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CHINCOTEAGUE

Famous island Viking finds its way to Illinois

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

The famed Viking stood tall and proud for many years across from Payne's Sea Treasures on Ridge Road, beloved by Chincoteague residents and visitors alike.

An unfortunate casualty of Hurricane Sandy in 2012, it was felled by the storm's strong winds. It was already unsteady, with its missing right foot replaced by a telephone pole prosthetic.

Owned by Star Mondragon after Captain Bob Payne's passing, the massive fiberglass Viking spent several years beside the shop after the lot where he once stood was sold in 2015.

However, the story of the 23-foot-tall Viking, once one of Chincoteague's quirky obsessions, has a happy ending.

The Viking has been restored by his new owners, Thomas and Benjamin Gabrysiak, a father and son from Mt. Holly, N.J. The pair purchased it from Mondragon in August 2023.

With a new foot cast from another Viking

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COURTESY PHOTO

The 26-foot-tall fiberglass Chincoteague Viking once lorded over the island. Today it is on display in Illinois.

ACCOMACK

Woman ID'd after fatal auto crash

STAFF REPORT

A Delaware woman has been identified as the person who was fatally injured in a Friday, Nov. 28, automobile crash on U.S. Route 13, police said.

Kim K. Lombardi, 73, of Milton, Del., died in the Mappsville crash, State Police reported.

Lombardi was driving northbound in a 2021 Nissan Versa when it crossed the median and struck a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado head-on.

The driver of the Silverado was identified as 42-year-old Nathan A. Bean, of Newport News.

Bean and one juvenile passenger were airlifted to an area hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The other three passengers included one adult and two additional juveniles.

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Tarr makes report to Chincoteague council

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County Supervisor Billy Joe Tarr cited a number of relevant topics to those in attendance at the regular meeting of the Chincoteague Town Council Dec. 1.

Tarr represents Election District 1, which includes all of Chincoteague and parts of the immediate mainland area near Chincoteague Road.

Tarr outlined a recent agreement between the county and the state that would give up to $6.5 million to the successful utility company that would establish a natural gas pipeline from the Maryland border to Accomac, along the Route 13 corridor.

This would benefit "anchor" businesses, such as Perdue, and Tyson, plus NASA, he said. It could also include other industrial, commercial, and residential customers in that area.

He gave credit to Delegate Robert Bloxom for his efforts in moving this forward over the years.

Tarr said he is optimistic about obtaining funding to conduct a study by the Army Corps of Engineers off the Chincoteague Inlet, which he described as 11 years in the making.

While aware of the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences Modeling Study of the inlet that's currently underway, Tarr said the corps won't accept any data other than its own.

He also spoke about a company called Vaulted Deep and its efforts to obtain approval to pump manure into deep storage wells in the area around Bayberry Landing in northern Accomack County.

In a letter, the company was advised that county ordinances don't allow for such facilities. The company has appealed this to the Accomack Board of Zoning Appeals, which is scheduled to meet in January.

Chincoteague Mayor Denise Bowden and Town Manager Mike Tolbert left immediately following the meeting. They were traveling to Washington, D.C., to meet with, and testify before congressional members about the inlet, as well as the lack of funding for lifeguards on Assateague last summer, despite assurances it wouldn't be an issue.

The town and county each paid approximately $14,000 to contract with a private company to provide these services for the latter part of the summer season.

The remainder of the money, approximately $90,000, was paid by the National Park Service.

The county and town have yet to be reimbursed for their expenditures.

The beach was unguarded from Memorial Day weekend through the middle of July.

An Open Letter to Residents of the Town of Onancock

Dear Residents of the Town of Onancock,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has already mailed their responses to my letter dated November 2025 regarding the current and possible future uses of the school building. Your participation is valued and greatly contributes to this important community discussion.

If you have not yet responded, I kindly ask that you take a few moments to do so. Your feedback is essential, as it will allow me to accurately tally and coordinate the opinions of all residents. The only purpose of my letter and the accompanying questionnaire is to ensure that every resident of our Town has an opportunity to be heard.

Please be assured that your name and address will remain confidential. Your privacy is of utmost importance throughout this process.

The results collected from your responses will be published in a full-page advertisement in the Eastern Shore Post in January 2026. This will inform you, the residents of our Town, as well as our Town Council and Mayor, about the collective views and preferences regarding the school building.

I would also like to clarify that all costs associated with printing, mailing, and advertising are being covered solely by myself, without assistance from any other person or organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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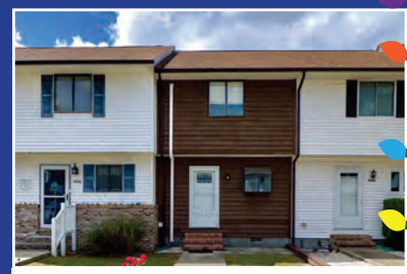
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Sarah May Bowers, 44, of Bloxom, was indicted for possession of methamphetamine.

Antonio Lapako Brown, 35, residence not given, was indicted for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, cocaine, and methamphetamine, possession of a firearm while in possession of a controlled substance, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, assault and battery of a law enforcement officer, two counts of damaging of property belonging to Accomack County Sheriff's Office, and eluding police.

Riker David Bucci, 25, of Frederick, Md., was indicted for abduction, abduction with intent to defile, rape, and two counts of possession of images depicting sexual assault of an animal.

Alexander Cleveland, 66, no place of residence given, was indicted for possession of ammunition by a convicted felon.

Rickey McCausland Drummond, 35, of Painter, was indicted for leaving the scene of an accident.

Shawn Alexander Drummond, 45, of New Church, was indicted for possession of cocaine, possession of a firearm while in possession of a controlled substance, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and two counts of failure to register as a tier III sex offender.

Gerald Lee Evans, 44, of Cape Charles, was indicted for grand larceny.

A'lycia Rose Garcia-Johnson, 20, of North Chesterfield, was indicted for possession of cocaine.

Dennis Roger Gray Jr., 35, of Hallwood, was indicted for three counts of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, assault, or battery, possession of burglary tools, three counts of grand larceny, possession of methamphetamine, and carrying away property belonging to another.

Eduar Andres Gutierrez-Morales, aka, Edwards Gonzales, 30, of Parksley, was indicted for strangulation of another and burglary.

David Haddaway, 47, of Eden, Md., was indicted for eluding police.

Keith Allen Marousek, 51, of New Church, was indicted for threatening to bomb a building.

Anthony Michael Page, 30, of Hallwood, was indicted for burglary of an occupied dwelling.

Michael S. Patterson, age and place of residence not given, was indicted for two counts of failure to register as a tier III sex offender.

Ali Mohammed Saroh, 25, of Bronx, N.Y., was indicted for eluding police.

Roy Thomas Wise, 62, of Accomac, was indicted for attempted burglary and possession of cocaine.

Steven K. Wood, 36, place of residence not given, was indicted for possession of fentanyl.

Nonprofit alliance starting on Chincoteague

With just 3,350 residents, Chincoteague Island is home to over 30 active nonprofit organizations.

That means Chincoteague Island supports roughly 9.7 nonprofit organizations per 1,000 residents, more than seven and a half times the national rate of 1.27.

To help support and strengthen the great work being done, the Chincoteague Nonprofit Alliance is being organized.

There will be a nonprofit mingle on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m. at the Island Community House to discuss the alliance.

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Viking

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and boasting a custom paint job fulfilling their vision of what he could become, the Viking is currently on loan to the American Giants Museum, along historic U.S. Route 66, in Atlanta, Ill.

A big passion

The Gabrysiaks and Joel Baker, owner and founder of the museum, which opened in 2022, share a passion for an unusual hobby.

They are collectors of large, fiberglass advertising statues that once graced businesses across the country, mostly in the mid-20th century, and frequently were made by the International Fiberglass Company of Venice, Calif.

Baker's fascination with the American giants began in 2001. While working in Florida, he learned of two for sale nearby. Now, he is regarded as one of the foremost experts on these statues.

His popular podcast on YouTube tracks these statues across the country.

"I dig deep into their history and try to solve their mistory," his bio reads.

Originally the mascot of Viking Carpet Company and named Erik, the Chincoteague Viking is one of 13 Vikings Baker knows of that are still in existence (including one he owns that is not yet restored).

The Gabrysiaks said while they will never sell the Viking, they are open to a possible return to Chincoteague if land could be provided for it to once again be displayed.

"He was the giant our collection had been missing," said Thomas Gabrysiak. He said he immediately was drawn to its "weathered stance and stoic scowl (that) practically demanded our attention."

Two others

Chincoteague can lay claim to two other large advertising statues besides the Viking.

Those brave enough to ride the rather precarious water slide on Maddox Boulevard back in the 1970s and 80s might recall a certain bikini-clad giant.

Baker said she was originally a "Uniroyal Gal" mascot for the Uniroyal Tire Company and was made by International Fiberglass in the 1960s.

Minus the tire she once held, her arm appeared instead to give a friendly wave. Or perhaps it was an invitation to ride the slide.

Inspired by Jackie Kennedy, the Uniroyal Gal also had a more modest skirt and blouse that could be snapped on or off.

After a time in a swampy field on the mainland, the fiberglass woman later was a feature at hayrides on a farm in Kingsville, Md.

Baker helped negotiate the sale to her current owners, Dave and Bernice Hammond, who displayed her as part of their antiques mall and diner, The Pink Elephant, in Livingston, Ill.

The Uniroyal Gal was the only item the couple took with them after selling that venue to open their new restaurant, Pirates of the Mississippi, in Batchtown, Ill.

The Maria's bull

Chincoteague's third giant was a large bull purchased around 2003 by George Katsetos, who once owned Maria's Restaurant on Maddox Boulevard.

For decades prior, the bull was a familiar landmark in Ocean City, dubbed "Mr. Ocean City" or simply "Bob the Bull."

It was a custom creation made by a Wisconsin fiberglass company in 1974 for Captain Bob's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, located at 64th Street.

To find the restaurant, which closed in 2003, people were told to "look for the bull."

Originally, owner Bob Wilkerson wanted the bull to have a cigar in its mouth but ultimately settled on a red and white checkerboard-patterned scarf, chef's hat, and sunglasses, which were later painted a bright red.

Katsetos wanted to showcase the bull outside Maria's but was unable to because of zoning ordinances.

It unfortunately fell into disrepair over the years. However, the legendary bull never lost its popularity and was often visited by fans recalling its heyday in Ocean City.

Paul Parsons hoped to purchase the bull before Katsetos, motivated by his own fond childhood memories.

Waiting 15 more years until it became his in August 2018, it now sits outside his business, Parsons Farms Produce, in Dagsboro, Del.



PHOTO COURTESY THOMAS GABRYSIAK

The head of the 26-foot-tall Chincoteague Viking shows its fresh paint. The huge fiberglass piece is now on display in Illinois.



The 26-foot-tall Chincoteague Viking is lifted by a crane during its arrival at the American Giants Museum in Atlanta, Ill.

COURTESY PHOTO



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In 2025 we had to add more space for parts after outgrowing what we had.

Also in 2025 we added the Hustler line of mowers after we had a lot of calls from customers who wanted to buy a new Hustler or needed parts and service for their current mowers.

Also in 2025 we added the Woods and Bush Hog brands of products and implements for farm and yard use.

Our customers asked for parts and service for these products and we were eager to help and keep them going.

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The Eastern Shore's holiday obligations to its own

Christmas changes as we age. As children, we see the holiday season through the lens of receiving gifts. As the years go by, we understand that the true meaning of the season is found in giving gifts.

Throughout the year, residents of the Eastern Shore are givers of the first order — so many of our critical services and charitable initiatives are funded through the generosity of our residents.

But during the holidays, our giving shifts into another gear, and we are fortunate that it does. Churches, civic groups, businesses, and residents all do their part.

There is a tremendous amount of need in Accomack and Northampton counties, and we can all contribute to ensure that families have the gifts and food they need.

One of the initiatives to provide food and staples at the holidays is the Bank of Cheer, now in its 67th year of operation.

It has become a Christmas tradition for local residents, community organizations, churches, and other groups to make a donation to the Bank of Cheer. Donors know that 100% of their donations go to help the Bank of Cheer recipients.

Recipients are selected by community leaders, who confer with ministers, organizations, and employees of Social Services departments to determine the families who most need help.

Checks can be made out to "Bank of Cheer" and sent to Bank of Cheer, c/o Laura Trala, P.O. Box 646, Onley, VA 23418.

Whether it is the Bank of Cheer or another initiative, we feel confident that you will find personal meaning in Jesus' famous Bible quote in Acts 20:35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Onancock, 'A web of interlocking interests'

To the editor,

The editorial in last week's Eastern Shore Post ("In Onancock, resignations reveal deep divisions," Nov. 28) raises the question of whether or not discord within the town of Onancock originated with the performance pavilion at the Historic Onancock School. I would submit that this is a symptom, not a cause.

Certainly the school is central to much conflict in the town.

At the September Town Council meeting, the council and attending public were lectured by a member of the Historic Onancock School's board of directors about the responsibility of a landlord to make structural repairs to their property.

He omitted one not-so-small factor: A real-world tenant pays a market rent for the use of the property and should expect the landlord to repair it.

The Onancock School essentially functions rent-free (unless one considers $1 per year to be rent).

True to form, at its next meeting, the town council approved giving the school $800,000 from its reserves, based on estimates provided by the school from a roofing contractor and an HVAC contractor, with no competitive bid process.

This is contrary to town council policy stipulating it must receive three competitive bids and the council must approve these bids.

Is it any wonder we, the taxpayers, do not trust the council's decision on this?

When the project is half done and they run out of money, will members of the town council roll over and give them another $200,000 or $300,000?

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NORTHAMPTON HIGH CHORALE PERFORMS



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The Chorale of the Northampton High School Concert Choir performs recently at St. James Episcopal Church, Accomac. The singers are, from left in first row, JaLyssa Strand, Hannah Lane, Maliyah Jones, Renniah Rono, and KeMya Warren; second row, Keimoni Bright, Bernard Williams, Mark Tankard, Jordan Delk, Breshon Kellam, Wykea Kellam, and Trinity Bynum. Assisting the chorale at left are accompanist Evelyn Burton and director Caroline Gibson. The Northampton High School/Middle School chorale will present its winter concert on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium. The concert is open to the public and free.

Letters

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The school is one facet of an underlying situation involving the town council that is the root cause of the discord: A web of interlocking interests exists between council members and organizations that require the largesse of the town for funding.

The board of the school lists as directors a town council member and the mayor (ex-officio).

Since they are listed as directors, and not advisors, one can only assume they have voting power on this board as well as on the town council.

The mayor's wife and a town council member are two of the three board members of the Farmer's Market, which was the recipient of another of their $1-per-year leases.

Onancock Main Street has two council members of its board, one of whom is chair.

Apparently, by law, there is no requirement that Town Council members in a town the size of Onancock resign from outside organizations that do business with the town.

One would hope they would recuse themselves from any votes involving the organizations on whose boards they sit, but there is no evidence of this.

Until the town council eliminates the appearance of conflict of interest among its members we, the residents of the town, will continue to question the integrity of their decisions and the discord plaguing Onancock will continue.

Don Ruthig
Onancock

■ *Editor's note: It is a requirement of the lease to Friends of the Onancock School that a town council member sit on the board of Historic Onancock School.*

Best bets

■ Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Chincoteague Homes for the Holidays tour will offer a glimpse inside homes that have decked the halls on the island. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased on Saturday at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. Proceeds benefit Manna Café.

■ Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 6 p.m., Hungars Episcopal Church is hosting a blood drive. To make an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and search Hungars. All who donate will be given a $15 Amazon gift card.

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., Museum 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, live music, 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.

■ TREE LIGHTING: 6 p.m., Ker Place, Onancock. Mrs. Claus will throw the switch and light up the decorated Christmas trees on the Ker Place Lawn during the Lights on the Lawn Grand Illumination. The trees will remain up and lit throughout the holiday season.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague. The Greenback Pack performs live.

■ CHILI COOK-OFF: 6:30 p.m., American Legion Post 56, Chincoteague. The legion is hosting its annual chili cook-off. Cooks will compete for the golden spoon and bragging rights with their best chili recipe. There is no cost for the dinner but monetary donations will be accepted, as well as donated sides and desserts. To enter, bring ready-to-serve chili in a slow cooker to the legion no later than 5:30 p.m. the day of.

■ 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.

Saturday, December 6

■ BIRDING FIELD TRIP: 8 to 11 a.m., Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Cape Charles. Birding Eastern Shore is organizing a field trip to Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Island Four to observe winter waterfowl, shorebirds, and gulls. The cost of the trip is $15. For more information or to register visit: https://tinyurl.com/46c87ajj

■ HOLIDAY SALE: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Woman's Club of Accomack County, 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley. The club is hosting its 22nd annual Greens, Gifts, and Goodies Sale. The sale will feature holiday wreaths and swags, baked goods, soups, and ready-made foods. Local vendors will also be selling items.

■ COAT CLOSET: 9 to 11 a.m., Onley United Methodist Church, 25642 East Main St., Onley. The church will have its coat closet open. It is open to anyone in need of a coat, hat, gloves, or scarf.

■ HOLIDAY SALE: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. George's Church, Pungoteague. The church is holding its annual Christmas Greenery and Bake Sale. There will be fresh greenery, baked goods, and frozen foods for sale.

■ HOLIDAY PARTY: 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association is hosting its third annual Holiday Party. The event is for kids 12 and under. There will be photos with Santa, treats, music, and more. To register visit https://tinyurl.com/4tvt9a7t

■ CHRISTMAS EVENT: 10 a.m. to noon, Shore Christian Academy will hold its annual Walk Through Bethlehem event at 36076 Lankford Highway, Belle Haven. There is free admission and donations are accepted.

■ CHRISTMAS EVENT: 10 a.m. to noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Santa will visit the children's room at the library for photos. Children ages 12 and under will be given an age-appropriate book and a candy cane.

■ CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Northampton County YMCA, Cape Charles. Enjoy treats and shop for homemade gifts at this Christmas Bazaar.

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

Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

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

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

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

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

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

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■ HOMES TOUR: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Chincoteague Homes for the Holidays tour will offer a glimpse inside beautifully decorated homes on the island. Tickets are $20 and proceeds benefit Manna Café. Purchase tickets the day of at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St.

■ HOLIDAY EVENT: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The museum's Christmas Tree Village will fill its Legacy Pavilion with decorated Christmas trees.

■ HOLIDAY BAZAAR: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., The Village Mall, 4098 Main St., Chincoteague. The Village Mall is hosting a Christmas Bazaar. There will be refreshments, photos with Santa, and holiday sales.

■ COOKIE SALE: 11 to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Build an assortment of holiday treats with cookies by the pound.

■ HOLIDAY EVENT: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., New Church Volunteer Fire Company, 4264 Firehouse St., New Church. The fire company is hosting Lunch with the Grinch. Lunch concessions will be on sale and the Grinch will be available for pictures.

■ HOLIDAY CRAFT: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Kids can design and cut out a snowflake to be displayed in the museum, learn about the science of snowflakes, engage in mock snow sensory play, and make mini snow angels.

■ CHRISTMAS MARKET: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Vaux Hall Farm, 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa. Vaux Hall is hosting its Christmas Market. Children can visit with Santa, there will be treats for sale, and local vendors will be showcasing their wares.

■ TREE LIGHTING: At 5:30 p.m. the Town of Cape Charles will hold its Grand Illumination in Cape Charles Central Park. There will be music, refreshments, and a lighted golf cart parade.

■ CHRISTMAS PARADE: 6 p.m., Main Street, Chincoteague. Chincoteague's 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

■ CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 11 a.m., Union Baptist Church, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague. Ray's Ministry will perform at the church as part of the "O Holy Night" Christmas Tour.

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

■ LIVE NATIVITY: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac. The church is hosting a live nativity. There will be refreshments, special music, and fellowship in the sanctuary.

■ SOUP COOK-OFF: 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 Southeastern 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

■ VETERANS AFFAIRS: 9 a.m to noon, American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague.

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Leave with a photo to share this holiday season.

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A representative from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be at the post to help veterans understand their benefits. No appointment is necessary.

■ VETERANS SUPPORT: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague. The Veterans Support Committee will meet to discuss resources for veterans and hear about the community's needs. A light lunch will be served. Family members are welcome

■ 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 how to take care of wooded property. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be provided. Contact outreach@veslt.org to reserve a seat.

■ 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.

■ SUPPORT GROUP: 1 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Women Supporting Women is hosting its monthly support group for survivors or those living with breast cancer to connect, share, and support one another.

■ BLOOD DRIVE: 1 to 6 p.m., Hungars Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 10107 Bayside Road, Machipongo. The church is hosting a blood drive. To make an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and search Hungars. All who donate will be given a $15 Amazon gift card.

■ 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. There will also be a paper clay Christmas ornament craft.

■ CRAFT: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Learn to make polymer clay earrings. Call the library at 757-787-3400 to register.

■ 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.

■ MEETING: 6 p.m., American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. The legion will hold its monthly meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, December 10

■ SUPPORT GROUP: 11 a.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veteran Peer Support Group is open to all Eastern Shore veterans. This guided support group aims to connect veterans.

■ 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 handheld projects during an afternoon of casual crafting.

■ HOLIDAY EVENT: 3 to 7 p.m., Brownsville Preserve, 11369 Brownsville Road, Nassawadox. At the Nature Conservancy's annual Holiday Open House visitors can tour the historic Brownsville home, meet conservancy staff and volunteers, and enjoy treats around the firepit.

Thursday, December 11

■ LECTURE: 12:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Arthur Fournier will give a lecture about the history of telehealth development, its current and future roles in patient care, and difficulties it faces.

■ 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.

■ HOLIDAY LIGHTS: 5:30 p.m., Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onley. Gather around the hospital's main entrance to see the annual Festival of Lights come to life, lighting up the hospital for the holidays.

■ DANCE LESSONS: 6 to 7 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock. Ballroom and More on the Shore is hosting a dance lesson. No experience or partner necessary. The cost is $5 per person.

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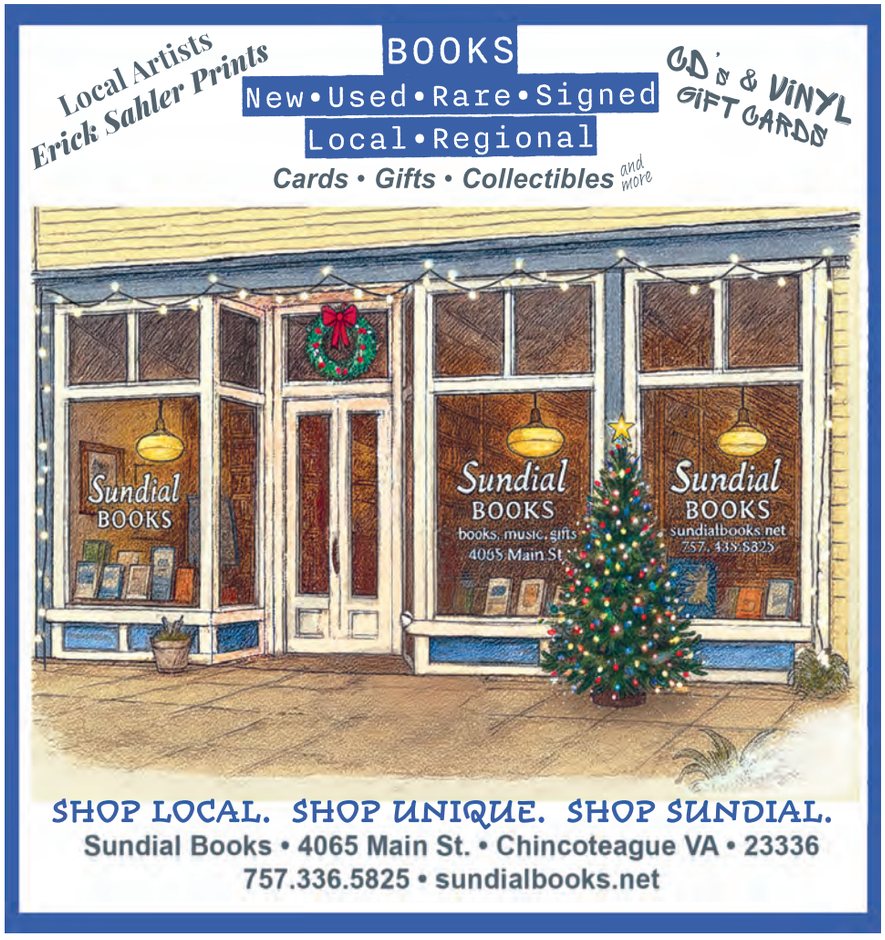
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■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii Lounge, 145 Market St., Onancock. The Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio performs live.
■ SIP AND SHOP: 6 to 8 p.m., Hollyhocks on Main, Chincoteague. Hollyhocks is hosting a sip and shop event. Shoppers can browse the store after hours while sipping a beverage.
■ MOVIE: 7 p.m., Roseland Theatre, Onancock. There will be a free screening of "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House."
■ ADULT CRAFT: 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Learn how to make polymer clay earrings. To register call the library at 757-414-0010.

Friday, December 12

■ 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.
■ 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 Pavilion 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.
■ 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, live music, and a free screening of "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" at the Historic Palace Theatre. Shops and restaurants will have specials and extended hours.
■ HOLIDAY DINNER: 6 to 9 p.m., Ker Place, Onancock. Shore History is hosting its annual Holiday Dinner. To purchase

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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

■ THRIFT STORE: 8 to 11 a.m., Smith Chapel Methodist Church, Quinby. The church will have its thrift store open. All Christmas items will be half off.
■ HOLIDAY BREAKFAST: Seatings at 9 or 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Get in the festive spirit with Pancakes with Santa. The cost is $8 per person. To reserve a seat email info@islandcommunityhouse.org
■ COOKIE SALE: 9 a.m. to noon, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 18 Third St., Pocomoke City. The church will hold its 10th annual Cookies by the Pound Sale. There will be a large selection of cookies and candies.
■ HOLIDAY BREAKFAST: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. The playhouse is hosting Breakfast with the Elves. There will be games, face painting, and more.
■ NATIVITY: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ocean View United Methodist Church, Wachapreague. The church is hosting a nativity display with over two dozen scenes. This event is free, but monetary donations or food donations for the food bank will be accepted.
■ 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.
■ LIVE MUSIC: 5 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. Paul Brion and the Raucous Brothers perform live.
■ CHRISTMAS EVENT: From 5 to 7 p.m., Parksley will host its annual Old Fashioned Christmas. There will be children's

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The Young Terrorist reveals how war, identity, and migration shape a life – and how hope survives even the bloodiest beginnings.

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crafts, a white elephant table, cider, popcorn, cookies, and hot chocolate, and visits with Santa at the Eastern Shore Railway Museum.

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

■ 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."

■ LIVE MUSIC: 3 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles. Mama's Black Sheep perform live. To purchase tickets visit https://tinyurl.com/9pk69t7d

■ BALLET: 3 p.m., Pocomoke High School, Pocomoke City. All About Dance presents "The Nutcracker." To purchase tickets visit https://tinyurl.com/5x3nh52z

■ CHRISTMAS CANTATA: 3 to 4:30 p.m., Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown. The church is hosting "Rhapsody in Bluegrass: A Christmas Jubilee."

■ HOLIDAY DANCE: 3 to 5 p.m., Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles. A 1940s-themed holiday dance is being held by Ballroom and More on the Shore. Period attire is encouraged. There will be 1940s holiday music and refreshments. The cost is $10 per person. To RSVP call 540-461-0247.

■ PARADE: Starting at 5 p.m. the Onancock Christmas Parade will bring holiday cheer to downtown Onancock.

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 6 p.m., Atlantic Baptist Church, 10084 Atlantic Road, Atlantic. The church's Community Christmas Celebration will include scripture readings, a nativity, special music, and hymns.

Monday, December 15

■ 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.

Tuesday, December 16

■ 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.

■ RECITAL: 4:30 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. See adults and children alike show off their skills on the piano at the Fancy Fingers and More Fall Recital. This event is free and light refreshments will be served.

■ 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.

■ AUTHOR TALK: 6 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. Local authors Nabil and Mary Khouri will discuss their books. There will be time for questions and refreshments will be served.

■ LECTURE: 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Ruth Grillo will deliver a lecture titled "Vive Les Santos," a nativity history lecture.

■ HYMN SING: 7 p.m., St. George's Church, Pungoteague. The church is hosting a Community Hymn Fest. All are invited to sing seasonal music. Refreshments will be served in the parish house afterwards.

Wednesday, December 17

■ TECH HELP: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Get help with tech devices on-demand all day.

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OBITUARIES

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Jay Pronier

Mr. James (Jay) Pronier Jr., passed away on Nov. 25, 2025, in Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News. Born in Nassawadox on Sept. 30, 1959, he was the son of James Pronier Sr., and Alice Ilene Marshall.

Jay was a lifetime member of the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company and worked at every carnival as long as his health permitted. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Legion. He was employed by several businesses on Chincoteague through the years as well as by contractors at NASA.



Mr. Pronier

Jay enjoyed NASCAR and football, especially the Dallas Cowboys.

Jay is survived by his sisters, Wendy Ainsworth and Geneva Rathbone; his aunt, Lois Birch Gaskins, two nephews, and several cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents and by Douglas Marshall, who was like a father to him.

Funeral services were held at Salyer Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Maury Enright and the Rev. Kevin Wilson officiating. Interment was in Daisey Cemetery on Church Street.

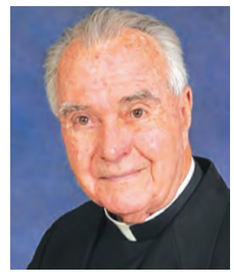
Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague.

Michael Breslin

Father 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.

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.



Father Michael

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 his 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; and 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.

Dale Matthews

Mr. Dale C. Matthews succumbed to his illness on Nov. 28, 2025, at Tidal Health in Salisbury, Md.

Dale fought a courageous battle with his illness to "stay as long as he could" with his beloved family and friends and the home he loved, especially his "garage," where his heart was working on cars or "tinkering" on something to bring it back to life.



Mr. Matthews

Born on Nov. 30, 1950, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Robert Elwood Matthews and Elizabeth Grace Matthews Colona.

Left to cherish his memory are his sisters, Debbie Russell (Frank), of Parksley, and Margaret Fecteau (John), of Wallops Island; his niece, Brittany Lewis (Cullen); his great-niece, Alice Lewis; his special friends, Matt, Cris, and Sparkplug; and his cousin, Dennis.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his German shepherds, Missy and Queenie.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. from the graveside of the Downings Cemetery in Oak Hall, with Pastor Bob Reese officiating.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Oak Hall Rescue Company.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

John Peccia

Mr. John David Peccia, 71, of Pocomoke City, passed away in Salisbury, Md., on Monday, Nov. 24, 2025.

He was born on Aug. 19, 1954, in Norfolk, to the late James Donald Peccia and Eve Vera Peccia.



Mr. Peccia

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Deb; his brother, Jim Peccia (Christine), of Greenwood, Ind.; his sister, Judy Fuher (Bill, deceased), of Santa Barbara, Calif.; his sister, Laurie Duprey (Mickey, deceased), of Norfolk; and his brother, Joseph Peccia (Donna), of Lake Worth, Fla.; as well as several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his brothers, Ron (Dawn) and Donald (Stephanie).

Attendees are invited to wear either John's favorite color, red, or the Packers' colors of green and gold to the memorial service, which will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Holloway Funeral Home, 107 Vine St., Pocomoke City. Those attending are also welcome to share a joke from John as part of the memories offered. Relatives and friends are welcome to gather at Holloway Funeral Home at 1 p.m. for visitation.

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John will be interred at Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery. A light reception will be held at Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church, 210 Market St., Pocomoke City, immediately following the service.

For the full obituary, please visit www.hollowayfh.com Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, P.A., 107 Vine St., Pocomoke City, MD 21851.

Arthur Bennett

Mr. Arthur Reginald Bennett Jr., of both Norfolk and Machipongo, died in his home surrounded by his loving family on Nov. 28, 2025.

Reggie was a collector of many things, including books, decoys, coins, and art. Known for his vast collection of books and deep historical knowledge, he was always quoting a favorite author or telling an obscure fact about American history, such as that America's symbol of independence from Britain, the Liberty Bell, was actually created in England in 1751. It was a firm rule in the Bennett household that no one was to call between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. during the week because that was "Jeopardy" time, when Reggie got to show off his "borderline genius."



Mr. Bennett

And while he loved his collections, he loved his family more, especially his devoted wife of 52 years, Linda, who passed in 2023. He is survived by his three children, Regina King (Chip), Reggie Bennett III (Becky), and Jeffrey Bennett; as well as his granddaughter, Emily Washburn (William) and great-grandson, Bennett Washburn.

In Reggie's last few moments, his two-year-old great-grandson, Bennett, was at his side, and as Reggie took his final breaths Bennett smiled, waved, and said "bye-bye."

The family would like to extend a special thanks to The Dedicated Care Center, Bliss In Home Healthcare, Right at Home, and Reggie's caregiver, Ms. LaShawn.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider a donation to The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Attn: Membership Department, 6 Herndon Ave., Annapolis, MD. 21403 (https://secure.cbf.org) or The Sertoma Club of Norfolk, https://norfolksertomaclub.org

Services will be held on the family farm, Tara, in Machipongo on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Emily Washburn for the address, 757-318-1947.

Mary Sue Scott

Mrs. Mary Sue Hudson Scott, a wonderful and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Nov. 25, 2025.

Born on Feb. 8, 1933, in Cheriton, she was the daughter of the late John E. Hudson and Alice L. Moore. She grew up on Randolph Avenue in Cape Charles and graduated from Cape Charles High School in 1950.



Mrs. Scott

Mary Sue met the love of her life, Page Scott, in Cape Charles, and the two were married in 1954. They shared 60 beautiful years together until Page's passing in 2014. Their marriage was a true partnership marked by love, devotion, and a deep bond that remained unbroken.

In her early years, Mary Sue worked as a telephone operator in Cape Charles for more than a decade, often alongside several of her aunts. She later dedicated herself to being a stay-at-home mother and homemaker, roles she embraced wholeheartedly. In her later years, she found great joy working as a teller for Crestar Bank in Cheriton, where she enjoyed greeting and helping the community she loved.

For 20 years, Mary Sue and Page spent their winters in Haines City, Fla., creating cherished memories with friends and family. After Page's passing in 2014, Mary Sue moved to Richmond to live with her daughter, Susan, and her family. She enjoyed her life in Richmond and traveling with her loved ones, but her heart always belonged to the Eastern Shore.

In 2021, Mary Sue returned to the Shore, and much of her family followed soon after. Being back home brought her immense joy. She loved visiting the shops and restaurants in Cape Charles — especially the bakeries — and took great pleasure in the farmers market on Saturdays, summer concerts in the park, Festive Fridays during the holidays, and craft shows throughout the year across the Shore. She was always on the go, rarely sitting still, embracing every opportunity to be out and about in the community she cherished.

In recent years, Mary Sue especially looked forward to an annual trip to Florida with her granddaughter and a family friend, creating wonderful memories full of laughter and sunshine.

Mary Sue was preceded in death by her parents, John and Alice Hudson, and her beloved husband, Page Scott.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Robinson (John); her grandchildren, Courtney Neale, Jason Robinson, and Kelly Robinson; her nephew, Doug Scott (Suzy); her uncle, Russel Jordan; and many great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and dear family friends with whom she shared close and lasting relationships.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore — especially the Sweet Memories Unit — for its care and dedication to Mary Sue, as well as to Hospice of the Eastern Shore for its compassion and support.

A graveside service will be Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p.m., at Cape Charles Cemetery, with Barry Downing officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

May her memory be a blessing to all who loved her.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Newspaper obituaries

The Eastern Shore Post accepts obituaries from all funeral homes. Costs of obituaries are determined by length. There is a $25 additional charge for each head-and-shoulders photograph included. Ask your funeral home to send obituaries to the Post by emailing ryan@easternshorepost.com. Price quotes are available. Call 757-789-7678 with questions.

Jo Ann Williams

Mrs. Jo Ann Hand Williams, known to those she loved most as Gran, passed away at home with family.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1946, in Nassawadox, to H.T. Hand and Lottie Evans.

Jo Ann grew up on the Eastern Shore, graduated from Northampton County Public Schools, and began her career working in a law office for a short time.

Her life changed the day she met Johnny Williams, the man who would become the love of her life. Though it wasn't love at first sight, Johnny's patience and unwavering devotion eventually won her heart. The two married and settled into the house that would remain Jo Ann's only home for the rest of her life — a place filled with warmth, laughter, unconditional love, and always a good meal.

Jo Ann found joy in life's quiet comforts. She loved feeding her birds, especially the cardinals that reminded her of peace and presence. She adored taking care of her famously temperamental cat, Jack, and spent countless contented hours doing her puzzle books. The simple pleasures brought her happiness and became part of her daily routine.

Other than her parents, she was predeceased by her loving husband, Johnny.

Left to remember her are her brother, H.M. Hand, of Belle Haven; her daughter, Amy Bundick (John), of Exmore; her son, Alan Williams (Susan), of Charlotte, N.C.; and her beloved grandchildren, Isabella Bundick (Joe), Owen Bundick, Maggie Williams, and Lottie Williams. She also leaves behind her cherished great-granddaughter, Nora Beall, who brought immense joy to her later years.

She is remembered with love by her special nephews, Haywood Hand (Kim) and Larri Hand (Lisa); her niece, Hope Costanza (Chris); and their children, all of whom held a special place in her heart.

She also leaves behind two special childhood friends, Anne and Ilva.

Per Jo Ann's wishes, there will be no service. Those who loved her are encouraged to think of her whenever they see a cardinal, her favorite bird.

Memorial contributions may be

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made in her honor to St.Jude.org by selecting "Give in Honor."

Jo Ann will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew her.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

David 'Pony' Burdette

Mr. David McKendree Burdette, lovingly known to all as "Pony," 56, of Mears, passed away at his home on Thanksgiving Day.

Born on May 30, 1969, in Frederick, Md., David spent his childhood on his grandparents' farm, where he quickly earned the nickname that stayed with him for life. After taking one of the horses out for a ride —an adventure that didn't go quite as planned — David worked tirelessly to pay the vet bills. From that moment on, "Pony" became his identity, and a legend was born. A little bit of that cowboy spirit stayed with him forever. The first time his wife, Pat, took him to Assateague, he stripped off his shirt but kept his cowboy boots firmly on.



Mr. Burdette

At 18, Pony made his way to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where he found a home and a family who welcomed him with full hearts. At 23, he became a father when his son, Cody, was born, and nothing made him prouder. He loved being right on the floor beside his boy — playing with toys or squeezing into the playpen just to make him laugh.

Pony was a natural people person whose greatest joy was connecting with others. Whenever he started a new job, Pat knew it wouldn't be long before six new "best friends" were gathered in their living room shooting pool. Pony loved playing the harmonica, hanging out with the boys, and singing Elvis at karaoke. Though not one for politics, he was a proud supporter of the Second Amendment.

Pony was one of the most easygoing, slow-to-anger, nonargumentative souls ever born. He saw no color, no class, no divide — just people to befriend. He'd talk to a gatepost if he thought it looked lonely.

Family meant everything to him. He married Pat more than 28 years ago, embracing her children as his own and cherishing every moment of being a grandfather. He made sure every child felt loved, welcomed, and important.

Pony worked hard to earn his welding and fabricating certificates from Eastern Shore Community College. Always a hard worker, he found a way to turn his fabricating skills into a creative outlet. Pony made beautiful punk art. Helmet on, radio loud, he spent countless hours welding to the sounds of George Strait, Johnny Cash, Dwight Yoakam, and Lynyrd Skynyrd. He was so proud of his craft, he even had a welding helmet tattooed on his body. His art can be seen in the yards of folks up and down the Shore.

His most memorable creation may have also been the root of the couple's pain-in-the-side nickname that accompanied his art: "Cow People." For weeks, Pony fabricated a giant cow out of a 500-gallon oil drum. People would ride by and take pictures and caused the nickname to take root. Pat would roll her eyes at the nickname, and he'd just grin, finding endless amusement from the teasing — and that was their beautiful balance.

Pony is survived by his best friend and wife of 28 years, Patricia Taylor "Pat" Burdette, of Mears; his son, Cody Burdette and his wife, Morgan, of Painter; his stepdaughter, Patricia Voss and her husband, Josh, of Mears; his grandchildren, Alanna, Asher, Liam, Ricky, Taylor, Warren, Kylie, and Bristol; several siblings; his special cousin and friend, Randy Burdette, of Maryland; all of his buddies that were more like brothers, Carl, Charles, Jackie, Charlie, Nick, and Brandon; and so many more friends and coworkers that he loved like family.

A celebration of life service will be held at Williams Funeral Home in Parksley on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. The family will greet friends and loved ones at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, consider taking a page from Pony's book and make time to do something kind for your neighbor; speak to the person eating by himself at the restaurant; hold the door for the next person; or maybe let someone go in front of you in the grocery store. Pony's legacy will definitely live on if we all take the time to be kind and make as many friends as possible.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Grace Ayres

Mrs. Grace Vaughan Ayres, 85, of Onley, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025.

Born on April 28, 1940, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Grace was the daughter of William Jefferson Vaughan and Alice Belote Vaughan.

Grace was a woman who found comfort and fulfillment in a simple, peaceful life. She cherished quiet moments and never felt the need to rush or impress — she moved through the world gently with an appreciation for small joys. Her beloved cat, Brandy, was her constant companion, and together they spent countless hours creating beautiful, intricate hooked rugs filled with color and warmth. Grace also loved tending her flowers, losing herself in the calm rhythm of gardening, or curling up with a good book at the end of the day.



Mrs. Ayres

Though she enjoyed solitude, Grace's deepest joy came from motherhood. She adored her daughter, Mary Alice, and carried her memory tenderly in her heart after her passing in 2008.

Grace is survived by her dear friends, Beverly Almond, of Unionville, Tommy Evans, of Onley, and Beverly Phillips, of Onley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jeff and Alice Vaughan, and her treasured daughter, Mary Alice Ayres.

Funeral services for Grace will be conducted graveside at Onancock Cemetery on Friday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m., with Pastor John Burr officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Grace's name to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), 1255 23rd St. NW, Suite 450, Washington, D.C., 20037 (http://www.humanesociety.org/donate) or to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!
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Virginia sanctions varsity girls wrestling

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Above, Nandua's Stephanie Cruz-Vargas (left) and Estreita Vicente-Gomez are all smiles at a recent practice. Inset, seniors Yaritza Lopez-Martinez (top) and Yazmin Gomez have been on Arcadia's team since their freshman season.

About two dozen girls made state high school history this week in Oak Hall when Arcadia and Nandua met on the wrestling mat.

Beginning this year, girls wrestling is now a fully sanctioned varsity sport in Virginia, and a number of young women from the two schools squared off on Wednesday evening. (Results weren't available in time for our deadline.)

"I'm excited," says Stephanie Cruz-Vargas, a senior who has been on Nandua's team for three years. "It's big for us girls as a team and for girls all over the state."

In May, the Virginia High School League (VHSL) officially approved the sport's new status after three years as an "emerging sport," a test period to see if it was viable.

Turns out it's more than viable. It's exploding. In the 2022-23 winter season, there were 273 female wrestlers in Virginia. The next year, more than 400. And last year, 631.

Statewide numbers aren't yet available for this year, but Mike McCall, spokesman for the VHSL, noted the "significant increase in participation over the past three years" as a big reason for sanctioning the sport. He said he expects the numbers to keep increasing.

Forty-six states had sanctioned girls wrestling before this year, making Virginia one of the last to make it official.

"Having it finally sanctioned in Virginia is amazing," says Nandua coach Nathan Metzger, who has about 20 girls on his roster, one of the largest in the state. "It is opening doors to student-athletes across the state who may have been hesitant to join before, having to wrestle against boys."

And that's just as big a deal as the change to an official varsity sport. Until now, girls have often had to wrestle against boys at other schools if there was no opposing girl available in their weight class.

"We've been wrestling against guys who are bigger and stronger than us," says Arcadia senior Yazmin Gomez, on the team since her freshman season. "So it's a big change."

Firebird teammate Yaritza Lopez-Mendez, a senior who has also wrestled all four years, agrees.

"When I started off as a freshman, I had to go against all guys," she says. "And a lot of them were really strong. I was like, maybe this sport isn't for me. But I kept going."

With each passing year, girls were competing against fewer guys and more and more against other girls. Now that it's a sanctioned sport, girls will only wrestle against girls. If the opposing team doesn't have a girl in a particular weight class, they can no longer put in a boy. From now on, it's just boys against boys and girls against girls.

While the girls are happy about that, these trailblazers also wear their past matches against boys as

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FOOTBALL

Davis tops All-Region picks

Northampton senior Khaidn Davis was a three-way choice for the Class 1A All-Region Football Team, released this week. Davis was named to the first team as a linebacker and kick returner and to the second as a running back.

Other Yellow Jackets joining Davis on the first team were offensive lineman Palmer Hubbard, defensive lineman Jordan Delk, defensive back Jeremiah White, and kicker Sebastian Mayorga.

Northampton players named to the second team were quarterback Lucas Kindt, running back Elijah Hope, tight end Bryan James, offensive lineman Travis Reid, offensive all-purpose Jeremiah White, defensive lineman Justin Suarez, linebacker Mathew Mullaly, linebacker Antoine Horsley, defensive back Corbin Etheridge, and defensive back Antoine White.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jackets win opener

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, Traquan Coston scored 20 and Jasheem Collins added 15 to lead Northampton to a 60-37 season-opening win at Lancaster.

Malique Collins added nine points, Antoine Horsley had nine rebounds, Coston had six assists, and Collins had five assists.

"The guys played well as a team," said Yellow Jackets coach Wayne Bell. "We focused on applying team defensive pressure and controlled the tempo of the game, making easy transition buckets. I like how we worked collectively on both ends of the floor."



COURTESY PHOTO

Northampton's Khaidn Davis was named to the Class 1A All-Region football team. He was selected to the first team as a linebacker and kick returner and to the second team as a running back.

Holly Grove starts 1-2

After winning its season opener, Holly Grove Christian School dropped two games before Thanksgiving break.

On Thursday, Nov. 20, the Eagles won 49-36 at Worcester Prep, led by Jack Ellis (14 points, six rebounds), Balazs Kiss (13 points), Oliver Mester-Toth (12 points, eight rebounds), and Lucas Creighton (seven rebounds, three blocks).

On Friday, Nov. 21, HGCS fell 52-45 at Calverton. The Eagles were led by Drew Linton (13 points) and Kiss (11 points).

On Saturday, Nov. 22, the Eagles lost 74-29 at King's Christian Academy. Ellis led HG with 12 points and five rebounds.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Firebirds beat Knights

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, Amani Hope's 17 points, four assists and seven steals led Arcadia to a 44-25 season-opening win at Peninsula Catholic.

Megan (Boo) Montross added 12 points, three assists, five rebounds, and four steals, while Payton Taylor pitched in with four points, six assists, 14 rebounds, and five steals.

HGCS falls in opener

On Thursday, Nov. 20, Holly Grove Christian School lost its opener, 40-15, at Worcester Prep.

Claire Bromley led the Eagles with five points, while Abby Pruitt added four points and five rebounds.

FIELD HOCKEY

HG's Daniels an all-star

Holly Grove senior Sophie Daniels was a starter in the prestigious Field Hockey Coaches Association of Maryland Senior All-Star Game, played Nov. 12 in Pasadena, Md.

The annual event is also known as the Susan Pusey Game, in honor of the former Pocomoke High coach, who died suddenly in 2015 after leading the Warriors to 16 state championships in 20 years.

BOYS SOCCER

Three Eagles all-DVCAC

Holly Grove's Logan Widdowson, Jack Ellis, and Lucas Creighton were recently named to the all-Delaware Valley Christian Athletic Conference South team.

VOLLEYBALL

Parks, Pfirman lauded

Holly Grove's Bethanie Parks and Bekah Pfirman were both named all-conference in the DVCAC.

Parks led the division in assists, and Pfirman led the division in aces.

Wrestling

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sort of a badge of honor.

"A lot of people just think this is a male-dominant sport and that there's certain things us girls can't do," says Nandua junior Estreita Vicente-Gomez. "But I feel like us girls, we really can. If we really want to do something, we will get it done."

Arcadia's Gomez says that for years, girls — and society in general — believed that wrestling was "something that girls probably never thought they could do. So we're trying to prove them wrong. Girls can also do it."

In its three years as an emerging sport in Virginia, unofficial state tournaments were held annually. But with its new status as a sanctioned sport, girls wrestling will have officially sanctioned state tournaments.

"I'm really glad they made the change," says Arcadia coach Rick Wetzel. "The girls are really excited about it, and so am I."

Having an official state tournament, in addition to the opportunity to wrestle against girls only, will likely bring even more girls to the sport. And current wrestlers like Lopez-Mendez will help with the recruiting.

"I just go up to random girls at school and say, 'You look like a wrestler. You should join the team,'" she says. "I hope more and more girls will have the courage to say, 'If she can do it, I could do it, too.'

"I just want them to join a sport that's really fun."

CHINCOTEAGUE STUDENTS BRING HISTORY TO LIFE



COURTESY PHOTO

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, Chincoteague Elementary School's Page Turners Club brought history to life. The 4th and 5th grade members researched a famous historical figure, wrote a speech, and created a living wax museum to share information with their classmates. The students pictured in the back row, from left, are Libby Jillard, Lola Lodge, Nyema Scott, Shepherd Davis, Amira Scott, Bella Jensen, Caleb Bennicoff, Will Fix, and Brewer Landolt. Pictured in the front row are Jay Connelly, Brayden Williams, and Reagan White.

COMMUNITY

ESCADV appoints director

The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence announced the appointment of Kayla Gray as its new executive director.

Gray joined ESCADV on Aug. 5, 2024, as the fund development coordinator. In that role, she spearheaded ESCADV's October 2024 oyster roast, which welcomed more than 350 attendees.

Her dedication and steady leadership led to her promotion to interim director in June. She guided ESCADV through a period of growth and program enhancement.

"We are thrilled to welcome Kayla as ESCADV's executive director," said Sharon Parker, chair of ESCADV's board of directors. "Her compassion, her strategic vision, and her personal understanding of the challenges survivors face make her an exceptional leader for ESCADV as we continue strengthening support for our community."

As executive director, Gray will oversee ESCADV's operations, strategic planning, community partnerships, and trauma-informed programs that provide safety, advocacy, and empowerment to survivors of domestic and sexual violence across Virginia's Eastern Shore.

"As a survivor myself, I know how transformative support and understanding can be," said Gray. "It is an honor to lead an organization that stands beside survivors every day. I look forward to continuing our work to expand resources, deepen community connections, and ensure that every survivor has access to safety, dignity, and hope."

ESCADV provides comprehensive services, including emergency shelter, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, counseling, and prevention education.



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Rural Health awarded for school dental care

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc., received the Best Practices in Rural Health Award from the Virginia Rural Health Association.

The award was presented on Nov. 19 at the association's annual luncheon at Wintergreen Resort in Roseland. The award recognizes organizations that go above and beyond to improve health care in rural communities.

Since 1993, Eastern Shore Rural Health has partnered with Accomack County Public Schools — and Northampton County Public Schools beginning in 2022 — to bring dental care directly to students.

The program uses dental clinics located in five schools and a traveling dental program, the Traveling Oral Health Prevention Program, to visit every other public school on Virginia's Eastern Shore. These efforts ensure children receive preventive care and treatment for dental problems that might otherwise go untreated.

"School-based dental programs are critical in rural areas," said Dr. Scott Wolpin, Rural Health chief dental officer. "Tooth decay is the most common childhood disease — four times more common than asthma. Poor oral health can cause pain, missed school days, and even affect learning and behavior. Our program helps school nurses by providing quick care for students with dental pain or injuries."

From June 2024 to May 2025, the program delivered more than 5,700 dental appointments across both counties, including care for 85 children with special health needs.

One major success was that 78% of children ages 6 to 9 received dental sealants, which protect against cavities for years. That's far above the state average of 54% and the national average of 58%, according to Wolpin.

Wolpin also shared the story of an 8-year-old boy who was referred by a school nurse because of severe dental pain.

His mother was incarcerated, his father had passed away, and his grandmother was caring for him.

The child had multiple abscesses and no healthy back teeth. His Medicaid coverage had expired, but Rural Health worked with the Virginia Department of Medical Services to restore it and arranged hospital treatment in Norfolk.

A Rural Health outreach worker accompanied the family to the surgery. After the procedure, his grandmother said he was "like a different child" — free from pain and thriving in school.

"This is why school-based dental programs matter," said Rural Health CEO Jeannette Edwards. "They change lives and strengthen our communities."



COURTESY PHOTO

Eastern Shore Rural Health Chief Dental Officer Dr. Scott Wolpin and CEO Jeannette Edwards are pictured with the award.

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Scholarship seeks donations

As the year ends and the spirit of giving fills communities, the Diane E. Ames Scholarship, created in memory of a local teacher, is seeking donations.

Ames was born on Dec. 4, 1954, in Exmore, to Milton and Elizabeth Ames.

A 1973 graduate of Northampton High School, she earned her bachelor's degree in business education from Radford College.

Ames returned to the Eastern Shore and worked as a bookkeeper at American Original until John "Dog" Parson offered her a teaching position at Central High School.

She later became one of the first business teachers at Nandua High School.

Ames taught accounting, computer information systems, and office management, mastering every Microsoft application.

She believed in excellence, integrity, and above all, her students.

Her impact reached far beyond high school.

Ames established the first Girl Scout troop that met at Eastern Shore Community College, welcoming Daisies through Cadets.

Supported by eight volunteer leaders, the troop served 45 to 50 youth.

She also taught adults across the Eastern Shore, helping them start new careers, earn promotions, and discover confidence they never knew they had.

Ames died in 2024, but her love for education lives on through the scholarship created in her memory.

The Diane E. Ames Scholarship supports Nandua High School seniors planning to pursue degrees in education or business.

This year, a second scholarship will be offered for a student at Eastern Shore Community College.

Donations can be made payable to Diane E. Ames Scholarship Fund and mailed to P.O. Box 321, Onley, VA 23418.

For additional information email dianeamesscholarship@gmail.com or call 757-710-8835.

Sons of American Legion Squadron 56 receive award

Squadron 56, Sons of the American Legion, recently received the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Award from the Detachment of Virginia, Sons of the American Legion.

The award recognizes efforts by the Cheriton-based squadron to enhance the lives of veterans and their families.

These efforts include supporting and coordinating Freedom Hunters activities on the Eastern Shore.

The award also recognizes the squadron's participation in Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day ceremonies; donations to the YMCA, Kiptopeke Elementary School, and Habitat For Humanity; and creation of an Everlasting Board to memorialize fallen brothers.

Welcome New Agent
Amoreena Shenefelt

Amoreena grew up in Northern Virginia and has fond childhood memories of summers spent in Chincoteague - camping at Maddox Family Campground, treats from Mister Whippy truck, and soaking in the serene beauty of Assateague. In 1988, her family made the island their home and opened the original Main Street Shop and Coffeehouse.

Although she later lived in Atlanta and taught for 18 years, she and her son, Carson, continued to return to Chincoteague every summer. Over the past 36 years, she helped manage her family's shop and coffeehouse, gaining an appreciation for both the visitors and residents of the island. In her free time she enjoys painting, hiking, biking and soaking up the joys of shore living.



Now a full time resident and Virginia REALTOR, she is happy to be a part of the Coastal Shore Real Estate team. Amoreena looks forward to helping buyers and sellers make their next move in the beautiful community she's proud to call home.



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EVENT

Somerset hosting homes tour

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with a special tour of homes of the era in Somerset County on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There are 12 historic sites on the tour, including nine built prior to 1776 and three built shortly after.

Each site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Several private homes that have never been on the tour or that have not been featured for decades will be highlighted.

Harrington, circa 1750, is one such property.

The interior of the home, owned by Regina Bell for the last 40 years, is fitted with finely crafted Georgian paneling, exposed beams, raised panel wainscoting, and beautiful fireplaces flanked by fluted pilasters.

This year's tour showcases the countryside of Somerset County, as many of the featured properties are historic estates located a short drive from Princess Anne, the county seat.

The 2025 tour will afford access to homes in Mt. Vernon, Marion Station, Kingston, and other locations in Somerset County.

In addition to Harrington, attendees will have the opportunity to visit William's Conquest, The Reward, Waddy House, Kingston Hall, and more.

Teackle Mansion is a must-see on any Somerset County home tour. The mansion will also be decorated for the holidays.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Somerset County Historical Society and help fund preservation efforts and education programs.

Tickets are $25 per person and can be purchased at Somerset Choice Station Antiques, at 11731 Somerset Ave., Princess Anne. Tickets can also be purchased online at bit.ly/4oJaWBu

For more information visit somersetcountyhistoricalsociety.org

REGIONAL

Gordon returns to direct museum

Following the resignation of Todd Espeland, the Delmarva Discovery Museum announced the appointment of Christy Gordon as its executive director, effective Nov. 24.

Gordon returns as executive director after a short retirement.

She has been with the museum since 2017 and had served as the assistant to the director, the chief of operations, and the executive director, prior to her return.

The community is invited to visit and say hello to Gordon and to explore the interactive and live exhibits.

The museum is open Thursday through Saturday from 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

Live animal programs take place each day with a special feeding of the museum's river otters, Mac and Tuck, at noon.

The Delmarva Discovery Museum is always looking for volunteers to become docents, participate in the care of the animals, work in the museum store, or help with administrative work,

To volunteer contact Gordon at executivedirector@delmarvadiscoverycenter.org.

Visit delmarvadiscoverycenter.org for more information about the museum.

EVENT

Polar Duck Dip returns

Jan. 17, 2026, is the date for the 18th Annual Polar Duck Dip benefitting Camp Occohannock on the Bay.

Last year the dip raised more money than ever.

The camp was able to update the director's home, purchase a new electric-start motor for the rescue boat, install a new two-way zipline, purchase 12 new bikes, and install a new biking shed.

Occohannock on the Bay Camp welcomed 582 campers, a historic number, in 2025.

There is still more to do. The Lynch Building and Dining Hall is in need of repair.

Phase one of this project is to expand and update the kitchen space to include a walk-in freezer, walk-in refrigerator, and expanded pantry.

The camp has received partial funding for the project.

There are also plans to expand the camp's sailing program to bring back regular instruction and sailing for all campers.

The 2025 Polar Duck Dip will feature three celebrity dippers in 2026: Daryl Minus, president of Eastern Shore Community College; Courtney Nottingham, a community philanthropist and State Farm agent; and Diane Lange, administrator at Shore Christian Academy.

There are many ways to support Camp Occohannock.

Community members can participate in the silent auction by bringing in or buying items.

Island House Restaurant is hosting Occhonannock on the Bay day on Friday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. The Polar Duck Dip will receive 10% of the proceeds.

New this year is the Duck Dip 5K, which will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, at 9 a.m. at the camp.

For those unable to attend in person, Online Splash offers a chance to participate.

This year's Duck Dip Event will include the 5K run, a program, a pulled pork lunch, the silent auction, and the dip.

For more information call 757-442-7836 or visit www.ootbay.org

PARKSLEY

Gingerbread house contest Dec. 13

The Town of Parksley is hosting a Gingerbread House Competition. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, as part of the town's Old Fashioned Christmas.

The competition has three categories: children 12 and under, teens 13 to 18, and group/family.

Entries will be judged on overall appearance, creativity, and originality.

Prizes will be awarded in each category.

Entries must be submitted at the Parksley Town Pavilion by 4:30 p.m. for display and judging that day, but contestants may begin dropping off entries as early as 3 p.m.

Entries can be picked up from the Parksley Town Office on Monday, Dec. 15.

Participants must register by Wednesday, Dec. 10. To register visit https://tinyurl.com/4a79p5bd

Email llewis@parksley.org for more information.

This event is sponsored by the Eastern Shore Railway Museum and the Greater Parksley Association.

From Arizona to Craddockville, Rev. Grainger answers the call

BY JESSE BURDETTE
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

After years of ministry under the blistering sun of Arizona, the Rev. Nicholas Grainger has traded desert heat for the calm, coastal communities of Virginia's Eastern Shore.

His journey from Bullhead City and Winslow to Craddockville reflects a career shaped by service, community, and a commitment to meeting people where they are.

Grainger led two churches in Arizona, including one in Winslow, the town made famous in the Eagles' song "Take It Easy."

At his previous post in Bullhead City, summer temperatures often reached 120 degrees, with nighttime lows rarely dropping below 90.

The extreme heat, combined with several funerals for members who died from heat-related causes, contributed to his decision to move east and join the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Grainger's childhood combined ordinary milestones with unusual experiences.

He achieved Eagle Scout rank and swam on his high school team. He celebrated his ninth birthday in a bowling alley located in the basement of a major casino, an experience he describes as part of growing up in a city shaped by both opportunity and spectacle.

He earned two master's degrees — one in college administration and another in divinity — and spent a decade working in higher education in the western United States before entering ministry.

Since arriving in Craddockville, Grainger has focused on community engagement.

He volunteers as a mentor at Pungoteague Elementary School, where some youth lack consistent male role models, and encourages members of the church's men's club to participate in similar efforts.



The Rev. Nicholas Grainger

He also organizes a monthly community dinner aimed at supporting low-income families.

Grainger manages nearly all aspects of the dinner himself, preparing the main dishes while congregation members contribute desserts. The church does not bear any financial responsibility for the event.

Grainger's work is not limited to the Eastern Shore.

He regularly returns to Holden Village in Washington, a remote, roadless community accessible only by boat or multi-day hikes.

He first visited the village as a child with his family and continues to go as an adult to volunteer, reflect, and recharge.

Holden Village provides a space to focus on service, personal growth, and spiritual reflection.

His ministry combines structured preparation and practical service. In addition to his church and mentoring work, Grainger enjoys reading, board games, and "Dungeons & Dragons."

He brings a mix of professional training and personal experience to his work, emphasizing the importance of engagement, mentorship, and connection within the church and broader community.

Grainger continues to build on a lifetime of experiences spanning Las Vegas, Arizona, and Virginia.

From the deserts of the Southwest to the quiet Eastern Shore, his approach to ministry reflects a commitment to service, community, and the many ways faith can take shape in everyday life.



‘What’s that bird?’ Master Naturalists take a walk

BY STELLA DAWSON
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

“What’s that bird?”

“Where? I don’t see it.”

“In the reeds there. Behind the egret.”

“Which egret? All I see are white ibis.”

“To the far right. It’s very dark (and) blends in.”

“It’s a white-faced ibis. No, maybe it’s a glossy ibis?”

“At this time of year?”

In the shallow freshwater pools on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Nov. 22, a huddle of white ibis were probing the muddy waters with their long, curved, pink bills, searching for earthworms, grubs, and mollusks.

A handful of great white egrets stood tall among them, watchful and waiting, while the busy ibis scurried up the waters in the misty morning light.

But what had caught the eyes of 18 birdwatchers on a guided walk led by the Eastern Shore Master Naturalists was a dark shape, hard to discern at first, more shy than the 20 or so white ibis, and it faded into the browned marsh.

A second dark shape strutted out of the tall grasses, and yes, it had the distinctive curved beak, dull greenish legs and lightly speckled head of a glossy ibis out of breeding season.

It was an uncommon sighting on the refuge this late in the year.

The glossy ibis usually winters farther south along the coastal regions. Birders are always thrilled at a rare sighting.

The bird walk kicked off Waterfowl Week at the refuge and marked the first full year that Eastern Shore Master Naturalists have offered guided walks at the refuge in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eastern Shore Master Naturalists go birdwatching — and are looking for guests.

Nearly 100 people have attended the walks, with the summer offerings particularly popular.

Their goal is to expand appreciation of the natural world and foster interest in conservation.

The walks allow newcomers to birding to learn from more experienced birders, with binoculars, spotting scopes, and bird books provided.

On this walk, visitors came from as far away as Washington state, as well as from neighboring Pennsylvania and nearby Ocean City, Md.

One of the highlights of the walk was majestic tundra swans, which fly south from Canada for the winter.

Perhaps they stay here for the clams. The tundra swans in the Chesapeake region are known for burrowing their black bills into the muddy bottom and using their feet to root up clams, a change from their regular diet of tubers, sedges, and pondweed.

Clamming likely accounts for the orangish hue they often have to their long straight necks. The birders counted 20 tundra swans on their walk.

Snow geese also are beginning to arrive, though none were spotted this Saturday.

Still, the ponds were alive with waterfowl — American black duck, mallard, northern pintail, green-winged teal, northern shovelers, American wigeon — many refueling after a long migration south.

A sika deer galloped across the ponds and flushed out wave after wave of ducks, and a northern harrier hovered low over the straw-colored grasses, weaving back and forth as it hunted.

Along with woodland birds, the team recorded a total of 40 species on a short, two-hour walk.

A special sight was an American kestrel perched on the topmost branch of a dead tree near the viewing platform on the Marsh Trail.

“North America’s littlest falcon, it packs a predator’s fierce intensity into its small body,” is how Cornell Lab describes the kestrel on its All About Birds website.

This male looked bedraggled, fluffing up its breast and wings to dry after a heavy early morning rain. But through the scope, its slate blue and coppery brown coloring looked most handsome.

If you would like to join the next bird walk, keep an eye on the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Facebook page or the Eastern Shore Master Naturalists website for dates.

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Nandua Middle art students designed the artwork and painted the East Bay Foods trailer.

Nandua Middle art students design, paint food trailer

Seventh-grade art students at Nandua Middle School competed against each other to create a winning design for a local business owner to redesign his food truck.

The entire design was imagined and drawn by the students.

The drawings were voted on by the two classes of 7th graders and the winning designs from each group were pitched to the owner.

His favorite drawings were then combined into a final d esign b y Sarah Clark, the art teacher at Nandua Middle.

The plans included a seagull carrying off some french fries and a crab clutching a cheeseburger.

During the months of October and early November, John Nagy, local business owner of East Bay Foods, trusted the art students at Nandua Middle to paint his food trailer for one of their art projects.

After the painting was completed the students were treated to a meal from the owner.

East Bay Foods' menu includes some Eastern Shore favorites such as soft crab sandwiches, onion smashburgers, spicy chicken sandwiches, and hand-cut french fries.

"The Eastern Shore beach design will be sure to attract more customers for this local business, which was our goal. I love getting my middle school students to think larger than themselves. I do this by getting them out of the classroom and allowing them to have direct contact with members of the Eastern Shore community. I love it when middle school students have the opportunity to have firsthand experience seeing the transformative power of art," Clark said.

If you would like to catch a meal from East Bay Foods, its schedule is as follows: Eastern Shore Community College on Mondays, Wednesdays in Nassawadox by Northampton Lumber Company, and Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in Exmore New Ravenna.

During the summer months, East Bay Foods can be found at Cape Charles Beach and other surrounding beaches.



Dudley's lesson in life: Wag your tail during difficulty

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Karren Paglia, the Willis Wharf woman who has baffled doctors by living for 14 years with a type of inoperable brain tumor that usually claims the lives of its victims within 18 months, wanted a dog earlier this year.

She got her wish and was gifted a young Redtick Coonhound. She soon named him "Dudley" because, as her husband, Mike Paglia, put it, he was a "dud of a hunter."

In the Sept. 5 edition of the Eastern Shore Post, Paglia and her dog, then 16 weeks old, were featured.

In one of those cruel twists of fate, Dudley the dog has died — and the cause could have been a brain tumor, veterinarians said.

After having Dudley for about a month they noticed he would sometimes lose his balance, so they took him to Eastern Shore Animal Hospital to have him checked.

A veterinarian said Dudley had a neurological condition. Unfortunately, the condition worsened.

Eastern Shore Animal Hospital recommended they take Dudley to Virginia Beach to Southeast Veterinary Neurology, where professionals diagnosed Dudley with ataxia.

Ataxia in dogs causes them to be unsteady at times and not have control over their muscle movements — exactly the symptoms Dudley was experiencing. It can be caused by a brain tumor, head injury, or genetic mutation.

Dudley's condition worsened to the point where he wasn't able to walk without help from his owners.

Although he wasn't in any pain, the veterinarians at Southeast Veterinary Neurology said his condition could lead to pain if he fell awkwardly or lost control of his movements at an inopportune time.

The Paglias made the difficult decision to euthanize Dudley to avoid seeing his condition worsen to a more dangerous point.

They said through all of the struggle he was going through, they could still see Dudley's tail wagging, even in instances where he couldn't walk on his own.

Like the Paglias themselves, the dog found happiness during difficulty.

Mike Paglia said people have and will continue to ask them if they will get another dog, but despite having Dudley for only four months, the Paglias said getting one is not something they can bring themselves to consider right now.

"He'll never be replaced," he said.

"He was one in a million."



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Karren Paglia holds Dudley, her puppy, in a file photo taken in September. Paglia has lived for 14 years with an inoperable brain tumor. Dudley recently died after being diagnosed with a condition that could have been caused by a brain tumor.

The surprising uses of Virginia soybeans

Soybeans and soybean meal are Virginia's No. 1 export, earning the state over $1.4 billion in 2023, according to the Virginia Farm Bureau

Surprisingly, soybeans are so much more than edible foods like tofu and edamame. Soybean oil is an essential ingredient in hundreds of food products, including margarine, salad dressings, breads, cakes, pies, and cookies.

"If you look at the labels on Duke's mayonnaise or Chick-fil-A sauces, soybean oil is one of the first ingredients," said Rachel Gresham, executive director of the Virginia Soybean Association, which raises public awareness of soy's uses and potential.

"In conjunction with the United Soybean Board, we work to support market development and end-uses for soybeans grown in Virginia," Gresham continued.

About 600,000 acres of soybeans are harvested annually in Virginia. Accomack County leads the pack at 29,000 harvested acres, followed by Mecklenburg, Sussex, Caroline, Essex, and Northampton counties.

"Most of our soybeans are used for our poultry and livestock feed, so it ends up on our dinner tables one way or another," said Robert Harper, grain marketing specialist at Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "They're little protein pills incorporated into a ration. But you can't feed them to livestock or poultry without processing at some level."

Perdue Agribusiness brings together grain trucks, barges, and rail to load bulk vessels with soybeans and soybean products at its deepwater port in Chesapeake. They send bulk vessels and containers of soybeans and soybean products to the Port of Virginia.



CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY ‘GIRLS ON THE RUN’ HELPS FAMILIES

Chincoteague Elementary School has a team of girls referred to as the “Girls on the Run” that collected nonperishable food items to help support families in the Chincoteague Elementary community. Pictured at the front left is Fiona LaValley. Pictured in the second row, from left, are Camille Berry, Isabella Jensen, Iyanna Slade, Jessica Guerra, Marianna Lagunas, Emmalynn Lagunas, and Tinsley Townsend. In the third row, from left, are Coach Heidi Pride, Libby Jillard, Cadee Brady, Lola Lodge, Beckley Farrell, Hailey Drummond, Olivia Martin, Scarlett Forney, Coach Ashley Luck, and Coach Maggie Thompson.

COURTESY PHOTO





Jackson's auction barn to host Christmas open house

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Chester Jackson, owner of Countryside Auction, loves Christmas so much that every year he decks out his entire auction barn in Hopeton with Christmas decorations.

The 77-year-old has a collection that includes 150 miniature Christmas village buildings, 10 Christmas trees, electronic Christmas figurines, a model train, and enough Christmas lights to illuminate a football stadium.

"Almost everything in here has a story," he said.

Jackson has been decorating his auction house for Christmas for years. In recent years he has welcomed members of the public to take in his display in an open house.

This year's open house will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 25191 Dennis Drive in Hopeton.

He started decorating the building his business is in when he ran out of room in his house for all of his decorations.

Every year, Jackson adds more to the collection, making it take longer to set up than the previous year. This year he began decorating for Christmas in mid-October.

Jackson also has his family over every year for Thanksgiving and Christmas to share the holidays together.

One of his favorite aspects about the collection is the reaction it gets from people who visit.

"When people come through the front door, their eyes pop," he said.

He likes to see the reactions from children and adults alike — some people take multiple laps around the entire room to make sure they take it all in.

Just about every display has functionality — moving Santas, musical snowmen, and more.

One of the items many people like in his auction barn is the pre-Civil War chandelier hanging above one of the dining tables.



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Chester Jackson stands amid some of his nearly 150 Christmas village-type miniatures adorning his Hopeton auction barn. Below, he shows the Christmas decorations there. An open house will be held Dec. 13 at the auction barn.

Last year, he welcomed 250 visitors to the collection — some from his church, some from his car club, and the rest from the open house he held.

Jackson said he appreciates the support of his wife, Linda.

Jackson said he doesn't really know why he loves Christmas as much as he does, but he has a guess.

When he was a child, he wasn't as privileged as most other children. He didn't get his first toy for Christmas until he was 11 years old, he said.

Today, he is making up for lost time by ensuring the Christmas experience is the best it can be for those around him.

"I just love it. I love Christmas."



COMMUNITY

Bank of Cheer initiative seeks more donations

With the delivery date of Bank of Cheer boxes loaded with food fast approaching, organizers of the project are hoping for a flurry of donations to help with the increased costs of purchasing the items needed to make Christmas a bit brighter for local families.

The Bank of Cheer is in its 67th year of operation and depends on donations from the public as volunteers come together to pack and then deliver boxes of food, which include canned foods, flour and other staples. The recipients also typically get a ham or turkey.

It has become a Christmas tradition for local residents, community organizations, churches, and other groups to make a donation to Bank of Cheer. Donors know that 100% of their donations go to help the Bank of Cheer recipients. All labor, transportation expenses, and the boxes provided by Dublin Farms for many years now are donated.

The Moose Lodge in Belle Haven provides a location for packing and delivery.

Recipients are selected by community leaders, who confer with ministers, organizations, and employees of Social Services departments to determine the families who most need help. Please do not call Social Services or the local media as they have no input for the selection of the recipients.

Checks can be made out to "Bank of Cheer" and sent to Bank of Cheer, c/o Laura Trala, P.O. Box 646, Onley, VA 23418.

COMMUNITY

Farmworkers group wary of new federal rule

The Agricultural Workers Advocacy Coalition is sounding the alarm about a newly proposed federal rule that would sharply reduce wages for H-2A farmworkers across Virginia — including the many hundreds who provide labor for the Eastern Shore's agricultural economy.

The U.S. Department of Labor has proposed major changes to the Adverse Effect Wage Rate, the minimum wage floor that protects both H-2A workers and U.S. workers from wage depression.

Under the proposed rule, employers who provide worker housing would be allowed to reduce the minimum wage by a "housing credit," which would reduce the hourly pay for most workers to just $11.82 in 2026 — a cut of $4.34 per hour.

AWAC volunteers say this reduction is based on a flawed assumption about the worker housing that is provided to the immigrant workforce.

AWAC stresses that reducing wages based on an unrealistic housing valuation will create immediate hardship — both for the H-2A visa workers who rely on these earnings to support families abroad and for the local U.S. workers whose wages are directly tied to the AEWR.

The AWAC is a volunteer organization on Virginia's Eastern Shore dedicated to supporting H-2A farmworkers through direct outreach, donated supplies, assistance with farmworker needs, and community education.



Downtown businesses awarded grants to improve facades

Onancock Main Street has awarded $35,000 to nine downtown Onancock businesses to improve the public-facing exteriors of their buildings.

Through a highly competitive process, 18 businesses submitted applications totaling $63,000, more than the $35,000 available for awards.

Funds were made available through a Virginia Main Street Downtown Investment Grant.

OMS' goals in requesting the grant funds included visually improving public-facing exterior spaces to encourage economic growth and visitation in Onancock's downtown business district and supporting high-quality redevelopment, beautification, and historic preservation.

"The number of applications clearly demonstrates the high level of interest among our businesses to create a more inviting downtown area for residents and visitors," said Cindy Mackey, chair of the OMS Economic Vitality Committee.

"Based on the enthusiastic response, OMS will apply for more grant funds from Virginia Main Street for additional public-facing improvements."

Most grants that were awarded included a significant match contribution by the property owners, which translates into even more investment in downtown Onancock.

Power washing was a consistent request throughout many of the businesses' submissions.

OMS is working to identify a vendor interested in helping the downtown businesses and will coordinate the effort.

Grantee locations and projects include:

- 2 and 4 North St. (replace bricks, repaint mortar joints, remove rusted steel, clean/acid wash brickwork, restore window, paint window trim) $5,000
- 51 Market St. (masonry repair, door/window replacements, painting/caulking, trim repair) $5,000
- 57 Market St. (window replacement, door repair/replacement, trim repair/replacement) $5,000
- 40 Market St. (new signs, door trim repair/replacement, unify building appearance) $5,000
- 20 Market St. (replace showroom and double hung windows) $5,000
- 34 Market St. (new Americans with Disabilities Act entry door, refreshed signage) $5,000
- 33 Market St. (replace rotting wood trim, paint trim) $2,500
- 37 Market St. (repaint metal awning) $1,500
- 46 King St. (new sign, exterior lighting) $1,000

OMS is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization that works with the town and other partners to ensure the continued vibrancy and preservation of historic downtown Onancock.

OMS is accredited with Main Street America and Virginia Main Street, a network committed to strengthening and reenergizing downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts across America.

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Chincoteague Parade slated for Dec. 6

Chincoteague's Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade will kick off for the 45th time on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m.

This year's theme is "A Saltwater Christmas." It will honor the 100-year legacy of the Saltwater Cowboys.



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Construction recently was completed on the new Oyster Harbor pier.

New 200-foot fishing pier in Oyster is completed

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Construction has recently concluded on a brand-new public fishing pier in the town of Oyster.

The 200-foot-long L-shaped pier is free to use for all members of the public, and a saltwater fishing license is not required to fish there.

"Creating new access areas for fishing and other water activities has been an important goal for Northampton County," a grant application submitted on behalf of the pier stated.

The pier was built with locals and tourists alike in mind. The grant application stated that many residents of Northampton County do not have direct access to the water, meaning public areas of access are crucial.

The location of the pier in Oyster is partly intended to lure people away from more highly visited areas, giving people more options and dispersing people among more fishing hotspots.

There are additional facilities near the pier, including a public boat ramp, public restrooms, and a kayak launch.

The total cost to build the pier was $222,500, which does not include surveying, permitting, or design costs, according to Northampton County Director of Public Works Chris Thomas.

The project was paid for in its entirety by a Northampton County Tourism Infrastructure grant.

Construction of the pier took five months, spanning from April to September of this year. Prior to the start of construction, about one year of preparation was done.

The pier's design is wider, lower, and shorter than the fishing pier in nearby Cape Charles, with built-in benches and wheelchair access railing stations.

About a month after the completion of the pier, the Northampton County Government Facebook page published a post about the pier, which garnered much praise from viewers, Chris Thomas said.

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The following students were named to the Principal's List for the first nine weeks at Chincoteague Elementary School. Pictured are, front row from left, Cruz Macareno, Emily Harker, Hannah Brockman, Camille Berry, Blair Georgas, and Ives Clark. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Lacey Donovan, Paisley Deview, Cooper Cherrix, Ava Neal, and Anders Savage.

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The following students received the Terrific Kids Award for the first nine weeks at Chincoteague Elementary School. Pictured are, front row from left, Stella Mendoza, Je'Nylah Davis, Renlee Charnock, and Julian Flores. Pictured in the middle row are Anna Robertson, Elliott Bowden, Levi Sauer, Emma Simpson, and Jonah Custis. Pictured in the top row are Jacob Roberts, Lola Lodge, Indiana Judge, and Isabella Jensen. Absent from the photo is Cutter Custer.

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The following students received the Island Library Reading Award for the first nine weeks at Chincoteague Elementary School. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Benjamin Marsh, Rose Schuster, Philip Cathell, Declan Williams, and Althea Moot. Pictured in the middle row are Ives Clark, Blair Georgas, Leighton Britton, and Lewis Bowden. Pictured in the top row are Emily Harker, Cooper Cherrix, Anders Savage, and Jack Jester.

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HONORS

Suri Doughty wins VES Land Trust ‘Paint the Shore’ People’s Choice award

The Eastern Shore community voted on 12 finalists from Arcadia Middle School, Broadwater Academy, and Nandua Middle School for the “Paint the Shore” People’s Choice Award.

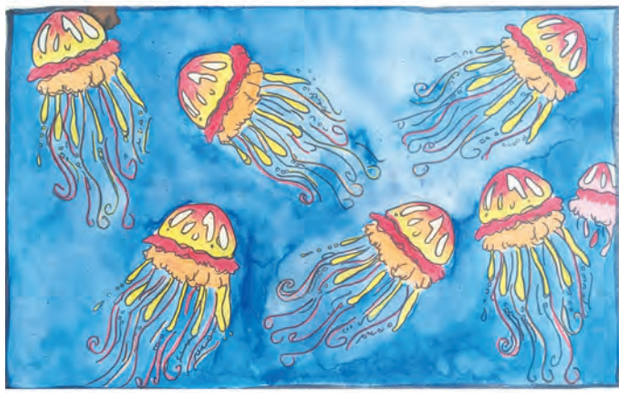
Over 700 votes came in showing support for participating students. “Stream of Serenity,” by Suri Doughty, of Broadwater Academy, won the award. “Jellyfishing,” by Yunilca Ventura-Lopez, of Arcadia Middle School, was the runner-up.

The Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust held “Paint the Shore” virtually this fall, showcasing the work of 7th and 8th grade students.

“Paint the Shore” is an event highlighting the beauty and natural environment of Virginia’s Eastern Shore through plein air, meaning in the open air, painting. “Paint the Shore” seeks to inspire young artists and share the beauty of the Eastern Shore through their eyes.

“I’m driven to create art for my own enjoyment and happiness. My painting is imagery for a small waterfall or stream. I also added rocks, a tree in the corner, and small plants. Nature is, in my view, the purest form of the world, a place to decompress in a serene environment,” wrote Doughty in her artist’s statement.

All 12 finalists may be viewed in VES Land Trust’s online gallery at www.veslt.org



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“Jellyfishing,” by Yunilca Ventura-Lopez, of Arcadia Middle School, was the runner-up for the People’s Choice Award in the Eastern Shore of Virginia Land Trust’s “Paint the Shore” competition.



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“Streams of Serenity,” by Suri Doughty, of Broadwater Academy, won the People’s Choice Award in the Eastern Shore of Virginia Land Trust’s “Paint the Shore” competition.

Pocomoke parade winners announced

Winners have been announced in the annual Pocomoke City Christmas Parade, which was held Monday, Dec. 1.

■ Grand Champion Band: Snow Hill High School (13th Annual Mayor Lippoldt Memorial Award)

■ 1st Runner-up Band: Crisfield High School

■ 2nd Runner-up Band: Mardela High School

■ 1st Place Commercial Float: Lowes

■ 2nd Place Commercial Float: Downunder

■ 1st Place Non-Commercial Adult Float: Coastal Hospice

■ 2nd Place Non-Commercial Adult Float: Tabernacle Church

■ 1st Place Non-Commercial Youth Float: Glad Tidings Church

■ 2nd Place Non-Commercial Youth Float: Compass Church Pocomoke

■ 1st Place Dance Unit: All About Dance

■ 2nd Place Dance Unit: Royal Elite Diamondz

■ 1st Place ROTC/Marching Unit: Pocomoke High School

■ 2nd Place ROTC/Marching Unit: Snow Hill High School

■ 3rd Place ROTC/Marching Unit: Stephen Decatur High School

■ Best Appearing Fire Company: Allen Volunteer Fire Company

■ 2nd Best Appearing Fire Company: Princess Anne Fire Company

■ Best Antique Equipment: Greenbackville Volunteer Fire Company

■ Best Modern Equipment: Girdletree Volunteer Fire Company

■ Judges' Choice Award: Girdletree Baptist Church

■ Judges' Choice Award: Parsonsburg Cadets

■ Judges' Choice Award: Superior Towing



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Pictured from left are AKA member Deborah Griffin, Social Services Representative Shannon DeCarlo, and AKA member Mary Mitchell.

AKA chapter has 'Party with a Purpose'

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter, brought holiday spirit and community goodwill together during its recent "Party with a Purpose" at the Par-4 Bar and Grill in Temperanceville.

The event served as a festive gathering with a mission: collecting food and toys for families across the Eastern Shore who are experiencing food insecurity or limited resources this holiday season.

The effort aligns with one of the sorority's key international initiatives, Uplift Our Local Community.

Guests contributed approximately 200 nonperishable food items and 50 toys and gifts. All donations are being donated to the Departments of Social Services in Accomack and Northampton counties, where they will be distributed to local residents needing extra support.

Chapter members wish to express their gratitude for the community's generosity and note that their holiday giving is not yet complete.

Early in December, members will also donate items to seniors living in local residential facilities.

UMES vet school to undergo site visit

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore School of Veterinary Medicine will undergo its comprehensive accreditation site visit by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education during the week of June 21-26, 2026.

This milestone is a critical step toward full accreditation and represents a significant step in its ongoing commitment to providing high-quality veterinary education, training compassionate and competent veterinarians, and meeting the rigorous standards set forth for veterinary schools, school officials said.

"The DVM curriculum embodies our commitment to high academic standards, strong clinical preparation, innovation, and an educational experience centered on student growth," said Dr. Stanley Robertson, dean of the UMES School of Veterinary Medicine.

Classes are expected to begin in 2027.

Cape Charles author publishes new book

Marina Pierce, a nature photographer and published author living in Cape Charles, recently published her second book, "Today's Glimmer."

This book is a year's worth of her original photos, primarily taken on the Eastern Shore, along with educational or inspirational text.

Pierce will be signing books at the Blue Heron Realty Open House that is part of the Cape Charles Festive Friday on Dec. 12.

Crisfield man releases new music album

Author and veteran Douglas Berry announces the release of his new AI-assisted music album, "Barefoot Radio," now available on Spotify and major streaming platforms.

Berry, a 1982 graduate of Crisfield High School, served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force as an armament system specialist, retiring in 2006.

After his military career, Berry transitioned into writing, publishing multiple children's picture books featuring his beloved character Jasper, along with the sci-fi novel "Guardians of the Unknown."

The "Barefoot Radio" vocals and musical arrangements were crafted using Suno, showcasing innovative and accessible music production for independent creators.

Homes for the Holidays tour set on Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Homes for the Holidays Tour returns on Saturday, Dec. 6, offering a joyful kickoff to the holiday season while giving back to the local community.

Running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the tour begins at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, located at 6309 Church St.

This year's theme, "16 Doors, 16 Stories, 16 Places," invites participants to explore 16 unique spaces that showcase the quirky, creative, and beautiful character of Chincoteague Island.

In classic Homes for the Holidays fashion, tour stops remain a secret until the morning of the event, adding anticipation and delight.

All revenues from ticket sales benefit Manna Cafe CI, a volunteer-driven organization providing food, fellowship, and love to neighbors in need. Every ticket purchased helps strengthen the safety net that Manna Cafe CI provides year-round.

Tickets are $20 and may be purchased at the door or in advance (cash only) at Sundial Books or Hollyhocks on Main Street.

The Homes for the Holidays Tour is part of a full day of festive celebration on Chincoteague Island, which also includes the Village Mall Christmas Bazaar and the 45th Annual Chincoteague Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade.

For more information, contact Cindy@cshogan.com or visit https://www.facebook.com/homesfortheholidaystour

Bethel Baptist slates 143rd anniversary

Bethel Baptist Church, 7638 Bayside Road, Franktown, will celebrate its 143rd church anniversary on Dec. 7 at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Harold White will be the special guest.

Northampton High and Middle winter concert set

The Northampton High School/Middle School choir will present its winter concert on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

The concert is open to the public and free.



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CHINCOTEAGUE GRAD MEETS TULSI GABBARD



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Chincoteague High School graduate Lt. j.g. Brock Schisler, commanding officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Moray, recently explained the crew's responsibilities to Tulsi Gabbard, U.S. director of national intelligence. Schisler took command in early August. Schisler graduated Chincoteague High School in 2017 and the Coast Guard Academy in 2023.

Area woman is stationed in Washington

U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Ella Rose Ward, who previously lived in Northampton County, is stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Wash.

Ward, 23, is on active duty in fire protection services.

Ward graduated from Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa.

She previously reviously resided in Machipongo and Cape Charles.

She is the daughter of Kathryn Rose Ward, of Cape Charles.



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

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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.

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

This position is open until filled. EOE.

Help Wanted

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/yezes6ra for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. **Positions open until filled.**

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.

APPRAISAL DATA COLLECTOR

The County of Northampton's Commissioner of Revenue is accepting part-time employment applications for Appraisal Data Collector.

JOB SUMMARY: General duties include field work for the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office, Real Estate Division. This position involves inspecting, photographing, verifying, and gathering data and other pertinent information on real estate property. This is an entry-level part-time position. Applicant must have and be willing to use their personal vehicle for field inspections. Starting salary is $19.00 per hour.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: High school graduate or equivalent. Good communication skills are needed. Experience in technical functions related to property appraisal and assessment, sketching/drawing preferred. Good knowledge of basic arithmetic; some knowledge of building materials and construction; ability to record figures accurately and legibly; ability to conduct effective, cooperative, and professional working relationships; observation skills; and mental alertness.

Please refer to Northampton county's website for further position description, requirements, and County's application form. Please submit completed County application form to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347 by **Monday, December 15, 2025,** at 5:00 p.m. **Northampton County is an EOE.**

TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES
BUSINESS SPECIALIST/FINANCE ASSISTANT

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Application available at the Town Hall or online at www.capecharles.org under *Employment Opportunities*. Submit complete Town Employment Application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 191, Cape Charles, VA 23310, in person at 412 Tazewell Ave., or email to humanresources@capecharles.org. Submittals without a complete Town Employment Application will not be considered. Applications will be accepted until this position is filled. ***If you would like clarification on this position, please do not hesitate to call the HR Department at 331-3259 x11.***

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Legal Ads

ACCOMACK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
LOCATION CHANGE
Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company
5052 Deep Hole Road,
Chincoteague, VA 23336

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, 5052 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

Any citizen having questions or needing special assistance for the disabled may contact the County Administrator's Office at 757-787-5700 / 757-824-5444 or by email: administration@co.accomack.va.us

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

Legal Ads

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:

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. 25-884
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.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

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TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, at 10:00 am, at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comments on the following:

A. Application from Derek Roncaioli appealing a decision from the Zoning Administrator dated October 3rd, 2025, which provided a Zoning Determination letter, which was further amended on November 10th, 2025, regarding licensing a houseboat as a Short Term Rental (STR) in the Harbor-Commercial (HAR-C) District that stated:

i. The houseboat is not a structure and is not exclusively used for human habitation; therefore, it does not fit the definition of a Short-Term Rental.

ii. The houseboat is a non-navigable, floating home; therefore, it is not within the U.S. Coast Guard's jurisdiction and falls under the Town's zoning jurisdiction. The Town's Zoning Ordinance Section 3.8 does not permit single-family homes in the Harbor Commercial District (HAR-C).

The appeal application is authorized pursuant to Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance Section 2.6.4. This property is located in the HAR-C Zoning District.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the application. The applications and supporting documentation are available for public review on our website at www.capecharles.org/calendar

Please contact the Zoning Administrator, Katie Nunez, at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and requiring special assistance should contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-883
vs.

The heirs and devisees of THOMAS C. JOYNES, 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 085F0A000001900.

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 Thomas C. Joynes and Peggy Harris 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

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-309

vs.

JOHN THOMAS BARTEE, if living, 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 map number 084C2-0A-00-0000147.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Thomas Bishop and John Thomas Bartee, if living, or the heirs of John Thomas Bartee, appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before January 9th, 2026.

Enter this 14th day of November, 2025.

Lauren Brown, Deputy Clerk

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7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-881

vs.

ANNIE AYRES, 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 111A3A000001100.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Annie Ayres (also known as Annie Ayers), Isabelle Little, if living, or the heirs of Isabelle Little, Mary Blackshear, Hattie Alexander, if living, or the heirs of Hattie Alexander, and James D. Ayres (also known as James D. Ayers), if living, or the heirs of James D. Ayres, 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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ACCOMACK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
DECEMBER 17, 2025

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 17, 2025 5:00 p.m.**, at the **CHINCOTEAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, 5052 DEEP HOLE ROAD, CHINCOTEAGUE, VA**

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

1. REZ-000142-2025 Former Seafood Plant: John Custis on behalf of Debra Bryan and Virginia Spaceport Authority (Virginia Space) – 13249 Lankford Highway (US Route 13), Mappsville, Virginia.

Request to conditionally rezone from the Agriculture District to the Industrial District with proffers, Tax Parcels 50-A-50A1, 55-A-50B, 55- A-51 and a portion of Tax Parcel 55-A-43, totaling approximately 55.148 acres, located at 13249 Lankford Highway, Mappsville, Virginia, at the southeast corner of the intersection of Lankford Highway and John Taylor Road. The uses will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations and proffers. The recommended future land use designation is Agriculture District.

2. Resolution to accept the dedication of Bayview Lane and Eaglet Lane in the Eagles Sound Subdivision from the Eagles Sound Property Owners Association to Accomack County on the condition that the Virginia Department of Transportation accepts Bayview Lane and Eaglet Lane into the Virginia Secondary System of State Highways.

3. Approval of conveyance of Tax Map 101-5-A, including the improvements thereon, to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD), pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800 and as required by the Transfer and Service Agreement between the County and HRSD.

4. Approval of conveyance of Tax Map 101-5-A16, including the improvements thereon, to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD), pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800 and as required by the Transfer and Service Agreement between the County and HRSD.

5. Approval of conveyance of the land designated as Pump Station Lot, 0.120 acres, on that certain subdivision plat prepared by Bowman Consulting, Ltd., entitled "Subdivision of Shopping Center Tract," dated June 2, 2025, including the improvements thereon, to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD), pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800 and as required by the Transfer and Service Agreement between the County and HRSD.

6. Budget amendment in excess of one percent of the total expenditures shown in the current budget as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2- 2507 to allow the acceptance of a Hazard Mitigation Grant (Grant # FEMA-4512-DR-VA) awarded to Accomack County by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in the amount of $1,696,800.00, said grant funds to be used to elevate eight homes in Accomack County to avoid recurring flooding.

7. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 18 of the Accomack County Code entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations" to allow the waiver of building permit fees and other County fees associated with the construction, major renovation, or major rehabilitation of affordable housing, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-958.4.

Any citizen wishing to view documents, submit a comment, having questions, or needing special assistance for the disabled, may contact the County Administrator's Office:

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County's electronic Board Agenda
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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-882

vs.

The heirs and devisees of DANIEL HAYES, 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 111A30100000100.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Gilbert Pitts and the heirs of Daniel Hayes 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:

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

TOWN OF ONANCOCK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT – VIRTUAL BRIDGE / VERIZON CELL TOWER SITE

Notice is hereby given that the **Onancock Town Council** will hold a **public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Town Council Chambers, 15 North Street, Onancock, Virginia**, to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to an existing lease agreement between the **Town of Onancock** and **Virtual Bridge**, the owner and operator of the Verizon Wireless communications tower located on Town-owned property.

The proposed lease amendment would allow for an addition to one of the existing structures within Virtual Bridge's current leased area for additional financial consideration. The amendment has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Town Attorney.

This public hearing is being conducted in accordance with **§ 15.2-1800 (B)** of the **Code of Virginia**, which requires a public hearing prior to the Town entering, amending, or renewing any lease of real property.

All interested persons are invited to attend and express their views. Written comments may also be submitted to the Town Manager's Office, 15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417, or by email to matt.spuck@onancock.com before the hearing.

A copy of the proposed lease amendment is available for public inspection during regular business hours at Town Hall.

BY ORDER OF THE ONANCOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE
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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 22, 2009, in the original principal amount of $228,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200905555, 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 January 9, 2026, at 3:15 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 REAL ESTATE SITUATE IN THE VILLAGE OF PUNGOTEAGUE, PUNGOTEAGUE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A CERTAIN POINT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERN EDGE OF STATE ROUTE 178, THE REMAINING LAND OF JAMES R. LOUKX FROM WHICH THIS PARCEL IS TAKEN, AND THE LAND HEREIN, THENCE RUNNING NORTH 32 DEGREES 25' 00" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND EIGHTY-EIGHT HUNDREDTHS FEET (256.88); THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING NORTH 59 DEGREES 44' 41" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX AND SEVENTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS FEET (146.71 FT.); THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 52 DEGREES 41' 41" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF THIRTY-THREE AND TWELVE HUNDREDTHS FEET (33.12 FT.); THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 25 DEGREES 55' 00" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND THIRTEEN HUNDREDTHS FEET (228.13 FT.); THENCE TURNING AND RUNNING SOUTH 64 DEGREES 05' 00" WEST ALONG THE NORTHERN EDGE OF STATE ROUTE 178 FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND FORTY-EIGHT HUNDREDTHS FEET (136.48 FT.) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS "39,204 S.F. (0.900 AC.)" CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PART OF PROPERTY OF JAMES R. LOUKX, PUNGOTEAGUE, PUNGOTEAGUE DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA" DATED NOVEMBER 8, 1989, MADE BY BRUCE B. GALLUP, C.L.S., A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO A DEED RECORDED 12/7/1989 IN DEED BOOK 574 AT PAGE 262 FOR A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND HEREIN.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Onancock Town Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Onancock Town Hall, Council Chambers, 15 North St., Onancock, VA 23417. Questions or comments may be directed to Debbie Caton by email at debbie.caton@onancock.com or by phone at 757-787-3363.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Tangier (VMRC #2025-1972) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install 82 linear feet of new bulkhead, no more than 2 feet channelward of the existing, to replace an existing commercial pier, and to maintenance dredge approximately 1,500 cubic yards of material to attain depths of -5 feet below mean low water adjacent to the Tangier Oil fuel facility located in Mailboat Harbor in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2025-1972) at https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/ We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Cavalier Advisors LLC (VMRC #2025-2233) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct a commercial, open-pile, 153-foot pier with a 26-foot by 20-foot L-head, an 8-foot by 15-foot roof, a finger pier, a single boat lift with a 30-foot by 17-foot boathouse roof, six (6) piles for the creation of three (3) slips, and two (2) mooring piles adjacent to property (TM #13-4-B) located on Salt Works Road situated along Nassawadox Creek in Northampton County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2025-2233) at https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/ We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 33.2-908 of the Code of Virginia, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, upon its own motion, hereby gives notice of its intent to abandon the following described portion of State Route 692 (Happy Union Drive):

That portion of State Route 692 which is to be abandoned in its entirety is approximately 3,500 feet beginning at the property line (marked with flags) and running to Happy Union private driveway.

PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the withdrawal of ground water in Accomack County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 5, 2025 to January 9, 2026

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Town of Parksley, P.O. Box 256, Parksley, VA 23421; GWI000463

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Town of Parksley Waterworks; 18419 Browne Ave., Parksley, VA 23421

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town of Parksley has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the Town of Parksley Waterworks. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 25,082,530 gallons per year and 3,351,938 gallons per month from the Upper Yorktown-Eastover, Middle Yorktown Eastover, and Lower Yorktown-Eastover aquifers. The ground water withdrawal will support a public water supply to the Town of Parksley. The top of the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at the proposed withdrawal site was determined to be 125 feet below land surface. The top of the Middle Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at the proposed withdrawal site was determined to be 170 feet below land surface. The top of the Lower Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at the proposed withdrawal site was determined to be 240 feet below land surface. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The draft permit can be viewed at https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits/public-notices/water/water-withdrawal

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on a map that can be viewed in the draft permit linked above.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, email, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses, or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) 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: James Peed; Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23219; Phone: (804) 839-8227; Email: james.peed@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application 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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Chinco. Channel	H L	7:52 a.m. 2:27 p.m.	H L	8:45 a.m. 3:18 p.m.	H L	9:37 a.m. 4:09 p.m.	H L	10:29 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	H L	11:22 a.m. 5:52 p.m.	H L	12:16 p.m. 6:44 p.m.	H L	1:10 p.m. 7:04 a.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	8:44 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	H L	9:38 a.m. 4:06 p.m.	H L	10:31 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	H L	11:25 a.m. 5:55 p.m.	H L	12:17 p.m. 6:50 p.m.	H L	1:11 p.m. 6:46 a.m.	H L	2:06 p.m. 7:48 a.m.
Folly Creek	H L	8:37 a.m. 2:58 p.m.	H L	9:31 a.m. 3:51 p.m.	H L	10:24 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	H L	11:18 a.m. 5:40 p.m.	H L	12:10 p.m. 6:35 p.m.	H L	1:04 p.m. 6:31 a.m.	H L	1:59 p.m. 7:33 a.m.
Wachapreague	H L	8:25 a.m. 2:42 p.m.	H L	9:20 a.m. 3:33 p.m.	H L	10:13 a.m. 4:22 p.m.	H L	11:04 a.m. 5:14 p.m.	H L	11:54 a.m. 6:07 p.m.	H L	12:44 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	H L	1:32 p.m. 7:15 a.m.
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Muddy Creek	H L	12:16p.m. 6:17 a.m.	H L	1:08 p.m. 7:09 a.m.	H L	2:01 p.m. 8:01 a.m.	H L	2:54 p.m. 8:56 a.m.	H L	3:47 p.m. 9:56 a.m.	H L	4:39 p.m. 11:00 a.m.	H L	5:31 p.m. 12:05 p.m.
Guard Shore	H L	12:08p.m. 6:13 a.m.	H L	1:00 p.m. 7:05 a.m.	H L	1:53 p.m. 7:57 a.m.	H L	2:46 p.m. 8:52 a.m.	H L	3:39 p.m. 9:52 a.m.	H L	4:31 p.m. 10:56 a.m.	H L	5:23 p.m. 12:01 p.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	11:43 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	H L	12:35 p.m. 6:17 a.m.	H L	1:28 p.m. 7:09 a.m.	H L	2:21 p.m. 8:04 a.m.	H L	3:14 p.m. 9:04 a.m.	H L	4:06 p.m. 10:08 a.m.	H L	4:58 p.m. 11:13 a.m.
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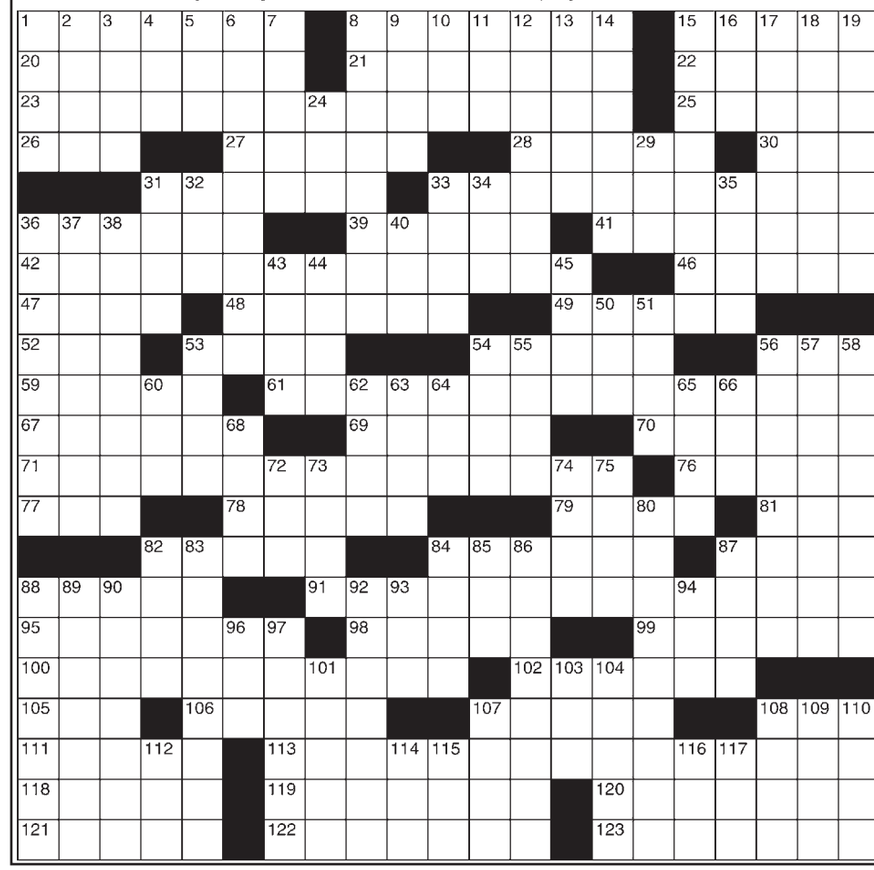
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ACROSS

1 Enchilada alternative
8 Threaten like a mad dog
15 Recurring design
20 Proved to be beneficial to
21 Audrey of "Sabrina"
22 "Magic Bites" author Andrews
23 [Span] [Span]
25 Some spongy balls
26 Morning times, in brief
27 Astrologer Sydney
28 Films based on reportage, for short
30 Heavy drinker
31 Musical scale starters
33 [Cogitates] [Cogitates]
36 Severe shock
39 Pear or lime
41 Somber
42 [Criminal] [Criminal]
46 Surrealist painter Max
47 Swiss peaks
48 Ukraine city
49 Having some benefit
52 Pick-up-sticks logic game
53 Lad from London, say
54 Old-time TV announcer Johnny
56 Spike of corn
59 "I — reason why ..."
61 [Star] [Star]
67 Reportage on American events
69 Gas station brand
70 Golf great Sörenstam
71 [Residence] [Residence]
76 Old Icelandic poetry books
77 Coast Guard officer: Abbr.
78 Strong winds
79 — and aahs
81 Raised trains
82 Not asleep
84 Obstruct
87 Parisian gal pal
88 Setting
91 [Brotherly] [Brotherly]
95 Bach choral composition
98 Poets' Muse
99 Pie portions
100 [Dictated] [Dictated]
102 Accessories for cue sticks and blackboards
105 Follower of "http://"
106 Greek epic about Troy
107 Mario's video game brother
108 Real devotee
111 Jazz singer Cleo
113 [Character] [Character]
118 Snaky curves
119 Attack the integrity of
120 Go in circles
121 Butler played by Gable
122 Foyer sofas
123 For the purpose of diagnosing

DOWN

1 "And there it is!"
2 Egg, formally
3 Drains energy from
4 Up to, in ads
5 Longtime foe of Frazier
6 Interior designer, e.g.
7 "There Is Nothin' Like —"
8 County officers
9 State east of Wyo.
10 Mo. before May
11 Slugging stat
12 Avoider of high-tech stuff
13 Element #18
14 High, tight sweater collars, briefly
15 Singer of lyric poetry
16 Chilean cheer
17 Process of being twisted
18 Not blurry, as an image
19 Most rapid
24 Scottish cap
29 Purpose
31 Club fees
32 German for "grandma"
33 Sushi fish
34 Concealed
35 Metallic string
36 Ooze through pores
37 Trusts in
38 Option lists for e-device downloads
40 Hi- — screen
43 Like poems of praise
44 Lavish party
45 Oxidation formation
50 Mattel product
51 Old Cuzco native
53 Play tenpins
54 Bicolor whale
55 Roarer in Oz
56 Uncontrolled outbreak
57 Having a pH over 7
58 Appraise again
60 Bird's beak
62 Wedding veil material
63 Very big birds
64 Conk
65 Low bills
66 Linking word in German
68 Former rival of Nintendo
72 Sturdy wood
73 Symbol on a musical staff
74 Either director of "Fargo"
75 Jedi master
80 They're called to get assistance
82 Pot payment
83 Most fatigued
84 Russia's — -Tass
85 Came upon
86 Obtains
87 Leaves speechless
88 Giver of an angry look
89 Place to take a dirty vehicle
90 How sausage links are connected
92 Adjust to a situation again
93 Bush press secretary Fleischer
94 "— ToK" (Kesha hit)
96 Phone no.
97 Nike rival
101 Intermission
103 That fellow's
104 Ancient Greek market
107 — majesty (high treason)
108 Manicure tool
109 Off-road trucks, briefly
110 No, in Russia
112 Insect trapper
114 Allow to
115 Start for teen or adolescent
116 Film director DuVernay
117 Large number



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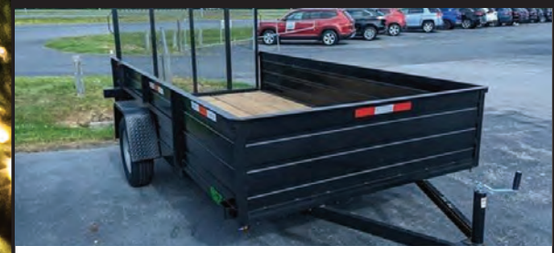


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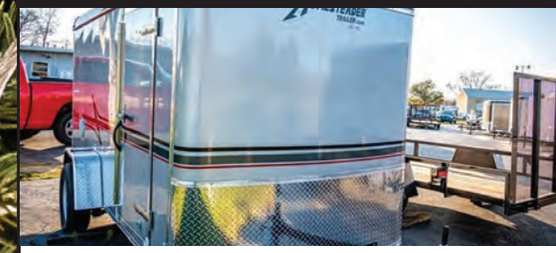
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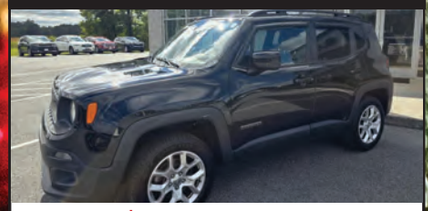
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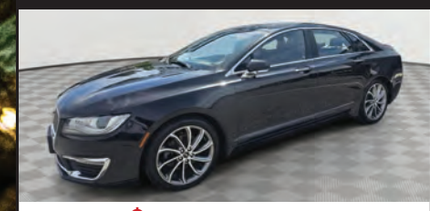
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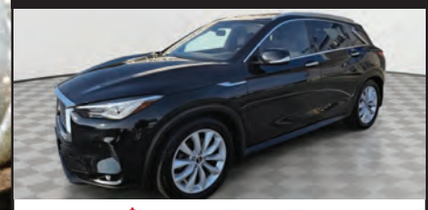
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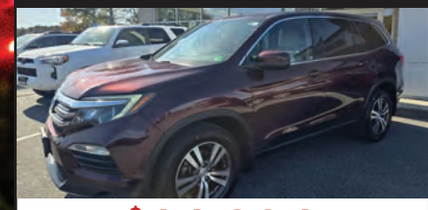
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