholas & Allison & David E. & Michele L.
00007-06-BLK 00 0000003
Scott, Howard H, III & Brittany Farl
00105-0A-BLK 00 0000050
Smith Beach, LLC
00010-08-BLK-00 000000B
Washington, Melissa A.
0040B-09-BLK-00 000001D

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

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**PUBLIC AUCTION
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The undersigned Substitute Trustee by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust from Jermaine Lavone Brown Sr. dated January 13, 2022, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack as Instrument Number 220000218, upon being requested to do so by the noteholder, and that certain instrument appointing the undersigned Substitute Trustee, dated May 28, 2025, duly recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 250001958, 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
AT 23316 COURHOUSE AVE.
IN ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA
ON THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025
AT 10:30 A.M.**

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

All that certain lot or parcel of land, with any and all improvements thereon, situate on the south side of Virginia Route No. 703, the public road leading from U.S. Highway 13 to the Village of Atlantic, in Atlantic Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, and bounded as follows: On the Northeast, by said public road for a distance of Two Hundred Feet (200 ft.); on the Southeast, by the land now or formerly of Carlon Collins for a distance of Two Hundred Feet (200 ft.); on the Southwest, by the remaining lands now or formerly of Larry K. Rantz, for a distance of Two Hundred Feet (200 ft.); and on the Northwest, by the land now or formerly of Charles F. Matthews for a distance of Two Hundred Feet (200 ft.). (Tax Map #04200A000000100)

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 become ineffective.

Being the same lot or parcel of real estate conveyed to Jermaine Lavone Brown Sr. by deed dated March 20, 2012, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 201201003.

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR
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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 Substitute 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 Substitute 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 his expense conveying said property with SPECIAL WARRANTY of title and tendered to the undersigned Substitute Trustee for execution.

For further information apply to the undersigned Substitute Trustee.

Given under my hand this the 6th day of June, 2025.

JOHN P. CUSTIS
Substitute Trustee
25020 Shore Pkwy., Suite 2A
Onley, VA 23418
757-302-4131

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, to consider and to hear public comments on two cases.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with site visits to the affected properties, in the order in which the cases are listed below. The Board will reconvene at or around 10:15 AM that same morning in Board Chambers in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting public hearings.

Appeal 2025-01: Michael Chernesky has appealed the County's Zoning Administrator's decision rendered on April 14, 2025, denying an "after the fact" administrative waiver request from the Chesapeake/Atlantic Preservation Area (CAP) for construction of a wood deck on the second and third levels of a residential dwelling at 13587 Solitude Trail, Machipongo, VA and is further described as Tax Map 48-A-4D.

Variance: CMH Homes, Inc. (property owner) and Betty Sewell (agent) are applying for a 22.6-foot variance from the required 60-foot front setback to install a double wide mobile home with two 4 ft. x 4 ft. decks. The property is located on Martins Siding Lane, Machipongo, VA and is further described as Tax Map 49-A-123.

The case files may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Written comments may be sent via email to olivia.bennett@co.northampton.va.us or may be submitted by mail or hand-delivery to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building.

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the files may contact the County at (757) 678-0443, ext. 516.

For questions on case information, contact the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office at (757) 678-0443, ext. 545.



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By Lucie Winborne

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Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. What relief pitcher, known for his blazing fastball, thick glasses and intimidating wildness, was a member of the New York Yankees' 1958 World Series championship team?

2. Ron Howard directed what 2013 biographical film that depicted the 1976 Formula 1 season rivalry between drivers Niki Lauda and James Hunt?

3. Businessman Y. Charles "Chet" Soda was a founding partner and the first general manager of what original American Football League franchise?

4. In the 1990s and 2000s, what baked goods did Oswego State Lakers hockey fans traditionally throw on the ice after the team scored against the rival SUNY Plattsburgh Cardinals?

5. What member of the Super Bowl XX champion Chicago Bears was ejected from a 2001 Chicago Cubs game after he criticized the home plate umpire over the Wrigley Field public address system?

Answers
1. Ryne Duren
2. "Rush"
3. The Oakland Raiders
4. Bagels
5. Steve McMichael
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CITY OF POCOMOKE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-6 SUMMATION

This is an ordinance of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council amending reports and traffic notices, including all traffic and parking tickets. Pursuant to the Charter of Pocomoke City, Maryland, the Mayor and Council of Pocomoke City, Maryland, amends § 220-6 and § 220-8 of the Code of the City of Pocomoke entitled Reports and notices of violations and Disposition of traffic and parking receipts, which is hereby reenacted with amendment as follows:

§ 220-6. Municipal Parking Citations

(1) It shall be the duty of the police officers of the City, with reference to vehicles parked in violation of this chapter or rules and in violation of this chapter or rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereof, to record the following information:

- (a.) The vehicle license plate information
- (b.) Vehicle type
- (c.) The nature of the violation
- (d.) The location of the violation
- (e.) Any other facts and knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.

(2) In the case of a municipal parking violation, each police officer issuing a municipal parking infraction will deliver the notice to the driver or owner of the vehicle. If the vehicle is unattended, the issuing officer will attach a copy of the parking infraction to the windshield of the vehicle. This infraction will include the violation, the location, vehicle registration plate information, where payment for the citation can be made, and date due of the citation. The citation will also inform the violator of their right to dispute the citation at the District Court.

§ 220-8. Disposition of Municipal Parking Infractions

(1) All fines received by the City for violation of the provisions of this chapter are not to be used for the payment of the day-to-day operating costs of the City. Use of these funds may be utilized for capital expenditures with the approval of the Mayor and Council.

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To Benjamin and Charlotte Whitney
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To Alena Punsal
Parcel E, Cobb Station Estates, Eastville district
For \$75,000

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To Cavalier Advisors LLC
Lot B, 19.51 acres, Saltworks Farm, Occohannock Neck
For \$275,000

■ From Edward Wells, trustee
To 217 Randolph Avenue LLC
Lot 523, western half, Cape Charles
For \$439,000

■ From Patricia, Thomas, and William Shockley Jr.
To JDL Farm Properties LLC
Part of Tract A, 101.25 acres and 1 acre, Fairview
For \$700,000

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To Richard Sasso and Maria Jaramillo Aillon
Lot 20, Cape Charles
For \$190,000

■ From Trustee Services of Virginia LLC
To Planet Homes Lending LLC
Lot 51D, New Road Community, Exmore
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2 lots near Jamesville
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Accomack Property Transfers

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To John and Theresa Davidson
3120 Amidship Drive, Greenbackville
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To Lewis Clark & Sons LLC
Parcel, 3.32 acres, Chincoteague
For \$460,000

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To Gabrielle Bredell
Captain's Cove Lot 2156, Section 4, Greenbackville
For \$1,500

■ From Kim Jones and Richard Butler Jr.
To Joseph and Jennifer Rossetti
37467 Bayside Drive, Greenbackville
For \$425,000

■ From Feyer Investment LLC and Casandra Saagman
To Li Min Ni
28138 Fairway Drive, Melfa
For \$360,000

■ From Derrick Ayers
To Irene Gaskins and Gloria Fuqua
16127 Savagetown Road, Painter
For \$2,500

■ From Doreen and Robert Sweigart Jr.
To Sharon Sweigart
Trails End Lot 378, Unit 1, Horntown
For \$24,500

■ From Peggy Pruitt
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27290 Lankford Highway, Melfa
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■ From Rhonda Robinson
To Norman and Janya Malone
12043 Hummingbird Lane, Painter
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To David and Helena Ross
Captain's Cove Lot 1614, Section 3, Greenbackville
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■ From Dwayne Baxter and Diane Beard
To Timothy and Michael Ross
Trails End Lot 216, Unit 3, Sheet 3, Horntown
For \$50,000

■ From Equity Trustees LLC and Fannie Williams
To Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust HB13
30513 Boston Road, Pungoteague
For \$60,000

■ From Caz and Glenn Salvador
To Terry and Harry Barrett III, trustees
14288 Dogwood Lane, Belle Haven
For \$532,500

■ From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Candice and Terry Daley Jr.
To T. Wilson Jr.
4419 Chambers Lane, Tangier
For \$2,617

■ From Elizabeth Jorsey, individually and as attorney-in-fact of Robert Dobbs, and Deborah Richards
To Ronald and Teri Watkins
17 Ames St., Onancock
For \$499,000

■ From Roann Schneider
To Connie Smith
6570 Coach's Lane, Unit 207, Chincoteague
For \$129,900

■ From Kitty Rose
To Gem Home Improvements LLC
12061 Taylor St., Hallwood
For \$40,000

■ From Pamela and Alexander Milwid and Anita Johnson, co-executor
To Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
5185 Bluepoint Drive, Horntown
For \$16,000

■ From Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
To Ernest Montley Jr.
5185 Bluepoint Drive, Horntown
For \$26,000

■ From Nancy Hill by Donna Phillips, attorney-in-fact
To Nykeva Sledge and Stephen Holland
7372 Lankford Highway, Oak Hall
For \$192,780

■ From CMH Homes Inc.
To Lisa and Ricky Knox Jr.
27023 Nelsonia Road, Bloxom
For \$185,060

■ From Winnie McAdams
To Howard Rumbley Sr.
Lots in Machipongo Shores, Quinby
For \$43,700

■ From Gregory and Emmajane Olinde
To Robert and Kristal Green
Captain's Cove Lot 2043, Section 4, Greenbackville
For \$1,000

■ From Brian Parsons
To Lori and Daniel Kendall
Lot 3, 3 acres, East Point Harbour, Onancock
For \$150,000

■ From Stefanie Beach
To Thomas Michaud and Susan Hosie
20318 James Ave., Quinby
For \$295,000

■ From Sadrack Antenor
To Mary Supino
Parcels at 20369 Deep Creek Road, Onancock
For \$107,500

■ From Holland Land Company LC
To Stacey and Fernando McClellan
37004 State Line Road, Greenbackville
For \$339,000

■ From Tafari Tamrat, trustee, and Roy Parker
To George Brown and James Warren, trustees
20148 Lankford Highway, Parksley
For \$40,000

■ From John Custis, trustee, and Benjamin and Elen Osmanson
To LJH Investments LLC
36 Ames St., Onancock
For \$200,000

■ From John and Kathryn Kollegger
To CHC Inc.
Lot 27A, Corbin Hall, Horntown
For \$70,000

■ From ERB Farms LLC
To James and Cheryl Evans
Parcels on John Caine Road, Parksley
For \$700,000

■ From Brian and Stephanie Tupper
To William and Michelle Simpson
2253 Pike Drive, Greenbackville
For \$272,100

■ From Beverly Brittingham
To Martha and John Byrnes III
5 Richardson Ave., Wachapreague
For \$220,000

■ From Darrell Bittle
To Riley Hook and Huthayfa and Obada Owies
28235 Harbor Road, Melfa
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■ From Susan Delise, Julie Dortone, and Stephen, Nancy, and Joseph Tatum
To Jeffrey and Susanne Tatum
166 Bluebill Drive, Horntown
For \$5,000

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To Brandon and Kelly Tatum
165 Bluebill Drive, Horntown
For \$5,000

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Public Records

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■ From Gregory Addison
To Reese Builders Inc.
Captain’s Cove Lot 81, Section 5, Greenbackville
For \$1,000

■ From Eleana Katsetos
To Atanael Gonzalez Valasquez and Guadalupe Arisbet
Mendoza Rodriguez
4302 Nelson Road, New Church
For \$40,000

■ From Gregory Addison
To Reese Builders Inc.
Captain’s Cove Lot 2427, Section 5, Greenbackville
For \$1,000

■ From William and Lisa Kambarn
To Martin Watkinson
Lot on Olde Mill Lane, Wattsville
For \$27,000

■ From Mark Crocker
To Daniel Lincoln and Candace Sanders, trustees
Parcels in Bloxom
For \$170,000

■ From Brooks Shaw
To Mark Smith II
23410 Oyster House Road, Accomac
For \$325,000

■ From Cynthia and Clyde Pruitt Jr.
To Rosetta Crockett
4458 Hilda Crockett Lane, Tangier
For \$20,000

■ From William and Nancy Hefley
To Jason and Joyce Mancuso
Corbin Hall Lot 121, Phase 3, Horntown
For \$33,000

■ From Samuel I. White PC, trustee, and Crystal Zodun
To NKM Properties LLC
27220 Bayly’s Neck Road, Accomac
For \$240,000

■ From Terence Trader and Clinton Justis
To Avis Savage
23449 House of Ruth Lane, Accomac
For \$7,828.66

■ From John and Karen Nold
To Dianne Zier
Lot 5, Marsh Island, Chincoteague
For \$115,000

■ From Scott and Robert Nicely
To Ronnie Payne
Trails End Lot 128, Unit 3, Sheet 3, Horntown
For \$27,000

■ From Mary Ogburn
To Julie Vrabec
22055 Hopkins Road, Parksley
For \$130,000

■ From Henry and Wanda Johnson
To Margarita Roblero
Parcels in Mappsville
For \$2,000

■ From Randy Eller, sole director and trustee
To Salt Meadow Estates LLC
Snead 27.33 acres, Onancock
For \$676,000

■ From Charlee Paguay
To Ottoniel Morales Medina
Lots in Parksley
For \$357,000

■ From William Nickel III
To HB Doe Creek Holdings LLC
Ewing Tract, 33.5 acres, Onancock
For \$217,750

■ From Storm Stays LLC
To Ann Aldrich
35592 Belle Haven Road, Belle Haven
For \$289,000

■ From Mercedes Carlton
To James Martin and Efigenia Barbara Da Silva Reis
2477 Skipper Court, Greenbackville
For \$335,000

■ From Debara Bellante
To David Piepenbrink
47 Hill St., Onancock
For \$206,500

■ From Joseph Altobelli and Selene Almazan
To Steven and Leslie Gordon
Parcels on Pension Street, Chincoteague
For \$585,000

■ From Island Butterfly LLC
To BT Island Holdings LLC
Gillespie Lot, 2 acres, Atlantic
For \$65,000

■ From Robert and Teresa Kauffman
To Thomas and Margaret Brown
6043 Nautilus Drive, Horntown
For \$80,350

■ From Chris Willey and David, Dwayne, Mark, and
Ricky Crow Jr., Tammy Gray, Jean Jones, and Melissa
Tomaselli
To Messing Creek Branch LLC
Parcels in Hallwood
For \$100,000

■ From Sue Kellam, trustee
To Harry and Patricia Parker
McCommell 2 acres, Pungoteague
For \$25,000

■ From Kenpar LLC
To Raul and Victor Velasquez Escalante and Yamilet Sanchez
15170 Quail Lane, Painter
For \$300,000

■ From Kathy Taylor, Cristy Watson, and James Moyer Jr.
To Andrew Cherrix
7446 Wallops Millpond Road, Wattsville
For \$285,000

■ From Ashley and Ronald McIntyre II
To Trisha Swier
26016 Marshall St., Bloxom
For \$98,000

■ From Jacqueline James and Tyrone and Diallo Sessoms
To CMH Homes Inc.
31624 Boston Road, Painter
For \$31,270

■ From Kathy Patton
To George Adams
8024 Hickman Farm Road, Wallops Island
For \$195,000

■ From ALG Trustee LLC, substitute trustee, Sunnyvale
Mobile Homes LLC, Wilmington Savings Fund Society,
owner trustee, and Skylar McKinney
To Aspen Income LLC
19470 Christopher Lane, Painter
For \$300,000

■ From Julia Wang
To Kevin Yang
19374 Plantation Road, Onancock
For \$15,000

■ From Michelle Evans and Melissa Cold
To Katy Snyder
19504 Saxis Road, Saxis
For \$175,000

■ From Joan and Burleigh Doughty Jr.
To Isaias Roel Morales Gomez
19332 Council St., Melfa
For \$100,000

■ From Thomas and Carla Uss, trustees
To Elizabeth Fenner, trustee
4496 Main St., Chincoteague
For \$598,500

■ From Lillian Swartzbaugh
To Julie Merritt
Captain’s Cove Lot 34, Section 9, Greenbackville
For \$4,500

■ From R & B Shore Investments LLC
To Boreas Hyla Crucifer 44 LLC
24085 Bennett St., Parksley
For \$200,000

■ From George and Christine Lane
To Carl and Linda Bacchi
28247 Harbor Road, Melfa
For \$189,100

■ From John Benedetti
To Amanda and Eddie Montalvo
20532 Pickpenny Road, Melfa
For \$425,000

■ From Robert Brownlie Jr.
To Last Hurrah LLC
24108 Allentown Road, Accomac
For \$110,000

■ From Andrew and Antoine Arrage Jr.
To James and Barbara Burr
20418 Bluebill Lane, Onancock
For \$200,000

■ From Terri Keeler
To Bradley Stewart and Iulia Borovic
11380 Hacksneck Road, Hacksneck
For \$132,000

■ From Larry and Marna Andrew
To Christopher and Erin Harmon
5457 Oak Drive, Chincoteague
For \$429,000

■ From Deborah and Maurice Poole Jr.
To Glenn and Brenda Smith
Lots 11 and 12, Section II, Turlington Acres, Parksley
For \$36,000

■ From Virginia Cluckers LLC
To Me Encanta LLC
Real estate near Parksley
For \$170,000

■ From REX VA 74 LLC
To Fritzner and Murielle Exantus
26555 Texaco Town Road, Melfa
For \$199,999

■ From ETCC Investment Co.
To Annette Jernigan
Lot in Onancock
For \$50,000

■ From Nina Shaw
To Pungoteague Creek LLC
28130 Fairway Drive, Melfa
For \$175,000

■ From Billy Baker
To Guillermo and Juana Manzano
4 acres south of Hallwood
For \$100,000

■ From Thomas and Claudia Ashton
To Alicia Bone
Lot 5, Cedar Cove, Assawoman
For \$30,000

■ From Phillips Home Solutions LLC
To Michael Orndorff and Erica Hegarty
25437 West Main Street, Onley
For \$370,000

■ From Victor Solis
To Elio Sebastian Escalante Ramirez and Betty M. Lopez Perez
19279 Country Court, Parksley
For \$80,000

■ From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Sotos
Modular Homes LLC
To Eden Saucedo and Rubelina Escalante
Boston Park, Section II, Painter
For \$16,000

■ From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Edna Hall
To Petra Vazquez Figueroa and Greyver David Roblero Vazquez
22653 Leemont Road, Parksley
For \$45,000

■ From Edward Jones Trust Company, executor
To Gregory and Devon Pass
14395 Terrapin Station, Painter
For \$360,000

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Public Records

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■ From Valerio and Eddie Montalvo
To Richard Bolling
18205 Mappsburg Road, Painter
For \$495,000

■ From Louise Tull
To Bobcat Builders LLC
Lot B, Bunting Pond Road, Chincoteague
For \$80,000

■ From Sarah Laird
To William Walters Jr. and Helen Vinnie
Metompkin Point Lot 49A3, Parksley
For \$19,000

■ From Mark and Vicky Whittington
To Mike and Melody Yung
31500 Sunset Drive, Painter
For \$440,000

■ From Racing Moon LLC
To Eli Grobin and Hannah Mulanax
4425 Eastwinds, Chincoteague
For \$279,000

■ From Richard and Elaine Benaburger
To Christina and Justin Harshman
Captain's Cove Lot 673, Section 1, 6,650 square feet,
Greenbackville
For \$8,000

■ From Robert Allen Sr.
To Marcus Martin
26461 Logan Road, Onley
For \$187,000

■ From Denise and Ronald Horst Jr.
To Kristy and Robert Chunta Jr.
Captain's Cove Lot 1862, Section 4, Greenbackville
For \$20,000

■ From Equity Trustees LLC, substitute trustee, and Julia Roe
To WWT Properties LLC
10354 Jerusalem Road, Temperanceville
For \$192,000

■ From Leslie Trimble
To Charles and Annett Wilbur
20 Bayview Ave., Wachapreague
For \$202,000

■ From Andrew Robinson
To Mark and Sandra Keyes
Lot 1, Creek Acres, Mount Nebo Road, Onancock
For \$210,000

■ From Tyler and Katlyn Lambert
To Kathy and Thomas Bailey Sr.
Trails End Lot 400, Unit 2, Sheet 2, Horntown
For \$42,500

■ From John Benedetti
To Angela and Benjamin Hampshire
53.14 acres in Melfa
For \$165,000

■ From Lynda Clary
To Anita Johnson, trustee
16304 Main Ridge Road, Tangier
For \$70,000

■ From Robin Lewers
To Justin Sanders
9453 Southwind Road, Atlantic
For \$311,700

■ From Equity Trustees LLC, substitute trustee, and Rita
and Relford Matthews
To Holden V LLC
3304 High Sea Drive, Greenbackville
For \$225,983

■ From Shelly Studebaker
To Mark and Janine Crowley
5118 Pintail Drive, Horntown
For \$108,000

■ From L & K Rantz LLC
To Thomas Hill Sr.
Taylor Farm property, Boggs Road, Painter
For \$90,000

■ From Patricia Nottingham
To Matthew Hart
18184 Lee St., Keller
For \$90,000

■ From Romeo Lopez Velasquez and Shenyn Escalante Lopez
To Marcela Contreras Salazar
23328 School St., Accomac
For \$72,000

■ From Weston Beach, trustee, and Wade Beach Jr.
To John and Robin Kline
0.26 acre, Main Street, Chincoteague
For \$300,000

■ From Curtis, Lynn, and Thomas Badger II
To Tina and Jeffrey Tranauskas
16.88 acres, Onancock
For \$62,000

■ From Jeffrey and Susan Harrison
To Lance White
1522 Ellis St., Greenbackville
For \$14,000

■ From Gaskins Chapel AME Church and Vencel Harris, trustee
To Gem Home Improvements LLC
26198 Savageville Rd., Onancock
For \$76,000

■ From HSBC Bank USA N.A., indenture trustee, and
PHH Mortgage Corporation, attorney-in-fact
To Shawn Daugherty
3273 Colona St., Chincoteague
For \$127,500

■ From Roy and Shadell Bowser
To Joseph and Jeannine Bacsa
Nocks Landing, Phase II, Lot 4, Atlantic
For \$63,900

■ From Douglas Muhle
To Whispering Pines Farm LLC
Real estate near Modest Town
For \$630,000

■ From Bernardita Morton
To Aletha and Robert Reed Jr.
18379 Red Hill Road, Painter
For \$229,000

■ From Larry Weisner and Patricia Sewell
To Cynthia Eddy
Lots 83 and 84, Parksley
For \$362,500

■ From Eric and Kimberly Dennis
To Kara Karr
6365 Cropper St., Chincoteague
For \$365,000

■ From Shacara Parker-Wharton and Christopher Wharton
To CMH Homes Inc.
Lot 5, Block B, Hunting Creek Estates, Greenbush
For \$20,000

■ From Reasonable Affordable Properties LLC
To Jaquana Ward
14170 Linhaven Circle, Painter
For \$9,000

■ From Elias Investment Group LLC
To Fingerlickinggood LLC
32458 Holland Farm Road, Assawoman
For \$469,000

■ From Aundrea Naylor, personal representative
To Alison and Cole Heffner
6474 Church St., Chincoteague
For \$290,000

■ From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Greg-
ory Gonzales
To My Voice My Choice LLC
Captain's Cove Lot 12, Section 8, Greenbackville
For \$1,200

■ From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Dean
and Hilary Cockney
To My Voice My Choice LLC
Captain's Cove Lots, Greenbackville
For \$750

■ From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Lynne
and Kenneth Baker Jr.
To Keshon Veney
Captain's Cove Lot 98, Section 7, 9,852 square feet,
Greenbackville
For \$500

■ From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Rhonda
Johnson
To T. Wilson
Pefley Beach, Section 1, Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 through 25, Saxis
For \$3,500

■ From Joseph and Karen Cofer
To Lawrence and Kathleen Spoth
23 King St., Onancock
For \$1,299,999

■ From Kimberly Mulvaney and Catherine Creager
To Brittany Burns
14502 Shore Drive, Melfa
For \$225,000

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Seaside

Bayside

		Friday June 13		Saturday June 14		Sunday June 15		Monday June 16		Tuesday June 17		Wednesday June 18		Thursday June 19
Assateague Beach	H L	10:15 a.m. 4:21 p.m.	H L	10:58 a.m. 5:05 p.m.	H L	11:43 a.m. 5:54 p.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 6:48 p.m.	H L	1:24 p.m. 7:38 a.m.	H L	2:21 p.m. 8:26 a.m.	H L	3:21 p.m. 9:16 a.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	10:11 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	H L	10:54 a.m. 4:54 p.m.	H L	11:41 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	H L	12:33 p.m. 6:42 p.m.	H L	1:28 p.m. 7:26 a.m.	H L	2:27 p.m. 8:14 a.m.	H L	3:26 p.m. 9:06 a.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	11:11 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	H L	11:54 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	H L	12:39 p.m. 6:33 p.m.	H L	1:27 p.m. 7:29 a.m.	H L	2:20 p.m. 8:17 a.m.	H L	3:17 p.m. 9:05 a.m.	H L	4:17 p.m. 9:55 a.m.
Folly Creek	H L	11:04 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	H L	11:47 a.m. 5:29 p.m.	H L	12:32 p.m. 6:18 p.m.	H L	1:20 p.m. 7:14 a.m.	H L	2:13 p.m. 8:02 a.m.	H L	3:10 p.m. 8:50 a.m.	H L	4:10 p.m. 9:40 a.m.
Wachapreague	H L	10:41 a.m. 4:26 p.m.	H L	11:23 a.m. 5:08 p.m.	H L	12:06 p.m. 5:55 p.m.	H L	12:53 p.m. 6:51 p.m.	H L	1:44 p.m. 7:37 a.m.	H L	2:39 p.m. 8:27 a.m.	H L	3:39 p.m. 9:17 a.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	10:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	H L	10:58 a.m. 4:44 p.m.	H L	11:43 a.m. 5:33 p.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 6:27 p.m.	H L	1:24 p.m. 7:17 a.m.	H L	2:21 p.m. 8:05 a.m.	H L	3:21 p.m. 8:55 a.m.
Machipongo	H L	10:45 a.m. 4:29 p.m.	H L	11:28 a.m. 5:13 p.m.	H L	12:13 p.m. 6:02 p.m.	H L	1:01 p.m. 6:56 p.m.	H L	1:54 p.m. 7:46 a.m.	H L	2:51 p.m. 8:34 a.m.	H L	3:51 p.m. 9:24 a.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	2:03 p.m. 8:38 a.m.	H L	2:48 p.m. 9:20 a.m.	H L	3:36 p.m. 10:04 a.m.	H L	4:30 p.m. 10:50 a.m.	H L	5:27 p.m. 11:37 a.m.	H L	6:29 p.m. 12:27 p.m.	H L	6:45 a.m. 1:18 p.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	2:40 p.m. 9:12 a.m.	H L	3:23 p.m. 9:51 a.m.	H L	4:08 p.m. 10:33 a.m.	H L	4:55 p.m. 11:20 a.m.	H L	5:45 p.m. 12:09 p.m.	H L	6:37 p.m. 12:59 p.m.	H L	6:57 a.m. 1:51 p.m.
Guard Shore	H L	2:32 p.m. 9:08 a.m.	H L	3:15 p.m. 9:47 a.m.	H L	4:00 p.m. 10:29 a.m.	H L	4:47 p.m. 11:16 a.m.	H L	5:37 p.m. 12:05 p.m.	H L	6:29 p.m. 12:55 p.m.	H L	6:49 a.m. 1:47 p.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	2:07 p.m. 8:20 a.m.	H L	2:50 p.m. 8:59 a.m.	H L	3:35 p.m. 9:41 a.m.	H L	4:22 p.m. 10:28 a.m.	H L	5:12 p.m. 11:17 a.m.	H L	6:04 p.m. 12:07 p.m.	H L	6:24 a.m. 12:59 p.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	2:21 p.m. 8:40 a.m.	H L	3:04 p.m. 9:19 a.m.	H L	3:49 p.m. 10:01 a.m.	H L	4:36 p.m. 10:48 a.m.	H L	5:26 p.m. 11:37 a.m.	H L	6:18 p.m. 12:27 p.m.	H L	6:38 a.m. 1:19 p.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H L	1:37 p.m. 7:54 a.m.	H L	2:20 p.m. 8:33 a.m.	H L	3:05 p.m. 9:15 a.m.	H L	3:52 p.m. 10:02 a.m.	H L	4:42 p.m. 10:51 a.m.	H L	5:34 p.m. 11:41 a.m.	H L	6:33 p.m. 12:33 p.m.
Nassawadox	H L	12:21 p.m. 6:07 p.m.	H L	1:03 p.m. 7:02 a.m.	H L	1:47 p.m. 7:41 a.m.	H L	2:35 p.m. 8:23 a.m.	H L	3:27 p.m. 9:08 a.m.	H L	4:23 p.m. 9:56 a.m.	H L	5:22 p.m. 10:49 a.m.
Occhohan. Creek	H L	12:44 p.m. 6:55 p.m.	H L	1:30 p.m. 7:59 a.m.	H L	2:17 p.m. 8:38 a.m.	H L	3:06 p.m. 9:21 a.m.	H L	4:00 p.m. 10:09 a.m.	H L	4:58 p.m. 10:58 a.m.	H L	5:57 p.m. 11:47 a.m.
Cape Charles	H L	11:11 a.m. 5:14 p.m.	H L	11:54 a.m. 5:59 p.m.	H L	12:39 p.m. 6:49 p.m.	H L	1:26 p.m. 7:32 a.m.	H L	2:16 p.m. 8:21 a.m.	H L	3:08 p.m. 9:11 a.m.	H L	4:07 p.m. 10:03 a.m.
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- Astringent
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Last week's answers

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Super Crossword

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HIP-HOP

ACROSS

- 1 "Toosie Slide" rapper
6 "Top Chef" host Lakshmi
11 Mardi Gras city, for short
15 Wine vessel
19 French city
20 Web vending
21 With, in Paris
22 Margarine
23 1996 2Pac album with the hit "California Love"
25 Flo — ("Low" rapper)
26 Saintry ring
27 Mayhem
28 1986 Beastie Boys album with the hit "Fight for Your Right"
31 Equine beast
34 "Paper Planes" rapper
35 Unit of corn
36 1988 N.W.A album with the hit "Express Yourself"
47 "— my case"
48 Ed of "Radio"
49 Golfer's drive
51 Gotten along adequately
53 50 — ("In da Club" rapper)
- 54 Reagan-era mil. project
56 Boxing great
57 "Let Me Blow Ya Mind" rapper
58 Solar beams
60 1992 Dr. Dre album with the hit "Nuthin' but a 'G' Thang"
64 Strengthens
67 How some food is fried
69 Des Moines natives
70 2020 Juice Wrld album with the hit "Come & Go"
74 Novelist Elizabeth George —
78 — Typhoon Lagoon (water park)
82 2010 Nicki Minaj album with the hit "Super Bass"
84 Strong — ox
86 Six plus four
87 Half of dos
88 Statute
89 R&B singer Erykah
91 1980s jeans brand
94 Fee for the use of a pier
98 Wastewater
100 Kin of keno
- 101 2000 Eminem album with the hit "Stan"
105 Court divider
106 Charged bit
107 Actor Liotta
108 1993 Salt-N-Pepa album with the hit "Shoop"
115 Child poet Stepanek
121 Napoleon exile locale
122 "Gold Digger" rapper Kanye natives
123 1986 Run-D.M.C. album with the hit "Walk This Way"
126 Bridle strap
127 — part (portray someone)
128 Meat jelly
129 Artist's stand
130 Russian news agency
131 Pro votes
132 Moisten, as a turkey
133 "Work It" rapper Elliott
- DOWN
- 1 Colorless
2 Part in a play
3 — lang syne
4 Ship's spine
5 Irish New Age singer
6 Candy from a dispenser
7 From — Z
8 Pioneer Boone, briefly
9 Actress Rogers of "Bosch"
10 Actor Baldwin
11 Magical land of C.S. Lewis
12 Egg capsule
13 Bury the — (omit the key part of a story)
14 College life
15 Companions
16 Jai —
17 Peddle
18 DJ — Herc (founder of hip-hop in 1973)
24 Online 'zine
29 CPR pros
30 Masking —
32 "Quiet!"
33 Actor Keach
36 Back of a 45
37 Treasure pile
38 Hollywood's Zellweger
39 Enzyme suffix
40 Skater Midori
41 Mine metals
42 Tea vessel
43 — for tat
44 Suffix with narc- or neur-
45 Extended family, to Hawaiians
46 Actress Gena Lee —
50 Twitches
52 "Troy" actress Diane
54 Hood's knife
55 Nixing mark
59 Big primate
60 Two- — sloth
61 Taking cover
62 French for "kings"
63 Actor Wilson
65 Strong criticism
66 Feudal toiler
67 "Your wish — command!"
68 LA-to-MI dir.
71 Zilch, in Peru
72 Do a sketch
73 Nutrition std.
74 Tater
75 — noir (wine)
76 Cain's eldest (philosopher)
79 Les — -Unis
80 Streisand film of 1983
81 — Dogg ("Drop It Like It's Hot" rapper)
83 Robert of "The Sopranos"
84 Singer Levine
85 — Hill Records ("Rapper's Delight" label of 1979)
89 "The Fresh Prince of — Air"
90 Poking tool
92 Suffix with project
93 Ontario's capital, on scoreboards
95 Nairobi natives
96 "Preach it!"
97 Portal
98 Without, in Paris
99 Greek vowel
102 Noon nap
103 Lilylike garden plants
104 Church song
108 Lil Uzi — ("Futsal Shuffle" rapper)
109 Zeno of —
110 Hitting stats
111 R&B singer Winans
112 Omani, e.g.
113 Tabula —
114 Sharp barks
116 "What —!" ("How precious!")
117 Spicy cuisine
118 Actress Harper
119 Bits of land in la mer
120 TV's — May Clampett
124 Create a lap
125 — T ("O.G. Original Gangster" rapper)

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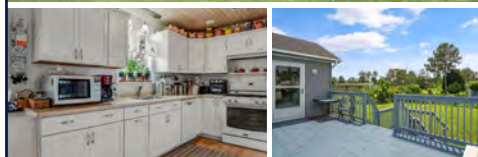
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