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J.R. Bishop, left, owner of Dirt Doctor in Exmore, and Logan Farlow hang holiday decorations on the utility poles in Exmore on Monday, Nov. 24. Christmas and holiday decorating began around the Eastern Shore this week.

CHINCOTEAGUE

Town moves to purchase land for park

Was to be site of Seacrets

BY JANET BERNOSKY

Eastern Shore Post

The Chincoteague Town Council voted to purchase waterfront property on South Main Street for \$2.25 million that it hopes to turn into a public park.

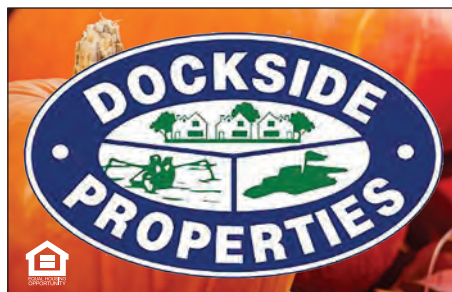
The land for the park made news in 2022 when it was purchased by owners of the massive waterfront Seacrets Restaurant and Bar in Ocean City, Md., who disclosed plans for a palm tree-lined seasonal eatery and bar on Chincoteague.

The plans never came to fruition.

The town council vote followed a public hearing, with residents voicing differing opinions on the land's purchase.

The vote to purchase was 5-1, with Councilmember William McComb casting a dissenting vote.

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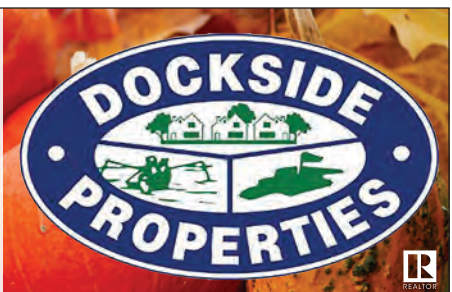
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Temperanceville woman gives game show a spin

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Millions of people watch game shows nightly — and many think they could best the contestants on their screens.

Kesha Corbin, of Temperanceville, figured she should put her skills to the test and applied to compete on “Wheel of Fortune,” which she has been watching since she was a child.

“When I applied, I never thought they’d call me back,” Corbin said.

Six months later, however, she was auditioning for the show via Zoom, and show officials later asked her to compete.

Corbin agreed, knowing the experience of going to Los Angeles and being on the show was just as important as winning.

Eager to share the once-in-a-lifetime experience, she took two of her children, Ysheka and Cameron Corbin, with her to Los Angeles for the four-day trip.

Her oldest son, Semaj, who is in college, could not attend.

While on the show, which first aired Thursday, Nov.

20, Corbin had the opportunity to speak about the Eastern Shore, mentioning Chincoteague’s recent 100th annual Pony Penning, the Chincoteague Blueberry Festival, and the Eastern Shore’s fireman’s carnivals.

“Wheel of Fortune” is a game show that pits three contestants against each other to solve word puzzles.

Contestants receive money and prizes for correct guesses from the wheel, which contestants spin prior to guessing a letter.

Earlier this year, the show celebrated its 50-year anniversary.

Corbin came up short of winning, acknowledging that her competition was stiff.

In the episode featuring Corbin, her fellow competitors were from Houston and Chicago.

When the show’s host, Ryan Seacrest, announced Corbin as being from much-less-populated Temperanceville, it likely raised eyebrows and drew looks of confusion from many across the country Thursday night.

The viewers on the Eastern Shore though, smiled, cheered, and applauded.

“It feels so good to be acknowledged,” Corbin said of the recognition for the Eastern Shore.



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Kesha Corbin, of Temperanceville, recently was a contestant on “Wheel of Fortune.”



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Rural Health to open its own pharmacy in Eastville

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The decoupling of two brand names of Northampton County health care shines a light on the thicket of government regulations that dictate how pharmaceuticals are bought and sold, and for how much.

A government program allows Eastern Shore Rural Health's pharmacies to buy wholesale prescription drugs at lower prices than other pharmacies.

Rural Health officials said its pharmacy profits are plowed back into the mission of the organization — to serve all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Rural Health officials said those are the main reasons why the health non-profit did not renew its lease for Rayfield's Pharmacy at the Eastville Community Health Center.

Rayfield's Pharmacy, which also has locations in Cape Charles and Nas-

sawadox, will close its location in the Eastville center on Monday, Jan. 19.

"They have been a wonderful partner for us," said Jeannette Edwards, chief executive officer of Rural Health. "They have been amazing working with our patients."

Rural Health will open its own pharmacy at the Eastville health center in the spring. It also operates pharmacies in Oak Hall and at the Onley Community Health Center.

Rural Health officials said they get the discounted pharmaceuticals because it is a Federally Qualified Health Center, a government designation for health providers who must serve all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Rural Health also accepts Tricare, which is the insurance for the U.S. military, retirees, and their families.

Edwards said Rural Health has been asked what it can do to help military retirees in the area and active duty

military at the U.S. Coast Guard station in Cape Charles with pharmaceutical needs.

Rayfield's and other many other independent pharmacies do not accept Tricare, which has pared back its network of pharmacies. Tricare also has lower reimbursement rates, creating a problem for small pharmacies.

Berkley Rayfield, a pharmacist and part of the ownership family of Rayfield's Pharmacy, said federal pharmaceutical programs have created unintended consequences.

"When parts of the system operate with deeply discounted costs and others do not, it can unintentionally drive consolidation, reduce competition, and shift financial pressure to the rest of the health care marketplace over time," he said.

"While we are disappointed that our lease was not renewed, we recognize that different health care organizations operate under very different

financial and regulatory structures," Rayfield said.

Edwards thanked Rayfield's for coming to the Eastville health center six years ago to provide pharmacy services.

"We did not have enough bandwidth to do the pharmacy," she said. Rayfield's operated rent-free in Eastville during a five-year contract and a sixth additional year until Rural Health was ready to assume operations.

Rural Health officials acknowledged existing regulations work against independent pharmacies.

"All of us are just trying to maneuver the system in the best way we can to take care of the patients," said Kandy Bruno, Rural Health's chief financial officer.

Edwards said the decision came down to ensuring all patients can get medications, even if they can't pay.

"It's really all about the patients," she said.



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McComb said the town already has several parks and some need general maintenance and upgrades.

He said its purchase also would reduce the town's reserve fund and the interest that fund accrues.

He also expressed concerns about the total cost after the purchase to develop the park.

This decision allows Town Manager Mike Tolbert to move forward and enter into a purchase agreement with the seller, Chincoteague Seacrets, LLC, anticipated to occur on or about Dec. 18.

Accomack County records show the LLC purchased the property in July 2022 for \$2.2 million.

Under the terms, several days later, the town would deposit \$50,000 into escrow toward the purchase.

This would begin a 90-day due diligence period from the exact date of the purchase agreement,

"We have to give something back to our future generations."

**Mayor Denise Bowden
Chincoteague**

during which time the town would conduct any necessary inspections, including environmental and soil assessments of the property, along with exploring the condition of its bulkhead.

This also would be time to gather costs associated with turning it into a park, several councilmembers said.

These potential costs were also one of the issues raised by Stewart Baker, of Serenity Lane, during the public hearing held before the vote.

Within the due diligence period, Tolbert said the town could also with-

draw from the agreement without penalty and have the deposit returned.

The anticipated closing date is April 18, 2026, and could be earlier.

Tolbert cited the potential to create a multifunctional park space and another showpiece for the island on the two lots to be purchased, which total 2.54 acres.

He said the lots have 400 linear feet on the water, and he described the property as "shovel ready."

This new location also captures the beauty of the sunset, a draw to visitors and residents alike.

In a letter read aloud by Tolbert, Accomac Street residents Tom and Jeannie Cutter said it was these very views that began their attraction to Chincoteague as visitors in the late 1970s.

Tina Zoller, a South Main Street homeowner, also spoke in favor of the purchase, saying it would allow cars an area to park to watch the sunset.

Now, she said, vehicles line up the length of that street to enjoy

that particular time of day, causing congestion.

Donna Leonard voiced several concerns, including that the town needs to devote money and land to develop workforce housing.

Mayor Denise Bowden described this spot as one of her favorites on the island.

While she is in favor of development, there also comes with it a responsibility, she said, adding this purchase provides the town with a perfect opportunity.

"We have to give something back to our future generations," she said.

Three years ago, most of the public sentiment was against a Seacrets-styled restaurant and bar on the property.

It was to be modeled on the original Seacrets opened in Ocean City in the late 1980s, including a small tiki bar, a rock bar, a raw bar, a restaurant, and a boutique.

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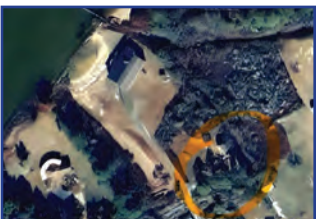
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THE PAPER'S POSITION

In Onancock, resignations reveal deep divisions

Onancock's new welcome sign, bright murals, and downtown businesses are attractive. But they apparently are the veneer covering deep divisions within the town itself.

Another town council member resigned Nov. 17 — the second time in six months that a duly elected member on the six-seat council quit and walked away.

The council members who resigned, Maphis Oswald and, more recently, Joy Marino, were stridently independent. They asked pointed questions and raised truths some found uncomfortable.

They took independent stances when it came to Onancock issues like the performance pavilion at the school, the location of the farmers market, and the activities of the town's Main Street initiative.

Independence and courage are critical for elected officials.

The council members' departures do not mean the town's wounds have healed and fences have been mended.

Was it the process of creating the performance pavilion several years ago that started the lingering disagreement within the town? It certainly has been one of the factors.

Whatever the cause, the gulf has been hard to close.

In Onancock, it has been easier to create sharp new signage than create new understanding.

It has been easier to paint colorful murals with scenes of people together than it has been to create real togetherness.

It remains to be seen if Onancock's current leadership has the social moxie to mend such a riven environment. We hope reconciliation is the order of the day in 2026.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McIntyres: 'We will let everyone reach their own conclusions'

To the editor,

Because we know there are so many friends out there who are wondering about the cause of death in August of our 22-year-old son, Miles McIntyre, and what may have happened, we have decided to share the official results of his autopsy and toxicology report.

Miles' official cause of death was accidental drowning.

He had no drugs of any kind in his system but was nearly four times over the legal limit for alcohol, with a blood alcohol level of .28.

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The only personal belonging of his that was found at the wharf where he disappeared was his hat.

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We will let everyone reach their own conclusions and arrive at their own moral to the story.

Cameron and Adele McIntyre
New Church

Is against plan to pump poultry waste in ground

To the editor:
I regret that I was not able

to attend the Oct. 25 Eastern Shore of Virginia Groundwater Committee meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

If I had not been traveling at the time, I would most certainly have attended.

In addition to owning commercial property in Accomack County, I also have three residential communities; Waterside Village, owned by Waterside Land Trust, LLC; and Heron

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New year, new learning with valuable ESCSB trainings

BY CHARMIN HORTON

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

As the holiday season approaches, many people start thinking about plans for the upcoming new year.

New Year's resolutions often focus on better self-care, enhancing life in a positive way, and increasing life satisfaction and happiness.

If your New Year's resolution is to learn something new, consider adding the valuable trainings offered by the Eastern Shore Community Services Board's Office of Prevention Services to your list.

The community services board's prevention office offers several train-

ings throughout the year that are available for anyone to take for free.

The Activate Your Wellness training provides instruction on how to integrate small changes into one's life so lasting positive impacts to overall wellness can be achieved.

Adult Mental Health First Aid teaches individuals how to help an adult who may be struggling with mental health or substance use challenges.

This training helps participants identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health or substance use for the purpose of offering the first level of support.

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designed to train adults on how to assist youth who may be experiencing a mental health challenge.

The Adverse Childhood Experiences course focuses on understanding childhood trauma and the lifelong implications it can have on individuals, aiding in support and positive outcomes.

In addition to these courses, there are other courses such as the REVIVE Opioid Overdose training.

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For more information on the trainings offered by the ESCSB's Prevention Office or to sign up for these free courses, please visit escsb.org, go to the news and events tab to find the calendar of events.

■ *The writer is the prevention coalition coordinator for the Eastern Shore Community Services Board.*

Letters

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Watch and Laughing Gull, owned by EJB Holdings, Inc.

Between the three communities, I have offered 161 building sites, with many of them now built upon and providing Accomack County with the increased tax revenue of new construction.

Approving a change to the zoning ordinance to allow Vaulted Deep to operate a deep well injection facility

to pump pressurized poultry waste into our fragile aquifer system does not seem to be in the best interest of the public when there are other means available.

Since the approval and installation of the many chicken production facilities in Accomack County, I believe everyone would agree that a new form of removal of chicken waste is certainly needed.

Seeking a natural gas pipeline installation into northern Accomack County to allow for a possible pelletizing plant to come to the area makes much more sense than taking a chance

on compromising our only potable water source.

Creating fertilizer from the chicken manure waste as a new product in the county would create jobs and increased revenue for Accomack County.

The technology used by Vaulted Deep may work in other areas that have a rock barrier separation to protect their ground water from the waste discharge pumped underneath, but it will not on the Eastern Shore, where we only have clay and sand separation between the proposed manure discharge and our potable water.

This would affect not only Acco-

mack County but Northampton County as well if our aquifer system were to be compromised.

The two counties share the sole source of fresh water on the peninsula.

I implore the Accomack County Board of Supervisors to deny this zoning ordinance change and protect the health and well-being of the citizens of Accomack and Northampton who rely on a sole source aquifer for potable water.

Eileen Kirkwood
Exmore

MADRIGALS TO PERFORM

The Eastern Shore Madrigals, pictured clockwise from bottom left, include director Patricia Davis, David Jones, Rhudy Naylor, Marty Killmon, J.R. Scott, Tyler Marsh, Scott Stitely, Alex Simms, Ben Askew, Allen Hamilton, Alex Gibb, and John Scott.

The Madrigals' Christmas show "Gettin' in the Mood," will be performed at North Street Playhouse in Onancock on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets (\$25 for adults and \$10 for students 12 and under) are available online at northstreetplayhouse.org, at 757-787-2050, or at the door if available.



ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

Friday, November 28

■ **STUDIO TOUR:** From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Eastern Shore Artisans Guild will host its annual studio tour. Artists and artisans will display their work in their own studios, as well as in galleries, museums, and community spaces. To learn more about the self-driving tour visit <https://tinyurl.com/48xsp83f>

■ **FESTIVE FRIDAYS:** Starting at 5 p.m. downtown Cape Charles will be filled with the holiday spirit for Festive Fridays. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for visits and there will be train rides, face painting, crafts, a petting zoo, and a free screening of “Elf” at the Historic Palace Theatre. Shops and restaurants will have specials and extended hours.

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. Willie C and the Gang perform live. Call 757-710-8718 to reserve a seat.

Saturday, November 29

■ **HOLIDAY MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Handmade arts and crafts will be for sale as well as local seafood, produce, baked goods, and other edibles. The Mako Hammerz will provide live music. There will be a free kids art project for ages 2 to 9.

■ **TURKEY SHOOT:** 10 a.m., AJ’s on the Creek, 6585 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The Sons of American Legion Post 159 are hosting a turkey shoot. The cost is \$5 per round. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Child supervision is required.

■ **STUDIO TOUR:** From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Best bets

■ **Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** the Eastern Shore Artisans Guild will hold its annual studio tour. Private studios, galleries, and community spaces will be filled with handcrafted works made by local artisans. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/48xsp83f> to learn more.

■ **Monday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m.** Pocomoke City will host its annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 14th Street, proceed north on Market Street, and end at the Pocomoke River.

the Eastern Shore Artisans Guild will host its annual studio tour. Artists and artisans will display their work in their own studios, as well as in galleries, museums, and community spaces. To learn more about the self-driving tour visit <https://tinyurl.com/48xsp83f>

■ **CHILDREN’S PROGRAM:** 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Children of all ages are invited to Kids in STEAM. There will be sensory activities to illustrate viscosity. Kids can make a glitter jar or lava lamp. The cost is \$10 for nonmembers and \$5 for members.

■ **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION:** 1 to 3 p.m., Whiteraven’s Nest, 6382 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. Whiteraven’s is hosting its fifth annual Barnyard Holiday. The community is invited to enjoy hot apple cider, eggnog, and treats. Santa will be there to greet kids and hand out treats, and there will be a barnyard holiday display for photo ops. The Chincoteague Pony Drill Team will be visiting as well.

■ **TREE LIGHTING:** 5 p.m., Robert Reed Downtown Park, Chincoteague. Chincoteague’s

annual tree lighting will spread some holiday cheer. In addition to the annual tree lighting this event will include visits with Santa, holiday music, vendors, hot cocoa, a toy drive, and a performance by the Chincoteague Pony Drill Team.

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

Sunday, November 30

■ **PROGRAM:** 2 p.m., Shorter’s Chapel AME Church will host a presentation by Tasha Peed, in honor of her mother, Sherene Peed Joseph, called “What’s in Your Basket?” It is “a presentation dedicated to the loving memory of Sherene, a woman whose faith, love, and devotion to our church touched so many hearts.” Dinner will follow the service. The church is located at 10228 Bayside Road, Machipongo.

Monday, December 1

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community

House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The Island Community House hosts open board game play. Bring a friend or make some new ones. Snacks are welcome.

■ **TREE LIGHTING:** Starting at 5:30 p.m. in the town park Eastville will hold a tree lighting ceremony. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the town hall and community center. Santa Claus will be available for visits.

■ **PARADE:** Starting at 7 p.m. Pocomoke City will host its annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at 14th Street, proceed north on Market Street, and end at the Pocomoke River.

Tuesday, December 2

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 to 11 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Children 4 years old and younger can enjoy stories and activities during Little Sprouts.

■ **TEEN GAME NIGHT:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teens can play video or board games or put together a puzzle.

■ **YARN CLUB:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Crafters can bring their knitting or crochet projects and chat with other fiber artists while working.

■ **WRITERS GROUP:** 6 to 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. Writers of all styles and experience levels are invited to share work based on that session’s prompt or any other piece they’d like to share. Each person is limited to five minutes and each piece should be no longer than one page. Each person will be given an opportunity to hear feedback.

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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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Feedback is strictly positive.

Wednesday, December 3

- **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Get help with tech devices on demand all day.
- **SUPPORT GROUP:** Noon to 1 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Center conference room, 29316 Lankford Highway, Melfa. Every Wednesday an All Recovery Meeting is being held. Meetings are anonymous and intended to provide a supportive environment for those seeking or maintaining recovery. All on campus and in the community are welcome.
- **SIT AND STITCH:** 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Crafters can work on hand-held projects during an afternoon of casual crafting.
- **WINE WEDNESDAY:** 5 to 7 p.m., Historic Onancock School, Onancock. The school is hosting its monthly Wine Wednesday, an evening of shopping, wine, and art. Tour artist studios while sipping wine.

Thursday, December 4

- **EGGS AND ISSUES:** 8:30 a.m., Off the Rails, Parksley. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce is hosting Eggs and Issues, a breakfast and community forum with local elected officials. The cost is \$20. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/mwepewy>
- **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 8:30 a.m., Queen Street, Onancock. Join Maggie Long and Paul Anderson of Birding Eastern Shore for a birding field trip around the town of Onancock. Birders can park and meet in the Queen Street parking lot, where the tour will begin and end. To register call Long at 610-500-9971.
- **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The Island Community House hosts open board game play. Bring a friend or make some new ones. Snacks are welcome.
- **STORYTIME:** 4:30 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Children can enjoy snacks and stories at the

library.

- **HOLIDAY MARKET:** 5 to 7:30 p.m., 3268 Broad St., Exmore. New Ravenna is hosting its annual Holiday Fair. Local vendors will be selling handmade goods and there will be holiday shopping opportunities.
- **LECTURE:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. Birding Eastern Shore is hosting a lecture about the declining osprey population in the Chesapeake Bay. Bryan D. Watts, a professor of conservation biology and director of The Center for Conservation Biology at William & Mary, will provide the latest research from the Chesapeake Bay. Biologist Ben Wurst leads the New Jersey Osprey Project and will provide data on the osprey status along the New Jersey coastal area.
- **BOOK CLUB:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library's Romance Book Club is hosting a reader's choice meeting. Readers can select the title they're most excited about and discuss it with the group over tea and cookies. The titles to choose from are "Good Spirits," by B.K. Borison, "Jingle Spells," by Emily Grimoire, "Merry Christmas You Filthy Animal," by Meghan Quinn, and "Yours for the Season," by Emily Stone.
- **DANCE LESSONS:** 6 to 7 p.m., The Oyster Farm, Cape Charles. Ballroom and More on the Shore is hosting a dance lesson. No experience or partner necessary. The cost is \$5 per person.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii Lounge, 145 Market St., Onancock. The Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio performs live.
- **HOLIDAY EVENT:** 6 to 8 p.m., Comfort Suites Chincoteague Island, 4195 Main St., Chincoteague. During

this Christmas Sip and Shop local vendors will be set up with items for holiday shopping. There will also be refreshments.

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

Friday, December 5

- **NETWORKING:** 8 to 9:30 a.m., Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, 6733 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The chamber is hosting a Morning Mingle. All are invited for networking, beverages, and breakfast bites.
- **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Walkers meet at Island Community House before taking a one-and-a-half mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.
- **MAKERSPACE TRAINING:** 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Become certified to use the library's MakerSpace button press during this training and learn to make pin-backed buttons. To register call the library at 757-787-3400.
- **HOLIDAY EVENT:** 4 to 7 p.m., Muse-

um of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The museum's Christmas Tree Village will fill its Legacy Pavilion with decorated Christmas trees.

■ **FESTIVE FRIDAYS:** Starting at 5 p.m. downtown Cape Charles will be filled with the holiday spirit for Festive Fridays. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for visits, there will be train rides, face painting, crafts, a petting zoo, and a free screening of "Home Alone" at the Historic Palace Theatre. Shops and restaurants will have specials and extended hours.

■ **HOLIDAY DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Christmas Breakfast for Dinner will feature kids crafts, photo ops, a nativity set, and dinner. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage. The cost is \$12 for children 10 and under, and \$15 for anyone 11 or older.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., games start 7 p.m., Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. For \$25 play 20 games of bingo. Extra cards are available for purchase. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

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The *Friends of the Public Library* are excited to announce that Santa and some of his elves will visit the Children's Room at the Regional Library in Parksley on **December 6th from 10AM to Noon**. He will have an age-appropriate book for each child from newborn to age 12. There will be candy canes for all believers of any age. Bring your own camera if you would like to snap a picture and if you would like to be in the photo as well, our team can provide some assistance. We have a long-standing record of tear-free visits with the Jolly Old Elf. Regardless of the weather, we will be cozy and warm inside the library.



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Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade will kick off for the 45th time. This year's theme is "A Saltwater Christmas." It will honor the 100-year legacy of the Saltwater Cowboys. The Chincoteague Police Department will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for its annual toy drive. The parade will be followed by visits with Santa at American Legion Post 159, where hot dogs and complimentary refreshments will be available.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. Jackie's Quad Squad performs live. To reserve a seat call 757-710-8718.

■ **HOLIDAY DANCE:** 7 p.m., Giddens' Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Franktown. The Jingle and Mingle Bash is a holiday dance featuring live music by Willie C and the Gang and hors d'oeuvres. The cost is \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Rayfield's in

Nassawadox and Cape Charles or at the Book Bin in Onley.

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague High School Band will perform. The suggested donation is \$10 and all proceeds benefit the band. There will be a cash bar.

■ **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** 7:30 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers will present their holiday program "Gettin' in the Mood." Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students age 22 and under.

■ **DANCE SHOWCASE:** 7:30 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Arts Enter presents "Merry Movement," a dance showcase featuring Arts Enter students and alumni. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/y5auhctv>

Sunday, December 7

■ **SIP AND SHOP:** 1 to 4 p.m., American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton. Local vendors and artisans will

have holiday gifts for sale. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A 50/50 raffle will also be held.

■ **HYMN SING:** 2 p.m., Community Church of God, 9079 Birdsnest Drive, Birdsnest. The church is hosting a Christmas Hymn Sing.

■ **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY:** 2 to 5 p.m., Herbert Baptist Church, 32300 Bradfords Neck Road, Wachapreague. The church is celebrating its 113th anniversary. The guest pastor will be pastor Percy James.

■ **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** 2:30 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers will present their holiday program "Gettin' in the Mood." Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students age 22 and under.

■ **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. The Shore Singers chorus will perform festive songs. This is a free concert.

■ **SOUP COOKOFF:** 5:30 to 9 p.m., The Pearl Event Center at The Oyster Farm, Cape Charles. The Oyster Farm at Kings Creek is hosting its annual soup cook-off. Tickets are \$25 and can

be purchased at the Oyster Farm or by calling 757-331-8660. Live music will be provided by the H.M. Johnson Band. Nonperishable food donations will also be collected for the Foodbank of South-eastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.

Monday, December 8

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The Island Community House hosts open board game play. Bring a friend or make some new ones. Snacks are welcome.

■ **MEETING:** 7 to 8 p.m., Sage Diner, 25558 Lankford Highway, Onley. The Eastern Shore Anglers Club will hold a membership meeting. All are welcome to come discuss fishing.

Tuesday, December 9

■ **LECTURE:** 9:30 to 11 a.m., Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust, 6 Crockett Ave., Onancock. Robbie Lewis, area forester for the Virginia Department of Forestry, will deliver a lecture about

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- **CRAFT:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Learn how to make a glitter snowflake candle holder during the library's Adult Crafternoon.
- **HOLIDAY EVENT:** 4 to 7 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The museum's Christmas Tree Village will fill its Legacy Pavillion with decorated Christmas trees.
- **OPEN HOUSE:** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust, 6 Crockett Ave., Onancock. The land trust is hosting a Holiday Open House with refreshments.
- **HOLIDAY DINNER:** 6 to 9 p.m., Ker Place, Onancock. Shore History is hosting its annual Holiday Dinner. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/2a6duazb>
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. Chris English performs live. To reserve a seat call 757-710-8718.
- **BALLET:** 7 p.m., Nandua High School, 26350 Lankford Highway, Onley. The ESO School of Dance presents "The Nutcracker Swings." To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/pe8ty9jb>

Saturday, December 13

- **COOKIE SALE:** 9 a.m. to noon, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 18 Third St., Pocomoke City. The church is hold its 10th annual Cookies by the Pound Sale. There will be a large selection of cookies and candies.
- **ARTISANS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. The school is hosting a Holiday Artisans Market.
- **CHRISTMAS FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The fairgrounds is hosting a Christmas Shoppers Fair. There will be craft vendors, door prizes, and more.
- **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia, Regional Library, Parksley. Children ages 5 and under can hear a story and engage in play literacy.
- **SANTA VISIT:** 11 a.m., Onancock Wharf, Onancock. Santa will arrive by boat to greet children at the harbor. Santa will be escorted in by a group of reindeer in kayaks. Kayakers who would like to help escort Santa can email janddfreeman@aol.com
- **COOKIE SALE:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. A variety of homemade

cookies will be for sale to benefit the alliance's scholarship fund.

- **SANTA VISIT:** 1 to 3 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Santa will arrive by boat and then be available for visits.
- **HOME TOUR:** From 1 to 5 p.m., the Onancock Christmas Homes Tour will offer a glimpse inside seven beautifully decorated homes. To purchase tickets visit www.onancock.org/christmas
- **MUSIC FESTIVAL:** 2 to 4 p.m., Cokesbury Cultural Center, Onancock. The center is hosting a free holiday music festival.
- **TOOL MANIA:** 3 to 9 p.m., Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Company, 501 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The fire company's Tool Mania offers a chance to win one of 27 different prizes, food, and non-alcoholic beverages with the purchase of a \$25 ticket. There will also be beer for sale, raffles, and a live and silent auction.
- **HOLIDAY EVENT:** 4 to 7 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The museum's Christmas Tree Village will fill its Legacy Pavillion with decorated Christmas trees.
- **CHRISTMAS EVENT:** From 5 to 7 p.m., Parksley will host its annual Old Fashioned Christmas. There will be children's crafts, a white elephant table, cider, popcorn, cookies, and hot chocolate, and visits with Santa at the Eastern Shore Railway Museum.
- **CHRISTMAS PARADE:** From 6 to 9 p.m. Exmore will host its annual Christmas Parade on Main Street.
- **BALLET:** 6 p.m., Pocomoke High School, Pocomoke City. All About Dance presents "The Nutcracker." To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/5x3nh52z>
- **BALLET:** 7 p.m., Nandua High School, 26350 Lankford Highway, Onley. The ESO School of Dance presents "The Nutcracker Swings." To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/pe8ty9jb>

Sunday, December 14

- **SANTA VISIT:** 1 to 3 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Santa will visit the museum.
- **BALLET:** 2 p.m., Nandua High School, 26350 Lankford Highway, Onley. The ESO School of Dance presents "The Nutcracker Swings." To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/pe8ty9jb>
- **MOVIE:** 2:30 p.m., Roseland Theatre, Onancock. There will be a free screening of "The Grinch."



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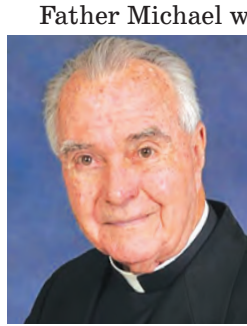
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OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Michael Breslin

The Rev. James Michael Breslin passed away peacefully on Nov. 18, 2025, at the rectory of Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Cape Charles, where he had been the parish priest for 30 years.



Rev. Breslin

Father Michael was born in Roanoke on July 5, 1939, to John Breslin and Helen Gallagher Breslin. He was the youngest of four children. He was an altar boy from the time of his First Communion through high school and

attended Catholic schools all twelve years. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as well as being in the Order of the Arrow. His interest in becoming a priest was piqued at a school retreat during his high school senior year.

Immediately after high school, he enrolled at St. Bernard Seminary and College in Alabama, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He then attended St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore from 1961 to 1965. He was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond on May 1, 1965.

His assignments were St. Bridget's (Richmond), St. Ann's (Arlington), Christ the King (Norfolk), Star of the Sea (Virginia Beach) and finally, St. Charles in 1995. He was recently recognized by Bishop Knestout for 60 years of service.

He is survived by nephews and nieces: Freddy Siewers (Betsy), Ann Meacham (Lee), Richie Siewers (Nancy), Lynne Sutton (Scott), Michael Siewers (Beth), David Breslin (Connie), Trish Pecorella (Michael), and Susan Muench; his brother-in-law, Freddie Siewers Jr.; and his sister-in-law, Ann Breslin. He is also survived by numerous great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Patrick Breslin; his sisters,

Mary Ann Breslin Siewers and Alice Breslin Muench; and his nephews, Patrick, Gregory, and David Muench.

A grateful thank-you to the parish family who sent cards, brought food and supplies, took him to appointments, and visited with and prayed for and with Father. The family would also like to recognize those (you know who you are!) who held almost nightly "family" dinners with a cocktail, of course, with Father the past few months. It brought him great joy in his final days. The family would also like to thank the four "Angels" who cared for Father in his final days.

A viewing will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, at 9 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, Cape Charles. The funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. that same day, with Bishop Knestout presiding. Immediately following, a reception will be held at The Pearl at the Oyster Farm. Interment in the Columbarium will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in Father's memory to St. Charles Church, 545 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310. Father Michael was well-loved, respected, and will be so missed.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Lewis Wright

Mr. Lewis "Lou" James Wright, 91, of Atlantic, passed away on Nov. 17, 2025, surrounded by his family. Born on Oct. 10, 1934, in Elkton, he was the son of Ashby Lee Wright and Alma Burkett Wright.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Ricky Wright and his wife, Linda, of Wallops Island, Brenda Wright, of Raleigh, N.C., Chris Wright and his wife, Tracy, of Wallops Island, and Eric Wright and his wife, Amy, of Virginia Beach. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, Kellie [Wright] Collins (Chris), Logan Wright (Mallory), Lauren [McCready] McCormack (Ian), Jessica [McCready] Wain-

wright (Brooks), Collin Wright, Casey Wright, Taylor Wright, and Mason Wright; his great-grandchildren: Sawyer McCormick, Finley McCormick, Palmer Wright, and Leon Wright; and, of course, his faithful dog, Squirt, who was always by his side.

He was preceded in death by Harriette Mae Wright (mother of all five children) and his second wife, Carol. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Teresa Wright McCready (David).

After graduating from Elkton High School, Lewis joined the U.S. Navy and reserves, which brought him to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Stationed at Wallops Island, he found the place he would proudly call home as he built a life and raised his family.

On March 15, 1957, Lewis and a group of many others established the Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company. Lewis was the last chapter member of these men to pass away.

Following his naval service, Lewis and his father-in-law, Richard L. Kelly, established the first large-scale commercial shellfish hatchery at Watts Bay Landing. While managing the sea clam plant, Lewis noticed his employees often missed lunch, inspiring him and his wife, Harriette, to begin preparing meals for them. This led to his 45-year career in the restaurant industry with Wright's Seafood Restaurant — an Eastern Shore staple — where he met countless customers, employees, and friends who became like family.

After retiring in 2016, Lewis embraced the quieter joys of life: tending to his bees, mowing grass, sitting outside with a view of his restaurant, and spending unhurried hours with his coffee club and family. These simple moments brought him great joy.

A service to celebrate Lewis' life



Mr. Wright

was held at Atlantic Methodist Church on Monday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 207, Atlantic, VA 23303.

Services were entrusted to Salver Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Island. Condolences may be made online at www.salverfh.com

George Bowden

Mr. George Edward Bowden, 93, of Chincoteague Island, passed away peacefully at his home on Nov. 20, 2025. He was born on Nov. 5, 1932,



Mr. Bowden

on the island he loved, and he spent the entirety of his life there. He was the son of the late Earl Daniel and Gladys Hancock Bowden.

George began working at a very young age and was employed by various local businesses during those early years. He grew to become a skilled carpenter and craftsman who enjoyed designing and building Chincoteague scows. George eventually secured a position with the Wallops Flight Facility Damage Control Unit. He soon transitioned to a position with the Wallops Flight Facilities Maintenance Department, where he remained until his retirement.

George was a faithful member of Union Baptist Church and Anglers Sunday School Class. He found great joy in singing and was a member of the Chancel Choir, Baptist Men's Choir, and Baptist Men's Nursing Home Ministry Team. George was also a lifetime member of the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company.

George is survived by his son, George Daniel Bowden; his daughters, Cathy Manning, Bobbie Wilson and her husband, Tom, and Kim Hill and her husband, John; his six wonderful grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Obituaries

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He is also survived by his sister, Ada Carr and her husband, Jim, and his very dear friend, Terry Savage.

In addition to his parents, George was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Barbara Boothe Bowden; his sister, Oneida Bowden Bradford; his brother, Earl Daniel Bowden; and his son-in-law, Ray Manning Jr.

George was a joy to all who knew him and a precious blessing to his family.

A funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 24, at Union Baptist Church, Chincoteague Island. There was a visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Union Baptist Church Meal Ministry, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague, VA 23336, or the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 691, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Island. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Ryan Turner

Mr. Ryan Lamont Turner, whose life journey began on Nov. 23, 1969, at the Jersey Shore Medical Center in New Jersey, completed his earthly so-

urn on Nov. 9, 2025, at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., following an extended illness.

His life was a testament to the joy of a journey well-traveled, characterized by hard work, integrity, and the love of a life deeply anchored in faith, family, and service to others.



Mr. Turner

Ryan leaves behind a loving family: his devoted wife, Sheila; his cherished son, Jared, and daughter, Shaina; his dedicated parents, Larry C. and Gwendolyn Turner; his brother, Rodney Turner (Christine); his grandmother, Beulah Hickman; and a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, numerous special cousins, best friends, extended family, and friends.

A service to celebrate Ryan's life was held on Friday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m. at Kingdom Fellowship AME, 11710 Beltsville Drive, Calverton, MD 20705. Interment followed at Maryland National Memorial, 13300 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, MD 20707.

Online condolences may be shared at marchltclaurel.com/obituaries/ryan-turner-2/#!/TributeWall

com/riversideshorememorial, or by calling 757-302-2140. Secure credit card purchases can be made online at <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/festivaloflights>. The deadline for purchases is Dec. 3.

Because honorees receive a postcard notification of the gift made in their honor, it is a thoughtful way to share holiday greetings with loved ones while supporting local health care.

Proceeds from the auxiliary's annual events, including the Festival of Lights and the Carousel Gift Shop, support technology advances, patient care initiatives, and continuing education, all directly benefiting the Eastern Shore community.

The Carousel Gift Shop, just off the hospital's lobby, will be open for holiday shopping that evening at 5 p.m. with a 20% discount for purchases made that evening.

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**Monday, December 8th
Atlantic Community Health Center**

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**Thursday, December 11th
Onley Community Health Center**

**Enjoy milk and cookies and a visit
with Santa from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Leave with a photo to share this holiday season.

Festival of Lights set for Dec. 11

The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will host its 42nd annual Festival of Lights on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 5:30 p.m. under the hospital's front entrance canopy.

Community members may purchase tribute lights for \$10 each. There is an option to buy larger digital tributes. The names of those being honored or memorialized will be presented digitally during the in-person ceremony and will be shared on Facebook that evening, allowing friends and family near and far to view the recognition throughout the holiday season.

More information and participation forms can be found pinned to the top of Riverside Shore Memorial's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/riversideshorememorial,

SPORTS

Eastern Shore Post

Jackets' historic season comes to an end

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

A week after playing one of its best defensive games of the year, Northampton had few answers for Rappahannock's explosive offense in the Class 1A Region semifinals last Friday night, falling 55-18 to the visiting Raiders.

The previous week, the Yellow Jackets had won their first playoff game in 30 years, holding Colonial Beach scoreless for most of the game in a 43-8 romp.

But the Raiders came to Eastville packing a literal 1-2 punch — quarterback Clyde Kelly Jr., who wore jersey No. 1, and running back Kenneth Madison, wearing No. 2. Madison ran 15 times for 300 yards and six touchdowns, while Kelly ran for 168 yards and two scores.

Northampton, which had won 10 straight games, finished its best season in decades at 10-2. There were plenty of tears and consoling hugs as the Jackets gathered at one end of the field after the game, especially among the 13 seniors.

Khaidn Davis, one of those seniors, is captain of the defensive team. "What killed us the most," he said, "was not being able to stop their run game."

Strong, fast, and able to turn on a dime, Madison, a senior, has a scholarship offer from Norfolk State and will likely receive more. He scored on runs of 1, 30, 67, 33, 1, and 15 yards.

The Raiders took the opening kickoff and marched 72 yards in seven plays, scoring on Kelly's QB sneak barely more than two minutes into the game. Keighlyn Setzer kicked the first of seven PATs, and Rappahannock led 7-0.



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Quarterback Lucas Kindt hands off to Elijah Hope as Jordan Delk (52) and Justin Suarez (55) surge ahead to block.

Northampton had an opportunity to tie it up on the next possession, driving into the red zone before turning it over on downs. The Raiders then drove 88 yards for another touchdown, going up 14-0, and the Jackets never got any closer.

Still, they stayed within striking distance. When Elijah Hope scored on a 35-yard run with 1:48 left in the second quarter, the Jackets trailed just 27-15 and looked to go into halftime down by just a dozen.

But less than a minute later, Kelly scored on a 56-yard run, giving the Raiders a 34-15 lead. The Jackets drove deep into Rappa-

hannock territory, where Sebastian Mayorga drilled a 38-yard field goal as time expired on the second quarter, making it 34-18 at the half.

But that spark of momentum died just three plays into the second half when Northampton fumbled it away. Madison scored three plays later on a 33-yard run to make it 41-18, and one could feel the deflation on the Jackets' sideline.

The Raiders added two more scores in the third quarter to go up 55-18, which initiated a continuous clock the rest of the game. Virginia High School League rules

mandate that once a 35-point differential is reached at halftime — or any time after — the clock does not stop. It's also known as the "mercy rule."

Ironically, Northampton had benefited from the same rule a week before in its 35-point blowout of Colonial Beach. But the script flipped this time, as the Jackets couldn't get their offense in full gear, uncharacteristically turning the ball over three times on fumbles.

"Every team loses its last game of the season except for one team

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Football

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in each class,” Northampton coach John Edney said after the game. “That’s six teams out of more than 300 that are happy at the end of the year.

“Rappahannock was just physical. We haven’t played a lot of teams that were super physical, so it took our kids a bit of time to get used to that. We had it down to a two-score game just before the half, and then in the second half, it didn’t go very well.”

“I thought it was a good season,” said Davis. “But I wish we had played tougher competition during the regular season to prepare for this.” During their 10-game winning streak, the Jackets were rarely tested, winning by an average of 24.2 points.

Davis, a linebacker and the Jackets’ top running back, had a leg injury in the first half and wasn’t at full strength in the second, and starting quarterback Lucas Kindt sat out the second half with an undisclosed injury. But Edney said the injuries had little to do with the outcome.

“It’s just one of those things,” he said. “Turnovers, a lot of kids banged up at the end of a long season, and the ball bounces funny ways sometimes. We were just on the wrong end of it.”

Edney lingered on the field after the game to spend extra time with his seniors, giving hugs and words of encouragement. Many of them were varsity starters as sophomores, and in the last three years, they won 23 of 34 games, making the playoffs each time. And this year, they won Northampton’s first playoff game in 30 years.

“These seniors are a great group,” Edney said. “I’ve had most of them since eighth grade when they were playing JV. They worked hard, and they wanted to be good, and they were.

“They’re definitely going to be missed. I love each and every one of them, and I can’t say enough about them.”



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Northampton coach John Edney tries to rally his team during a first-half timeout.

Seven gridders named to VISFL All-State teams

Seven players each from Broadwater Academy and Chincoteague High School were named to the VISFL All-State teams.

Broadwater’s picks were Aidan Fuller (First Team Defensive Back, First Team Tight End, Second Team Punter), Conner Stokes (First Team O-Line, Honorable Mention D-Line), Cohen Kellam (First Team Quarterback), Jacob Seltzer (Second Team Running Back), Olsen Pruitt (Second

Team Linebacker), Eli Destro (Honorable Mention Tight End), and Logan Arnold (Honorable Mention O-Line).

Chincoteague’s picks were Camaurry Davis (Second Team Running Back, Second Team Kick Returner), JDarius Davis (Second Team Quarterback), Fred Gers (Second Team O-Line, Second Team D-Line), Garrett Daisey (Second Team Linebacker, Honorable Mention Running Back), Makoa Busquets (Second Team Defensive Back, Honorable Mention Kick Returner), Austin Adams (Honorable Mention Tight End), and George Katsetos (Honorable Mention Wide Receiver, Honorable

Mention Defensive Back, and Honorable Mention Punter).

BA’s Hall, Caison All-State in volleyball

Broadwater Academy’s Rylee Hall and Caroline Caison have been named to the VISAA All-State second team in volleyball.

Hall, a junior, had 102 kills, 95 aces, 26 blocks, 107 digs, and 101 assists.

Caison, a freshman, had 22 kills, 89 aces, 22 blocks, 129 digs, and 329 assists.



Northampton County Government November 2025 Upcoming Events

Dec 2: Board of Zoning Appeals 10 AM

Dec 2: Planning Commission Work Session 3 PM

Dec 4: Electoral Board Meeting 10:30 AM

Dec 9: Board Of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM

Dec 11: School Board Meeting 6 PM

Dec 16: Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM

Job Openings

NCSO:

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PP&E:

Director of Planning, Permitting & Enforcement
Building Inspector
Code Compliance
Planner & Community Development Specialist

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Personal Property Technician
Appraisal Data Collector

Northampton County Administrative Offices closures for December:

December 24: Closed at Noon
December 25: Closed for Christmas Day
December 26: Closed

The Landfill & Waste Collection Centers will be closed December 25, 2025.

Treasurer

Northampton County 2025 Personal Property Tax and Real Estate Tax bills are due December 5, 2025.

Envelopes must be postmarked on or before December 5, 2025. There is a 10% Penalty – 10% Interest per year if not paid by due date.

Boards & Commissions Openings

- **Board of Appeals for the Building Inspector**
- **Eastern Shore Community Services Board**
- **Parks & Rec Advisory Board (a District 1 appointee and an At Large appointee)**
- **Board of Social Services**

The Winter Hours Schedule for Northampton County Sanitary Landfill begins Saturday, November 1, 2025 and runs through Saturday, February 28, 2026. That means that on Saturdays, the landfill's operating hours will be 8:00 AM to 12 PM.

For more detailed information visit the website: www.co.northampton.va.us
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Supervisors OK spaceport rezoning plan

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to rezone a large section of the former Darby farm, now part of Virginia Space, from agricultural to industrial when it met Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Involving approximately 369 acres and eight parcels, the request had been sent to the supervisors by the county's planning commission, which unanimously recommended approval.

Natural gas pipeline

Accomack County will move forward with natural gas expansion into the area after receiving \$6.5 million from the state for this purpose.

Staff will now draft a request for proposals seeking bids from "qualified and

experienced" utility companies to eventually provide services to industrial, commercial, and residential customers.

The county will reimburse up to this amount to the successful bidder for costs associated with the project.

Head Start funding

Following a request for help by Donna Smith, chief executive of the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency, the board unanimously voted to provide emergency support in the amount of \$65,000 to fund the upcoming Head Start payroll, which falls under the agency's umbrella and was affected by the recent government shutdown.

Smith said she is waiting for grant money, which she hopes will be received by Dec. 4, at which point the county can be reimbursed. She plans to also ask for

help from Northampton County.

Hazard mitigation grant

The supervisors voted unanimously to accept a \$1.7 million federal and state hazard mitigation grant.

The money will fund a project to elevate up to eight homes above the flood plain. Originally awarded in May, the work was to be completed by August, said Mason. This timeline made it impossible to accept the grant.

However, he added that a series of extensions into 2027 has now made this feasible to accept and complete. Several of the properties are in Election District 4, represented by Supervisor Jeff Parks.

Animal Control kudos

Painter resident Andy Teeling com-

mended the work done by the Eastern Shore Regional Animal Control Facility serving Accomack and Northampton counties to take it from a high-kill to an almost no-kill facility over the course of a few years.

Calling the staff "overworked and underfunded," but with a high morale to help animals, he asked the supervisors to remember that for next year's budget. He said he plans to make a similar request of Northampton's board.

New emergency radio

At the 911 Committee meeting held on Oct. 30, it was announced that the go-live date for the new regional radio communications system will occur during the week of Jan. 11, 2026.

It will affect all fire, EMS, and law enforcement entities, including town police departments.

Northampton Public Schools will have their go-live date a few weeks later.

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For additional information, please contact
Terre Hendricks at 860-402-6923.

Birding field trip planned in Onancock

Maggie Long and Paul Anderson with Birding Eastern Shore are leading a birding field trip around Onancock.

On Thursday, Dec. 4, at 8:30 a.m. birders can meet in the parking lot on Queen Street behind the Roseland Theatre, where the walk will begin and end.

This is a free program that is open to the public.

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

Binoculars will be available for those who need them.

To register contact Long at 610-500-9971.

Birding Eastern Shore provides and promotes educational programs and events to enhance the appreciation and conservation of birds, wildlife, and the natural environment of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

NORTHAMPTON

DeSteph distributes Thanksgiving meals

State Sen. Bill DeSteph joined Adopt a Block-Northampton on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 9 a.m. for its annual Thanksgiving meal distribution event.

Adopt a Block-Northampton has been a longtime champion of community efforts on the Eastern Shore, supporting Myrtle Landing in Cape Charles and other area communities.

Each year, Adopt a Block prepares 100 individual to-go containers with a full holiday meal, ensuring area families can enjoy a Thanksgiving celebration.

DeSteph provided 20 smoked turkeys for this year's Cape Charles event to help meet the needs of the community.

In addition, volunteers — includ-

ing DeSteph — will deliver meals, including five frozen turkeys, to families throughout Northampton County to support their holiday gatherings.

DeSteph has expanded his longtime tradition of serving Thanksgiving meals.

For many years, he and a dedicated group of volunteers have taken over the kitchen of the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center to prepare home-cooked meals for the underserved.

Partnering with Adopt a Block-Northampton allowed him to include the Eastern Shore in that tradition.

“Thanksgiving is a time to come together, support our neighbors, and share in the spirit of gener-

osity,” said DeSteph. “I’m grateful for the volunteers at Adopt a Block-Northampton for their tremendous work on the Eastern Shore and thank them and their community partners who make this event possible each year. I am honored to be a part of providing meals and goodwill to families in Cape Charles.”

These annual events reflect ongoing community collaboration and the commitment of local volunteers who work each year to ensure no family goes without a warm Thanksgiving meal.

For more information on how to help during the holiday season or throughout the year, contact DeSteph’s office at 757-321-8180 or senatordesteph@senate.virginia.gov

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NORTHAMPTON

4-H group tells county supervisors about successes

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Members of Northampton County's 4-H club spoke at the Northampton County Board of Supervisors' Nov. 18 meeting about what the club does for the youth of the county and of the Eastern Shore.

Conner Maynard, a member of the Northampton County 4-H club, spoke at the meeting. Maynard is a shooting sports ambassador for the state of Virginia and plans to compete in a national archery tournament through the club in 2026.

Maynard said while 4-H has helped to teach him a lot about archery, it also teaches youngsters life skills, teamwork, and self-control.

Erin Morgan, the unit coordinator for 4-H in Northampton County, said the Northampton County division is known for its shooting sports club but teaches many other skills, too.

Recently the club had a project sponsored by Smithfield Foods that taught participants how to cure a country ham. Morgan said 4-H is always looking for additional volunteers and sponsorships.

"I think 4-H is a really important program — I encourage all of us to always have it," said Supervisor Betsy Mapp.

Head Start funding

Donna Smith, chief executive of the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency, spoke at the meeting, saying the government shutdown halted funding for the organization until Dec. 1.

Smith said the lack of funding is threatening to hinder the services the organization provides. It is also not allowing the organization to pay its employees.

Smith asked the board for a \$185,000 loan to bridge the gap in funding until Dec. 1, which supervisors unanimously

voted to grant to ESAAA/CAA.

Northampton County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski said "the risk is minimal," and that it was a reasonable request.

Meeting livestream

Kolakowski recently had a company look at the supervisors' chambers to begin planning to install better microphones and audio equipment.

The intention is for future meetings to be livestreamed — but only with an audio stream and no video stream.

The board expressed some concern over livestream viewers "making a spectacle," which Kolakowski said will be monitored.



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American Legion Post 56 visited Cape Charles Christian School as part of the program Flags for First Graders. Bill Stramm, past post commander, and Nancy Wilderson, current post commander, provided a video, "George Learns the Pledge," and discussed flag etiquette. The children, kindergarten and first graders in Janet Papazian's class, each received a small American flag and "Our Country's Flag" comic books.

ACCOMACK REPUBLICANS ATTEND TALK



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Accomack Republican Party attended a lecture in Ocean City, Md., held by the Worcester County Republican Central Committee. Author, speaker, and journalist Gordon Chang discussed his book "Plan Red: China's Project to Destroy America." Pictured from left are Jean Sellard, precinct coordinator for the Accomack Republican Party, Sam Sellard, chair of the Accomack Republican Party, and Chang.

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Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter, planted two trees in the Cape Charles Central Park in support of its international program initiative to enhance our environment. This effort was initiated by member Dianne Davis, a Cape Charles native and community activist, who obtained the support of Mark Usry, Central Park liaison. Deborah Griffin was again successful in soliciting donated trees from Ed Tankard, of Tankard Nurseries. Pictured from left are Marie Billie, Dianne Davis, Mary Harmon, Deborah Griffin, Tawanda Doswell, Mary Mitchell, President Lisa Hall-Caldwell, and Vivian Dent.

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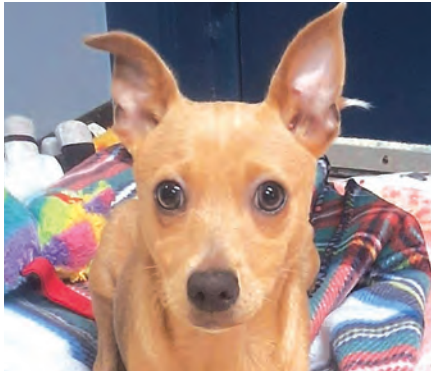


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Jeff was such a steady, loving presence in our lives, and losing him has been one of the hardest things we've ever faced. But your kindness has helped carry us through. Hearing your memories of him, feeling your prayers, and simply knowing we weren't walking through this alone brought us comfort on some very heavy days.

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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.

PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a part-time Communications Officer. Job does require shift work, nights, weekends, and some holidays.

Qualifications: Over the age of 18 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. All part-time applicants are required to be certified prior to applying.

Applications may be obtained from Northampton County Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347 or from the County's website https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

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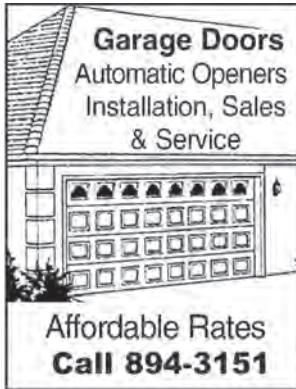
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL25000406-00
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re*: Divorce

MARISELA ROSALES SIMUTA

v.

ERIBERTO SIMUTA-GOMEZ

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

It is ORDERED that ERIBERTO SIMUTA-GOMEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before DECEMBER 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

October 31, 2025
Talia Taylor, Clerk



The deadline for placing obituaries and ads is noon on Wednesday.

Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-765

vs.

JUANITA Y. STRAND, et als.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax parcel 086D00100006900.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Juanita Y. Strand, Kenneth L. Bagwell, Robert Bagwell, if living, and the heirs of Robert Bagwell and Roscoe Bagwell appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before January 16, 2026.

Enter this 18th day of November, 2025.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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

**PUBLIC AUCTION
OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
6478 PEARL DRIVE, NEW CHURCH, VA**

The undersigned Trustee by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust from Shaquita Payton and Aaron Holland dated March 25, 2024, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack as Instrument Number 250003384, upon being requested to do so by the noteholder, will sell at public auction, subject to any and all terms and conditions contained in said deed of trust, to the highest bidder,

IN FRONT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
At 23316 COURTHOUSE AVE.
IN ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025
AT 10:30 A.M.

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

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in Accomack County, Virginia, and designated as Lot 28 on a certain plat of survey entitled "Subdivision of Seaside Landing Phase 2 being lots 21 through 38 near Wattsville, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia Made for Seaside Landing, Incorporated" dated September 2, 2002, prepared by Global Mapping Systems, Inc., and recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia in Plat Book 2003 at page 109 and to which plat reference is made for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed (Tax Map #027000500002800).

Together with all rights, easements, buildings, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, specifically including a trailer situate on said property.

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

Being the same lot or parcel of real estate conveyed to Shaquita Payton and Aaron Holland by deed dated March 25, 2024, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 250003383.

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

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

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

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

For further information apply to the undersigned Substitute Trustee.

Given under my hand this the 19th day of September, 2025.

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

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 24-535

vs.

The heirs and devisees of
HILLIS LARRY BOWEN, et als.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax parcel 02400A0000046A0.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Herbert Bowen, Chastity Bowen, Lamita Crippen, Latoya Lewis and the heirs of Linwood Bowen and Hillis Larry Bowen appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before December 22, 2025.

Enter this 21st day of October, 2025.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-885

vs.

The heirs and devisees of MARCENA L. MAPP, et als., etc.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as tax map number 10000A000002600.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the heirs of Marcena L. Mapp (also known as Marcena Lennie Johnson Mapp), the heirs of Emma Cordelia Mapp, and the heirs of Lee Roy Mapp appear on or before January 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the above-named Court and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 18th day of November, 2025.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-884

vs.

The heirs and devisees of CARRIE MATTHEWS, et als., etc.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as tax map number 027A0A000000400.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that William S. Davison, Amerigo Buonnanno, Thomas A. Johnsen, the heirs of Carrie Matthews, and the heirs of Joseph James Matthews appear on or before January 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the above-named Court and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 18th day of November, 2025.

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Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 7257 SPUR LN, A/R/T/A 7263 SPUR LN, MACHIPONGO, VA 23405

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$98,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia as Instrument No. 070001059, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on January 9, 2026, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: **ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE ABOUT ONE-HALF (1/2) MILE SOUTHWEST OF SHADYSIDE, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, WHICH LOT IS FORTY-FIVE YARDS (45 YDS.) LONG AND FORTY-FIVE YARDS (45 YDS.) WIDE, AND IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF LIZZIE STEVENS; ON THE EAST BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF ARTHUR MORRIS; ON THE SOUTH BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF SMITH BELL; AND ON THE WEST BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF JOHN LANE'S HEIRS. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE EXPRESSLY SUBJECT TO THE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS CONTAINED IN DULY RECORDED DEEDS, PLATS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS CONSTITUTING CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE IN THE CHAIN OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED, WHICH HAVE NOT EXPIRED BY LIMITATION OF TIME OR OTHERWISE BECOME INEFFECTUAL.**

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

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

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE 2 PARCELS OF LAND KNOWN AS 7452 EASTSIDE ROAD, CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA TAX MAP ID#: 030A42400000200 (INCLUDES 30A4-A-42)

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 21, 2023, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia ("Clerk's Office") as Instrument No. 230001563, for whom Pender & Coward, P. C., Substitute Trustee (the "Substitute Trustee"), has been duly substituted pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee, dated November 10, 2025, and default having occurred in the payment of the debts secured by the Deed of Trust, and at the request and direction of the holder of the note evidencing such debt (the "Lender"), the Substitute Trustee will sell each of the following described properties at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at **11:30 a.m. on the 5th day of December 2025, on the front steps of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA 23301.**

TERMS: Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information. A deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to the lesser of \$200,000 or 10% of successful bid price, payable in cash or by certified or cashier's check to the undersigned, will be required at the time of sale from the successful bidder, with the closing to occur within thirty (30) days of the date of said sale or within such time set by Substitute Trustee in its sole discretion. There is no warranty relating to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition, and the Property shall be conveyed by special warranty deed. The sale of the Property shall be subject to the right, if any, of parties in possession, and the Property shall be sold "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS", without representation or warranty of any kind including, without limitation, warranty relating to the zoning, structural integrity, physical condition, extent of construction, construction workmanship, materials, habitability or environmental condition, fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability of all or any part of the Property, and SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, reservations, agreements and other conditions contained in the chain of title thereto, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any. The Substitute Trustee is not obligated to deliver possession of the Property to the successful bidder; obtaining possession of the Property shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to waive the deposit requirement as to any bidder, withdraw any Property from sale at any time before the termination of bidding, keep the bidding open for any length of time, and reject any and all bids. All closing costs, including but not limited to the payment for preparation of the Substitute Trustee's Deed by the Substitute Trustee's attorney and payment of the grantor's tax, shall be borne by the successful bidder. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale concerning the purchase of the Property by the successful bidder, a copy of which will be available immediately prior to announcing the sale. All information for review by appointment only. Time is of the essence. Other conditions may be announced at the sale.

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

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* The blocks of the Washington Monument are held together by gravity and friction, rather than mortar.

* Ancient Romans gave a hard "no" to the practice of eating butter, with Pliny the Elder referring to butter as "the choicest food among barbarian tribes." Why? Mainly because they used it for treating burns and thus thought of it as a medicinal salve rather than food.

* Pencils have never been made from lead.

* The leather diamond patch on the outside of backpacks, called a "lash tab," was initially used by mountaineers to secure their gear.

* Harvard University is older than calculus.

* Some research has shown that up to 40% of a worker ant colony may remain idle while their comrades soldier on with the labor. But before you label them lazy, one theory, based on scientific observation, is that keeping a team of workers on standby allows the colonies to stay productive.

* Heinz Ketchup has a "speed limit" of .028 miles per hour, set by the company as an indicator of the product's consistency.

* "Watching paint dry" is an actual occupation for some folks, requiring an observation of the changing colors and particles of the substance as it dries, both on walls and under a microscope.

* The tradition of serving ham at Christmas comes from the Norse festival of Yule, where a boar was sacrificed to honor the deity Freyr.

* Grand Central Station in Manhattan, N.Y., is radioactive.

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- From Mary C. Bracy and George Melvin Coates
To Luis Galvan Guerrero
Lot 1A near Birdsnest
For \$217,000
- From Gregory Sommers
To Andrea Goshen and John Goshen Jr.
Lot 2C Waverly, Church Creek, Machipongo
For \$269,900
- From William T. Brown II
To D.J. Beauty Fashion Inc.
Lot A, Cheriton Station
For \$230,000
- From Eastern Shore Holdings LLC
To Gem Home Improvements
Lot in town of Exmore
For \$67,000
- From William Harris and Mary Ann Harris, trustees, et al.
To Archibald Allen and Larue Allen, et al.
Lot 30A, Plantation Pointe, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$1.9 million

Accomack Property Transfers

- From Robert Brownlie
To Rosalinda Chavez Lopez and Juan Morales Lopez
20062 Lankford Highway, Parksley
For \$55,000
- From Patricia Sorini and Marc Sorini
To Barbara Dolinger and Robert Dolinger
5095 Blake Point Road, Chincoteague
For \$1.15 million
- From Barbara Doninger and Robert Dolinger
To Sarah McKinney and Jeremy McKinney, co-trustees
Lot 3A, town of Chincoteague
For \$200,000
- From Daniel Mason Matthews
To MW Outdoors LLC
Land near Bloxom
For \$100,000
- From William Wat Tyler
To Fox Trot Wildlife Conservation LLC
Property near Daugherty
For \$38,000
- From Allison L. Hart
To William Wat Tyler
Property at Hallwood
For \$140,000

- From Lynn Bates and Kevin Bates
To Pamela Hill
7 Onancock St., Onancock
For \$348,000
- From Ann Woodring and Edward Woodring
To Mitchell James Walker
24261 Gertrude St., Parksley
For \$325,000
- From Lisa Algieri and Michael Algieri Jr.
To Keri Michelle Knorr and Nathaniel Jeb Hunt
8286 Bay St., Chincoteague
For \$70,000
- From Catherine Turlington and Peter Turlington
To Melissa Hildebrand and Shawn Hildebrand
28396 Fairway Drive, Melfa
For \$500,000
- From James Beach
To Rebekah Leonard and John Hunter Leonard
Lot B-1, Main St., Chincoteague
For \$275,000
- From Patricia Lofland
To Joseph Labarbera
36101 Upshur Neck Road, Quinby
For \$275,000
- From Michael Anthony Allen
To John Christopher Daw and George F. Sherman
Trail's End lot 249, unit 2, sheet 2, Horntown
For \$37,500
- From Cary Bacon
To Erin Ramsey and Robert Clarence Ramsey Jr.
7136 Silver Sails Landing, Chincoteague
For \$438,000
- From Jamie Nicole Wheatley and James Wheatley
To Victoria Houtrouw and Daniel Houtrouw
32540 Pennyville Road, Painter
For \$345,000
- From Barrie Tiedemann and Tara Tiedemann
To Underground Holdings LLC
29593 Burton Road, Painter
For \$510,000
- From Sue W. Kellam, trustee
To Underground Connections LLC
Lot 67, Savagetown Road, Belle Haven
For \$84,000
- From Carol Davis and Jerome Davis
To Gemcraft Homes Inc.
Lot 1140 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$5,000
- From Jamie Clark and Cody Clark
To Sharon Creasy and Evan Lee Creasy
15050 Fletcher Road, Bloxom
For \$240,000

- From Irene Killmon
To Kerrigan Cuff and Jacob Cuff
29111 Bull St., Melfa
For \$120,000
- From Elizabeth Mendez and Arthur Mendez
To Mary K. Pritchett and William T. Pritchett
21 Brooklyn Ave., Wachapreague
For \$415,000
- From Mary Strother
To Mary Sandy and Donald Oliver, trustees
7216 Fiddler Bay Lane, Chincoteague
For \$453,000
- From Jo Ann Duer and George Duer
To Nelson Eichelberger and Carl Vaughan
24447 Adelaide St., Parksley
For \$320,000
- From Atlantic Rentals LLC
To Andrew Innerst
30600 Depot St., New Church
For \$122,500
- From Monika Barringer and Philip Barringer
To Natacha Elliott and David Elliott
28111 Harbor Road, Melfa
For \$382,000
- From Carlene Paulette, Wayne Paulette Sr., and
Wayne Paulette Jr.
To Billie Jo Beatty and Todd Beatty
Trail's End lot 341, unit 1, sheet 1, Horntown
For \$43,000
- From Robert Hill
To Dana Massey and Jeff Massey
38985 Church St., Greenbackville
For \$15,000
- From Robert Forder
To Jay F. Leibforth Jr.
22044 Southside Road, Onancock
For \$152,000
- From Jacqueline Anderson and Craig Wiebke
To Dale Patrick Lisi
1502 Bayfront St., Greenbackville
For \$150,000
- From Carin Morea
To Captains Cove Golf and Yacht Club Inc.
Lot 596, section 1, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$1,300
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- From Esther Ann Blake Holmes and Betsy B. Russell
To Maria Del Rosario Dubon Cueva, Yenis Yamileth Man-
zano Cueva, and Erwin Edgardo Dubon Gomez
Property along U.S. Route 13 in Nelsonia
For \$40,000
- From Dorothy Havens Lambert
To Janice Roberts and George Roberts
8159 Marsh Point Lane, Chincoteague
For \$320,000
- From Ricky Marshall
To Angela Marshall, Karen Horton, Anthony Horton, and
Ricky Marshall
Trail's End lot 54, unit 3, sheet 5, Horntown
For \$55,000
- From Cathy Anderson-Pawley and Clarence Pawley
To Melanie Hurlock
Trail's End lot 206, unit 3, sheet 5, Horntown
For \$45,000
- From BUI Farms LLC
To VA Farms LLC
Four parcels near Temperanceville
For \$2.5 million
- From Juliann Green and Steven Green
To Caroline Bloxom and Richard Bloxom
Property at Port Scarborough Lane, Onancock
For \$210,000
- From the Eastern Shore Art Association
To Michael Federali
18485 Dunne Ave., Parksley
For \$60,000
- From Helen April Grammer
To Stephanie Powell
Property in Quinby
For \$30,000
- From Fishduck LLC
To Tatiana Cervantes
17501 Northside Road, Onancock
For \$185,000
- From Raystell D. Shelton
To Trace W. Adams
3126 Captains Corridor, Greenbackville
For \$235,000
- From Edwin Clifford Tull
To Kayleigh Johnson and Luke Johnson
17626 Justisville Road, Parksley
For \$255,000
- From Franklin David Gillespie and Richard Cody Lazear
To Gregory Savage
5392 Main St., Chincoteague
For \$50,000

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