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NEWS BRIEFS

Man indicted for murder in Royal Farms incident

An Accomack County grand jury on Monday, Feb. 2, indicted a New Church man on charges of murder and additional counts in connection with the Sept. 10 shooting death of a man inside the Wattsville Royal Farms convenience store.

David Dean Bowden Jr., 19, was indicted for the murder of Miguel E. Soto Trader, use of a firearm to kill, firing at or inside of an occupied dwelling, firing a gun at someone with the intent to kill, and possession of a firearm with an altered serial number, court records show.

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

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

Delaware couple charged with crimes against child

A Delaware couple has been charged with a number of crimes, including abuse and neglect of a child and malicious assault, in connection with the injury of a young child in Accomack County.

Carlton Edward Robbins and Amber Nicole Leager, no ages available, of Seaford, Del., were arrested and extradited to Virginia.

Accomack County Sheriff Todd Wessells said they are being held in the Accomack County Jail with bond denied.

The Facebook page Hunter's Hope, named for the child, alleges the child was injured while on Chincoteague Island when he was 6 weeks old.

According to the Hunter's Hope page, the child has shaken baby syndrome and has a traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy, is legally blind, and suffers from seizures.

The child suffered the injury more than three years ago.

Redistricting meeting set for chamber in Melfa

There will be an informational meeting about state redistricting on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 5:45 p.m., at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce in Melfa.

The discussion is open to all community members who want a clearer understanding of Virginia's electoral system and their own role as informed participants.

Redistricting determines how voting districts are drawn and can significantly impact representation in future elections.

"Join the discussion on the purpose of redistricting-related elections, how redistricting works in Virginia, and the role citizens play in supporting fair and representative elections," organizers said.

A light meal will be provided and donations are accepted. Registration is required because space is limited.

To register email a name and phone number to bh0859696@gmail.com or text 757-993-0266.

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Tangier looks for thawing, ice breaker

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The ice surrounding Tangier Island has begun to thaw, but as of Wednesday, Feb. 4, no boats had visited the island in five days, hampering the delivery of supplies like medical prescriptions.

Mayor James "Ooker" Eskridge said a Maryland Department of Natural Resources ice cutting vessel was scheduled to arrive the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 5, although he was not sure it would be necessary.

"We've had some rain and fog recently and that's helped to clear it up," Eskridge said of the ice.

Fortunately, while boats haven't been able to go to Tangier, the airport runway has cleared up enough to allow the arrival of small planes. Earlier this week Eskridge said ice and snow on the

runway prohibited landings.

Eskridge said a few planes have come in to bring passengers to and from the island, while also bringing more crucial prescription medications to island residents. Medications are usually delivered daily, but had last been delivered Jan. 30.

Planes also took outgoing mail from the island, Eskridge said.

Tangier Combined School experienced frozen water pipes, resulting in all staff and students being moved to a building owned by a local church to continue schooling.

Accomack County Public Schools is working to reopen the building, but weather has played a role in delaying the repair further, said Danielle Clark, public information officer for the school system.

Eskridge said Monday the two most pressing issues the island was facing was getting prescription medicine and

a resident scheduled for surgery this week who needed to get off the island.

Eskridge said the ice buildup is comparable to a freeze the island experienced in 2014, but he figured this most recent occasion is worse than then.

The island has enjoyed a few days of temperatures above freezing this week, but Eskridge is concerned over temperatures for the upcoming weekend, where low temperatures will dip below 20 degrees.

While the ice cutter still hasn't arrived, there has been interest in trying to navigate the ice in a regular vessel, as it has softened up and broken apart considerably in the last few days.

The ice surrounding the island isn't the only ice to consider for boat captains, though, as there are still ice clusters drifting in the open sound.

"We're playing it by ear," Eskridge said.

Chincoteague Visitor Guide published

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce and Certified Visitor Center announced that the 2026 Chincoteague Island Visitor's Guide and Membership Directory is now available and being distributed nationwide to help travelers plan their unforgettable island getaway.

This informative 48-page guide highlights history and heritage as the community joins others across the country in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the nation and is the perfect resource to choose accommodation and dining options, recreational activities, culinary experiences, shopping opportunities, and events to enjoy.

A map including points of interest is located in the center as a convenient pullout for hiking and biking adventures, and a comprehensive directory listing of all chamber members is located in the back of the guide for easy reference when looking for business services.

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Prepare Medical Info: Document your child's medical conditions, medications, doctor contacts, and health insurance details. Share this with schools and caregivers.

Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit: Use this form to authorize a caregiver to make decisions for your child. It does not transfer custody.

Legal and immigration preparedness

Understand Your Immigration Options:

■ Green card holders: Check if you can apply for U.S. citizenship.

■ Visa holders: Explore paths to a green card.

■ Undocumented: Consult a licensed immigration attorney for eligibility.

■ Avoid fraud: Work only with licensed attorneys or accredited representatives. Never sign blank forms or pay for "special connections."

Know your rights

If ICE Visits Your Home:

■ Do not open the door without a signed warrant from a judge.

■ Verify the warrant by asking ICE to slide it under the door.

During ICE Interactions:

■ Stay calm and silent. Do not answer questions or sign anything.

■ Request a lawyer and a hearing before an immigration judge.

■ Carry Essentials: A valid ID (if applicable), a Know Your Rights card, and your attorney's phone number.

Store copies of the following in a secure but accessible location:

■ Passports, birth certificates, and health insurance information.

■ Immigration documents (e.g., green card, work permit, A-number).

■ Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit and emergency contact lists.

Emergency resources

■ Sin Barreras: Legal and immigration aid, www.sinbarrerasville.org and 434-531-0104.

■ Just Neighbors: Immigration legal services, www.justneighbors.org and 703-979-1240.

Plan Familiar de Preparación para Emergencias de Inmigración

Plan de Cuidado Infantil

Designe cuidadores de confianza: Identifique a los adultos que puedan cuidar a sus hijos en su ausencia. Actualice los contactos de emergencia de la escuela/guardería con su información.

Prepare información médica: Documente las condiciones médicas, los medicamentos, los contactos con el médico y las detalles del seguro médico de su hijo. Comparta esto con las escuelas y los cuidadores.

Declaración jurada de autorización del cuidador: Use este formulario para autorizar a un cuidador a tomar decisiones por su hijo. No transfiere la custodia.

Preparación legal y de inmigración

Entienda sus opciones de inmigración:

■ Titulares de la tarjeta verde: Verifique si puede solicitar la ciudadanía estadounidense.

■ Titulares de visas: Explora los caminos para obtener una tarjeta verde.

■ Indocumentado: Consulte a un abogado de inmigración con licencia para conocer la elegibilidad.

■ Evite el fraude: Trabaje solo con abogados autorizados o representantes acreditados. Nunca firme formularios en blanco ni pague por "conexiones especiales."

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Si ICE visita su casa:

■ No abra la puerta sin una orden firmada por un juez.

■ Verifique la orden pidiéndole a ICE que la deslice por debajo de la puerta.

Durante las interacciones con ICE:

■ Mantén la calma y el silencio. No responda a preguntas ni firme nada.

■ Solicitar un abogado y una audiencia ante un juez.

■ Lleve consigo lo esencial: Una identificación válida (si corresponde), una tarjeta de Conozca sus derechos y el número de teléfono de su abogado.

Guarde copias de lo siguiente en un lugar seguro pero accesible:

■ Pasaportes, actas de nacimiento, e información sobre seguros de salud.

■ Documentos de inmigración (por ejemplo, tarjeta verde, permiso de trabajo, número A).

■ Declaración jurada de autorización del cuidador y listas de contactos de emergencia.

Recursos de emergencia

■ Sin Barreras: Servicios legales de inmigración www.sinbarrerasville.org y 434-531-0104.

■ Solo Vecinos: Servicios legales de inmigración, www.justneighbors.org y 703-979-1240.

Plan Preparasyon Imigrasyon Pou Ljans Pou Ljans Fanmi

Plan Swen Timoun

Deziyen moun k ap bay Swen ou fè konfyans: Idantifye granmoaj ki ka pran swen pitit ou yo nan absans ou. Mizajou lekol/gadri kontak avèk enfòmasyon yo.

Prepare Enfòmasyon Medikal: Dokimante kondisyon medikal pitit ou, medikaman, kontak doktè, ak detay asirans sante. Pataje sa a ak lekòl ak moun kap bay swen.

Afidavi Otorizasyon Moun kap bay swen an: Itilize fòm sa a pou otorize yon moun k ap bay swen an pou pran desizyon pou pitit ou a. Li pa transfere titèl.

Preparasyon Legal ak Imigrasyon

Konprann Opsyon Imigrasyon ou:

■ Moun ki gen kat vèt: Tcheke si ou ka aplike pou sitwayèn Ameriken.

■ Detantè Visa: Eksplòre chemen nan yon kat vèt.

■ San papye: Konsilte yon avoka imigrasyon ki gen lisans pou kalifikasyon.

■ Evite fwod: Travay sèlman ak avoka ki gen lisans oswa reprezantan ki akredite yo. Pa janm siyen fòm vid oswa peye pou "koneksyon espesyal."

Konnen Dwa Ou yo

Si ICE Vizite kay ou:

■ Pa louvri pòt la san yon mandyan siyen nan men yon jij.

■ Verifye garanti a pa mande ICE glise li anba pòt la.

Pandan entèraksyon ICE:

■ Rete kalm ak silans. Pa reponn kesyon oswa siyen anyen.

■ Mande yon avoka ak yon odyans devan yon jij imigrasyon.

■ Pote Esansyèl: Yon ID valab (si sa aplikab), yon kat Dwa Ou genyen, ak nimewo telefòn avoka w la.

Kopi magazen sa ki an sekirite men aksesib:

■ Paspò, batistè, ak enfòmasyon asirans sante.

■ Dokiman imigrasyon (pa twòp, kat vèt, pèmi travay, A-nimewo).

■ Afidavitasyon Otorizasyon Swen an ak lis kontak ijans yo.

Resous ijans

■ Peche Barreras (San barye): Èd legal ak imigrasyon, www.sinbarrerasville.org ak 434-531-0104.

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Rail trail project gets \$23 million federal grant

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail Foundation has announced that project partner Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission has received a \$23.2 million grant award from the U.S. Department of Transportation to design and construct approximately 17 miles of the Eastern Shore Rail Trail.

The first phase of \$4.7 million has been obligated and Ron Wolff, executive director of the ESVA Rail Trail Foundation, said, "This is a historic moment in the conversion of the Eastern Shore's rail corridor into a vibrant new transportation system. With this award the funding of the entire 49.1-mile trail is more than halfway met."

The A-NPDC successfully applied for the grant and will manage the project. Canonie Atlantic Company is the owner of the former rail right-of-way and is an important project partner.

Funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant program will convert a large portion of the formerly abandoned and now railbanked Eastern Shore Railroad to a 10-foot wide multi-use trail starting in Birdsnest and connecting to several historic towns until its terminus in Melfa.

The separated roadway will largely parallel U.S. Route 13 and will include the construction of right-turn lanes at several intersections on US-13, improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicle drivers.

In addition, three trailhead locations with park-and-ride facilities will be installed along with new STAR Transit bus shelters, benches, and trash receptacles. This segment of the ESVA Rail Trail is expected to be completed by early 2031.

U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans said, "It has been my honor to assist with facilitating this critical infrastructure project for Virginia's Second District. I'm grateful to the US Department of

Transportation for this investment in our community via the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant program. This funding will improve safety, mobility, and connectivity, while strengthening the Eastern Shore's economy for residents and visitors for years to come."

The historic Eastern Shore rail corridor was preserved following federal approval to railbank the inactive rail line. The Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission initiated the process of railbanking, authorized under the National Trails Act.

This process is used to preserve a corridor that would have otherwise been abandoned. Railbanking allows localities to repurpose the corridor as a multi-purpose trail and keep it available for future and current infrastructure improvements such as broadband, electric power, natural gas, and sewer lines. The "bank" component means that, at any time, the federal government can activate the corridor for rail service.

Elaine Meil, executive director of the A-NPDC said, "The rail corridor is the spine of the Eastern Shore. Where once trains carrying produce followed its path, today we have laid fiber-optic cables, utility pipes, and now a new trail for people to move, connect, and imagine what comes next. This investment is a triple win for transportation, recreation, and tourism and is creating jobs now and in the future."

She said that significant progress has been made on the Eastern Shore Rail Trail Project.

The first section of the trail starts in Cape Charles, proceeds along Stone Road to U.S. Route 13, crosses at the traffic light at Food Lion, and continues along the former railroad to Sunnyside Road in Cheriton, a distance of 4 miles. VDOT has also begun design of the project segment of the trail from Cheriton to Birdsnest.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,
FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES
CASE NO. PUR-2025-00185

On November 3, 2025, Virginia-American Water Company ("Virginia-American" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 (§ 56-232 *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia, Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"), and Rule 20 VAC 5-201-10 *et seq.* of the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of Investor-owned Water Utilities, requesting authority for a general increase in rates ("Application"). Virginia-American requests that the proposed rates and charges be permitted to be placed into effect on an interim basis, subject to refund, on and after May 1, 2026.

Virginia-American states that the Commission approved the Company's most recent rate increase in Case No. PUR-2023-00194 ("2023 Rate Case"). In the instant case, the Company seeks a rate increase that it says would produce additional annual jurisdictional sales revenues of \$21.9 million, or a 27.1% increase over present pro forma revenues. Virginia-American states that this increase includes an annual water service rate increase of \$17.8 million, or 27.6%, as well as a wastewater service rate increase of \$4.1 million, or 25.2%.

Virginia-American states that, similar to the Company's 2023 Rate Case, the primary driver of the need for a rate increase in this proceeding is the Company's ongoing investment in its facilities to serve its customers, with the Company investing approximately \$115 million between the end of the rate year in the 2023 Rate Case through April 30, 2027. According to the Company, this would result in an increase in rate base of \$76.6 million. Additionally, Virginia-American states that the Company's increase in operating and maintenance expenses of 2.0% annually since 2015, along with a long-term continuing decline in residential use per customer, has contributed to the need to file the instant case; the Company has less revenue per customer each year to operate its system.

Virginia-American's proposed weighted cost of capital for the rate year is 7.772%, based on: (i) a 10.75% proposed return on common equity; (ii) a short-term debt ("STD") cost of 4.589%; (iii) a long-term debt ("LTD") cost of 4.559%; (iv) a Job Development Investment Tax Credit ("JDITC") cost of 7.77%; and (v) Virginia-American's standalone end-of-test period June 30, 2025 capital structure, consisting of 51.79% common equity, 47.97% LTD, 0.04% STD and 0.20% JDITC.

The rates for proposed water and wastewater service in the Application are as follows:

Minimum Service Rates – Water Service	
Meter Size	Proposed Rates
5/8"	\$22.75
3/4"	\$29.00
1"	\$45.00
1 ½"	\$75.00
2"	\$120.00
3"	\$229.25
4"	\$385.50
6"	\$854.25
8"	\$1,200.00
10"	\$2,636.00
12"	\$3,323.75
16"	\$6,870.00

Potable Volumetric Rates per 100 Gallons – Water Service		
Class	Rate Block	Proposed Rates
Residential	First 2,000 GPM	\$ -
Residential	Over 2,000 GPM	\$ 1.2616
Commercial	First 2,000 GPM	\$ -
Commercial	Over 2,000 GPM	\$0.6096
Industrial Potable	First 2,000 GPM	\$ -
Industrial Potable	Next 13,000 GPM	\$1.2008
Industrial Potable	Next 2,229,000 GPM	\$0.8728
Industrial Potable	Next 5,236,000 GPM	\$0.5166
Industrial Potable	Next 37,400,000 GPM	\$0.2197
Industrial Potable	Over 44,880,000 GPM	\$0.2908

Non-Potable Volumetric Rates per 100 Gallons – Water Service		
Class	Rate Block	Proposed Rates
Small	First 7,480,000 GPM	\$0.3254
Small	Over 7,480,000 GPM	\$0.2540
Large	First 7,480,000 GPM	\$0.2675
Large	Over 7,480,000 GPM	\$0.2207

Minimum Service Rates – Wastewater Service	
Meter Size	Proposed Rates
5/8"	\$31.25
3/4"	\$47.50
1"	\$78.75
1 ½"	\$156.50
2"	\$250.25
3"	\$469.50
4"	\$782.00
Unmetered	\$58.25

Volumetric Rates per 100 Gallons – Wastewater Service	
Rate Block	Proposed Rates
First 2,000 GPM	\$ -
Over 2,000 GPM	\$1.1729

The Company proposes changes to its fixed and volumetric rates. Per Virginia-American, the residential customer bill impacts, dependent upon usage, would be as follows:

Residential 5/8-inch Meter				
Description	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	Percent Difference
Min. Bill	\$18	\$23	\$4.75	26.39%
4,500 Gallons	\$42	\$54	\$12.01	28.41%
6,400 Gallons	\$61	\$78	\$17.52	28.84%
10,000 Gallons	\$96	\$124	\$27.98	29.24%

Virginia-American also requests authorization to make four proposed tariff revisions that the Company represents would update the Company's wastewater capacity charge, clarify certain rules in the Company's Terms and Conditions of Service ("Terms and Conditions"), and increase the Company's service connection fee in certain situations. First, Virginia-American proposes an addition to its tariff for wastewater service to add a capacity charge to address specific wastewater connection issues that the Company states it is currently facing and will continue to face. Second, Virginia-American proposes a change to Rule No. 8 of its Terms and Conditions that the Company represents would clarify customer responsibilities for private fire service connections. Third, the Company proposes a change to Rule No. 22 of the Terms and Conditions that it claims would clarify the requirements associated with extending service to new customers or developments. Fourth, the Company requests to increase the service connection fee applied when a customer's service has been disconnected due to nonpayment or other violation of the Company's rules and regulations from the current charge of \$25.00 to \$30.00.

Virginia-American also seeks to include electronic payment fees charged by the Company's third-party payment processor in the Company's cost of service. If approved, Virginia-American states that its customers would not be required to pay the thirdparty fees when paying their bills, which would eliminate an additional burden on those customers.

Additional details are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application, testimony and supporting exhibits.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates, charges and/or terms and conditions that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on the Application. Pursuant to Code § 56-238, the Commission suspended Virginia-American's proposed rates for a period of 180 days, the maximum allowed by law.

On June 10, 2026, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned to this matter will hold a telephonic portion of the hearing, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 19, 2026, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in two ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register. Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 10, 2026, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above. On June 10, 2026, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from Virginia-American, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Timothy E. Biller, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, tbiller@hunton.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

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Lonergan

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recognition of Lonergan's "many years of dedication and outstanding service to the town of Chincoteague and its citizens," Bowden said.

Lonergan, however, wanted to spread the credit.

"You've got to let me have a rebuttal," she told the crowd, prompting laughs.

She thanked library leaders and volunteers for their foresight in acquiring the building and staffing it.

She also thanked the Eastern Shore Public Library System.

Bowden said Lonergan worked to get the Island Library to be part of the system.

"One person didn't do all this," Lonergan said.

Lonergan began with the Eastern Shore Public Library in 1993 and soon became volunteer coordinator and a board director for the Island Library, which opened in 1995.

Nancy Cunningham, a fellow board director and volunteer, said Lonergan still volunteers on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Chincoteague library.

In an email, Cunningham called Lonergan "a familiar, welcoming presence and a cornerstone" of the library.

At the town meeting, library director Christopher Pote presented Lonergan with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for her service.

Bowden agreed with Lonergan's feeling that the definition of success was having everyone help.

"She's right — that's what it takes," Bowden said. "It takes all of us to do the things we do for this town."

Snow really is 'poor man's fertilizer'

Beneath the ice-glazed blanket of snow testing Virginians' patience is the promise of a verdant spring.

While frozen conditions disrupt life on the street level, plants and grasses are insulated from extreme cold as slow-melting snow provides steady moisture and atmospheric nutrients.

Depending on conditions, soil-enriching elements like nitrogen and phosphorus attach to snowflakes falling through the atmosphere, said Scot Ferguson, a Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Hanover County.

Homeowners can be intentional in utilizing "the poor man's fertilizer." When clearing snow onto garden beds and mulched areas, a tiresome chore becomes a down payment for spring.

Moving snow to landscaped and natural areas can introduce "a little bump of nitrogen," he said. "You'd want to relocate snow along the drip line of the shrub or tree, kind of like you would with mulch."

As snow melts, fertilizing nutrients are slowly released into the soil. And come

spring thaw, the gradual melt is a steady source of moisture for roots.

"Plants are probably not getting super waterlogged, and you're not dealing with runoff," Ferguson said. "They will be quite hydrated and trying to transpire."

Landowners in rural Virginia managing pasture and grassland typically spend between \$4 and \$10 per acre for professional nutrient management planning. Ferguson said they welcome the gentle deposit of nutrients resulting from snowfall.

"And for bigger landowners with cover crop programs, that's where they find the bang for their buck," he said.

Native plant species are adapted to Virginia's climate, but some ornamentals like boxwood or tender perennials can sustain cellular damage from a quick-moving cold front.

Even a modest layer of snow protects soil from extreme temperature fluctuations, reported North Carolina Cooperative Extension. This insulating effect stabilizes soil temperatures, preventing harm to plant roots. "And if it's warm enough under there, the snow forms an insulating blanket, and grass will certainly grow," Ferguson said.



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Onancock

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“We’re thankful we had such a good response from multiple agencies, that no one was hurt, and that the fire didn’t spread.”

Firefighters from Onancock, Taseley, Parksley, and Melfa responded. A post was made on the Historic Onancock School Facebook page on Monday, Feb. 2, thanking the fire departments.

“Our staff and tenants have been impacted by this tragic event,” the post read in part. “But thanks to the heroic and quick action from the surrounding fire departments, the damage was greatly minimized. We are all profoundly grateful to the units that responded.”

The cause of the fire wasn’t clear after an initial investigation, but there was no evidence to indicate the fire was suspicious, according to the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page. Crews worked for over two hours at the building.

The Historic Onancock School posted on its Facebook page at roughly 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, that the school will be closed “for the time

being.”

The Town of Onancock and the Friends of Historic Onancock School were working on next steps, according to Corey Kavulich, the director of the school. He also said currently no one is permitted to be in the building, but Kavulich declined to comment further.

The insurance company for the property had been notified and a representative from the company had come to the school, according to Interim Town Manager Bill Porter.

An exact timeline of when repairs will be made hasn’t yet been established. The insurance company will send a fire inspector to determine the cause of the fire and that is expected to happen before Feb. 10, Porter said.

In the coming days work will begin to establish a timeline for repairs with all parties involved. Work will likely begin in the portion of the building that was smoke damaged, Porter said.

Anyone interested in assisting tenants as they have to unexpectedly empty their studios can contact the Historic Onancock School at 757-302-1331 or reach out to tenants individually.



COURTESY PHOTO

Damage was extensive in the basement of the Historic Onancock School after a Jan. 31 fire. Two dozen businesses and entities must temporarily leave the building.



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Cape Charles hump seen as last relic of bygone era

There was criticism of the Cape Charles overpass — the hump, as it is called — during two Jan. 13 sessions about the future of the rail yard property. “‘The hump has got to go’ is the sentiment from this group,” said Katherine Redburn, who works for a firm hired by the town to create a master land-use plan for the property.

The town later clarified, calling the discussion “exploratory in nature and intended to gather community perspectives” in a Feb. 2 press release. “No decision has been made” to have the hump removed, it stated.

People at the planning sessions saw the hump — which routed traffic high above now-removed rail lines — as unnecessary. However, people with memories of Cape Charles’ past rallied with fervor on social media in support of the hump.

In a town that has experienced so much change over the past three decades, the hump rightfully has become sacrosanct as the apparent last relic of a bygone era. It is symbolic as the rare unaltered aspect of a town of such amazing amenities and incredible investment that it is hardly recognizable to some.

The overpass does not only connect roads — it connects generations. Our forebears drove the hump, which now is more than a century old. When its forlorn condition caused it to be closed to vehicular traffic for a time in the 1980s, everyone walked or played on the hump.

The hump’s support has come, in part, from those who feel detached and disconnected from Cape Charles because of its changes. That disconnect has prompted some families to leave the town, moving out as homes next door and nearby became weekly rentals in summer and are unoccupied for long spans in winter.

One of the only aspects of Cape Charles that has not been upended in the last three decades is the humble hump. Gone are the railroad, King’s Creek Marina, the Northampton Country Club, the Mason Avenue arcades, the Meatland and Colonial grocery stores, Patton Field, closely knit town blocks, Black neighborhoods, and more. In the hump, supporters hope this part of the town’s past is also part of the town’s future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciates the service of the Broadband Authority

To the editor:

I have just had a terrible shock. I called an internet service and got a human being.

I didn’t know what to do — I haven’t talked to a human concerning anything about the internet, ever.

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I was speaking to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority. The person was actually interested in my request. What a pleasant transaction.

Within days, I had an estimate.

I approved the estimate and within days, I had a new service.

Everyone was so helpful and kind — installers, the receptionist, everybody.

By the way, my internet bill

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is now half what it was.

Thanks to everyone at the broadband authority.

Jim Formyduval
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Plenty of reasons to keep the hump

To the editor:

I read with great dismay the front-page article in the Eastern Shore Post on Jan. 30. It appears there are people who feel

there is no longer a need for the iconic structure known as the hump.

The hump has been a part of the Cape Charles landscape since the turn of the century.

It was built as a link from Hollywood Road (now Old Cape Charles Road) to the burgeoning town of Cape Charles, crossing over the railroad tracks that led to the harbor.

Between 2021 and 2024 the railroad tracks were taken away and sold for scrap because it was

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Bloxom's bill against bioslurry well injection advances

The days at the General Assembly are full, starting early in the morning with subcommittees and sometimes ending late in the evening.



Delegate
Rob Bloxom

Squeezed in between are full committees that act on the bills that survive the subcommittees, and, of course, the floor session, which begins at noon.

The House of Delegates floor session is the last hurdle for legislation before the

Senate gets a chance to act on the legislation.

I have submitted eight pieces of legislation, two of which have passed subcommittees. One of these pieces of legislation was incorporated into another bill and also passed subcommittee.

I put two bills in, knowing they would not pass, and they did indeed die.

The remaining three are awaiting a hearing in the subcommittees to which they were assigned.

The two that died met the same fate last year and are mainly intended to make a statement.

The first was to allow cities and towns to decide for themselves when their elections would be held.

This is a policy that was changed a few years ago and I thought it was a mistake to do so. Nothing that has happened since this time has changed my mind.

The new policy injects national politics into local elections and also raises the cost.

The other that died was an attempt to incentivize socializing between legislators of opposite parties.

As we all know, politics has become increasingly polarized, including in Richmond. I believe a large part of this is because legislators from opposing parties do not know each other or spend time together outside of session.

When I first began serving the 100th District, lobbyists would take out legislators for meals, and it was not subject to reporting requirements.

In the wake of former Gov. Bob McDonnell's corruption case, the reporting requirements were overhauled, and lobbyists must now report any meals above \$25 per person.

This has led to a chilling effect, with many lobbyists and legislators preferring not to dine together for fear of falling afoul of the new rules.

The bill I proposed would be a nar-

row exception to this cap, increasing it to \$200, only if the lobbyists took legislators of opposite parties to dinner together.

I knew the bill was doomed to die in committee, but I wanted to advocate for the importance of breaking bread with those of opposite views and parties.

It not only leads to a better functioning government, but it results in better bills and outcomes for Virginians.

My two bills that passed subcommittee both went through the Chesapeake Subcommittee.

House Bill 52 simply broadens the use of dredged materials for beneficial use. It also removes "beach replenishment," as not all dredged materials are suitable for beach replenishment, and that language limits the program.

The next piece of legislation was House Bill 1381, which prohibits bioslurry well injection in a groundwater protection area.

When a proposed project by Vaulted Deep was brought to my attention, I immediately contacted the counties.

I knew the opinion of Northampton County because of its public statements. I talked to Accomack County officials and learned the proposal had zero support, so I felt 100% confident that it would not be allowed.

Just to be sure the project would

not be approved, I called the Department of Environmental Quality. The DEQ director told me it was a federal permit and the state had no regulation or law for them to stop this.

He was extremely worried that the supremacy rule could override any objections.

The aquifer could easily be contaminated if this bioslurry seeped out. He was also concerned about the other groundwater area in the state, which is basically from the Chesapeake Bay to I-95.

Something in code would help him promulgate regulations and policy about this type of injection. The company withdrew its application at the Environmental Protection Agency after the negative feedback from Accomack County.

This bill gives the DEQ some rationale to deny permits in code, preventing this type of project from going forward without approval.

As always, feel free to contact me while I am in Richmond with any questions or concerns. The Richmond office can be contacted by phone at 804-698-1000, email: delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov, or at my district office in Mappsville at (757) 824-3456.

If you are coming to Richmond, I encourage you to take the time to visit the General Assembly Building and my office, which is room number 711.

Letters

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alleged they were too expensive to maintain.

Now some people would like the overpass known as the hump taken away, too.

This demolition will cost many thousands of dollars and require wading through a quagmire of red tape.

I propose that, before we destroy a significant piece of our history, we take a step back and see if there may be alternatives to the hump's demise. Perhaps we could repurpose the overpass as a pedestrian walkway, utilized by bicycles and golf carts.

The top of the hump could be an observation platform overlooking the new bicycle path, as well as an elevated vantage point to view a beautiful sunset over the Chesapeake Bay.

There could be kiosks with information about Cape Charles' history and current events. It could be a place to set up an ice cream stand or tables for a farmers market.

I'm asking that we think about the options before it's too late to say, "Oh gosh, that could be a great tourist attraction."

Sharon Whitman
Cape Charles

'Death by Chocolate' event is scheduled

The Historic Main Street Merchants Association has announced the dates and times for the 20th annual Death by Chocolate event, which is returning to Chincoteague Island just in time for Valentine's Day.

■ Friday, Feb. 13, from 3 to 7 p.m.

■ Saturday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants will follow a fun-filled scavenger hunt across Main Street and beyond — collecting chocolate treats and earning stamps at each participating business along the route.

Completed cards can be entered to win prizes, including local merchandise, gift certificates, and unique island experiences.

Death by Chocolate has become a signature event, bringing people together to celebrate local businesses.

75 years ago, nine U.S. Marines died in Wilsonia Neck crash

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1951, a large military airplane carrying nine U.S. Marines came apart in flight over central Northampton County during a driving rainstorm and crashed at the edge of Hungars Creek in Wilsonia Neck.

All nine servicemen died in the crash near Machipongo, which happened 75 years ago tomorrow.

It is another example of how victims of fatal military air crashes on the Eastern Shore of Virginia are not recognized locally — there are no markers, no plaques, no mention of their deaths in service to our country.

In the 1940s and 1950s, dozens of military servicemen — most stationed at the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station, located on land now occupied by the NASA Wallops Flight Facility — died on the Eastern Shore when their airplanes crashed here.

According to the Feb. 9, 1951, edition of the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper, one of the Marines who died in the Wilsonia Neck crash “was supposed to have been on his last flight with the Marines. He was headed for retirement.”

“Another, it was reported, had gone on the flight as a substitute, as a favor for a friend,” the newspaper article stated.

The airplane was flying from Cherry Point, N.C., to Floyd Bennett Field in New York, the newspaper reported.

For days afterward, airplanes searched the area for pieces of the aircraft.

The Virginian-Pilot newspaper of Norfolk reported that the airplane bounced in a field before the fuselage landed in the creek.

It reported residents set the crash time at 2:16 p.m. — the doomed aircraft clipped power lines as it descended, knocking out electricity and stopping clocks.

Marines who perished in the crash are Capt. Edwin E. Rost, 28, of Denver, Colo.; 2nd Lt. Kenneth H. Diefenbach, 29, of Scranton, Pa.; Master

Sgt. Robert C. Holly, 28, of Riverside Calif.; Master Sgt. B.H. Alderman, 31, of Portland, Ore.; Master Sgt. Robert Lewis Jonasson, 38, of Santa Ana, Calif.; Staff Sgt. J.E. Thomas, 22, of Cleveland, Ohio; Tech. Sgt. M.E. Rainey, 26, of Houston, Texas; Technical Sgt. W.J. Hoover, 26, of New Castle, Pa.; and Cpl. L.M. McDonald, 25, of South Charleston, W. Va.

■ On Feb. 5, 1945, Worcester County, Md., deputy game warden Gorden G. Barnes was found dead from a gunshot wound a mile east of Pocomoke City.



Gorden G. Barnes

The on-duty shooting of Barnes, 39, who worked for the Maryland State Game and Fish Commission, triggered a manhunt of the region.

An Accomack County man, John Henry Fields, 38, of Temperanceville, was arrested, convicted of Barnes' murder, and was sentenced to death. He was hanged by the state of Maryland on Dec. 29, 1945, for the crime.

Barnes' body is interred in the First Baptist Church Cemetery, Pocomoke City.

He was survived by his wife and infant child.

Barnes' grave marker uses the spelling “Gorden” for his first name. Newspaper accounts and state memorials spell his name “Gordon.”

■ On Feb. 7, 1936, Maryland State Police Sgt. Wilbert V. Hunter, 30, died of exposure after falling through the ice on a trip from Crisfield to get provisions to ice-locked Tangier Island.

According to the Feb. 11, 1936, edition of The Sun newspaper of Baltimore, Hunter was “helping drag two sleighs loaded with food across the ice barrier which separates Crisfield, Md., and Tangier Island, Va.”

The sleds were carrying 2,000 pounds of food and medical supplies. Hunter and six others on the mis-



Wilbert V. Hunter

sion “became lost

on the ice during a blinding blizzard,” the newspaper reported.

It reported that the members of the expedition “crawled on their bellies” when the ice cracked and frigid water began to seep around

their ankles.” A Crisfield man, Norris Betts, said the group was exhausted after pulling the sled for four miles across the Chesapeake Bay ice.

The group was picked up by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel in the bay.

Hunter had served with the Maryland State Police for just under eight years. His body was interred at a cemetery near his Baltimore home.

He was survived by a wife and three children.

■ U.S. Army Pvt. Alfred Cookman Hayman Jr., 27, of Pocomoke City, died Feb. 3, 1943, when the S.S. Dorchester, on which he was a passenger, was hit by a torpedo from a German submarine and sank in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

Hayman's remains were not recovered.

He is listed among the tablets of the missing on the East Coast Memorial in Manhattan, New York City.

In all, the ship, which was being used as a World War II troop transport ship, lost 674 of its passengers.

Among the lost were the “Four Chaplains” — four U.S. Army officers being transported who gave up their life jackets so others could live.

Feb. 3 was established by the U.S. Congress as Four Chaplains Day to commemorate their heroism.

Hayman was survived by his parents, Emeline Howard Hayman and Alfred Cookman Hayman Jr., whose grave sites are in the First Baptist Cemetery, Pocomoke City.

■ U.S. Army S. Sgt. Curtis Ray Patton is one of the Eastern Shore's least-known Vietnam War casualties. Patton, 26, of Eastville, was killed



Curtis Ray Patton

in action in Vietnam on Feb. 4, 1968. He grew up in far southwestern Virginia, spent time in Florida, and took a job in Northampton County with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

He shipped out to Vietnam on March 20, 1967, according to a 2018 story in The Daily Times of Salisbury, Md.

He was killed during the Tet Offensive while moving to provide support for Marines in the Battle of Hue.

His remains were interred in Smithfield, his widow's hometown.

■ U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Jerry Clark Burkhead, 21, of Lee Mont, was killed in action in the Vietnam War on Feb. 8, 1968.



Jerry Clark Burkhead

Burkhead was a 1966 graduate of Parksley High School. He joined the Marine Corps after graduating and was deployed to Vietnam the following year.

He was killed during the battle for Khe Sahn in Quang Tri Province. Burkhead was one of 64 Marines defending an outpost known as Hill 64 when he was killed.

He was survived by his parents, Velma Clyde Smith Burkhead, who died in 1988, and Junius Jones Burkhead, who died in 1983. Jerry Burkhead was the youngest of their 12 children.

Like his parents, Burkhead's remains are interred in the Parksley Cemetery.

On Aug. 16, 2016, there was a groundbreaking for the town of Parksley's Jerry C. Burkhead War Memorial, which stands in the town square.

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

Town manager: Cape Charles hump isn't over the hill

BY RICK KEUROGLIAN
Guest columnist

The town of Cape Charles is aware of recent social media discussion and public concern regarding the potential removal of the hump on Old Cape Charles Road.

The town would like to clearly state that no decision has been made to remove the hump, and no such action has been approved by Town Council.

The current discussion is occurring within the context of the Railroad and Harbor Master Planning effort, which is being facilitated by The Berkley Group.

This planning process is intended to serve as a long-range, guided

document that explores potential opportunities and constraints for how the town may evolve over the next 20 years.

A master plan does not authorize construction, removal of infrastructure, or immediate changes.

Any future action would require additional studies, public input, coordination with external agencies, and formal council approval.

The Berkley Group met with the project management team and hosted two community engagement sessions on Jan. 13, where public feedback was invited and recorded.

During those sessions, the topic of the hump was raised by town staff as part of a public engagement

process.

These discussions were exploratory in nature and intended to gather community perspectives — not to signal a predetermined outcome.

It is also important to note that the hump is not owned by the Town of Cape Charles. It is owned and maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Any potential changes involving the hump would require coordination with VDOT and would follow a separate, formal review and approval process.

The next meeting of the project management team will take place on Tuesday, March 3, at 10 a.m. as a virtual meeting. Citizens are welcome to attend

and participate at the Civic Center.

Public engagement remains a critical and valued part of this planning effort.

The town encourages residents to remain engaged, ask questions, and participate directly in the planning process.

Accurate information will continue to be shared through official town communication channels as the master plan progresses.

For additional information, residents may visit the town website www.capecharles.org or contact the town manager at townmanager@capecharles.org

■ *The writer is the town manager of Cape Charles.*

Bucket lists are the secret to senior citizen longevity

BY CORRINE PRICE
Guest columnist

So many of my friends and colleagues across the Eastern Shore made New Year's resolutions this year. Unfortunately, many have already abandoned those resolutions.

We often treat resolutions like chores. But for the seniors I work with every day, I've found that the secret to a vibrant, longer life isn't found in a restrictive resolution — it is found in the bucket list.

Bucket lists are a roadmap for cognitive health, emotional connection, and physical resilience.

For seniors, having a defined set of goals is a powerful tool for reclaiming purpose.

The beauty of the bucket list lies in its ability to transform the abstract concept of aging into a series of actionable, joyful events that stimulate both the mind and the

body.

What many families don't realize is that having something to look forward to is clinical fuel for the body.

Research from the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association suggests that goal-oriented behaviors lead to improved cardiovascular health and sharper cognition.

When a senior identifies a goal — whether it's seeing the Grand Canyon or finally learning how to paint — it triggers a cascade of positive lifestyle changes.

To stay mobile for a trip, they walk more. To maintain the energy to pursue a new hobby, they adopt healthier eating habits.

This isn't just anecdotal. From improved cardiovascular health to healthier eating habits and increased cognition, creating bucket lists and having loved ones help

them accomplish those items has been proven to extend seniors' lives.

We often mistakenly believe that bucket lists require a passport. However, a recent Forbes survey clarified what seniors value.

The data showed that most seniors aren't looking for adrenaline rushes; instead, they want to start a new hobby, spend more time with friends and family, exercise more, and focus on their health.

These findings suggest that a successful bucket list balances the exotic with the intimate.

While travel is wonderful, the daily socialization found in a local bridge club or a music lesson is the greatest enemy of senior isolation.

The Forbes survey highlights a shift in perspective: Longevity is not merely about the absence of disease, but the presence of connection and personal growth.

When seniors focus on their health through the lens of a new hobby, it no longer feels like a medical mandate — it feels like an investment in their own happiness.

If you sit down with a loved one this week, don't expect a completed list by dinner.

Creating a list that reflects a person's true soul takes time and patience.

As we look ahead at the remainder of 2026, I challenge you to move past the failed resolutions of January.

Sit down with the seniors in your life. Ask the question. Listen to the answer.

Helping someone fulfill a dream doesn't just add years to their life — it adds life to their years.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, February 6

- **YOUTH DANCE CLASS:** 5 to 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Family YMCA, Onley. The Y is hosting a youth hip hop dance class on Fridays.
- **DANCE:** 6 to 8 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. The Boys and Girls Club of the ESVA is hosting a Valentine's Day dance for kids in third through fifth grade. There will be music, dancing, snacks, and a Valentine's photo op. Admission is \$5.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Joe Esham performs live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The Stingrays perform live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, Pocomoke City. Margot and Val perform live.

Saturday, February 7

- **GENEALOGY WORKSHOP:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Impact Center, 1500 Old Cape Charles Road, Cape Charles. The center is hosting The Importance of Us: Family History and Genealogy Workshop. The workshop will provide information on how to research and preserve genealogy. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdhj7p23> to register.
- **SOUP SALE:** 9:30 to noon, Calvary United Methodist Church, 21457 Hopkins Road, Parksley. The church is hosting a soup sale. Pints are \$5 and quarts are \$10. Soups include Eastern Shore clam chowder, vegetable beef, peas and dumplings, and navy bean and ham. Orders are due by Saturday, Feb. 6. To order call 757-894-0707 or 757-710-4734.
- **PARENTING SEMINAR:** 10 a.m. to noon, Northampton County Public Schools Quest Center, 7207 Young St., Machipongo. Parents as Partners is a parenting seminar that will offer a variety of 15-minute sessions, resources

Best bets

- **Saturday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m.** the Historic Palace Theatre is hosting a masquerade to benefit Arts Enter. Live music will be provided by the Harbor String Quartet. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Evening wear, creative attire, and masks are encouraged. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/466w3sbw>
- **Saturday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.**, Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center will host a free concert in Onancock. The Crim Dell Quartet will perform a variety of jazz, classical, and pop.

- from community partners, a student art show, visits to the bookmobile, and free car seats for eligible families. The first 50 families to attend will receive a free large cheese pizza.
- **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids age 5 and under can hear a story and engage in play literacy.
- **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Myrtle Landing Apartment, 815 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.
- **BINGO:** Doors open 5 p.m., sales start at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., Eastville Community Center, 17202 Courthouse Road, Eastville. The Eastville Volunteer Fire Company is hosting bingo.
- **FUNDRAISER:** 5:30 to 11 p.m., Onancock Taphouse, Onancock. The taphouse is hosting Clam Poppin', a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity's Freezin' for a Reason. Tickets are \$50 each and include 30 steamed clams with sausage and bread. For tickets call 757-302-0007.

- **FUNDRAISER:** 6 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. The theater is hosting a masquerade. There will be dancing, live music, a cash bar, and light refreshments. The attire is black tie optional. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/f7e6pcup>
- **QUARTER AUCTION:** Doors open 6 p.m., bidding starts 7 p.m., Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven. The Nandua High School Booster Club is hosting its annual quarter auction. Admission is \$10. Concessions will be available. This is a cash-only event.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Crescent Moon performs live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Bay-side Jazz performs live. To make reservations call 757-710-8718. The cost is \$15.
- **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. The Crim Dell Quartet will perform a variety of jazz, classical, and pop favorites.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Giddens Do Drop

- Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Franktown. The Harlem Nights fundraiser will feature music by Melinda and the Speakeasies and the Down 'N Outs. There will also be hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25 at the door.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, Pocomoke City. Emily Guemple performs live.

Sunday, February 8

- **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalists of the Eastern Shore, 15421 Merry Cat Lane, Suite 15B, Belle Haven. The congregation is celebrating Imbolc. There will be a blessing of seeds and a seed swap.

Monday, February 9

- **YOGA:** 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., David Landsberger Family YMCA, 6395 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The Y is hosting a yoga class called Yoga for Healthy Spines and Balanced Minds.
- **MEETING:** 7 to 8 p.m., Sage Diner, Onley. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club is holding its monthly meeting. George A. Guthridge III will discuss wreck fishing.

Tuesday, February 10

- **BREAKFAST:** 8:30 to 10 a.m., American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main St., Chincoteague. All veterans and active military personnel are invited to Veteran's Cafe, a free breakfast held by the legion.
- **MEETING:** 9 a.m., Eastern Shore CSB Administration Office, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley. The CSB will hold its monthly board meeting.
- **VETERANS ASSISTANCE:** 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague. A representative from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be

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Be included

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

Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

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

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

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

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

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

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present to help veterans understand their benefits.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northampton County Parks and Recreation Community Center, 7247 Young St., Machipongo. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **COMMITTEE MEETING:** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Support Committee will meet to discuss resources and needs. A light lunch will be provided. Veterans and their families are welcome.

■ **SUPPORT GROUP:** 1 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Women Supporting Women is a support group for survivors of breast cancer to share stories, connect, and support one another.

■ **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.

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

■ **WRITERS GROUP:** 6 to 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Writers Group will meet. Writers can share a piece based on the prompt, which can be found on the group's Facebook, or read their other work. Readings are limited to five minutes. To register call 757-336-3460 or email twright@espl.org

■ **GAME NIGHT:** 6 to 10 p.m., Par 4 Bar and Grill, Temperanceville. Each week Par 4 hosts a game night featuring cards, dominoes, corn hole, and bingo.

Wednesday, February 11

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 9 a.m., Edward S. Brinkley Nature Preserve, 20001 Seaside Road, Cape Charles. Birding Eastern Shore is hosting a guided field trip to the preserve with Maggie Long and Randy Reed. This program is free and open to the public. To register call Maggie at 610-500-9971.

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Get

help with tech devices on demand all day
■ **KIDS STEM:** 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Children age 5 and up can learn about the science of symmetry and snowflakes before making a snowflake craft.

■ **VETERANS SUPPORT:** 11 a.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Peer Support Group for Eastern Shore veterans will meet. This guided support group allows veterans to connect.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to noon, St. John's United Methodist Church, 10352 Atlantic Road, Atlantic. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3305 Main St., Exmore. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **YOGA:** 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., David Landsberger Family YMCA, 6395 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The Y is hosting a yoga class called Yoga for Healthy Spines and Balanced Minds.

■ **YOUTH CHESS:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore Family YMCA, Onley. The Y is hosting a youth chess club every Wednesday.

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

Thursday, February 12

■ **STORYTIME:** 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. During Tales for Tots children age 5 and under can hear stories, sing songs, and play.

■ **PRESCHOOL CIRCLE:** 10 a.m., Eastern Shore Family YMCA, Onley. The Y is hosting preschool circle time.

■ **LECTURE:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Solar System Ambassador Daniel McGill will de-

liver a lecture about the recent discovery of biosignatures throughout the solar system.

■ **CRAFT:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Adults can learn to make cards using repurposed and recycled materials. To register contact the library at 757-414-0010.

■ **INFORMATION SESSION:** 6 p.m., American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The Sons of the American Legion are hosting a talk about Freedom Hunters. Tom Deoudes will share an overview of the organization and discuss how they help veterans.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii, Onancock. Sean Thomas and the Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio perform live every Thursday.

■ **MOVIE:** 7 p.m., Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening "Tina." Tickets are \$8.

Friday, February 13

■ **CRAFT:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Adults can learn how to make Valentine's Day cards using recycled materials.

■ **COOKIES AND CONVERSATIONS:** Noon to 4 p.m., Eastern Shore Regional Animal Control Facility, 28167 Beacon Road,

Melfa. The community is invited to enjoy cookies and ask any questions or share any thoughts with the facility's manager.

■ **DEATH BY CHOCOLATE:** From 3 to 7 p.m. Death By Chocolate will bring a scavenger hunt to downtown Chincoteague. Visit participating businesses for a chocolate treat and get a playing card validated for a chance to win prizes and raffles. This is a free event.

■ **YOUTH DANCE CLASS:** 5 to 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Family YMCA, Onley. The Y is hosting a youth hip hop dance class on Fridays.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 5:15 p.m., early bird games begin at 6:15 p.m., and regular games start at 6:45 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The fairgrounds is hosting a Valentine's Day edition of cash bingo.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Charlotte Hotel, Onancock. La Doo Vay performs live jazz.

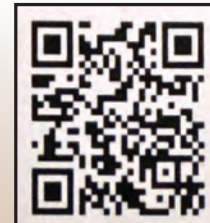
■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Margot and Val perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., the North Street

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Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. The Chris English Band performs live. To make reservations call 757-710-8718. The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Purchase tickets at Morphosis.

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theater Company presents “Southern Fried Funeral.” Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/23zdehuk>
■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Captain’s Cove Marina Club, Greenbackville. The Rhythm Section performs live.

Saturday, February 14

■ **VENDOR FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The fair is hosting a craft and food vendor fair in honor of Valentine’s Day.

■ **DEATH BY CHOCOLATE:** From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Death By Chocolate will bring a scavenger hunt to downtown Chincoteague. Visit participating businesses for a chocolate treat and get a playing card validated for a chance to win prizes and raffles. This is a free event.

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

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bayview Heritage Gardens, 22807 Blue Heron Road, Cheriton. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **BRUNCH:** Noon to 4 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Great Hall, Melfa. The Love Yourself First Brunch: The Blooming Experience is a women-only brunch focused on empowerment, self-love, personal growth, wellness, and connection. The cost is \$45. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/4dfkhmj2>

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. Darcy Cole will discuss the 2025 Chincoteague pony foal season. The cost is \$10. To register for a seat visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycywk6se>

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theater Company presents “Southern Fried Funeral.” Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased beginning Jan. 23 at H and H Pharmacy or on-

line at <https://tinyurl.com/23zdehuk>
■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7:30 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The Deloreans perform live. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/546n3ye5>
■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 8 p.m., Par 4 Bar and Grill, Temperanceville. The Infinity Band performs live. Tickets are \$20 for a single ticket or \$35 for couples. The cost includes a buffet.

Sunday, February 15

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalists of the Eastern Shore, 15421 Merry Cat Lane, Suite 15B, Belle Haven. The church is hosting Peace, it’s Complicated. There will be reflection, community and conversation. All are welcome.

■ **SOUP LUNCH:** Noon to 1 p.m., Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac. The church is hosting a soup lunch to raise funds for its Walk to End Alzheimer’s team. There will be a variety of soups, rolls, sweet potato biscuits, ham, salads, and desserts. Donations will be accepted.

■ **SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOP:** 2 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. Shellie Menzoff is leading a beginner scrapbooking class at the museum. The class will cover how to create a basic two-page layout. The cost is \$30. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/575eherc>

■ **CONCERT:** 4 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles. See opera in an intimate setting with Virginia Opera’s Arias and Duets. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/3dw2zv5c>

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theater Company presents “Southern Fried Funeral.” Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased beginning Jan. 23 at H and H Pharmacy or online at <https://tinyurl.com/23zdehuk>

Tuesday, February 17

■ **PANCAKE SUPPER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Capeville United Methodist Church, Cape Charles. The church is hosting a pancake supper. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, scrapple, baked apples, coffee, and juice. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

■ **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.

■ **LECTURE:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Jenean Hall will discuss two letters from the letterbook of Thomas Cable, an 18th-century

merchant and Northampton County Clerk.
■ **PANCAKE SUPPER:** 5:30 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church is hosting a pancake supper. The menu includes pancakes, bacon, scrapple, baked apples, and beverages. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12.

■ **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.

■ **GAME NIGHT:** 6 to 10 p.m., Par 4 Bar and Grill, Temperanceville. Each week Par 4 hosts a game night featuring cards, dominoes, corn hole, and bingo.

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The Island Readers book club will meet. This month’s book is “The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession and the Natural History Heist of the Century,” by Kirk W. Johnson.

Wednesday, February 18

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

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 10 to 11:30 a.m., African Baptist Church, 4224 Sunny Side Road, Cheriton. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **NATURE JOURNALING:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The Nature Conservancy is hosting a nature journaling activity. Attendees can meet some marine animals and journal about them.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 28281 Main St., Hallwood. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** Noon to 12:30 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church is hosting an Ash Wednesday service.

■ **MEMORY CAFE:** 1:30 to 3 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. People living with brain changes and their caregivers can attend Memory Cafe, a support group hosted by the Martha W. Goodson Center.

■ **YOUTH CHESS:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore Family YMCA, Onley. The Y is hosting a youth chess club every Wednesday.

■ **TRAINING:** 6 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence

is hosting Practical Tools For Supporting Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence. Refreshments will be provided.

■ **FIBER CLUB:** 6 to 8 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, Pocomoke City. Feral Fibers is a group for fiber artists to knit, crochet, felt, and spin while sharing community.

■ **BOATING SAFETY:** From 6 to 8:30 p.m., at the Exmore Firehouse, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be hosting a Boat America course. The cost is \$215. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/43wvh3az>

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 7 to 7:30 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church is hosting an Ash Wednesday service.

Thursday, February 19

■ **STORYTIME:** 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. During Tales for Tots children age 5 and under can hear stories, sing songs, and play.

■ **PRESCHOOL CIRCLE:** 10 a.m., Eastern Shore Family YMCA, Onley. The Y is hosting preschool circle time.

■ **KIDS CRAFT:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Children can learn how to make paper plate Valentine bugs.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii, Onancock. Sean Thomas and the Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio perform live every Thursday.

■ **BOATING SAFETY:** From 6 to 8:30 p.m., at the Exmore Firehouse, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be hosting a Boat America course. The cost is \$215. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/43wvh3az>

■ **DOCUMENTARY:** 7 to 9 p.m., Rose-land Theatre, Onancock. Shore History is screening a documentary called “Steamboats on the Chesapeake.” Tickets are \$10.

Friday, February 20

■ **TRAINING:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting a training to certify patrons to use the library’s sewing machine. To register call the library at 757-787-3400.

■ **YOUTH DANCE CLASS:** 5 to 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Family YMCA, Onley. The Y is hosting a youth hip hop dance class on Fridays.

■ **ASTRONOMY NIGHT:** 6 to 8 p.m., Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Chincoteague. NASA Solar System Ambassador Daniel McGill is leading an astronomy night to view the stars. Jupiter, Saturn and the moon

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will be visible if the night is clear. If it is cloudy the event will move into the Chincoteague Island Library.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Teaguer's Pub and Restaurant, Chincoteague. Margot and Val perform live.

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

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theater Company presents "Southern Fried Funeral." Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased beginning Jan. 23 at H and H Pharmacy or online at <https://tinyurl.com/23zdehuk>

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 7 p.m., Baptist Bible Church, 24577 Front St., Accomack. The church is hosting a Kingdom Education Seminar with S. L. Sherril, the founder of North Raleigh Christian Academy. To reserve a spot visit <https://tinyurl.com/mwhx6y2k>

■ **MUSICAL REVUE:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse pres-

ents "A Starry Night at North Street," a musical revue featuring performances by singers who have graced the stage in playhouse musicals. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Saturday, February 21

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 9 to 10:30 a.m., Jerusalem Baptist Church, 10011 Jerusalem Road, Temperanceville. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **TRAINING:** 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Chincoteague Pony Center, 6417 Carriage Drive, Chincoteague. The center is hosting a three-hour large animal rescue training. There will be instructions and hands-on demonstrations about how to move large animals safely. The cost is \$60 per person. Attendees should dress to be outside and bring leather gloves and a safety helmet. To register call 302-381-6290.

■ **FINANCIAL EDUCATION:** 10 a.m. to noon, Accomack County Department of Social Services, 22554 Center Parkway, Accomack. Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia is hosting a financial

education class and diaper distribution. The class will teach basic budgeting.

■ **CRAFT SWAP:** 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles. An arts and crafts supply swap is being held at the civic center. Crafters can drop off excess supplies to share or pick up items for their collection, all for free. Tables will be provided.

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

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Myrtle Landing Apartment, 815 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **CLAM FRITTER LUNCH:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, 23395 Tasley Road, Tasley. The fire company will be selling clam fritters. Bagged lunches with a clam fritter sandwich, chips, and a drink will be \$13. Clam fritters without the bun will be sold for \$8 each. Advance orders are encouraged. To place an order call or text 757-710-5547

or send an email to hannahanniscpr@gmail.com

■ **DOCUMENTARY:** 2 p.m., Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Shore History is screening a documentary called "Steamboats on the Chesapeake." Tickets are \$10.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 5 p.m., Vaux Hall Farm, 16165 Vaux Hall Lane, Melfa. Eastern Shore Ducks Unlimited is hosting its annual dinner and auction. There will be a catered dinner, auction, and raffles. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/398mrsvr> for tickets.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** Doors open 5 p.m., Pocomoke Elks Lodge, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City. The Lower Eastern Shore chapter of the Friends of the NRA is hosting its annual banquet. There will be a prime rib dinner, live auction, silent auction, raffles, and games. Tickets are \$75 per person. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/28he8a84> for tickets.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 5 p.m., sales start at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., Eastville Community Center, 17202 Courthouse Road, Eastville. The Eastville Volunteer Fire Company is hosting bingo.

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Ray 'Fig' Lewis

Our Eastern Shore has lost someone very special.

Mr. Thomas Ray Lewis Jr., (Ray/Fig), 69, of Eastville, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family at Sentara Norfolk General on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026.



Mr. Lewis

He was born in Nassawadox on Dec. 23, 1956, to the late Lorna June Kellam Lewis and the late Thomas Ray Lewis Sr. Ray's

life passion was digging bottles and collecting and selling antiques. He never knew a stranger, and if you were to venture into his shop of 37 years, Capeville Flea & Antiques, you were sure to get a smile, a treasure, and a history lesson of the Eastern Shore item that you chose.

Ray enjoyed setting up at bottle shows. He also added much history with information and items to the Historical Society of Virginia and the Barrier Island Museum here on the Eastern Shore. He was also an expert on sea glass, and at the shows he would let you know what kind of glass you had and date it for you.

Another great love of Ray's was the Grateful Dead. He made many lifelong friends from the hundreds of Dead shows that he enjoyed. Many took a ride in his iconic Just Passin Thru van back in the day.

Ray was a member of Eastern Shore Van Club that raised a lot of money for our community.

Ray also achieved the great honor of Eagle Scout and received the God & Country Award.

Ray is survived by his sisters, Terri Mullen (Kermit) and Beverly Walker (Tom); his nieces, Jennifer Crumb (Joe), Becky Crumb (Ray), Summer Walton (Chris), and Emily Burke (Bryce); and

his nephews, Colton Collins, Nick Collins (Haylie), and Kai Glasco.

Though Ray never married or had children, he loved spoiling all of the above, as well as his great-nieces and great-nephews, Ethan, Aubrianna, William, Levi, Nikolai, Lani, Wyatt, Emery, and Amara.

Ray had a special love for animals and his beloved kitty, Sparkle, who slept on his head every night.

Ray leaves behind many special friends, Russ, Rick, Laura, Charlene, Tira, Robert, Dale, Bob, Maryann, Phil, and Anne, who stuck with him through his time at home just to name a very few.

Ray's family would like to thank Ray's neighbors, members of the rescue team, and all of those who gave him such special care at Sentara Norfolk General to help let him slip away in comfort and peace.

There will be a memorial service of celebration in late spring so that his many friends and loved ones can attend from all over the country. That date will be given at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, Ray wished that any donations go to Eastern Shore SPCA, Inc., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418, or the Neuter Scooter, 3040 Holland Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23453.

FARE THEE WELL, RAY. HE ENJOYED THE RIDE!

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Newspaper obituaries

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Gene Mercado

Mr. Eugene (Gene) Serain Mercado, 54, of Clarksburg, Md., passed away at his home on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026.

He was the loving husband of Katherine Killmon Mercado for 15 years. Born on March 27, 1971, in San Manuel, Philippines, he was the son of Eulogio Molina Mercado and Leticia Serain Mercado.



Mr. Mercado

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his children: Gabriella Rose, Grayson Luke, and Caroline Violet; his sisters, Lillian Serain Mercado Herme (Wilson) and Cleofe Serain Mercado; his brother-in-law, Christopher Martin Killmon (Lori); his mother-in-law, Charlotte Bundick Killmon; and his nieces, Emily Davis Killmon, Abigail Brown Killmon, Alara Corinne Herme, Alexandria Lucia Herme, Aleia Solei Herme, and Wilan Kealani Herme.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his father-in-law, Jerry Doughty Killmon.

Gene was a graduate of Mercer University in Macon, Ga. He earned a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering and physics.

Professionally, he worked in telecommunications engineering and project management.

He had recently decided to pursue a lifelong desire to work in the medical field by enrolling at University of Maryland, School of Nursing.

He was actively involved in church communities throughout his adult life and was a member of Monument Church in Damascus, Md.

Beyond the time he cherished with his family, he enjoyed both playing and watching tennis, gardening, hik-

ing, cooking, and bringing people together to share delicious food.

A service to celebrate his life was held at Covenant Life Church, Gaithersburg, Md., on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gene's memory to: Christ Church of San Francisco, 6926 California St., San Francisco, CA 94121 or Monument Church, P.O. Box 545, Damascus, MD 20872.

Peggy Janis

Mrs. Peggy Ann Janis (née Herzog) passed away on Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, in Annapolis, Md., with her daughter Jennifer by her side. She was 83 years old.

Peggy embodied love and gentleness in everything she touched and built



Mrs. Janis

a life of courageous devotion. Her five kids learned from her steady hands and capable heart. She was a registered nurse and a company bookkeeper, and she built a family who, while moving for work, always returned to the ocean.

After attending Sacred Heart Academy in Tampa, Fla., and earning a nursing degree from Florida State University, she worked at University of Florida's Shands Teaching Hospital and served as president of the Student Nurses Association. As a registered nurse, she worked for the National Institute of Health and Salisbury General and Atlantic General hospitals. She was calm and efficient when patients needed her most and often handled tough situations that made novice nurses turn away.

She met her husband, Al Janis, in

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Rehoboth Beach. He showed up with fresh flounder from the morning's catch, which she cooked for her parents who were in town. That started a partnership that would span decades and state lines.

The work and the family grew together: Raising five kids while moving across New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland as the work demanded, they eventually built and owned three golf courses, and Peggy managed accounting and business operations when needed. When winter slowed construction, she picked up nursing shifts at local hospitals.

They were road warriors who traveled up and down the East Coast and across the country by car and RV with kids and dogs along for the ride. Peggy was a natural caretaker and made sure everyone was fed with home-cooked meals, cozy with comforting blankets, and happy campers.

She was the mother holding a warm towel at the water's edge, waiting for her kids to come out of the cold ocean. She shuttled kids to swim team, camps, church, and school, no matter where they landed, and welcomed the parade of cats, dogs, hamsters, birds, fish, and ferrets her kids brought home. Fishing and beach time became their reprieve, a way to catch their breath between work and the constant motion.

Peggy and Al always found their way back to the ocean. They raised their kids near Ocean City, Md., and spent winters escaping to Chokoloskee Island deep in the Everglades, where the quaint community offered a break from tourism and a return to small-town life. In later years, they settled near Chincoteague Island, where Peggy enjoyed the quiet dune grass beaches, world-class bird-watching, and the annual pony roundup.

She was creative and remarkably resourceful. Her handmade Halloween costumes were sometimes worn year-round. Cooking with intuition rather than recipes, her Maryland crab cakes were better than any restaurant's, and somehow, simple lasagna tasted better

than anywhere else on the planet. All of her children and grandchildren inherited her love of cooking, each with their own specialties.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Al Janis; her daughters, Jennifer, Jolyn, and Jacquelyn; her sons, Alyn Jr. and James; her sisters, Ellen Ficarrotta, Catherine Perez, and Nancy Eckert; her brothers, Edward Herzog and David Herzog; and her grandchildren, Charlotte, Rocco, and Oliver.

She was predeceased by her parents, Lawrence Martin Herzog and Sarah Louise Coleman Herzog.

A viewing will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, at The Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, Md., from 4 to 7 p.m.

A mass will be held the following day, Saturday, Feb. 7, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church in Ocean City at 10 a.m.

A burial will follow the mass at Sunset Memorial Park in Berlin.

Condolences may be sent to the family via www.burbagefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are in the care of The Burbage Funeral Home — Berlin.

Shirley Aspas

Mrs. Esther Shirley Louise Smith Aspas, of Birdsnest, wife of the late Rev. Paul T. Aspas, went on to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, Feb. 2, 2026, at the age of 97.

She was born on April 23, 1928, in Greenlane, Pa., to the late Charles Dalby Lee Smith and the late Esther Frieda Louisa Buehler Smith.

Shirley is survived by her three children, Shirley Elaine

Aspas Sandifer (Ronnie), of Charleston, S.C., Paul Thomas Aspas (Lori), of Lodi, N.Y., and Candice V. Aspas (Steve), of DeLand, Fla. She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion through her eight grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; and many very special nieces and nephews who were dear to her heart.

Shirley was predeceased by her sister, Violet Virginia Smith Callahan Obert (the late Frank Callahan and

George Obert), of Birdsnest; her brothers, the Rev. Edward Lee Smith (the late Dorothy), of Dublin, and Charles Robert Smith (the late Marion), of Accomac; her niece, Joy Arlene Smith, of Dublin; and her great-great granddaughter, Penny, of Alaska.

Shirley's life was devoted to God, church, and her family. She was known for her special cards, delicious dinners and desserts, and that beautiful smile, always ready to help out when needed. She was a devoted wife, mother, and daughter. Shirley was a caregiver to her parents, her mother-in-law, and her precious husband. She was a military spouse and a minister's wife. She had a deep love for her church family as well. Her warmth, generosity, and deep commitment to others will be remembered and missed by all who knew her. A special thank-you to Riverside Hospice for their love, compassion, and care.

A service celebrating her life will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m., at the Community Church of God, 9079 Birdsnest Drive, Birdsnest, VA 23307 with the Revs. Tom Kellam and Judith Smith Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Occohannock Cemetery in Belle Haven. Family and friends are invited to gather at the church one hour prior to the service to offer their respects.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Camp Christi, 4704 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, VA 24073 or Community Church of God, 9079 Birdsnest Drive, Birdsnest, VA 23307.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Angie Linton

Ms. Angela Christine Linton, 61, of Sanford, passed away on Jan. 29, 2026, on Chincoteague Island.

Born on Sept. 23, 1964, in her parents' home in Sanford, she was the daughter of the late Joseph William JoeBill Linton and Peggy Taylor Linton.

Angie was the most beautiful and fun-loving person in the room, always the life of the party and down for competition of any kind at any moment.

She loved watching football, whether it be the NFL on TV or her grandson, Jayden, playing in the youth league.

She played softball, volleyball, horseshoes, cards, pool, darts, cornhole, basketball — anything really — and excelled at them all. She passed that trait of being a strong athlete and good at everything she tried on to her grandson, Jayden.

She loved music, singing, and dancing and passed that love on to



Ms. Linton

her daughter, Brandy, and her granddaughters, Brianna and Makenzie.

Her grandchildren were her greatest joys in life. They could do no wrong in her eyes and she

had the desire to give them the world. Honestly, Angie loved all the children in her life as if they were her own and took care of anyone who needed taking care of. She took care of her goddaughter, Chanel, as a child for many years and loved her dearly in her heart throughout the rest of her life.

If you were hungry, you could count on Angie to feed you, and if you were not hungry you had better eat something anyway. She was an excellent cook, taught by her mom, Peggy.

Nurturing, caring, generous, wild, fun, tough, competitive, and strong are just some of the words that described Angie. She loved being on the water for both work and leisure. She worked as a commercial crabber for many years and was a hard worker and very strong woman in that profession as well. She had several other jobs through life, one being at Holly Farms/Tyson, where many great friendships began.

Angie was born and raised in Sanford but moved to Maryland and Delaware later in her life. She instantly became friends with all of her neighbors and was described as being such a sweet soul.

She was willing to help anyone with anything and loved taking care of the church yard across the street from her house. She had a huge vegetable garden that she tended to and had quite the green thumb, being a plant lover her whole life.

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Angie had a close relationship with the Lord for many years and she clung to Him through her illness, knowing that she would be going to be with Him at the end of her time here on Earth. She knew when her time to go was nearing and was ready to meet her Savior and her loved ones in heaven.

Angela is survived by her daughter, Brandy Jo Terrell (Michael), of Chincoteague; her grandchildren, Jayden Merritt and Makenzie Terrell; her goddaughters, Holly Sterling, Chanel West (Darren), and Carmen Sterling; her granddaughters in love, Madison Hudgins and Cameron Merritt; her brothers, Jerry Linton (Heather), Kenny Linton (Helen), and Tony Linton (Harriet); her nieces and nephews, Charity Roper, Tuesday Linton, JJ Linton, Noah Linton, Kobe Linton, Kayly Linton, and Toni Linton; her un-

cle, James Taylor; her first cousins, Johnny Johnson (Chris), Alan Johnson (Charlene), Connie Ross, Teresa Jones (Jackie), and Miranda Taylor; her very special friends/cousins, Ann Taylor and Donnie Taylor, Laura Mae Trader, Charlene Noble, Maryanne Noble, Abby Sigmon, Lisa Linton, Melody Hinmon, Tony and Kim Thornes, and Lori Gordon; as well as many other cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews and close friends.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Brianna Jade Merritt; her aunt, Camilla Dykes; and her precious mother-in-law, Millie Bowen.

A funeral ceremony will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. from Church By the Beach, with the Rev. Kevin Stanley officiating. Interment will follow in the Beth Eden Tilghman Hill Cemetery in Pocomoke City.

The family will receive friends Friday evening, Feb. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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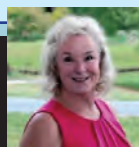
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Arcadia stays atop district

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, three players notched double-doubles to keep Arcadia atop the Eastern Shore District with a 58-50 win at Nandua.

Leading the way were Ryann Giddins (24 points, 14 rebounds), Megan “Boo” Montross (21 points, 11 steals, five rebounds, three assists), and Payton Taylor (13 assists, 10 rebounds, five steals).

“Going into a rival’s gym and pulling out a victory is always great,” said coach Casey Cordrey, whose team improved to 13-4 and 3-0. “Both teams fought hard. It was nice to see three of my girls leave with a double-double.”

On Thursday, Jan. 29, Montross had 17 points, five rebounds, and six steals to lead the Firebirds to a 56-41 district win over visiting Northampton.

Other Arcadia leaders included Taylor (10 points, 12 assists, nine rebounds, seven steals), and Giddins (career-high 20 rebounds, 12 points, four assists).

Eagles unbeaten in DVCAC

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Mackenzie Muir’s 10 points, eight rebounds, eight steals, and four assists led Holly Grove Christian to a 43-24 win at Faith Baptist.

Audrey Davis added 12 points and five steals for the Eagles (10-5, 4-0), who remain unbeaten in the Delaware Valley Christian Athletic Conference’s South Division.

On Monday, Feb. 2, the Eagles lost, 35-17, at Parkside. Muir led HGCS with six points.

Broadwater splits two

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Greenbrier Christian notched a 44-25 win at Broadwater Academy.

The Vikings (8-6) were paced by Kacey Ford’s 19 points and Neiley

Guinan’s nine rebounds and six steals.

On Friday, Jan. 30, Ford’s 19 points and Guinan’s 18 paced the Vikings to a 51-13 win over visiting Gateway Christian. Miranda Smith added a dozen points.

Chincoteague drops two

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Chincoteague fell, 43-11, in an Eastern Shore District game at Northampton.

Amaya Griffin led the Ponies (1-13, 1-3) with seven points.

On Monday, Feb. 2, the Ponies lost, 46-5, at The Salisbury School.

Nandua falls to Arcadia

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Nandua dropped a 58-50 Eastern Shore District decision to visiting Arcadia. Nandua (1-16) did not report individual stats.

It was the Warriors’ first game in three weeks after forfeiting their previous five games due to disciplinary suspensions from a January game at Crisfield.

Berryhill leads Jackets

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Kee’Moni Berryhill scored 21 points, and Jade Collins added 14 to lead Northampton to a 43-11 Eastern Shore District win over visiting Chincoteague.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, the Jackets fell, 56-41, in district play at Arcadia. Berryhill and Collins led the Jackets with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Jackets’ Tankard soars

On Friday, Jan. 30, Northampton’s Mark Tankard soared 20 feet, 2 inches to win the long jump in a 13-team meet at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton.

Tankard also finished second in the triple jump (40-5.25) and third in the high jump (5-8). All three results were personal records for Tankard.

In the 11-team girls competition, the Yellow Jackets’ Rylee Coates won the high jump (4-10), long jump (15-8), and pole vault (11-6). Brelyn Coates won the 55 hurdles (10.39 seconds).

Other top-10 finishers for the Northampton boys included Hudson Taylor (fifth, 300 dash, 40.37), Camron Wimber (seventh, 300 dash, 40.49), Tourean Sunkins (seventh, 500 dash, 1:19.52), Kingston Thomas (ninth, long jump, 17-2), and its 4x800 relay (third, 10:04.33, names not available). Northampton finished third in the team standings.

Other top-10 finishers for the Jacket girls included Scarlett Galimore (third, 3200 run, 13:27.07), Brelyn Coates (third, pole vault, 8-0), Chloe Fisher (10th, shot put, 18-5), and the 4x800 relay team (second, 13:48.88, names not available). The Jackets finished third in the team standings.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jackets win two of three

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Malique Collins came off the bench to score 20 points, leading Northampton to a 79-53 Eastern Shore District victory over visiting Chincoteague.

Jasheem Collins and Traquan Coston added 19 points each, and Antoine Horsley chipped in 10 points and nine rebounds to help the Yellow Jackets (10-6, 2-1) break open a game that was tied 25-25 at halftime.

“Chincoteague had our number in the first half,” said Northampton coach Wayne Bell. “At halftime, we challenged the players to focus on defense, understanding that offense will come — and that’s exactly what they did.”

On Thursday, Jan. 29, Northampton fell, 86-69, at Arcadia in district action.

The Jackets were paced by Ja-

sheem Collins (29 points, nine rebounds, five assists, three blocks), Jaquan Doughty (17 points), Coston (10 points, seven rebounds), and Horsley (14 rebounds).

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, Jasheem Collins’ 20 points and five rebounds led the Jackets to an 80-58 district triumph over visiting Nandua.

Other Jacket leaders were Horsley (19 points, 11 rebounds), Doughty (13 points, 10 assists, five boards), and Malique Collins (13 points, five boards).

Arcadia downs Nandua

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Arcadia scored a 78-70 Eastern Shore District win at Nandua to remain unbeaten in league play.

The Firebirds (12-7, 3-0) did not report individual stats.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, Jordan Cropper’s 30 points, 17 rebounds, four assists, and six blocks led the Firebirds to an 86-69 district win over visiting Northampton.

Shane Tull added 16 points and Kamren Harmon had 13 for Arcadia.

Pruitt, Custis lead Vikes

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, visiting Greenbrier Christian outscored host Broadwater Academy 40-18 in the second half for a 66-45 win.

The Vikings (3-10) were led by Noah Pruitt (13 points, five rebounds) and Grayson Ross (10 points, five rebounds, five steals).

On Friday, Jan. 30, Bennett Custis scored 15 points to lead the Vikings to a 63-16 win over visiting Gateway Christian. Pruitt and Teddy Seybolt added 11 points each.

Adams paces Ponies

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Chincoteague dropped a 79-53 Eastern Shore District decision at Northampton.

The Ponies (8-6, 1-3) were led by

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Roundup

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Austin Adams (16 points, 15 rebounds), while George Katsetos and Braedyn Ayres added nine points each.

On Monday, Feb. 2, Adams had 17 points and 17 rebounds to lead the Ponies to a 55-47 win at the Salisbury School.

Braedyn Ayres added 15 points and eight boards, and Camaury Davis had 10 points and five assists.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, Adams' 18 points and 12 rebounds led Chincoteague to a 71-57 district victory at Nandua.

J'Darius Davis added 13 points and eight rebounds, and Ayres had 10 points, eight boards, and six assists.

Holly Grove rolls

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Brody Johnson scored 12 points, and Jack Ellis added 10 points and five rebounds to lead Holly Grove Christian to a 57-23 win at Faith Baptist.

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Balazs Kiss added nine points, five rebounds, and four assists, and Jonathan Young had nine boards for the Eagles (9-7).

Warriors battle in district

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Nandua (1-16, 0-3) dropped a 78-70 Eastern Shore District game to visiting Arcadia.

On Thursday, Jan. 29, the Warriors dropped a 71-57 district game to visiting Chincoteague.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, Nandua fell, 80-58, at Northampton in district action. Nandua did not report individual stats for any of the games.

SWIMMING

Nandua wins finale

On Saturday, Jan. 31, Nandua wrapped up its regular season with a sweep of Delmarva Christian. The Warrior girls team (7-2) won, 116-29, and the boys (5-5) won, 95-47.

Several Nandua girls qualified for the state championships, to be held Feb. 18 in Richmond. Chloe Bacchi qualified in the 100 breaststroke, and the 200 free relay team (Bacchi, Molly Sams, Sarah Bentley, and Campbell Bays) also qualified.

Previously, Bentley (see story on page 23) had qualified for the state meet in seven individual events and two relays.

Against Delmarva Christian, Nandua's girls winners included Bentley (200 free, 100 back), Maddy Askew (200 IM), Sadie Reiter (100 butterfly), Ashlyn Ebenezer (100 free), Sams (500 free), and Bacchi (100 breast), the 200 medley relay (Bacchi, Bentley, Sams, Reiter), the 200 free relay (Sams, Bacchi, Bentley, Bays), and the 400 free relay (Reiter, Askew, Bays, Ebenezer).

The Warrior boys won the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay with Lucas Stodghill, Hayden Williams, Lucas Elliott, and Orion Lored.

Nandua will next compete in the Class 2A regionals in Richmond on Feb. 12, when more of its swimmers could qualify for the state meet.

High School Sports Schedule Feb. 6 to Feb. 14

FRIDAY, 2/6

Boys Basketball

Broadwater at Hampton Christian, 7 p.m.
Holly Grove at Greenwood Mennonite, 6 p.m.
Norfolk Christian at Arcadia, 7 p.m.
Middlesex at Nandua, 7 p.m.
Northampton at Mathews, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Broadwater at Hampton Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Holly Grove at Gwood Mennonite, 4:30 p.m.
Nandua at Middlesex, 7 p.m.
Mathews at Northampton, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, 2/7

Boys Wrestling

Arcadia, Nandua in 2A Regional Tournament at Poquoson High School, TBA
Northampton in 1A Regional Tournament at Mathews High School, TBA

MONDAY, 2/9

Boys Basketball

Northampton at King & Queen Central, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

St. Michael's HS at Holly Grove, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2/10

Boys Basketball

Portsmouth Christian at Broadwater, 7 p.m.
The Salisbury School at Holly Grove, 6 p.m.
Nandua at Chincoteague, 7 p.m.
Arcadia at Northampton, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Portsmouth Christian at Broadwater, 5:30 p.m.
The Salisbury School at Holly Grove, 4:30 p.m.
Arcadia at Northampton, 5:30 p.m.
Nandua at Chincoteague, 5:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2/11

Boys Basketball

Salisbury Christian at Chincoteague, 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Northampton at Lancaster, 6 p.m.
Salisbury Christian at Chincoteague, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2/12

Boys Basketball

Broadwater at Denbigh Baptist, 7 p.m.
Faith Baptist School at Holly Grove, 6 p.m.
Arcadia at Nandua, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Broadwater at Denbigh Baptist, 5:30 p.m.
Faith Baptist School at Holly Grove, 4 p.m.
Nandua at Arcadia, 6:30 p.m.

Swimming

Nandua at 2A Regionals, SwimRVA, Richmond, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, 2/13

Boys Basketball

Faith Baptist at Holly Grove, 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Windsor at Nandua, 6:30 p.m.

Schedule was accurate at press time but is always subject to change.

Sports Coverage

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2s2nzfzf> to report scores and stats. Please report your results as soon as possible after your games – by 10 a.m. the next day or by midnight for games played on Tuesdays. If you have questions or suggestions for sports-related stories, contact Mark Moring at mark@easternshorepost.com.

Nandua's Bentley has her eyes on the prize

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

Sarah Bentley's favorite subject is math, and these days, she's focused on solving one problem in particular. It goes like this:

As a freshman at Nandua High School, she finished fourth in the state in the 100-yard breaststroke. As a sophomore, she finished third in the same event. As a junior, second.

And now, as a senior, with the state swim meet less than two weeks away, well, you don't have to be a math whiz to figure out the desired next step in that progression.

"I'm looking for first place," Bentley says with a slight chuckle, showing both confidence and humility at even saying it out loud.

It makes perfect sense. Bentley has not only steadily improved on her 100 breast times over her high school career, but the girl who beat her last year, Bruton's Izzie Check, is now swimming in college.

The 100 breast is Bentley's best event, but she's very versatile. She has qualified for the state meet in a remarkable seven individual events and three relays. Rules limit swimmers to four total events, including relays. Bentley will certainly swim the 100 breast; her other events will likely be determined by Nandua's performances at next week's 2A Regionals.

Bentley feels like she's peaking at the right time. But no matter the results, this is certain: She will have fun, she will smile, and she might even break into dance.

"Sarah is our social butterfly," says her mom and coach, KJ Bentley. "She makes friends at every meet. She brings joy wherever she goes. She's the one I can count on to be dancing on the pool deck."

Bentley says that's just the way she is. "I like to talk," she says. "Some people like to just sit down and focus, but in the ready room before a race,



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Sarah Bentley, a senior on Nandua's swim team, hopes to win the state title in the 100-yard breaststroke.

I'm definitely talking, asking how everyone's feeling. I think it helps calm my nerves a little bit."

Bentley, who holds school records in the 100 breast, 100 butterfly, 200 IM, and 500 free, is part of a third generation of swimming excellence. Her grandmother, Kathryn Silver, swam at the University of Rhode Island. Her mom, KJ, and her aunt, Courtney Silver, swam at UNC-Wilmington.

Her sister, Grace, who holds multiple school records at Nandua, is a sophomore on the team at Washington & Lee. And little sister Caroline, a seventh-grader, is already showing promise in the pool, following her sisters' path (KJ plans to coach the Warriors until Caroline graduates in 2031.).

When Grace headed off to Lexington two years ago, Sarah had trouble adjusting. Not only did she dearly miss her big sis, but she had also lost her longtime training partner. Theirs is a friendly sibling rivalry, but

they're both competitive and made each other better.

"When Grace left, it was hard at first," Sarah says. "I definitely struggled with that mentally, not having her there to push me anymore."

Grace misses it, too.

"I definitely cherish all of the time we spent together in the pool and the way we would push each other," Grace says. "I owe so much of my success to my sister and my biggest supporter. While we don't train together anymore, I love watching her excel from afar. And the sibling rivalry still exists as she tries to take down my school records."

Sarah won't be following Grace into the world of college swimming. She wants to pursue a career in physical therapy and plans to major in kinesiology at the University of Virginia where she was just accepted this week.

Bentley's interest in physical therapy began as a freshman when she was battling a knee injury. After surgery, she did physical therapy at Bayside

Rehabilitation in Onley — just a stone's throw from the Eastern Shore Family YMCA, where Nandua's team is based.

After a season of pain, swelling, and limited improvement, Bentley's knee improved markedly through PT. She asked a lot of questions along the way and was hooked on the science of it all. She's been an intern at Bayside ever since.

"Once my knee got better, I started thinking that PT would be a cool job," Bentley says. "I like to help people, and I like to see their progress. And I've been accumulating all this knowledge along the way."

Now that the stress of her college choice is made, Bentley turns her focus to the regional and state meets over the next two weeks, especially in the 100 breaststroke.

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Morris, longtime Franktown minister, to be honored

For 56 years, Presiding Elder Chester W. Morris, affectionately called the “Honey Child preacher,” has walked faithfully in the vineyard of the Lord, leaving an indelible mark on the church and the communities he has served.

As he steps into retirement, the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Norfolk/Eastern Shore District pause to celebrate a life defined by leadership, love, and unwavering devotion.

The public is invited to honor Morris on Saturday, April 11, at 1 p.m. at Bethel AME Church, 2521 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton.

Friends, congregants, and colleagues will gather to celebrate not only his decades of faithful service but also the countless moments of encouragement, guidance, and joy that have marked his ministry.

From his first appointment as a 20-year-old pastor to decades of guidance as presiding elder, Morris has nurtured generations of believers, mentored countless pastors, and fostered programs that uplift youth and families alike.

His ministry has not only strengthened the faith of congregations but has woven a thread of hope, encouragement, and joy into the daily lives of those around him.

During his 31 years at New Allen Memorial AME Church in Franktown, Morris cultivated a congregation rooted in spiritual vitality and community



**Chester W.
Morris**

care.

Members recall revival messages that stirred the soul, counsel that comforted the heart, and handshakes that made every individual feel seen and valued.

His expressions — “How sweet it is”

and “Peace, love, and happiness” — became hallmarks of gatherings, leaving a joyful imprint on the district and creating memories that will be cherished for generations.

Beyond the church walls, Elder Morris’ dedication extended into the broader community.

Through his work with the YMCA, NAACP, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, he has exemplified the belief that ministry is both spiritual and civic.

By mentoring young leaders, supporting families, and fostering social engagement, he has strengthened the very fabric of the communities he serves, proving that faith in action transforms lives.

Morris leaves a legacy that transcends titles and accolades — a life devoted to leadership, service, and love.

His ministry has touched hearts, inspired faith, and strengthened communities, leaving a light that will shine long into the future.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency (ESAAA/CAA) will hold a Community Needs Assessment

Forum on **February 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** The forum will focus on addressing the needs of the community and will be held at **5432 Bayside Road, Exmore, VA 23350.**

Public participation is encouraged.

ESCADV goes to Richmond

On Thursday, Feb. 5, the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence traveled to Richmond to participate in a statewide day of action, joining more than 76 domestic violence and sexual violence agencies from across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Advocates urged state lawmakers to approve \$6 million in additional funding for domestic violence shelters and victim service agencies in the state budget.

This funding is urgently needed to help offset significant federal cuts that have resulted in reduced services statewide.

During the day of action, coalition representatives met with Senator Bill DeSteph and Delegate Robert Bloxom to advocate for this funding on behalf of survivors on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Rural geography and limited local resources create additional barriers to safe-

ty for survivors in the region, making sustained state support especially critical.

"The Eastern Shore does not have the luxury of backup systems when funding is cut," said Kayla Gray, executive director of the coalition. "Restoring this funding is critical to ensuring survivors in our community can access help when they need it most."

The coalition provides emergency shelter, a 24/7 crisis hotline, advocacy, and comprehensive support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence throughout Virginia's Eastern Shore.

In 2024 alone, ESCADV served 208 survivors, and demand for services continues to rise.

For more information, visit www.escadv.org or follow the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence on Facebook.

Tax returns can benefit outdoors

As Virginians head into tax season, those expecting a state tax refund can participate in a program that benefits outdoor recreation and conservation.

By donating all, or a portion of, their 2025 state income tax refunds to the Open Space Recreation and Conservation Fund, taxpayers passionate about enjoying and protecting the outdoors can make a difference.

The voluntary contributions fund outdoor grants like the Trail Access Grants program.

For example, as the recipient of a grant, the City of Roanoke was able to complete a project to provide its first accessible Roanoke River Blueway access point for fishing, boating, and recreation. Before the project, it was not accessible to

people with disabilities.

The Open Space Recreation and Conservation Fund also supports the state's efforts to buy land for conservation, including additions to the Natural Area Preserve System.

The fund is managed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

To choose the Open Space Recreation and Conservation Fund, enter Code Number 68 on Schedule VAC, Virginia Contributions Schedule, Section II, Other Voluntary Contributions.

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Island library schedules events

The Chincoteague Island Library is hosting several community events in February, offering opportunities to learn, explore, and connect.

Throughout the month the Bookish Bingo Olympics will give readers a chance to compete.

Readers can pick up a bingo card with specific reading challenges at the library. Patrons who read enough books to record bingos on their card can win gold, silver, or bronze, and be entered to win a prize. Cards with one bingo will receive bronze, two bingos will receive silver, and three bingos will receive gold.

On Feb. 18 at 6 p.m., the library will offer a free training, Practical Tools for Supporting Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence.

The session will focus on practical ways to support survivors of sexual and domestic violence, including coordinated community response strategies. Refreshments will be provided. Space is limited; register by calling 757-336-3460.

On Feb. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m., there will be a free star party. Solar System Ambassador Daniel McGill will lead an evening of stargazing at Robert Reed

Waterfront Park. There will be chances to view Jupiter, Saturn, and the moon through a telescope, as well as engaging space facts for all ages.

If skies are cloudy, the event will move inside the library. This family-friendly program is free and open to everyone.

On Feb. 23, at 6 p.m., the library will launch its Author Book Club with a Bridgerton-inspired tea party. The event will feature curated teas, treats, and conversation as the book club spotlights bestselling author Julia Quinn. Guests are welcome to bring a dish to share. Register with the library at 757-336-3460.

These special programs are in addition to the library's regularly scheduled offerings, including Tales 4 Tots, Nancy's Book Club, Island Readers Book Club, the Chincoteague Island Writers Group, and special craft events.

Check the Chincoteague Island Library Facebook page for more details and up-to-date information.

For additional details, call the Chincoteague Island Library at 757-336-3460.

COMMUNITY

Non-titled property workshop slated

When families discuss estate planning, the focus is often on titled assets such as land, homes, vehicles, bank accounts, stocks, and bonds.

Too often, non-titled property is overlooked. Yet for many people, personal belongings hold deep sentimental value and can be even more meaningful than titled property.

Non-titled property includes everyday personal items such as furniture, books, photographs, tools, and jewelry.

These items often carry memories of parents, grandparents, and other loved ones, making decisions about their transfer especially important.

To help families navigate this process, a two-part educational workshop is being offered. It will cover how to decide who receives what and explore available distribution options.

The workshop will be held at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa on Thursday, Feb. 26 and Thursday, March 5, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per person, and registration is required. To register, mail a check or money order to Center for Community and Family Development, P.O. Box 321, Onley, VA 23418

Registration must be received by Feb. 20.

COMMUNITY



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TJ McCutchen, banking center manager for First Horizon in Onancock, is pictured alongside Dawn Byrd, executive director of the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore.

United Way receives donation

First Horizon Bank awarded a \$3,000 grant to the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore in support of initiatives that assist local residents.

Operating branches in both Onancock and Cheriton, First Horizon additionally provides office space for the organization's headquarters.

"We appreciate First Horizon's ongoing generosity and partnership," said Dawn Byrd, executive director of United Way of Virginia's Eastern

Shore. "Their contributions enable us to enhance our support of agencies who positively impact lives throughout the region."

United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore supports programs that focus on education, health, and financial stability for the community.

For more information about United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore visit esunitedway.org

Birding field trip planned for Feb. 16

Gary Smith and Helen Belencan will lead a mostly driving tour of seaside waterfowl habitats on Monday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m.

Birders can meet at the Queen Sound Boat Ramp before embarking on the trip.

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides thousands of acres of wintering bird habitat and is one of the

best, publicly available spots on Virginia's Eastern Shore to view a diversity of waterfowl, wading birds, and shorebirds.

To register contact Smith and Belencan at 803-292-688. If there are any changes, those who register will be informed.

Birders should come prepared for the weather, sun, and bugs. Loaner binoculars will be available for those who do not have them.

This event is free and open to the public.

Catherine Moore Project benefits local senior citizens

On Friday, Jan. 23, Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church donated 30 Food Lion gift cards valued at \$100 each to the Hallwood Head Start/Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging as part of the church's Catherine Moore Project.

Catherine Moore, a former center volunteer at Onancock Senior Village, began a personal mission to raise funds to give fruit baskets to seniors.

In 2020, the pandemic required her to shift to giving gift cards instead of the fruit with the money she raised in grants through the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, which has supported her project every year as the need has grown.

In November of 2022, Catherine Moore and her husband, the Rev. William "Bill" Moore of Powelton Presbyterian Church in Wachapreague



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Hallwood Head Start/Eastern Shore Area on Aging Center Director, Denise Godwin, receives 30 Food Lion Gift Cards valued at \$100 each from Clerk of Session, Paul Hughes of Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church in Accomac.

announced they would be moving to retire near family.

Catherine looked for a volunteer to carry on her work because she knew it

was making a difference to this senior group.

In the final week before they were set to move, Powelton Presbyterian

met at Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church to share in worship. Catherine asked member Paul Hughes to take over her project.

He agreed and went with Catherine to give out her gift cards for the last time before she left the Shore.

Hughes then asked the congregation at Francis Makemie to take on the program to continue Catherine's work for the seniors.

The Catherine Moore Project was named and the members at Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church took on the project as a church mission.

The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia continues to support the project more every year.

The cards have grown from \$45 each to this year's \$100. A total of 37 seniors were served, 30 from the center.

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The following students received Student of the Month for January at Chincoteague Elementary School: in the front row are Layla Marshall, Selena Martin, Grayson Watkinson, Aria Soto Trader, Mabel Thompson, and DeMontroy Custis Jr. In the back row are Nova Reeves, Skylar Scott, Elliott Bowden, Andreas Jorgensen, Lia Aker, and Jionna Smalls. Indiana Judge was not pictured.

REGIONAL

Eastern Shore Tourism awarded \$10K grant

The ESVA Tourism Commission received \$10,000 through Virginia Tourism Corporation’s DRIVE Tourism+ program, a tourism promotion and development grant program designed to help Virginia communities enhance their competitiveness, boost tourism spending, and extend visitor length of stay through targeted promotion and product development strategies.

To build on these strategies, the tourism commission will use awarded funds for tourism promotion and product development projects.

DRIVE Tourism+ builds on the DRIVE 2.0 Statewide Strategic Plan to enhance tourism development, assets, and entrepreneurial opportunities within Virginia.

Following their participation in the program, communities received the foundation for a competitive tourism promotion and product development plan, including specific action steps,

success factors, timelines, priorities, and identified partners to help with project success.

“Tourism is about creating unforgettable experiences that inspire visitors to stay longer and engage more deeply with the places they visit,” said Rita McClenny, president and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corporation. “The DRIVE Tourism+ program will help these destinations take a more intentional approach to tourism promotion and product development, using data, planning, and local partnerships to strengthen their visitor offerings and remain competitive in today’s travel marketplace.”

The tourism commission aims to be a resource and service to the tourism industry on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Marketing, hospitality, and tourism leadership training are all resources provided by the tourism commission.

“We’re very grateful to the Virginia Tourism Corporation for this \$10,000 grant, which will help us showcase the unique experiences that make our community special,” said Robert Sabatini, executive director of the ESVA Tourism Commission. “This support allows us to invest in meaningful marketing and visitor engagement that drives economic impact locally. Visitors to the Eastern Shore do not just pass through. We want them to slow down, listen, and connect with the many towns and tourism partners. We’re proud to partner with VTC in strengthening Virginia’s tourism industry and inviting more visitors to discover what we have to offer.”

Established to meet the increasing consumer demand for travel across the Commonwealth, the DRIVE Tourism+ program allows destination marketing organizations to use awarded funds for tourism promotion and development

projects that will have an immediate impact within their communities.

Participating communities utilized current travel data, trends, and research to develop their plans, along with holding workshops to gather input from the public and stakeholders on how the plans could attract new travelers and boost economic activity.

Tourism on the Eastern Shore of Virginia continues to have a strong economic impact in both Northampton and Accomack counties, with \$261.6 million in tourism expenditures for 2024, a 5.5% increase year over year.

For more information or to explore more visitor offerings from ESVA Tourism Commission go to visitesva.com or call 757-787-8268.

To learn more about the Virginia Tourism Corporation’s DRIVE Tourism+ program visit <https://tinyurl.com/udbw666s>

Agricultural Workers Advocacy Coalition celebrates 2025 work

Stacy Rhodes, president of the Agricultural Workers Advocacy Coalition, addressed a gathering of officers, board members, and volunteers at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock to celebrate the organization's many accomplishments throughout 2025.

Expressing gratitude, Rhodes thanked everyone who contributed their time, energy, funds, compassion, and goodwill to support and assist the "guest workers" employed in the fields of the Eastern Shore. "Thank you, muchas gracias," she said.

The coalition's activities focused on addressing critical issues faced by temporary farm workers under the H-2A visa program.

The organization made significant strides in improving living conditions and access to essential services for these workers.

Farmworkers often reside in camps located in remote rural areas, where reliable cellphone and internet connectivity is scarce. This isolation makes it challenging for them to communicate with local businesses, access medical or emergency services, and stay in touch with their families back home.

In response, the Agricultural Workers Advocacy Coalition purchased and installed several mobile Starlink satellite Wi-Fi kits, successfully establishing internet and cellphone connections in multiple farm camps.

During the summer months, workers endured intense heat both in the fields and in their barracks, which lack air conditioning. Heat stress posed a serious health risk.

The coalition launched a fundraising campaign to purchase and install over 100 window air conditioning units in the workers' barracks during the season.

After the season ended, the units were collected and stored locally to be reinstalled when workers return in spring 2026.

The Agricultural Workers Advocacy Coalition also made significant strides in the ongoing programs supporting the workers. Upon arrival at the farm labor camps, the organization provided workers with welcome

kits containing toiletries, cotton socks, heat stress information, and other useful items.

Additionally, gently used sneakers were distributed throughout the season to ensure every worker had extra shoes to keep their feet dry.

In instances of food shortages, the coalition steps in to facilitate or directly provide food supplies sourced from Dos Santos, Eastern Shore, and Virginia State food banks.

Agricultural Workers Advocacy Coalition volunteer drivers also offer transportation to farm workers for medical appointments at Eastern Shore Rural Health facilities and, when needed, the coalition provides resources for emergency flights home or other essential trips.

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Tommy Davis, left, was the speaker at the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association during the January meeting at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. At right is Rhudy Naylor, president of the association.

Christian businessmen meet

Speaking to the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association, Tommy Davis asked the group, "What are you doing to further God's kingdom?"

He added, "Because simply showing up here isn't enough. Talking about faith isn't enough. If it doesn't change how we live when we walk out those doors, then it doesn't matter."

Davis, his wife, and their four children, along with a foreign exchange student, attend Union Baptist Church on Chincoteague.

Among other ventures, he tends over 1,500 acres in northern Accomack County.

Davis was recently awarded the Coastal Grand Basin Clean Water Farm Award for his management practices.

In the winter, Davis coaches basketball at Holly Grove Christian School and is active in other youth organizations on the Shore.

"I see coaching as part of my stewardship — not just of the land or my family, but of the next generation," Davis said. "And like farming, it requires patience, persistence, and faith that the work I do today will bear fruit in the years to come."

As to what Davis is doing to further God's kingdom, he told members, "Me, I'm trying to further God's kingdom in small, faithful ways that hopefully show up every day," he said. "By trying to love people when it's inconvenient. By choosing humility over being right. By listening before speaking — that's one of my major struggles. By serving where I am. I'm learning that God's kingdom isn't only built through grand gestures, but through quiet obedience — showing grace, pursuing justice, offering forgiveness, and pointing people toward hope through the way we live."

Davis is also a member of a Christian men's organization called Men's Alliance.

They meet every week and work out together for 30 minutes, then spend 30 minutes talking about their faith.

"We encourage one another," he said. "We step into each other's struggles instead of avoiding them. That's what accountability looks like," he said.

Davis was the association's first speaker at its new meeting location, the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club.

January was also the first meeting for the new president, Rhudy Naylor.

Cover crops help build soil

BY JAMES MARTIN

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

As Virginia works to curb nutrient pollution reaching its rivers and waterways, one of the most effective tools is also one of the simplest: planting cover crops.

Through the Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program, farmers can receive significant financial support — to establish continuous cover on cropland.

The practice protects soil, saves on fertilizer costs, and strengthens long-term farm productivity.

Cover crops are typically planted in the late fall after cash crops come off the field.

As temperatures cool, these crops blanket the soil during the winter months, which have become some of the state's wettest months in recent years.

This protective layer on the soil helps prevent erosion when the ground is most vulnerable.

Losing topsoil is not just an environmental issue; it is an economic one for growers. Once gone, soil can take decades to rebuild, making its preservation essential for sustaining productive cropland.

Additionally, cover crops also take up nutrients left behind from the previous growing season.

Nitrogen and phosphorus that might otherwise wash away during winter storms are instead "scavenged" and stored by these interim plants.

When the cover crop is harvested or terminated in the spring, those nutrients

return to the soil to aid the next crop.

For farmers facing increasingly high fertilizer prices, nutrient recycling generates meaningful savings on spring input costs.

Some cover crop options do even more. For example, farmers who plant legumes essentially grow their own fertilizer because these plants naturally fix and store nitrogen.

Other choices — such as radishes or multi-species blends supported under Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program — help break up compacted soil, support soil biology or address specific pest pressures. And farmers also can harvest certain cover crops, which reduces their feed costs.

Although farmers have long recognized the value of continuous cover, adopting this approach requires investments in seed, fuel and labor. The program reduces that barrier. Farmers receive flat-rate payments.

The environmental impact of widespread cover crop adoption is significant. By capturing nutrients and stabilizing soil, cover crops help keep pollutants out of waterways, improving local streams and contributing to the health of Virginia's waterways.

To learn more about the Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program, visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdz46kk2>

■ James Martin is the director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation at the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Hospital auxiliary to host Fire and Ice

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's 4th annual Fire & Ice event will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mallards at the Wharf in Onancock.

This indoor/outdoor event is a great opportunity to catch up with

friends and dispel the winter blues while waiting for spring to arrive.

Tickets are \$80 per person and include hearty fare, s'mores, fire-pits, and a complimentary drink from the bar.

A bourbon tasting is also available for purchase, adding an extra touch of warmth regardless of the weather.

Tickets are available at <https://tinyurl.com/yvvpjwzt>

Broadwater named to Advanced Placement School Honor Roll

The College Board announced that Broadwater Academy was named to the 2025 Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll, earning bronze distinction and as an AP Access Award winner.

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening participation.

Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to enhancing college-attendance culture, providing additional opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness and success.

In addition, Broadwater is being further recognized with the AP Access Award, which honors schools

that encourage and facilitate a wider diversity of socioeconomic students to take AP courses.

At Broadwater, 100% of seniors took at least one AP Exam during secondary school, with a high percentage of seniors scoring a three or higher on at least one AP Exam. Additionally, 14% of seniors took five or more AP Exams.

Though Broadwater is a small independent school, it offers a broad range of Advanced Placement courses.

Currently, Broadwater offers 11 AP courses, with six qualified instructors offering AP instruction.

“We are proud of the level of academic rigor that our students pursue in their secondary school careers,” said Megan Fuller, director

of college counseling and student support. “Not only is the level of challenge high, but the supportive aspect of our faculty/student relationships allow for students to achieve highly while managing a balanced teenage life. We are proud of all their accomplishments in pursuing AP courses and examinations.”

Also noteworthy is that Broadwater currently has two talented faculty members who have been recognized and chosen as AP exam readers in the last two years.

“AP gives students opportunity to engage with college-level work, earn college credit and placement, and build professional career skills they can use no matter what path they choose after high school,”

said Trevor Packer, head of the AP program. “Congratulations to this year’s AP School Honor Roll recipients for proving it’s possible to expand participation in these rigorous courses and still drive strong performance.”

The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program enables students to pursue college-level studies — with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both — while still in high school.

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Feb. 3 fire damages \$2.5M Bay Creek home



Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company Chief Eddie Stockton, front, in turn-out gear, surveys the scene on Tuesday, Feb. 3, as firefighters swarm a home in Bay Creek that was damaged by fire.

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Todd Simpson, left, of the Eastville Volunteer Fire Company, walks with Eastville firefighter Logan Small as he removes his mask at the Bay Creek fire Feb. 3.

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Nine local stations are alerted to Cape Charles inferno

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Firefighters stopped a Tuesday, Feb. 3, fire at a Bay Creek home, but the three-story structure is likely unsalvageable.

Units and personnel from nine Eastern Shore stations and Northampton County EMS were either dispatched to the fire or were called as standby at responding stations.

“When we rolled up (the fire) was blowing through the roof,” said Cape Charles Fire Chief Jay Bell.

He said initial reports are that a woman and an elderly man were in the home at the time of the fire. A contractor working on a nearby home helped get the man out of the home, Bell said.

Bell said he has heard through pre-

liminary reports that an unattended candle on the third floor of the home led to the fire.

He said a stairwell and roof collapsed during the blaze.

Cape Charles, Cheriton, Eastville, Nasawadox, Exmore, Painter, Melfa, and Wachapreague fire stations all dispatched units to assist at the scene. Parksley dispatched an ambulance and was on standby for stations that sent units to the scene.

Cape Charles Mayor Adam Charney on Facebook complimented firefighters and thanked them for their efforts.

“Our hearts are especially with the family who lost their home in the fire,” Charney said.

The property, owned by the Baker Joint Revocable Trust, is assessed by Northampton County for \$2.56 million, records show.

Even more country music acts headed for the area

Montgomery Gentry set for Pocomoke April 25

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Country music fans on the Eastern Shore should have a couple of events circled on their calendars for this upcoming spring after a big announcement this week.

The Great Pocomoke Fair will feature Montgomery Gentry in April at its Pocomoke Stampede event.

Additionally, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin on their “Roots & Boots” tour in Cape Charles in May.

“It’s going to be a big deal,” said Dawn Bloxom, secretary and vendor chairwoman for the The Great Pocomoke Fair.

The Pocomoke Stampede will be an all-day event held on April 25 featuring a rodeo, rock band Quiet Riot, and country singer Jess Kellie Adams, who will open for Montgomery Gentry.

The event will also feature vendors and a mechanical bull ride. Gates will open to the public at 1 p.m. and will be open to vendors at 12 p.m.

Montgomery Gentry is best known for number one hits, “If You Ever Stop Loving Me,” “Something To Be Proud Of,” and others.

Many of their songs, including “Daddy Won’t Sell the Farm” and “My Town” reflect their fondness for rural lifestyles.

They were named the Vocal Duo of the Year by the Country Music Associ-

ation in 2000.

Founding band member Tony Gentry died in a helicopter crash in 2017. Co-founder Eddie Montgomery continues to perform with the band.

Quiet Riot, a heavy metal band founded in the 1970s, is known for a number of popular hits in the early 1980s that received airplay.

Tickets good for all acts will be available as low as \$35 and indoor table tickets are also available.

“We’re catering to a lot of different people,” Bloxom said.

Cape Charles’ “ChamberFest” is a two-day event on Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16.

The Irie Tree Band will perform Friday, and Saturday will feature local singer Fil Rhythm, The Boys in the Band – Alabama Tribute Band, Sammy Kershaw, and Aaron Tippin.

ChamberFest will also have food trucks and other vendors for food and beverages and will be held at the Cape Charles waterfront.

Ticket packages for one or both days are currently available and tailgate packages are also available.

Among Kershaw’s well-known hits are “She Don’t Know She’s Beautiful,” “Queen of My Doublewide Trailer,” and “Don’t Go Near The Water,”

Tippin’s well-known hits include “You’ve Got to Stand for Something,” “My Blue Angel,” “Kiss This,” “Workin’ Man’s Ph.D.”

ChamberFest tickets are available for advance purchase through the chamber website www.esvachamber.org. Tickets for Saturday, May 16, will be \$45 during pre-sale.

A two-day ticket will also be offered at \$60 for a limited time.

American Legion salutes firefighters

American Legion Post 100 and the Onancock Taphouse will salute fire-

fighters on Monday, Feb. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will be music by the Southern Fog Band as well as food and drink specials. All firefighters are invited to attend the event.



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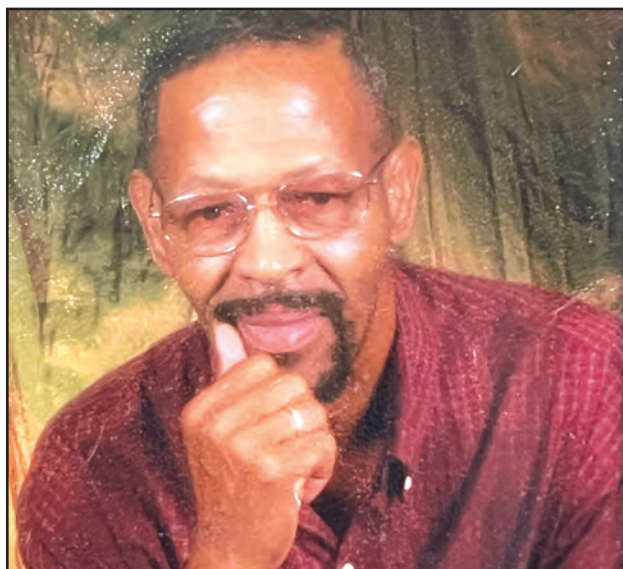
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Happy, happy heavenly birthday! I thank God for the many years we shared together.

Your loving wife,
Annie M. Collins & Family

Help Wanted

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 CUSTODIAN

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a part-time custodian. The primary duty of this position will be to clean and maintain County-owned facilities.

Pay rate for this position is \$15/hr or more, depending on experience. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Requires high school diploma, GED or vocational training, and a valid Virginia Driver's license.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements, and application form at <https://tinyurl.com/46cc4bf5> or an application can be obtained through the Human Resources office.

Please submit completed county application form online or to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road. Position is open until filled. Northampton County is an 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/yez66ra> for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. **Positions open until filled.**

PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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

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

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

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DEADLINE TO APPLY: February 13, 2026

APPLY ONLINE: <https://tinyurl.com/373ud5ju>

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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

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

Benefits include: VRS Retirement, Annual Leave, Sick leave, Paid Holidays, and Health Insurance

Applications may be obtained from the Eastern Shore

Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/5n6epay>

Open until filled.

Apply in person at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is seeking applications for 3 summer Short Term Experience Program (STEP) Interns at the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve (VVCr) in Nassawadox, VA:

- **STEP Environmental Education Intern:** Will assist our education team to provide summer school programming to rising 5th and 6th graders in Accomack and Northampton County public schools (**Job ID: JR101526**).
- **STEP Coastal Drone Intern:** This Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) and Remote Sensing Intern will assist with collecting, processing, and analyzing aerial imagery to support conservation, research, and land stewardship (**Job ID: JR101525**).
- **STEP Coastal Conservation Intern:** Will assist science and conservation staff with marine habitat restoration, stewardship of barrier island beach nesting birds and public outreach (**Job ID: JR101524**).

These 10-week, 35 hour/week positions will begin in May 2026. Educational requirements vary between positions. To see complete details for these positions and to apply, go to www.nature.org/careers, click *Explore Opportunities*, search jobs by the position title, location or Job ID, then click *Apply Now* to submit an online application by **11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2026**. TNC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Don't miss out on this opportunity to work in one of the largest stretches of wilderness on the east coast!



ADULT EDUCATION SPECIALIST EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Eastern Shore Community College is a member of the Virginia Community College System. The College serves the residents of Accomack County and Northampton County as a two-year institution of higher learning.

The Adult Education Specialist supports the coordination, data management, and daily operations of the college's Adult Education program. Position serves as the primary front-line customer service contact for individuals entering or calling the Adult Education office, providing information, assistance, and referrals in a professional and welcoming manner.

The Specialist has primary responsibility for data systems and reporting functions, including accurate entry, validation, maintenance, disaggregation, and reporting of data. The position independently compiles and prepares student, assessment, and performance data for state reporting, grant documentation, monitoring requirements, and internal program use, recognizing the direct impact of data accuracy on program funding and compliance.

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY EASTVILLE, VA 23347 DEPUTY TREASURER I

SUMMARY

Performs responsible skilled clerical work assisting with the operation of the Treasurer's office; does related work as required. Work performed under regular supervision.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Receive and process payment for personal property, real estate, dog tags, utility bills, and other fees.
- Answer calls from citizens, answer questions, and provide accurate information. Greet and assist walk-in customers.
- Count and verify cash and checks and balance a cash drawer daily.
- Research delinquent real estate taxes for title companies and attorneys.
- Process office deposits and prepare bank deposits.
- Assist with debt set off program.
- Post landfill payments, school deposits, Social Service deposits from various County departments.
- Receive and process incoming and outgoing mail. Pick up and drop off mail daily.
- Deposit money in the bank.
- Process County bank statements.
- Assist in processing delinquent payments for personal property and real estate for attorneys.
- Issue and release DMV stops for customers.
- Help train new employees.
- Assist with all office filing and record keeping.
- Assist Treasurer on various projects as needed.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITY

Candidate will need a general knowledge of the laws, ordinances, business, office practices, principals, methods, and practices of accounting and regulations governing the operations of the Treasurer's Office. Operate standard office, word processing, and data entry software and equipment. Also, follow oral and written instructions and maintain effective relationships with associates and the public. The successful candidate must be able to maintain positive customer interactions in a very fast paced environment.

Applications close on February 6, 2026.

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.



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Town of Onancock is accepting applications for a full-time law enforcement officer.

Qualifications: U.S. citizen, age 21 or older, and has a high school diploma or GED.

Benefits include: VRS retirement, annual leave, sick leave, paid holidays, and health insurance.

Applications may be picked from the Onancock Town Office, 15 North St., Onancock, VA 23417.

Position will remain open until filled.



TOWN MANAGER

The Town of Onancock, Virginia, is seeking an experienced, strategic, and community-oriented professional to serve as its next **Town Manager**. The Town Manager serves as the chief administrative officer responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Town, implementation of Town Council policy, financial and organizational leadership, and stewardship of the Town's historic, waterfront community.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter, resume, salary expectations, and professional references to: The Berkley Group via email to libby.gooden@bglc.net.

While the position is open until filled, review of the candidates will be around February 16, 2026; however, highly qualified candidates may be invited for an interview at any time. Inquiries related to this Town Manager position may be directed to Libby Gooden at libby.gooden@bglc.net or at 757-846-3866.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/r56ryu9y> to see the full recruitment profile.

EXECUTIVE / HEAD CHEF

The Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club is seeking an experienced and motivated **Executive Chef / Head Chef** to lead all culinary operations at our private country club. This is a hands-on leadership role ideal for a chef who values **member satisfaction, menu creativity, and team development** in a high-quality club environment.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Executive Chef is responsible for overseeing daily kitchen operations, menu development, staff leadership, food quality, and cost control across all dining outlets, events, and special programming. The ideal candidate is creative yet disciplined, flexible with member preferences, and excited to elevate the club's culinary experience.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and execute seasonal, diverse menus for casual dining, fine dining, banquets, pool service, and special events
- Rotate menus regularly while incorporating member feedback and club traditions
- Plan and execute themed dinners, family-friendly events, and special culinary programming
- Lead, train, schedule, and mentor kitchen staff while fostering a positive team culture
- Maintain consistent food quality, presentation, and service standards
- Manage food costs, inventory, purchasing, and vendor relationships
- Ensure compliance with all health, safety, and sanitation regulations

QUALIFICATIONS

- 5+ years of culinary experience, including leadership in a high-volume or upscale environment
- Prior experience as an Executive Chef, Head Chef, or Sous Chef ready to advance
- Strong leadership, organization, and communication skills
- Experience in a private club, resort, or fine-dining setting preferred
- Culinary degree and/or ServSafe certification a plus

TO APPLY

Applications can be completed online at esycc.com or picked up at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. For inquiries, contact us at contact@esycc.com.

FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

The Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club is seeking an experienced and service-driven **Food & Beverage Manager** to oversee all food and beverage operations at our private country club. This leadership role is ideal for a hospitality professional who excels in **member service, team leadership, and operational excellence** in a high-quality club environment.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Food & Beverage Manager is responsible for managing day-to-day dining and beverage operations while ensuring an exceptional member experience. This role works closely with the Executive Chef and club leadership to deliver consistent service, successful events, and engaging dining programs.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversee daily food and beverage operations across all dining outlets and events
- Lead, train, schedule, and supervise front-of-house and beverage staff
- Ensure high standards of service, professionalism, and member satisfaction
- Collaborate with the Executive Chef on menus, events, and special programming
- Manage budgets, labor costs, inventory, and purchasing controls
- Plan and execute member events, banquets, and family-friendly programming
- Address member feedback promptly and professionally
- Ensure compliance with all health, safety, and alcohol service regulations

QUALIFICATIONS

- 3 – 5+ years of food and beverage management experience in a club, resort, hotel, or upscale dining environment
- Strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills
- Member-focused service mindset with attention to detail
- Experience with scheduling, budgeting, and cost control
- Alcohol service certification (TIPS, ABC, or equivalent) preferred

TO APPLY

Applications can be completed online at esycc.com or picked up at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. For inquiries, contact us at contact@esycc.com.

TOWN CLERK

Town of Bloxom looking to hire a Town Clerk – part time. Quick-Books, Payroll, Payroll Taxes, AP, AR, Collections, Notary, MS Office. Send Cover Letter, Resume and References to Mayor, Town of Bloxom, P.O. Box 217, Bloxom, VA 23308 or email clerk@bloxom.org

PART-TIME GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER

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

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements, and application form.

Please submit completed county application form to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road. **Position open until filled.** Northampton County is an EOE.

Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Assist Accounting and Administration Department with payables, receivables, logistics. MS Office proficiency, organizational skills, ability to multi-task preferred. Starting at \$20/hour, D.O.E. Full-time benefits offered. References required. Submit resume to: C&E Family Farms, P.O. Box 315, Cheriton, VA 23316 or sarah.colson@cefamilysfarms.com. Phone (757) 678-5097.

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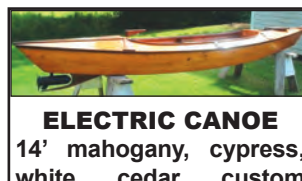
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TRUSTEE'S SALE 24283 CALLEN STREET, PARKSLEY, VA 23421

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 16, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$95,397.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 160004707, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomack, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on March 6, 2026, at 4:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF CALLEN STREET IN THE TOWN OF PARKSLEY, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT FOR THE TOWN OF PARKSLEY AS LOT 896 AND ONE-HALF OF LOT 897, FRONTING ON CALLEN STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET AND EXTENDING BACK A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A 15-FOOT ALLEY AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF CALLEN STREET, WHICH POINT IS 175 FEET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST SIDE OF WILSON AVENUE; THEN FROM SAID POINT RUNNING WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF CALLEN STREET A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET; THEN AT RIGHT ANGLES RUNNING NORTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A CERTAIN 15-FOOT ALLEY; THEN EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF SAID ALLEY A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET; THEN SOUTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Parksley will hold a public hearing at the Parksley Volunteer Fire Co. Banquet Hall on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, at 6:45 PM regarding a zoning variance application. The regular town council meeting will follow.

Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE

26159 SAVAGEVILLE ROAD, ONANCOCK, VA 23417

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 13, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$124,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 201104095, 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 March 6, 2026, at 4:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING FORMERLY USED AS THE PARSONAGE OF GASKINS CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FORMERLY KNOWN AS SAVAGEVILLE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IS LOCATED, SITUATE NEAR SAVAGEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, CONTAINING ONE-HALF ACRE, MORE OR LESS, MEASURING 35 YARDS ACROSS THE FRONT AND 70 YARDS IN DEPTH, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE LAND FORMERLY BELONGING TO WILLIAM W. WILSON AND AMELIA WILSON; ON THE EAST BY THE LAND FORMERLY BELONGING TO GEORGE W. MASON; ON THE SOUTH BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO CHARLES SNEAD; AND ON THE WEST BY THE LAND NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND UNITED ORDER OF THE ODD FELLOWS; BEING ALL AND THE SAME LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED TO THE TRUSTEES OF SAVAGEVILLE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NOW KNOWN AS GASKINS CHAPEL A.M.E. CHURCH, SAVAGEVILLE, VIRGINIA, BY DEED FROM JULIUS J. BELOTE AND WIFE AND OTHERS, DATED THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 1925, RECORDED IN THE ACCOMACK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 207 AT PAGE 110.

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

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



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301.

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):

AN ORDINANCE READOPTING THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 56 OF THE ACCOMACK COUNTY CODE, ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," SECTION 56-2 THEREOF, TO AFFIRM THE ADOPTION OF THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA CONTAINED IN TITLE 46.2 (§ 46.2-100 et seq.); ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 16.1 (§ 16.1-278 et seq.); AND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 18.2 (§ 18.2-266 et seq.) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING ALL FUTURE AMENDMENTS OF STATE LAW ENACTED BY THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 203 – Accomac, Virginia or <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

Handicapped Assistance available, call: (757) 787-5704.



ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

Accomack County Board Chambers located at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 104, Accomac, VA 23301

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors Fiscal Year 2027 Budget requests will be heard on the following dates:

1. **Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.:** County Administrator's FY27 Budget Presentation
2. **Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.:** Department Head and Agency Budget Request Presentations

There is no Public Comment during this meeting, but the meeting is open to the public.

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

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

To listen to the meeting live:
<https://tinyurl.com/3kjdnz8n>

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Parksley is seeking proposals for the replacement of its automatic standby generator serving the water treatment facility. The Town would like the option to choose between propane and diesel models. Contact Mike McCready for access to the site at (757) 710-2371.

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

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 25-823

vs.

The heirs and devisees of
WANDA YNETTE MASON, et als

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax parcel 094D00900003000.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Fred D. Mason Jr., Angelia G. Ayers, Nathan Gibson, Albert C. Gibson Jr., Eddron Kelley, Deidreion Kelly, Zelmaya Kelley, and the heirs of Wanda Ynette Mason, Dorothy J. Mason, and Zelma M. Kelly appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before March 12, 2026.

Enter this 12th day of January, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
Yorktown, VA 23692
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Legal Ads

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ISSUED BY THE TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VIRGINIA 15 NORTH ST., ONANCOCK, VA 23417 757-787-3363

General Information: The purpose of this solicitation is the procurement of professional engineering services for a period of one-year from the date of agreement with the possibility of two one-year extensions.

Project funding may be local, state, or federal funds. Therefore, all work performed must be done in conformance with relevant laws and regulations as well as the specific requirements of grantor agencies.

The purchasing agent for the Town of Onancock is the Town Manager or his/her designee. In general, services provided under this instrument shall be obtained with the oversight of the Onancock Town Council and at a fair market price.

Inquiries about this solicitation can be made via email to: william.porter@onancock.com

Purpose of the RFQ: From time to time, the Town of Onancock requires the services of professional engineers. To enhance operational efficiency, it is important to pre-qualify a firm or firms that have offered their services at an agreed price. The services that are to be procured under this contractual agreement include but are not limited to: the preparation of bid specifications; project design; technical review; site or construction inspection services; assistance with negotiation and bid review; engineering studies; master planning; grant applications; surveys; geotechnical assistance; engineering studies; planning; and assistance with the development of Capital Improvement Plans (CIP).

With the approval of the Town of Onancock, the selected firm(s) may utilize subcontractors in recognition of the fact that a single firm is unlikely to be fully qualified to provide services in all the aforementioned areas.

The selected firm will assist the Town with the procurement process to complete capital projects in a manner that conforms to Virginia law and provides for the best value in the use of taxpayer dollars. The Town also desires to ensure the highest levels of efficiency and transparency in the manner that its business is conducted.

Point of Contact & Communication: The Town Manager will serve as the point of contact for the Town of Onancock. It is the responsibility of the firm, through their designated point(s) of contact, to keep the Town Manager fully informed of progress and any exigent circumstances that may have an adverse impact on project completion or quality.

ty. It is assumed that the Town Manager will be responsive in a timely manner to avoid project delays. Should this not be the case, the firm has the right to contact the Mayor of the Town of Onancock. During project management, representatives of the firm will have ongoing contact with subcontractors and construction firms, among others. The firm's representatives should exercise good judgment by conveying information to the Town to ensure transparency and the timely flow of information to the public.

Scope of Services/Deliverables: The following description is illustrative and may not be all-inclusive. The scope of services under the contract will be included in a written document that includes a description of the project, the fee for the services to be covered, and a schedule for the completion of engineering services, as well as a project management plan with a proposed schedule. Project fees will be derived from the cost of man hours, production of deliverables, and other incidental costs related to the completion of the project.

Qualifications: Responses to this solicitation must include the qualifications of the firm and lead staff. While the proposed rates for the services offered are an important selection factor, the qualifications of the form and key individuals are equally important. Stated qualifications of experience performing comparable work; academic credentials of key staff proposed; credentials and registrations; example of projects designed, bid, and managed; and references.

Term of the Contract: The contract will cover the period beginning March 1, 2026, and continuing through March 1, 2027. This contract may be renewed based on revised terms and conditions at the expiration of its term at the sole discretion of the Town. Specifically, the Town will consider an increase in contractual rates consistent with any increases in the cost-of-living index. The initial term is limited to one (1) year or when the cumulative total project fees reach the maximum cost authorized under Virginia Public Procurement Act §2.2-4303.1, whichever occurs first. The contract may be renewed for two additional years.

Selection: The selection of the firm with which the Town of Onancock will enter into a contractual agreement shall be based on both proposed rates and qualifications. A committee composed of the Town Manager, Mayor, and at least one Town Council Member will be appointed to review the proposals submitted. The Town Attorney will also conduct a review of the proposals and advise Town officials.

Proposal Submission: Electronic submission of proposal is strongly preferred. Proposals to perform the engineering services described above will be accepted by the Town of Onancock until close of business on February 24, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Wetlands Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, to consider and to hear public comments on one application.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 AM with a site visit to the affected property. The Board will reconvene at or around 9:00 AM that same morning in Board Chambers in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing.

VMRC 2026-0119: THS Family Limited Partnership (property owner) & Jesse W. Thompson Jr. (applicant) are applying for an after-the-fact permit to replace 100 feet of damaged bulkhead within the existing footprint and construct a rip rap revetment to reinforce the new bulkhead. The revetment will be made of Class II quarry stone and placed along the face of the bulkhead atop filter cloth. The property is located at 16218 Smith Beach Road, Eastville, VA, and is further described as Tax Maps 56-A-99A (land parcel) & 56-A-16218 (building only) along the shoreline of Chesapeake Bay.

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

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

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the file may contact the County at (757) 678-0443, ext. 544.

For questions on application information, contact the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office at (757) 678-0443, ext. 546.

Marshall Cox, Chairman
Wetlands Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Chincoteague (VMRC #2026-0114) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to remove an existing failing culvert and to install a new concrete, precast culvert in the same footprint, including the installation of temporary cofferdams to allow construction to be conducted in the dry, along Beebe Road crossing Fowling Gut in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2026-0114) 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

The Accomack County School Board will hold committee meetings on the dates listed below. The Discipline and Finance Committee meetings will both be held at Metompkin Elementary School, located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421. All committee meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.

- Discipline Committee — Monday, February 9, 2026
- Finance Committee — Tuesday, February 10, 2026

The Accomack County School Board will hold its Regular Session Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Metompkin Elementary School, located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY AGRICULTURE & FORESTAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. Arthur "Brother" Rutter on behalf of Corratock LLC — 10280 Block of Teackle Road, Craddockville

The applicant requests to remove a parcel from the Craddockville Agricultural and Forestal District. The property is located at the 10280 Block of Teackle Road near Craddockville and is tax parcel 108-A-12.

B. Barbara Hatfield — 28121 Pitts Creek Road, New Church

The applicant requests to remove two parcels from the New Church Agricultural and Forestal District. The parcel is located at 28121 Pitts Creek Road and is tax parcel 11-A-29A and 11-A-30B.

Legal Ads

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet and conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and review the following application to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Minor SUP 2026-01: THS Family Limited Partnership (property owner) & Buoy 38 LLC, represented by Dan Brown (applicant), are applying for a minor special use permit for a Single-Wide Mobile Home, a use requiring a special use permit in the ECC/R (Existing Cottage Community/Residential) zoning district. The property is located at 15749 Smith Beach Road in Eastville, VA, and is further described as Tax Maps 56-A-99A (land parcel) & 56-A-15749 (building only).

The application file may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or viewed electronically at <https://co-northampton-va.community.diligentoneplatform.com/Portal/>

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

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the files may contact the County at (757) 678-0443, ext. 544.

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

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 25-206

vs.

The heirs of CLEMENT A. SMITH, deceased, et als
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax parcel 04100A000002700.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Dennis W. Smith, Jason Smith, Carolyne Horton, Teresa Sharpe, and the heirs of Clement A. Smith appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before March 13, 2026.

Enter this 13th day of January, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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

1819 HOLDINGS 2 LLC

trading as

Tom's Cove Park

8128 Beebe Road, Chincoteague,
Accomack County, Virginia 23336-1407

The above establishment is applying to the
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY

for a Retail Specialty Establishment, Convenience
Grocery Store, Wine, Beer, Consumed Off Premises
license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Ben Cullop, Owner

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

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR ROUTINE GRASS MOWING

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is requesting quotes from licensed landscaping contractors for routine grass mowing of multiple properties. To receive bid requirements and property locations, prospective bidders should call 757-815-1102 or email mparker@escsb.org.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 26-98

vs.

The heirs of KARNES TAYLOR, 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 028B00400000100.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that T. Fleming, Wanda Taylor, if living, or if deceased, the heirs of Wanda Taylor and the heirs of Karnes Taylor appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before April 3, 2026.

Enter this 4th day of February, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

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* Pelé is the only soccer player to ever be a part of three different World Cup winning teams.

* Honey hunters in Mozambique use special calls to recruit the services of birds known as honeyguides, which lead the hunters to bees' nests.

* Many birds' feathers weigh more than their bones.

* "Beauty and the Beast" was the first animated film to be nominated for Best Picture. It lost to "The Silence of the Lambs."

* Astronauts on Mars won't just make plans based on temperature, but will also need to consider tau, the level of particulate matter in the atmosphere. High tau levels will block sunlight to solar-powered rovers.

* Wisconsin is known as the Badger State because the area's lead miners used to spend winters in tunnels burrowed into hills — like badgers.

* Actor Paul Newman once said he was tired of people asking him to remove his sunglasses so they could see his famous blue eyes, confessing that his stock response was, "I would take off my sunglasses, madam, but my pants would fall down."

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Alcohol-related convictions for January

■ Robert Ellis Delise, 41, of Greenbackville, was convicted Jan. 6 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. The incident happened Dec. 5, 2025. He was fined \$25 and charged \$96 in court costs.

■ Jameka Shanta Nock, 24, of Norfolk, was convicted Jan. 6 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. The incident happened Nov. 28, 2025. She was fined \$100 and charged \$131 in court costs.

■ Adelbert Jamar Savage, 41, of Temperanceville, was convicted Jan. 6 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving while intoxicated. The incident happened Aug. 10, 2025. He was fined \$500, charged \$226 in court costs, was sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Lurell Deshawn Banks, 43, of Parksley, was convicted Jan. 7 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving under the influence. The incident happened Sept. 19, 2025. He was fined \$500, charged \$336 in court costs, was sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Vicki Rowley Taylor, 65, of Parksley, was convicted Jan. 7 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving under the influence. The incident happened Aug. 30, 2025. She was fined \$500, charged \$346 in court costs, sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had her license suspended for one year, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ India Renee White, 32, of Onancock, was convicted Jan. 7 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving under the influence. The incident happened Sept. 14, 2025. She was fined \$500, charged \$346 in court costs, sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had her license suspended for one year, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ David William Windsor, 66, of Onancock, was convicted Jan. 7 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving under the influence. The incident happened Aug. 8, 2025. He was fined \$500, charged \$246 in court costs, sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Matthew Mullaly, 59, of Eastville, was convicted Jan. 7 in Northampton County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving under the influence. The incident happened Oct. 6, 2025. He was fined \$500, charged \$241 in court costs, sentenced to 12 months with 12 months suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was given one year of probation, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Marquis Lamar Tazewell, 36, of Eastville, was convicted Jan. 7 in Northampton County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of second-offense driving while intoxicated. The incident happened Oct. 2, 2025. He was fined \$500, charged \$261 in court costs, sentenced to 12 months with 11 months suspended, had his license suspended for three years, given one year of probation, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Freddie Lee Donaway Jr., 39, of Mears, was convicted Jan. 12 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. The incident happened Nov. 10. He was fined \$100 and charged \$35 in court costs.

■ Martha Harris Collins, 40, of Onancock, was convicted Jan. 13 in Northampton County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving while intoxicated with a blood-alcohol level greater than .20. The incident happened Nov. 17, 2025. She also was found guilty of other misdemeanor charges. She was fined \$750, charged \$366 in court costs, sentenced to six months, 10 days with six months suspended, had her license suspended for one year, was given one year of probation, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Hollis Augustis Brickhouse Jr., 38, of Machipongo, was convicted Jan. 13 in Northampton County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving while intoxicated. The incident happened Oct. 26, 2025. He was fined \$750, charged \$216 in court costs, sentenced to 90 days with 90 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was given one year of probation, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Eric Joseph Guerra, 22, of Cape Charles, was convicted Jan. 14 in Northampton County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of first-offense driving while intoxicated. The incident happened June 29, 2025. He was fined \$500, charged \$211 in court costs, sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was given one year of probation, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Cesar Ventura, 32, of Bloxom, was convicted Jan. 14 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor

or charge of first-offense driving while intoxicated. The incident happened Nov. 29, 2025. He was fined \$500, charged \$362 in court costs, was sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Erwin Gasper Medina, 24, unknown address, was convicted Jan. 20 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of drinking while driving — open container. The incident happened Oct. 31, 2025. He was fined \$75 and charged \$25 in court costs.

■ Richard Rust, 34, of Brandon, Miss., was convicted Jan. 20 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. The incident happened Oct. 28, 2025. He was fined \$25 and charged \$96 in court costs.

■ Jami Lee Bavone, 59, of Collinswood, N.J., was convicted Jan. 20 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. The incident happened Nov. 9, 2025. She was fined \$25 and charged \$96 in court costs.

■ Dontae' Tiaz Weatherly, 27, of Exmore, was convicted Jan. 21 in Northampton County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of using marijuana while driving. The incident happened Nov. 17, 2025. He was fined \$250 and charged \$136 in court costs.

■ Robert Ellis Delise, 41, of Greenbackville, was convicted Jan. 27 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. The incident happened Nov. 28, 2025. He was fined \$25 and charged \$96 in court costs.

Accomack Circuit Court dispositions for November

■ Patrick Steven Sharbor, 44, of Onancock, was sentenced Nov. 6, 2025, to time served and two years with two years suspended for a conviction of possession of a Schedule I or II drug. He also received two years of probation and was charged \$680 in court costs.

■ Quenga Davis, 44, of Onancock, was sentenced Nov. 6, 2025, to 90 days with 90 days suspended for a conviction of possession of a Schedule I or II drug. He also received two years of probation and was charged \$705 in court costs.

■ Summer Leanne Jones, 30, of New Church, was sentenced Nov. 6, 2025, to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended for a conviction of possession of a Schedule I or II drug. She also received three years of probation and was charged \$694 in court costs.

■ Jahquan Ezekiel Meekins, 33, of Richmond, was found guilty Nov. 13, 2025, of possessing or transporting a weapon by a violent felon. He will be sentenced in the next term of court.

■ Christine Godbold, 48, of Nelsonia, was sentenced Nov. 13, 2025, to time served and two years with two years suspended for a conviction of possession of a Schedule I or II drug. She also received two years probation and was charged \$705 in court costs.

■ Jamal Anthony Samuel, 46, of New Church, was sentenced Nov. 20, 2025, to 10 years with no time suspended for conviction of voluntary manslaughter. He also was sentenced to three years with no time suspended for first-offense use of a firearm in a felony and five years with no time suspended for possession of a gun by a felon, to run consecutively. His probation was unclear from court records. He also was charged \$8,424 in court costs.

■ Sebastian Baltazar-Baltazar, 40, of Bloxom, was sentenced Nov. 20, 2025, to five years with four years suspended for attempted unlawful wounding and five years with five years suspended for destruction of property worth more than \$1,000. He also was given two years of probation, charged \$3,019 in court costs, and ordered to pay \$4,536.96 in restitution.

Accomack Circuit Court dispositions for December

■ Christopher Dale Beach, 43, of Melfa, was sentenced Dec. 11, 2025, to five years with three years, six months suspended for assault of a law enforcement officer. He also was given three years of probation and charged \$1,853 in court costs.

■ Juan Antonio Grandado, 29, of Belle Haven, was sentenced Dec. 11, 2025, to 10 years with seven years suspended for a conviction of aggravated sexual battery of a victim younger than 12 years old. He also was given five years of probation and charged \$3,000.60 in court costs.

■ Mitchell Jay Hardstock Jr., 44, of Chincoteague, was convicted Dec. 11, 2025, of driving under the influence, third or subsequent offense. He will be sentenced in the next term of court.

■ Jordan Lee Padgett, 21, of Melfa, was convicted Dec. 11, 2025, of having sex with the intent to transmit an infectious disease. He will be sentenced in the next term of court.

■ Jonathan Mears, 39, of Nassawadox, was sentenced to five years with five years suspended for a conviction of destruction of property with a value of more than \$1,000, and 10 years with 10 years suspended for selling stolen property with a value of more than \$1,000. He received five years of probation, was charged \$1,715 in court costs, and must pay \$31,600 in restitution.

■ Roshun K. Austin, 44, of Horntown, was sentenced Dec. 11, 2025, to time served and five years with five years suspended for a conviction of grand larceny of

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greater than \$1,000. He was given three years of probation and charged \$1,205 in court costs.

■ Judson Fitchett, 30, of Greenbackville, was convicted Dec. 18, 2025, of first-offense driving under the influence on an amended misdemeanor charge in circuit court. He also was convicted of another misdemeanor. He was fined \$500 and charged \$20 in court costs. He also must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Brandon Theophilus Gibson, 33, of Norfolk, was sentenced to 20 years with 10 years suspended for a conviction of robbery and causing serious bodily injury, 10 years with 10 years suspended for abduction by force or intimidation, 10 years with eight years suspended for robbery using force, 20 years with 20 years suspended for stealing property, and 20 years with 16 years suspended for malicious wounding. He was given five years of probation and charged \$3,280 in court costs.

■ Devontae Leshawn Davis, 32, of Melfa, was sentenced Dec. 18, 2025, to 20 years with 15 years, six months

suspended for a conviction of possession with intent to manufacture a Schedule I or II drug. He was given two years probation and was charged \$1,201 in court costs.

■ Kelly Joe Fordam, 35, of Chesapeake Beach, was sentenced Dec. 18, 2025, to 10 years with nine years, six months suspended for grand larceny auto theft and 10 years with nine years suspended for entering a structure to commit assault and battery. He was charged \$2,118 in court costs and ordered to pay \$3,125.17 in restitution.

■ Kyriq Weathers, 28, of Greenbush, was sentenced Dec. 18, 2025, to five years with five years suspended for possession of a Schedule I or II drug, five years with three years suspended for possession of a gun while in possession of a Schedule I or II drug, five years with three years suspended for possession of a gun by a nonviolent felon, 12 months in jail with 12 months suspended for fleeing from law enforcement, and 12 months in jail with 12 months suspended for obstruction or resisting arrest without force. He was given three years of probation and charged \$2,165.25 in court costs.

■ Larry Thomas Mears, 40, of Parksley, was sentenced

Dec. 18, 2025, to five years with three years suspended for felony unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He also was charged \$765 in court costs and must pay \$2,350 in restitution.

Accomack County indictments for February

■ Dinaijia Q. Craft, 31, of Trenton, N.J., was indicted for possession of cocaine.

■ David Dean Bowden Jr., 19, of New Church, was indicted for the murder of Miguel E. Soto Trader, use of a firearm to kill, firing at or inside of an occupied building, firing a gun at someone with the intent to kill, and possession of a firearm with an altered serial number.

■ Tymaka Michelle Sturgis, 43, of New Church, was indicted for possession of cocaine while incarcerated.

■ Erik Ricardo Castillo-Garcia, 29, of Accomack, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with previous offenses.

■ Nyasia Monay Finney, 24, of Onancock, was indicted for burglary and malicious wounding.

■ Cayden Allen Smith, 20, of Parksley, was indicted for shooting at an occupied dwelling, shooting out of a vehicle,

possession of a sawed-off shotgun, and two counts of possession of a stolen firearm.

■ Lazida Renee Austin, 39, of Princess Anne, Md., was indicted for shoplifting items valued at \$1,000 or more.

■ Antrell Leon Johnson, 26, of New Church, was indicted for threatening to bomb a building.

■ Lavar Williams Heath, 22, of Onancock, was indicted for eluding police.

■ Vashad Rykish Reid, 36, of Chesapeake, was indicted for possession with intent to sell cocaine.

■ Myron Hezzell Edwards II, 38, no address given, was indicted for possession of cocaine.

■ Derimon E. Hargis, 33, of Onancock, was indicted for possession of cocaine.

■ Keshiana Nicole Johnson, 31, of Melfa, was indicted for malicious wounding.

■ Grady W. Harmon, 23, of Painter, was indicted for abduction with intent to deprive of personal liberty.

■ Nicholas Ely Bardinelli, 36, of Onancock, was charged with assault and battery of a household member (third offense) and violation of a protective order.

■ Tonya Renee Carpenter, 51, of Onancock, was indicted for possession of heroin.

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Assateague Beach	H L	11:04 a.m. 5:33 p.m.	H L	11:46 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	H L	12:30 p.m. 6:59 p.m.	H L	1:20 p.m. 7:48 a.m.	H L	2:17 p.m. 8:46 a.m.	H L	3:17 p.m. 9:48 a.m.	H L	4:15 p.m. 10:49 a.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	11:04 a.m. 5:22 p.m.	H L	11:49 a.m. 6:05 p.m.	H L	12:36 p.m. 6:51 p.m.	H L	1:27 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	H L	2:22 p.m. 8:44 a.m.	H L	3:20 p.m. 9:43 a.m.	H L	4:17 p.m. 10:40 a.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	12:00 p.m. 6:12 p.m.	H L	12:42 p.m. 6:54 p.m.	H L	1:26 p.m. 7:33 a.m.	H L	2:16 p.m. 8:27 a.m.	H L	3:13 p.m. 9:25 a.m.	H L	4:13 p.m. 10:27 a.m.	H L	5:11 p.m. 11:28 a.m.
Folly Creek	H L	11:53 a.m. 5:57 p.m.	H L	12:35 p.m. 6:39 p.m.	H L	1:19 p.m. 7:18 a.m.	H L	2:09 p.m. 8:12 a.m.	H L	3:06 p.m. 9:10 a.m.	H L	4:06 p.m. 10:12 a.m.	H L	5:04 p.m. 11:13 a.m.
Wachapreague	H L	11:26 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	H L	12:05 p.m. 6:12 p.m.	H L	12:46 p.m. 6:56 p.m.	H L	1:31 p.m. 7:49 a.m.	H L	2:23 p.m. 8:41 a.m.	H L	3:24 p.m. 9:37 a.m.	H L	4:28 p.m. 10:33 a.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	11:04 a.m. 5:12 p.m.	H L	11:46 a.m. 5:54 p.m.	H L	12:30 p.m. 6:38 p.m.	H L	1:20 p.m. 7:27 a.m.	H L	2:17 p.m. 8:25 a.m.	H L	3:17 p.m. 9:27 a.m.	H L	4:15 p.m. 10:28 a.m.
Machipongo	H L	11:34 a.m. 5:41 p.m.	H L	12:16 p.m. 6:23 p.m.	H L	1:00 p.m. 7:02 a.m.	H L	1:50 p.m. 7:56 a.m.	H L	2:47 p.m. 8:54 a.m.	H L	3:47 p.m. 9:56 a.m.	H L	4:45 p.m. 10:57 a.m.
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Muddy Creek	H L	3:23 p.m. 9:58 a.m.	H L	4:02 p.m. 10:48 a.m.	H L	4:42 p.m. 11:40 a.m.	H L	5:28 p.m. 12:36 p.m.	H L	6:24 p.m. 1:40 p.m.	H L	7:26 a.m. 2:44 p.m.	H L	8:36 a.m. 3:41 p.m.
Guard Shore	H L	3:15 p.m. 9:54 a.m.	H L	3:54 p.m. 10:44 a.m.	H L	4:34 p.m. 11:36 a.m.	H L	5:20 p.m. 12:32 p.m.	H L	6:16 p.m. 1:36 p.m.	H L	7:18 a.m. 2:40 p.m.	H L	8:28 a.m. 3:37 p.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	2:50 p.m. 9:06 a.m.	H L	3:29 p.m. 9:56 a.m.	H L	4:09 p.m. 10:48 a.m.	H L	4:55 p.m. 11:44 a.m.	H L	5:51 p.m. 12:48 p.m.	H L	6:53 a.m. 1:52 p.m.	H L	8:03 a.m. 2:49 p.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	3:04 p.m. 9:26 a.m.	H L	3:43 p.m. 10:16 a.m.	H L	4:23 p.m. 11:08 a.m.	H L	5:09 p.m. 12:04 p.m.	H L	6:05 p.m. 1:08 p.m.	H L	7:07 a.m. 2:12 p.m.	H L	8:17 a.m. 3:09 p.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H L	2:20 p.m. 8:40 a.m.	H L	2:59 p.m. 9:30 a.m.	H L	3:39 p.m. 10:22 a.m.	H L	4:25 p.m. 11:18 a.m.	H L	5:21 p.m. 12:22 p.m.	H L	6:34 p.m. 1:26 p.m.	H L	7:33 a.m. 2:23 p.m.
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Cape Charles	H L	11:54 a.m. 6:22 p.m.	H L	12:33 p.m. 7:00 a.m.	H L	1:13 p.m. 7:52 a.m.	H L	1:59 p.m. 8:48 a.m.	H L	2:55 p.m. 9:52 a.m.	H L	4:08 p.m. 10:56 a.m.	H L	5:19 p.m. 11:53 a.m.
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T E P M I L X B R E G U A W V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Angelic Musical Instrument**

- Abalone
Auger
Babylon
Bonnet
- Conch
Cone
Cowrie
Drupe
- Fig
Frog
Helmet
Limpet
- Melongina
Nautilus
Umbonium

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Last week's answers

ENTITLED PEER AT PSALMS
LEASHES ALTARS STREET
MAJOR APPLIANCE ARMADA
MAJOR APPLIANCE ARMADA
AFAR ALDO APSOS
OREOS NOW BLAIR WITCH
HEATH FAMILY ALMOST
AMSTEL TOED OAK GOO
RAY DUST BROWN MUSTARD
APAR IAMS NEE PARDOR
ENIGMA ENT AWARDER
BRITISH PRIMEMINISTERS
EASTERS TDS ON TIME
NYTOL AYE UP TO RACK
JOHNSONGRASS ONEG FIN
INE PEI SUEZ ARRIVE
MAYBEETLES EER NOELS
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RECOIL CHURCHILL DOWNS
ALCOTT PALLOR IMADEIT
TEAMED OWLETS MODESTY

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

FILLED FOOD

ACROSS

- 1 "Thank U, Next" singer Grande
7 Yachts, e.g.
12 Keto dieter's nutrient calculation
20 Right-rear bowling target
21 Like Viking script
22 Call to have food delivered
23 Chief justice before William Rehnquist
25 Runaway
26 Fruity drink
27 Reclined
28 Actress Russo
30 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
31 Makeovers
33 Application to improve blood flow
39 Stew legume
41 Glazer of "Broad City"
42 Gold, in Italy
43 Person not getting deserved acclaim
48 Chilly tourist lodge
53 New Mexico art mecca
54 Old New York theater
55 Whirled
58 To a greater extent
59 Phased-out cartoon storekeeper
60 Greek cheese
61 Easels, e.g.
63 Susa's ancient land
64 Take care of
66 Bikers' association
70 Tunes for two
72 Permissible
73 Tiny bits
74 Curveball that breaks over the plate at the very last second
78 Wine vessel
81 Wrinkly tangelo
82 "Joan of Arc" actress Sobieski
83 Acorn trees
85 Grassy tract
86 Wrecked
89 Santa — (some winds)
90 Agra dress
91 Feels ill
92 Hip-hop band
94 Thaw after winter
96 Roadhouse
97 Writer Wilde
100 "Fancy that!"
101 Pilot's heading indicator
108 Newton who was knighted
112 Met solo
113 Fishing rod
114 \$5 bills, slangily
116 H.S. lab class
117 "The Velvet Fog"
121 Its menu might include the ends of seven answers in this puzzle
125 Web pop-up, e.g.
126 Be of help to
127 King of pop
128 Salted-away sums of money
129 Mails in, e.g.
130 Isis' brother

DOWN

- 1 In combat
2 Novelist Charles

- 3 Way to mark losses
4 Fourth mo.
5 TV ratings name
6 Chlumsky of "Veep"
7 Musical Mars
8 "— Gang"
9 Filmmaker Lee
10 — del Fuego
11 TV part
12 Center points
13 Previous to
14 NFL goals
15 OK grade
16 Bow go-with
17 Turbine part
18 — Vista, Mexico
19 Purse piece
24 Pen brand
29 U.S. intel org.
32 Musical work
34 Like swamps
35 Gp. in the Arab League
36 Quadrennial games org.
37 City near Provo
38 NYC area near the Village
40 Go along with
43 37-Down's state
44 Wine valley of California
45 Brief audio file
46 All the rage
47 Midterm, e.g.
48 "500" race
49 Mine vehicle
50 Prevaricates
51 Genesis twin
52 Bausch & —
55 Cheap cigars
56 St. Patrick's Day event
57 "I give up!"
60 Absconded
61 — Artois
62 — -fi flick
65 — it out (fighting)
67 Mary-Kate of "Beastly"
68 Latching, e.g.
69 LGA info
71 Fa-la linkup
74 Aaron in "Hamilton"
75 Water, in Chihuahua
76 Get in return
77 Mimic a lion
79 Descended
80 Toward dawn
84 Actress Nicole — Parker
87 Funny Idle
88 Fail to
90 Agile
91 City in Iowa
93 Half of bi-
94 Sink down
95 Hired Japanese hostesses
97 Yoko of "Two Virgins"
98 Taco toppers
99 Split with an ax, say
101 Actor Matt
102 Actress Ryan
103 Small brooks
104 Absorb the loss, in slang
105 Opinion pieces
106 Lou who won three Grammys
107 Japanese sash
109 Hate
110 Garlic mayo
111 Makes do
115 Danish shoe brand
118 Undivided
119 Rule, informally
120 'Zine
122 Delhi bread
123 Carried out
124 — Lanka

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