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U.S. District Court Judge Jamar Walker, right, is photographed with ESCBA President Rhudy Naylor.

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NORTHAMPTON

Property values jump by 8.2% in assessment

Valuation had increased 21.6% two years ago

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton County's assessed property values have increased again, although not as much as the county reassessment two years ago.

Property owners recently received their reassessment notices, and many noted large increases in appraised values.

Northampton recently conducted reassessments for all properties, which resulted in an average increase of almost 8.2% in property values countywide, said Consuelo Gonzalez, the county's commissioner of revenue.

The county conducts reassessments every two years, she said.

When properties were reassessed in 2024, Gonzalez said there was an almost 21.6% average increase throughout the county.

Gonzalez said that the increase in property values was caused by an increase in market sale prices, specifically in "arm's length transactions," or transactions in which the seller and buyer act independently and did not know each other prior to the sale.

"This reassessment reflected an increase in a vast majority of neighborhoods in the county based upon these

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History of the channels

Some tout translator TV, an Accomack vestige

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

In 1977, Accomack County was embroiled in a rancorous debate over the costs and benefits of taxpayer-funded translator television service.

The service, which amplifies the range of Hampton Roads stations so Accomack residents can receive them on a simple television antenna, narrowly was approved by voters in a non-binding referendum that authorized Accomack County Board of Supervisors to fund and build it.

Forty-nine years later, the

debate will continue during a 6 p.m. public hearing Monday, March 30, on Accomack County's fiscal year 2026-27 budget. The hearing will be held at Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley.

Back then, there were dueling full-page advertisements in the Eastern Shore News for and against the translator TV. Supervisors groused publicly about its \$750,000 price tag.

"If they vote for translator TV, they are voting to increase their taxes," said Elvin Custis, of Craddockville, then a
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Three-time DUI offender caught entering U.S.

A man who has been convicted three times for driving under the influence of alcohol in Accomack County now has been federally indicted for coming into the United States after being deported five times previously, WBOC-TV of Salisbury reported.

Ernesto Tema Baltazar, no age available, had been expelled from the

country five separate times between 2013 and 2023, according to WBOC, citing court documents.

On Nov. 30, 2024, Baltazar was arrested for his third DUI in Accomack County and pleaded guilty.

On Wednesday, March 25, Baltazar appeared before the U.S. District Court in Norfolk and was ordered detained and remanded to the U.S. Marshal's Service due to his previous failure to appear on charges of illegal entry into the United States.

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Reassessment

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sales," Gonzalez said.

The town that saw the highest increase in this year's reassessments was Belle Haven, part of which falls within Northampton County.

Gonzalez said the highest property values can be found in southern parts of the county around the town of Cape Charles, the Bay Creek development, and other southern bayfront communities.

Nassawadox resident Lisa Lindberg wrote a letter to the Northampton County Board of Supervisors with concerns over the recent assessment increase.

Lindberg said District 4 — the election district in which she lives — saw an average assessment increase of 11.46%, higher than the average assessment increase for the entire county.

Gonzalez, however, said the system

used to appraise properties doesn't allow them to view increase percentages by district.

Lindberg wrote that she is retired and living on a fixed income, as are many of the residents in her district, and that a corresponding increase in taxes based on her valuation would be difficult.

"For those of us who have retired, an 11.5% assessment jump is not "found money" — it is an unexpected expense that directly impacts our long-term financial security," Lindberg wrote.

By law, the county must adjust downward its real estate tax rate to equalize overall revenues after a reassessment. However, even with equalization, property owners could pay more in taxes on individual properties.

Those who received notices of reassessment have the right to appeal the assessment to the commissioner of revenue, Gonzalez said. The deadline for appeals is April 30.

Exmore public hearing postponed; workshop scheduled for April 7

A public hearing by the Exmore Planning Commission about a proposed residential development that had been scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, has been postponed.

However, a planning commission workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m., said Town Manager Pam Ward.

The workshop and information ses-

sion will detail changes by developer Chris Carbaugh to his plan for Atlantic Group and Associates on a parcel on the east side of town behind the Food Lion grocery store. Carbaugh is proposing a planned unit development on the property.

The public is invited to attend.

The postponed April 1 hearing has not yet been rescheduled.

Onley U.M. Church sets ham, clam dinner

Onley United Methodist Church is holding a ham and clam dinner on Friday, April 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. Takeout is from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$18.

The menu for dinner includes baked ham, clam fritters, potato salad, marinated vegetables, gelatin salad, deviled eggs, roll, and dessert.

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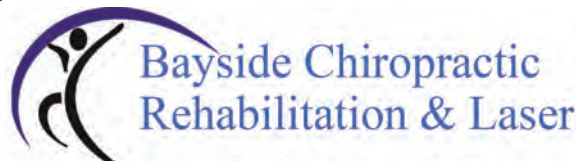
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Meeting 6 PM

April 20: A-N PDC Board Meeting
7 PM Accomac

April 21: ESVA Groundwater
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April 21: EDA Meeting 4 PM

April 21: Planning Commission
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Backyard Escapes Expands from Humble Beginnings to Regional Success

POCOMOKE CITY, MD & GEORGETOWN, DE — What began in 2010 as a small, family-run shed lot on Delmarva's Eastern Shore has grown into a thriving business known throughout Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and beyond. Backyard Escapes and its sister location in Georgetown, DE are owned and operated by Eastern Shore natives Ryan and Christina Hurley alongside their two sons, Brayden and Ethan.

Founded on “Godly principles and values,” Backyard Escapes began with just a handful of Amish-built structures and a simple vision: offer high-quality outdoor buildings and excellent service to local homeowners. Over the past decade, the business has steadily expanded its inventory and reputation, adding two full lots, an extensive online platform with BuyAmishSheds.com and SwingSetNation.com, and a loyal regional customer base along the way.

What sets Backyard Escapes apart is its combination of Amish craftsmanship, customizable options, and exceptional customer care. The company's offerings include storage sheds, garages, dog kennels, chicken coops, pergolas, gazebos, swing sets and other outdoor living structures — all built by experienced Amish artisans and tailored to individual customer needs.

From the initial consultation to delivery and setup, customers receive personalized attention, with no high-pressure sales tactics. The Hurleys' team handles delivery and installation, ensuring structures are placed properly on site. Backyard Escapes also offers flexible payment options, including a rent-to-own program that allows customers to own their structure with affordable monthly payments.

Brayden Hurley manages operations at the Delaware lot, while Ethan has been gaining experience across the business, carrying forward the family legacy and helping guide future growth. Together, the Hurleys have built a business rooted in quality, community and service that continues to flourish on the Eastern Shore.

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Television

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supervisor.

The referendum passed by a scant 340 votes out of roughly 8,000 ballots cast. A month later, a divided board of supervisors voted 5-3, with one abstention, to approve funding the translator television.

Today, the issue has rekindled after Accomack County advertised a \$79.4 million draft operating budget that would stop funding translator television and let it go dormant Jan. 1.

That will impact viewers who still use the translator television — even in an age of satellite television and internet streaming.

“The local weather updates and emergency alerts are invaluable services not only to local residents, but especially to farmers and watermen,” said Terry Ewell, who lives near Clam.

Ewell said she uses the translator

When you go

■ **WHAT:** Public hearing on Accomack County's proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget.

■ **WHEN:** Monday, March 30, at 6 p.m.

■ **WHERE:** Metompkin Elementary School cafeteria, Parksley.

■ **INFO:** The proposed budget includes a tax increase of slightly more than a penny per assessed \$100 in real estate taxes. Building and zoning fees will increase by 10% and landfill tipping fees will increase to \$85, up \$5, if the budget is passed.

system, as does her mother, who lives in Guilford.

Translator television allows viewers who normally would be out of reception distance the opportunity to watch WVEC, WTKR, and WAVY, and public television station WHRO

without cable, satellite television, or internet.

Ewell invited those interested to sign a petition in front of Jaxon's in Parksley on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason said eliminating the service would provide an annual savings of \$20,774.

He said discontinuing it also would avoid an upcoming equipment upgrade cost of \$130,000.

Accomack's proposed budget already includes a tax increase of slightly more than a penny per assessed \$100 in real estate taxes. Building and zoning fees will increase by 10% and landfill tipping fees will increase to \$85, up \$5, if the budget is passed.

The draft budget uses \$2 million to fix an imbalance in its emergency medical service tax fund, warding off a tax increase for three years until a more permanent solution to fix the EMS fund structure is found. The \$2 million comes from leftover school funding from recent years that reverted back to the

county.

Beth Onley, the Accomack School Board's director of operations, said in February declining student population and increasing composite index figures are reducing state funding for schools by \$678,982 next year. She said the school board's proposed \$76 million operating budget for next year has a shortage of \$1.2 million.

Of the translator television issue, Mason said the state does not allow a referendum that would re-evaluate translator television.

“We don't have the authority under the Virginia Code to do it,” he said.

But he estimated that the system is not used by many county residents — and also estimated that if another referendum were held today on translator television, it would be voted down.

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THE PAPER'S POSITION

Sportsmanship, respect key for players, parents

Little League baseball and softball seasons are beginning anew at the impressive facilities in Nassawadox, Onancock, and Chincoteague. For those of us ready for warmer weather, the sound of aluminum bats is a good sign indeed.

While base hits, good fielding, and runs scored are important, they should not overshadow the importance of sportsmanship, respect, restraint, and decency shown by players, coaches, parents, and everyone else at the ballfield.

Too frequently it is the parents who let their emotions get out of control at Little League facilities. We have all heard it — the umpire made a bad call, the coach needs to play my child, that kind of stuff.

It should be remembered that the adults involved — coaches, umpires, those serving hot dogs in the concession stand — are volunteers giving of their time to provide a positive, fun environment for children. And an important rule of life is that one should not criticize volunteers. Keep your cool.

It should be remembered that the children involved, at every level, are not professionals. They are practicing, they are learning, and hopefully they are having fun.

Finally, it should be remembered that baseball and softball are inherently difficult and humbling pursuits. Coaching, umpiring, hitting, pitching, fielding — all of it can be challenging. Nobody's perfect. Let's keep that in mind as our youth baseball and softball seasons begin.

We thank those volunteers who ensure the traditions of Little League continue. And we wish the players the very best for a fun and successful season.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Onancock should get an audit, modernize its accounting system

To the editor:

As a concerned Eastern Shore resident and taxpayer, I recently joined others in asking Onancock's mayor and town council for an immediate and targeted independent review of the town's roughly \$5 million in reserves.

This follows the former town manager's late 2025 departure and reported confusion among officials about where these funds are held, allocated, and secured.

This is about building trust through transparency — not implying wrongdoing.

A focused special review by the town's auditor could quickly verify deposits, investments, and controls, with public results in 60 to 90 days.

Longer term, Onancock

would gain from modernizing back-office accounting systems.

Outdated tools can create uncertainty during transactions and hinder reliable reporting.

Upgraded, integrated systems would boost accuracy, efficiency, and accountability — protecting taxpayers and aiding better governance.

This ties directly to recent Eastern Shore Post coverage highlighting how towns like Onancock and Exmore often depend on piecemeal financing — patchwork grants and one-off appropriations — for vital infrastructure, such as wastewater upgrades.

Sustainable progress means not just chasing funds but managing core resources soundly.

A clear review of reserves plus improved systems would strengthen Onancock's position for future projects and avoid reliance on ad hoc approaches.

I urge the council to act promptly and encourage readers to support fiscal clarity and modernization.

Our communities deserve strong, transparent stewardship.

Philip Ciaffa
Onancock

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Navy pilot who dreamed of flying killed in 2022 crash

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

U.S. Navy Lt. Hyrum J. Hanlon's first memory was the sight of snow-capped mountains from an airplane window.

Hanlon, born in Alaska, always dreamed of flying, according to his obituary. He dedicated himself to studies and physical fitness and be-



Hyrum Hanlon

He is the latest of a remarkable number of military servicemen who have lost their lives during active duty incidents on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Hanlon was in training to pilot the aircraft when it crashed. It prompted a massive rescue response that was led by the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, which had incident command.

Chincoteague's volunteer firefighters and private residents responded on a windy evening in their personal boats to the crash site. One of the volunteer firefighters brought the two injured Naval aviators who survived the crash to a private dock on Chincoteague Island.

One was taken by ambulance to a hospital, accompanied by a Chincoteague fire company auxiliary member who is a nurse. The other Naval aviator was taken by ambulance to the NASA Wallops Flight Facility and then airlifted to the hospital.

Hanlon earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Arizo-

na State University and was a member of the Naval ROTC there. He was commissioned into the Navy as an ensign in 2017 and officially became a Naval aviator in 2020.

He was fatally injured in an airplane crash on March 30, 2022, when the twin-engine aircraft he was aboard crashed in the water near the northern part of Chincoteague Island. He was 27.

Local fallen heroes

This column is the continuation of a series remembering military personnel from the Eastern Shore of Virginia and southern Worcester County, Md., who died while on active duty. The column also includes line-of-duty deaths by area law-enforcement officers and volunteer fire and rescue personnel. Those featured are remembered around the anniversaries of their deaths. Email editor@easternshorepost.com with information or questions.

na State University and was a member of the Naval ROTC there. He was commissioned into the Navy as an ensign in 2017 and officially became a Naval aviator in 2020.

His body was interred at a cemetery in Arizona.

■ Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company member Jacob Andrew Howser, 24, was fatally injured on his way to a paramedic class on March 25, 2017.



Jacob A. Howser

Howser's number, 59, was retired by the fire company after his death and his name was added to the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial in Annapolis.

He was survived by his parents, Bonnie Rios Howser and Samuel D. Howser III, of Pocomoke City.

■ U.S. Merchant Mariners are

generally not considered veterans, but those who served during World War II, from 1941 to 1945, were



William S. Chambers

made veterans after legislation was passed. U.S. Merchant Mariner Steward 2nd Class William Sidney Chambers, 18, of Onley, died at the Coast Guard infirmary on Chincoteague Island on March 24, 1945.

He had been ill with scarlet fever and pneumonia. He had been on liberty and visiting his parents when he became ill. Chambers was born in Cape Charles but the family was living in Onley at the time of his death. He had been employed by R.C. Evans & Son before entering the maritime service.

His body was interred in the Mount Holly Cemetery, Onancock.

■ U.S. Army Sgt. John Richard Watts, 19, of Parksley, was killed in action in Germany on March 24, 1945, during World War II.

Watts graduated from Parksley High School and had been at Virginia Tech for about three months before he was inducted into the Army.



John R. Watts

Watts was awarded the Silver Star, the U.S. military's third-highest honor for valor in combat. His gravesite is at the Netherlands Military Cemetery.

He was survived by his parents, Julia Mary Watts and Howard Watts.

■ On April 2, 1957, 11 U.S. Navy personnel were killed when the airplane they were aboard crashed in a potato field in Atlantic after taking off

from the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Wallops.

According to an article in the Eastern Shore News, the airplane crashed in Dennard Hurley's field on Nocks Landing Road. The airplane was on a routine flight to North Carolina, the newspaper reported.

The newspaper quoted Earl W. Darby, owner of a general store in Atlantic, who said the airplane exploded as it "fell to earth in a big plume of smoke."

Darby drove to the field and said, "All I could see was a man's shoe and a foot."

The airplane buried itself in the ground 10 feet deep upon impact, the newspaper reported.

An explosion from the airplane "jarred buildings in the town and rattled windows," the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper reported.

Newspapers reported the atmosphere was misty and visibility was poor at the time of the crash.

Those who died in the crash were:

■ Lt. Thomas F. Albert, 34, of Fairview, Ill., who was the pilot. He was survived by his wife, three daughters and a son.

■ Cmdr. Eugene T. Allen, co-pilot, of Chicago.

■ AD1 Arnon McClellan, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

■ AD3 Dale W. Nelson, of Spokane, Wash.

■ AT1 William Manley Grant, of St. Louis, Mo.

■ AT3 Charles Franklin Turner Jr., of Alexandria.

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■ AM3 John Graves, of Elmont, N.Y.

■ PH1 Billie Clark Nesson, of Pleasant Shade, Tenn.

■ AN Franklin Carmine Cullari, of Newark, N.J.

Their ages were not included in newspaper accounts of the crash.

Letters

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George Washington would have voted 'no'

To the editor:

In his farewell address 230 years ago, George Washington warned of threats to “Republican Liberty.”

He warned of “Factions claiming to try to answer popular demands or solve pressing problems, but their true intentions are to take power from the people and place it in the hands of unjust men.”

The first president saw the dangers that lie ahead and warned future generations to beware.

Washington then warned that “one party over another and coinciding efforts to extract revenge upon their opponents have led to horrible atrocities and is itself a frightful despotism.”

Washington was a Virginian — and the greatest Virginian. He saw the future and it is now. We should heed his advice and avoid the grasp of tyrannical government.

A “no” vote on April 21 ensures that Washington’s warning is heeded.

Ken Tucker
Lee Mont

Will auto decal tax leave if translator tower leaves?

To the editor:

I was on active military duty when Accomack County’s translator television tower was put up.

I heard my father say that the auto decal tax came about to pay for the tower. If fact, will it mean the auto decal tax will go away when the tower goes away?

Linwood Windsor Jr.
Onancock

Keep Virginia out of gerrymandering tug of war

To the editor:

Politics aside, I think most people would agree that a scenario where 45%

of the people get only 10% of the representation is brazenly unfair.

Yet that is precisely what the current redistricting proposal would do in Virginia.

A congressional map with 10 Democratic-leaning districts to one Republican-leaning district is worth a lot to people who don’t live or vote here.

The main group behind redistricting, Virginians for Fair Elections, received approximately \$20 million, but the money is not from Virginians. To follow the money simply check the Virginia Public Access Project website.

In addition, the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, an outside partisan group, provided support to Virginia lawmakers with drawing the proposed map for Virginia.

I understand the argument that Republican states like Texas and North Carolina have gerrymandered their maps. However, it should be pointed out that Democrat states such as California, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Oregon, Maryland, and numerous others have gerrymandered maps.

Regardless of party, gerrymandering is wrong and is not fair to voters in any state.

Virginia’s current map is a shining beacon of what fair districting should look like.

Virginia’s voter makeup is approximately 55% Democrat to 45% Republican and we currently have six Democrat and five Republican members of Congress.

A few years ago, voters across all parties in Virginia voted overwhelmingly in favor of a fair redistricting process.

The current six-to-five delegate count favoring the Democrats reflects the voting preferences of Virginians.

The current map is intended to remain in force until the next census in 2030. Any attempt to change it now would be a blatant disregard of what Virginian voters have already voted on and approved.

As Virginians, we can all be very proud of what we previously voted for and the representative outcome.

Let’s not allow Virginia to be pulled into the gerrymandering tug of war that we see happening in other States.

Vote “no” to the proposed redistricting in Virginia so that the voices of all Virginian voters can continue to

matter and be heard.

Rob Zoller
Onancock

Disputes language of redistricting ballot

To the editor:

The proposed amendment on which the residents of Virginia will be voting on April 21, or beforehand in early voting, includes the wording “to restore fairness.”

Voters should never be given anything to vote on that is worded in a way that manipulates the voter.

Again quoting the amendment up for adoption, it would allow “the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts.”

This is an attempt by the Democrats controlling the General Assembly to gerrymander in a way that Wayne Dawkins, a professor at Morgan State University, describes as “politicians picking their voters instead of voters picking their politicians.”

The current congressional districts already are fair.

Peggy Riley
Quinby

Follow process for Planned Unit Developments in Exmore

To the editor:

Thank you to the Eastern Shore Post and reporter Jimmy Shockley’s March 13 article, “Amid development pressure, town will revisit its comp plan,” which reported that the town of Exmore has begun the process of rewriting its 11-year-old comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance.

Comprehensive plans are mandated by law for every municipality and should be updated every five years. They capture the residents’ vision for their community for the next 10 to 20 years, with amendments allowed when necessary.

Comprehensive plans establish zoning districts and density and if a zoning district is not listed in the plan, it cannot be adopted by a simple vote of the governing body.

The comprehensive plan must be

amended, another arduous undertaking involving the planning commission, residents, business owners, and the Virginia Department of Transportation, among other agencies.

Planned unit developments are not mentioned in the town’s 2015 comprehensive plan, nor is there an overlay district named so in the planning statute.

In January 2025, the Exmore Town Council created PUD districts by a simple majority vote. There was no planning commission review and no public hearing or notice.

Quite out of turn, I interrupted the meeting and informed the council that zoning districts or amendments to the comprehensive plan cannot be accomplished without due process or adherence to state law and notice. The council then tabled the matter.

However, a month later, the council voted to adopt the PUD ordinance in response to a request by Chris Carbaugh to build 500 homes on 150 acres behind the Food Lion shopping center, just north of Broadwater Academy. I missed that meeting because I was not in the area. Otherwise, I would have similarly done everything possible to stop them from violating Virginia law, which they apparently unknowingly did.

Worth mentioning here is the fact that Accomack County, nearly a decade after they legally adopted PUDs as allowable in 2008, removed them from their zoning districts after Carbaugh’s proposed Town Center at Wallops Island spun out of control.

The vote was unanimous, with Supervisor Grayson Chesser declaring that the PUD was “a mistake,” saying he never would have voted for it if he understood it.

There is only one way to consider the addition of PUDs to Exmore’s comprehensive plan and that is by amending a very stale document that was penned long before we expanded our sewer system town wide.

A safe bet is that once residents are surveyed on whether they want to give this dangerous blank check to developers, they will resoundingly opt to follow Accomack and Northampton county’s lead and instead embrace sustainable development and measured growth.

Ken Dufty
Exmore



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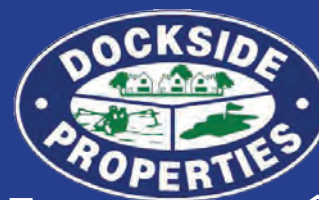
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■ **TRAINING:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Participants can take this training to become certified to use the library's Scan N Cut. To register call the library at 757-787-3400.

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

■ **COMMUNITY DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Craddockville United Methodist Church, 33464 Bobtown Road, Painter. The church is hosting a community dinner.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, Chincoteague. Daniel McGill will discuss the past, present, and future of NASA Wallops. The cost is \$10. Members, active duty military, and children under age 12 are free. Call 757-336-6117 to reserve a seat.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Boy Wells and the Originals perform live. There will be a cash bar.

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

Saturday, March 28

■ **BIRDING WALK:** 8:30 a.m., Mutton Hunk Fen Natural Area Preserve, 28583 Baker Road, Parksley. Birding Eastern Shore is hosting a field trip at the preserve. This trip is free and the public is welcome. Contact Joette Borzik at 757-350-1659 to register.

■ **CHESS TOURNAMENT:** 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Center, Melfa. The college is hosting a chess tournament. There will be three rounds. United States Chess Federation membership is required. The cost is \$10 for ESCC students, faculty, and staff, as well as those under age 18.

Best bets

■ **Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Peninsula Tractor Organization is holding its annual Plow Day at the corner of Machipongo Drive and Lankford Highway in Machipongo. There will be tractors on display and the Eastville Volunteer Fire Company will have food and drinks for sale.**

■ **Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the VA 250 Mobile Museum will be at the Chincoteague Town Office.**

The cost is \$15 for all others. To register email cduffman@es.vccs.edu or execdir@easternshorechess.org. There will be a food truck on site.

■ **BIRDING WALK:** 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Bateman Center parking lot, Assateague. The Eastern Shore Master Naturalists are holding a guided migratory bird walk. Binoculars and scopes will be provided. The walk is about 1 mile.

■ **ARTISAN SHOW:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Powelton Presbyterian Church, 25 Main St., Wachapreague. Artisans of Wachapreague are holding a show and sale at the church. There will be crafts, paintings, prints, jewelry, sculptures, lamps, carvings, and more.

■ **PLOW DAY:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lankford Highway and Machipongo Drive, Machipongo. Peninsula Tractor Organization is hosting its annual Plow Day. There will be tractors on display and the Eastville Volunteer Fire Company will have food and drinks for sale.

■ **YARD SALE:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, Exmore. The church is hosting a community food and yard sale. There will be yard sale items and preordered

food can be picked up. The food menu includes beef empanadas, chicken taco soup, chicken salad, and frozen chocolate chip cookies.

■ **FIELD TRIP:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Museum of Chincoteague Island, Chincoteague. The museum is hosting Heritage Day, a field trip that covers some of the highlights of the island all in one day. The day begins at the Museum of Chincoteague Island, followed by coffee with Mayor Denise Bowden, a visit to Chincoteague Island National Wildlife Refuge to climb the lighthouse and visit the Bateman Center, an exclusive trip down the service road in the park, lunch at Don's Seafood, a walking tour of downtown, and visits to the Timothy Hill House and the Beebe Ranch. The cost is \$75. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/3xa9ysb6>

■ **CHARITY RUN:** 5K starts at 10 a.m., 1K starts at 11 a.m., Nandua High School, Onley. The Run for Life is raising money for the American Cancer Society.

■ **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.

■ **PLANT SWAP:** 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting a houseplant cutting swap.

■ **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.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** Noon, Epworth United Methodist Church, 4158 Seaside Road, Exmore. The church is hosting an Easter egg hunt.

■ **RESOURCE FAIR:** 1 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. The Blooming Together in Spring Resource Fair is designed to connect the community with local organizations and resources. There will also be activities and entertainment for children.

■ **BOWLING:** 1 to 3 p.m., Eastern Shore Lanes, 1834 Market St., Pocomoke City. The Pocomoke Elementary School PTO is hosting a bowling fundraiser. The cost is \$10 per person for an hour of bowling with shoe rentals. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

■ **CASH BASH:** 1 to 6 p.m., Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Company, 1410 Market St., Pocomoke City. The volunteer fire company is hosting its 10th annual Cash Bash. There will be a chance to win \$250 every 15 minutes, a \$500 giveaway at 3:30 p.m., and a \$10,000 grand prize. This is a 21-and-up event. Tickets include entrance, beer, soft drinks, and all-you-can-eat food. A cash bar will also be available. There will also be live music. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/yfh7zfxp>

■ **LECTURE:** 2 p.m., Ker Place, Onancock. The Virginia Master Gardeners will lead a lecture on how to create an herb garden. This event is free and open to the public.

■ **DOG FOSTER EVENT:** 2 to 4 p.m., Cape

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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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Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Animal welfare organizations on the Eastern Shore are teaming up for a foster information event. There will be information about how fostering pets works, meet-and-greets with adoptable dogs, and information and resources from local animal welfare organizations.

■ **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.

■ **PAINT NIGHT:** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke. The Great Pocomoke Fair is hosting a community paint night fundraiser. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. there will be a vendor market. From 7 to 8:30 p.m. attendees can join the paint party and paint a bunny. There will also be raffles. Food and drinks will be available. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/4759rhwa>

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

■ **REUNION:** 7 p.m., Exmore Moose Lodge, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven. A reunion is being held for the Cameo Room. There will be live music by Steve Bassett. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. To purchase tickets call or text Amy at 757-709-4333.

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. Crim Dell Quartet takes the stage in a rescheduled performance. This is a free concert.

■ **CONCERT:** 7:30 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Damn the Torpedoes, a Tom Petty cover band, performs live. Visit www.artsentercapecharles.org for tickets.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 9 p.m., E and O Pub, Cape Charles. The Fil Rhythm Band performs live.

Sunday, March 29

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 10 a.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Parksley. The church is holding a Palm Sunday service.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 11 a.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church is hosting an Easter egg hunt. There will also be a light lunch, crafts, games, and pictures and visits with the Easter Bunny.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 2 to 5 p.m., Giddens Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Franktown.

Bayside Jazz performs live. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Monday, March 30

■ **TOURISM SUMMIT:** Registration opens at 9 a.m., program begins at 9:45 a.m., The Impact Center, Cape Charles. The 2026 Tourism Summit will offer insights on branding, marketing, and hospitality. The keynote speaker will be Jon Schallert, a destination business expert.

■ **BINGO:** 1 to 3 p.m., Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. Island Community House and Village Neighbors are hosting bingo. The cost is \$5 per card or \$20 for five cards.

■ **POETRY NIGHT:** 6 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Poets Melinda McPeck, Morgan Leigh, Kendall Bradley, and Marty Burgess will share poems. Tickets are \$7. To reserve a seat call 757-710-8718.

Tuesday, March 31

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 5 p.m., Cypress Roots Brewing Company, Pocomoke City. Members of the Downtown Pocomoke Association will be guest bartending at Cypress Roots Brewing Company. A portion of sales will go to support downtown beautification and events.

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

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

Wednesday, April 1

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

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■ **MOBILE MUSEUM:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Chincoteague Town Office parking lot, Chincoteague. The VA 250 Mobile Museum will visit Chincoteague. The museum on wheels provides hands-on and interactive experiences with Virginia history. Admission is free.

■ **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, April 2

■ **MOBILE MUSEUM:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Chincoteague Town Office parking lot, Chincoteague. The VA 250 Mobile Museum will visit Chincoteague. The museum on wheels provides hands-on and interactive experiences with Virginia history. Admission is free.

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

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 7 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Parksley. The church is hosting a Maundy Thursday service.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 7 p.m., Capeville United Methodist Church, 4410 Capeville Drive, Cape Charles. The Lower Shore Charge of the United Methodist Church is holding a live show of the Last Supper and communion as part of

Maundy Thursday services.

■ **BIKE RIDE:** Cyclists will meet beginning at 7:25 p.m. at the Cape Charles Beachfront for a Full Moon Bike Ride. Riders will depart at 7:45 p.m. for a bike ride around Cape Charles. Costumes and decorated bikes are encouraged.

Friday, April 3

■ **DECOY FESTIVAL:** Noon to 5 p.m., Chincoteague Combined School, 4586 Main St., Chincoteague. The Easter Decoy and Art Festival will showcase the work of local decoy carvers as well as artists of all kinds. Carvers will be working live on site. Admission is \$5, cash only. Children under age 12 are free.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** Lineup begins at 1:45 p.m., procession starts at 2:15 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park. St. Charles Borromeo Church is hosting the Stations of the Cross at the park.

■ **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.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 5 p.m., Cheriton United Methodist Church, Cheriton. The church is hosting a Good Friday service.

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■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** Covered dish supper at 5:30 p.m., service from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Adams United Methodist Church, 23532 Lee Mont Road, Parksley. The church is hosting a Good Friday service

Saturday, April 4

■ **MUD HOP:** Gates open 8 a.m., Easter egg hunt 11 a.m., racing starts at noon, 316 Dirt Drag, 20305 Greenbush Road, Greenbush. The Bunny Hop is a mud hop for the whole family. The Easter Bunny will be a special guest and there will be an Easter egg hunt and racing. Ad-

mission is \$20. Kids age 10 and under are free.
 ■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 8 a.m. to noon, Bethel Baptist Church, 14050 Bethel Church Road, Bloxom. The church is hosting an Easter egg hunt and yard sale. The Easter egg hunt will be at 11 a.m. Proceeds from the yard sale will benefit Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center.
 ■ **CAR SHOW:** Registration starts at 9 a.m., show runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Market Street, Pocomoke. The Eastern Shore Cruisers is hosting its first car show of the year in the parking lot on Market Street.
 ■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 9 a.m., Cheriton Town Park, Cheriton. The town is hosting an Easter egg hunt.
 ■ **EASTER BREAKFAST:** 9 to 11 a.m., American Legion Post 56, 21210 N. Bay-

side Road, Cheriton. The post is hosting a free pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Town of Cheriton's Easter egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will even be on hand for breakfast.

■ **DECOY FESTIVAL:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Chincoteague Combined School, 4586 Main St., Chincoteague. The Easter Decoy and Art Festival will showcase the work of local decoy carvers as well as artists of all kinds. Carvers will be working live on site. Admission is \$5, cash only. Children under age 12 are free.

■ **JOB FAIR:** 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Impact Center, 1500 Old Cape Charles Road, Cape Charles. Northampton County is hosting a job fair. Job seekers can connect with local employers.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 10 a.m., Eastern Shore Railway Museum, Parksley. The museum is hosting an Easter egg hunt for children age 10 and under. A continental breakfast will be served before the egg hunt. Breakfast begins at 9:30 and will be served in the museum's dining car. Tickets for the breakfast are \$5. To purchase tickets visit the museum Wednesday through Saturday between noon and 4 p.m.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Randy Custis Memorial Park, Nassawadox. The Northampton County Sheriff's Office is hosting an Easter egg hunt. The hunt will begin at 11 a.m. There will also be games, bounce houses, food and drinks, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and prizes.

■ **SEMINAR:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Woman's Club of Accomack County, 25405 Richmond, Ave., Onley. The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence is hosting Blossom into Butterflies, an empowerment event for high school girls from across the Eastern Shore of Virginia. There will be opportunities to connect with inspiring women, food, games, entertainment, and prom-related giveaways like limo rides and salon services. Students can register for the event with their guidance counselor.

■ **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.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 11 a.m., George N. McMath Park, Onley. The Town of Onley is hosting an Easter egg hunt. There will be visits with the Easter Bunny, bounce houses, and prizes.

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■ **FESTIVAL:** From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Downtown Pocomoke Spring Festival will bring live entertainment, a car show, food trucks, sidewalk vendors, a petting zoo, visits with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter egg hunt.

■ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** 1 p.m., Bloxom Town Square, 26086 Shoremain Drive, Bloxom. The town is hosting an Easter egg hunt.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Onancock Tap-house, 6 North St., Onancock. Southern Fog Band performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 8 to 11 p.m., G Spot Bar and Grill, Parksley. Voodoo Tribe performs live.

Sunday, April 5

■ **SUNRISE SERVICE:** At 6:25 a.m. a sunrise service is being held at the Oyster Boat Ramp.

■ **SUNRISE SERVICE:** 6:30 a.m., Ocohannock on the Bay Camp, 9403 Camp Lane, Belle Haven. Craddockville United Methodist Church is hosting a sunrise

service. Coffee and donuts will be served afterwards.

■ **SUNRISE SERVICE:** 6:30 a.m., Parksley Town Pavilion, Parksley. Grace United Methodist Church is hosting a sunrise service.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 10 a.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Parksley. The church is hosting an Easter service.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 10 a.m., Cheriton United Methodist Church, Cheriton. The church is hosting an Easter service.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Herbert Baptist Church, 32300 Bradford's Neck Road, Wachapreague. The church is hosting an Easter service.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 11:30 a.m., Capeville United Methodist Church, Cape Charles. The church is hosting an Easter service.

Monday, April 6

■ **SUPPORT GROUP:** 10 to 11 a.m., Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore, 23610 North St., Onancock. This Caregiver Support Group is designed for those caring for a loved one to foster support and build knowledge to navigate the stresses of caregiving. To RSVP call 757-302-5267.

■ **REVIVAL:** 7 p.m., Baptist Bible Church, 24577 Front St., Accomac. The church is hosting a revival. The guest speaker will be Kenny Baldwin. All are welcome. Nursery care will be provided for children age 3 and under.

■ **CRAFT:** 7 to 8:30 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Parksley. The church is hosting a craft night.

Tuesday, April 7

■ **VETERANS AFFAIRS:** 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. A representative of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be on site to help veterans understand their benefits. No appointment is necessary.

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

■ **WRITERS GROUP:** 6 to 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 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.

■ **REVIVAL:** 7 p.m., Baptist Bible Church, 24577 Front St., Accomac. The church is hosting a revival. The guest speaker will be Kenny Baldwin. All are welcome. Nursery care will be provided for children age 3 and under.

Wednesday, April 8

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

■ **VETERAN SUPPORT GROUP:** 11 a.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. A veterans peer support group for all Eastern Shore veterans will meet for a guided support group.

■ **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, April 9

■ **BINGO:** 2 p.m., Cape Charles Civic Center,

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500 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles. The library is hosting family bingo for all ages. This is a free event. There will be prizes.

■ **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.

■ **MOVIE:** 7 p.m., Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening the Japanese film "Rental Family." Tickets are \$8.

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers present Back Roads Harmony, a country music revue and celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students age 12 and under. For tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Friday, April 10

■ **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., early bird game begins at 6:15 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The fair is hosting bingo. Food will be available for purchase.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 p.m., Chincotiki Caribbean Bar and Grill, Chincoteague. The Fil Rhythm Band performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Chris English performs live. Tickets are \$15. Call 757-710-8718 to reserve a seat.

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers present Back Roads Harmony, a country music revue and celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students age 12 and under. For tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Saturday, April 11

■ **CAR SHOW:** Registration opens at 9 a.m., show runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Anchors Down Seafood, 24380 Lankford Highway, Tasley. Eastern Shore Cruisers is holding a car show.

■ **WEDDING SALE:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, Pocomoke City. The fairgrounds is hosting the Recycled Treasures Wedding Sale. There will be gently used items for sale such as dresses, centerpieces, decor, accessories, and more.

■ **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.

■ **HAM AND CLAM DINNER:** 5 to 8:30 p.m., American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. The Northampton Performance Ensemble Boosters are hosting a clam fritter and ham dinner. The menu includes clam fritters, ham, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, green beans, rolls, cornbread, and dessert. Eat in and take out are available. Tickets are \$15.

■ **CONCERT:** 6 to 8 p.m., The Oyster Farm at Kings Creek, Cape Charles. Tim and Savannah Finch and the Eastman

String Band perform live.

■ **CONCERT:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Concert begins at 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Backroad performs as part of the Island Concert Stage series. Tickets will be sold at the door. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for those under age 18.

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers present Back Roads Harmony, a country music revue and celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students age 12 and under. For tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

■ **CONCERT:** 7 to 8:30 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, 11 Market St., Onancock. Good Shot Judy will perform a free concert.

Sunday, April 12

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 3 p.m., Anointed Word of Deliverance Ministries, 32170 Seaside Road, Melfa. The church is hosting an anniversary service. The guest

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2026-2027 PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



OCCOHANNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MARCH 31, 2026, from 2:00 - 6:00 pm

&

KIPTOPEKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
APRIL 1, 2026, from 2:00 - 6:00 pm



For PreK Information
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To be eligible for PreK, your child must reside in Northampton County and be 4 years old by September 30, 2026. Acceptance into the VPI (Virginia Preschool Initiative) program is determined on eligibility criteria and identified risk factors, not on a first-come, first-served basis. Risk factors include, but are not limited to: family income, level of parent/legal guardian education, housing concerns or homelessness, and special needs or disability.

To be eligible for Kindergarten, your child must reside in Northampton County and be 5 years old by September 30, 2026.

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ESCUELA PRIMARIA OCCOHANNOCK
31 de marzo de 2026, de 2:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

&

ESCUELA PRIMARIA KIPTOPEKE
1 de abril de 2026, de 2:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.



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Para ser elegible para PreK, su hijo debe residir en el Condado de Northampton y tener 4 años de edad para el 30 de septiembre de 2026. La aceptación en el programa VPI se determina según los criterios de elegibilidad y factores de riesgo identificados, no por orden de llegada. Los factores de riesgo incluyen, pero no se limitan a: ingreso familiar, nivel educativo de los padres o tutores legales, preocupaciones sobre la vivienda o la falta de hogar, y necesidades especiales o discapacidades.

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speaker will be Pastor Lionel Goodwyn of City of Refuge Church in Suffolk.

Monday, April 13

■ **POETRY NIGHT:** 6 p.m., Book Bin, Onley. The bookstore is hosting a Poetry Night.

Tuesday, April 14

■ **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 available to help veterans understand their benefits. No appointment is necessary.

■ **VETERANS SUPPORT:** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Support Committee will meet to hear about and discuss the needs of local veterans. A light lunch will be served.

Veterans and their family members are invited.

■ **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.

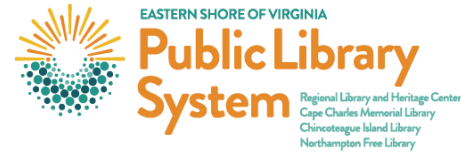
■ **MEETING:** 6 p.m., American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. The legion will hold its monthly meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **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

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Wednesday, April 15

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Eastern Shore Regional Library & Heritage Center Parking Enforcement

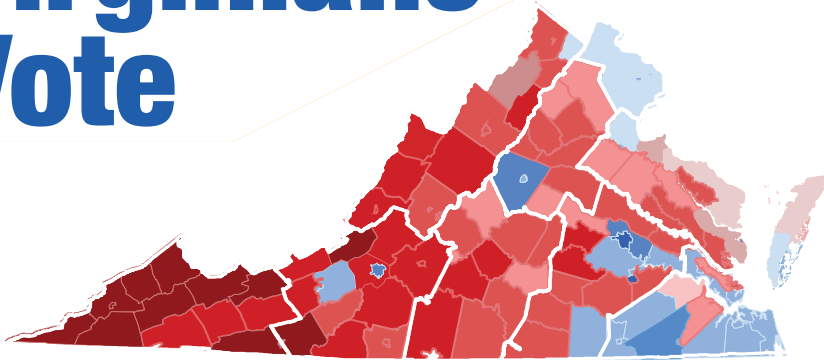
PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Eastern Shore Regional Library & Heritage Center, located at 24313 Bennett Street, Parksley, VA, 23421 will begin parking enforcement effective **April 1, 2026**.

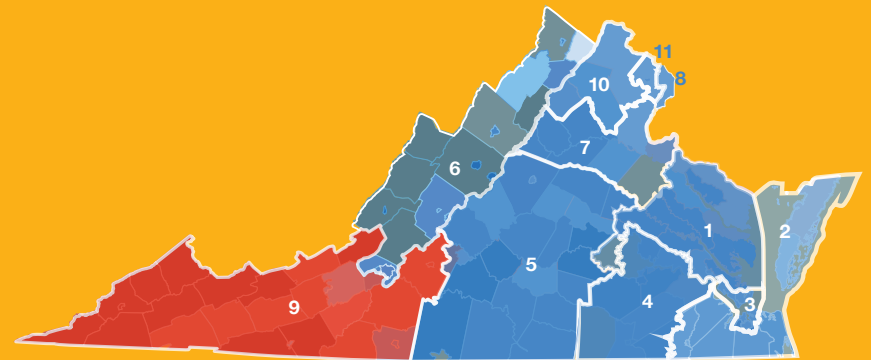
Parking Regulations for 24313 Bennett Street, Parksley, VA are as follows:

- Parking lot is for Library & Heritage Center Patrons only
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- No overnight parking
- No parking on Sundays
- No parking when library is closed
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OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Ruth Jones

Mrs. Ruth Scoblic Jones, formerly of Cheriton, went to be with the Lord on March 18, 2026, at age 93.

After a long battle with Alzheimer's, she died at her home in Dunnellon, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert (Bob) C. Jones, a former mayor of Cheriton.

She is survived her children, Steve Jones (Barbie), of Penney Farms, Fla., Karen Jones, of Dunnellon, and Jerry Jones (Karen), of Chesapeake; and loads of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betsy Binswanger

Mrs. Betsy Whittington Binswanger, loving wife of Millard Binswanger for 44 years, passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at her home in Richmond.

She was the daughter of the late John Jay and Mary Elizabeth "Spooks" Whittington.

Betsy grew up in Nassawadox on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and was in the first graduating class of Broadwater Academy.

Following her graduation from Averett College, she moved to Richmond, where she taught school and met and married Millard. Betsy

and Millard made countless friends during winters on Sanibel Island and while enjoying summers on Sarah Creek.

Along with Millard, Betsy is survived by Millard's daughter, Ellen Binswanger (David), whose love



Mrs. Binswanger

and support have been a tremendous help during Betsy's illness; her sister, Suzanne Ames (Paige); her brother, Jay Whittington; her niece, Kelly Warren (Ty);

her nephews, Tyler Ames (Gina), John Whittington (Kate), and Scott Whittington (Ellen); her sister-in-law, Ann Stern; and her grandchildren, Alex Church (Emily), Adam Church (Grace), and Hunter Nolan.

She was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Sharon Whittington; and her brother, Bill Whittington.

Her burial will be private. The family invited friends to a celebration of life at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, at Salisbury Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Richmond SPCA or Massey Cancer Center.



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SPORTS

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SOFTBALL

Giddins paces Arcadia

On Tuesday, March 24, Ryann Giddins scattered nine hits and struck out 16 to lead Arcadia to an 8-7 win at Nansemond River.

Giddins also had three hits for the Firebirds (2-0), who also had strong games from Brinlee Kauthen (two hits, one RBI) and Megan Montross (two hits, two RBI).

On Friday, March 20, Giddins had three hits, including two triples, scored four runs, and struck out 13 batters to lead Arcadia to an 11-2 win over visiting Bennett.

Other Arcadia leaders included Kauthen (four hits, three RBI), while Montross, Kinsley Palmer, and Deana Bradley added two hits each.

Ponies fall to 0-3

On Tuesday, March 24, Chincoteague dropped a 14-10 decision at Salisbury Christian.

Rylee Giddings led the Ponies (0-3) with two hits and three RBI.

On Friday, March 20, the Ponies fell, 17-4, at Parkside. Faith Stadler had two hits.

On Thursday, March 19, Chincoteague fell, 13-5, at Holly Grove Christian. Stadler had two hits.

Eagles split first two

On Tuesday, March 24, Holly Grove Christian (1-1) had three hits in an 11-4 loss at Nandua.

On Thursday, March 19, Brynna Travis and Araya Harrison had three hits each, while Aubrey Rolleston dropped in three runs to lead the Eagles to a 13-5 win over visiting Chincoteague.

Cassidy Hickman was the winning pitcher, giving up three hits and striking out five in 2.1 innings.

Lusk stellar versus HGCS

On Tuesday, March 24, Lela Lusk hit a grand slam and pitched a stel-

lar game to lead Nandua to a 12-4 win over visiting Holly Grove Christian.

In the circle, Lusk struck out 16 and allowed just three hits. At the plate, Lusk had two hits and six RBI for the Warriors (1-1), who also had strong games from Amirrah Church (three hits), Corrin Burrell (two hits), Emmalee Blake (two hits), and Madison Annis (two hits).

On Friday, March 20, Nandua dropped a 6-3 decision to visiting Windsor. Church had two hits for the Warriors. Lusk struck out 10.

Jackets go 1-1

On Friday, March 20, Hailey Dinwiddie's three hits and two RBI led Northampton to a 27-11 win over visiting King & Queen Central.

Nitrice Lewis and Anna Temich drove in three runs each for the Yellow Jackets (1-1), who also had two hits from Kelsey Hearn. Makiah Upshur stole six bases and scored four runs.

On Wednesday, March 18, Northampton fell, 14-1, at West Point in a game called off after five innings. Lewis had a pair of hits.

BASEBALL

Arcadia improves to 2-1

On Monday, March 23, Arcadia's Waylon Watson pitched a shutout, scattering four hits in a 12-0 win at Saints Peter & Paul. The game was called after five innings.

Dalton Barnes went 3-for-3 at the plate with a homer and four RBI, while Brian White (three hits), Larry Handy (three hits, three RBI), and Jacob Delgado (two hits, two RBI) helped lift the Firebirds (2-1).

On Friday, March 20, Arcadia had two hits in a 10-0 loss to visiting Bennett in a game called after five innings.

On Wednesday, March 18, Watson, Barnes, and White combined on a one-hitter to lead Arcadia to an 11-1 win at Holly Grove Christian. White and Handy had three hits

each for the Firebirds.

Ponies win two of three

On Tuesday, March 24, Brady Roberts drove in three runs on two hits to lead Chincoteague (2-1) to a 13-1 win at Salisbury Christian.

On Friday, March 20, the Ponies had one hit in a 2-0 loss at Parkside.

On Thursday, March 19, Landon Easton pitched a two-hitter, and Owen Bloxom went 5-for-5 at the plate to lead Chincoteague to a 13-2 win at Holly Grove.

Bryce Luck drove in three runs on three hits, and Jermaine Logan hit a two-run homer.

HGCS starts 0-3

On Tuesday, March 24, Holly Grove Christian (0-3) had three hits in an 18-0 loss at Nandua that was called after five innings.

On Thursday, March 19, the Eagles had two hits in a 13-2 loss to visiting Chincoteague.

On Wednesday, March 18, HGCS were hitless in an 11-1 loss to visiting Arcadia.

Nandua drops two of three

On Tuesday, March 24, Hayden Williams drove in four runs on two hits and pitched two innings of one-hit ball with eight strikeouts to lead Nandua to an 18-0 win over visiting Holly Grove Christian. The game was called after five innings. Grayson Ford added two RBI on two hits for the Warriors (1-2).

On Friday, March 20, Nandua gave up nine first-inning runs and never got any closer in a 26-3 loss at Windsor in a game called after five innings.

On Wednesday, March 18, the Warriors dropped a 14-3 loss at Norfolk Christian. Orion Loreda went 2-for-2, including a homer, and drove in all three runs for the Warriors.

Jackets win opener

On Wednesday, March 18, Lucas Kindt hit two doubles, Brayden Brown drove in three runs on two

hits, and Thomas Mason had four RBI to lead Northampton (1-0) to a 14-6 win at West Point.

BOYS SOCCER

Jackets get first win

On Monday, March 23, Sebastian Mayorga's three goals and an assist led Northampton to an 8-0 win at West Point.

Other scorers for the Jackets (1-2) included Joseph Castillo (two goals), Fernando Palacio (one goal, one assist), and Adrian Rosales (one goal, one assist). Eli Philpott had one assist.

On Thursday, March 19, Northampton fell, 6-3, at Hickory. Mayorga had two goals, and Edward Tayloe had one goal.

Firebirds held scoreless

On Friday, March 20, Arcadia fell to 0-2 with an 8-0 loss at York.

On Wednesday, March 18, the Firebirds fell 4-0 at Lafayette.

Warriors split a pair

On Monday, March 23, Kevin Tinoco's three goals led Nandua to a 7-0 victory over visiting Churchland. Aiden Eberts added two goals for the Warriors (1-1), who also got a goal apiece from Louiz Martino and Carl Fils-Aime.

On Thursday, March 19, the Warriors fell, 3-0, at Great Bridge.

GIRLS SOCCER

Eagles off to a 2-0 start

On Tuesday, March 24, Claire Bromley's three goals lifted Holly Grove Christian School to a 6-0 win at Arcadia. Mackenzie Muir added two goals, and goalie Kamryn Salvas notched the shutout for the Eagles (2-0).

On Thursday, March 19, Muir's three goals lifted HGCS to a 3-2 victory at Delaware Valley Classical School.

Firebirds fall to 0-2

On Tuesday, March 24, Arcadia

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dropped a 6-0 decision to visiting Holly Grove Christian.

On Wednesday, March 18, Arcadia lost its season opener, 8-0, at York.

Jackets drop first two

On Monday, March 23, Northampton fell to 0-2 with a 7-0 loss at West Point.

On Thursday, March 19, the Jackets fell, 6-3, to visiting Camden County. Amelie Rutschow, Jayda Collins, and Brelyn Coates each scored for the Jackets.

TRACK & FIELD

BA's Ye wins two events

On Tuesday, March 17, Broadwater Academy's Steven Ye won the shot put (49-03) and the discus (141-07) in an eight-team meet hosted by Norfolk Academy.

Broadwater's other top boys finishers included Logan Arnold (third, discus, 117-06) and Thomas Eno (third, pole vault, 10-0).

The Vikings' top girls finisher was Sofi Rader (second, pole vault, 5-6).

High School Sports Schedule March 27 to April 2

FRIDAY, 3/27

Baseball

Nandua vs Rappahannock County at Dreams Field, Lancaster, 4 p.m.

Peninsula Catholic at Northampton, 4 p.m.

Arcadia at Hopewell, 5 p.m.

Chincoteague at Wicomico, 3:30 p.m.

Softball

Arcadia at Hopewell, 5 p.m.

Nandua vs Lancaster at Dreams Field, Lancaster, 7 p.m.

Chincoteague at Wicomico, 3:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Delmarva Christian at Holly Grove, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, 3/28

Baseball

Nandua vs. Middlesex, Dreams Field, Lancaster, 10 a.m.

Softball

Nandua vs. TBA, Dreams Field, Lancaster, TBA

Nandua vs. TBA, Dreams Field, Lancaster, 4 p.m.

Boys Track & Field

Arcadia vs TBA, Todd Stadium, Newport News, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 3/30

Baseball

Northampton at Franklin, 4:30 p.m.

Softball

Northampton at Franklin, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Mathews at Northampton, 5 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Ocean Lakes at Northampton, 6:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, 3/31

Boys & Girls Golf (Co-ed)

Broadwater at Denbigh Baptist, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4/1

Baseball

Franklin at Northampton, 4 p.m.

Broadwater at Greenbrier Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Softball

Franklin at Northampton, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, 4/2

Girls Soccer

Northampton at Camden County, 5 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Great Bridge at Northampton, 6:30 p.m.

Boys & Girls Golf (Co-ed)

Broadwater at Greenbrier Christian, 4 p.m.

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

PREDATORS CHAMPS OF ESSHL



COURTESY PHOTO

The Predators, a Super Junior hockey team in the Eastern Shore Street Hockey League, recently won the league championship. In the bottom row, from left, are Richard Allen Johnson, Romeo Arizmendi, Elizabeth Abe, Brayden Johnson, and Scarlett McDonald. In the top row are Coach Jennie Rice, Carter Ames, Jonathan Martin, Kayson Stubbs, Charlotte McDonald, and Coach Connor Tyler. Not pictured are Coach Thomas Eno and Nathaniel Metzger.

Conservation grants are now available

Are you or your organization involved in environmental education on Virginia's Eastern Shore? Do you need funds to help provide these opportunities? Then you might be interested in applying for a Billie Fitzgerald Memorial Conservation grant.

Friday, May 1, 2026, is the application deadline for the 2026 Billie Fitzgerald Memorial Conservation Grants through Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District. Schools, teachers, scouts, community groups, and other organizations in Accomack and Northampton counties are eligible for these grants.

Funding up to \$500 is available for projects such as outdoor classrooms, nature trails, storm drain stenciling, recycling programs, butterfly gardens, water quality testing, bird feeders for

the schoolyard, and field trips for environmental study.

The Eastern Shore Soil & Water Conservation District Endowment Committee does not fund beautification projects, food, or money for textbooks.

Interested parties may obtain an application form from the district office in Accomack by calling 757-302-4433 or emailing julie.head@esswcd.org.

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Arcadia student dreams up drink

Arcadia Middle School's seventh grade English classes have been hard at work using their creativity to craft a persuasive pitch for local business owner and proud alumna, Kaitlyn Woods.

Woods spoke with students about practical applications of math, English, teamwork, leadership, computer design skills, social media, and more at her business, Slack Tide Coffee Company.

Mr. Bell's and Ms. Frankenberg's students then created new named beverages for Slack Tide's March menu and pitched their ideas using Canva designs and figurative language.

Woods had the opportunity to review all proposals. From moon rock dust to gold flakes, these drinks had it all.

From a business perspective, Woods evaluated the proposals and had the hard task of picking just one lucky win-

ner that was both creative and realistic in what could be consumable.

The Double Dark Dickerson Dubai Chocolate stood out for combining rich Dubai chocolate with smooth coffee aromas to create an unforgettable blend.

The lucky winner, Ahnia Brown, was chosen by Woods and, as promised, the drink was given a featured spot on the March menu.

On March 17, Accomack County Public Schools Superintendent Jennifer Miller brought Brown to Slack Tide, where, along with her teachers, she tried her unique drink for the first time.

This drink is available through the end of March, and 25% of all proceeds will go to the charity of Brown's choosing, Shelter to Soldier.



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Kaitlyn Woods, left, featured a drink created by Ahnia Brown, right, on the menu at her coffee shop, Slack Tide Coffee Co., during the month of March.

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Odyssey of the Mind teams stun at states

Northampton County Public Schools is celebrating a landmark performance by its Odyssey of the Mind teams at the recent Virginia State Tournament.

In a historic first for the division, the county sent three teams from Northampton Middle and High School to the state level, with all three teams earning podium recognition and one team officially punching its ticket to the World Finals.

Under the direction of Brad Ford, division coordinator for Odyssey of the Mind and coach for the high school teams, the program has reached new heights.

“Seeing our students thrive on the state stage is a testament to their creativity,” said Ford. “From engineering structures that are highly resilient to performing original epic poetry, these students have proven that Northampton is a powerhouse of innovation.”

Leading the charge was the Northampton High School Structure team, securing a second-place finish in the state. Anna Temich, Billy Pike, Garrett Fisher, Jeanette Pike, Adelaide Malonson, Steven Cardoza, and Kiera Budenos built a 15-gram, 8-inch tall balsa wood structure that held a staggering 457 pounds before crushing.

By beating out last year’s ninth-ranked world team and finishing as the highest-scoring spontaneous team in their division, they now advance to represent Virginia and the Eastern Shore at the World Finals in May.

Northampton Middle School’s Classics team, coached by Keysan Brittingham, made history as the first middle school team from the division to advance to the state tournament in three years.

Competing in The Epic Quest, Adrian Perez, Kayla Nago, Madeline Collins, Elizabeth Irminger, Ruby Widegeon, and Lizbeth Gaspar Reyes



The Northampton High School Odyssey of the Mind Structure team took second place in the state and will compete at the World Finals in May. Pictured from left are Anna Temich, Billy Pike, Garrett Fisher, Jeanette Pike, Adelaide Malonson, Steven Cardoza, Kiera Budenos, Coach Brad Ford, and middle school Coach Keysan Brittingham.

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earned third place in the state and came remarkably close to becoming the first middle school team in division history to reach the World Finals, falling just five points short of second place.

Their skills were further highlighted by being named the highest-scoring spontaneous team in the state for their problem category.

Northampton High School’s Classics team also earned third place, de-

livering a humorous, rhythmic performance in an epic poem format.

Elsie Irminger, Candy Castaneda Cova, Mariam Mehdi, Ruben Pineda, Billy Pike, and Anna Temich had a quest that featured two heroes uniting to create a shield and sword to defeat a beast, all guided by an omniscient narrator.

“To see our students compete — and win — against world-class programs is a testament to their

creativity, perseverance, and problem-solving skills,” said Lisa Martin, superintendent of Northampton County Public Schools. “Holding over 450 pounds on a structure that weighs no more than a few paperclips is an incredible feat of engineering, but accomplishing it with such enthusiasm and school pride is what truly makes our students exceptional.”

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The Northampton High School Odyssey of the Mind Classics team earned third place at the state competition. Pictured from left are Coach Brad Ford, Elsie Irringer, Candy Castaneda Cova, Mariam Mehdi, Ruben Pineda, Billy Pike, and Anna Temich.



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The Northampton Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Classics team was the first from the district in three years to advance to the state competition. Pictured from left are Coach Keysan Brittingham, Adrian Perez, Kayla Nago, Madeline Collins, Elizabeth Irringer, Ruby Widgeon, and Lizbeth Gaspar Reyes.

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Hormuz Strait leaves local drivers in fuel straits

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Tasley resident Jerry Parker was filling up five gas cans to replenish the fuel tanks for his lawnmowers and ended up paying more than \$100.

“It’s not right,” Parker said. “Every time somebody shoots a gun overseas, gas goes up.”

The Iraq War and shipping troubles in the Hormuz Strait are leaving Eastern Shore drivers in fuel straits, as one area fuel stop advertised regular gas at \$4.19 a gallon — the most anyone in the area could remember.

According to gasprices.aaa.com, the average gasoline price in Virginia is less than the national average, but the price for the Eastern Shore is higher than mainland Virginia and also higher than the national average.

Many residents of Northampton and Accomack counties are finding new ways to scrounge enough money to fill their tanks.

“It affects spare change — little stuff you could get, you can’t get now,” said Parksley resident Jakwon Fisher.

Fisher also said the increased price of gasoline takes away from money he uses to pay his monthly bills — and he said he generally feels more stress with the higher prices.

He said his car takes \$80 to fill up now — it took just \$65 a few weeks ago.

William Cathell, of Parksley, opted not to pay more at the pump, instead getting the same amount prepaid every time — and limiting his travels.

Cathell said he can’t afford to fill his truck up all the way, no matter the price.

“I spend the same amount and I get what I get,” he said.

As for those who drive vehicles that require 93 octane, they’re now paying close to \$5 a gallon, and those who need diesel on the Shore are paying more than \$5.50 a gallon.

One resident who declined to give her name said her car, which requires 93 octane, would take about \$100 to fill completely, but she usually fills up halfway to save money.

“I don’t remember the last time it was this expensive,” she said.

The increase in prices has arrived in time for travel season, too — experts said prices could mean fewer tourists hitting the roads.

For Parker, the high prices also hit when lawn mowing season is beginning.

He lamented the expense.

“There’s no sense in it,” he said.



Above, Jerry Parker, of Tasley, loads gas cans in his pickup truck at the Parksley Royal Farms. At left, regular unleaded gasoline at the Wine Rack in Onley reached \$4.19 a gallon — one of the highest prices of regular unleaded gas on the Eastern Shore in memory. The average price of local gas on the Eastern Shore is higher than statewide and national averages.

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JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore DAR offers scholarship

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution wishes to award a \$1,000 scholarship to an Accomack County resident who will be a 2026 high school graduating senior.

The applicant should be planning on attending college and their main interest of study should be in American history or in political science.

An A or B average throughout the senior year as well as recommendations from the guidance counselor, the principal, teachers, and others will be required.

The chapter is offering this scholarship in the hope that it will encourage a deserving student to pursue his or her study of American history or political science, leading him or her into a career that will satisfy his or her ambition and will give our country a capable and patriotic historian or diplomat.

To be considered for the scholarship, all parts (the application, the essay, the guidance counselor sheet, and other required letters of recommendation) must be received no later than Tuesday, May 5.

For additional information and applications, contact the Accomack County high school guidance counselors or Mary Margaret Browning, DAR Scholarship Chair, P.O. Box 442, Wachapreague, VA 23480.

Return to Our Roots Earth Day is scheduled

The third annual Return to Our Roots Earth Day will be held on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Exmore Town Park.

This unique Eastern Shore event is once again sponsored by the Eastern Shore Community Services Network, Inc., and the Northampton branch of the NAACP, plus the newly formed Eastern Shore Earth Day Committee, composed of environmental educators

and advocates.

Live music, information booths, food, films, speakers, health screenings, and games and activities for all ages, with a special emphasis on children, will be happening to celebrate our community's diverse traditions and special connections to the air, land, and water that are so important to our way of life on the Eastern Shore.

Volunteers, vendors, and organizations interested in participating in the event may contact Jane Cabarrus at 808-512-0532 or janeCabarrus@aol.com or Jane Berge at 757-719-1211 or eulaland@verizon.net for more information.

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Weichert Realtors, Mason-Davis announce that local agents were honored by the national franchise organization, Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc., for outstanding real estate

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Madrigal group celebrates 50 years of fun

BY MARTHA KILMON

Guest columnist

The definition of “madrigal” is a complex polyphonic, unaccompanied vocal piece based on a secular text developed in the 16th and 17th centuries.

This is a far cry from what we sing now, but that’s the name of the group, and we’re kind of stuck with it.

The Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers was founded in 1976 when a small group (eight singers) gave its first official concert on April 10, 1976.

In the fall of 1979, Pat Davis joined the group as accompanist and one year later, she became the director. Forty-seven years later, she’s still going strong, demanding only the best from anyone involved in the productions.

The early concerts were a far cry from the group’s productions now.

For the last 40 years, we have performed our one-of-a-kind themed shows: Broadway musicals and dinner theaters, and we have had Beatles, Elvis, Alfred Hitchcock, and Bob Hope impersonators.

We have lost and found Santa many times, tried him in court, persuaded him to keep doing his thing, and rescued him numerous times from the menaces of Scrooge and the Grinch.

The Madrigals have performed up and down the Shore, from White Haven and the Marva Theater in Maryland, to Cape Charles at the Palace Theatre. We have performed in churches from Snow Hill to Cheriton, at the Onancock Armory, at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, and we did many shows at Nandua High School.

For the past several years, we have been performing at North Street Playhouse in Onancock.

None of this could have occurred without the true commitment and dedication of the singers, through the years ranging in number from 22 to 26.

Besides all the rehearsing, this group has dedicated thousands and



In these historic photos of the Madrigal Singers, Jeannette Tarrand was a proud chicken, at left, and David Bralley sings “Old Man River.”

thousands of volunteer hours, selecting and memorizing music, designing, building, and painting sets, writing scripts and newspaper articles, and planning costumes, often buying or renting them with the members’ own money.

All of this has been done from within our own little “family.”

We also attribute much of our longevity to the support and encouragement that we have received from our patrons, without whom our unique quality of entertainment would not have been sustainable.

I would also add that the families of all our personnel deserve our pro-

found thanks and appreciation for their patience and support.

The guiding principle of the group has always been to provide fun for its members and its audiences by combining varied, interesting, and fresh original programs with the highest standards of musicianship available.

The growth of the enthusiastic audiences, from a few dozen to standing room only, attests to the success of the singers’, the director’s, and the musicians’ efforts.

This year’s spring show is different from any show we have ever done. For the first time in our 50-year history,



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we are doing a country and Western show, a show that our director says that she has wanted to do for years.

We explored and discussed many ways to celebrate our 50th year and decided doing something brand new was the way to go.

We will be presenting “Back Roads Harmony: 50 Years of Song” on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 9, 10, 11 (show times 7 p.m.), and Sunday, April 12 (show time 2:30 p.m.).

Tickets (\$25 for adults and \$10 for students 12 and under) are available online at northstreetplayhouse.org or at the door as available.

Blake, Broadwater senior, wins statewide arts competition

Broadwater Academy senior Kyler Blake has been awarded first place in the Visual Arts division of the statewide Tides of Tomorrow: The Jane Brinkley Thumm Memorial Arts Contest, presented by Wetlands Watch.

The contest invites Virginia high school students to create work responding to the lived experience of sea level rise, flooding, and life along the Commonwealth's changing waterways.

According to Wetlands Watch, the competition encourages young artists to explore "what water changes, what it leaves behind, and what forms of resilience, memory, and imagination emerge as communities learn to live at the changing edge of water."

Blake's piece, titled "The Final Nesting Tide," earned first place among student entries from across the state. His dynamic sculpture depicts a familiar scene, the fragile edge of a coastal marsh. The composition features a hand-carved miniature fiddler crab decoy emerging from a peat-encrusted



Kyler Blake

mud tump, crowned with painted brass marsh grass and a real bird's nest containing a hand-carved egg.

Surrounding the scene is an epoxy resin pour representing rising water. Looking into the water reveals a fallen egg, symbolizing the delicate balance between life and loss in coastal ecosystems.

In his artist statement, Blake explained that the inspiration for the work comes directly from his experiences growing up on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

"The Final Nesting Tide' comes from my life on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Clamming and duck hunting in the marsh has shown me how ever-rising tides change places I depend on. This piece reflects my connection to the water and the balance we must

protect."

The piece explores the fragility and resilience of the Eastern Shore's marsh landscape — an environment that has inspired Blake throughout his life.

Blake, a 17-year-old senior at Broadwater Academy, grew up on Virginia's rural Eastern Shore and has long been connected to the outdoors through hunting and time spent on the water. About two years ago, he discovered the art of decoy carving and quickly became dedicated to mastering the traditional craft.

Since then, Blake has sought mentorship from renowned local decoy carvers, including Billy Crockett, learning the techniques and traditions of the art form while developing his own voice as an artist. His dedication to the craft has allowed him to progress rapidly, and with "The Final Nesting Tide," he expanded his work beyond wood carving into mixed media, with commendable success.

"Kyler has a deep respect for the traditions of decoy carving, but what makes him stand out is his thirst to push the craft in new directions and his constant drive to expand and refine his skills," said his Broadwater art teacher, Tatum Ford. "I've had the privilege of watching Kyler grow as an artist from elementary school through his senior year at Broadwater, and seeing his dedication and talent develop over that time has been one of the most rewarding parts of my career. This piece reflects both his deep connection to the Eastern Shore landscape and his growing confidence as an artist."

The contest is held in memory of Jane Brinkley Thumm, a Norfolk native whose artwork spanned multiple media while remaining deeply rooted in the landscapes she loved. Thumm continued creating art well into her nineties, and the competition honors her legacy of careful observation, creative exploration, and connection to place.

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Makemie Presbyterian churches announce seasonal services

The Makemie Presbyterian Churches in Onancock and Accomac encourage everyone to celebrate Palm Sunday, March 29, and Easter Sunday, April 5.

“To celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ as we do each spring, we are planning worship services of joy and reverence for our Eastern Shore friends and neighbors who might appreciate an opportunity for reflection and peace in these often stressful times,” said Rev. Geneviève Beauchamp, the new leader of the two local churches.

The Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church choir will also present a special performance of the beloved “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s “Messiah” at the Easter service beginning at 11 a.m. April 5 at the church at 89

Market St., Onancock.

Palm Sunday services will be held at 11 a.m. on March 29 at Naomi Makemie Church and at 9:15 a.m. at Francis Makemie Church at 23355 Back Street in Accomac.

In addition, there will be a Maundy Thursday service at Naomi Makemie Church at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2. All are welcome.

Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples on the eve of Good Friday, the day he was crucified.

Francis and Naomi Makemie, husband and wife, are credited with establishing the Presbyterian Church on the Eastern Shore and in other regions of the eastern United States in the early 1700s.



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Interested candidates contact Linda Arvidson at ESAAA/CAA for application at 757-442-9652, Ext. 35 or email at larvidson@esaacaa.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications are currently being accepted for funding under the Northampton County Tourism Grant program. All funded projects must complement and advance the Tourism Strategy adopted by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission.

To be considered for the tourism grant funds, applicants must complete an original application and return it (with four additional copies) to the Northampton County Administration no later than April 17, 2026. Grants will be awarded to selected projects by May 8, 2026.

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Interactive data platform helps scientists track oysters

A new, interactive data platform developed at William and Mary's Batten School of Coastal and Marine Sciences and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, in collaboration with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, is transforming how scientists, managers, watermen, and the public understand Virginia's wild oyster population.

Perhaps the most impressive part is that the tool was conceived as part of a Research Experience for Undergraduates project led by recent William and Mary alumna Ellen Rowe.

Named the Virginia Oyster Stock Assessment and Replenishment Archive 2.0, it converts more than two decades of fishery-independent oyster survey data into a dynamic, GIS-based visualization tool.

The platform allows users to explore changes in variables such as oyster abundance, shell volume, and harvest status across Virginia's public oyster grounds from 1998 to 2025.

"Ellen is essentially a genius for being able to take a dataset with 2 to 3 million data points and turn it into a GIS-based tool," said Batten School and VIMS Professor Roger Mann when previewing the tool at VMRC's Shellfish Management Advisory Committee, which includes watermen, shellfish buyers, industry representatives, and other interested parties.

"When we asked for the funding for this project, the intent was that it would be designed for this group as well as the public so we can see the impact of our efforts."

Rowe worked tirelessly with data managed by Senior Marine Scientist Melissa Southworth, who works alongside Mann in the Molluscan Ecology Laboratory at the Batten School of Coastal and Marine Sciences and VIMS.

There was still work to be done as Rowe's May 2025 graduation date neared, so Mann and Southworth used

funds from their lab and a grant from VMRC's Marine Fisheries Improvement Fund to hire Rowe as a GIS analyst through June 2026.

"The goal was to make something you could explore visually instead of having to dig through spreadsheets," said Rowe, who also collaborated on the project with Professor Shannon White, associate director at William and Mary's Center for Geospatial Analysis. "The main feature is a time slider that allows you to see changes at the reef level on a year-by-year basis. When you press play, you can watch the different variables change over time."

Since 1993, Batten School and VIMS scientists have worked in partnership with the VMRC to conduct annual fishery-independent surveys of public oyster reefs in Virginia's portion of the Chesapeake Bay. Those surveys measure oyster abundance by size class, shell volume, recruitment, and disease levels — creating one of the longest-running oyster monitoring datasets in the United States.

The original VOSARA website made those data publicly accessible, but it required Southworth to manually enter each year's survey results and draft written summaries documenting changes at each individual reef. In addition, managers at VMRC would need to export the data and create graphs to examine individual factors.

"With VOSARA 2.0, it's feasible that we can update the dataset within weeks of completing each year's survey and those year-by-year changes will be automatically visualized for the end user," said Southworth.

"We were victims of our own success," said Mann. "There was so much information in those bar graphs that it was difficult to decipher anything beyond a broad trend."

VDOT on speed limit reduction: Not so fast

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

The Virginia Department of Transportation has weighed in on a request to reduce the speed limit on U.S. Route 13 on and near the Cheriton bypass to 35 miles per hour.

The department answer: Not so fast. The appropriate speed limit for the stretch is 55 mph, just like always.

During his last county meeting as chairman four months ago, John Coker, of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, proposed a drastic speed limit reduction for a two-and-a-half-mile-long section of the highway.

Coker's request was to reduce the speed limit from 55 miles per hour to 35 on the span of Lankford Highway from Cherrystone Road to Fairview Road, near Kiptopeke Elementary

What it means

The Virginia Department of Transportation has decided against the Northampton County Board of Supervisors' proposal to reduce the speed limit on a stretch of U.S. Route 13 near Cape Charles and Cheriton to 35 miles per hour. Former county Supervisor John Coker had cited increased development, the Rail Trail crossing, and nearby traffic signals as reasons to reduce traffic speed.

School.

After VDOT conducted a study on traffic flow and safety for the highway span in question, the state agency de-

cided to not change the speed limit.

Coker cited increased commercial development in the area, three nearby traffic signals, the upcoming Eastern Shore Rail Trail crossing, and more as reasons why the speed limit should be decreased for the busy stretch of road.

The board voted to move forward on the proposition, forwarding it to the state.

VDOT cited multiple reasons for not altering the limit, prefacing its reasoning by stating, "Establishing an appropriate speed limit is critical to maintaining public confidence."

The VDOT letter also expressed concern over highway users viewing the speed reduction as a "speed trap" put in place, not because of safety reasons, but instead to generate revenue.

VDOT also found that the majority of drivers on the stretch of highway exceeded the speed limit during a week-

long study conducted in January.

In the past three years, VDOT reported that the stretch has seen 30 crashes, 12 people injured in crashes, and one person fatally injured.

To prevent more crashes from happening in the area, VDOT is planning upgrades to increase the safety of travelers and users of the bike trail.

VDOT suggested the installation of transverse rumble strips, which alert drivers of upcoming stop lights, on the southbound approach to the bike trail, while also recommending higher enforcement of the speed limit in the area.

The letter stated that VDOT recognizes the area is changing from a rural to more urban area as more development is completed along the stretch, and the agency intends to keep a close eye on the road for any future needs or improvements.

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Judge Jamar Walker speaks at Prayer Breakfast

U.S. District Court Judge Jamar Walker spoke to an audience of about 90, including members of the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association and their guests, at the Exmore Moose Lodge on Thursday, March 19.

Walker said a strong faith nurtured by his mother provided him with discipline, integrity, and humility and propelled him on a path to success that he would not otherwise have reached.

Walker's remarks came at the annual Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association, a gathering that included elected officials, law enforcement officers, first responders, pastors, and judges.

The purpose of the event is to promote unity among leaders of the community and to emphasize the highest ethical standards in all business, professional, and personal dealings.

Rhudy Naylor, president of the association, recognized the invited guests in attendance while Ginny McMath provided vocal entertainment. Association founder George McMath was also recognized for his 37 years of service to the organization, which he started with a group of more than 100 men in 1989.

Walker also paid homage to "the late, great Carla Savage-Wells," a former Nandua High School teacher who also coached forensics at the school.

"For those of you who didn't know her, I feel sorry that you were not fortunate enough to be blessed by her presence," he said. "And especially for those young people in this room but also throughout Accomack County, it makes me sad that she is no longer around to nurture and mold young students like she did for me. Mrs. Wells was a force of nature."

Walker said he keeps a photo of her in his chambers in Norfolk, giving him an opportunity to tell his law clerks about her.

Walker, a 2004 graduate of Nandua High School, was president of his class all four years, president of the BETA



COURTESY PHOTO

Rhudy Naylor, left, president of the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association, is pictured with the Prayer Breakfast keynote speaker, U.S. District Court Judge Jamar Walker.

Club, state runner-up and captain of the school's forensics team, and a member of the baseball team.

He also won the Eastern Shore News Leadership Award given to one senior annually on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Additionally, Walker was the scorekeeper for basketball teams coached by Dennis Custis, a former Nandua High School principal and teacher, and for a state championship basketball team coached by Buck Boggs. He cited both former educators in his remarks and Custis introduced him at the breakfast.

Walker received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. At UVA, he was a

key member of the university's mock trial team, which defeated Harvard to win the national championship in 2006 and won a second national title in 2007.

Walker's mother, Brenda Walker, was the school secretary when Nandua High School opened in 1984 and remained in that position for more than 30 years.

Walker recalled that he resisted going to church as a youth.

"I could not stand having to get up and trek to church when I'd much rather be playing video games or be outside throwing a baseball or football, but my mother had a plan for me — one that was rooted in the discipline, the routine of showing up and being present at church," he said.

Walker said it was discipline, not intelligence nor any other attribute, that saw him through an outstanding legal career and his subsequent appointment in 2023 as a U.S. District Court judge at the relatively young age of 36.

During his time as a prosecutor, Walker received five FBI Service Awards fighting public corruption, wire fraud, and bank fraud cases.

"Going to church wasn't optional for me; it was required," he recalled. "And it was required because my mom knew, better than I could know for myself, that I needed the life lessons that faith and church would teach me," he said.

Walker grew up attending Gaskins

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Breakfast

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Chapel AME Church in Savageville.

In regard to integrity, Walker said, "There are lots of parallels between faith and integrity. Faith, like integrity, is not situational. It is not something we turn on when it is convenient or visible. And, in fact, faith, like integrity, is also not visible because sometimes the real tests come of both your faith and your integrity when no one is watching.

"As a Christian, I was taught that integrity is rooted in truth — God's truth. Scripture calls us to be honest in all things, to act justly, and to walk humbly. Those teachings stayed with me long before I ever stepped into a courtroom, and they continue to guide me every time I take the bench."

Walker said he feels the weight of determining people's fate from the bench.

"Humility reminds me, and I have said on the bench repeatedly, that no one person is defined solely by a single action or circumstance," he said. "In

the end, I believe humility is essential to justice because without it, authority can become arrogance, and judgment can lose its fairness. But with it, we are better equipped to seek truth, to uphold dignity, and to carry out our responsibilities with both firmness and compassion."

Walker reserved his final remarks for a group of youth from the Eastern Shore Boys and Girls Club seated a few feet from him.

Looking at them reminded him of his younger self, he recalled, when others saw something in him he did not see in himself.

"Don't let anyone tell you being from the Eastern Shore means you can't succeed," he told them. "Don't let anyone tell you being from the Eastern Shore means you can't win. It means the opposite. The attention and love and affection that I got from this place is the sole reason why I am standing here today. Take advantage of that. Take advantage of your opportunities. Find mentors, find people who will have your back, and don't let anyone dim your light."



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Eastern Shore Boys and Girls Club are pictured with U.S. District Court Judge Jamar Walker at the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association Prayer Breakfast. The club members were accompanied by Executive Director Kathy Custis and Counselor Damanti Baines.



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Northeast community's playground could get improvements

BY SARAH BARBAN
Eastern Shore Post

Onancock's northeast community playground could soon have new amenities.

The Onancock Town Council unanimously approved on Monday, March 23, a measure to spend \$9,999 on two picnic tables, one picnic table compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, two trash cans, and two benches.

The expenses will come out of capital improvement funds.

The upgrades came after a request from neighborhood residents. Javon Smith and Thelma Gillespie spoke at the Wednesday, March 4, town council meeting to request the new equipment as part of an ongoing effort to revitalize the park.

"The northeast playground is the heart of the neighborhood that I grew up in and I know it is a resource for the whole town of Onancock," Smith said. "To increase its usage, we feel funds are needed."

The basketball court in the park was redone last summer, new playground equipment has been installed, and — with help from the Onancock Business and Civic Association — additional landscaping has been added to bring new life to the park.

Interim Town Manager Bill Porter said that it was unclear when the new equipment would be installed because it would be dependent on when the benches, tables, and trash cans arrive.

Smith and Gillespie have encouraged the town to move quickly so that children in the community can utilize the park as school lets out, in addition to the rest of the community being able to enjoy the space during warmer weather.

School rehab continues

Cleaning continues at the Historic Onancock School after a fire shut the facility down on Jan. 31 and led to tenants having to vacate and empty their studios.

The second floor of the school has been cleaned completely and is sealed



EASTERN SHORE POST/SARAH BARBAN

Onancock's northeast community playground will get new amenities after a recent Onancock Town Council vote.

off to prevent contaminants from re-entering the space, said council member Sarah Nock.

There will be another two weeks of cleaning on the lower level of the building before reconstruction can begin, Nock said.

Porter reiterated that the cleaning work is expected to be complete by Easter weekend and that construction crews will come in immediately afterward to begin work.

The town's new engineering contractor, Turlington and Governor Engineering, submitted its first task order to the town. It was for the review of the plans for roofing repairs at the Historic Onancock School.

The cost was \$1,560. The fee will be deducted from the \$800,000 the town allocated for repairs at the school. The town council authorized Porter to move forward with the task order.

Water meters

As of the March 4 town council

meeting, 74 water meters still needed to be swapped out with new digital meters.

The number was down to 17 as of the Monday, March 23, meeting.

For the foreseeable future the town will still handle water billing, but a discussion is expected at the next town council meeting about whether to turn billing over to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District or to keep that function with the town.

Mosquito spraying

Former Town Manager Matt Spuck previously served as the town's licensed commercial pesticide applicator.

Spuck left the town in November 2025 and moved into the position of county administrator for Northampton County.

Spuck's absence means that the town is without a licensed pest control applicator.

Porter said a contractor who sprays for other towns on the Eastern Shore quoted \$900 a week to do pest control.

The town would have to supply all of the chemicals, which would be an additional cost of around \$10,000 per year, according to Porter.

The contractor also would not allow any property owners to opt out of spraying. It would be all or nothing, Porter said.

Last spring and summer signs asking to be exempted from spraying began to pop up in yards around Onancock after citizens raised concerns about the practice.

As they have previously, the council discussed working with an expert, perhaps from Virginia Tech, to study how Onancock can best address mosquitoes and spraying.

The council has yet to make a decision about how to handle mosquito spraying this year. It is expected to be a topic of discussion at the next town council meeting on Monday, April 27, at 6 p.m.

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FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a full-time custodian. The primary duties of this position is to clean and maintain county-owned facilities. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Requires high school diploma, GED or vocational training, and a valid Virginia driver's license.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements and application form at https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings or an application can be obtained through the Human Resources office.

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- Communicate effectively with campers, parents, and fellow staff members to ensure a cohesive camp experience.
- Manage group dynamics and utilize behavior management techniques when necessary.
- Maintain cleanliness and organization of camp facilities and equipment.
- Participate in training sessions to enhance skills in childcare or related fields.
- Demonstrate reliability, punctuality, and effective time management while working scheduled shifts.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience working with children in childcare, daycare, or similar settings.
- Ability to work well with children and create a positive, engaging environment.
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TWO FULL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS

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

Qualifications: Over the age of 18 and have obtained high school diploma or GED.

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

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Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

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A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us>

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PART-TIME GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER

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

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

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Requires valid Virginia Driver's License. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$48,261 to \$73,644.

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Requires high school diploma or GED, and one (1) year of related experience. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$42,665 to \$65,073.

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-296

vs.

The heirs and devisees of EARL THOMAS TANKARD
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 021A1-0A-
BLK-00 0000052.

It is ORDERED that this order be published once a week for
four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that
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Watts, Patricia Williams Curtis, Jacqueline Williams Cur-
tis, and Linwood Williams, if living, and the heirs of Linwood
Williams, Earl Thomas Tankard, Mary Helen Kellam, Susie
Ann T. Williams, Lisa Ann Tankard, and Jamaar Rhyshawn
Tankard appear at the above-named Court and protect their
interests on or before May 1, 2026.

Enter this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Lauren Brown, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
7100 U.S. Route 17
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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-53

vs.

BRIAN SWIM, et als.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the
Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax parcel
109E00200003400.

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 Brian Swim appear at the above-named Court
and do what may be necessary to protect their interests on
or before April 27, 2026.

Enter this 27th day of February, 2026.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026, AT 7:00 PM IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. Agricultural and Forestal District Removal Request - Suzanne Tankard et al.

Request to remove multiple parcels from the Pungoteague Agricultural and Forestal District. The properties are located at the 10th Block of Liberty Street near Onancock, approximately 2000' west of its intersection with Hill Street, and are tax parcels 92-A-95B, 92-A-95B2, 92-A-95B3, 92-A-95B4, and 92-A-95C.

B. Agricultural Forestal District Removal Request - Justin Annis on behalf of Vankesteren Farms Inc.

Request to remove two parcels from the Tasley Agricultural and Forestal District. The parcel is located at 21073 Fairgrounds Road near Tasley, approximately 2500' west of its intersection with Greenbush Road, and is tax parcel 85-A-60 and 85-A-52.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomack, Virginia and on the County's website at <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

Handicapped Assistance available, call: (757) 787-5726 or 824-5223.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-338

vs.

The heirs and devisees of ISABELL L. PARKS, 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 062A1A000027500.

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 Isabell L. Parks (also known as Isabell Lee Thorne Parks), the heirs of Owen Ashton Parks Jr., the heirs of David Wayne Parks, the heirs of Jeffrey Lynn Parks, the heirs of Hugh James Parks, the heirs of Rosa Lee Parks, Carey Cline, Jamie Parks, Paul Parks, Marie O. Parks, Carli M. Piech, Michael J. Parks, and Stephen Parks appear on or before May 22, 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 23rd day of March, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

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TRUSTEE'S SALE 4120 MAIN STREET, EXMORE, VA 23350

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 19, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$127,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 070001130. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 12, 2026, at 1:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF EXMORE, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, STATE OF VIRGINIA, CONVEYED AND DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY IN DEED BOOK 282, PAGE 670. CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED BY NORTHAMPTON COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 10A3-6-9A, 10A3-6-15, AND 10A3-6-14.

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.aldridgepate.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.aldridgepate.com

TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Cape Charles Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comment on the following:

A. **Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 2026-01:** Application from the Town of Cape Charles to amend Town Code Chapter 32, Article VII (Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Overlay District) and related updates to Appendix A (Definitions) and Appendix C (Site Plan Ordinance) to ensure the ordinance complies with state law regarding the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

The Planning Commission will hold a meeting immediately after the public hearing to review the application. The application and supporting documents are available for public review on our website at www.capecharles.org under *Agendas and Minutes > Upcoming Meetings*.

Please contact the Zoning Administrator, Katie Nunez, at (757)-332-2036 or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or need additional information. Anyone interested in attending and requiring special assistance should contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-339

vs.

MATTHEW S. SWEENEY, 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 08000A0000003A0.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Matthew S. Sweeney, Elizabeth Christian, Margie H. Young, if living, or the heirs of Margie H. Young, the heirs of Samuel C. Young, the heirs of William T. Young, the heirs of Benjamin F. Young, the heirs of Clarence D. Young, the heirs of John S. Young, the heirs of Nancy L. Young, the heirs of Etta C. Young, the heirs of Dora S. Young, the heirs of Ida M. Young, the heirs of Benjamin F. Young Jr., and the heirs of Kate Young Mitchell appear on or before May 22, 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 23rd day of March, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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VEHICLE AUCTION

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission will be accepting sealed bids for the following vehicle:

**2015 Jeep Compass (4-door SUV);
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Vehicle may be viewed at the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission office at 23372 Front Street, Accomack, VA 23301. All bids must be submitted to the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission office by **5:00 PM on April 27, 2026. Minimum Bid is \$750.00.**

Bids will be opened at the office on April 29, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

When submitting a bid, be sure to include your name, a phone number where you can be reached, and the vehicle you are bidding on (2015 Jeep Compass).

A sealed envelope should be addressed to Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, P.O. Box 417, 23372 Front Street Accomack, VA 23301, and include "VEHICLE BID" written on the envelope. There is a mail slot to the right of the front door for personally delivered after-hours bids.

NOTE: Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids. This vehicle will be sold "AS IS" with no warranty given or implied. The winning bidder is responsible for the removal of the vehicle.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, to consider and to hear public comments on one case.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with a site visit to the affected properties. The Board will reconvene at or around 9:45 AM that same morning in Board Chambers in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing.

Variance 2026-01: Shelton Alley is applying for a variance to encroach into the front, rear, right, and left side setbacks to install seven single-family dwellings. The properties are located on Stumptown Drive, Eastville, VA and are further described as Tax Maps 68A-2-1; 68A-2-2; 68A-2-3; 68A-2-4; 68A-2-5; 68A-2-6; and 68-A-39.

The case 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 case information, contact the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office at (757) 678-0443, ext. 545.

BOURBON AND BURGERS BY THE BAY LLC

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for a Retail Restaurant - Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages,
Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture
alcoholic beverages.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

TOWN OF EXMORE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Exmore Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 3305 Main Street, Exmore, VA.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Program revision in our Comprehensive Plan (required by the DEQ) and solicit public comment. For more information, visit <https://www.exmore.org/planning-commission-4-22-2026>

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

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, April 15, 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):

Conduct a Public Hearing as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800: The County desires (a) to assign and grant to Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) all the County's privileges, duties, and other rights under the Industrial Park Easements, and (b) to grant and convey to HRSD all the County's ownership in the Industrial Park Gravity.

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

(757) 787-5700 / 824-5444 or
administration@co.accomack.va.us

County's electronic Board Agenda
on the Friday before the meeting at:
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Live Meeting Audio:
<https://tinyurl.com/3kjdnz8n>

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF EXMORE

The Town of Exmore Planning Commission public hearing originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. has been **POSTPONED**.

On Tuesday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Planning Commission workshop in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 3305 Main Street, Exmore, VA 23350, for presentation and discussion by Atlantic Group & Associates, Inc. There will be no vote, just a workshop.

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

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 26-336

vs.

The heirs and devisees of EVA B. COOPER, 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 numbers 005A40100224900, 005A50400001400, and 005A50400011300.

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 Eva B. Cooper, Russell Cooper, Adele Jones, Rachel Edwards, Maude Rogers, Roy J. Evans, Barbara A. Evans, the heirs of Huntley Ann Cole, Faye Becraft, Matthew Carson, and David Carson appear on or before May 22, 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 23rd day of March, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will meet and conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia, on the following matter:

Minor SUP 2026-02: 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, Virginia, 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/>

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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The property holding company for the Eastern Shore Community Services Board, doing business as Mendisadd, Inc., is seeking proposals from qualified firms/Realtors to facilitate the sale of several properties.

The intent of this RFP is for the successful firm/Realtor to enter into a professional services contract with Mendisadd, Inc. Knowledge of the local market and experience in the purchase and sale of properties on the Eastern Shore is essential for this project.

Please contact Sharon Jones, Finance Director, at ssjones@escsb.org or 757-693-0694 to obtain a copy of the RFP. The deadline to submit proposals is April 17, 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 27, 2026 to April 27, 2026

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: William I. Fitchett and David F. Mason; 28524 Phillips Dr., Melfa, VA 23410; GWI000355

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Home and Fitchett Farms; 28524 Phillips Dr., Melfa, VA 23410

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: William I. Fitchett and David F. Mason have applied for a reissuance of a permit for agricultural purposes. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 35,345,000 gallons per year and 17,866,000 gallons per month from the Surficial (Columbia) aquifer. The ground water withdrawal will support irrigation and pesticide application to crops. The base of the Surficial aquifer at the proposed withdrawal site was determined to be 68 feet below land surface. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The draft permit can be viewed at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/news-info/shortcuts/public-notice/water/water-withdrawal>

AFFECTED AREA: Computer modeling predicts that the aquifer will not experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Nicole Reungoat; DEQ Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA, 23218; Phone: 804-698-4192; E-mail: nicole.reungoat@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Wetlands Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, to consider and to hear public comments on two applications.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 AM with site visits to the affected properties, in the order in which the cases are listed below. The Board will reconvene at or around 10:30 AM that same morning in Board Chambers in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting public hearings.

VMRC 2026-0442; NAO-2026-00424: Linda Barlow is applying for a permit to construct a rip rap revetment and vinyl return wall with corner armor. The revetment will use Class I & II quarry stone with filter cloth underlayment. The property is located at 4274 Battle Point Road, Jamesville, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 6A-1-5 along the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay.

NAO-2024-00367: Robin & Kari Pollock are applying for a permit to construct a rip rap revetment, vinyl return wall, and a “by right” beach access structure to comply with a previously permitted project. The property is located on Sand Hill Drive, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 104D-1-18, along the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay.

The application files may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Written comments may be sent via email to olivia.bennett@co.northampton.va.us or may be submitted by mail or hand-delivery to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building.

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the 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. 546.

Marshall Cox, Chairman
Wetlands Board

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

George Snyder (2025063) has applied for approximately 109.49 acres of oyster planting ground in Metompkin Bay situated in Accomack County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-43.3554 / W75-35.4564

To view a map of the application or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2025063): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2262.

Send written comments or concerns to: Marine Resources Commission, Shellfish Management Division 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION VARIOUS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority (A-NRHA) and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance (ESVHA) are seeking letters of interest in the following property management service provision.

Letters may be submitted for the full portfolio OR for individual properties. The full portfolio is preferred. The Agencies reserve the right to negotiate with multiple providers and make partial awards to ensure the best service for each location.

Interested individuals or companies can provide information for any or all of the following services of interest.

Services of interest include:

1. On-call maintenance and repair, and preventive maintenance
2. On-call property management including collecting of rents, security deposits, inspection of units and common areas, utility service and purchases
3. Reporting, eligibility of residents, compliance of residents
4. Units turns, including painting and cleaning

All provision of services require compliance with federal, state and local laws prohibiting discrimination in housing.

A letter of interest addressing the Request for Information Components, as itemized in the full packet Request for Information located at www.esvaplan.org/rfi/, will be received until 3:00 PM, Friday, April 24, 2026, local prevailing time at the offices of the:

A-NRHA / ESVHA
The Enterprise Building
23372 Front Street
P.O. Box 387
Accomac, VA 23301

To be considered, mailed RFIs must be post-marked in adequate time to reach the address named above by the above deadline. Unless canceled or rejected, the RFI will be evaluated and interviews will be held with prospective service providers. Negotiation for service contracts may follow.

Please call (757) 787-2936, ext: 118, Eric Horito, Director of Housing Development, with any questions.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia, entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the Accomack County Circuit Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301, at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

- PARCEL 1: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. ANNIE AYERS
MAP NO. 111A3A000001100
OFF MAPPSBURG ROAD; 0.25 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 2: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RONDA S. BENNETT
MAP NO. 075A0A000006200
20211 DEEP CREEK ROAD; 0.50 ACRE +/-
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY
- PARCEL 3: TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE vs. FRANCES LEE BOENDER
MAP NO. 030A10400005400
8185 SEA GULL DRIVE; LOT 54,
OCEAN BREEZE MOBILE HOME SITES
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY
- PARCEL 4: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. HILLIS LARRY BOWEN
MAP NO. 02400A0000046A0
25422 SAXIS ROAD; 0.34 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 5: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. GEORGE W. BRADFORD
MAP NO. 120000400000400
ON BRADFORD ROAD; 0.63 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 6: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. EVELYN NORCOM BURTON/
BLANCHE DAWSON
MAP NO. 005A10100084200
LOT 842, SECTION 1, CAPTAIN'S COVE
- PARCEL 7: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. EVELYN NORCOM BURTON/
SYLVESTER BLACK
MAP NO. 005A60200010500
LOT 105, SECTION 10, CAPTAIN'S COVE
- PARCEL 8: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DOROTHEA E. CLARK/THE COVE LLC
MAP NO. 005A60200014800
LOT 148, SECTION 10, CAPTAIN'S COVE
- PARCEL 9: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. JUAN ANTONIO ESTEBAN-GONZALEZ
MAP NO. 085A3A000003800
22 BOUNDARY AVENUE, TOWN OF ONANCOCK; 0.25 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 10: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. JUAN ANTONIO ESTEBAN-GONZALEZ
MAP NO. 085A3A000003900
ON BOUNDARY AVENUE, TOWN OF ONANCOCK
- PARCEL 11: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MARGARET SARAH FINNEY
MAP NO. 11000A000008700
31537 BOGGS ROAD; 1.00 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 12: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. THOMAS L. GIDDENS
MAP NO. 102A0A000000400
30389 RACETRACK ROAD
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY
- PARCEL 13: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. THOMAS L. GIDDENS/
THOMAS GIDDENS, JR.
MAP NO. 110000300B00009
16032 LEROY LANE; 0.75 ACRE +/-
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY
- PARCEL 14: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MILDRED LEE GREENWOOD/
NANCY GULMANTOVICZ
MAP NO. 005A40300237000
LOT 2370, SECTION 5, CAPTAIN'S COVE

- PARCEL 15: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. FRANKLIN HALL/
VERNELL DRUMMOND
MAP NO. 086C0A000000300
ON DRUMMOND LANE; 1.00 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 16: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DANIEL HAYES
MAP NO. 111A30100000100
33286 ALEXINE STREET, TOWN OF PAINTER
- PARCEL 17: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. LEE ANTHONY HAYNES, SR./
TELLERVO HENTMAN
MAP NO. 005A40100232200
LOT 2322, SECTION 4, CAPTAIN'S COVE
- PARCEL 18: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. LEE ANTHONY HAYNES, SR./
ANDREW HOLLERN
MAP NO. 005A40300248000
LOT 2480, SECTION 5, CAPTAIN'S COVE
- PARCEL 19: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. THOMAS C. JOYNES
MAP NO. 085F0A000001900
ON TOWN ROAD
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY
- PARCEL 20: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. LEE KING
MAP NO. 062A3A000000800
5120 CANTON ROAD, TANGIER ISLAND
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY
- PARCEL 21: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MARCENA L. MAPP
MAP NO. 10000A000002600
ON BOBTOWN ROAD; 1.50 ACRES +/-
- PARCEL 22: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. CARRIE MATTHEWS
MAP NO. 027A0A000000400
ON CHINCOTEAGUE ROAD; 1.00 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 23: TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE vs. DOREEN MURRAY
MAP NO. 030A60900004000
6314 HIGHLAND PARK DRIVE; 0.21 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 24: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. NAOMI R. POOLE/
BRENDA TERESA DALE
MAP NO. 02800A0000002100
7186 FLEMING ROAD
- PARCEL 25: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MARTIN SIMONS
MAP NO. 005A40300238800
LOT 2388, SECTION 5, CAPTAINS COVE
- PARCEL 26: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MARTIN SIMONS/SEA WHORE LLC
MAP NO. 005A60100006100
LOT 61, SECTION 7, CAPTAINS COVE
- PARCEL 27: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. FRANCES L. TURNER
MAP NO. 09200A000008600
ON SAVAGEVILLE ROAD

The terms of sale shall be cash or a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days.

Additional terms will be announced at the sale.

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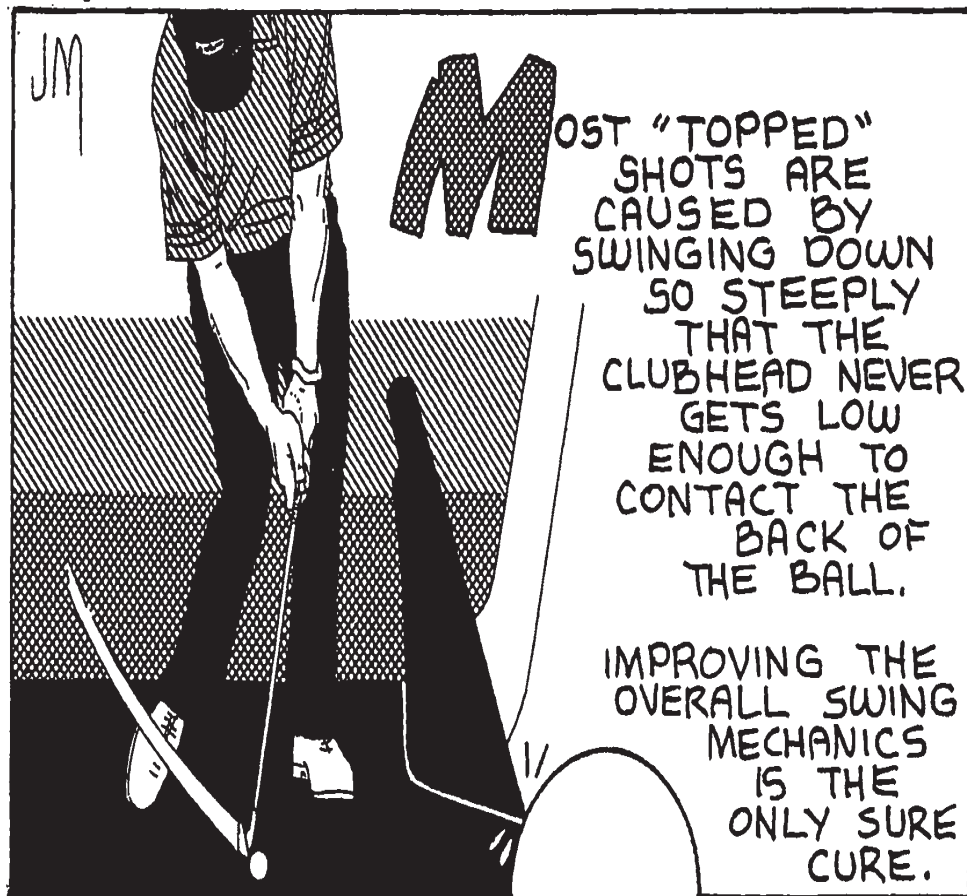
- PARCEL 1: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs JOHN THOMAS BARTEE
MAP NO. 084C2-0A-BLK-00 0000147
21453 S. BAYSIDE ROAD; TOWN OF CHERITON
- PARCEL 2: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs FARISE ALLEN OVERTON BRICKHOUSE
MAP NO. 0015C-01-BLK-00 00000CW
10276 BRICKHOUSE DRIVE; 4.00 ACRES +/-
- PARCEL 3: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs CHARLIE LANE
MAP NO. 00015-0A-BLK-00 0000128
ON BAYSIDE ROAD
- PARCEL 4: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs CHARLIE LANE
MAP NO. 00015-0A-BLK-00 0000129
ON BAYSIDE ROAD
- PARCEL 5: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs SARAH BETH LEVIN
MAP NO. 00013-21-BLK-00 000000B
ON OSPREY LANE & SALTWORKS ROAD (2 PARTS); 1.13 ACRES +/-
- PARCEL 6: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs OLESTER TAYLOR MANUEL
MAP NO. 0030A-01-BLK-00 0000003
10169 JOHNSON TOWN ROAD; 0.51 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 7: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs PIERCE SCANLAN
MAP NO. 010A1-0A-BLK-00 0000082
11526 OCCOHANNOCK ROAD, TOWN OF EXMORE; 0.29 ACRE +/-

- PARCEL 8: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs WILLIE D. SMITH
MAP NO. 0105A-0A-BLK-00 0000105
ON CHEAPSIDE ROAD
- PARCEL 9: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs PLENTY SPADY
MAP NO. 00105-0A-BLK-00 0000041
ON WALNUT GROVE LANE; 1.00 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 10: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs MELISSA A. WASHINGTON
MAP NO. 0040B-09-BLK-00 000001C
8286 TREHERNEVILLE DRIVE; 0.35 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 11: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs MELISSA A. WASHINGTON
MAP NO. 0040B-09-BLK-00 000001D
OFF TREHERNEVILLE DRIVE; 0.45 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 12: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs EBONIE S. WEBB
MAP NO. 00084-0A-BLK-00 0000134
22170 RAYMOND LANE; 2.00 ACRES +/-

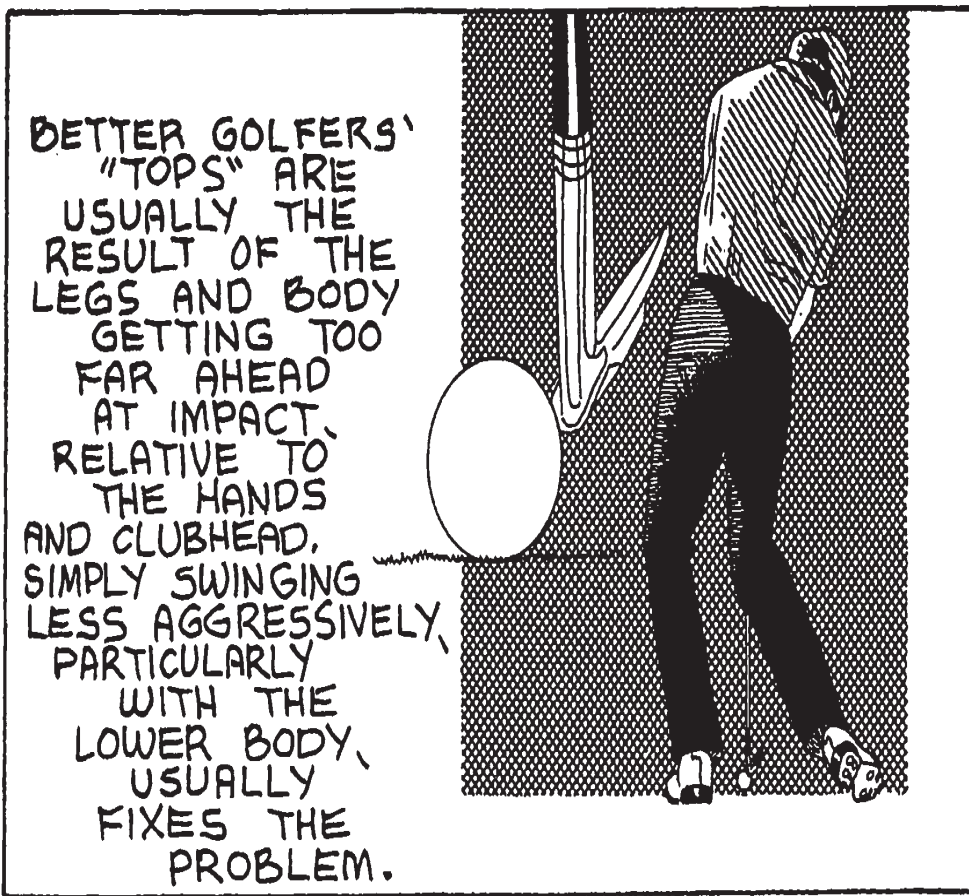
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PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in New Church, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 20, 2026, to April 20, 2026

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Cardinal Village; 6379 Lankford Hwy, New Church, VA 23415; VA0065196

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Cardinal Village has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Cardinal Village Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from residential areas at a rate of 0.006 million gallons a day into a water body. The sludge will be disposed of by Boggs Water & Sewage Inc. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage in the Unnamed Tributary to Tunnels Mill Branch in New Church in the Pungoteague Creek watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: flow, physical and chemical properties, nutrients, organic matter, solids, bacteria, and inorganics.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Bradley Phelps; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462; Phone: (757) 945-1293; E-mail: Bradley.phelps@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. Name the Italian racecar manufacturer that became the sole chassis supplier for the IndyCar Series starting in 2007.
2. What team won the NCAA women's bowling championship six times from 2004 to 2021?
3. Name the Dallas Cowboys cornerback who set an NFL single-season record with his fifth interception returned for a touchdown in 2023.
4. He played college basketball for the Duke Blue Devils and was drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2002. He has fraternal twin sons who also play basketball at Duke. Who are they?
5. John Landy, the second person to run a mile in under four minutes, served as a state governor in what country from 2001 to 2006?
6. How many times did Wayne Gretzky achieve the NHL's rare "50 goals in 50 games" feat - scoring 50 goals in his team's first 50 games of the season?

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1. Dallara
2. The University of Nebraska
3. Daron Bland
4. Carlos Boozer and sons Cameron and Cayden
5. Australia
6. Three

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Chinco. Channel	H L	4:24 p.m. 10:35 a.m.	H L	5:27 p.m. 11:33 a.m.	H L	6:23 p.m. 12:25 p.m.	H L	6:53 a.m. 1:12 p.m.	H L	7:40 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	H L	8:23 a.m. 2:35 p.m.	H L	9:03 a.m. 3:13 p.m.
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Quinby Inlet	H L	4:28 p.m. 10:29 a.m.	H L	5:34 p.m. 11:33 a.m.	H L	6:30 p.m. 12:26 p.m.	H L	7:00 a.m. 1:11 p.m.	H L	7:44 a.m. 1:50 p.m.	H L	8:25 a.m. 2:27 p.m.	H L	9:04 a.m. 3:02 p.m.
Machipongo	H L	4:58 p.m. 10:58 a.m.	H L	6:04 p.m. 12:02 p.m.	H L	6:41 a.m. 12:55 p.m.	H L	7:30 a.m. 1:40 p.m.	H L	8:14 a.m. 2:19 p.m.	H L	8:55 a.m. 2:56 p.m.	H L	9:34 a.m. 3:31 p.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	8:12 a.m. 2:49 p.m.	H L	9:17 a.m. 3:47 p.m.	H L	10:14 a.m. 4:39 p.m.	H L	11:05 a.m. 5:25 p.m.	H L	11:50 a.m. 6:06 p.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 6:43 p.m.	H L	1:07 p.m. 7:13 a.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	8:35 a.m. 3:39 p.m.	H L	9:49 a.m. 4:38 p.m.	H L	10:47 a.m. 5:29 p.m.	H L	11:36 a.m. 6:16 p.m.	H L	12:20 p.m. 6:57 p.m.	H L	12:58 p.m. 7:24 a.m.	H L	1:34 p.m. 8:05 a.m.
Guard Shore	H L	8:27 a.m. 3:35 p.m.	H L	9:41 a.m. 4:34 p.m.	H L	10:39 a.m. 5:25 p.m.	H L	11:28 a.m. 6:12 p.m.	H L	12:12 p.m. 6:53 p.m.	H L	12:50 p.m. 7:20 a.m.	H L	1:26 p.m. 8:01 a.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	8:02 a.m. 2:47 p.m.	H L	9:16 a.m. 3:46 p.m.	H L	10:14 a.m. 4:37 p.m.	H L	11:03 a.m. 5:24 p.m.	H L	11:47 a.m. 6:05 p.m.	H L	12:25 p.m. 6:42 p.m.	H L	1:01 p.m. 7:13 a.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	8:16 a.m. 3:07 p.m.	H L	9:30 a.m. 4:06 p.m.	H L	10:28 a.m. 4:57 p.m.	H L	11:17 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	H L	12:01 p.m. 6:25 p.m.	H L	12:39 p.m. 6:52 a.m.	H L	1:15 p.m. 7:33 a.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H L	7:32 a.m. 2:21 p.m.	H L	8:46 a.m. 3:20 p.m.	H L	9:44 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	H L	10:33 a.m. 4:58 p.m.	H L	11:17 a.m. 5:39 p.m.	H L	11:55 a.m. 6:16 p.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 6:50 p.m.
Nassawadox	H L	6:42 p.m. 12:38 p.m.	H L	7:22 a.m. 1:38 p.m.	H L	8:21 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	H L	9:12 a.m. 3:16 p.m.	H L	9:57 a.m. 3:57 p.m.	H L	10:38 a.m. 4:35 p.m.	H L	11:17 a.m. 5:11 p.m.
Occhohan. Creek	H L	6:53 p.m. 1:19 p.m.	H L	7:38 a.m. 2:22 p.m.	H L	8:43 a.m. 3:18 p.m.	H L	9:36 a.m. 4:07 p.m.	H L	10:21 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	H L	11:01 a.m. 5:29 p.m.	H L	11:40 a.m. 6:06 p.m.
Cape Charles	H L	5:36 p.m. 11:51 a.m.	H L	6:43 p.m. 12:50 p.m.	H L	7:18 a.m. 1:41 p.m.	H L	8:07 a.m. 2:28 p.m.	H L	8:51 a.m. 3:09 p.m.	H L	9:29 a.m. 3:46 p.m.	H L	10:05 a.m. 4:20 p.m.
Kiptopeke Beach	H L	5:19 p.m. 11:21 a.m.	H L	6:23 p.m. 12:18 p.m.	H L	6:56 a.m. 1:09 p.m.	H L	7:44 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	H L	8:27 a.m. 2:36 p.m.	H L	9:06 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	H L	9:42 a.m. 3:46 p.m.

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