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FROM LEFT, RICKY BAILEY, JAMES LILLISTON, JULIA MAJOR, TROMAINE K. TOY SR., KEYANNA CONNER, LAWRENCE BURTON, PETER JACOB CARTER, AND ALVY POWELL

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Dylan Padgett celebrates after he became Nandua High School's first-ever two-time state wrestling champion last weekend, winning the 126-pound weight class at the VHSL Class 2 Championships in Salem. See story, page 27.

REGIONAL

Winter storm's snow, wind wallop Shore

ANEC: Electric service to 19K has been restored

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

When it was over, power had been restored to 19,000 Eastern Shore electrical accounts, 19 broken utility poles were replaced, and 29 broken utility pole cross arms were reinstated.

During the storm, 11 inches of snow fell on Chincoteague Island and top winds on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel reached 62 mph.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia was the southernmost victim of Winter Storm Hernando late Sunday, Feb. 22, into Monday, Feb. 23, as it downed trees, scuttled school schedules, and left half of A&N Electric Cooperative members without power.

A number of vehicle crashes and downed trees and limbs were reported, especially in Accomack County.

Sam Wray, a meteorologist and forecaster with the National Weather Service in Wakefield, said the storm was caused by rapidly developing coastal low energy that got offshore, cooling the air, along with a nor'easter.

Wray said the damage likely could have been worse if the ground were frozen prior to the storm. Even with the warmer ground temperature, the snow stuck.

"It came down pretty heavy for a

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Parksley woman pleads no contest to abuse, neglect of 8-week-old son

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

A woman who has already had several children permanently removed from her care pleaded no contest to the felony abuse and neglect of her youngest child, an eight-week-old baby boy.

On Nov. 24, 2025, Samantha Amelia Edwards, of Parksley, got into an argument with her husband that led to him going outside to sleep in his truck.

At 1 a.m. he was awakened by his wife, who was hitting him. He called the police to report the assault, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney William Fox.

When a deputy arrived, the man said his wife was inside the house with the baby, but neither she nor the baby was there.

Police began a search on foot and when they were not found, called in a K-9 unit.

Edwards and the baby were located two hours later hiding under a neighbor's porch. She was taken into custody.

Fox said the baby was wearing only a short-sleeved onesie on a night when the temperature was 41 degrees with an even lower wind chill.

The baby was removed from the home by social services and is now in

foster care. He will be permanently removed from his mother just as his siblings have been.

Fox said he thought the 30-year-old may have as many as five children who have been taken from her. Her parental rights were terminated in all of the cases.

That is why he entered into a plea agreement with her, he said.

"She has other children and will likely have more," he told the court.

He explained that the terms of the agreement require her to take courses on responsible parenting and anger management over the course of one year. She will be under the supervision of the Accomack Northampton Community Corrections.

She is required to remain drug- and alcohol-free and maintain full employment. If she completes all the terms of the agreement successfully, her felony charge will be reduced to a misdemeanor.

After hearing all the evidence, Judge Lynwood W. Lewis accepted the plea agreement and explained its terms to Edwards.

He told her there is nothing in the agreement concerning her sentencing and she could face 12 months in jail for the misdemeanor conviction. She is set to appear in court on Feb. 18, 2027.

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‘The community you are from is one that will forgive people’

BY SARAH BARBAN
Eastern Shore Post

Jerry Keith Brady’s pickup truck parked in front of a barber shop on Main Street in Exmore at around 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19, and Brady hopped out and entered, apparently to get a haircut.

Six hours later, with Brady sporting a crisp, short haircut under glaring lights in the paneled and plushly carpeted hush of courtroom number five in the Walter E. Hoffman Federal Courthouse in Norfolk, the former Eastville Police Department officer was sentenced to three years in federal prison.

The case was federal, but the judge who handed down the sentence is no stranger to the small community around which it centered.

In a coincidence, U.S. District Court Judge Jamar K. Walker, a Nandua graduate and an Eastern Shore native, decided Brady’s fate.

Extended family and friends sat in long gallery pews on the defendant’s side of the courtroom, separated by several yards from people who stated they once believed Brady was their friend. They lost a lot of money because of it.

Brady was convicted of wire fraud and money laundering in a plea deal. The 38-year-old convinced at least 13 people to loan him varying amounts of money totaling \$831,000 between November 2020 and November 2024. He said he needed to pay fees for an inheritance that he was due, according to court documents.

There was no inheritance and no life insurance policy coming from a dead relative.

Brady gambled the money away at casinos, on sports betting apps, and at the colorful, brightly lit gambling

machines that have begun popping up in convenience stores on the Eastern Shore.

Victims testify

Wayne Bell, who was one of Brady’s victims, spoke before the court to share how Brady’s crimes impacted him.

Bell said he trusted Brady because they were friends — Bell was the best man at Brady’s wedding and even helped Brady purchase an engagement ring.

When Brady asked for a loan, Bell trusted him because he was both a friend and a cop, he said.

“I feel he betrayed that trust,” he said in court. “I hope a message will be sent to the Eastern Shore community. This type of behavior is unacceptable.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph L. Kosky, who prosecuted the case, agreed that Brady used his position as a police officer to his advantage.

“Mr. Brady did this as a police officer,” Kosky said. “That trust is baked into the uniform. Mr. Brady traded on that trust.”

A Virginia Beach attorney whose initials were included in court documents but whose name could not be determined also spoke at Brady’s sentencing.

Brady told the attorney that he needed money because his grandfather was in ill health and he needed to take care of some liens, but he was due to get an inheritance.

“He was scarce on details, but I knew he was an officer,” the attorney said.

“I expect an officer to be trustworthy at all times. I didn’t expect him to lie to my face.”

The attorney loaned Brady over \$80,000. It was supposed to be a 60-

day loan, he said.

For several people who loaned Brady money, when the agreed-upon date for repayment had come and gone, Brady would tell victims he needed more money or the inheritance would be lost.

In many cases, they gave Brady the additional money, according to court documents.

Victims said that Brady would act like it was a bother when they would call and ask about repayment, Kosky said.

“Victims were trying to help Brady for no gain of their own,” Kosky said.

Continued gambling

Brady thought he could use gambling winnings to dig himself out of the financial hole he had created if he just won big, according to Virginia Bare, his defense lawyer.

“He had this view that one win could change everything,” she said. “It started out as fun but became him trying to dig out of a hole.”

As a police officer, Brady should have been aware of the resources that were available for those with a gambling problem, but he chose not to use those resources, Kosky said.

While it may seem as if someone should be able to identify when they have a problem and stop on their own, that isn’t how addiction works, Bare said.

Bare spoke about the relationships Brady has lost, the embarrassment he has suffered, the media attention, lost wages, the loss of his gun rights, and his inability to ever be a police officer again. He isn’t going to do this again, she said.

The prosecution asked that Brady be sentenced to 48 months in prison as part of the plea agreement while

Federal judge who is an Eastern Shore native gives three-year sentence to gambling-addicted Eastern Shore policeman

the defense asked for one day to 12 months.

“You stole \$800,000 from people. You have to go away for a significant time,” Kosky said.

Brady was also given an opportunity to speak before the court. In a low, rapid tone Brady read a statement that was barely audible from the gallery.

He spoke so quietly that at one point the bailiff asked Brady to repeat himself.

‘Great responsibility’

Before handing down his sentence, Walker said Brady established himself as a trusted member of the Northampton County community and that he exploited that.

“With great power comes great responsibility,” the judge said.

Walker continued that Brady has had to endure embarrassment and media attention, but he said the attention works both ways — the victims are having to live with the embarrassment of being part of a fraud in a very small community.

“I know the community you are from is one that will forgive people,” Walker said.

Brady was sentenced to 36 months in a low security federal prison with credit for time served. He was also ordered to pay nearly \$750,000 in restitution.

Brady wasn’t immediately taken into custody after his sentence was handed down. He will be allowed to surrender himself at the federal courthouse in Norfolk on May 13 due to Achilles tendonitis.

Six days after his sentencing, Brady’s pickup truck again parked in front of the barber shop on Main Street in Exmore.

Brady hopped out and entered, apparently to get a haircut.



Northampton County Government March 2026 Upcoming Events

March 3: Planning Commission
Work Session 3 PM

March 5: Electoral Board Meeting
10:30 AM

March 10: Board of Supervisors
Meeting 6 PM

March 12: School Board Meeting
6 PM

March 16: A-N PDC Board
Meeting 7 PM Accomac

March 17: ESVA Groundwater
Committee Meeting 10 AM

March 17: Planning Commission
Meeting 6 PM

March 24: Board of Supervisors
Work Session
5 PM

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Freeze’s commitment to doing things the right way is rooted in family history. His great-grandfather, Clyde Vernon Nordstrom of Exmore, Virginia, built several local ventures—from Nordstrom Bros. (furniture and appliances) to Nordstrom Oil, which later became part of Gulf Oil. When the family later exited the fuel business, it was sold to what many locals knew as Bagwell Oil. On the automotive side, a dealership he started in Exmore later grew into his great-uncle’s Midway Chevrolet in Pocomoke and Courtesy Buick/Cadillac in Salisbury, Maryland.

That heritage shaped a strong work ethic. Freeze didn’t have the chance to know Nordstrom as a younger man, but he clearly remembers his father, Mark Freeze, passing along one of Nordstrom’s sayings: “In order to get ahead, you need to work while the other man is sleeping.”

Some of Freeze’s earliest lessons came even closer to home. As a kid, he often joined his father at the Broad Street laundromat owned by his grandmother. Their job was simple but important: pick up trash, cut grass, and help keep the washers and dryers running smoothly. “Those are some of my fondest memories,” Freeze says. “I’m thankful for the work ethic it created—and I carry it with me to this day.”

Today, that mindset shows up in the details customers count on. Matthew

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Freeze encourages residents to hire with confidence: verify a contractor’s license, request proof of insurance, and ask for references. “A true professional welcomes those questions,” he says.

After two decades, the company’s success is measured in repeat customers, referrals, and long-term relationships across the community. “We’re grateful for the support,” Freeze says. “We plan to keep earning that trust—one careful, well-finished project at a time.”



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The recipient may use the award to offset any costs of higher education, such as tuition, books, child care, and transportation.

The focus of the scholarships is based on one of the key Kiwanis principles, "serving children, one child and one community at a time."

The scholarship monies are allocated as part of the Club's responsibility to serve the local community. The funds are raised from community activities, which include the annual craft show held each November.

The Kiwanis Club of Accomack seeks to reward individuals who have shown special passion for community service and children. The club recognizes that this community service may have occurred under difficult situations related to family, employment, school, and other circumstances. The scholarship committee will consider service, leadership, and need.

Nominations are welcomed from anyone in the community. Nomination forms can be obtained by sending an email to kiwanisofaccomack@gmail.com. Nomination deadline is May 1, 2026.

Founded in 1973, the Kiwanis Club of Accomack is part of Kiwanis International, a global service organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis Club of Accomack, through proceeds from the annual craft show, contributes to more than two dozen local organizations focusing on children and families. The club currently meets the first and third Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. at the Sage Restaurant in Onley. Visitors are welcome.



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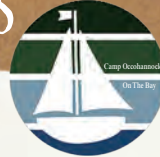
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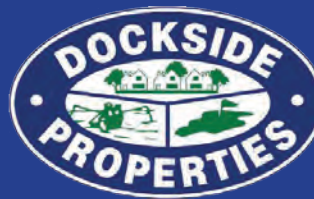
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During winter, we get by with a little help from our friends

When bad winter storms hit, people on the Eastern Shore hew to the lyrics of John, Paul, George, and Ringo: We get by with a little help from our friends.

They include our friends with bucket trucks, chain saws, four-wheel-drive vehicles, and snow plows. They include our friends who have electricity when we do not. They include our friends who staff churches, lodge halls, and warming shelters. They include our friends who call us to offer help.

After several weeks of forecasts that predicted snow but delivered almost none, the Eastern Shore rode out raw and windswept blizzard conditions Sunday evening into Monday.

At one point, half of the residents and businesses in Northampton and Accomack county were without power because of the wet, weighty snowfall and winds howling and squally.

In the teeth of it all and in the days to come, our friends with A&N Electric Cooperative and other cooperatives around the region braved the horrid conditions in their efforts to restore electricity.

Our friends with badges patrolled the messy roads. Our friends with the Virginia Department of Transportation worked to clear the thoroughfares. Our friends who give of their time as volunteers responded to our emergencies. And so did our friends who have chosen as a career the responsibility of responding in our time of need.

After the coldest December in 15 years and a brisk and bone-chilling January, we are happy to bid farewell to a frozen February.

As for getting through the rest of the winter, we're going to try with a little help from our friends.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AI possibilities? How about thinking for ourselves

To the editor:

The Feb. 20 edition of the Eastern Shore Post included an article by W. Alex Foxworthy extolling the use of artificial intelligence.

To keep up with the times, he states that a transition will change all areas of our lives. He explains that we need students to dig into using AI, as it is the wave of their futures, especially in the marketplace.

That same day, Matthew Connelly, a history professor at Columbia University, authored a piece in The New York Times claiming human intelligence is under attack by robots and AI. He states "young people are quickly becoming so dependent on AI that they are losing the ability to think for

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themselves, and rather than rallying resistance, academic administrators are aiding and abetting a hostile takeover of higher education."

Foxworthy states that he "hears from students that they don't want to rely on AI because they want to develop real skills themselves." He answers "learning to use AI is a real skill — one that makes all your other skills more powerful."

Connelly states colleges are

partnering with AI companies despite the need to test education technology, which often fails to deliver measurable improvement in student learning.

These companies are charging exorbitant fees to schools to promote their tools in the classroom.

One student even bragged about developing an AI tool to help him cheat his way

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Letters

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through job interviews — in fact, it is a tool that can show how to cheat on just about everything. Foxworthy states, “the goal is not to let AI think for you. The goal is to think better with it.”

Meanwhile, Connelly states AI companies look at college students as a “strapped customer base to hook when they are most stressed.”

He also states since the increased use of AI, there has been a sharp decline in student questions.

Think about that — the students are not thinking about nor really learning from their studies and classes. They can get any information they want through AI, which is not always correct.

Connelly also says the AI industry wants to have “an army of bots ‘become part of the core infrastructure of higher education.’” Google encourages students to upload lecture recordings, which goes against many institutions’ policies.

That means universities have no access to the data students and staff upload to the system, which also means no checks and balances are in place to support education and prevent harm.

Connelly states “students using AI do not read as carefully when doing research and they write with diminished accuracy and originality.”

He says AI has significantly hampered systems that might make students smarter.

Other articles appearing in The New York Times written by experts talk about how AI is infringing on copyright laws in all areas like art, threatening jobs in industries such as finance, and how AI could turn against humankind by developing propaganda that would equal brainwashing.

It is inevitable that artificial intelligence has been and will be affecting all areas of our lives from now on, but let’s make sure it doesn’t take over our lives.

I will admit that I am old school and somewhat distrustful of the burgeoning AI phenomenon that is hap-

pening, but I have seen AI postings online that I know are incorrect.

I am hopeful that in areas like medical research and environmental practices, for example, AI can be a useful tool, but I also want my grandchildren to learn how to think for themselves and to question everything.

Nicki Tiffany
Cape Charles

■ *The writer is retired from the Rochester Institute of Technology.*

Redistricting would dilute Eastern Shore’s voice

To the editor:

The April redistricting referendum amendment undermines the independent redistricting process established in 2020.

Virginia voters overwhelmingly approved redistricting by a nonpartisan process of apportionment. This census-based constitutional amendment went into effect fewer than five years ago.

In the past six weeks, the maps presented for our vote have been a moving target, based on backroom deals in Richmond.

With fewer than two weeks from early voting to begin on March 6, it is unclear where the exact borders between districts will be.

The initial map set has already been tweaked several times by the legislature — for what purpose is anyone’s guess.

What do these proposed redistricting changes mean for the Eastern Shore?

The broad outlines of these proposals create districts that heavily skew political control to urban areas in Northern Virginia.

Less populated, rural Virginia will be fighting over crumbs.

This is not what the constitution of our commonwealth intended. No matter what your political party, representation for the Eastern Shore will be diluted and not strengthened by these changes.

At the same time, the proposed maps slice up counties like Fairfax into

five congressional districts and Prince William into three. Those county electoral boards and registrars will face undue burdens to administer elections if these redrawn maps are enforced.

Fairfax County will be required to run five separate congressional races, to include up to 10 separate primaries, staff satellite polling locations for the entire 45-day early voting period, and reconfigure and process five different districts of absentee ballots — all through unfunded mandates from Richmond.

This will require hiring new bureaucrats subject to the legislature’s proposed collective bargaining and family leave rules. And don’t think Accomack and Northampton counties won’t get hit by increased levies to share in the cost of additional government bureaucracy.

The lost opportunity costs are great. Where else could our hard-earned tax dollars go to work instead of expanding administrative costs through mid-cycle redistricting?

The April referendum is a lose-lose for all of us on the Shore and thereby warrants a “no” vote.

Martha Sutherland
Accomac

Is against Democrats’ redistricting referendum

To the editor:

Fairness and balance are important. After 25 years of having lived in a state dominated by a single party, political climate became a significant factor in our decision to seek a place to retire.

We were weary of the large metropolitan areas calling the shots for the entire state, ignoring the vast rural, but less-populated areas of the state.

Virginia was a viable alternative with a reasonable balance of the major political parties.

Indeed, since our time on the Eastern Shore we have been represented in Congress by both Republican and Democrat congressmen.

While we certainly have a party preference, it is encouraging to know that representation can swing back and forth and that our vote has meaning.

Our voices are heard.

The referendum that is proposed by the General Assembly will end this. The maps they have drawn will result in 10 Democrat districts and one Republican district.

In other words, Republican and independent candidates will have virtually no ability to win a Congressional election in 90% of the state.

The political situation in Virginia will mirror what we left behind, and rural areas like the Eastern Shore will be relegated to second-class status in a state dominated by Northern Virginia.

Our votes will become irrelevant and our issues will be lost in the noise coming out of Alexandria, Loudoun, and Fairfax.

A “no” vote on this referendum will keep the Eastern Shore relevant and the unique issues of the Shore will be represented.

Vote NO on April 21.

Don Ruthig
Onancock

Redistricting should be ‘fair and balanced’

To the editor:

On March 6, voting is set to begin on a referendum question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts to restore fairness in the upcoming elections, while ensuring Virginia’s standard redistricting process resumes for all future redistricting after the 2030 census?

In 2020, 65.69% of Virginians voted to establish a fair and balanced redistricting commission.

The commission is made up of four Democratic members and four Republican members of the Virginia General Assembly, and eight citizens.

Today, six of Virginia’s 11 congressional districts lean Democratic and five lean Republican. The 6:5 ratio correlates with approximately 55% Democrats to 45% Republicans living in the state.

Only after a census are 435 congressional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives divided among states

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February a deadly month for Eastern Shore servicemen

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

A surprising number of U.S. soldiers, sailors, and marines from the Eastern Shore of Virginia have died in service to our country during the month of February.

I recounted some earlier this month. The list continues here.

■ U.S. Army Lt. George Olin Tilghman, 26, of Cape Charles, died of disease on Feb. 4, 1919, during World War I.



George Olin Tilghman

served Cape Charles for almost a half century.

Tilghman's gravesite is at the Cape Charles Cemetery, as are his parents', Amelia Hazzard Townsend Tilghman, who died in 1945, and George Brenton McCellan Tilghman, who died in 1940.

Tilghman was survived by his widow, Elizabeth Coulbourn Tilghman, of Chincoteague Island, whom he had married "a few days before he sailed for France" in December 1917, according to the newspaper.

"He was a splendid young man and served his country faithfully and well, giving up his life that the world might be made better, and that peace might be brought to all nations," stated the Democratic Messenger article.

His widow lived at 504 North Main St., Chincoteague, at the time of her death in 1981, according to her death certificate.

She was a retired schoolteacher, the certificate stated. Her grave is in the Red Men's Cemetery, Chincoteague.

■ U.S. Army Spc. George Lee Kellam, 20, of Daugherty, was killed Feb.



George Lee Kellam

and entered the Army on April 11, 1968.

He was killed in action in Tay Ninh, South Vietnam.

Kellam's body is interred in the Accomack Cemetery on Church Road, south of the Macedonia A.M.E. Church.

■ U.S. Army Pvt. Homer Wendell Hastings, 27, of Melfa, died Feb. 7, 1919, of disease while stationed in France during World War I.

An article printed on March 11, 1919, in the Richmond Times-Dispatch newspaper cited the cause as pneumonia.

Born in Somerset County, Md., he was survived by his parents, Laura E. Smith Hastings and Renatus Thomas Hastings, both of whom died in 1936.

All three of the Hastingses have gravesites at Johnson's United Methodist Church Cemetery, in Johnsonstown, near Machipongo.

Hastings apparently was living in the city of Newport News at the time of his death.

■ Here is a mystery I haven't yet solved:

U.S. Army Pvt. Kenneth Watkins was killed in action Feb. 8, 1945, in Italy during World War II.

His remains are interred at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial in Italy.

His grave marker in the cemetery indicates that Watkins was a private in the 366th Infantry regiment and that he was killed Feb. 8, 1945. It also specifies that he was from Virginia.

Watkins is listed as a native of Northampton County on the website www.genealogytrails.com and he is listed on the Northampton County

5, 1969, during the Vietnam War.

Kellam served with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, in the Army's 25th Infantry Division.

Kellam was a graduate of Mary N. Smith High School in Accomac

war memorials in Eastville and Cape Charles.

However, Watkins also is listed as a Warren County, N.C., resident by several sources, including the Hall of Valor section of www.militarytimes.com

He also was listed as a Warren County resident in the Oct. 14, 1945, edition of The Herald-Sun newspaper of Durham, N.C.

The newspaper reported that his mother, Mary Lizzie Davis, received a word that her son posthumously had received the Silver Star, the third-highest award for military combat.

All the North Carolina references also list his death date at Feb. 9, 1945.

The paper also referenced that his grandfather lived in North Carolina.

Was his listing as a Northampton County resident a mistake?

■ U.S. Army Pvt. Emerson Spady, of Cape Charles, 24, died from disease on Feb. 9, 1919, during World War I.

It is difficult to find information about Black World War I soldiers like Spady.

Spady's World War I Selective Service draft card listed his place of birth as the tiny Northampton County community of Cheapside. He was single, childless, and worked as a laborer for the Heckle and Kellogg Ice Company in Cape Charles.

In the March 10, 1919, edition of the "Official U.S. Bulletin," Spady's name is listed along with his cause of death and hometown. His next of kin is listed as "Mrs. Marie Bailey."

He is listed among 13 Black soldiers who died in World War I on the Cape Charles Memorial Library plaque.

Spady is listed among fallen World War I soldiers on the Eastville plaque adorning the former county courthouse. Spady's name is not among those honored or memorialized on the Veterans War Memorial on Mason Avenue in Cape Charles.

■ U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Charles W. Jackson, 31, of Cape Charles, died Feb. 10, 1919, of disease during World War I.

Like Spady, who died one day earlier from disease, Jackson's name is

listed on memorial plaques inside the Cape Charles Memorial Library and on the old courthouse in Eastville. However, it is not listed among those honored or memorialized on the Veterans War Memorial in Cape Charles.

Also like Spady and other Black soldiers from World War I, it is difficult to find information about Jackson.

According to his Selective Service draft card, Jackson was born in Georgia and was working as a laborer in Cape Charles with the New York, Pennsylvania, and Norfolk Railroad.

According to his War Service Record found at the Library of Virginia, Jackson became sick on Feb. 4 and died six days later of pneumonia at Camp Lee, near Petersburg.

■ U.S. Army Spc. Ralph Henry Reid, 25, of Shields, near Belle Haven, died Feb. 11, 1968, in Vietnam during the Vietnam War.



Ralph Henry Reid

Reid, 25, was a father of four when he was killed in action in Vietnam. There were no surviving photos of Reid after his childhood home burned down.

He was one of 13 children.

Reid died as a "as a result of gunshot wounds while engaged with hostile forces in a fire-fight," according to an article in the Eastern Shore News.

In 2003, Patrick Pinkerton, of Medina, Ohio, who was standing next to Reid when he was fatally shot, completed a five-year search for Reid's family.

Pinkerton learned that Reid had never received a military headstone at the cemetery south of Pungoteague where Reid's body is interred.

That year Pinkerton also coordinated at memorial service for Reid after he learned the military color guard destined for Reid's funeral decades earlier arrived at the wrong Belle Haven — the other is in North-

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Fallen soldiers

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ern Virginia.

■ U.S. Army Sgt. Joseph Preston Smack, 26, of Pocomoke City, was killed Feb. 11, 1945, in France during World War II.



Joseph Preston Smack

At the time of his enlistment, Smack worked in construction. He enlisted in Baltimore but lived in Pocomoke City prior to the war.

Smack's remains are interred at the Salem United Methodist Church cemetery in Pocomoke City.

■ U.S. Navy Seaman 2nd Class Eulas S. Ewell, 23, of Mappsville, died Feb. 12, 1918, in Portsmouth of meningococcal meningitis, according to a state War History Commission Military Service Record.

The record states Ewell "was in service but six weeks before his death."

He was the son of Cynthia and William H. Ewell, of Mappsville.

■ U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Otis B. Brittingham, the 44-year-old son of Vara Edwards Brittingham and the Rev. James A. Brittingham, of Greenbackville, died Feb. 12, 1944, while stationed in Hawaii during World War II.



Otis B. Brittingham

According to the Feb. 24, 1944, edition of the Virginian-Pilot newspaper, Brittingham previously served during World War I.

He re-enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and was stationed at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941.

Brittingham died of cancer at a Hawaiian Naval hospital. His remains are interred in the Arlington National Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, he was survived by a brother in Greenbackville, James E. Brittingham, and a son, Arthur W. Brittingham, who was

in the Coast Guard and stationed in Connecticut at the time of his father's death.

Brittingham and his family were natives of Portsmouth but their Greenbackville connections were enough to ensure Brittingham's name was placed on war memorials in Accomac and Parksley.

■ U.S. Army Pfc. William R. Thompson, of Eastville, was killed Feb. 13, 1951, during the Korean War.

Thompson's grave is in the Eastville Baptist Church cemetery. The website www.findagrave.com lists Thompson's birth date as July 8, 1915, which would have made him 35 at the time of his death. However, records in the National Archives list his year of birth as 1926 (no date is given), which would have made him a decade younger.

There is very little information available about Thompson. Please email editor@easternshorepost.com with information on him or his family.

■ U.S. Army Staff Sgt. William David Wessells, 22, of Temperanceville, was killed Feb. 16, 1967, by sniper fire while on a perimeter defense mission during the Vietnam War.



William David Wessells

Wessells enlisted in the Army in late 1962 after attending Mary N. Smith High School near Accomac.

He was the fourth Eastern Shore soldier to die in Vietnam.

He was survived by his father, George Washington Wessells, who died in 1987, and predeceased by his mother, Estelle Joynes Wessells, who died in 1963.

He also was survived by a wife and son who lived in Newark, N.J., which is where Wessells lived at the time of his death.

His gravesite is at the Jerusalem Baptist Church Cemetery, Temperanceville.

■ U.S. Army Pvt. Robert Carroll Russell was born in Greenbush but moved to Baltimore when he was 8 years old.

Russell was 18 when he was killed

in action on Feb. 16, 1945, in Germany, during World War II.

Funeral services for Russell were held five years later — on April 19, 1950, according to the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper — after his remains were returned to the United States.



Robert Carroll Russell

Russell's name is not listed on war memorials in Accomac or Parksley, but his remains were interred on his native Eastern Shore.

Russell's gravesite is at Onancock's Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

His was survived by his parents, Elizabeth Russell, who died in 1986, and George Russell, who died in 1972. Their gravesites also are in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

■ U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Russell Arthur Chambers, 18, of Cape Charles, was killed at Iwo Jima on Feb. 20, 1945, during World War II.



Russell A. Chambers

Chambers, of 18 Pine St., Cape Charles, entered military service Sept. 1, 1942, at the age of 16.

The March 29, 1945, edition of Norfolk's Ledger-Star newspaper stated Chambers "is the first Cape Charles boy to have been reported killed

in action."

The website www.1-24thmarines.com quoted U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Harlan C. Jeffrey as saying Chambers was killed as his unit was "advancing along a draw near the beach when a (Japanese) sniper opened up on us. Everyone scattered, but my squad got pinned down as it was the leading squad."

Chambers was survived by his mother, Lillian Kellam Chambers, who died in 1984. His father, John G. Chambers Sr., died in 1940. Chambers and his parents have gravesites at the Cape Charles Cemetery.

■ U.S. Army 1st Lt. Granville Handy Truitt, 23, of Snow Hill, was killed in

action Feb. 23, 1953, during the Korean War.

He earned the Silver Star, the U.S. Armed Forces' third-highest military award for valor in combat, for actions taken on the day he died in North Korea.

While leading a regular nightly patrol, Truitt's unit observed a large Chinese force. According to his Silver Star commendation, Truitt "immediately led his patrol against the enemy in a furious firefight."

It continued, "Openly exposing himself to the enemy, he placed himself in front of his men and valiantly led them forward through the withering hail of enemy fire to better defensive positions."

Truitt was killed during the battle. His remains are interred in the Bates Methodist Church Cemetery, Snow Hill.

■ U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Herman Riley Barnes, 20, of Girdletree, north of Greenbackville, died Feb. 24, 1945, when the military aircraft in which he was a passenger crashed shortly after takeoff from an airfield in England.

Barnes was awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters in addition to the Purple Heart.

His next of kin was identified as Elinor Barnes of Franklin City, near Greenbackville.

Barnes was survived by his mother, Lula M. Riley Barnes, who died in 1970, and his father, Wheatley F. Barnes, who died in 1952. Their graves are in Girdletree.

Barnes' gravesite is at the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial in England.

■ The name of U.S. Army Pvt. Milton A. Shields is listed on the Northampton war memorial on the old Eastville courthouse, but it is not on the Veterans War Memorial in Cape Charles.

Shields died Feb. 25, 1944, and his body is interred in the U.S. Military Cemetery in the Philippines.

However, I cannot find any information or newspaper articles linking him to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. If anyone knows of Shields, please reach out.

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

Passage of business bills 'will affect every Virginian'

We are past the halfway point in the General Assembly session and 2,750 bills were introduced.

Only 450 bills survived the House of Delegates and 370 survived the state Senate.



Delegate
Rob Bloxom

This makes the second half of the session more manageable, as some bills that passed both chambers are identical.

Major policy issues still remaining to be negotiated include retail marijuana, not a matter of it

passing and being signed into law, but how the distribution network will be set up as well as the structure for enforcement.

Other aspects of this new state venture are still evolving.

A new casino at Tysons Corner makes for an interesting discussion around the Capitol. Adding in legal-

izing casino gambling on iPhones as well as legalizing "gray" machines in local restaurants produces a mix of strange bedfellows who oppose or support either none, one, several, or even all the bills.

The large amount of money being spent on lobbying is staggering. No new standalone tax bills survived. Former Gov. Glenn Youngkin left the state with a large surplus, so no additional revenues were needed. I will speak about the budget later in my report.

Several major business bills did pass that will affect every Virginian.

First, minimum wage is proposed to be increased steadily until it hits \$15 an hour. This will not be a problem in Northern Virginia, but in more rural and depressed areas of the state, this could affect the number of people a small business can employ.

It will also lead to wage compression, thus putting more pressure on the owner to raise prices or lay off personnel.

Another bill that will pose a problem for local governments is allowing government employees to unionize.

This has been shown to increase local government budgets, which can

only be balanced by increasing local taxes.

There is also a paid sick leave bill that would require one-hour accrual for every 30 hours worked on all businesses.

The last one I will mention is paid family leave, which will tax the employer and the employee to pay for this 12-week leave policy.

It is similar to a short-term disability insurance policy, but it will be administered by the Virginia Employment Commission and includes extended family.

These are all major expansions of government programs.

As I mentioned earlier, Youngkin left the state's balance sheet in a strong position.

We have more than \$2 billion brought forward to the new biennial budget.

The majority party made some policy adjustments due to the Federal Budget HR1, deciding to fill a few of the federal cuts to programs or cost shifting to the state.

One such example is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP. The admin-

istration cost is being shifted to the state and locality, and the error rate penalty could be severe if the state does not correct it.

I bring up cost shifting because we do this to localities all the time, so we need to be a little reserved in our criticism of our federal partners.

One only needs to look at the special election in which the state budgeted \$5 million, with the localities paying the remainder. That budgeted amount will not cover half the cost.

The majority party made adjustments to Youngkin's budget to account for the new programs I discussed by adding staff to implement and enforce their new labor laws.

On a local note, I was successful in getting \$1.5 million included in the House budget for Chincoteague Inlet.

At this point, everything I have touched on in this report goes to the Senate, and we will see how this all fares in the end.

As always, I welcome any questions or concerns at my district office at (757)824-3456, Richmond office at (804)698-1000, or email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov.

General Assembly debates taxes, energy, cost of living

Last Tuesday, the General Assembly reached the crossover point in the 2026 session, so I want to provide you with another update on where things stand and how the decisions being made in Richmond may affect families and businesses here in Coastal Virginia.

Crossover marks the halfway point of session, when each chamber completes work on its own legislation and begins considering bills passed by the other body.

Over the past several weeks, there has been significant debate on issues related to taxes, energy policy, workforce policy, and cost of living.

Throughout this session, my focus



State Senator
Bill DeSteph

has remained on promoting policies that strengthen our regional economy, keep costs manageable for working families, and ensure reliable services for our communities.

A number of proposals were introduced that would have provided direct tax relief, including measures related to the standard deduction, grocery taxes,

vehicle taxes, and taxation of tips and overtime pay.

Many of these proposals did not advance out of committee. At the same time, other tax and revenue measures are under consideration, and their long-term impact on families and small businesses continues to be debated.

Energy affordability and reliability have been central topics. Legislation related to the Virginia Clean Economy Act, participation in regional carbon programs, and renewable energy mandates has prompted discussion about long-term utility rates and grid reliability. I continue to advocate for policies that balance environmental goals

with affordability and dependable power for our military installations, port operations, small businesses, and households.

Proposals involving paid family leave, prevailing wage requirements, and collective bargaining for public employees have generated substantial discussion. Supporters argue these measures strengthen worker protections, while others have raised concerns about potential cost impacts for employers and local governments. As these measures move forward, careful evaluation of fiscal and community impacts remains essential.

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DeSteph

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This session, I have focused on:

- Supporting efforts aimed at lowering the overall tax burden on Virginia families.

- Advocating for reliable and affordable energy to protect our region's economic competitiveness.

- Promoting policies that support our military community and small businesses.

- Working to ensure Coastal Virginia's voice is clearly represented in Richmond.

As we enter the second half of session, negotiations between the House and Senate will determine which measures ultimately reach the governor's desk.

My priority remains clear: protecting taxpayers, supporting economic growth, and ensuring government policies reflect the practical needs of the families and businesses I represent.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Virginia Senate. If you have thoughts on legislation or concerns about issues affecting your family or business, I encourage you to reach out to my office.

when considered on a statewide basis, unduly favor or disfavor any political party.

Unduly favoring a party creates "safe seats" where election results are predetermined. Consequently, civic knowledge and engagement plummet. Candidates become apathetic to concerns outside their base. Candidates appeal to ideology to win primaries. Representation shifts from center toward extremes. Non-metropolitan concerns are underrepresented.

Voters should choose representatives, not the other way around. Once politically motivated redistricting takes hold, there is no guarantee of ending it.

Keep redistricting in Virginia by a fair and balanced commission. I encourage you to vote NO to the referendum question on or before April 21.

Jo Procter
Melfa

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based on population. States must keep populations within congressional districts close to equal.

When possible, district maps should keep communities with shared cultural and economic interests together. Existing political boundaries for counties, cities and towns should be preserved to maintain local governmental units.

Redistricting is required in response to updated census data. Changes that do not follow established electoral processes create confusion, add expense, and erode voter trust.

The General Assembly's proposed congressional district map merges four Republican leaning districts with metropolitan areas to favor Democrats 10:1. Note that per Virginia Code 24.2-304.04 8. a map of districts shall not,

Living shoreline college class offered

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is collaborating with Hampton University to pioneer one of the first college living shoreline courses in the country under a new grant announced this month.

As part of the project, CBF will also work with students and community volunteers to create more than 1,200 feet of shoreline protection, almost an acre of new wetlands, and new oyster

habitat along the banks of the university's campus.

The roughly \$1 million grant awarded to CBF by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Chesapeake Small Watershed Grants Program will support the creation of a specialized Chesapeake Bay Landscaping Professionals course at Hampton University.

This course, designed and taught by living shoreline experts, will accommodate at least five students and teach them how to design and permit their own living shoreline.

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The Eastern Shore of Virginia Black history trivia quiz

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Black history runs deep on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Here is a quiz about famous — and not-so-famous — Black people on the Eastern Shore who had distinguished careers in law, politics, medicine, the military, athletics, and more.

1. This Black man, after being freed from slavery in 1635, was given a patent for 250 acres of land near Craddockville, becoming one of the best-known examples of a colonial-era Black landowner. Who is he?

2. Who was the Northampton County man cited as one of the longest-serving Black members of the Virginia General Assembly during the 1800s?

3. What is the name of the Accomack County man who was the first Black serviceman killed in the Spanish-American War?

4. What is the name of the former boarding school on Cobbs Station Road, north of Cheriton, that educated Black men and women from 1907 to 1935?

5. Who was the Eastern Shore native who served as a pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, was a physician in Bowie, Md., and has a school named for him in Prince George's County, Md.?

6. As a seminarian, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. came to the Eastern Shore and preached at what local church?

7. This man, born in Wachapreague on Sept. 16, 1926, enjoyed a professional baseball career with the Negro Leagues and once served as National Baseball Hall of Famer Satchel Paige's catcher. Who is he?

Trivia quiz answers

■ Find the answers to this 40-question Eastern Shore Black history trivia quiz on pages 18-19.

8. The battle that claimed the life of the first Eastern Shoreman killed in action in the Vietnam War was later made into a book and a movie, "We Were Soldiers," starring Mel Gibson. The local soldier's name is listed in the movie and the book it depicted. Who was he?

9. In 1930, the Cape Charles Colored School, now known as The Impact Center at The Historic Cape Charles Elementary, A Washington-Rosenwald School, opened for Black children. What year did it close?

10. Who is the famous Eastern Shore Black educator who had two different school buildings named in her honor?

11. Elvis Presley's first single, entitled "That's All Right" and recorded in 1954, was written by this man who later worked and played music on the Eastern Shore. Who is he?

12. This Eastern Shore minister toured the country as a member of the Indianapolis Clowns, which formerly had been in the Negro Leagues, playing against baseball greats Roy Campanella, Satchel Paige, and Don Newcome. Who is he?

13. In 1961, Johnny Morris of I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth came to the Eastern Shore and tallied the most points ever scored in a Virginia high school basketball game and among the most points ever in a U.S. high-school game. At what Eastern Shore school did Morris play this game?

14. Name the former National Football League player who was on the local high-school team Morris and Norcom High defeated.

15. Name the longtime Mary Nottingham Smith High School baseball coach who had a 392-64 record and reached the state baseball finals five consecutive years.

16. Name the woman who was the first Black student ever to enroll at the former Central High School in Painter.

17. Who was the highest-ranking Eastern Shore resident killed in action during the Vietnam War?

18. Who is the Cape Charles native who played for the winning team in two of the most famous professional football games of all time — the 1958 NFL Championship Game and Super Bowl III?

19. Who is the 1972 Northampton High School graduate who was part of an outfield trio for the New York Yankees in 1980 that included baseball immortals Reggie Jackson and Lou Pinella?

20. Who is the 1972 Onancock High School graduate who was in the same undergraduate and law school classes at Harvard as U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts?

21. This Onancock High School graduate is the first Black student from the Eastern Shore to be voted Youth Governor of the Virginia Model General Assembly. Who is he?

22. Name the Mary N. Smith High School graduate who once tied the world record in the 60-yard dash and was the seventh selection in the 1975 National Football League draft.

23. For what reason did the Rev.

Jesse Jackson, the internationally known civil-rights activist who died Feb. 17, 2026, come to the Eastern Shore to hold a rally at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa in July 1981?

24. For what reason did Michael Jordan, the professional basketball star and one of sports' most-recognizable people, come to the Eastern Shore in August 1982?

25. This 1983 Central High School graduate tied a national high school record when he intercepted 23 passes during his senior year. Who is he?

26. Who are the four Black candidates on the Eastern Shore who have won election to a constitutional office since 1983? (Constitutional offices are commonwealth's attorney, treasurer, commissioner of revenue, sheriff, and circuit court clerk.)

27. Who was the first Black candidate elected to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors?

28. This area man, known as Black Elvis for his musical and physical impersonation of Elvis Presley, appeared in the movie "Honeymoon in Vegas." Who is he?

29. Who is the Cheriton native who traveled the world as a singer with the U.S. Army and achieved fame when he sang in 1988 at President George H.W. Bush's inauguration?

30. On Nov. 30, 2003, the CBS "60 Minutes" television show aired the late journalist Ed Bradley's interview with this Eastern Shore housing and social justice crusader. Who is she?

31. Who is the lone Eastern Shore native to be killed in action during

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Quiz questions

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the Iraq War?

32. Who was the first Black president of Eastern Shore Community College?

33. Who was the first Black superintendent of schools on the Eastern Shore after integration?

34. Who is the Accomack County native and graduate of Mary N. Smith High School who became the first Black athletic director at a Division I college athletic program?

35. This Nandua High School graduate is the only Eastern Shore graduate who has two Super Bowl championship rings. Who is he?

36. This Nandua High School graduate was a member of the 1993 Virginia Tech Hokies football team

that defeated Indiana in the Independence Bowl to start the school's lengthy bowl game streak. Who is he?

37. This area attorney became the first Black person to be appointed to the position of judge in the history of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Who is he?

38. Who is the Northampton High School graduate who is one of only four Virginia Tech men's basketball players to have his jersey retired?

39. Who is the first Black woman from the Eastern Shore ever appointed to the cabinet of a governor of Virginia?

40. Who is the Nandua High School graduate who wrote and illustrated a New York Times best-seller on famous African-American women?



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The Eastern Shore of Virginia Black history trivia answers

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Here are the answers to the Eastern Shore Black history trivia quiz.

1. Anthony Johnson was an early 1600s Eastern Shore landowner and farmer. According to the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, “Historians have pointed to Anthony Johnson as proof that in the early and mid-1600s at least, Virginia’s free Blacks sometimes operated on an equal footing with whites.”

2. Peter Jacob Carter (1845-1886), who escaped from slavery and served during the Civil War with the U.S. Colored Infantry, was elected and served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1871-1878. He later served as rector of what would become Virginia State University. He is the grandfather of Dr. Arthur Carter, a longtime Eastern Shore physician and former elected official.

3. Elijah B. Tunnel was born in the Accomack County town of Watts-ville and later served as a minister in Baltimore. He was a married father when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on March 21, 1898, and died May 11 of the same year when the torpedo boat on which he served as a cook came under attack.

4. Tidewater Institute is the name of the former boarding school for Black men and women near Cheriton. A Virginia Historical Marker was placed on the site on Cobbs Station Road in 1986.

5. Dr. Henry A. Wise, born and raised in Cheriton, was a pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen of the Army Air Forces. During a combat mission he was shot down and taken as a prisoner of war for three months. Beginning in 1955, he had a family medical practice in Maryland and served as medical director at Bowie State University. He died in 2003 and his remains are interred at Arlington Na-

tional Cemetery.

6. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., later to become a world-famous civil rights activist, addressed the congregation at First Baptist Church, Capeville, while visiting the area as a seminary student at Pennsylvania’s Crozier Theological Seminary in the early 1950s.

7. Stanley “Doc” Glenn was born in Wachapreague and later moved to Philadelphia, where he was a catcher with the Philadelphia Stars of the Negro Leagues. Later, he served as president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Players Association Board of Directors. Glenn died April 16, 2011, at the age of 84.

8. U.S. Army Specialist William Thomas Victory, of Weirwood, was killed in action during the Vietnam War on Nov. 15, 1965 — the first Eastern Shoreman to die in the war. He was 25. He was killed in the first major battle between the United States and North Vietnam, which was later depicted in a book and a movie.

9. The Cape Charles Colored School, now known as The Impact Center at The Historic Cape Charles Elementary, closed to students in 1966, according to a state historical marker placed at the site in 2010. Northampton County Public Schools was fully integrated in 1970.

10. The first Accomack County high school for Black residents, built in 1932 near downtown Accomack, was named in honor of Mary Nottingham Smith. A second Mary N. Smith High School was built on the town’s north end in 1953, two years after Smith died. Accomack County Public Schools also was fully integrated in 1970.

11. Arthur “Big Boy” Crudup wrote and recorded the song “That’s All Right” eight years before Elvis Presley made it his first single. Presley credited Crudup with being an influence. Crudup also performed with

B.B. King and Bonnie Raitt, among others. Crudup recorded 64 songs and 5 LPs and frequently played at the Do-Drop Inn in Weirwood. He died in 1974 and his gravesite is in nearby Nassawadox.

12. The Rev. Charles Mapp, a former Accomack County teacher, played baseball on a traveling team, the Indianapolis Clowns, which previously had been a member of the Negro Leagues. Mapp once faced Hall of Fame pitcher Satchell Paige, “and Satch made me look like a schoolboy,” he said in a 1999 interview. A longtime minister at African Baptist Church in Cheriton, Mapp died in 2011.

13. Johnny Morris scored 127 points — the most ever scored in a Virginia high school basketball game and one of the highest totals ever recorded nationally —while playing at Mary Nottingham Smith High School in Accomack on Feb. 22, 1961. Smith’s team, I.C. Norcom High, won, 139-33, during an era before the three-point shot.

14. Marshall Cropper, a native of Watts-ville, played basketball on the Mary Nottingham Smith High School team that surrendered 127 points to Johnny Morris of I.C. Norcom High. Cropper distinguished himself at football and baseball while playing both at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He played three seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

15. John Parsons, a member of Hampton University’s Football Hall of Fame, coached and taught at Mary Nottingham Smith High School. “He’s been a great, great influence for African-American children from the Eastern Shore,” said Nelson Townsend, a former player for Parsons. “He’s a hero.”

16. Jacqueline Wise James was the first Black student to enroll at Central High School in Painter. Originally 12 local Black students were recruited by the Accomack County NAACP to integrate Central, but when the fall

of 1964 rolled around, James, a rising 10th grader, was the only one who enrolled. She graduated from Central in 1967.

17. U.S. Army Major Willie T. Brickhouse was the highest-ranking Eastern Shore resident killed during the Vietnam War. Brickhouse was killed Dec. 26, 1967. A former American Legion post near Eastville bore his name. Among his grandchildren were former National Football League stars Tiki and Ronde Barber.

18. Johnny Sample, a graduate of segregated Northampton County High School in Machipongo, played for the victorious Baltimore Colts in the 1958 NFL title game and for the New York Jets, who won Super Bowl III. Sample died in 2005 at the age of 67.

19. Bobby Brown, born and raised in Northampton County, had his best season in 1980 as a centerfielder with the New York Yankees, sharing the outfield with baseball immortals Reggie Jackson and Lou Pinella. Brown played in the World Series with the Yankees and the San Diego Padres.

20. Marvin N. Bagwell, an Onancock High School graduate, earned an undergraduate degree from Harvard in 1976 and his law degree from Harvard in 1979 — he was in each of the graduating classes with U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. (“I did not travel in Chief Justice Roberts’ circle but I knew of him,” he said.) Bagwell began his education in Accomack County in a three-room segregated schoolhouse and was raised by his great-grandmother. Today he is vice president and chief New York State counsel at Old Republic National Title Insurance Co. in New York.

21. Jarvis Bailey was the first Black student from the Eastern Shore voted to the prestigious post of Youth Governor of the Virginia Model General Assembly. Today Bailey is a

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minister, author, and motivational speaker.

22. Lawrence Burton, a graduate of segregated Mary N. Smith High School in Accomack, finished fourth in the 200-meter dash in the 1972 Olympics, was an All-America receiver for Purdue University's football team, and was the seventh selection in the 1975 NFL draft. His life and career at Boys Town, Neb., were featured in the Dec. 21, 1992, edition of Sports Illustrated. His grandson, Trey Burton, threw the famous "Philly Special" touchdown pass in Super Bowl LII, which was won by the Philadelphia Eagles.

23. The Rev. Jesse Jackson was on the Eastern Shore on July 19, 1981, in support of Black workers' efforts to unionize at the Perdue Farms Inc. processing plant in Accomack. "We don't mind picking cotton, and we don't mind picking chickens. We just want to get paid for the work we do," the Associated Press quoted Jackson as saying.

24. Michael Jordan, a rising college sophomore in 1982, came to Arcadia High School that summer with University of North Carolina basketball teammates Sam Perkins and Cecil Exum for a basketball camp sponsored by the Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department. Earlier that year, North Carolina had won the national college basketball championship, but only 35 people showed up for the camp.

25. Ricky Bailey set a national high school record when he intercepted 23 passes during his senior year at Central High School in Painter. Central's defense that year gave up a total of 42 points in 13 games.

26. Since 1983, the four Black residents on the Eastern Shore to win election to a constitutional office are Charlene Gray, Northampton County Commissioner of Revenue (elected 2015); Samuel Cooper, Accomack Circuit Court Clerk (1983); Larry

Giddens, Accomack County Sheriff (2007), and James Lilliston, Accomack County treasurer (2019).

27. Julia Major, a 1953 graduate of Mary N. Smith high school, was the first African-American elected to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors. She was elected in 1983 and served 21 years on the board. Major died in 2004.

28. Eastern Shore native Clarence Giddens, known as Black Elvis, appeared in the movie "Honeymoon in Vegas" with the actors James Caan, Nicholas Cage, and Sarah Jessica Parker.

29. Alvy Powell of Cheriton, a former member of the U.S. Army Chorus, sang the national anthem at President George H.W. Bush's inauguration in 1988 and at President Gerald Ford's funeral in 2007. He is a 1974 graduate of Northampton High School.

30. On Nov. 30, 2003, the nation watched as the CBS program "60 Minutes" featured Alice Coles and her community's crusade in overcoming squalid housing in the Bayview section of Northampton County to secure money for a new community. The late Ed Bradley, the storied "60 Minutes" journalist, came to the Eastern Shore to interview Coles.

31. U.S. Army Sgt. Tromaine K. Toy, 24, of Eastville, is the one Eastern Shore native to be killed in the Iraq War. The Northampton High School graduate was among three soldiers killed April 15, 2005, when a car bomb exploded in Ramadi, Iraq.

32. Linda Thomas-Glover is the first African-American President of Eastern Shore Community College. The fourth president of the college, she served in the role from 2009 to 2018.

33. Walter R. Clemons was the first African-American to serve as a superintendent of schools on the Eastern Shore after integration. He served as Northampton's superintendent from 2011-2014.

34. Nelson Townsend, a native of Horntown, became the first Black athletic director at a Division I college athletic program at the University of Buffalo. He died Jan. 8, 2015, at the age of 73 while serving as the interim athletic director at Florida A&M University.

35. Former Nandua High School and Virginia Tech football star Todd Washington was an offensive lineman with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers when they won the Super Bowl in 2003 and a coach with the Baltimore Ravens when they won the Super Bowl in 2013.

36. Nandua High School graduate T.J. Washington was a 1992 recruit of former coach Frank Beamer and was a member of the team that won Beamer's first bowl in 1993.

37. Judge Bernard B. Milbourne was the first Black person appointed to the position of judge in the history of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He served from 1994-2005 as judge of

the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts in Accomack and Northampton counties.

38. Ace Custis, a 1992 graduate of Northampton High School, had his basketball jersey retired after a stand-out career with Virginia Tech — one of only four Hokies so honored. Custis was featured in the Jan. 22, 1996, edition of Sports Illustrated.

39. Keyanna Conner, a 2006 Arcadia High School graduate, was appointed Virginia's Secretary of Administration, a cabinet-level position, by Gov. Ralph Northam. Conner is the first Eastern Shore resident to be appointed to a cabinet-level position since Robert S. Bloxom, a longtime former Delegate who was named state Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry in 2004.

40. Vashti Harrison is the Nandua High School graduate who wrote and illustrated "Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History," which became a New York Times bestseller.

Important Election Information for Accomack County Voters

This is an official notice of the upcoming election to be conducted in Accomack County. The Commonwealth of Virginia has called for a statewide special referendum election to be held on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**, for a proposed constitutional amendment. The ballot will contain the following question:

"Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts to restore fairness in the upcoming elections, while ensuring Virginia's standard redistricting process resumes for all future redistricting after the 2030 census?"

Voters will need to bring a valid ID or sign an ID confirmation statement to vote. Curbside assistance and ballot drop boxes will also be available. For more information, please call 757-787-2935.

Important Dates for the April 21, 2026 Special Election:

March 6, 2026	First Day of In-Person/Absentee Early Voting
April 10, 2026	Deadline to request a ballot to be mailed to you. Your request must be received by the Accomack County Voter Registration Office by 5 pm
April 11, 2026	Saturday voting in the Voter Registration Office: 8:30 am – 5 pm
April 14, 2026	Deadline to Register to Vote or Update an Existing Registration (Voters may register after this date, through Election Day, and vote using a provisional ballot through Same Day Registration (SDR process))
April 18, 2026	Saturday voting 8:30 – 5 pm: The last day to vote in person at voter registration office
April 21, 2026	Election Day at Local Polling Places ONLY: 6 am to 7 pm Voters CANNOT vote at voter registration office on Election Day

ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

Friday, February 27

■ **DINNER SALE:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., The Table, 19444 Main St., Melfa. The church is hosting a dinner sale. Meals are \$20 each. The menu includes barbecue ribs, turkey wings, and baked chicken. Each meal comes with an entree and two sides. The sides are mac and cheese, green beans, fried cabbage, potato salad, baked beans, and turnip greens. Pick up and delivery are available. To order in advance call 757-694-8654.

■ **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.

■ **BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION:** 6 p.m., Giddens Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Weirwood. The Northampton County Branch of the NAACP is hosting a program called "Honoring Black History: Celebrating Moments in Time," presented by Gerald Boyd. There will also be music and light refreshments. Donations will be accepted.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 6 to 8 p.m., Onancock Baptist Church, 1 Crockett Ave., Onancock. The church is hosting a worship night called The Narrow Road. The event will feature praise music, fellowship, and light refreshments.

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

■ **COMEDY SHOW:** 7 p.m. doors open, 8 p.m. show starts, Par 4 Bar and Grill, Temperanceville. Friday Night Laughs will feature comedians London Duran, Jamal Staton, Just Dev, and Jounte Ferguson. Tickets are \$15.

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse presents "Kalamazoo," by Michelle Kholos Brooks and Kelly Younger. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased

Best bets

■ **Friday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m.** the Northampton County Branch of the NAACP is hosting a program called "Honoring Black History: Celebrating Moments in Time" at Giddens Do Drop Inn. There will also be music and light refreshments.

■ **Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Eastern Shore Community College will host its annual Winter Arts Festival.

at www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets

Saturday, February 28

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 8:30 to 10:30, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Bateman Visitors Center, 8231 Beach Road, Chincoteague. Late February is the ideal time to see snow geese and tundra swans at the refuge. The Eastern Shore Master Naturalists and Fish and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are hosting a bird walk to highlight the display. Birders of all skill levels are welcome. Binoculars and scopes will be provided.

■ **KIDS ART:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Children between the ages of 2 and 10 can stop by the cultural alliance to make handprint cardinal art.

■ **PUZZLE RACE:** 10 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teams of four will compete to see who can put a puzzle together fastest. Single entrants will be added to a team. To register call the library at 757-787-3400.

■ **ART FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. ESCC's Winter Arts Festival will showcase local artists and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts will have its Art Mobile on site showcasing the exhibit "Virginia as America: Navigating Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

■ **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.

■ **FEBRUARY FREEZE:** Noon, Cape Charles Beach, Cape Charles. Habitat for Humanity Hosts its annual Freezin' for a Reason February Freeze. Brave souls will take a chilly dip in the bay to support a good cause. They will be led by celebrity dipper Pattie Brogan. Lunch will be available after the dip. Dippers can register online at <https://tinyurl.com/4ee46ryj> or on the

day of the dip.

■ **AUTHOR TALK:** 1 to 3 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Marina Pierce, author of "Today's Glimmer" will discuss her book.

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 8 p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3398 Main St., Exmore. Shore Little League is hosting its 10th annual oyster roast. There will be music, a cash bar, a silent auction, and raffles. Advanced tickets are \$40 and day-of tickets are \$50. Tickets include clams, oysters, chowder, and barbecue. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/37av844r>

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mallards at the Wharf, Onancock. The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is holding its Fire and Ice fundraiser. Tickets are \$80 and include hearty food, s'mores, a complimentary cocktail, and firepits to warm up by. A bourbon tasting is also available for a fee. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n7572hh>

■ **BAKE SALE:** 5 to 7 p.m., American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main St., Chincoteague. The legion auxiliary is hosting a bake sale with homemade cakes, cookies, pies, brownies, cheesecakes, and more.

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

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

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse presents "Kalamazoo," by Michelle Kholos Brooks and Kelly Younger. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 9 p.m., ESO Arts Center, 15293 King St., Belle Haven. The Sonic Ukes perform as part of the ESO Live series. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Food and drinks will be for sale.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Jackie and the Rhythm and Blues Squad perform live. To make reservations call 757-710-8718. The cost is \$15.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, 148 Market St., Pocomoke City. Crescent Moon Duo performs live.

Sunday, March 1

- **MOVIE:** 2 p.m., Historic Palace Theater, Cape Charles. The Cape Charles Memorial Library is hosting a free screening of "Johnny Tremaine," which is the 2026 Town Wide Read.
- **BINGO:** Doors open at 2 p.m., games start at 3 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center. The Accomack Northampton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is hosting a designer bag bingo. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Concessions will be available for purchase. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.
- **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 11 a.m., Painter Garrison's Methodist Church, 17300 Main St., Painter. David McCaleb will be a guest speaker in the series "The Lord's Prayer Through the Lens of Spiritual Welfare."
- **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 3 p.m., Anointed Word of Deliverance Ministries, 32170 Seaside Road, Melfa. The church is hosting a service to honor Pastor Samuel Smith and Lady Tiffany Smith. The guest speaker will be Pastor Sharon Williams of Calvary Pentecostal Church.

Tuesday, March 3

- **VETERANS AFFAIRS:** 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. A representative from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be at the post to help veterans understand their benefits. No appointment is necessary.
- **BIKE RIDE:** Cyclists will meet beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Cape Charles Beachfront for a Full Moon Bike Ride. Riders will depart at 6 p.m. for a 5-mile bike ride around Cape Charles. Costumes and decorated bikes are encouraged.
- **YARN CLUB:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Crafters can bring their knitting or crochet projects and chat with other fiber artists while working.
- **WRITERS GROUP:** 6 to 7 p.m., Chin-

coteague 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, March 4

- **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Get help with tech devices on demand all day.
- **SUPPORT GROUP:** 11 a.m., Onley Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 25501 W. Main St., Onley. Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center is hosting Mom Connect, a group for all mothers on the Eastern Shore. This month's topic will be "When to Take Your Children to the Doctor," with Sarah Shotwell, a family nurse practitioner.
- **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.
- **YOUTH CHESS:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore Family YMCA, Onley. The Y is hosting a youth chess club every Wednesday.
- **OPEN MIC:** Sign up at 5:30 p.m., performances 6 to 8 p.m., Great Machipongo Clam Shack, Nassawadox. Musicians, poets, and comedians can share their work.
- **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., games start 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Company, 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter. The fire company hosts bingo every Wednesday.
- **LECTURE:** 7 p.m., VIMS Seaside

Hall, 36 Atlantic Ave., Wachapreague. VIMS is hosting a lecture titled "She Studies Seaweeds in the City by the Sea." Stacey Krueger-Hadfield will discuss her new role as the director of the VIMS Eastern Shore Laboratory. She will also touch on what's new at the lab and the ongoing work of the algal evolutionary ecology lab. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

- **RIBBON CUTTING:** Noon, Coastal Shore Real Estate, 300 Mason Ave., Suite C, Cape Charles. Coastal Shore is relocating a few doors down from its old office and a ribbon cutting is being held. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served.
- **CHICKEN SALAD SALE:** Pick up from 2:30 to 5 p.m., Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 30053 Seaside Road, Melfa. The church is hosting a chicken salad sale. The cost is \$10 per quart. To place

orders in advance all 757-710-4920 or 757-787-1508.

- **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.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The Stingrays perform live.
- **MOVIE:** 7 p.m., Roseland Theater, Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening "Sinners," as part of The Oscars in Onancock. Tickets are \$10.

Saturday, March 7

- **TRAINING:** 10 a.m. to noon, Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, Melfa. A training called It's My Money: A Path of Financial Freedom is being offered by the Community and Family Development Training Center. To register call 757-993-0266.
- **JOB FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. The center is hosting a job fair.
- **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids

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■ **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.

■ **MOVIE:** 2:30 p.m., Roseland Theater, Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening "Marty Supreme," as part of The Oscars in Onancock. Tickets are \$10.

■ **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.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. The Southern Fog Band performs live.

■ **VARIETY SHOW:** 7 p.m., Giddens Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Franktown. Dr. Rotcod's Variety Show is coming to the Do Drop Inn for the Mardi Gras Meets St.

Patrick's celebration. Hors d'oeuvres will also be served. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

■ **MOVIE:** 7 p.m., Roseland Theater, Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening "Hamnet," as part of The Oscars in Onancock. Tickets are \$10.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7:30 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Karla D. Robinson and her jazz combo perform live.

Sunday, March 8

■ **MOVIE:** 1 p.m., Roseland Theater, Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening "One Battle After Another," as part of The Oscars in Onancock. Tickets are \$10.

Tuesday, March 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.

■ **VETERANS AFFAIRS:** 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague. A representative from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be at the

post to help veterans understand their benefits. No appointment is necessary.

■ **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.

■ **MEETING:** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague. The Veterans Support Committee will meet about available resources and veteran needs. A light lunch will be provided. Veterans and their families are welcome.

■ **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, March 11

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

■ **SUPPORT GROUP:** 11 a.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Peer Support Group for all Eastern Shore Veterans is meeting. This guided support group allows veterans to connect with others.

■ **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.

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p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3305 Main St., Exmore. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **CORNED BEEF DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, 21334 Bayside Road, Cheriton. The fire company is hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner. The menu includes corned beef, cabbage, buttered potatoes, combread, desserts, and beverages.

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

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., games start 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Company, 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter. The fire company hosts bingo every Wednesday.

Thursday, March 12

■ **GARDENING:** 10 a.m. to noon, Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Master Gardeners will be at the library to answer gardening questions and distribute free seeds.

■ **BINGO:** 6 p.m., Northampton Fire and Rescue, 10239 Pine Ave., Nassawadox. The station is hosting bingo.

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

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., Skys the Limit Yoga, 712 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. Skys the Limit is hosting a book club. The selected book is "The Correspondent," by Virginia Evans. Members are free, the cost is \$5 for non-members. All proceeds benefit REACH VB.

■ **MOVIE:** 7 p.m., Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening the South African film "Don't Let's Go To The Dogs Tonight." Tickets are \$8.

Friday, March 13

■ **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 at 5:30 p.m., games start at 6:45 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke. The fair is hosting a designer purse and cash bingo. The cost is \$30. There will be a special game benefiting Samaritan House and

there is a canned food drive. There will also be food, raffles, and special games. To purchase tickets in advance call 410-726-8012 or 410-4229195.

■ **CABARET:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The alliance is hosting an Irish Cabaret. The evening will include songs, storytelling, and more. There will be a cash bar. The suggested donation is \$5.

Saturday, March 14

■ **TRAINING:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Broadwater Academy, 3500 Broadwater Road, Exmore. A Basic Hunter Education Course is being held.

■ **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.

■ **FLEA MARKET:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The fair is hosting a flea market.

■ **ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION:** Noon

to 5 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. The brewery is celebrating St. Patrick's Day with live music, a keg toss, and green beer.

■ **PARADE:** At 3 p.m. the O'Nancock St. Patrick's Day parade will kick off in downtown Onancock.

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 8 p.m., The Shanty, Cape Charles. The Northampton County Education Foundation is hosting Oysters for Education. Tickets are \$125 per person and include oysters, barbecue, sides, and drinks. There will also be live music. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/4a4zn2hc>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis Gallery, 33 Market St., Onancock. Salts performs live. The cost is \$15. Call 757-710-8718.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** Doors open at 7 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m., Par 4 Bar and Grill, Temperanceville. The Focus Band performs live. There will also be a buffet dinner.

Sunday, March 15

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 2 p.m., Adams United Methodist Church, 23421 Lee Mont Road, Parksley. The church is hosting a Women's Day. The guest speaker is the Reverend Donna Tucker.

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT FOR NCPS 2026-2027 School Budget Proposal

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This meeting will also be streamed virtually using the regular Zoom meeting link which can be found on the NCPS website. Following a brief presentation on the proposed budget, public comments will be accepted. Parents, community members, and school employees may either email comments on the budget proposal to kareid@ncpsk12.com by 4pm on the day of the meeting, provide comments in person during the meeting, or use the Q&A function in Zoom to submit comments to the School Board regarding their top funding priorities for the school system.

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OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Colanthia Carignan

Mrs. Sarah Colanthia Rippon Carignan, 97, passed away peacefully on Feb. 17, 2026, at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, N.H.



Mrs. Carignan

Colanthia was born on Jan. 17, 1929, in Seaview on Virginia's Eastern Shore, just down the road from Cape Charles. She and her twin sister were welcomed into the world by her late parents, Harry Thomas

Rippon and Evelyn Rooks Rippon.

A woman of strength, determination, and beauty, Colanthia often spoke fondly of her childhood in that special place nestled between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. The beach — with its rolling waves and calling seagulls — remained her most cherished sanctuary throughout her life.

In her early twenties, Colanthia left the Eastern Shore and began a life of travel as an Army wife. Her journey took her to Paris, France, as well as to Washington, D.C.; West Point, N.Y.; and San Antonio, Texas.

In 2003, she returned home to Virginia's Eastern Shore, where she lived for 13 years. In 2016, she moved to Peterborough to be closer to her children and resided at Scott-Farrar at Peterborough for 10 years.

Colanthia attended Longwood University (then Longwood College) in Farmville, and later earned a master's degree in sociology and psychology from University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas.

Affectionately known to her family as "Cansie," and lovingly called "GG" by her great-grandchildren, she will be deeply missed by her five

daughters, Teresa Rogers, Karen Peterson, and Jeanette Scott, all of Peterborough; Suzanne Carignan, of Shreveport, La.; and Sarah Carignan Weinberg (Russell), of Dallas, Texas.

She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren, Cristina Neusch of Houston, Texas; Robert Rogers, of Boston, Mass.; Sloane Castleman, of New York, N.Y.; Shea Castleman, of Houston; and John Weinberg, of Dallas; and by her beloved great-grandchildren: Celeste, Stevie, and Josh Neusch, and Katelyn and Ethan Sisco-Rogers.

Colanthia also leaves behind beloved nieces and nephews, Sandra Disharoon Settles, of Salisbury, Md.; Keith Disharoon (Diane), of Cape Charles; Roy J. Ayres Jr. (Debbie), of Chesapeake; Sarah Ayres Boehling (Rich), of Richmond; Thomas Ayres, of Virginia Beach; and Maria Ayres (Robyn), of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., along with many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Robert E. Carignan Jr.; her twin sister, Evelyne Ayres; her husband, Retired Lt. Col. Robert E. Carignan; her siblings, Myrtis Rippon, Harry Rippon Jr., and Jeanette Disharoon; and her niece, Harryette Bowdoin.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Scott-Farrar and to Independent Home Care of Jaffrey for their loving and gracious support in her final years and months.

Graveside services and burial will take place at Cape Charles Cemetery on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, for those who wish, memorial donations may be made in Colanthia's honor to Holy Angels, 10450 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport, LA 71106 or at laholyangels.org

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Arnold Spence

Mr. Arnold Ray Spence, 90, of Fairmount, Md., formerly of Sanford and Saxis, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026, in Salisbury, Md., following a short illness.

Born and raised on Virginia's Eastern Shore, Arnold was the son of the late Melvin and Florence Hall Spence, of Sanford.

As a young man, he married Sue Young in 1957 and they made their

home in Sanford. Arnold answered his country's call and served in the U.S. Army for two years, stationed in Korea. Following his military service, Arnold built a long and dedicated career, beginning with Bird's Eye Foods, Stockton Chicken Plant, and Holly Farms/Tyson, retiring after 30 years of service.

He was well respected for his strong work ethic and knowledge of how to fix anything. In Sanford, he was known as the "handyman of all trades." Whenever anything broke down, Arnold Ray was the one called to fix it, regardless of whether it was a car, grass cutter, or lamp. Everyone knew he had the talents to repair things.

In addition to his handyman skills, Arnold was a talented photographer. Rarely seen without a camera in his hands, he captured family gatherings, special milestones, and the simple beauties of everyday life. His photographs are treasured keepsakes, preserving memories that will live on for generations.

Arnold was predeceased by his first wife, Sue, in 1993. He then married Vivian Hart and moved to Saxis. After Vivian's passing

in 2009, Arnold married Suzanne French and moved to Fairmount. Suzanne predeceased him in October 2025.

In addition to his parents and wives, Arnold was predeceased by one step grandson, David Hart Jr., in 2025.

Arnold was a family man. He was a proud father to his only son, Gary and his wife, Sandy, and his granddaughter-in-law, Janae Terry, all of Westover, Md.

He was a steady presence in the lives of his stepchildren, whom he embraced as his own, David (Beverly) Hart, Keith Hart, Faye (Paul) Bashor, and Lois French, along with five stepgrandchildren, nine stepgreat-grandchildren, and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He is survived by one brother-in-law, Jack Young; and three nieces, Carla Zuchel, Tina Haugh, and Joanne Allen.

Arnold remained especially close to his two cousins, Dorothy Justice (Spencer) and Linda Miles (MK) who were more like sisters and whose bond with him spanned a lifetime.

He also leaves behind a large extended family, including numerous cousins and countless friends.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. at Downings Cemetery in Oak Hall.

Arrangements were by Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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Newspaper obituaries

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

Obituaries

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Teresa Parks

It is with great sadness that her family announces the passing of **Mrs. Teresa J. Parks** on Feb. 20, 2026.

Teresa was born March 10, 1949, and passed away peacefully after a



Mrs. Parks

courageous battle with bulbar ALS, surrounded by the love of her family. Though the disease quickly took her physical strength and voice, it never diminished her spirit, quiet courage, grace, or the deep love she carried for those closest to her.

Teresa was a beautiful soul who would help anyone. Her radiant

smile lit up every room she entered. She enjoyed music, dancing, working in her yard, crossword puzzles, and watching game shows. She lived life to the fullest and especially loved spending time with her family, friends, and her beloved cats.

Teresa was a loving mother, grandmother, and partner. Her daughters, Kelly Parks Merritt (Rodney Merritt) and Laurie Parks Harmon (Chris Harmon), were the center of her world and her proudest accomplishments. She poured her heart into her family with unconditional love.

Her greatest joy was her grandchildren, Christopher "Morgan" Harmon, Logan Kelly Harmon, and Levin Grayson Merritt. They brought light to her life, and she treasured every moment spent with them. The love she had for them was immeasurable.

Teresa spent 46 cherished years with her partner, Jimmy C. Taylor, sharing a steadfast love and an enduring bond.

She is also survived by her brother, Dana Justis, of Kentucky, and her half-sisters, Jo Anne Hamlett and Jennifer Bell.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Teresa's lifelong friend, Sandy Hart Mears, for her devoted care and support, and to Leslie Watson and Anita Clayton for their compassion and assistance throughout her illness.

A celebration of Teresa's life was held at Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teresa's love remains woven into the hearts of her family, and her legacy will live on through them. She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and always remembered by all who knew her.

Todd Baker

Mr. Todd Anthony Baker, 61, reposed in the Lord on Feb. 4, 2026, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, surrounded by the love of his family.



Mr. Baker

Born on May 8, 1964, in Mankato, Minn., Todd eventually served in the USMC and retired after 23 years at the rank of CWO3. He subsequently worked overseas before managing the maintenance for rotary wing aircraft used in the suppression of forest fires in the western United States.

His life was marked by devotion and loyalty to God, to country, and to family and friends alike.

He lived near Cape Charles and locally is survived by his beloved wife, Corin Baker; his children, Carly and her husband Constantine, Grace, and Caelan. He is also survived by numerous family members and friends out of state.

His full obituary can be read at www.HDoliver.com

REGIONAL

Lawmakers advance mental health screening bill for adolescents

BY MADISON LEE
Capital News Service

Lawmakers advanced a House bill requiring two state agencies to develop best practices for annual mental health screenings for students in grades six through 12, at a time when data shows rising reports of students struggling with mental health.

Del. Debra Gardner, D-Chesterfield, introduced House Bill 355 to require schools to begin annual mental health screenings at no cost. A substitute to the measure now requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health, to suggest the guidance and best practices for such screenings by Jan. 1, 2027.

"What we're trying to do is make sure that students [in grades] six through 12 have access to possible services," Gardner said. "There

are a lot of issues related to mental health that are going unnoticed."

The screenings would serve as an early warning tool to identify potential risks rather than diagnose students, according to Gardner. At-risk students would get same-day intervention from a licensed professional.

Bilingual students and students with developmental and intellectual disabilities would receive accommodations.

This proposal is similar to existing efforts to expand mental health resources. Last year, lawmakers passed another bill introduced by Gardner, HB 1760. The bill developed a mental health screening and assessment tool for children in early childhood care with behavioral concerns.

Over 60% of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment, according to

a 2022 report from Mental Health America. The report ranked Virginia 37th in the nation for youth and adult access to mental health care. A lower number indicates less access.

"We were having kids getting kicked out of daycare," Gardner said. "Under further look and study, they actually have some mental health issues that were not going identified early. It's really important to be preventative and proactive than to wait."

HB 355 will keep student screening results private. Parents can opt their children out of the screening process, according to the bill.

The DOE will advise local school boards on using evidence-based tools for the mental health screenings. The bill requires employee training in the administration of the tools, access to resources after the screenings, communication with families about the screenings, and follow-up

plans.

Anne Taydus, who identified herself as an education activist with Virginians for Children First, questioned the necessity for an additional screening practice.

"Every school division is already doing behavior and mental health screeners," Taydus testified to a House Education subcommittee.

The Behavior Assessment System for Children is a behavioral screening approach that some schools use through teacher, parent, or self-report forms, Taydus said.

Gardner's bill passed the House with a party-line vote of 64-33 on Feb. 10. It is now headed to the Senate for consideration.

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DIARY OF A COLLEGE ATHLETE

The second in a monthly series about the experiences of an Eastern Shore high school graduate as she juggles college classes and competition

A slow start, but I'll adjust and bounce back

The wait is over. The games are here.

After months of preparation, talking about opening weekend, and imagining that first pitch, the NFCA Leadoff Classic — our first competition of the year — finally came.

The 18-team event was held the first weekend in February in Clearwater, Fla. While it was nice to get to the warmer Florida weather, my senior year got off to a chilly start.



Emma Jackson

Our first game against Penn State felt big, not just because it started the season, but because it was my first real test in a new place with a new team and new expectations. I had transferred to Mizzou from East Carolina, and my hopes

were high for this, my senior season.

I was excited, but I was also nervous in a way I didn't fully expect. There's something different about wanting to prove yourself all over again. I wanted to start strong. I wanted to show that I belong here.

I went 0-for-2 with two strikeouts in that season opener against Penn State, a game we lost 7-4. If I'm being completely honest, I was disappointed in how I played — not just in that game, but throughout that tournament and our first stretch of games.

I know the kind of hitter I am, and I wasn't showing that. I felt out of rhythm at the plate and wasn't producing the way I expect from myself.

But what gave me perspective was remembering that this same thing



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Emma Jackson cheers on her teammates in a game against the University of Houston.

happened to me at the beginning of last season at ECU. I struggled early, doubted myself, and felt frustrated.

Then I adjusted, trusted my work, and bounced back.

That experience reminded me that a slow start doesn't define my season. I've been here before, and I've come out stronger on the other side.

There were moments where I felt like myself, but overall I didn't perform the way I know I can. Some at-bats felt rushed. I pressed in situations where I should have trusted my preparation. I walked off the field a couple times knowing I had more in me and didn't show it. That's a hard feeling, especially when you care so much.

Our team, meanwhile, was also off to a slow start. But there have been glimpses of promise: Two of our four wins were over ranked teams. I know we have the talent to excel.

But disappointment can be a powerful thing. Instead of letting it spiral, I'm choosing to use it.

The first few weeks don't define a season, but they can expose what needs to be better. For me, that means slowing the game down mentally, trusting my training, and focusing on consistency instead of trying to force big moments. I don't want to just "get by." I want to impact games.

The first few weeks haven't gone the way I hoped personally, and that's hard to admit. But I'm motivated. If anything, those first games reminded me how hungry I am.

Stay tuned!

■ Emma Jackson is a senior outfielder on the Missouri softball team. She was an all-state player at Chincoteague High School, where she graduated in 2022. This is her second monthly journal for the Post.

WRESTLING

Padgett two-time state champ

Dylan Padgett became Nandua's first-ever two-time state wrestling champion last weekend, winning the 126-pound weight class at the VHSL Class 2 Championships in Salem.

Padgett won three straight matches for the crown, defeating Strasburg's Eli Troxell, 9-2, in the championship bout. Padgett, a senior, won the 120-pound state crown a year ago and finished his high school career with a 124-8 record.

"For the past six years I have worked very hard to get to where I'm at now," said Padgett. "Winning it the first time was definitely a great feeling, but being able to do it again at a different weight class just proves that I can compete with the best in the state."

"My career at Nandua has been great. I first watched the state tournament in eighth grade, and that was when I told myself I would win a state title one day."

Padgett will continue his wrestling and academic careers in Newport News at The Apprentice School, which competes in the National Collegiate Wrestling Championships.

Nandua teammate Arnold Destine, also a senior, finished second at 144 pounds. Seeded fourth, Destine upset top-seeded Jaxon Anderson of Union, 11-2, in the semifinals but fell 17-2 to Glenvar's Levi Wright in the title match. Destine caps his career with an 83-21 record.

Nandua coach Nathan Metzger, who took six wrestlers to the championships, was thrilled with the results.

"Dylan's unwavering dedication and discipline to the sport paid off as his hand was raised for a second time in two years," Metzger said. "He will go down as one of the best wrestlers in Shore history, putting his name in the mix with Northampton's Nick Cardone and Casey Paglia."

"Arnold's accomplishment is a testament to his dedication and hard work. He and Dylan leave behind a legacy of greatness at Nandua."



PHOTO COURTESY NATHAN METZGER

Nandua's Dylan Padgett, in white, grapples with Strasburg's Eli Troxell in the 126-pound state championship match in Salem.

The Warriors had four more competitors at the state meet, including Chris Lopez-Perez, who finished sixth at 113 pounds. Nandua's competitors who did not place were Bruce Ineus (106), Armando Menezes-Vazquez (150), and Roque Vicente-Gomez (165). The Nandua boys placed 11th as a team, their highest finish since 2019.

In the Class 1 championships, Northampton's Andrew Daggins (144 pounds) and Justin Suarez (285) each picked up fourth-place finishes, while Jerry Sturgis finished fifth at 190.

Other Yellow Jackets who competed but did not place were Cameron Sanders (106), Isaiah Johnson (126), Brendan McGee (132), Lucas

Kindt (157), Manolo SalasarMorena (175), and Palmer Hubbard (215). As a team, Northampton finished in 12th place.

TRACK & FIELD

Coates, Tankard shine

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, Northampton's Rylee Coates placed first in five events to lead the Yellow Jackets to the team title in the Region 1A Girls and Boys Indoor Track & Field Championships in Hampton.

Coates, a senior, won the pole vault (11-0), long jump (16-8.5), high jump (5-0), 55m hurdles (8.44), and 55m dash (7.45) and was named the 1A Girls Performer of

the Year. She also placed third in the 4x400m relay and fourth in shot put (24-11.75).

Mark Tankard, a junior, was named 1A Boys Performer of the Year after winning the long jump (21-6), high jump (6-0), and triple jump (43-0). He also placed third in the 4x200m relay. Tankard's performance led the boys to second place in the team standings.

Coates and Tankard will lead Northampton into the Class 1 Indoor State Championships, to be held March 4 and 5 at Liberty University. The top three regional finishers in each event qualified for the state meet.

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Roundup

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Northampton's state qualifiers and their regional results are as follows:

BOYS:

4x400m relay: Amir Gholson, Kingston Thomas, Kendrick Collins, Hudson Taylor (1st, 3:53.68)

4x800m relay: Camron Wimber, Taylor, Gholson, Collins (2nd, 9:30.26)

4x200m relay: Gholson, Charles Hope, Wimber, Tankard (3rd, 1:41.19)

High jump: Wimber (2nd, 5-8)

500m: Taylor (3rd, 1:15.01)

Pole vault: Fernando Palacio (3rd, 8-0)

GIRLS:

4x800m relay: RENNIAH RONO, Izabella Cuevas Rodriguez, Ashby Hernandez, Amelie Rutschow (1st, 13:03.98)

4x200m relay: Chloe Fisher, Crystal Boles, Zynajah Beckett, Brelyn Coates (3rd, 2:17.04)

4x400m relay: Boles, Rono, Rutschow, Rylee Coates (3rd, 5:23.52)

3200m: Scarlett Gallimore (1st, 14:39.41)

1600m: Gallimore (3rd, 6:46.89)

Pole vault: Brelyn Coates (2nd, 8-0)

55m hurdles: Brelyn Coates (3rd, 10.38)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BA falls in Metro semis

On Friday, Feb. 20, Broadwater Academy fell, 55-21, to Portsmouth Christian in the semifinals of the Metro Conference Tournament, played at StoneBridge School.

Miranda Smith led the Vikings with eight points, 13 rebounds, four steals, and three blocks. (Portsmouth Christian went on to beat Atlantic Shores in the Metro title game.)

On Thursday, Feb. 19, Kacey Ford's 22 points led the Vikings to a 43-28 win at StoneBridge in the Metro quarterfinals.

Smith added 12 points, 16 rebounds, seven steals, and four assists for Broadwater (12-8), which



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Nandua's Arnold Destine wrestles at the VHSL Class 2 State Championships in Salem. Destine placed second in the 144-pound weight class.

was slated to play in the second round of the VISAA Division IV playoffs on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The game ended too late for our deadline.

Holly Grove advances

On Thursday, Feb. 19, Catherine Sterling and Kamryn Salvas scored nine points each to lead Holly Grove Christian School to a 44-21 win over visiting Seaside Christian Academy in the Delaware Valley Christian Athletic Conference quarterfinals.

Sterling added seven rebounds, and Salvas had six rebounds for the Eagles, who were slated to play at Greenwood Mennonite on Thursday,

Feb. 26, in the DVCAC semifinals.

Two Vikings All-Metro

Broadwater Academy seniors Kacey Ford and Neiley Guinan were recently named to the All-Metro Conference Team. Ford was also named to the All-Metro Academic Team.

Ford averaged 16.8 points and 2.5 rebounds per game, while Guinan averaged 5.9 points and 3 steals.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Vikings' season ends

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, Broadwater Academy lost, 65-21, at Amelia in the first round of VISAA Division

IV State Tournament, ending the Vikings' season at 3-16.

On Thursday, Feb. 19, the Vikings lost, 77-37, to Portsmouth Christian in the first round of the Metro Conference tournament.

Broadwater did not report individual stats for either game.

BA's Pruitt, Ross lauded

Broadwater Academy senior Noah Pruitt was recently named to the All-Metro Conference Team. He averaged 10.8 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

Meanwhile, BA's Grayson Ross was named to the All-Metro Academic Team.

Finney named president of Riverside Shore Memorial

For many on the Eastern Shore, Kristie Finney is already a familiar face.

A lifelong Onancock resident and longtime leader at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, she has been serving as the hospital's interim president since November, continuing a career devoted to advancing quality, strengthening clinical standards, and building meaningful partnerships that support community health.

Finney stepped in as interim after Nick Chuquin, who previously served as the hospital's president, began a new role as vice president of operations at Riverside Regional Medical Center.

Before stepping into the interim role, Finney served as senior director of quality and laboratory services, where she played a pivotal role in driving measurable improvements in patient safety, care coordination, and overall hospital performance.

"Kristie's deep roots on the Shore, her unwavering commitment to this community, and her proven record of elevating clinical excellence make her the ideal leader for Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital," said Dr. Michael Oshiki, president of acute care services at Riverside Health.

"Her leadership has directly contributed to significant quality achievements for the hospital."

Throughout her career, Finney has demonstrated a passion for strengthening local health care access, especially for vulnerable and rural populations.

She has collaborated closely with community partners to expand support for patients beyond the hospital setting.

She helped launch new collaborations with the Virginia Department of Health to better support local mothers with high-risk pregnancies, and with Eastern Shore

Rural Health to help residents stay healthy after leaving the hospital and avoid preventable readmissions.

These efforts reflect Finney's commitment to addressing the unique challenges of rural health care delivery and ensuring Eastern Shore residents receive equitable, high-quality care close to home.

"As someone who has lived and worked on the Eastern Shore my entire life, this community is personal to me," Finney said.

"It is an honor to lead the dedicated teams at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital as we continue advancing quality, safety, and compassionate care for every patient who walks through our doors. I am committed to ensuring that residents of the Shore have access to exceptional health care close to home."

Outside of her professional role, Finney enjoys spending time at the beach, fishing with her father, reading, and being with friends and family, especially her 12-year-old son.

She also serves on the boards of the YMCA and Eastern Shore Community College, where she advocates for education and community development.

Under Finney's leadership, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital aims to continue its focus on improving patient outcomes, fostering strong community partnerships, and delivering care aligned with the needs of a diverse and evolving population.

Riverside Health is an integrated health system, trusted to provide communities with care and services that enhance their quality of life.



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Kristie Finney was recently named the president of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

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Storm

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time," he said.

Wray said snowfall was progressively heavier going north on the Eastern Shore.

Chincoteague received about 11 inches and Pocomoke City about nine, while Cape Charles only received around three, Wray said.

Butch Williamson, ANEC president and chief executive officer, said a combination of strong winds and "heavy, wet snow" damaged and felled trees, entangling power lines and damaging infrastructure.

Nandua and Arcadia high schools opened to the public to offer relief to those without heat, allowing those without power to stay overnight Monday night.

ANEC, contractors, and a number of other electric cooperatives that arrived on the Eastern Shore to assist winnowed the number of outages over four days, reporting successes in

round-the-clock social media updates.

By 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, there were 4,200 outages. By 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, there were 770 outages. By 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, there were 18 outages. The following day, all power had been restored.

"These storms test the strength and the dedication of our people," said Williamson in a prepared release.

"I couldn't be more proud of the men and women who worked long hours in difficult conditions to restore service safely and efficiently," he said. "Their commitment to our members and community truly makes the difference."

Williamson said more than 80 personnel were deployed in the field.

"The cooperative thanks its members for their patience and understanding throughout the restoration process and remains committed to strengthening the system to better withstand future severe weather events," Williamson said.

In all, ANEC had to repair 124 spans of wire — totaling roughly seven miles of line, he said.

Hallwood's Coleman graduates from UMGC

Heather Lynn Coleman, of Hallwood, earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from University of Maryland Global Campus in fall 2025.

Coleman was one of more than 6,400 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the fall 2025

term.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military service members. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in Maryland and continues its global tradition with online and hybrid courses, and more than 175 classroom and service locations worldwide.

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The Winter Hours Schedule will terminate at the Northampton County Sanitary Landfill/Transfer Station at the end of February 2026. That means that commencing **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, the operating hours on Saturdays will revert to the standard **8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** time frame.

Please plan your solid waste disposal accordingly.

On behalf of the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency Head Start Preschool would like to thank the community volunteers who have supported Head Start.

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As we move into this school year, we invite community members to visit one of the three locations to read to our classrooms and be an extra pair of hands to assist our teachers as they prepare our students for kindergarten.

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Kappa Alpha Psi Alumni has legacy of service

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

The local legacy is long. The membership of Kappa Alpha Psi's local alumni chapter included now-departed local leaders including Calvin Brickhouse, James Collins, and Joe Dent, whose careers were spent molding young people.

These days, the Eastern Shore of Virginia's Kappa Alpha Psi alumni group has merged with one on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, strengthening a philanthropic mission and continuing a component of local Black history.

"They inspired me to become a member," said Wayne Bell Jr., of Eastville, whose elementary, middle, and high school principals, and high school baseball coach, all were alumni members.

The historically African-American fraternity's alumni organization and fundraising foundation have monthly meetings, plan fundraising events, and sponsor college fraternity chapters at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Salisbury University.

It is officially called the Salisbury Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. — the word "Salisbury" in the name refers to the city, not specifically the university.

The former group serving the Eastern Shore of Virginia, the Cape Charles-Accomack Alumni, had dwindled in numbers and was approached by the Salisbury group with an idea to merge.

"Now the Salisbury Alumni chapter covers from the bridge-tunnel to Cambridge (Md.) to the Delaware line," said Bell.

He said the fraternity has "events that provide service to Virginia and events that provide service to Maryland."

Kappa Alpha Psi has a place of significance in Black history. It is one of the Divine Nine — nine historically Black Greek letter organizations that com-



COURTESY PHOTO

Eastern Shore of Virginia members of the Salisbury Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. include, from left, Cedrick Cooper Sr., Malik McCaskill, Matthew McCaskill, Sheldon Payne, Wayne Bell Jr., Douglas Strand, and Michael Brickhouse.

pose the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Through the years, Kappa Alpha Psi and other Divine Nine organizations were on the forefront of civil rights advocacy and offered opportunities and financial assistance for Black youth.

Membership in an alumni group is open to men with an undergraduate degree and good community standing, Bell said.

The alumni group's foundation is its fundraising entity, raising needed

resources.

"We get to use the foundation money to give back to the community," Bell said. "We created that arm so people could make donations."

Bell is president of the foundation and a board director of the alumni fraternity.

Other local office holders include Crosby Johnson, of Cape Charles, who is the foundation secretary and a board director; Cedrick Cooper, of Accomack County, who is a founda-

tion treasurer; and Douglas Strand, of Accomack County, who is treasurer of the alumni board.

Today the Salisbury Alumni chapter has 52 dues-paying members and looks forward to continuing to serve the community.

However, Kappa Alpha Psi's notable past — and the local leaders who contributed so much over the decades — are never far from Bell's mind.

"They are the ones who encouraged me to join," Bell said.

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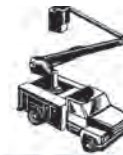
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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2025, in the original principal amount of \$244,163.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 250002241, the undersigned Substitute Trustee 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 April 30, 2026, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE CONTAINING SEVENTY-SEVEN HUNDREDTHS ACRES (.77 A.), AND SHOWN AS "LOT 9" ON A CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT OF SURVEY 'PUNGOTEAGUE SOUTH' LOCATED: PUNGOTEAGUE DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA" DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1988, REVISED JUNE 22, 1988, AND MADE BY SHORE ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC., AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHEAST BY LOT 8, ON THE SOUTHEAST BY FOOKS LANE, ON THE SOUTHWEST BY LOT 10, AND ON THE NORTHWEST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY MARY F. DRUMMOND. SAID PLAT IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 88, PAGES 73-74, AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR IN MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN.

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

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTION POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND

The Municipal Election that was to be held for District 1 and District 2 in Pocomoke City, MD 21851, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, has been canceled.

The candidate for District 1 is Michael N. Hall. The candidate for District 2 is Diane Downing. Both candidates are unopposed.

In accordance with Section C-36 of the Charter, the Board of Elections has canceled the election.

Board of Elections Supervisors,
Pocomoke City

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Town of Exmore is seeking proposals for Right of Way Herbicide Services through December 2026 to include:

- Crape myrtle bases on Rt. 13 Business and Willis Wharf Road
- All sidewalks and curbing within town limits
- In Town Park, spray around tree bases, playground equipment, and gravel parking lot
- Town office building perimeter and parking lot seams
- Use of caution-labeled, industry-approved chemicals only

Current VA Category 6 Certification and Insurance are required with proposal.

Coordination with the Town Manager is required.

Proposals will be accepted at the Exmore Town Office, 3305 Main St., Exmore, VA 23350. Proposal deadline is noon on Monday, March 9, 2026. The Town has the right to reject any and all proposals.

For more information, please contact Pam Ward at 757-442-3114 ext. 1000 or via email at ward@exmore.org.

Legal Ads

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 29074 NELSONIA ROAD, BLOXOM, VA 23308

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated May 20, 2008, and recorded at May 26, 2008, in Instrument Number 200802817 and a Loan Modification recorded on October 25, 2023, in Instrument Number 230004135 in the Clerk's Office for the Accomack County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$129,808.00, the appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC, will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301.

March 20, 2026, at 12:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

The following described real estate, to-wit: All that certain lot or parcel of land situate at Modest Town, in Metompkin Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, containing Eight-Tenths of an acre (8/10 A.). More or less, being known as the "Floyd Lewis Homestead" and bounded as follows: On the Northeast, by Modest Town to the Village of Nelsonia; On the Southeast by State Route No. 679, known as the Seaside Road; On the Southwest, by the land of Holland T. Bell, Sr., for a distance of 176.97 feet; And on the Northwest, by the land of Holland T. Bell, Sr., for a distance of 218.19 feet. For a more particular description of the lot herein conveyed reference is hereby made to a certain plat of survey captioned "THIS PARCEL OR LAND WAS SURVEYED AT THE REQUEST OF HOLLAND T. BELL, SR." made by Granville F. Hogg dated February 7, 1983, said plat being attached to and made a part of a certain deed from Audrey S. Scott to Holland T. Bell, Sr., dated February 15, 1983, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County in Deed Book 457, at Page 575, said Plat being of record in Deed Book 457, at Page 579, and reference to same is hereby expressly made for a more

particular description of the lot herein conveyed.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-907-8000
www.rosenberg-assoc.com

TOWN OF ONLEY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Onley, Virginia, is seeking proposals of qualifications and experience from qualified architects and architectural firms for design, bidding, and construction management services related to the construction of a new Town Office facility to be located at 25571 E. Main Street, Onley, VA.

Respondent shall be a licensed architect in the State of Virginia and shall present demonstrated evidence of ability, qualifications, and experience successfully completing similar projects for small local governments. In addition to a listing of similar projects completed and a contact person of reference for each project, each proposal shall also contain the credentials and hourly rates of all personnel expected to participate in the proposed project. More details in RFP, which may be obtained at the Onley Town Office.

Proposals should be received on or before 5:00 p.m., April 6, 2026, and addressed to: Town of Onley, P.O. Box 622, Onley, VA 23418, Attn: Town Office Project.

Sealed proposals shall be opened on April 6, 2026, at the town's regular monthly meeting. Interviews and competitive negotiation with selected firm(s) will be scheduled after that date.

The Town of Onley reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will meet and conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia, on the following matter:

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/>

Anyone wishing to comment on the above items is invited to attend the meeting and make their comments known. Written comments can be submitted to the County Administration Office, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, and via email to jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us.

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the files may contact the County at (757) 678-0440, ext. 516.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, 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):

- A.** Amending Chapter 82, Section 8, of Accomack County Code, which will increase the amount of erroneous taxes the Treasurer may refund without Board of Supervisors approval from \$5,000 to \$10,000
- B.** Amendments to Chapter 106 "Zoning" to Regulate Battery Energy Storage Facilities, including limiting such facilities to the Industrial District with a conditional use permit, requiring the provision of emergency response plans and decommissioning agreements, imposing fire suppression standards, establishing minimum setbacks, and requiring certain financial assurances.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 203 – Accomack, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet and conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 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 2026-02: Michael and Amy Young (property owners), represented by Joseph V. Sherman (applicant), are applying for the continued use of a coop to keep chickens as pets on a residential lot, a use requiring a special use permit in the Existing Subdivision/Residential – Rural Village Rural Residential (ES/R-RVRR) zoning district. The property is located at 4450 Wilsonia Shores Drive, Machipongo, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 38C2-1-20A.

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 e-mail 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.

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 26-52

vs.

The heirs and devisees of DANIEL LEE SIMMONS, et als, etc.
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as tax map number 029A10300021000.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the heirs of Daniel Lee Simmons, Jason Lee Simmons, and Linda M. Simmons appear on or before April 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the above-named Court and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 17th day of February, 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

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

I ask for this:

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

TOWN OF EXMORE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Exmore Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 3305 Main Street, Exmore, VA 23350.

The purpose of the meeting is for Atlantic Group & Associates, Inc., to discuss their project, including asking for zoning changes, for Tax Map #10-A-8 to be considered, and to solicit public comment.

Copies of the application may be obtained at the Exmore Town Office, 3305 Main Street, Exmore, VA 23350 during normal business hours or accessed at: <https://www.exmore.org/event-details/planning-commission-public-hearing>

Questions should be directed to Pam Ward at 757-442-3114 ext. 1000.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Ornithologists often use Cheetos to study behavior in crows. Along with being easy to spot because of their bright orange color, they're also one of a crow's favorite treats.

* Pentheraphobia is the intense and disproportionate fear of your mother-in-law.

* Some throat singers are able to produce four tones simultaneously.

* Wisdom teeth serve no purpose. They're left over from hundreds of thousands of years ago. As early humans' brains grew bigger, mouth space was reduced, crowding out this third set of molars.

* Java junkies, take note: The American Psychiatric Association's DSM-5 handbook classifies caffeine withdrawal as a mental disorder.

* Eggplants are berries.

* In the U.S. alone, up to 500 million drinking straws are used every day.

* Venus rotates backward and has days longer than its years.

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NOTICE OF CORRECTED STATUTORY REFERENCE ABANDONMENT OF PORTION OF ROUTE 692 (HAPPY UNION DRIVE) NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Board of Supervisors previously advertised its Public Notice regarding the proposed abandonment of a portion of Route 692 (Happy Union Drive), consisting of an approximately 0.66-mile segment located at the western portion of the road.

The original published notice inadvertently referenced §33.2-908 of the Code of Virginia. The correct statutory authority for this action is §33.2-909 of the Code of Virginia. This notice is published solely to correct that clerical error. All public notice requirements have been satisfied, and the Board of Supervisors has considered and acted upon this matter.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Northampton County will receive sealed Proposals for the Collection and Transportation of Solid Waste generated in Northampton County. Contractors interested in providing these services are requested to submit proposals to the Northampton County Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 66, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia 23347, on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Northampton County reserves the right to accept and reject in total, or in part, any and all proposals received in the interest of Northampton County.

Northampton County is an EEO Employer.

ATTENTION GENERAL CONTRACTORS

St. Peter The Apostle Catholic Church on Coastal Highway in Onley, VA, is seeking a licensed and insured contractor to renovate the church rectory.

Contract documents can be picked up at the church office at 25236 Coastal Highway, Onley, VA 23418.

Office hours vary. Please call in advance for best time to pick up documents: 757-787-4592.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club (VMRC #2025-1893) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to add four (4) 20-foot finger piers and 15 mooring piles to an existing pier for the creation of 10 new slips serving the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club situated along Pungoteague Creek in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2025-1893) 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.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Due to inclement weather on Monday, February 23, 2026, the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

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To Caroline McIntyre and Christopher McIntyre
Lot 14A, Fairways III, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$775,000
- From Shirley Mae Gaskins, Barbara Ann Gaskins Kellam,
and Samuel B. Gaskins III
To Cain Acquisitions LLC
Lot in Middletown
For \$3,600
- From Larry Cain
To CMH Homes
Lot 30, Vaucluse Shores, Machipongo
For \$92,000
- From Ashley Reese, trustee
To Cheryl Allen and Devin Allen
Lot 309, parcel B, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$600,000
- From Rose Murgolo
To Mary Catherine Miguez and Marc Jeffrey Miguez
Lot A-6-B Wilsonia Neck, Machipongo
For \$320,000
- From Dolores Blackburn and Kenneth Roberts
To Lori Cole Sigmon and Owen Patrick Sigmon Jr.
Lot 78, parcel K, Bay Creek phase 2, Cape Charles
For \$832,500
- From Linda Buskey
To Tammy Stepanek and David Stepanek
Lot 50, Bay Creek South, Cape Charles
For \$1.49 million
- From Emily Susan Hancock and Miles William Hancock
To Dogwood Partners LLC
Lot near Hadlock
For \$60,000
- From Carolynne Thomas and William Thomas
To Tammy Stepanek and David Stepanek
Lot 51, Plantation Pointe, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$235,000
- From Carrie Brickhouse and Hollis Brockhouse
To CMH Homes Inc.
Lot 1, Martins Siding, Machipongo
For \$26,250
- From Jessica Mellington Booth and Thomas Byrd Dix III
To Stephanie Burkholder and Jay Burkholder
Lot 14B, Fairways II, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$735,000

- From Lower Northampton Baptist Church
To Paula Jean Fader and James Stephen McNeill
Lot in Townsend
For \$230,000
- From Bryan Jones
To James R. Bishop
Lot 1, Exmore
For 40,000
- From Virginia Builders LLC
To Heather-Kate Snyder Kuehnle and Gregory William Kuehnle
Lot B-304, Bayside Village, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$760,000
- From Sharon Bull and Keith Bull
To Martha Bull Trombold and Paul Trombold
Lot in Savage Neck, Smith Beach, near Eastville
For \$400,000
- From Claudia Bagwell, Claude Albert Bagwell III, and
Whitaker Turner
To 2023Virginia LLC
Four lots near Eastville
For \$150,000
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To Lashaun Youvonne Boatwright
Lot near Shadyside, Machipongo
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To Gail McCarty and Charles McCarty
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MAGIC MAZE grid containing words like BUENAVENTURA.

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- List of names: Bernardo, Felipe, Lorenzo, Mateo, Buenaventura, Gabriel, Luis, Pedro, Cristobal, Jeronimo, Marcos, Salvador, Esteban, Juan, Martin.

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Last week's answers

Grid of words from last week's puzzle, including COCA, COLA, DAD, AME, CHEW, etc.

Weekly SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 1, 7, 6, 2, 5, 1, 3, 5, 9, 2, 8, 6, 3, 4, 1, 8, 6, 5, 3, 5, 8, 2, 7.

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

PEOPLE WITH CONNECTIONS

- ACROSS: 1 Stew morsels, 5 G-man, e.g., 8 Bun-topping seeds, 15 Razor brand, 19 "That's —!", 20 God, in Turin, 21 Perk up, 22 Picnic pests, 23 "Secret Love" singer having two opposing personalities?, 26 Performs like LL Cool J, 27 2007 documentary about the U.S. health care system, 28 Pick-up-sticks math game, 29 Suffix with 110-Across, 30 "Aquaman" star Jason, 31 "Seven Year Ache" singer buying goods at wholesale?, 37 — kwon do, 39 Change habitats, 40 Brigitte of "Contempt", 41 Not smart, 44 Height: Abbr., 45 Ghana's capital, 47 Biol. or geol., 49 Star of many silent Westerns creating an ensemble?, 53 Butterfly food, 55 Cineplex — (old theater), 56 Alternatives to coffees, 57 Distinctive times, 59 Wife of Zeus, 60 Stimpy's pal, 61 Go — ride, 63 Luau gift, 64 "ER" co-star Anthony, 67 "Sleuth" co-star portraying a policeman?, 71 Boot parts, 74 Silent "yes", 75 Network on the telly, with "the", 76 Wall Street deg., often, 79 Head, in Pau, 80 Pare down, 82 Speller's clarification, 84 Cute, cutesily, 86 Scottish language, 89 Frequent USO show performer wishing earnestly?, 92 Raw rock, 93 Interrupt dancers, say, 95 Coach Parseghian, 96 The way things are now, 97 Swings about, as one's arms, 99 Exercise goal, 102 Has too much, briefly, 103 "Mame" star weighing people down?, 108 Turin locale, 109 Kin of "equi-?", 110 Inflated head, 111 Beginning, 114 Telly, 115 "Oliver!" Oscar nominee being zany?, 120 Writer — Stanley Gardner, 121 Iron or tin, 122 Classic auto, 123 Robert of "The Sopranos", 124 In view, 125 Got narrower, 126 It's opposite NNW, 127 Other, in Spain, DOWN: 1 Paw bottoms instructor, 2 "The Time Machine" race, 3 Guys staffing military flights, 4 Watch brand, 5 Count up, 6 Designer Versace, 7 Playing (with), 8 — Diego, 9 Conclusion, 10 "Ransom" actor Gary, 11 Mennonite sect, 12 Soft rock?, 13 Archaic verb suffix, 14 In position, 15 Overseas, 16 List of players, in sports, 17 It shows a pupil's grades, 18 Analyze, 24 "Rescue us!", 25 — Hess (former oil giant), 30 Jazz singer Carmen, 32 Visa rival, for short, 33 Soothes, 34 "— boy!", 35 "La Brea" network, 36 "Nuts!", 37 One-on-one instructor, 38 Positive pole, 42 "I believe," to texters, 43 Iniquitous, 44 Pungent, 46 "— -ching!", 48 Tax-deferred svgs. plans, 50 Motionless, 51 "Hud" actress Patricia, 52 Huck Finn, for one, 54 Burn a bit, 58 Williams of tennis, 62 Lyric poem, 63 Huck Finn, for one, 65 Prez called "Ike", 66 Net pop-ups, e.g., 67 "Uptown Girl" singer Billy, 68 Oxide, e.g., 69 Fetus' home, 70 Play award, 71 "Let —" ("Frozen" song), 72 Time soon to come, 73 Suspension bridge part, 76 Popular food seasoning brand, 77 Cornrow, e.g., 78 Vast chasm, 81 Slugging stat, 82 Crucial artery, 83 Went across, 85 Print quality stat, 87 In a very cold manner, 88 Pick out, 90 Welcome, 91 Poet Ogden, 94 China's Mao — -tung, 98 Actress Quinn, 99 Blossom, 100 Mystery awards, 101 English biscuits, 103 Some Miller beers, 104 Arm muscle, informally, 105 Words on a help desk starting in '19, 106 NYC rep, 107 Rock — (Brazilian music festival), 112 Weizman of Israel, 113 Novice, 115 Fast plane, 116 In the style of, 117 Suffix with alp, 118 "Inc." relative, 119 Female deer

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