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ONANCOCK

Town weighs new proposal for 129 units on 27 acres

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Onancock Planning Commission is weighing a request that would allow 129 housing units on 27 acres west of the intersection of Market Street and Fairgrounds Road.

The request would rezone the property from a business highway zoning to a residential multi-family designation.

The application was filed by the Atlantic Group and Associates on behalf of the landowner, Salt Meadow Estates LLC, which has a Snow Hill, Md., mailing address.

Almost all comments at a public hearing held by the planning commission were negative toward the project, according to a person in attendance.

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WHO WE ARE

From Kenya. To Eastville. To class president.



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Renniah Rono moved to Northampton County from Kenya and is president of her class at Northampton High School.

Rono top girls cross-country runner on Shore for Jackets

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

Renniah Rono said she was just a “seriously average” kid back in Kenya. But since her family moved to Cape Charles two years ago, she has been anything but.

A junior at Northampton High, Rono is the top girls cross-country runner on the Shore for the Yellow Jackets.

She’s got a 4.46 grade-point average. She’s president of her class. She’s captain of her section in the marching band. She volunteers with The Nature Conservancy to help protect the shoreline. She recently qualified for a special program at Yale University.

Put it this way: Rono excels in almost everything she does. And she does a lot.

“I like doing things,” she says. “I don’t like being at home and doing nothing. And I’m one of those people who works well under pressure.”

How does a “seriously average” student from Africa suddenly shine in almost everything in the U.S.? Simply put: The American life is not as demanding.

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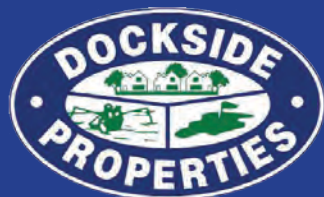
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Fussell, disgraced nurse practitioner, sentenced for child porn

Onley man was arrested in July 2024 at his home

A former nurse practitioner on the Eastern Shore of Virginia has been sentenced in federal court to more than six years in prison for child pornography crimes.

Lucas Allen Fussell, 43, of Onley, was sentenced Wednesday, Sept. 10, to 87 months in prison in connection with distribution of child pornography videos depicting the rape and sexual abuse of young boys, videos that he sent to an undercover law enforcement officer in June 2024, U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro announced.

Fussell pleaded guilty Dec. 18, 2024, in U.S. District Court, to two counts of distribution of child pornography.

Judge Rudolph Contreras also ordered Fussell to serve 10 years of supervised release and pay a \$20,000

fine.

According to court papers, between Dec. 20, 2023, and Feb. 7, 2024, Fussell, using an anonymous account on an encrypted messaging application, exchanged videos and images containing child pornography with another individual whose phone was later seized and searched by the FBI pursuant to a search warrant.

In the course of those conversations, Fussell shared details that revealed his identity. Those details included his home address, a description of his vehicle, and numerous sexualized comments about examining the genitals of patients — some as young as 11 years old — that he saw in the course of his work as a nurse practitioner, according to a press release from Pirro’s office.

In June 2024, an undercover agent with the FBI-MPD Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force used the seized phone to respond to a

message from Fussell.

On June 22, 2024, and again on June 30, 2024, Fussell sent the undercover agent numerous images and videos depicting the rape and sexual abuse of prepubescent boys.

On July 16, 2024, the FBI executed a search warrant at Fussell’s residence in Onley, seized numerous encrypted electronic devices, and arrested him.

The FBI Washington Field Office and MPD’s Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force investigated the case.

The task force is composed of FBI agents, along with other federal agents and detectives from northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The task force is charged with investigating and bringing federal charges against individuals engaged in the exploitation of children and those engaged in human trafficking.

Assistance was provided by the

FBI Norfolk Field Office, the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office, the Onley Police Department, CEOS’ High Technology Investigative Unit, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Virginia, according to the press release from Pirro’s office.

The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice.

Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Caroline Burrell and Trial Attorney James E. Burke IV of the Criminal Division’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.





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NORTHAMPTON

Supervisors are on the fence about new fencing regulations

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Members of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors are on the fence about proposed regulations that would govern fencing.

The proposed change would restrict fences placed on residential properties of fewer than two acres.

The proposed guidelines were discussed at the supervisors' Tuesday, Sept. 9, meeting.

Supervisors did not act on the proposed guidelines.

The new guidelines, if adopted, would mandate that fences on lots of fewer than two acres cannot contain barbed wire or salvaged

materials.

It also states that these fences can only be a maximum of 8 feet tall, unless they extend beyond the front plane of a house or enclose a front or side yard adjacent to a street.

In those cases, the fence can only be a maximum of 4 feet tall.

During a public hearing, several speakers bemoaned fencing that exists in their neighborhoods.

Northampton County Board of Supervisors chair John Coker expressed concerns with barbed wire fences, particularly the potential for them to injure wildlife.

Supervisors said they will continue to consider and study the new ordinance.



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Schools 'addressing' staffer's social media post after Utah slaying

Accomack County Public Schools has intervened after one of its school staffers made a social media post that referenced the slaying in Utah of a political activist.

"Please know that we are addressing this situation in accordance with division policy and procedure," Gennifer Miller, Accomack County superintendent of schools, said in a statement that was posted on the school system's website.

In the Thursday, Sept. 11, statement, Miller said the social media post was "made by a division staff member on a personal social media account outside of the school day" and was "related to the violence that took place in Utah yesterday."

The Facebook post, which was widely circulated around the Eastern Shore on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 10, made a reference to the slaying earlier in the day of Charlie Kirk, a 31-year-old conservative activist and co-founder of Turning Point USA who was fatally shot while speaking to a crowd at a college campus in Utah.

Graphic images of the shooting were almost immediately available for viewing online.

The Facebook post never mentioned Kirk by name. However, it made a veiled but direct reference to his slaying, with the staff member saying, "I am celebrating" and hoping "he rots."

The Facebook post was widely condemned by readers, many of whom worried that the staff member — identified by some as a teacher — said such

'We understand that the post has been circulating online and has upset some members of our community.'

**Gennifer Miller,
Accomack County
Superintendent of Schools**

things in class.

The school system "does not support or endorse the personal opinions expressed by individual staff members," Miller said in the statement.

She added, "We understand that the post has been circulating online and has upset some members of our community."

Miller also acknowledged that "our students, staff, and families may be experiencing a range of emotions in the aftermath of the events that took place on Wednesday."

She said school counselors were available for students and that those who wanted support were encouraged to seek counselors.

"Now more than ever, it is important for us to demonstrate kindness and respect in our words and actions," Miller said.

"Let's continue to support one another during this difficult time."

Accomack GOP to meet

The Accomack County Republican Party invites the public to its monthly

meeting held on Monday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Sage Diner in Onley.

For more information, Chairman Sam Sellard at 757-709-8252.

Man faces murder charge after Wattsville RoFo shooting death

An Accomack County man has been arrested and charged with murder in a shooting death that apparently took place inside the busy Wattsville Royal Farms convenience store.

David Dean Bowden Jr., 19, of New Church, is charged with second-degree murder, discharging a firearm inside a building, the use of a firearm in commission of a felony, and unlawful wounding, Accomack County Sheriff Todd Wessells said.

Bowden is being held in the Accomack County Jail with bond denied.

The incident happened on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Wessells said the Eastern Shore of Virginia 911 Communications Center made a “shots fired” alert at the Royal Farms store.

The sheriff’s office dispatched deputies to the scene, Wessells said.

Upon deputies’ arrival they discovered an unresponsive male suffering from apparent gunshot wounds, he said.

Miguel Ethan Soto Trader, 25, of New Church, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The decedent was transported to

Royal Farms slaying

■ Police say Miguel Ethan Soto Trader, 25, of New Church, was pronounced dead at the scene of a shooting on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Royal Farms convenience store on Chincoteague Road in Wattsville. A New Church man has been charged with murder in his slaying.

the Norfolk Medical Examiner’s Office to determine the cause of death.

The Accomack County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the Virginia State Police, Wallops Flight Facility Fire Department, Oak Hall Rescue, and the Accomack County Department of Public Safety.

An investigation into this incident is continuing. Anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to contact the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office at 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666 or tips may be submitted through the website at accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org



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Renniah Rono

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Rono says her academic workload in Kenya was “a lot, and here, it’s way less. In Kenya, it’s crazy, and there’s a lot more homework.” It was so consuming there was little time for anything else. But in the United States, she has time to pursue other interests.

Not that any of it comes easily. She’s a hard worker, and that’s evident in her running, said Northampton coach Laren Wells.

“Renniah has a fierce dedication to the sport,” Wells says. “She trained through the summer and continues to train on weekends, showing a commitment to both herself and her team.”

Wells said Rono is also simply one of the nicest kids in school, which might explain how she was elected class president only months after arriving.

“She’s very amicable,” says Wells. “She becomes friends with almost everyone she talks to. Northampton is very lucky to have her.”

Last year, Rono finished third in the district cross-country meet, and then fourth in regionals. She placed 31st in the state meet, a demanding, hilly course in Blacksburg, while running on a sprained ankle.

Still, she clocked a personal best of 23:46 over those 5,000 meters (3.1 miles). She hopes to break 23 minutes at this year’s state meet.

“I love running,” Rono said, “because it gets my mind off things. And I like the community of being on a team.”

“It’s also a way to stay connected to my home country. In Kenya, there are a lot of good runners, and the competition was very high, so I played other sports. I never ran until we got here.”

Kenya is known for its distance runners. Kenyan men have won the Boston Marathon 26 times; its women 17 times. This year’s Boston winners were both from Kenya. Kenyan runners have won more gold medals than any other African nation across all sports.

One of Kenya’s greatest was the late Henry Rono, a former world-re-



EASTERN SHORE POST/MARK MORING

Renniah Rono stands in front of the Northampton High School football scoreboard. Rono is the top girls cross-country runner on the Eastern Shore.

cord holder in the 5,000-meter run. But Renniah doesn’t think she’s related to him; it’s a common last name in East Africa.

When the Ronos moved to the Eastern Shore, the family chose the area “because my mom likes farming and we like the beach. The Eastern Shore has both.” The family ran a dairy farm in Kenya, now being looked after by a relative.

Rono’s mother, Joan, is a special education teacher at Kiptopeke Elementary, and her father, Samuel, is a substitute teacher at Occohannock Elementary who is currently pursuing a doctorate in English. Her brother, Rolan, is in the sixth grade.

This fall, Rono is balancing

cross-country and marching band, where she plays tenor saxophone. She’s only been playing it for about a year but landed a solo in a recent half-time show.

Over the summer, she traveled to Connecticut for Yale University’s Envision program for future leaders in various fields. Rono wants to go into medicine.

“At first, I wanted to be an anesthesiologist,” she said. “But now I want to be an oral surgeon.”

She wants to help children with cleft palates, particularly in other parts of the world where they often lack the doctors for that specialized surgery.

“I would like to travel all over the

world just to help them,” said Rono, noting that her life is driven by a strong Christian faith. “I love to travel anyway.”

Her bucket list?

“I really want to go to Sweden,” she says. “And France. And England. And the Caribbean countries. And Asia.” She paused and smiled. “Honestly, I just want to see the whole world. I would love to visit every single country before I get very old.”

There are 195 countries in the world today, so she’ll have to average about three to four per year, depending on what she means by “very old.”

“Yeah, it’s kind of an unrealistic goal,” she says. “But that’s how I go. Everything, everything.”

Onancock

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The planning commission took no action on the proposal and will discuss it again at its October meeting.

The Onancock Town Council would have the final say on the project after receiving a recommendation from the planning commission.

The development would be within town limits. It comes as other large residential developments have been proposed for Exmore and Onancock.

Final permits are expected for an approved subdivision between Onley and Fairgrounds Road that will include 312 units.

Chris Carbaugh, of the Atlantic Group, said his company has been

hired as a consultant for the project.

Carbaugh, who has proposed other area developments, said the Onancock proposal was presented as a "concept plan" to the town.

He said after the parcel is rezoned, the landowner would come back with a specific project.

However, the development will not exceed 129 units, a proffer that was offered. The rezoning would allow 300 units, Carbaugh said.

Carbaugh said the property's current zoning, as business, will never see construction — he said businesses would either go to the highway or in the Onancock town proper.

"Our development group thinks that this is a good proposal," he said. "If we put a housing project there, it makes a lot more sense."

American Cancer Society Relay for Life scheduled for Sept. 27

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Nandua High School in Onley.

There will be an opening ceremony at 11 a.m., a luminaria ceremony at 4 p.m., a survivors dinner at 5 p.m., and an ice cream social and birthday party at 8 p.m.

The event is open to the public and will feature food trucks, silent auctions, a cake walk, the Accomack County Public Schools bookmobile, games, and trivia.

Other events include a 1 p.m. recognition of first responders, medical

professionals, and teachers.

From 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., there will be a touch-a-truck event for kids to enjoy seeing large machinery.

To reserve a spot in the touch-a-truck event, call 757-710-7993.

One of the highlights of the Relay for Life will be a tug-of-war tournament, which will begin at 1 p.m.

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THE PAPER'S POSITION

The public's business must be conducted in public

Fortunately, Virginia has laws to ensure that the public's business is conducted in front of the public. Anytime tax dollars are involved, full transparency is required, with scant few exceptions.

The Exmore Town Council apparently has a tradition of hiring its town manager by consensus in private. The new town manager, set to begin her new role Oct. 1, was also chosen that way, which is in violation of the state code.

The issue will be rectified. On the advice of its attorney, the town council will vote again next month to make Pam Ward the new town manager.

Ward has performed important work for the town in previous roles and is well-suited to manage its day-to-day operations.

There is no indication that Exmore's elected leaders sought to intentionally hide Ward's appointment. It's much more likely that not voting on the matter in public was an honest mistake and a misunderstanding of the requirements.

To the layperson, the town council's behind-closed-doors appointment might not seem egregious. It is certainly easily corrected.

But processes are important. Independent news outlets — like this one — take seriously their First Amendment responsibility to scrutinize the government and powerful institutions to hold them accountable to the public.

Part of that scrutiny is ensuring state open meetings and open records laws are followed. Anyone elected by the public, appointed by the public, or receiving a public paycheck should have a working knowledge of what is legal — and what isn't.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'That's the trouble Democrats bring with them'

To the editor:

Virginians on the Eastern Shore are well aware of how Democratic governors like Gavin Newsom in California and J.B. Pritzker in Illinois led their states over the cliff.

As we face important decisions about our state leaders this November, we only have to look at Maryland to see how destructive Democrats can be in little time.

Since January 2023, Maryland Democrats led by Gov. Wes Moore burned through a \$5.5 billion budget surplus, created a \$3.3 billion structural budget deficit, adopted the largest tax increase in Maryland history (\$1.6 billion), and caused the state to lose its AAA bond rating for the first time in 50 years.

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Without reforms the state's unemployment benefits fund could fall out of compliance with federal guidelines within one to two years.

Maryland's electricity rates are up 16% to 20% year over year.

For yearly motor vehicle registration fees for a RAM 1500 pickup truck, an owner will pay \$191.50 in Maryland but only \$30.75 in

Virginia.

That's the trouble Democrats bring with them.

The best way to avoid this mess is to prevent it.

Vote for Winsome Earle-Sears for governor, John Reid for lieutenant governor, and Jason Miyares for attorney general.

Linda and Ray Reece
Greenbackville

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Fallen Eastern Shore heroes for the week Sept. 12 to 19

Each week in this space I give a short biographical sketch of people from the Eastern Shore who have



Ted Shockley

given their lives since 1900, either during military service to our country, as a police officer or first responder in our communities, or in fatal military incidents on the Eastern Shore. This week's list includes those who died from

Sept. 12 to Sept. 19.

■ U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Brandon Neil Parks, 22, was fatally injured in a military vehicular accident at Marine Corps Base Quantico on Sept. 12, 2000.

Parks, a Tangier Island native, was survived by his parents, Norman Wayne and Barbara Crockett Parks, of Tangier Island.

His remains are interred in the Swain Memorial United Methodist Church Cemetery, Tangier Island.

■ There were a number of fatal crashes involving pilots attached to the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station, which is now occupied by part of the NASA Wallops Flight Facility.

There is no memorial to the Navy pilots and other service members who died while they were stationed at the Chincoteague station; however, old newspapers reveal their names and the tragedies.

Ensign Edward A. Voskya's airplane took off from the Chincoteague station on Sept. 12, 1945, and crashed in the Chesapeake Bay.

The crash was covered briefly in the Sept. 14, 1945, edition of the Daily Times newspaper of Salisbury, Md.

Voskya, 21, of Berwyn, Ill., was with an air group making routine

Do you have information?

■ Do you have information about fallen Eastern Shore service members, law enforcement officers, or other first responders? Do you have additional information about the fallen Eastern Shore heroes listed here? Let us know. Email Ted Shockley at editor@easternshorepost.com

practice landings on an aircraft carrier in the bay when his airplane crashed.

The newspaper account reported that neither Voskya nor his airplane had been seen since.

"He was commissioned and began flying from the Eastern Shore of Virginia base five months ago," the newspaper article said.

There are no other mentions of Voskya, including whether they found his body or the airplane, in any newspapers I found.

The only mention I can find of Voskya is an announcement placed by his family a year later in the Sept. 12, 1946, edition of the Chicago Tribune.

The memorial announcement states that Voskya, "while on routine duty crashed in Chesapeake Bay one year ago today."

"What a treasured memory you left behind," it stated.

■ On Monday, Sept. 14, 1970, Parksley Police Chief John Thomas Young was fatally injured in an on-duty crash.

The Daily Times newspaper of Salisbury, Md., reported that Young was driving his patrol car north on Route 316 when a car failed to stop at an intersection.

The vehicle, driven by a 15-year-old male, struck the police cruiser, which "overturned three or four times," the newspaper stated.

Young died after the crash. Two others in the police car were treated for minor injuries.

The young driver, who was not named in coverage, fled on foot and was found hours later. The suspect had no driver's license and said the brakes on his car failed.

Young had been Parksley police chief for "about seven years," the article reported.

Young was 61 years old. His remains are interred in Parksley's Liberty Cemetery.

■ On Sept. 15, 1954, there was another fatality involving the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station — this one on the base itself.

Thomas Bernard Doonan, 22, of Bronx, N.Y., was crushed to death when the rear wheels of a crane removing a crashed, unmanned aircraft drove over his body, according to an article in the Sept. 22, 1954, edition of the Chincoteague Beacon.

"The operator of the machine was not aware of the accident until sometime afterwards," the article reported.

Doonan was a parachute rigger airman, the newspaper reported, but it did not give his rank.

The incident happened on the grounds of the air station. After the pilotless aircraft made an emergency landing, the aircraft was removed from the runway by the crane.

The article stated Doonan was survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Doonan, of New York City.

His death did not receive coverage in any other newspaper that I could find.

■ U.S. Army Pvt. Floyd Mizzell, of Painter, died Sept. 17, 1919, during World War I.

Mizzell, who was Black, is not listed among fallen Accomack County servicemen on memorial plaques in Parksley or Accomac.

He is listed in the Library of Virginia's database for state military fatalities.

Mizzell was 22 at the time of his

passing. In the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper editions on July 21 and Nov. 3, 1917, his name is spelled "Mizell" and his town of residence is listed as Painter.

On his draft registration form dated June 5, 1917, he lists North Carolina as the state of his birth and states he is a railroad employee working in Cape Charles.

Like many of the Eastern Shore's fallen World War I soldiers, Mizzell died of disease, according to the state online database.

His remains were interred in the Salisbury, N.C., National Cemetery.

David Krough, who has been very helpful in some of the more difficult research questions I've had, found most of this information on Mizzell.

■ U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. James Waddell Savage died Sept. 20, 1967, from wounds received at Dong Hoa, Vietnam, during the Vietnam War.

Savage was a native of lower Northampton County. His mother, Narvilla Rooks Savage, was the postmistress at the Townsend Post Office at the time of Savage's death. She died in 1994.

His father was the late Powell G. Savage, who died in 1952.

Savage, a member of a Marine Corps demolitions team, was injured seven days prior when a bomb that was being disarmed exploded, according to an article in the Eastern Shore News.

A member of Capeville Methodist Church, Savage's remains are interred at the Capeville Masonic Cemetery.

Savage's gravestone cites his birthday as March 3, 1935, which would have made him 32 years old at the time of his death.

Online information about Savage states his birthdate as March 3, 1934, which would have made him 33 at the time of his death.

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

Donate to Randy Custis Memorial Park's soccer lights project...

BY LIZ JONES

Guest columnist

Soccer has exploded in popularity, becoming a powerhouse on the Eastern Shore.

The game has taken deep root, from our youngest players lacing up their cleats for the first time to our high school teams in Accomack and Northampton counties dominating the state.

This remarkable growth isn't just a trend — it's a testament to the dedication of players, coaches, and families who have built a vibrant soccer culture from the ground up.

It is also a testament to the Randy Custis Memorial Park and Shore Soccer, which are operated solely by volunteers.

The numbers tell the story. Today, more than 475 kids are registered in youth leagues and travel teams, a massive increase that has transformed the Randy Custis Memorial Park fields into bustling hubs of activity throughout the fall and spring.

This participation boom has fueled success at every level.

Northampton and Nandua high schools have become state soccer ti-

Donate to Randy Custis soccer lights

■ Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lighting-up-youth-soccer-on-the-shore> to help raise money for the soccer field lights at the Randy Custis Memorial Park in Nassawadox.

tle contenders year after year, collectively winning three state championships over the past five years.

Their success has not only brought home trophies but has also inspired the next generation of players to aim higher.

The momentum continues to build as the Eastern Shore Community College launches its inaugural mens and womens soccer teams, creating a vital pathway for our high school athletes to continue their careers at the collegiate level.

In another major stride this summer, Shore Soccer's travel division has merged with Rush Soccer, one of the most prominent youth soccer organizations in the world.

This partnership will provide our most competitive athletes with exposure to high-level competition outside

our region, putting our local talent on a bigger map.

All this growth and success have brought a new, crucial challenge: ensuring we have the facilities to support our flourishing soccer community.

While our fields are full, they do not have lights, limiting practice and game times, especially during the shorter days of fall and spring.

There is not one soccer field with night lighting on the Eastern Shore, not including the high schools.

The Randy Custis Memorial Park began its fundraising last fall to light the fields at the park.

Thanks to incredible support from the community, the park has been awarded numerous grants and funding from Northampton County, Atlantic Bank, Exmore Rotary,

and the Eastern Shore Community Foundation.

The Eastern Shore's tourism board also funded a grant for the project, recognizing that sport tourism is a recession-resistant industry, and increased hours of operation at the park could lead to more events.

The park is now just 15% away from its fundraising goal to install lighting at the Randy Custis Memorial Park soccer fields.

This project isn't just about lights — it's about illuminating a path for our youth, strengthening our community, and creating a brighter future for all.

With lights, our young players can practice after daylight saving time ends, extend their season, and gain a competitive edge.

It will enable Eastern Shore Community College teams to practice in the evenings after class and work — a critical need for student-athletes.

Please consider donating today to help them cross the finish line. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us give our kids and community a place to thrive — day and night.

■ *The writer lives in Cape Charles.*

...And support proposal for tennis court lights on Chincoteague

BY DEBBIE ULLMANN

Guest columnist

A public hearing scheduled for Monday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m., concerns a proposal by the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague to light the tennis courts at Memorial Park.

The tennis association is a small non-profit affiliated with the United States Tennis Association.

The organization, as its name implies, is community focused and has been a good neighbor for over 30 years.

Association members could play on the public courts for free, but choose to pay dues to support the sport of tennis in the area.

To meet this goal, they are proposing to write USTA grants for lighting and anticipate being able to raise approximately \$60,000 to help fund the project.

The tennis association is not seeking to light the basketball courts or the playground in Memorial Park — the proposed project is limited in scope.

The tennis association has been a strong promoter of tennis. When private courts closed in the 1980s, the

association formed to advocate for the building of public courts — two were built in 1993, a third court was added in 2005, and a backboard was added in 2016.

The association contributed over \$20,000 to this construction, which enhanced community enjoyment of tennis.

In 2022, the organization even donated \$4,500 for separate pickle courts. The association partnered with the town to maintain the tennis courts, sealing cracks, clearing debris, and purchasing wind screens,

rollers, squeegees, and brooms which are available for public use.

Most importantly, for over 30 years the organization has offered free tennis lessons to the community.

USTA grant funding allowed for the purchase of child-size rackets and helped pay the instructor. They hope that USTA grants will now expand tennis court availability into the evening.

The tennis association believes that the court lighting project can be designed to minimally impact, and not be a nuisance to, park neighbors.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, September 12

■ **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.

■ **NATURE WALK:** 10:30 a.m., The Nature Conservancy's Brownsville Preserve, Nassawadox. Kids 5 and up can enjoy a hike and nature journaling.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown. The church is hosting a foodbank food distribution.

■ **CHICKEN SALAD SALE:** 3 to 5 p.m., Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Melfa. The church is hosting a chicken salad sale. The cost is \$10 per pint. To order call 757-787-1508 or 757-710-4920.

■ **FUNDRAISER DINNER:** Doors open 5 p.m., dinner served 6:30 p.m., American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The legion is hosting a 9/11 Commemorative Dinner. There will also be a silent auction. The menu will be steak, baked potato, broccoli, salad, a roll, and dessert. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the legion during operating hours.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Paul Brion performs live.

■ **STREET FESTIVAL:** 6 to 8 p.m., Ames and West Streets, Onancock. Second Friday returns with a party on Market Street. Faison, a six-piece rhythm and blues band, will perform live. Shops will feature extended hours and restaurants will feature specials. At the Imaginarium volunteers can help make scarecrows to decorate Onancock during the fall. The North Street

Best bets

■ **Saturday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m.** the Chincoteague Police Department's annual poker run takes to the road, starting from the Cape Charles Brewery and ending with a block party on Chincoteague. The cost is \$35 per person. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 18, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.**, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley is hosting a family game night with board games, puzzles, and cards.

Playhouse will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. with a cash bar and snacks.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 p.m., Cape Charles Mini Golf, 2100 Stone Road, Cape Charles. The Stingrays perform live.

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9, The Blarney Stone Pub, 10 North St., Onancock. Brandon Bower performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Stomp, Clap, Yeah performs live.

■ **REVIVAL:** 7 p.m., Harvest Time Deliverance Center, 36228 Seaside Road, Painter. The church is hosting a three-night revival. The revivalist will be Bishop Brehon Hall of Greater New Psalmist Church in Toledo, Ohio.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grill, Cape Charles. Melinda and the Speakeasies perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Chattie's

Lounge, 4113B Main St., Chincoteague. Crescent Moon Duo performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague. CC and RB perform live during Teaguer's Luau Party.

Saturday, September 13

■ **THRIFT STORE:** 8 to 11 a.m., Smith Chapel Methodist Church, Quniby. The church will have its thrift store open.

■ **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** 8 a.m. to noon, Mears Memorial United Methodist Church, 18186 Second St., Keller. The church is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser for Christmas gifts for Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence families. Takeout is available.

■ **CAR WASH:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Autozone, 25075 Lankford Highway, Onley. First Baptist Church Mappsville's Male Choir and Trustee Board is hosting a car wash. The cost is \$20 for cars and \$30 for SUVs. Donations will also be accepted.

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 8:30 a.m., Ed-

ward S. Brinkley Nature Preserve, 20001 Seaside Road, Cape Charles. Joette Borzik and Maggie Long are leading a field trip to search for fall migratory birds. The preserve features a diversity of birding habitat. This program is free and open to the public. Participants should be prepared for bugs, sun, and weather. To register email vabirdmom@gmail.com.

■ **MEETING:** 9 a.m., Antioch Baptist Church, 8181 Bannister St., Treherneville. The Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy will meet. The Rev. Jeffrey Smith of New Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Exmore will present a workshop on church polity.

■ **POKER RUN:** Registration 9 to 11 a.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. Chincoteague Police Department's annual Poker Run kicks off in Cape Charles. There will be additional stops at The Shanty in Cape Charles, The Blarney Stone in Onancock, Off the Rails in Parksley, and Don's Seafood in Chincoteague. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a T-shirt, food, a pin, a poker hand, and door prizes. The ride will end with a block party, live music, and a live auction at 3 p.m.

■ **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.

■ **CARS AND COFFEE:** 9 a.m. to noon, Vaux Hall Farms, 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa. Every second Saturday Vaux Hall will host Cars and Coffee in its agricultural building.

■ **THRIFT STORE:** 9 a.m. to noon, Grace United Methodist Church, Parksley. The church is hosting a clothing thrift shop.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1

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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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p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Shop for local produce, seafood, baked goods, and arts and crafts, and enjoy live music.

■ FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Small's Barbecue, 22512 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles. Small's will host a farmer's market every Saturday. Finger food and drinks will be served.

■ PET ADOPTION: 10 a.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Adopt Wellness is a community event promoting mental wellness through the healing power of pets. Eastern Shore Regional Animal Control Facility will be on site with adoptable pets. There will be mental health and suicide prevention resources from the CSB, a free lunch, resources and giveaways from local organizations, and activities for all ages.

■ CAR SHOW: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company, 10071 Atlantic Road, Atlantic. The fire company

and Eastern Shore Cruisers are hosting a fundraiser car and truck show. There will also be door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, food and drink for sale, and rescue demonstrations.

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

■ MUSIC FESTIVAL: 2 to 7 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. The Crabby Blues Festival will bring live music, food vendors, artisan and craft vendors, and kids activities, all for free.

■ CONCERT: 4 p.m., Hungars Episcopal Church, 10107 Bayside Road, Machipongo. Pershing's Own United States Army Chorus Alumni will perform a fundraising concert for the Northampton High School and Middle School choral program.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. StingRaze performs live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., BluFin Bungalows and Marina, 2477 Main St., Chincoteague. The Mercury Agenda performs live.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Great Machipongo Clam Shack, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox. BK and Eddy Dixon

perform live.

■ ART SHOW: 6 to 9 p.m., Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance's 22nd annual plein air art show, reception, and sale will feature the work of over 60 artists who will spend from Sept. 6 to Sept. 13 painting outdoors on Chincoteague. Meet the artists and see their work. Admission is free. There will be appetizers and sweets, as well as a cash bar.

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

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 10 p.m., Chincoti-ki Carribean Bar and Grill 4121 Main St., Chincoteague. The Great Chasers perform live.

Sunday, September 14

■ FISH FRY: 3 p.m., Giddens' Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Franktown. The Northampton Branch of the NAACP is hosting a fish fry called Boots on the Ground: Kicking up Peace, Love, Justice, and Equality. The event will feature giveaways, live music, food, and beverages. There will also be on-site voter registration. This is a free event.

■ 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 Eastville Volunteer Fire Company.

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

■ SEMINAR: 5 p.m., Cornerstone Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore. The church is hosting a series of seminars on healthy living. This week's topic will be on plant-based diets. Each seminar includes food tastings and demonstrations. Limited spaces are available Call 757-787-7981.

Monday, September 15

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

■ 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, September 16

■ COFFEE TALK: 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. This month's Coffee Talk involves a caper. A letter has arrived from Sherlock Holmes and the attendees at Coffee Talk must read clues, debate theories, and solve a classic mystery. To RSVP call 757-349-9969.

■ FARMERS MARKET: 3 to 6 p.m., Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onley. The Onancock Market is hosting a mid-week food market the first and third Tuesday of the month with 100% local vendors.

■ TEEN GAMING NIGHT: 5 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Teens can enjoy puzzles, video games, and board games.

■ BINGO: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Play bingo at the library for a chance to win prizes.

■ YARN CLUB: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Bring crochet and knitting projects and socialize with other crafters.

■ LECTURE: 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, Chincoteague. The museum will be screening the documentary "Tides of Tradition." Made to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the annual Pony Swim, the movie highlights the heritage of the island. Tickets are \$8 for non-museum members. Museum members are free. Call 757-336-6117 to reserve a seat.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., Onancock Taphouse, 8 North St., Onancock. Crescent Moon Duo will be hosting open mic night at the taphouse. All performers are welcome. Take to the stage or just enjoy the show.

■ BOOK CLUB: 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 N. Main St., Chincoteague. The Island Readers Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month. This month's read is "The Book of Lost Names," by Kristin Harmel. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Wednesday, September 17

■ BIRDING FIELD TRIP: 8:30 a.m., Island

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IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION & VOTING DATES FOR ACCOMACK COUNTY

This is an official notice of the upcoming election to be conducted in Accomack County on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Member, Virginia House of Delegates, 100th District. There will also be a special election for Mayor of the Town of Accomac.

September 19, 2025	First Day of In-Person Early Voting at Voter Registration Office from 8:30 AM to 5 PM
October 13, 2025	Office Closed in Observance of Columbus/Indigenous People's Day
October 24, 2025	Deadline to Register to Vote or Update Registration (Voters may register after this date starting 10/25 and vote using a provisional ballot/SDR)
October 24, 2025	Deadline to request to receive an absentee ballot by mail. Requests must be received in the Voter Registration Office by 5 PM.
October 25, 2025	First Day of In-Person Saturday Voting from 8:30 AM to 5 PM
November 1, 2025	Second Saturday and Last Day to Vote Early In-Person 8:30 AM to 5 PM
November 4, 2025	Election Day at Your Local Polling Place Only from 6 AM to 7 PM (Voters cannot early vote at the Registrar's office)

- All Voters are asked to provide a valid ID at the time of voting
- Curbside assistance is available at all voting locations during Early Voting and on Election Day
- A Ballot Drop Box for Absentee Ballots is available outside the Voter Registration Office and is under constant video surveillance for security purposes. Polling Places are also ballot drop off locations on Election Day
- Only voters who live in the town of Accomac will be able to vote in the special election
- Voters in 502 RUE precinct will no longer vote at Metompkin Elementary School on Election Day. Effective June 22, 2025 Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center is the new RUE polling place

Please contact the Accomack County Voter Registration Office at (757) 787-2935 for more information or visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot>



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Nature Trail, 6078 Hallie Whealton Smith Drive, Chincoteague. Helen Belencan and Gary Smith will lead a guided birding tour at the nature trail. Birders can spend two to three hours exploring the trails and looking for birds. To register call Gary Smith at 803-292-6883.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Shop for local produce, seafood, baked goods, arts and crafts, and live music.

■ **SENIOR BINGO:** 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. Those 55 and up can play bingo. There will be prizes and light refreshments.

■ **CHILDRENS NATURE PROGRAM:** 10 a.m. to noon, Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City, During Toddlers with Beavers, kids can learn about beavers, explore a beaver dam, and make a beaver craft. The cost is \$10 for kids and \$5 for adults in advance. Day-of tickets are \$12 for kids and \$7 for adults. Museum members get in free.

■ **COMMUNITY MEETING:** 10 a.m. to noon, Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 12 Hartman Ave., Onancock. The coalition is hosting a Coordinated Community Response Meeting. A Community Response Team unites the community and professionals to craft and implement strategies to prevent and respond to sexual assault and domestic violence. Lunch will be provided.

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Bring devices such as laptops, phones, or tablets to the library and get help from library staff.

■ **MEMORY CAFE:** 1:30 to 3 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Caregivers and those living with brain changes can participate in a social engagement hosted by trained facilitators.

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

Thursday, September 18

■ **STORYTIME:** 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. Tales for Tots is a time for kids to enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts. The theme of this session is School Bus Adventure.

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 1 p.m., Naomi Makemie

Presbyterian Church, 89 Market St., Onancock. The Local Book Club will meet. This month's selection is a mystery book of the reader's choice.

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 2 to 6 p.m., Ropewalk Chincoteague, 6262 Marlin St., Chincoteague. Fil Rhythm performs live.

■ **FAMILY GAME NIGHT:** 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Families can enjoy board games, cards, and puzzles.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 5 p.m., games start 6 p.m., Eastern Shore Railway Museum, Parksley. Play bingo for \$1 per game. Food will be available for purchase and there will be a pick-a-prize auction. Bring a canned good and get a free game card.

■ **KIDS ART:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Kids can design their own pasta necklaces.

■ **DANCE LESSONS:** 6 to 7 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock. Ballroom and More on the Eastern Shore is hosting a dance lesson. The cost is \$5. Dancers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Dancers should wear appropriate shoes and bring water.

Friday, September 19

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

■ **CRAFT:** 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Adults can learn how to make a decoupage memory box.

■ **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.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8:30 p.m., Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. Fil Rhythm Band and Irie Tree Band will play the pavilion at the Historic Onancock School.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Ker Place, 69 Market St., Onancock. Stephen Bilicki will deliver a lecture called "Sailing to Soaring: Marine and Aviation Ingenuity of the Mid-Atlantic. Bilicki will share historical and archaeological records. This event is free and open to the public.

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

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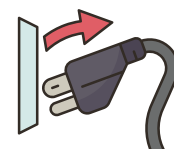


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Stone Pub, Onancock. Paul J. Parks performs live.

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

■ **ART AUCTION:** 6 to 9 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House is hosting a social to wrap up its online art auction. Attendees can see the art in person, place bids, and enjoy light refreshments and a cash bar.

Saturday, September 20

■ **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., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Shop for local produce, seafood, baked goods, arts and crafts, and live music.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Small's Barbecue, 22512 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles. Small's will host a farmer's market every Saturday. Finger food and drinks will be served.

■ **SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Central Accomack Little League, 10 Hartman Ave., Onancock. Central Accomack Little League is hosting a coed slow pitch softball tournament as a fundraiser for the league. There will be eight teams and it will be a double elimination format. Teams should consist of five boys and five girls. Players must be 13 or older. The cost to participate is \$300. To register call Billy Justice at 757-607-6063.

■ **CAR SHOW:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chincoteague Carnival Grounds, 3648 Main St., Chincoteague. The Sons of American Legion Squadron 159 is hosting its annual car show. There will also be food, drinks, live music, and baked goods. Admission is free for the public. The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **VOLUNTEER MEETING:** 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at Island Community House.

■ **STORYTIME AND PLAY LITERACY:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids 5 and under

Eastern Shore class reunions

■ The Arcadia High School Class of 1985 is hosting its 40th class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Off the Rails in Parksley. 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 Chincoteague High School Class of 1975 will hold its 50th class reunion on Saturday, September 20, and Sunday, September 21. On Saturday, there will be an island cruise, dinner, and a special event. On Sunday, at 1 p.m. a ceremony will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park to honor classmates who have passed away. For more information contact Mona at 757-894-5229.

■ The Northampton High School Class of 1975 will host its 50th class reunion on Oct. 4 at the Oyster Farm in Cape Charles. For more information or to register contact Sherry Williams Spady at 703-473-9967, Margie LeCato Hyslop at 301-806-8225, or Mary A. Mitchell, 757-710-5072

■ The Northampton High School Class of 1973 is having a class reunion Friday, Oct. 10, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Eastville Fire Hall and Saturday, Oct. 11, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Island House restaurant in Wachapreague. The cost is \$75 per person. Call Claudette Hyslop Davis at 240-351-6888, Glenda Harmon at 757-607-6140, or Anthony Dunton at 757-647-1902.

■ The Nandua High School Class of 1986 will hold its 40th class reunion the week-end of June 12, 2026. For more information, visit the class Facebook group or call 757-710-2489.

■ The Arcadia High School Class of 1996 is gauging interest in a reunion. Classmates are encouraged to visit the Arcadia High Firebirds Facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/4ban8xya> to vote on how big they want the reunion to be.

■ **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**

can hear a story and engage in play literacy.

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** 4:30 to 7 p.m., Eastern Shore Railway Museum, Parksley. The museum is hosting a wine and cheese open house. Visitors can take a tour of the museum and meet the curator and members.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Rot Cod performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 p.m., Chincotiki Caribbean Bar and Grill, 4129 N. Main St., Chincoteague. My Dirty Little Secret performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Margot and Valerie perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. Bayside Jazz performs live. Call 757-710-8718.

Sunday, September 21

■ **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 Eastville Volunteer Fire Company.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 3 p.m., Jerusalem Baptist Church, 10011 Jerusalem Road, Temperanceville. Deacons and Trustees Day will be observed. The Rev. Richard Holland is the host pastor. The Rev. Charles Kellam and the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Painter will be guests.

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

■ **SEMINAR:** 5 p.m., Cornerstone Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore. The church is hosting a series of seminars on healthy living. This week's topic will be on preparing healthy entrees, soups, and salads. Each seminar includes food tastings and demonstrations. Limited spaces are available Call 757-787-7981.

Monday, September 22

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague.

Play games with others at Island Community House.

■ **BIRDING WALK:** 5 p.m., Bowman's Folly, Accomac. The Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust and Birding Eastern Shore are hosting a birding walk on a property with a conservation easement. The walk will be led by Maggie Long and Paul Anderson. To register call Long at 610-500-9971.

Tuesday, September 23

■ **TEEN GAMING NIGHT:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Teens can enjoy puzzles, video games, and board games.

■ **YARN CLUB:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Bring crochet and knitting projects and socialize with other crafters.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Martha Steger will give a lecture about the seven churches of St. John the Apostle.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, Chincoteague. Natalie Orga will give a lecture about horse-shoe crabs. Tickets are \$8 for non-museum members. Museum members are free Call 757-336-6117 to reserve a seat.

Wednesday, September 24

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Shop for local produce, seafood, baked goods, arts and crafts, and live music.

■ **FLORAL ARRANGING WORKSHOP:** 10 a.m. to noon, Picketts Harbor Farm, 3119 Picketts Harbor Drive, Cape Charles. The Virginia Cooperative Extension is hosting a floral arranging workshop. Participants will learn about the cut flower industry on the Shore and get a hands-on lesson in how to arrange local flowers. The class will be led by floral designers Victoria Roberts and Erika Aran. The cost is \$45. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/8nfk9frk>

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Bring devices such as laptops, phones, or tablets to the library and get help from library staff.

■ **KIDS CRAFT:** 4:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Kids can learn how to make pom pom creatures.

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Thursday, September 25

■ **SEED GIVEAWAY:** 10 a.m. to noon, Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. The Eastern Shore Master Gardeners will be at the library to answer gardening questions. Visitors can also visit the seed library and get up to four packets of seeds per month. The library has flower, vegetable, herb, and fruit seeds.

■ **COMMUNITY LUNCHEON:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Community members can gather around the table to share a meal. Check the Island Community House Facebook for a menu. Donations are welcome. RSVP is encouraged. Call 757-336-1993 to RSVP.

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 2 to 6 p.m., Ropewalk Chincoteague, 6262 Marlin St., Chincoteague. Fil Rhythm performs live.

■ **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Families can enjoy free popcorn and a screening of "A Minecraft Movie."

■ **DANCE LESSONS:** 6 to 7 p.m., The Oyster Farm, Cape Charles. Ballroom and More on the Eastern Shore is hosting a dance lesson. The cost is \$5. Dancers of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Dancers should wear appropriate shoes and bring water.

Friday, September 26

■ **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.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Scott and Melinda perform live.

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

Saturday, September 27

■ **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., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Shop for local produce, seafood, baked goods, and arts and crafts, and enjoy live music.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Small's Barbecue, 22512 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles. Small's will host a farmer's market every Saturday. Finger food and drinks will be served.

■ **FALL FESTIVAL:** From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Exmore's annual Fall Festival will bring vendors, food trucks, and live music to Downtown Exmore.

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

■ **BOOK SIGNING:** Noon to 2 p.m., The Book Bin, Onley. Robert Monsheimer, author of "One Last Swim" and "Lily's Story," is hosting a book signing.

■ **DEMOLITION DERBY:** Gates open 2 p.m., derby starts 4 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, Pocomoke City. The fair has rescheduled its demolition derby. Admission is \$5.

■ **PORT OF CALL CRUISE:** 5 p.m., Curtis Merritt Harbor, 2246 Curtis Merritt Harbor Drive, Chincoteague. Daisey's Island Cruises is hosting a fundraising cruise for the Museum of Chincoteague Island aboard the Martha Lou. An assortment of island cuisine will be served. Tickets are \$65 per person. For tickets or more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ye2zns3p>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. SALTS performs Celtic and Eastern Shore tunes and stories. For tickets call 757-710-8718.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7:30 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Swift Nation, a Taylor Swift cover band, will perform live. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/vrt282cb>

Sunday, September 28

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 9 a.m., Jerusalem Baptist Church, 10011 Jerusalem Road, Temperanceville. Men's and Women's Day will be observed with Minister Janet Pitt of Richmond. At 3 p.m. Elder Nick Purnell of Free Indeed Ministries of Snow Hill, Md will speak.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 11 a.m., St. Luke AME Church, 26068 Drummondtown Road, Locustville. The church is hosting Family and Friends Day. Dinner will be served following the service.

■ **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 Eastville Volunteer Fire Company.

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■ **SEMINAR:** 5 p.m., Cornerstone Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3431 Main St., Exmore. The church is hosting a series of seminars on healthy living. This week's topic will be on preparing healthy beans, grains, bowls, and sauces. Each seminar includes food tastings and demonstrations. Limited spaces are available. Call 757-787-7981.

Monday, September 29

■ **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** 10 a.m., David Landsberger Family YMCA, Chincoteague. Early Learning Hour is a monthly program designed for kids from 2 to 5. Kids can enjoy a themed morning of stories, music, art, movement, fine motor play, and whole-body listening practice. To register contact Emma at ehannon@ymcachesaapeake.org

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

Tuesday, September 30

■ **MEETING:** 2 to 4 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Building, 29316 Lankford Highway, Melfa. The Eastern Shore Town Leadership Meeting for Coastal Resiliency is an opportunity for town governments to share their coastal resiliency needs. Topics will include ditch maintenance, funding for ditch maintenance, and Brownfields project grants.

■ **TEEN GAMING NIGHT:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Teens can enjoy puzzles, video games, and board games or join the manga book club.

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OBITUARIES

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Nancy Wood

Mrs. Nancy Ann Wood, 81, of Mappsville, former longtime resident of New Church, was welcomed into the arms of her Lord and Savior



Mrs. Wood

on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025. Born Dec. 23, 1943, in Fordwick and raised in Pocomoke City, she was the daughter of the late Sally Marie Campbell Chatham and

Clarence Chatham.

Nancy married the love of her life, Douglas “Art” Wood, after graduating from Pocomoke High School in June of 1963 and soon became a mother of two. A devout Christian woman, she was a devoted wife and mother whose faith never wavered. In November of 1965, Nancy was baptized by Pastor Robert Huggins at New Church Baptist Church, where she and Art would later have their children baptized, followed by their grandchildren.

Family always came first for Nancy, and there was nothing she wouldn’t do for her loved ones — no matter the time or task. Her sewing skills were once put to the test when her daughter needed to make a shirt for home economics class, and of course, it turned out perfectly. Nancy’s sweet tea was a family favorite, and she’d drop everything to make a fresh pitcher when asked. Once her oldest child graduated, she decided to enter the workforce at Eastern Shore Seafood in Mappsville, where she remained until retirement.

Nancy was predeceased by her husband of 41 years, Art Wood. She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Ann Lewis and her companion, Richard “Stewart” Shield, of Mappsville, and Mark Wood and his fiancée, Donna Parks, of Westover, Md.; her brother, Harry Chatham, of Mappsville; her grandchildren, Mariah Shield, Maranda Ayres and her husband, Kenneth

Jr., and Justin Wood; her great-grandchildren, Reagan Thornes, Ella Thomas, and Grayson Ayres; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends were invited to gather for a visitation at the graveside at First Baptist Church Cemetery in Pocomoke City on Monday, Sept. 8, at 2 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. Greg Fentress officiating.

Contributions in Nancy’s memory may be made to Living Waters Inspirational Church of God, 2226 Bypass Road, Pocomoke City, MD 21851.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Carole Sorensen

Mrs. Carole Sorensen, 83, of Great Bridge, entered into eternal rest on Aug. 31, 2025, after a 15-year battle with lymphoma.

Born in Newport News to the late Eva Perkins Upshur and Granville F. Hogg Sr., Carole was raised on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and graduated from Northampton High School in 1960 as valedictorian of her class.



Mrs. Sorensen

She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in business education from Longwood College, where she was a member of the Pi Omega Pi Honor Society.

After college, Carole began a career as a secretary to the assistant vice president of Norfolk and Western Railway in Roanoke. She later accepted a position as a secretary to the senior vice president of Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. It was here that she met the love of her life, Bob. They married in 1971.

During their 52 years of marriage, Carole and Bob lived in several states across the country, including Mississippi, Washington, and Virginia, ultimately settling in Chesapeake in 1987. They joined Great Bridge Baptist Church, where Carole developed deep and meaningful friendships through the Pairs and Spares Sunday School class. Carole was a beloved wife, sister, aunt, stepmother, and friend. Her kind and loving spirit was a source of comfort to all who knew her. Her deep and abiding faith in the Lord provided her with the strength, determination, and grit to persevere through life’s trials.

Carole will be remembered for her warm smile and her ability to bring joy and comfort to every moment. She hosted many Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and no meal was complete without her blackberry cobbler.

In her later years, Carole was surrounded by the love and support of her late husband and the many friends, family, and church members who showered her with food, prayers and companionship. Their prayers, visits, and immense generosity made it possible for her to live and pass on her own terms with dignity and peace. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the many friends and church family who took the time and effort to prepare a meal or drop off a favorite dish or who came by to visit and lift her spirits. Special thanks are also given to Dr. Mauser and Dr. Cross for their dedicated care and to the compassionate staff of Comfort Care Home Health and Hospice, especially her three special girls, Taniqua, Pennie, and Jacqueline, whom Carole considered family.

Carole was preceded in death by her husband, Robert “Bob” Sorensen. She is survived by her brother, Granville F. Hogg Jr. and wife, Gwyn Coghill, of Northampton County; her stepson, Chris Sorensen and wife, Donata, of Richland, Wash.; and her nieces, Jennifer Hogg and husband, Tom Packett, of Charlottesville, and Mataline Donovan, of Los Angeles, Calif.

A service to celebrate Carole’s life will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Briggs Funeral Home and Crematory, 1748 Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake. The family will receive friends following

the service during a reception. Carole will be laid to rest with her husband in the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Carole Sorensen Memorial Fund to benefit Great Bridge Baptist Church, 640 Battlefield Blvd. South, Chesapeake, VA 23322.

Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and to make online memorial contributions at www.briggsfh.com

PC Kellam

Mr. Preston Cornelius Kellam Jr., better known as PC, 81, passed away Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025. He was a resident of Silver Beach and Commonwealth Senior Living of the Eastern Shore in Onancock. He was born Sept. 28, 1943, in Nassawadox. He lived in Onancock and Exmore before moving to Silver Beach in 1970.

PC graduated from Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal in 1962. He



Mr. Kellam

then joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. While there he met his wife, Carol “Mickey” McPherson. Upon returning to Virginia, he began his farming career with

PC Kellam and Sons in Church Neck and Exmore. He later was employed by Associated Farms, Shore Fertilizer, and Northampton County as an attendant at several convenience centers, lastly being Wardtown.

During his lifetime, he served on the Northampton County Board of Supervisors for 16 years. He was also on the Northampton County School Board and was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Jamesville.

PC is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mickey Kellam; his daughters, Julie K. Gilliam (Jeff) and Susan C. Kellam (John); his sister, Vicki Baxter; his grandchildren, Sydney Kellam Elliott (Hunter) and Riley and Jake Gilliam; his

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great-grandchildren, Kairo and Avalei Elliott; his sister-in-law, Debbie Dutcher (Vic); his brother-in-law, Jim McPherson (Bonnie); and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Pres and Madge Kellam; his brother and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Anne Kellam; his daughter, Peggy Kellam; and his brothers-in-law, Gary Baxter and David McPherson.

PC loved the Eastern Shore of Virginia, especially Silver Beach. He enjoyed riding the back roads and looking at the fields. He liked meeting up with friends for morning chats at the County Line and Hardees. He never met a stranger, no matter where he was. He gave the best hugs and smiles. Most of all, PC loved his friends and family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A graveside service with military honors will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Belle Haven cemetery with the Rev. Tammy Estep officiating. A reception will follow at the Seafood Room at the Moose Lodge in Belle Haven.

Memorial donations may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 224, Jamesville, VA 23398, Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418, or to an organization of your choice.

The family would like to thank Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore for their care and dedication to PC during his time there, where he made many great friends. The family would also like to thank Riverside Hospice of the

Eastern Shore for their assistance with getting PC back to the Shore from Riverside Newport News and their extraordinary care during his final days. We would like to thank all of the nurses and doctors who provided excellent care during his time at both hospitals.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Virginia Fisher

On Friday, September 5, 2025, **Mrs. Virginia Ross Fisher**, 78, passed away at her home in Onancock surrounded by her devoted family. Virginia was born on Chincoteague Island on Sept. 4, 1947, to the late Francis and Betty Ross. She became a sister to Wayne, now deceased, and years later to Michael. Virginia graduated from Chincoteague High School in 1966.



Mrs. Fisher

On Feb. 6, 1970, Virginia married Bill, her best friend and partner for the next 55 years. Together they created a loving Christian home and raised five children, who became her focus in life.

She was the mother of four daughters; Kathy Thornes (Bill), Karen Smith, Kris Justis (Will), and Ashley Harris (Calvin); and one son, Daryl Fisher. Virginia was also the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren, MJ, Morgan, Jordan, Brooke, Taylor, Lexi-Mae, and Cayden; as well as five great-grandchildren, Ava, Ryan, Paisley, Liam,

and Davina.

Virginia had a variety of occupations that involved nurturing children. She was a childcare provider, school cafeteria worker, substitute teacher, and a kindergarten teacher. Being around and helping students of all ages brought her great joy.

Virginia was a devout Christian and a member of Onancock Baptist Church for many years, where she served on several committees and taught Sunday School. Her strong faith gave her comfort in the final years of her life.

The family is planning a private memorial service for a later date.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Diane Walker

Mrs. Diane Walker, 82, beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025. Born June 2, 1943, in Brick, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Evalena Miller Tilton.

In 1961, Diane married the love of her life, Robert W. "Bob" Walker Jr. Together they built a loving home in Brick, where they raised their children before retiring to the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 1991. A woman of steadfast faith, Diane loved the Lord and lived her life guided by her Christian values.

Devoted to her family, Diane found her greatest joy in motherhood and in welcoming others into her home. It was not uncommon for her to have a house full of children, both her own and their friends. In later years, her

grandchildren and great-grandchildren became her greatest blessings, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Diane is survived by her husband of 64 years, Robert W. "Bob" Walker Jr. of Melfa; children, Joann Gibson, of New Jersey, Robert Walker, of Melfa, Wendy Cain and her husband, Jerry, of Delaware, and Deanna Preston and her husband, Chris, of New Jersey; her sister, Peggy Huie; her brothers, Fred, Albert, and Loren Tilton; her grandchildren, Richard Gibson (Nicole), Jeffrey Gibson, William Gibson (Natalie), Christina Gibson Miller (Ian), Robert Walker, Taylor Lynn Walker, Sherie Knapp (James), Matthew Cain, and Christopher, Erik, Kelli, and Shane Tuttle; her great-grandchildren, Hadley, Elena, and Owen; and several nieces and nephews and their families.



Mrs. Walker

In addition to her mother, she was predeceased by her brothers, Allen and Andrew Tilton.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Andy Cobb officiating. There will be a visitation at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Contributions in Diane's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, <https://stjude.org/donate>

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

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Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

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CHINCOTEAGUE PLEIN AIR



EASTERN SHORE POST/JANET BERNOSKY

Fred Greenway, of Chincoteague, opted to paint close to home on Wednesday, Sept. 10, during the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance's annual plein air event. On Saturday, Sept. 13, the event culminates with an art show and sale from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive. Artists from across the Mid-Atlantic and beyond have been painting outdoors since Saturday, Sept. 6, capturing the scenic beauty of Chincoteague and Assateague islands. Saturday's show is free.

Chincoteague

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The lights will be less intrusive than local street lights, will be turned on only for play, and the 10 p.m. park curfew will be maintained.

The amount of light spill from tennis courts varies widely depending upon the design and equipment used.

The use of LED lighting, the mounting height, and the use of shielding can minimize spill.

When seeking contractors for the project, a photometric analysis of light spill should be required for any design submission.

Illumination of the path to the courts' gate can be done using low path lighting, similar to solar yard lights.

It is premature for anyone to form a negative opinion about the impact of court and path lighting without first having a light spill analysis.

Perhaps a second public hearing can be scheduled after contractor submissions of designs.

There are no lighted public tennis courts on the Virginia Eastern Shore. The closest free lighted public courts are in Salisbury, Md.

Those courts have coexisted with the surrounding nice, well-kept community since the 1970s.

The Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague looks forward to working with the town and our neighbors to expand healthy physical activity opportunities for our children, area residents, and tourists.

■ The writer submitted this piece as part of the tennis association board.



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIMMY SHOCKLEY

The Accomack County Department of Public Safety Recruit Academy observed the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States on Thursday, Sept. 11, by participating in a run through Accomac with the 9/11 Commemorative Flag and the recruit academy flag. Pictured at left, running with a fire hose, are David Gaffney, left, and Steven Atkins. Pictured above, front row from left, are Brantley Smith, William Hedger, David Gaffney, Zach Foley, and Paul Gray. Pictured in the second row are instructor Chris Cafaro, Steven Atkins, Jerred Johnson, Tucker Greer, Tyler Kinard, Thomas Davis, Lee Saintilus, Jose Guilarte, and instructor Seth Jonczak.

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SPORTS

Eastern Shore Post

BOYS SOCCER

Holly Grove wins first two

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Logan Widdowson scored two goals and Parker Benton added one to lead Holly Grove Christian to a 3-0 win at Laurel. Jeremiah Dragen and Lucas Creighton each had an assist, while goalie Jackson Ellis had 15 saves for Holly Grove (2-0).

On Thursday, Sept. 4, Widdowson and Dragen each scored to lift the Eagles past visiting Salisbury Christian, 2-1. Ellis had 15 saves.

FOOTBALL

Vikings still unbeaten

Broadwater Academy is off to a 3-0 start for the first time in almost two decades. In 2007, they went 11-0 before losing in the state title game.

The Vikings kept their win streak alive on Saturday, Sept. 6, when Jacob Seltzer ran for 150 yards and two touchdowns to lead his team to a 42-36 Metro Conference win over visiting Greenbrier Christian Academy.

Olsen Pruitt added 98 yards rushing and two scores, and Cohen Kellam threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Aiden Fuller. Leading the BA defense were Izid Tountas (16 tackles), Pruitt (12 tackles), Conner Stokes (10 tackles), Eli Destro (nine tackles, one interception), and Seltzer (nine tackles, one interception).

But BA coach Eddie Spencer says looks — and an unbeaten record — can be deceiving. In their last two wins, the Vikings had comfortable halftime leads, only to have to hold off comebacks by their foes each time. Against Greenbrier Christian, BA led 30-7 at the half, but only won by six — and even then, the Gators were driving for what could have been the go-ahead touchdown late in the game.

“We’re coming out in the second half unfocused,” he says. “Too many penalties, too many mental mistakes. We’ve got to be more disciplined.”

The Vikings are certainly going to



PHOTO COURTESY KRISTEN SMITH

Holly Grove Christian’s Logan Widdowson has led the Eagles to a 2-0 start.

have to be at their best Friday night at Brunswick Academy (2-0), which has won three straight state titles — and which has owned Broadwater the last two seasons. Brunswick beat BA 49-8 in 2024’s season finale, but 2023 was even worse, with the Lawrenceville team winning 56-6 in the regular season and 70-0 in the state playoffs.

“They’re really good,” Spencer says of Brunswick. “So we can’t be making

any mental mistakes, or we’re going to get blown off the field.”

On the positive side — after all, his team is undefeated — Spencer lauded the Vikings’ offensive balance, evenly split between running and passing. He singled out the offensive play of quarterback Kellam and running back Seltzer, and noted that Pruitt is a standout on both offense and defense. Defensive end Grayson Ross and cornerback Aid-

en Fuller are also excelling on defense.

Spencer also lauded two-way lineman Connor Stokes, who played at Nandua last year. “Having him back has helped us tremendously,” Spencer says. “He’s really made a difference on both sides, solidifying the line.”

Broadwater’s last victory over Brunswick came in 2021, a 38-12 win in Lawrenceville. The Vikings seek to find that same magic dust tonight.

Yellow Jackets roll

On Friday, Sept. 5, Khaidn Davis broke open a tight game by returning the second half kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown, leading Northampton to a 33-14 victory at Washington. The Yellow Jackets (1-1) led 7-6 at the half, but Davis’ score sparked a 19-point third quarter — including two touchdown runs by Davis — that put the game out of reach. Davis finished with 76 yards rushing, while Jeremiah White added 80 and Elijah Hope 76.

Jerry Sturgis and Corbin Etheridge also scored running touchdowns as Northampton piled up 277 yards rushing and 319 total yards.

Defensively, the Jackets were led by Davis (12 tackles, three for loss, one sack, one interception), Sturgis (11 tackles, one interception), Jordan Delk (nine tackles), Caleb Champion (five tackles, two for loss), Hope (four tackles, one for loss, one fumble recovery), and Bryan James (three tackles, one fumble recovery).

Ponies stumble on road

On Friday, Sept. 5, Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot rolled to a 46-0 win over visiting Chincoteague (1-2). The Knights (2-1) racked up 377 yards in total offense while limiting the Ponies to just 120. JDarius Davis had 40 yards rushing for Chincoteague, while Garrett Daisey and Micah Bennicoff led the Pony defense with 13 and eight tackles, respectively.

“BSH has some great athletes and played a strong game,” said Chincoteague coach Geno Geminiani. “The final score doesn’t show the fight and heart our team played with. We’ll

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Roundup

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learn from this, keep working, and come back stronger.”

Firebirds fall to 0-2

On Friday, Sept. 5, Randolph-Henry’s Statesmen made the five-hour trip to Oak Hall worth their while, rolling to a 21-0 win at Arcadia. The game was tied 0-0 at the half, but the visitors broke away in the second half. The Firebirds fell to 0-2.

Arcadia gave up 223 yards while managing just 95 yards themselves. Djas Lucas ran for 61 yards for the Firebirds, while the defense was led by Daniel Wallace (nine tackles), Alexander Taylor (eight tackles) and Djasley Lucas (eight tackles, three for loss). Djas Lucas also had a pickoff for Arcadia.

GOLF

Warriors keep winning

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Nandua’s Toryn Ibarra, Trevor Turlington, and Matt Taylor each shot a 45 to lead Nandua past Northampton and host Chincoteague in a tri-meet at Captain’s Cove.

Nandua (13-3) finished with 181 points, followed by Chincoteague (197) and Northampton (211). The Ponies’ Bryce Luck tied for medalist with a 45, while Nandua’s David Hughes and Grayson Ford and Chincoteague’s Owen Bloxom were each a stroke behind at 46.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, Nandua’s Ibarra and Alex Bundick each shot a 42 to lead the Warriors past Chincoteague and Northampton in a match played at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. Benjamin Nicholson (44) and Trevor Turlington (45) rounded out the tally for Nandua (only the top four count in team scoring), while six more Warriors broke 50 — Landon Joynes (45), David (46), Ford (46), Liam Wallace (46), Kaiden Stokes (48), and Taylor (49).

Chincoteague was led by Corey Saulsbury (46), Luck (47), and Micah Bennicoff (49).

Walter Ramsay’s 53 was the top Yellow Jacket score.

The Warriors finished with 175 points, followed by the Ponies (194) and Jackets (235).

CROSS COUNTRY

Jacket harriers excel

On Saturday, Sept. 6, Northampton had five runners among the boys’ top 11 finishers to lead the Yellow Jackets to the team title at the Woodside Cross Country Invitational in Newport News.

Kendrick Collins finished in third place in the 5,000-meter event at 18:49.00, followed by Dickinson Tayloe (fifth, 19:22.80), Fernando Palacio Panuco (eighth, 19:59.20), Hudson Taylor (ninth, 20:15.00), and Aaiden-Lee Bowman (11th, 20:48.90). Though only the top-five finishers score for each school, Northampton’s Alexander Vaca, Santino Seckers, Daniel Alvarado, and Juan Perez Palacio all finished in the top 20.

In the girls event in Newport News, Northampton had three of the top four finishers but did not have the required five runners to place in the team standings. The Jackets were paced by Scarlett Gallimore (second, 24:58.10), Renniah Rono (third, 25:14.50), and Sophie Tayloe (fourth, 25:27.50).

On Wednesday, Sept. 3, Northampton’s Collins held off Nandua’s Julio Chavez at the finish line, lifting the Yellow Jackets to first place in a meet against the Warriors and Arcadia. Northampton’s Rono won the girls’ race, lifting her team to first place and making it a sweep for the Jackets, running on their home course at Randy Custis Park.

Collins finished the 5,000-meter race in 18:10, with Chavez (18:11) hot on his heels. Northampton’s boys finished with 28 points, followed by Nandua’s 38. For the girls, the Jackets finished with 23 points and the Warriors had 35. Arcadia didn’t have the required minimum of five runners to score in either race.

Northampton’s boys were led by Collins (first place, 18:10), Tayloe (third, 19:24), Bowman (seventh, 21:10), Palacio Panuco (eighth, 21:15), and Taylor (ninth, 21:16). Nandua was paced by Chavez (second, 18:11), followed by Chris Lopez Perez (fourth, 19:35), Danny Martinez (fifth, 19:49), Allen Zarate (13th, 22:08), and Daniel Rodriguez (14th). Arcadia’s Gage Ross (sixth, 20:09) and Shabi Perez (10th, 21:48) both finished in the top 10.

Northampton’s girls were led by Rono (first, 24:59), followed by Gallimore (second, 25:09), Sophie Tayloe (third, 26:06), Savana Ruiz Vera (fourth, 27:31) and Iz-

abella Cuevas (13th, 39:59).

Nandua got points from Mariana Escalante (fifth, 29:13), Chloe Bacchi (sixth, 29:13), Vanessa Lopez (seventh, 29:15), Mariana Chan (eighth, 29:20), and Sarah Huynh (ninth, 36:27).

Johana Coj was Arcadia’s top finisher (12th, 38:50).

VOLLEYBALL

Holly Grove undefeated

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Bekah Pfirman had 10 aces, two kills, and a block to lead undefeated Holly Grove Christian to a 3-0 victory at Arcadia (26-24, 25-16, 25-19). The Eagles improved to 3-0.

Arcadia (0-3) had strong play from Ja’Niya Harris, Jamaya Abbott, Kaylee Williams, Janiyah Taylor, Amani Hope, and Amber Payne.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, Bethanie Parks had nine kills and six aces to lead the Eagles over visiting Arcadia, 3-0, (25-15, 25-11, 25-14), while Cassidy Hickman added five aces and a block.

Harris, Hope, Taylor, and Williams had solid games for the Firebirds.

On Wednesday, Sept. 3, Anna Leimbach’s nine aces and 17 assists led the Eagles past visiting Chincoteague, 3-1, (25-11, 25-20, 20-25, 25-13), while Madelyn Abell added six kills.

Chincoteague was led by Carmela Rosanova (five aces, one kill, two blocks), Julia Duston (four kills, three blocks) Ginny Sawyer (three aces, two kills) and Marley Kinard (four aces, three kills, two blocks).

“The team is off to a great start,” said Holly Grove coach Marlene Parks. “We’re excited to finally see all the pre-season practices paying off.”

Vikings’ streak snapped

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Broadwater Academy and host Gateway Christian split the first two sets when the lights literally went out on the match. A car ran into a utility pole outside the building, cutting power. The third set will be played at a date to be determined.

On Monday, Sept. 8, Greenbrier Christian snapped Broadwater’s four-game winning streak with a 3-0 shutout in Exmore (25-17, 26-24, 25-14). BA was led by Tatum Watson (four kills), Caroline Caison (five assists), and Rylee Hall (three aces, six digs, five assists).

On Friday, Sept. 5, Rylee Hall’s eight kills, five aces, and six assists lift-

ed Broadwater over visiting Hampton Christian 3-0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-17). Other strong performers for the Vikings included Caison (14 assists, two kills, four aces, two blocks, three digs), Neiley Guinan (six kills), and Watson (five kills, five aces, four digs).

Nandua drops to 0-3

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Ava Holmes’ 13 kills led Norfolk Christian to a 3-0 win at Nandua (25-16, 25-14, 25-7).

Nandua (0-3) did not report individual stats.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, Nandua dropped a 3-0 decision to visiting Windsor. The Warriors were led by Rylee Marshall (three aces), Nahkiya Whaley (three kills, one block), and Josie Vasquezna (one ace, one kill).

Northampton splits two

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Northampton lost to visiting Lancaster 3-0 (25-13, 25-22, 25-20). Rylee Coates (three kills), Jade Collins (three kills), Hailey Dinwiddie (two kills), KeAsia Doughty (two kills), Abby Zodun (six assists), and Dani Fonseca (two assists) led the Jackets (2-2).

On Thursday, Sept. 4, Northampton shut out visiting Franklin, 3-0 (25-23, 25-13, 25-17). The Jackets were led by Coates (four aces, nine kills, two digs, two assists), Zodun (four aces, four kills, five assists, four digs), Fonseca (three aces, three kills, five assists, four digs), Collins (four kills), Dinwiddie (four kills), Brelyn Coates (two aces, two digs), Tegan Gerber (eight digs), and Doughty (two assists, two digs).

Chincoteague falls

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Chincoteague lost 3-0 at Delmar (25-11, 25-21, 25-16). Chincoteague (0-4) did not report individual stats.

FIELD HOCKEY

Eagles drop two games

On Monday, Sept. 8, Holly Grove Christian school lost a 9-0 decision at Queen Anne’s County.

On Wednesday, Sept. 3, the Eagles fell 10-2 at Lake Forest (Delaware). Abby Pruitt and Ava Daniels each scored a goal for the Eagles, while Mackenzie Muir had an assist and goalie Kaylee Pereira had 16 saves.

White marlins caught offshore

Local angling action is transitioning from the summertime fisheries to autumn-like action.



Bill Hall

Red drum remains the most consistent fishery, while the cobia population has almost completely left local waters just as the season closes on Sept. 15.

Speckled trout and puppy drum numbers should increase with the

falling water temperatures, though those fisheries have yet to meet expectations.

Upper Shore

Captain Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that his customers and his charter clients have enjoyed the trophy red drum catch and release fishery on the bayside. Catches have come in depths of 15 to 30 feet around the artificial reefs, sloughs, and hills from the lower Pocomoke Sound down to Cape Charles. Chunks of crab, cut croaker, or cut spot fished on 8/0 circle hooks from a fishfinder rig late in the afternoon and evenings have been the keys to successful big red drum catches. Sheepshead and black drum have been some of the welcome bycatches of the crab baits intended for the red drum.

On the seaside, the autumn spot run has started, with large spot hitting bloodworm and pieces of Fishbites on small hooks with floats cast just beyond the breakers. A few red drum have also been caught and released from the beach.

Offshore, white marlin and dolphin (mahi mahi) have been encountered in the canyons. Dolphin have also been caught a little closer in near the 20-fathom line. Blueline and golden tilefish catches have come from anglers deep dropping from 50 fathoms out to the canyons.



PHOTO COURTESY WAYNE GREER

Brian Hill (right), assisted by Trevor Wessells, released this white marlin while fishing aboard the Marlena out of Wachapreague.

Wachapreague

Captain Lindsay Paul, aboard the Almost Persuaded, had just returned from a marsh hen hunting trip when I spoke with him. Captain Paul said the flounder are still biting when the winds subside, though most of the fish are undersized. He added that there are still a few nice-sized fish in the mix. Most of the flat fish are being caught on combinations of Berkley Gulp with live minnows or silversides.

No confirmed catches of puppy drum have been made, though some have been seen tailing in the shallows.

The ocean wrecks are still producing good numbers of large black sea bass and flounder. The White Bite released eight white marlin mid-week on a trip to the offshore canyons.

Lower Shore

Tyler Nestor, at Oceans East — Eastern Shore, reported that large spot and croakers have been caught off the

Kiptopeke State Park Pier, as well as in the waters surrounding the nearby concrete ships. Bloodworms, shrimp, and Fishbites have been the baits of choice for these tasty panfish.

Bluefish have also appeared in the waters around Kiptopeke and have been attacking spoons, both trolled and cast.

Flounder catches have started to come from more shallow waters and have been hitting live minnows and Berkley Gulp.

Anglers have reported a slight increase in the number of speckled trout catches, with the majority of the fish being caught on Mirrolures and soft plastics.

Puppy drum numbers have also improved for anglers fishing shrimp under popping corks.

Sheepshead catches have come from around the pilings of the high rise section of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Sandfleas and fiddler crabs have been the top sheepshead baits.

Large red drum continue to be caught on live and cut spot and croakers around the second and third islands of the

bridge-tunnel.

Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, told me that anglers have begun to shift their focus more inshore, specifically on speckled trout and puppy drum.

Speckled trout catches have been reported by anglers casting Mirrolures and soft plastics along the sandy beaches, creeks, and marshes on both the bay and seaside of the lower Shore.

Jeb said that a few puppy drum have been reported by anglers fishing popping corks, but their larger family members are "thick" along the reefs, as big red drum are being caught in the evenings on cut bait from Nassawadox to the bridge-tunnel.

Cobia season closes on Sept. 15. Anglers are still seeing cobia cruising the surface waters, but they seem more interested in their migration out of the lower bay than hitting a bait.

When clear water can be found, flounder fishing has been good along the bridge-tunnel and on the nearby lower bay and ocean wrecks. The lower bay piers are reporting catches of croakers and spot.

35TH ONANCOCK BAY CHALLENGE A HUGE SUCCESS



COURTESY PHOTO

The 35th Onancock Bay Challenge, sponsored by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club, was a huge success this past weekend, taking place on a day with strong winds churning up the Chesapeake Bay. There was a record 180 participants registered for the event, and over \$7,000 worth of prizes was presented in awards and drawings. Registration proceeds will fund scholarships for Eastern Shore youths to attend summer camp at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station. Adult plaques, youth trophies, and gift certificates sponsored by SeaHawk Sports Center and Oceans East — Eastern Shore, were awarded for the largest and second-largest entries in eight possible fish categories. Pictured are the youth and adult winners. For more information about the Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club, visit www.esanglersclub.org

Comment period open for proposed wild turkey, blue catfish regulations

The Board of Wildlife Resources has created regulatory proposals regarding wild turkey bag limits, blue catfish size limits, and regulatory reform. Regulations adopted by the board are anticipated to go into effect on Jan. 1, 2026, with the exception of the wild turkey bag limit, which would go into effect Feb. 1, 2026.

The proposed wild turkey amendment focuses on lowering the harvest of hens to foster population productivity, allowing hunters to harvest one beardless hen per season from their available three tags. This change is due to concerns for wild turkey population levels in some portions of the state. Additionally, this proposal would allow a hunter to take three turkeys during the fall seasons, an increase from the current two turkey fall season bag limit.

Proposed regulation changes for blue catfish include the removal of the one per day size limit on blue catfish greater than 32 inches on the York and Rappahannock rivers and on the James River below the freshwater/saltwater demarcation line. An overabundance of blue catfish in tidal rivers has prompted increased efforts to control their population through more lenient harvest regulations.

Proposed regulations can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/yc76nkkt>

This process offers the opportunity for citizens to comment on regulatory proposals directly to the Department of Wildlife Resources. Comments can be submitted through Oct. 7. They will be reviewed by DWR staff, summarized, and presented to DWR's Wildlife and Boat Committee and full board Oct. 22 and 23. These presentations will occur at DWR's headquarters at 7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico, VA 23228.

Comments can be submitted online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yc76nkkt>

Virginia Shores win 50-and-over league



COURTESY PHOTO

The Virginia Shores recently won the 50-and-over men’s baseball league championship, defeating the Arthritics, 13-6. It is the team’s second championship in three years. The players are preserving the legacy of Dave Tyler, longtime coach and manager of the Virginia Shores. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Chris Sanders, Sam Phillips, Watt Tyler, Mike Murphy, Ken Curtis, and John Haday. In the back row are Larry Chance, Doug Carey, Walt Benton, Scott Jacobs, Gary Short, and Keith Lawrence. At front is batboy Kruno Filipic.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

This September, the Chincoteague Island Library is joining libraries across the country to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month, a national initiative led by the American Library Association. Residents and visitors are invited to stop by and sign up for a free library card.

“Your library card is more than just a way to check out books,” says Library Manager Teresa Wright. “It’s your key to a welcoming space with programs for all ages.”

As an incentive, anyone who signs up for a new library card during September will receive a chance to win a library tote filled with gift cards and library goodies. New cardholders are also encouraged to snap a photo with the library’s oversized card to commemorate the occasion.

Signing up is simple and free. The Chincoteague Island Library hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information or to get your library card, call 757-336-3460 or visit the library located at 4077 Main St., Chincoteague, during business hours.

CHEERLEADING



Dockside Properties, of Chincoteague, recently sponsored the cost of the 2025-26 Chincoteague High School varsity cheerleaders’ uniforms. Pictured in the front row are, from left, Juliette Bowden, Nora Outten, Morgan Daisey, Laila Custer, Karen Hasty, and Cameron Merritt. Pictured in the back row are Emma Tyler, Haedyn Newsom, Alexis Toth, Brooke Faith, Khloe Holston, Bri Adel, Julie Duston, Selena Wolfard, Abby Holston, Cheyanne Davis, and Coach Rebecca Toth. Not pictured is Abby Dosch.

COURTESY PHOTO

Developer, critics make their cases to council

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Developer Chris Carbaugh on Monday, Sept. 8, told a pensive Exmore Town Council and a wary group of residents that his plan for an 870-unit community west of the Food Lion grocery store is designed to solve the area's housing shortfall.

"We have a housing problem," said Carbaugh, who had been invited to detail his plans before town leaders and the public.

"We want to be here to help solve a problem," he said.

But those who spoke later during the meeting's public comment period weren't having it, airing concerns about the potential of clogged roads, unaffordable homes, and a loss of the area's pastoral quaintness.

"We don't have to give up the rural character of our community," said Debbie Campbell, who said she has worked in development and affordable housing initiatives, for three decades and lives west of town.

"We can have affordable places," she said. "We just have to put our minds to it."

Asked area resident Linda Gordon, "What's the rush for approval?"

Exmore recently has had two large development proposals filed with the town.

In addition to Carbaugh's 870-unit proposal, a second development — featuring 150 housing units, a medical center, and an assisted living facility — has been proposed near Exmore's Holiday Inn Express by a venture that includes the leader of a worldwide foundation dedicated to addressing social needs.

Carbaugh said the 870-unit development, called the Residences at Broadwater, would be constructed in distinct phases over 157 acres, only 34 of which are presently in farmland, he said.

The entire project would include two clubhouses and two community pools. He said 30% of the acreage would be left in open spaces.

Dukes, town administrator, resigns; clerk Ward promoted

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Exmore Town Manager Taylor Dukes on Monday, Sept. 8, publicly announced his resignation from the town effective Sept. 30.

Dukes has served as town manager since January. During the town meeting, he said the decision to leave was "what I think is best for me and my family."

Dukes thanked residents and elected officials of the town for "13 wonderful years."

Dukes thanked by name Michael Johnson, the town's former director of public works, who died in 2017.

"This town has not been the same since Mike left this earth," Duke said.

Before he was town manager, Dukes served Exmore as utilities director and zoning administrator.

Dukes received a round of ap-

plause from the roughly 50 people in attendance.

Dukes said after the meeting that he had started his own business and will be remaining in the area.

Town Clerk Pam Ward has been hired as the new town manager effective Oct. 1.

The mayor and town council never mentioned Ward's appointment during the meeting, but Dukes and Ward confirmed the appointment the next day.

However, because Ward was appointed to the position in a closed session of the mayor and town council, a public vote on her appointment is required.

New town attorney Ian Brenson was questioned after the meeting about why the town council had not taken a public vote on the appointment of a new town manager.

By Tuesday, Brenson told Ward that an open vote would be need-

ed. Ward said it will on the agenda for the town's October monthly meeting.

Megan Rhyne, director of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, said in an interview that decisions about the public's business needed to be made in front of the public.

Even reaching consensus in closed sessions — private gatherings allowed for public bodies on a limited basis, including personnel matters — requires a subsequent public vote in open session, she said.

"This is public business," Rhyne said. "There has to be a vote."

Ward has been with the town of Exmore since January 2022. Her duties included administering the town's \$26 million sewer upgrade and handling associated easements, grants, and loans.

She has been the town clerk since the start of 2025.

The first phase of the development would include 55 single family homes, 91 townhomes, and 66 duplex units.

"In listening to the town, we needed a workforce component," Carbaugh said of the housing prices.

He said there would be one, two, and three-bedroom units for sale and prices would start at the "mid to upper \$200s for a one-bedroom unit."

Said Carbaugh, "This isn't just a plan we created without input."

Carbaugh quoted a housing study conducted by the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission that showed local housing is plagued by limited inventory, older housing stock, and an inadequate supply of builders.

Carbaugh has asked the town to approve a planned unit development,

which would allow increased housing density, which he said would aid in keeping prices down.

"This is smart growth instead of scattered sprawl development," he said.

Carbaugh offered proffers to Exmore to help accommodate the proposed development, including giving the town \$435,000 — \$500 for each building lot sold — for police and emergency services.

He also said he would ensure town sewer bills would not increase during the first-phase buildout with a supplementary monthly sewer fee.

However, those who addressed the town council about the development were dubious.

Brad Lowery said the increased development would require more teachers and police officers, meaning more

taxes for residents.

He also questioned Carbaugh's assertion that the homes would be purchased by employees at Wallops.

"Virginia is known for suburban sprawl," said Amanda Lowery.

She added, "Uncontrolled growth is the literal definition of cancer."

Christi Medice also worried about the impact an influx of people from the development would have on Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

"How are we going to offer care to all these people?" she asked.

Ken Dufty said the Carbaugh proposal, if passed, "stops other good development from coming in" and said the size of the proposal would hurt town finances.

He told the council, "870 houses will bankrupt this town."



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured from left are Lynn Badger, Northampton DAR chapter secretary, Melissa Evans, chapter associate member and a descendant of Col. Corbin, Margaret McKenzie, past DAR historian general, and Sarah Bingman, chapter regent.

DAR dedicates Corbin grave

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter of the DAR recently held a grave marker dedication at the gravesite of Col. Coventon Corbin.

The ceremony was held at the home of Elizabeth Lankford and Paul Cyryca, Corbin Hall in Horn-town.

The DAR places grave markers at the gravesites of patriots who fought in the American Revolutionary War in recognition of their role in the fight for America's in-

dependence.

Corbin served in the Revolutionary War, receiving his commission from the governor, who appointed him Col. in the Militia of Accomack County.

The ceremony ended with the unveiling of the marker, a wreath laying, and the playing of TAPS.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Elizabeth Lankford and Paul Cyryca.

Library seeks board members

The Worcester County Library Board of Trustees is seeking a Worcester County resident to volunteer for a board vacancy representing Pocomoke City, including areas beyond the town limits.

In addition, an opening representing Ocean City will be available in January 2026.

The library board is composed of seven members who reside in the various communities and towns in the county.

Candidates should be passionate about the important role the Worcester County Library plays in the community.

Members are appointed by the Worcester County Commissioners

to a five-year term with a two-term limit.

The board of trustees meets monthly, with the exception of July and August, to set policy, advise the director of the Worcester County Library, and approve the library's budget.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and are open to the public.

For more information or to express interest in the board position, contact Jennifer Ranck, director of the Worcester County Library, at contact@worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-2600.

Applications are available at worcesterlibrary.org

EVENT

VIMS to hold coral restoration seminar

VIMS Eastern Shore Laboratory in Wachapreague will have its next seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m.

The speaker is Kenneth Hoadley from the University of Alabama's Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

He will be discussing the development and use of novel bio-optical tools that aid in coral restoration efforts across the globe.

This event is free and open to

the public. Snacks and light refreshments will be served.

This seminar is part of VIMS Monthly Public Seminar Series.

The next seminar will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

The VIMS Eastern Shore Laboratory is located at 36 Atlantic Ave. in Wachapreague.

For more information contact Stacy Krueger Hadfield at 757-787-8105.

Island birding walk planned

Helen Belenacan and Gary Smith will lead a guided tour of Chincoteague Island Nature Trail on Wednesday, Sept. 17, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

This is one of the most accessible and productive birding hot spots on Chincoteague Island.

Birders can spend two to three hours slowly birding both the

eighth-mile paved loop trail and an unpaved trail of about the same length.

This trail often turns up unusual and unexpected species, including red headed woodpeckers.

To register call Smith at 803-292-6883.

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

There are no restroom facilities at this location. Always be prepared for ticks, mosquitoes, and the weather.

Farm safety week approaches

Producing the nation's food and fiber is an important job, but it's also a dangerous one.

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

According to the Census of Fatal Occupational Injury, there were 448 fatalities in 2023 — equal to 20.3 deaths per 100,000 workers, compared to 3.5 fatalities per 100,000 for all U.S. industries.

Transportation incidents and contact with objects and equipment were the leading causes of death for farmers and farmworkers.

During National Farm Safety and Health Week, from Sept. 21 to 27, farmers and employers are reminded that safety should always remain top of mind.

Since 1944, the observance has been held during harvest season, one of the busiest and most dangerous times of year for farmers.

Many must drive slow-moving farm equipment on public roadways to complete their harvests, which increases risky encounters with drivers.

"Hard work and long days are part of everyday life for farmers, but harvest season often brings the longest hours and the highest stress," said Matt Nuckols, chair of the Virginia Farm Bureau Safety Advisory program. "Prioritizing safety during this time is essential."

Themed "Safety First, Avoid the Worst," this year's observance will emphasize the importance of the physical and mental well-being of those working in agriculture.

Daily themes include equipment and rural roadway safety, farmer health and wellness, generations of farming, confined spaces, and ATV and UTV safety.

Two free webinars will be held each day throughout the week,

hosted by AgriSafe — a nonprofit organization representing health professionals and educators who strive to reduce health disparities in agricultural communities.

The webinars will cover important topics like preventing serious injuries, youth safety on farms, natural disaster recovery, keeping farming in the family through resilience and health, grain bin and manure pit safety, and more.

Anyone interested can register at <https://tinyurl.com/2d3ykkk5>

"The AgriSafe Network plays a vital role in promoting the safety and well-being of our farmers," Nuckols added. "This week's focus on safety is also a great opportunity to highlight the valuable resources they provide."

To continue promoting farm and roadway safety, the Virginia Farm Bureau Farm Safety program launched its inaugural SAFER contest.

The challenge encourages community groups and civic and youth organizations to create visual displays depicting the size difference between farm equipment and regular vehicles.

Anyone is welcome to participate, and campaigns are taking place across the state with prizes awarded in three categories.

To learn more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/49yfzrps>

Additional farm safety resources can be accessed through the Virginia Farm Bureau farm safety website www.vafb.com/safety, which addresses topics such as accident response, agricultural hazards, mental health, and rural road safety.

The site content also includes links to safety resources offered by other farming advocacy organizations.

Visit cultivatesafety.org for resources addressing youth farm safety.



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Beekeeping will be one of the sessions offered at the 22nd annual University of Maryland Eastern Shore Extension's Small Farm Conference.

Small farm conference slated

The 22nd annual University of Maryland Eastern Shore Extension's Small Farm Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25, with a new location, the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury, Md.

The conference aims to give farmers research-based best practices and strategies to help make their agribusinesses profitable.

This year's theme, Rooted in Resilience — Growing Strong Farms in Challenging Times, is highlighted through three tracks: non-traditional agriculture, business and marketing, and agricultural research and trending topics.

"Whether you consider yourself a home gardener, seasoned farmer, or just want to learn more about agriculture, the conference offers a mix of sessions and workshops aimed at appealing to a broad audience," said

Berran Rogers, University of Maryland Eastern Shore Small Farm program coordinator and event chair.

Participants in each track Friday will be offered two morning sessions, lunch with a keynote speaker, and a choice of one of three afternoon tours of an off-site agricultural operation.

Saturday's schedule consists of a networking breakfast, two morning sessions, lunch with panel discussion, and either a beekeeping or plant propagation hands-on workshop for the remainder of the day.

Vendors or attendees must register for a single day or both days before Friday, Oct. 10. To register visit www.umes.edu/extension/events

Space is limited for the tours and workshops and is first come, first served.

For more information, email smallfarms@umes.edu.

Second Friday comes to Market St.

The party is moving to Market Street for the Sept. 12 Second Friday.

From 6 to 8 p.m. Market Street will be closed for one block, from Ames to East Street. There will be live music by Faison, a six-piece rhythm and blues dance band.

Motorists should detour from Market to North to King Street to reach the wharf.

Morphosis and Timothy Smith Galleries will be hosting the Bill Murphy Art Living estate sale.

North Street Market will hold its wine tasting from 4 to 7 p.m.

Visitors can make a scarecrow at the Imaginarium to help decorate Onancock for fall.

The North Street Playhouse will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. with a cash bar and snacks.

Visit www.onancock.org to learn more.

Second Friday is a year-round, free event sponsored by the Onancock Business & Civic Association and participating businesses.

Community Day builds STEAM

The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association hosted its STEAM Community Day at the Cultural Enrichment Center, bringing together families, students, and community partners for a day of discovery and innovation.

The event opened with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore STEM Mobile Lab and the Accomack County Public Schools Book Mobile, setting the stage for a variety of hands-on activities.

Participants engaged in coding and programming, built lava lamps and squishy circuits, tested underwater drones, created tree ring necklaces, completed math challenges, churned butter, and explored pharmaceutical science.

Local partners played a key role, including UMES, Eastern

Shore Community College, Accomack County 4-H Extension, Boys & Girls Club Eastern Shore Unit, Earth Systems Management, Eastern Shore Master Naturalists, Eastern Shore Rural Health Systems, Eastern Shore Rail Trail, Eastern Shore Regional Public Library, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, The Nature Conservancy, and WHRO.

Food and entertainment were provided by MTM Catering and DJ Set-it-Off, adding to the community atmosphere.

Organizers credited the success of the event to sponsors In Touch Academy, and Beyond Numbers Consulting, and the student volunteers from Nandua High School and Broadwater Academy, along with the support of all attendees.

Shore Students honored by SNHU

The following students were named to the summer 2025 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University:

■ John Mahle, of Parksley

■ Caroline Arnold, of Melfa
■ Jasmine Samuel, of Accomack County

The following student was named to the summer 2025 Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University:

■ Unique Bailey, of Accomack County

NORTHAMPTON

Schools earn high improvement marks

Northampton County Public Schools announced three high rankings for improvement in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This recognition is for the exceptional one-year rate of improvement in math, reading, and chronic absenteeism.

Northampton ranked first in math and fourth in reading for student improvement among grades three through eight.

Additionally, the division ranked fifth in the improvement of chronic absenteeism among grades kindergarten through 12 throughout Virginia.

These specific areas of improvement highlight a year of progress across the division, as evidenced by a recent analysis of statewide data.

“This is an incredible moment for our schools and our community,” said Lisa Martin, superintendent of Northamp-

ton County Public Schools. “Our top rankings for the one-year improvement in math, reading, and chronic absenteeism improvement are not just statistics; they represent tangible progress for our students and validation of the tireless efforts of our teachers and staff. We are celebrating this milestone and are committed to building on this momentum with the continued support and involvement of our community.”

These improvements reflect a comprehensive approach to student success, encompassing both academic achievement and student well-being, according to a press release from the school district.

The district’s continued focus on data-driven instruction and strong partnerships is creating a learning environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive, the release said.

Vaux Hall to hold Fall Festival

The Vaux Hall Foundation is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4, from noon to 4 p.m.

There will be vendors, food trucks, a pumpkin patch, a corn maze, and hayrides.

Then, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. the Brandon Bower Band will perform live on the haywagon stage. Bring a blanket to enjoy the show.

Vaux Hall is located at 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa.

Anyone interested in being a vendor can email jeremy@vauxhallfarm.com

The fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Northampton County Parks and Recreation facility at 7247 Young St., Machipongo.

The competition is open to kids from 5 to 18 who live in Accomack or Northampton counties.

Entries are due for submission by 10:30 a.m. the morning of the fair. Judging will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Winners will be selected at the elementary, middle school, and high school level. For rules visit <https://tinyurl.com/vcecompetitions>

Party in the Park returns

Accomack County Parks and Recreation is hosting Party in the Park on Friday, Oct. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Sawmill Park in Accomac.

This free event will feature music, K9 demonstrations, an obstacle course, a bounce house, and dinner.

Ag fair to hold painted sweet potato contest

A kids decorated sweet potato competition will be featured as part of the Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair.

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The NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Club will host a youth event on Saturday, Oct. 18, at its range in Oak Hall.

Sportsmen plan youth event

The NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Club will host a youth sports event on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Events will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue through the day until about 3:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Brownells and the NRA Day Program. Everything will be free for all children from 8 to 18 years old.

A hamburger lunch and free drinks will also be provided for kids and parents or guardians.

All equipment and ammunition are provided. Prizes and awards will be given at the junior and senior level.

The activities offered will include safety and shooting event orientation, air rifle target and metallic silhouettes, .22 rifle targets, shotgun shooting on clay birds for 11-to-18-year-olds, and junior service rifle shooting for 13- to 18-year-olds.

Certified instructors will supervise each shooting activity.

For more information or directions email tjonesy@verizon.net or call 757-709-2401. All are welcome.

The event will be held at the NOAAWIVA range at 30516 Chincoteague Road in Oak Hall.



COURTESY PHOTO

Nancy West paints outside during the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance's Plein Air event. The art show and sale for the event is Saturday, Sept. 13.

Plein air art show is Sept. 13

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance's 2025 Plein Air Art event culminates on Saturday, Sept. 13, with an art show and sale from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive.

Artists from across the Mid-Atlantic and beyond have been painting outdoors since Saturday, Sept. 6, capturing the scenic beauty of Chincoteague and Assateague islands.

Saturday's show is free and offers a unique opportunity for the public to meet the artists, view their works, and perhaps purchase a piece to take home.

Attendees can enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar with beer, wine, and soft drinks.

For more information, including a preview of this year's art, visit www.chincoteagueca.org

WACHAPREAGUE

Churches partner to build body and spirit

The beginning of a partnership between Powelton Presbyterian and Ocean View United Methodist churches in Wachapreague kicked off on Thursday, Sept 11.

At 10 a.m. Rhudy Naylor, a certified arthritis foundation exercise leader, led a fitness class at Powelton.

The class was geared toward seniors with light to moderate exercises but can benefit all ages.

At 11:15 a.m. Kendra Powell, a United Methodist Church pastor, led Bible study at Ocean View

United Methodist Church.

Both opportunities will be offered on Thursday mornings and are open to anyone who is interested.

The two churches are within walking distance of one another.

Powelton Presbyterian is located at 25 Main St. in Wachapreague. Ocean View United Methodist Church is at 31 Main St.

Participants only need to bring a Bible to the study.

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On Saxis Island, a big day for the museum

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Yard sales lined the main street in Saxis on Saturday, Sept. 6, but inside the quaint Saxis Island Museum, M.K. Miles spoke with visitors about the town's coastal history.

Miles, a Saxis native who lives in the home where he was raised, said the day of the annual yard sale and car show also is the museum's busiest day of the year.

"Having people come in here is just wonderful," said Miles, who came back to Saxis after retiring from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"It's a big day."

The museum is housed in the Crockett General Store, which has been restored inside and outside to a perfect rendition of an old rural store, complete with shelves, wooden retail display cases, and a shaded front porch perfect for sitting.

The museum was created to preserve the community's history and document the lives of the people who lived there.

Miles is the museum's board chairman. His genealogy work, contained within the "Miles Files" on the Eastern Shore Public Library's website, contains hundreds of Eastern Shore families and their lineages.

It was started by Miles and his cousin, Barry Miles, and has been housed on the library's website for 25 years.

The museum building, owned by Jim Lewis, received damage from Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

Thanks to a successful hurricane disaster relief grant application in 2013, the store was completely restored with the help of a historical architect who had worked for Colonial Williamsburg.

The book "Almost an Island: The History of Saxis, Virginia," by the late author Kirk Mariner, was used to substantiate the historical significance of the building and town.

Today, Saxis Island is listed in the



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M.K. Miles stands inside the Saxis Island Museum, which is housed inside the former Crockett General Store. The store has been restored inside and outside to its original condition, complete with old display cases.

National Register of Historic Places as an historic district.

"It's because of that book that this building was restored," said Miles.

In all, the restoration project cost \$120,000, all funded by grant money.

Without the book and the grant, the store likely would have been razed by now, he said.

Although not technically an island, Miles said Saxis always has been called an island because primary access was by boat for hundreds of years.

The island's north end was patented by a man named Robert Sykes in 1666. It was called Sykes' Island and

later became Saxis Island when the town's post office was established in 1884, according to a history compiled by Miles.

The community's population peaked at 636 in 1910 and the town boasted of a 200-seat movie theater in the 1930s, according to Miles' historical pamphlet. The town has been served by 14 different general stores.

Today, the population is about 200 in the summer and 100 in the winter, according to the pamphlet.

The museum is open by appointment — the phone numbers are on the door. Miles, who lives nearby, usually

arrives by golf cart to greet visitors.

He said some museum visitors have familial links to the area and are surprised that, after chatting with Miles, he knows of their forebears.

There are 19 different cemeteries on Saxis Island and Miles will ask the visitors if they would like to see the gravesites of the family members mentioned.

They're always surprised at the offer, he said.

"I give them a golf cart ride and we pull right up to the stone," said Miles.

"They never expect to find out so much about their family."

Matthews is hired as new chief executive

BY JANET BERNOSKY

Eastern Shore Post

Pocomoke City has named a new municipal administrator.

Brandy Matthews will be the new city manager, Mayor Todd J. Nock announced at the city council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Matthews' appointment ends a national search to replace John Barkley, the former city manager, who left in April.

"Sometimes, the best candidate sits among you," Nock said of Matthews' hiring. "Sometimes, they're right under your nose."

After serving as the city's financial director for several years, Matthews stepped into a new role as deputy city manager after Barkley's departure.

Nock said there are numerous city employees qualified to apply for the fi-

New manager

■ Brandy Matthews has been hired as Pocomoke City's new municipal manager. She replaces John Barkley, who left the position in April. Matthews previously served as Pocomoke City's financial director. "Sometimes, the best candidate sits among you," said Mayor Todd Nock.

nancial director position.

He also said that rather than hiring a new deputy city manager, the city will possibly look to hire a deputy clerk.

Meanwhile, City Clerk Melinda Stafford will assist Matthews, along with her regular duties.

An official start date and salary for Matthews has not yet been determined.

Matthews said although she doesn't reside in Pocomoke City, it has become her second home and that she wants to continue to make a difference.

The mayor said he has been pleased with Matthews' approach to handling vacancies, including hiring part-time employees — a move that could be perfect for retired people to supplement their income.

"Pocomoke City has a place for everybody," said Nock. "There is no age cap here."

■ In other news, Amber Hall and Amanda Krantz accepted a proclamation from the city on behalf of the Junior Woman's Club, designating Sept. 27 as the International Day of Service to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

The date also coincides with the group's carnival to benefit the Worcester County Child Advocacy Center,

which is set for 1 to 3 p.m. at a site to be determined.

Donations of diapers, bedding, wipes, and gift cards are welcomed.

■ A second reading occurred for a resolution placing a moratorium on certain activities of the city's planning commission and the board of zoning appeals until the city hires a new planning director.

A public hearing will be held at the next council meeting.

■ Second readings took place for two separate resolutions to apply for grants focused on revitalization in the city.

One is an opportunity for a Community Legacy grant for up to \$100,000, while the other would involve a request for \$60,000 from Maryland's Façade Improvement Program for downtown buildings.

Public hearings for each will occur at the next council meeting.



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The Dail family, owner of the Cape Charles Candy Co., and two related stores in Virginia Beach and Norfolk, gather at the company's mascot, a 1947 International Truck. Clockwise from upper left are Ethan Dail, 17; Phillip Dail; Jordan Dail; Isaac Dail, 13, and Caleb Dail, 16.

Cape Charles Candy Company expands

BY JIM RITCH

Eastern Shore Post

From the seemingly small beginning of a Cape Charles storefront in 2018, Phillip and Jordan Dail, of Machipongo, are beginning a regional chain of stores.

The couple will soon open their third location in Hampton Roads with a storefront in Lynnhaven Mall, Virginia Beach, said Jordan Dail.

The store and its sister location in Norfolk will carry the name Red Truck Candy Company, derived from the 1947 International truck that serves as mascot for all three stores.

But the operation remains largely the same as in Cape Charles, making the same fudge and selling other sweets.

Building out the storefront evolved into a family affair for the Dails.

Their oldest son, Ethan, welded the frame for a merchandising "cube" that his parents custom designed, and sons Isaac and Caleb helped with stocking.

All three boys worked this summer at the Cape Charles location.

The Dails were first attracted to Cape Charles as vacationers, later purchasing a vacation house that was featured in April 2017 on the HGTV show, "Beach Front Bargain Hunt."

In 2018 they moved to Cape Charles permanently and opened Cape Charles Candy Company. They home-school their three boys and are leaders in the home school community on the Eastern Shore through the Classical Conversations campus that Jordan Dail began in 2019.

When not helping with the opening, the boys have recently been studying Latin at the Lynnhaven store, Jordan Dail said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Shelley, left, and Jimmy Bundick, are two of the three partners who started Bundick Well & Pump in 1975. The business marks 50 years this year. Instead of naming the business after all three men, they chose Bundick's name — because everyone knew him.

Bundick Well & Pump marks 50 years

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Bundick Well & Pump Company, which started in 1975.

After high school, Jimmy Bundick, born and raised in Quinby, decided to work in the well and septic field.

Jeff Shelley, a native of Pasadena, Texas, came to the Eastern Shore in 1970 after marrying Quinby native Sandra Hornby.

Shelley, an electrician by trade, also decided to try his hand in the well and septic business.

He met Bundick and they formed a lifetime friendship and brotherly relationship.

Chris Christiansen, whom the two knew well, provided direction and mentoring.

In 1975, the three men decided to go into business together and Bundick Well & Pump Company was born.

Instead of naming the business after all three men, they chose

Bundick's name — because everyone knew him.

Shelley was the behind-the-scenes partner who knew how to do it all, those close to the business said.

Bundick was the man in the front, making the pitch and selling all they had to offer.

"I could not have had a better partner than Jeff," Bundick said. "He was right by my side, willing to try anything. He is like a brother."

Said Shelley, "Jimmy is so much like my own brother. We always worked side by side and he has always treated me with love and respect."

In the summer of 2011, after being in business for 36 years, at the age of 66, Shelley retired.

Bundick still works at the age of 82. His wife, Pat, has been by his side and has been very involved in the business since it opened.

With new mural, it's yesterday once more

Newly completed mural gives area retrospective

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Onancock pillars Anne Nock, Miguel Bizzotto, and Samuel D. Outlaw are back in town.

Onancock has just unveiled its fifth mural, weeks after the completion of the fourth one.

It features likenesses of Nock, Bizzotto, and Outlaw, three people, gone too soon, who were synonymous with Onancock.

The newest mural, called “A Vibrant Tapestry,” is located on the side of Market Street Grill and contains 13 smaller images within it that showcase the town’s history.

Cindy Holdren, chair of the Onancock Main Street Mural Subcommittee, says the new mural is “intended to portray the cumulative and multifaceted efforts by generations of residents that shaped Onancock from its earliest settlers to its modern community.”

Like the fourth mural, “Onancock Greetings,” “A Vibrant Tapestry” is intended to welcome people to Onancock.

Its placement makes it the second mural travelers see when headed west into Onancock on Market Street.

Like other Onancock murals, the town chose from a selection of applicants based on their ability to paint what the town had in mind. For this mural the town had 12 applicants.

The town decided on Michael Ferrarell and Nick Capozzoli of Anytown Mural and Sign Co., a Chicago-based mural and sign company.

“Michael is very good at painting visual narratives of towns and places that demonstrate a unique sense of their past and present,” Holdren said.

Among the images depicted in the mural are Nock, Outlaw, and Bizzotto.



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Onancock’s newest mural, on the east side of the Market Street Grill, depicts 13 Onancock scenes, including community pillars Anne Nock, Samuel D. Outlaw, and Miguel Bizzotto.

Nock, an author, champion of Onancock, and unofficial town grandmother, died in 2019 at the age of 85.

She is pictured with one of her Boston Terrier dogs, with which she was frequently seen.

Outlaw operated a blacksmith shop in town that today is on the Virginia Landmarks Register and operates as a museum. He opened the shop in 1927 and operated it until the early 1990s.

Outlaw died in 1994 at the age of 95.

Bizzotto, a chef who started Onancock’s Bizzotto’s Gallery Caffé in 1999, also was a leathersmith, creating detailed purses, briefcases, and

more. Bizzotto died in 2021.

The mural also features Ker Place, the Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, the Hopkins and Bro. store, and other scenes.

The mural is part of a series of public art pieces around Onancock that are part of an initiative by Onancock Main Street to bring in more visitors and improve the overall experience for visitors, organizers said.

The project aims to support downtown businesses and the town as a whole by luring potential customers and visitors off U.S. Route 13. The town encourages social media posts of the murals, too.

The project takes inspiration from larger Virginia cities with similar murals, like Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Gloucester, and Hopewell.

In the future, the town will have a mosaic installed by New Ravenna, of Exmore, called “Creek View,” on the side of the Onancock welcome center.

The Onancock Main Street initiative is committed to creating more public art in Onancock in the future, organizers said.

“With Onancock’s 350th birthday rapidly approaching in 2030, this was an appropriate time to celebrate our people and their accomplishments,” Holdren said.

Woman at 102nd birthday: ‘Is that uncommon?’



COURTESY PHOTO

Lillian Meador, of Shore Health and Rehabilitation in Parksley, recently turned 102 years old.

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Lillian Meador, a resident of the Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley, reached 102 years old on Aug. 24 and doubted its significance.

She didn’t feel as if the accomplishment was as noteworthy as others insisted

“Is that uncommon?” she asked.

Meador is the oldest person living at Shore Health and Rehab, a 137-unit skilled and long-term nursing facility.

Despite her age, Meador can recite her family’s history just as well as those whose age comprises two digits, rather than three.

Meador was born in Melfa in 1923. She later was married and now has plenty of nieces and nephews but never had any children herself.

She recounts her grandfather being a slave in the 1800s, while her grandmother was a doctor in practice, if not by certification.

Although Meador’s grandmother never received any medical training, Meador said she could cure people who were sick.

She is part of a long-lived family.

Meador’s grandfather lived to be 106, “He could walk for miles,” she said of him.

His daughter, Meador’s mother, lived past her 100th birthday, too, she said.

Shore Health and Rehab held a birthday party for Meador, arranged by her niece, Marguerite Veney, and two employees at the facility, Elesha Townsend and Heather Moran.

The event included cake, decorations, balloons, and more.

Shore Health and Rehab may need to buy more cake and balloons in the coming months, as it has two more residents on the doorstep of a century of life.

Jeane Sumey is set to turn 100 on Nov. 8, and Leola Kellam will become a centenarian on Dec. 27.

Experts say that there is no surefire way to reach 100 years old, although Meador disclosed her methods.

Meador said she never consumed alcohol or smoked cigarettes, but there was one more key reason she cited for making it to 102 and beyond.

“I always try to treat people the way I want them to treat me,” she said.

TOURISM

Visitor spending hits \$261.6M on the Eastern Shore

Visitor spending for the Eastern Shore of Virginia reached \$261.6 million, an increase over the \$247.9 million spent in 2023 and the \$161.1 million spent in 2016, according to figures released by the Virginia Tourism Commission.

Tourism-supported jobs on the Eastern Shore totaled 2,491 while local tourism-related local and state taxes were \$22.4 million last year, the VTC announced.

Tourism in Virginia generated a record high \$35.1 billion in visitor spending in 2024, marking a 5.4% increase from \$33.3 billion in 2023, the VTC stated in a prepared release.

Overnight visitation to Virginia

increased by over one million people to 44.7 million visitors in 2024, up from 43.6 million in 2023, surpassing pre-pandemic levels for the first time and setting a new record.

Travelers spent \$96 million per day in Virginia in 2024, up from \$91 million in 2023. Virginia visitors directly drove \$2.5 billion in state and local tax revenue, an increase of \$100 million from 2023. Every Virginia household saves \$990 annually on state and local taxes because of the revenue generated by visitors.

The tourism industry in Virginia directly supported over 229,000 jobs in 2024, an increase of nearly 5,000 jobs compared to 2023. Direct travel em-

ployment is now at 95% of pre-pandemic employment levels.

Virginia’s tourism workforce is growing gradually, but staffing shortages remain an ongoing challenge, particularly in the lodging sector.

“We are incredibly proud to see the continued momentum of Virginia’s tourism industry propelling us to new heights,” said President and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation Rita McClenney.

“Through strategic marketing and close collaboration with statewide partners, VTC is driving new demand and encouraging longer stays across Virginia. From coast to cliff,

our diverse destinations continue to captivate. As we look ahead to milestone moments such as the VA250 commemoration, Virginia is poised to play a leading role in how visitors engage with history, culture, and adventure.”

VTC receives its annual economic impact data from Tourism Economics. The information is based on domestic visitor spending (travelers from within the United States) from per-person trips.

Visitors included those who stayed overnight or traveled more than 50 miles to the destination. Detailed economic impact data and methodology are available at vatc.org/research



Gerry Taylor



Jay Abella



Nancy Perry



Lynne Tierney



Kim Szogas



Theresa Conte



Emily Gentry



David Gammino



Lenore DeBellis



Allie Etheridge

Cape Charles Main Street announces directors, executive team

Cape Charles Main Street has announced its new executive team and board of directors.

The executive team will be led by Gerry Taylor, manager at Atlantic Union Bank.

Taylor rises to board president from co-chair of organization.

She has resided in Cape Charles for four years since her move from Maryland.

Taylor replaces Bill Stramm, who will continue to serve CCMS in an advisory capacity as president emeritus.

Patsy Harris steps down from the board and turns the role of vice president over to Jay Abella.

Abella, an owner, principal, and asset manager with Investment Partners Asset Management.

Abella holds a bachelor’s degree from Middlebury College and a master’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Nancy Perry, current director of organization, will begin as treasurer.

A graduate of Averett University and the College of William & Mary, Perry has served as board member for the Virginia Association of Museums and as a peer reviewer for the American Association of Museums.

Lynne Tierney will serve as secretary and chair of organization.

Tierney works as a business teacher for the Northampton school district.

Board of Directors

Kim Szogas joins the board as chair of economic vitality.

Szogas grew up in Raleigh, N.C., and earned a degree in horticultural science from North Carolina State University.

In 1998, she moved to Virginia’s Eastern Shore. She owns Outdoor Spaces by Kim Allen.

Theresa Conte begins as director of promotions.

Previously, Conte served on the Chatham (N.Y.) Central School District Board of Education and other boards.

Conte and her husband, Michael, retired to Cape Charles four years ago.

Emily Gentry joins the board as chair of promotions.

Gentry owns a design firm, Your Home Girl, in Cape Charles.

She and her husband, Greg, reside in the Cape Charles Historic District.

David Gammino will continue as director of design.

Gammino owns City & Guilds Builders and the

Hotel Cape Charles.

Lenore DeBellis will continue as chair of design.

DeBellis enjoyed an almost 30-year career in direct marketing and now owns Edible Picasso in Cape Charles.

Cape Charles’ new town manager, Rick Keuroglan, recently joined the CCMS Board as an at-large member.

Keuroglan has a master’s degree in public administration from Augusta University, a master’s degree in theological studies from Erskine College, and a bachelor’s degree from Wofford College.

Ken Butta, director of economic vitality, is a retired school principal from Chesterfield County.

Butta serves on the Cape Charles Town Council.

Marketing administrative assistant

Allie Etheridge joined Cape Charles Main Street as marketing administrative assistant.

Etheridge graduated in June from James Madison University with a bachelor’s degree.

She concentrated in writing, rhetoric, and technical communications.

Originally from Norfolk, Etheridge grew up visiting her family in Wachapreague.

OUTDOORS

Birding Eastern Shore to hold guided outing at Bowman’s Folly

Birding Eastern Shore presents, in collaboration with the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust, a guided outing to Bowman’s Folly on Folly Creek on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 5 p.m.

Join Maggie Long, Paul Anderson, and members of the Virginia

Eastern Shore Land Trust for a rare opportunity to visit a private property protected with a conservation easement.

Located on Folly Inlet, Bowman’s Folly is a special property, both environmentally and historically.

Easement donor Robin Rinaca has invited the group to explore the gardens, a pond, and trails in the woods. Register with Long at 610-500-9971.

Bowman’s Folly is located at 25118 Bowman’s Folly Drive, Accomac.

The program is free, and the public is invited to attend. Always be prepared for ticks, mosquitoes, and the weather.

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In our time of sorrow, your love and support have been a beacon of light. The kindness, prayers, and comforting words you've shared have given us strength and solace as we grieve our loss.

We are blessed beyond measure to have friends and family like you. We are deeply grateful for each of you who has reached out and offered your sympathy or who has simply been there to hold us up. Your presence has been a reminder of the incredible bond we share and it has touched our hearts.

We would especially like to thank the Northampton Sheriff's Department, Hospice of the Eastern Shore, Cornish Funeral Home, Shore Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, New Mount Calvary Baptist Church, and a devoted friend, Mrs. Shirley Carrington. Thank you for surrounding us with your love during this difficult time.

With deepest gratitude,
The Smith, Riley, and Collins Family

Help Wanted

TOWN OF EXMORE, VIRGINIA TOWN CLERK IMMEDIATE OPENING

The Town of Exmore is now accepting applications for the position of full-time Town Clerk working under the Town Manager. This position will be responsible for attending monthly Town Council meetings and preparing minutes, maintaining personnel files, employee benefits, payroll, and accounts payable.

Benefits for full-time employees include health care with dental coverage, VRS Retirement, short-term and long-term disability, life insurance, 12 paid holidays, and two personal days.

This is a salaried position to be negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. Applications may be obtained at the Exmore Town Office, 3305 Main St., Exmore, VA 23350 during normal business hours. Completed applications must be received before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, to be considered.

The Town of Exmore is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Taylor Dukes, Town Manager
Town of Exmore
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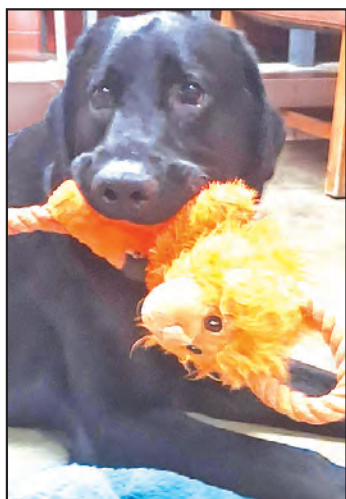
Help Wanted

PART-TIME GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a part-time grounds maintenance worker. The primary duty of this position will be to maintain 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.

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OPEN POSITIONS

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Building Inspector. The essential function of this position is to perform building inspections. Provides customer service and clerical duties.

Requires high school diploma or GED, and one (1) year of related experience. Experience as a building inspector is desired. Provides customer service to the public pertaining to building permits. The position is responsible for performing building inspections and reviewing construction plans.

Requires valid Virginia Driver's License. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$48,261 to \$73,644.

CODE COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Code Compliance Inspector. The essential function of this position is to provide customer service to the public pertaining to code inspections and enforcement of county codes. The position is responsible for inspections and enforces violations of Chapter 92: Abandoned, Inoperable and Unattended Vehicles; Chapter 94: Nuisances; and Chapter 154: Zoning Code.

Requires high school diploma or GED, and one (1) year of related experience. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$42,665 to \$65,073.

PLANNER/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Planner/Community Redevelopment Specialist. The essential function of this position is to provide planning and technical support for the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department and various boards and committees. The position is responsible for assisting with planning, policy analysis, regulation enforcement, technical research and support, site/plan review, customer service, and related records and reports. The position works under general supervision of the Director.

Requires Bachelor's degree in planning or closely related field of study or at least three (3) years of related experience and demonstrated ability to handle multiple projects, public speaking, and maintain good public relations. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$62,877 to \$96,192.

Please refer to Northampton county's website at <https://tinyurl.com/yezesa6ra> for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. **Positions open until filled.**

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The Town of Parksley is accepting applications for a full- or part-time Public Works employee. References required. Must be able to: lift 50 pounds, work outdoors, pass a drug screen, and hold a valid driver's license. Pay is dependent on experience. Submit applications to the Town Office at town@parksley.org or in person at 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley, VA.

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Flight Line Attendant I PT position | Hourly Rate: \$15.75

The County of Accomack is seeking applications for the part-time position of Flight Line Attendant based at the Accomack County Airport in Melfa. The position is responsible for providing fueling services to aircraft, maintenance of both the terminal building and equipment, as well as customer service for airport visitors. Applicants must be able to climb a ladder with a 30 lb. fuel hose and *must be able to work weekends*.

Minimum qualifications: A high school diploma or GED is required; a valid driver's license, satisfactory completion of a pre-employment physical and drug screening, a background and DMV records check *prior* to employment. Aviation experience is preferred.

A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>. **First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025.**

Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, PERMITTING & ENFORCEMENT

The County of Northampton is accepting applications for a highly qualified and experienced Director of Planning, Permitting & Enforcement.

This position will work with County Administration and other agencies on community and economic development opportunities. Requires bachelor's degree in planning, environmental studies, engineering, or other closely related field. Requires ten (10) years of experience involving environmental work, community development, planning, site inspections, engineering, or code review and enforcement.

The essential function of this position is to oversee and direct operations of planning, zoning, permits, building inspections, and code compliance. The position is responsible for staff supervision, managing and implementing County goals and objectives, establishing short- and long-range plans, developing policy and procedures, managing planning activities and events, and preparing budgets.

This position also evaluates, documents, and reports on events and activities to senior management and elected or appointed officials and oversees the building official for administration of Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Additionally, the director oversees administration of the Northampton County Land Use Code to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of County residents. This position, with the appropriate certifications, performs plan reviews for storm water management and erosion and sediment control.

The salary range is \$91,9825 to \$140,795.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions and requirements https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

Please submit completed application and resume with cover letter and copies of certifications to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347. This position is open until filled. Northampton County is an EOE.

TOWN OF ONLEY POLICE OFFICER \$5,000 SIGN-ON BONUS FOR DCJS-CERTIFIED OFFICERS*

The Town of Onley is accepting applications for full-time DCJS-certified police officers. A complete job description and application are available at www.townofonley.org

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Applications will be received at the Onley Town Office, 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA. The Town of Onley is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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ACCOUNTING CLERK/BOOKKEEPER

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) has been the Eastern Shore of Virginia's regional planning organization since 1970. This is an exciting opportunity, with benefits, for a driven professional to gain experience in the accounting field.

Required Skills and Qualifications: The essential function of the position is to provide accounting for various federal and state grant funds, as well as financial reporting for housing development, housing counseling, and elevation projects. The Accounting Clerk/Bookkeeper will be responsible for maintaining accurate financial accounts for the A-NPDC. Excellent skills in accounting and financial tasks are required. The Accounting Clerk/Bookkeeper must be proficient in MS Word, MS Excel, and QuickBooks. Proficiency in other software is a plus. A detailed description is available on Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission's Facebook page and on its website at esvaplan.org

Submit cover letter and resume to Sandy Taylor at staylor@esvaplan.org with *Accounting Clerk/Bookkeeper* in the subject line, or mail a hard copy to the A-NPDC at P.O. Box 417, Accomack, VA 23301. The A-NPDC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The hiring range is \$45,000 - \$65,000 depending on qualifications. Benefit package includes the VRS Retirement System.

Minimum qualifications: High school diploma required; Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Accounting or Finance or related field or comparable education and work experience preferred.

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

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Help Wanted

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

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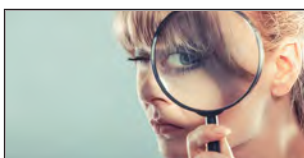
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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025, AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA** TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. SUSE-000109-2025 – Donald Pearson for Owner Tyler George – 26282 Savannah Road, Hallwood

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14) for travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation or storage of chattels. The applicant has located 12 travel trailers for habitation. The approximately 2-acre site is located at 26282 Savannah Road near Hallwood, at the intersection with Whites Crossing Road, and is on Tax Map # 40-A-110. The parcel is zoned Agricultural and is located in a special flood hazard area (8BFE). This is an after-the-fact application.

B. SUSE-000129-2025 and VAR-000145-2025 – Michael Lebiezdinski – 4100 Block of Indigo Lane, Horntown

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22) for Dwelling, accessory, on lots with a minimum area of five acres, or on nonconforming lots with a minimum area of 60,000 square feet recorded in the land records as of June 28, 2006. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 95' from the 140' minimum separation distance from multiple dwellings in Agricultural zoning pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-238. The applicant also requests a variance of 420' from the 1,200 square foot limit on accessory dwellings pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-1. The applicant wishes to construct a 1,620 square foot accessory dwelling on the property that is 45' away from the main house. The 3.22-acre site is located at the 4100 Block of Indigo Lane near Horntown, approximately 600' north of its intersection with Scarborough Lane, and is on Tax Map # 14-3-63. The parcel is zoned Agricultural and is partially located in a special flood hazard area (5BFE).

C. VAR-000137-2025 – Ryan Dean – 21484 and 21478 Southside Road, Onancock

The applicant requests variances of 47' and 10' from the 100' road frontage requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-82. The applicant wishes to subdivide two parcels in the Residential District. The 1.33-

acre site is located at 21484 and 21478 Southside Road near Onancock, approximately 60 feet south of its intersection with Taylor Lane, and is on Tax Map # 84B-A-22. The parcel is zoned Residential and is located in a special flood hazard area (7BFE).

D. SUSE-000144-2025 and VAR-000117-2025 – Ali Razwan for Owner Shore Livestock LLC – 26672 and 26678 Berry Road, Bloxom

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22) for Dwelling, accessory, on lots with a minimum area of five acres, or on nonconforming lots with a minimum area of 60,000 square feet recorded in the land records as of June 28, 2006. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 127' from the 140' minimum separation distance from multiple dwellings in Agricultural zoning pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-238, a variance of 776 square feet from the 1200 square foot limit on accessory dwellings pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-1, and a variance of 112' from the 200' setback from a property line for any portion of a poultry operation pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-232. The applicant has placed a 1976 square foot manufactured home on the property that is approximately 13'4" away from an existing dwelling and 88 feet from the front property line. The 59.408-acre site is located at 26672 and 26678 Berry Road near Bloxom, at its intersection with Chandler Road, and is on Tax Map # 69-A-54. The parcel is zoned Agricultural. This is an after-the-fact application.

E. SUSE-000094-2025 – Renay Backes – 9139 Stumptown Road, Temperanceville

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(11) for travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation or storage of chattels. The applicant has placed a travel trailer for habitation. The approximately .5-acre site is located at 9139 Stumptown Road near Temperanceville, approximately 580' north of its intersection with Messongo Road, and is on Tax Map # 39A-A-29. The parcel is zoned Residential and is located in a special flood hazard area (8BFE). This is an after-the-fact application.

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

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

TRUSTEE'S SALE 7 DIVISION ST., ONANCOCK, VA 23417

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 26, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$146,400.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200706541, re-recorded as Instrument No. 200802747. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on October 17, 2025, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, CONTAINING 0.23 ACRE, SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF ONANCOCK, IN ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESIGNATED LOT A ON A CERTAIN PLAT DATED JUNE 10, 1918, MADE BY S. M. ROGERS, C.E., ENTITLED "PROPERTY OF V. A. CHANDLER, MOUNT PROSPECT, ONANCOCK, VIRGINIA", WHICH SAID PLAT IS RECORDED ALONG WITH A CERTAIN DEED FROM VIBART A. CHANDLER, SR. AND WIFE, TO VIBART A. CHANDLER, JR. AND WIFE, DATED JANUARY 14, 1949 AND OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY IN DEED BOOK 195, AT PAGE 439, SAID PLAT BEING OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AFORESAID IN PLAT BOOK 7, AT PAGE 53, REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT BEING HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED. THE HEREIN CONVEYED LOT IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT, SAID MONUMENT LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A PRIVATE ROAD AT THE WESTERNMOST CORNER OF LOT A AND THE SOUTHERNMOST CORNER OF LOT C, THENCE N 42 DEGREES 06E 95.0' TO A PIPE; THENCE S 47' 54E 93.0' TO A PIPE; THENCE S 42 DEGREES 06W 124.8' TO A POINT; THENCE N 47 DEGREES 54W 30.0' TO A POINT IN THE NORTHEAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID PRIVATE ROAD; THENCE WITH SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE BY A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING AN ARC LENGTH OF 46.81' AND A RADIUS OF 29.8' TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, N 47 DEGREES 54W 33.2' TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Devin T. Smith (2025045) has applied for approximately 9.86 acres of oyster planting ground in Nandua Creek, situated in Accomack County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-36.8454 / W75-52.8756

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2025045): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

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

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Robert L. Lawson IV (2025050) has applied for approximately 158.53 acres of oyster planting ground in Outlet Bay situated in Northampton County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-23.265 / W75-50.64

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2025050): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2507, Amendment of Budget, you are hereby notified of a public hearing that will be held in the Onancock Town Hall, Council Chambers, 15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 22, 2025.

The Town Council, by majority vote, approved a motion made and seconded at its July 28, 2025, meeting to hold a public hearing on the concept of developing a grant and loan program through the Onancock Economic Development Authority that would fund necessary repairs at town-owned buildings located within Onancock town limits. Town reserves would be used to establish this fund and will have no impact on town taxes but will increase the approved budgeted expenditures by more than 1%.

All interested Onancock taxpayers will be afforded the opportunity to be heard or to present written statements. The motion and supporting materials are available by emailing matt.spuck@onancock.com, or a hard copy can be obtained in the town offices during regular business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING ONANCOCK TOWN COUNCIL'S INTENT TO APPROVE A BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT WITH ACCOMACK COUNTY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-3107 and 2.2-3707, please take notice of a public hearing to be held by the Onancock Town Council in the Onancock Town Hall, Council Chambers, 15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417 at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 22, 2025.

The Town Council is considering, and intends to approve, an agreement with Accomack County to adjust the boundary line between Accomack County and the Town of Onancock, Virginia, which would incorporate certain property within the Town boundary. The property in question is located west of Hill Street, south of Liberty Street, and extends southward to Tower Road. The Town Council will conduct a public hearing concerning the boundary line adjustment.

The supporting materials, including a copy of the boundary line adjustment agreement, are available by email (matt.spuck@onancock.com), or a hard copy can be obtained in the town offices during regular business hours.



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chincoteague Town Council and the Planning Commission will conduct a joint public hearing commencing at 7 P.M. on October 6, 2025, in the Council Chambers at the municipal building located at 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336 to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning proposed changes to the Town Zoning Ordinance regarding uses allowed by-right in the C-2 Old Town Commercial district.

The full content of the proposed changes may be viewed at the Town office or on the Town's website at www.chincoteague-va.gov

Written comments may be submitted to the Town Manager until 5 P.M. on October 6 at the above physical address or to mtolbert@chincoteague-va.gov.

CAPE CHARLES WETLANDS AND COASTAL DUNE BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Cape Charles Wetlands and Coastal Dune Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cape Charles Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Avenue, on the following:

A) Wetlands Application from Coastal Precast Systems, LLC, to construct a 120-foot wide by 462-foot long concrete launching ramp

The portion of the project that is within the Wetlands and Coastal Dune Board's jurisdiction, pursuant to Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance Appendix F, Section 74.31, is the proposed construction of a 120-foot-wide by 462-foot-long concrete launching ramp that impacts 0.34 acres of jurisdictional waters. Coastal Precast Systems, LLC, is proposing to retain this structure permanently, following the completion of the Key Bridge Components. Additionally, CPS will install six (6) permanent 12" diameter timber piles with signage around the launch ramp that will warn vessels of the underwater structure.

The application is available for public review on www.capecharles.org under *Agendas and Minutes/Wetlands/Coastal Dune Board*. Please contact the Zoning Administrator at 757-331-2036 or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending who requires special assistance should contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.



TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Chincoteague Town Council will conduct a public hearing commencing at 7 P.M. on October 6, 2025, in the Council Chambers at the municipal building located at 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336 to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning the installation of additional lighting in Memorial Park to include the tennis courts and other park amenities.

Questions can be addressed to the Town Manager at (757) 336-6519. Written comments may be submitted to the Town Manager until 5PM on October 6 at the above physical address or to mtolbert@chincoteague-va.gov.

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

H. M. TERRY COMPANY, INC., (2025033) has applied for approximately 18.24 acres of oyster planting ground in South Bay situated in Northampton County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-14.5326 / W75-50.3034

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2025033): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a proposed permit that will allow the operation of two wastewater lagoons not receiving influent and without land application in Accomack County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 13, 2025 to October 13, 2025.

PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Virginia Pollution Abatement VPA01060 – EHH, LLC – Accomack County issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS: EHH, LLC; PO Box 12; Salisbury, MD 21803.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: EHH, LLC has applied for the reissuance of a permit authorizing the operation of two wastewater lagoons at the sites identified in the draft permit located in Accomack County. The permit will require minimum freeboard capacities and prohibit discharges. Wastewater or wastewater residuals will not be land applied. For site-specific information about these applications and additional information about the DEQ permitting program for industrial residuals visit the following website: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits/public-notices/water/land-application-virginia-pollution-abatement-vpa>

TENTATIVE AND FINAL PERMIT DECISION PROCEDURES: DEQ's tentative decision is to reissue the permit. Based on comments received on the draft permit, DEQ may make a final decision on the permit, or hold a public hearing on the draft permit before making a final permit decision.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the permit number, and name, postal mailing or email address of the commenter/requester. A request for a public hearing must also include 1) Name and permit number for which the hearing is requested. 2) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 3) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 4) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Brad Morrison, DEQ Central Office; 1111 E Main St, Suite 1400; Richmond, VA 23219, Phone: (804) 659-1545; E-mail: bradley.s.morrison@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and associated documents at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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Detailed bid packet and more information may be obtained by calling 757-787-3985.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on-site at 25559 E. Main St., Onley, VA 23418 on Friday, September 19, 2025, at 11:00 am. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly suggested.

RFPs should be addressed to Town of Onley, P.O. Box 622, Onley, VA 23418, Attn: Town Garage Project, and received on or before 5:00 PM on October 6, 2025. Bids may also be dropped off in person to 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA 23418.

Late submissions will not be accepted. Sealed proposals will be opened on October 6, 2025, at our regular monthly meeting. Contracts will be awarded based on information received and based on the proposal that is expected to be the most beneficial to the project. The Town of Onley reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

J. C. WALKER BROS., INC., (2025047) has applied for approximately 22.67 acres of oyster planting ground in Revel Creek situated in Accomack County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-29.7876 / W75-40.9626

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2025047): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

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2. How old was Danish swimmer Inge Sorensen when she won a bronze medal at the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics?

3. Name the Little Caesars Pizza founder who was the owner of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings and Major League Baseball's Detroit Tigers.

4. The Cincinnati Reds, Milwaukee Schlitz, Kentucky Bourbons, and Cleveland Stepien's Competitors were professional teams that played what sport in the late 1970s and early 1980s?

5. Name the former ESPN sportscaster who served as the New York Yankees' radio play-by-play announcer from 2002-04 before joining the Los Angeles Dodgers' radio and TV broadcast booth in 2005.

6. Calbert Cheaney scored a Big Ten Conference career record 2,613 points playing for what college basketball team from 1989-93?

Answers

1. The Phoenix Suns.
2. 12 years old.
3. Mike Hitch.
4. Men's slow-pitch softball.
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Chinco. Channel	H L	12:22p.m. 6:56 p.m.	H L	1:22 p.m. 6:50 a.m.	H L	2:26 p.m. 7:54 a.m.	H L	3:32 p.m. 9:03 a.m.	H L	4:37 p.m. 10:11 a.m.	H L	5:37 p.m. 11:16 a.m.	H L	6:31 p.m. 12:15 p.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	1:14 p.m. 6:46 a.m.	H L	2:11 p.m. 7:40 a.m.	H L	3:16 p.m. 8:40 a.m.	H L	4:28 p.m. 9:45 a.m.	H L	5:41 p.m. 10:53 a.m.	H L	6:44 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	H L	7:03 a.m. 1:03 p.m.
Folly Creek	H L	1:07 p.m. 6:31 a.m.	H L	2:04 p.m. 7:25 a.m.	H L	3:09 p.m. 8:25 a.m.	H L	4:21 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	H L	5:34 p.m. 10:38 a.m.	H L	6:37 p.m. 11:45 a.m.	H L	6:56 a.m. 12:48 p.m.
Wachapreague	H L	12:53p.m. 7:12 p.m.	H L	1:50 p.m. 7:09 a.m.	H L	2:51 p.m. 8:10 a.m.	H L	3:58 p.m. 9:12 a.m.	H L	5:08 p.m. 10:15 a.m.	H L	6:08 p.m. 11:18 a.m.	H L	6:58 p.m. 12:18 p.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	12:18p.m. 6:42 p.m.	H L	1:15 p.m. 6:40 a.m.	H L	2:20 p.m. 7:40 a.m.	H L	3:32 p.m. 8:45 a.m.	H L	4:45 p.m. 9:53 a.m.	H L	5:48 p.m. 11:00 a.m.	H L	6:40 p.m. 12:03 p.m.
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Muddy Creek	H L	4:43 p.m. 10:46 a.m.	H L	5:40 p.m. 11:42 a.m.	H L	6:43 p.m. 12:45 p.m.	H L	7:11 a.m. 1:54 p.m.	H L	8:34 a.m. 3:07 p.m.	H L	9:48 a.m. 4:15 p.m.	H L	10:45 a.m. 5:15 p.m.
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

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- ACROSS
1 It's on either side of a weather front
8 Like some pain-causing toenails
15 Award for "Nomadland"
20 Decay of a plant's stalk
21 Suave, glib sort
22 1/24 of a day, in French
23 Astronauts' advisory group?
25 Blows gently
26 NHL great Bobby
27 Dot in la mer
28 Candied nut given to a kid to quell a tantrum?
30 Advice for Fonda when she has a grievance?
35 Finds a new purpose for
36 Saudi export
37 Adele's vocal range
38 Without remuneration
41 Big cheese
44 RBI, e.g.
45 "Lily White" novelist Susan
- 46 Colo.-to-Ga. direction
49 Present, as the whole group
51 Small car manufactured in Poland's capital?
54 Optimal nutrient amt.
55 In — of (replacing)
57 Suffix with hero or opal
58 Common brown rodent
59 Give praise to sellers of stolen goods?
63 Regarding
64 Like the horse favored to win
65 Units of gold purity
70 Zest or Dial
73 Fighting between Dracula and Lestat?
80 Puts into operation
85 Partner of neither
86 Land of Lima and llamas
87 "So that's it!"
88 Halt hubbub?
91 Is scornful of
93 Pork product
- 94 Ocean trip
95 Oolong and Darjeeling
97 List details
98 Isn't truthful with
99 Orch. section for timpani, triangles, etc.
100 Jet to JFK, once
101 Tater Tots maker
104 Give solace to actor Mike?
109 Win the contest?
113 — Grande
114 Meadow
115 From Havana, e.g.
116 Noting the differences between cutting utensils?
121 Nuclear trial, in brief
122 Respectful tributes
123 Hint-giving columnist
124 Old Persians
125 Unity
126 Plaits of hair
- DOWN
1 Part of YMCA: Abbr.
2 Computer support whiz
3 Supply with new weapons
4 2,100, to Caesar
5 "— you in?"
6 Communal
7 Vodka brand, familiarly
8 Suffix with 6-Down
9 Abbr. for those with only one given name
10 "Gee, I would never do that!"
11 Perez of film
12 Elevator company
13 "— asking?"
14 Big Apple mail abbr.
15 "I do so suffer!"
16 Slimy shore deposit in some spa treatments
17 Sleeve ends
18 Bandleader Shaw
19 Takes it easy
24 — Work ("Down Under" band)
29 Industrial city in southern Poland
31 Pal of Tigger
32 Maligned in print
33 "The Hunger Games" star, in tabloids
34 Acquire
38 D.C.'s land
39 Rustic denials
40 Tempo
41 DEA agent
42 "Battle Cry" actor — Ray
43 "Kapow!"
44 Watermelon waste
45 "So that's it"
46 Work to get
47 Mark for life
48 Suffix with kitchen
50 Watermelon waste
52 Big GOP get-together
53 It splits light
56 Aliens' ship
60 Clean a spill on the floor
61 Ltr. encloser
62 Slalom, say
66 Jean of Dada
67 Bog grasses
68 Lot division
69 Vacation travel, often
70 Window part
71 Twice tetra-
72 Quark locale
74 Price to play
75 "Li'l ol' me?"
76 For the time being
77 Portend
78 "Excuse me"
79 Fling
81 Mishaps
82 Ripped into
83 Tall birds
84 "The Power of the Dog" co-star Kodi — -McPhee
89 Spanish for "bear"
90 Spongy ball
92 Teeny-tiny
96 Oak nut
98 Enzyme in fat breakdown
99 Thick soup
100 Dracula creator Bram
101 Philosopher with a "razor"
102 Way to travel
103 Plant firmly
104 Channel that televises hearings
105 Correct
106 "Blue Suede Shoes" singer
107 Della of song
108 RSVP card encls.
110 Say again
111 Great benefit
112 Single-named plus-size model
117 Apt., e.g.
118 Mag. edition
119 Mets' div.
120 Platform for iDevices

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