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## 'Forever chemicals' mitigation continues

### Report cannot determine NASA water health risks

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility recently installed a 200-foot permeable barrier on its grounds to remove "forever chemicals" from groundwater and from surface water flowing into waterways, the latest initiative to mitigate their impact.

Officials at a May 13 public information session held at the NASA Visitor Center detailed new steps being taken to remove the chemicals, called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, from groundwater and surface water.

The session came after a recently released federal report that states it is unknown whether there are "ongoing health risks" from the PFAS in Wallops groundwater to facility personnel and residents of the town of Chincoteague, whose municipal wells are located on the NASA base.

"We can't tell conclusively if there is the potential of health effects," said Brad Goodwin, of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, which produced the report.

PFAS were discovered in facility and town drinking water in April

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## NORTHAMPTON

# Sheriff's Office investigates Mother's Day stabbing in Cheriton

The Northampton County Sheriff's Office is investigating a daylight stabbing on Mother's Day on Sunnyside Road.

Sheriff David Doughty said his office responded to a report of a stabbing

on Sunday, May 10, at 3 p.m.

Sunnyside Road was closed for a short time during the incident. No names have been released.

People with information can call the sheriff's office at 757-678-0458.

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# Peter Bale of Sentinel Robotics Solutions Honored at 20th Annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy Luncheon

The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) recently hosted its 20th Annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy Luncheon, bringing together over 200 guests to recognize outstanding philanthropic contributions to Virginia's Community Colleges.

The event honored more than two dozen individuals, families, and businesses from all 23 of Virginia's Community Colleges, as well as the VFCCE itself. Award recipients were nominated in recognition of their exceptional commitment to the growth and development of Virginia's community colleges and their respective foundations.

In his welcoming remarks, Chancellor David Doré saluted and thanked the donors for their unwavering commitment to students whose potential might otherwise go unrealized. "The individuals and organizations we honor in this room represent an extraordinary \$27 million in lifetime giving to Virginia's community colleges," he said.

2026 Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy Recipients included Peter Bale of Sentinel Robotic Solutions (SRS) for Eastern Shore Community College. As Founder of SRS, Peter Bale helped establish an Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) education program at ESCC, and he



*Peter Bale, Founder of Sentinel Robotic Solutions (3rd from L), was honored April 22 as Eastern Shore Community College's 2026 Leader in Philanthropy by Virginia Community College System. L to R: Patty Kellam, Exec. Director of ESCC Foundation; Erika Bale, CEO of Sentinel Robotics Solutions, Peter Bale; Dr. David Doré, Chancellor of Virginia Community College System; Dr. Daryl Minus, President of ESCC; Ray Wood, Chair of ESCC Advisory Board; Jeremy McLean, President of ESCC Foundation*

secured a donation of \$1.8 million in UAS equipment to help ESCC students explore drone-related STEM careers.

Additionally, he created a partnership with ESCC for SRS to teach aerial drone flying to clients of the Department of Rehabilitative Services that is now being expanded statewide. Peter served on the ESCC Foundation Board from 2020-2025, and he has been a generous donor and sponsor of events.

Dr. Daryl Minus, President of Eastern Shore Community College, added "Peter's unwavering commitment to ESCC's mission has greatly enhanced our impact on the communities we proudly serve. He is dedicated to ensuring that our students have the support and equipment necessary to succeed, and he is a tremendous ally in ESCC's continuous effort to deliver high-quality, relevant academic and workforce programs."

ESCC will partner with Bale and SRS, the Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable, the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, Luminary Air Group, Accomack and Northampton Counties, and the Accomack County Airport in the implementation of the recently awarded Go Virginia Grant of \$788,700.

The grant will help establish a comprehensive unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) workforce and business development program aligned with regional industry demand and statewide aviation strategy. The program will expand credentialing opportunities, develop new engineering and electronics curricula, and provide hands-on training through real-world applications, building a scalable workforce pipeline for Virginia's growing aerospace and unmanned systems sector.

Eastern Shore Community College and ESCC Foundation applaud the unwavering support of Peter Bale and congratulate him on this recent award.

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# From Machipongo to Manhattan for Pulitzer Prize

**BY TED SHOCKLEY**  
Eastern Shore Post

Devlin Barrett was working on a riding lawn mower on his farm near Machipongo when he was summoned to Manhattan by his employer, The New York Times.

Barrett, who covers federal law enforcement, was part of a group of reporters that won the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting — the industry’s most prestigious accolade — and he needed to get back to the office.

He previously had been part of three other teams of reporters who had won the Pulitzer Prize.

But he might be the first recipient in the storied history of the esteemed award who had just been elbow-deep in a John Deere mower when he heard he had won.

“The bendix gear needed a lot more



**Devlin Barrett**

and the FBI — a man who spent summers on his grandparents’ Northampton County farm.

This summer, Simon & Schuster is publishing Barrett’s book about President Trump’s influence on the FBI. But that does not absolve him of his duties on the farm, where he spends as much time as he can.

“I’m always excited when I first arrive back on the Eastern Shore and

fussing with silicon spray and a screwdriver, but I finally got it popping again,” said Barrett about coaxing the mower back to life.

Such is the life of one of the country’s foremost authorities on the U.S. Justice Department

think about all the things there are to do, and I’m always a little bummed out when I have to leave again, knowing I didn’t get to everything I wanted,” he said.

A New York native, Barrett fondly recalls spending time on the Machipongo farm with his grandparents, Dorothy Wise Gibb and E. Franklin Gibb.

His grandfather, who served as a U.S. Army colonel and died in 1989, left quite an impression. Barrett worked summers on the farm for his grandfather while in high school.

“He and his pipe of Captain Black tobacco would supervise me during the day, and for fun we would listen to the crop report while he tried to teach me chess,” Barrett said.

“It was not a teenage boy’s idea of a good time, but looking back now, it means a great deal to me.”

His grandmother, the daughter of Emma Finney Wise and Arthur Tucker Wise, of Craddockville, died in 2004. His grandparents’ graves are at Johnson’s United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Today he owns the farm where he spent his summers. Years ago, it was a welcome respite while he worked as a crime reporter in New York City.

“After I moved to Washington, it was a place my wife, Miranda, and I could bring our boys to spread out and explore, get dirty, and (get) lost in the woods,” he said.

His family enjoys the Eastern Shore, from duck hunting with his son to “crabbing with strangers at the Cape Charles pier,” he said.

He also enjoys “two-finger waves on the seaside and bayside roads” and “showing off the Eastern Shore to friends who visit from the city,” he said.

“One of the reasons I love the Eastern Shore so much is because it’s like dental floss for the soul,” he said.

“It’s an escape not just from the politics of (Washington) D.C. but also from the shouting and beeping screens. On the Shore, I get to do some mediocre carpentry, watch my kids

run off with our dogs, and relax with great people.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Barrett and his family lived on the farm full time — and enjoyed the respite.

“My kids raised chickens in their great-great-grandmother’s chicken coop,” he said. “We also had goats and ducks and go-karts and foster dogs.”

Barrett’s most recent Pulitzer, which was announced May 4, honored the team for “deeply reported stories that exposed how President Trump has shattered constraints on conflicts of interest and exploited the money-making opportunities that come with power, enriching his family and allies,” according to the Pulitzer Prizes website.

He emphasized that he has been a member of groups that won the prize — “they have really all been team efforts,” he said.

He also said “reality-based reporting is more important than ever.”

“Internet junk can rot your brain just like junk food can rot your teeth, Barrett said. “I wish we all had more willpower to make better consumption choices. That doesn’t mean reporters, or journalism, are perfect.

“But there’s an ocean ... of difference between the professionals trying to find out the truth and explain it, and the industrial-strength nonsense floating around online that is designed to make a quick buck by spreading anger and fear.”

As the weather warms, Barrett will be spending plenty of time on his Eastern Shore farm, where work awaits.

The John Deere mower needs more service: “replace the filters, sharpen the blades, and find and plug a slow leak in the back tire,” he said.

Fortunately, he already had cut the trail around the fields where the family walks their dogs. And fortunately, his wife likes to help.

“One of the many wonderful things about my wife is that she is happy to do some of the mowing,” he said.

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# Town, developer could partner on workforce housing



COURTESY IMAGE

This is a rendition of the proposed Bayside Village initiative in Cape Charles by developer Chris Carbaugh. The town is proposing giving 16 acres of land for the project.

**BY TED SHOCKLEY**  
Eastern Shore Post

The Cape Charles Town Council will begin preliminary talks with a developer who is proposing construction of 170 housing units — half of them earmarked as workforce housing — on 16 acres of town-owned land.

Developer Chris Carbaugh’s proposal was chosen from among four responses to a request by the town for a plan to build homes on the property that would be affordable to teachers, police officers, first responders, and others.

Affordable housing is “bigger than a Cape Charles priority — it’s a county priority, as well,” said Town Manager Rick Keuroglan at a town hall meeting Tuesday, May 12, about the proposal.

Giving the developer the land, which is assessed by Northampton County at \$551,600 and worth far more on the open market, will help keep prices on the housing units down, officials said.

In addition, the town already has invested in sewer design and other components of the property.

“The town has stepped up to the plate to enable workforce housing on this site,” said Bob Panek, the town’s project manager.

The town was given the parcel years ago as part of a proffer offered to the town as part of another project.

Carbaugh, who is also planning a development in Onley and has proposed another for Exmore, said he is one of the partners in the Cape Charles proposal.

“Our group does understand how important workforce housing is to our community,” said Carbaugh during an April 30 meeting introducing the plan.

Carbaugh is proposing two-story, “one over one” units with separate residences on the first and second floors. There will be a mix of rentals and owner-occupied units.

The proposed development is called Bayside Village.

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A minimum of 50% of the 170 units will be for workforce housing, priced for those with salaries at 60% to 110% of the area’s median household income.

That would roughly equate to rents or mortgages as low as \$870 monthly.

Prices for the units would be tailored to the amount occupants could afford and the number of working adults living there. There would be restrictions ensuring the workforce housing units are used for that purpose for 20 years.

The remainder of the 170 units would be sold on the open market, which Keuroglan said would help the developer afford to build those units designed for the workforce.

The units would be between 900 and 1,100 square feet with the overall price ranging from the \$200,000s and low \$300,000s, he said.

There also would be provisions that prohibit using any of the units for short-term rentals. The entire 16 acres would not be given to the developer at once; the town would give parcels to Carbaugh to be developed in phases.

Keuroglan said hearing public comment and communicating the process would be a priority.

Town Councilman Ken Butta, a coordinator with Northampton County Public Schools, said the need for teacher housing is dire.

“We have teachers who are living in motel rooms,” he said. He added that such a large number of Northampton teachers commute from Hampton Roads that county-owned vehicles are provided to them.

Panek said all but one of the personnel at Coast Guard Station Cape Charles also live in Hampton Roads.

Carbaugh said the development, Bayside Village, would be a housing option so “those in careers that support our community can live and work while enjoying a high quality of life found in Cape Charles.”

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# 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Chincoteague Bay Trails End Association

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## INTRODUCTION

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2025 is designed to inform you about your drinking water quality. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and we want you to understand the efforts we make to protect your water supply. The quality of your drinking water must meet state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming;
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses;
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic system;
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities

Drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In developing the standards EPA assumes that the average adult drinks 2 liters of water each day throughout a 70-year lifespan. EPA generally sets MCLs at levels that will result in no adverse health effects for some contaminants or a one-in-ten-thousand to one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect for other contaminants.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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showing the Source Water Assessment area, an inventory of known Land Use Activities and Potential Conduits to Groundwater utilized at Land Use Activity sites in Zone I, Susceptibility Explanation Chart\* and Definition of Key Terms. The report is available by contacting your waterworks system owner/operator at the phone or address included in the CCR.

## WATER QUALITY RESULTS

Contaminants in your drinking water are routinely monitored according to Federal and State regulations. The EPA requires that Table I reflect monitoring results for the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025. The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, may be more than one year old. Only the most recent sample results from the prescribed period are reported. The table lists only those contaminants that had some level of detection. Many other contaminants have been analyzed but were not present were below the detection limits of the lab equipment.

## DEFINITIONS

In this report you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. The following definitions are provided to help you better understand these terms:

- Non-detects (ND) Lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- Pans per (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L) -One part per million corresponds -to one minute in 2 years, or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (ug/l)- One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Action Level (AL)- The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)- of a contaminant is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety-
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)- The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Level Goal (MRDLG)- The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health-MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Treatment Technique (TT) A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Level 1 Assessment — An evaluation to identify the possible presence of sanitary defects, defects in distribution system coliform monitoring practices, and (when possible) the likely reason that the system triggered the assessment.
- Level 2 Assessment — An evaluation to identify the possible presence of sanitary defects, defects in distribution system coliform monitoring practices, and (when possible) the likely that the system triggered the assessment in a more comprehensive investigation than a Level assessment.
- Sanitary Defect — A defect that could provide a pathway of entry for microbial contamination into the distribution system or that is indicative of a failure or imminent failure in a barrier that is already in place.

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

### LEAD AND COPPER CONTAMINANTS

CONTAMINANT (units)	MCLG	Action Level	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Range	Samples above AL	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.19	ND-0.28	0	6/7/2023	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	0	15	2.8	ND-4.2	0	6/7/2023	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing- Chincoteague Bay Trails End Association is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Sam Merritt at (757) 824-3428 Ext. 6. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Zero of five (5) samples tested above the copper AL. Zero of five (5) samples tested above the lead AL.

A lead service line inventory was prepared for Chincoteague Bay Trails End in 2024. For access to this inventory, please contact Samuel K. Merritt at (757) 824-3428 ext. 6.

## DISINFECTANTS & DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS

If there is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants

CONTAMINANT (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Range	Violation	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contamination
Chlorine as C 12	4	4	0.75	0.24-1.29	NO	Monthly	Water additive used to control microbes.
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethane)	N/A	80	50.8	NA	NO	7/21/2025	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAAS Haloacetic Acids)	N/A	60	11.2	NA	NO	7/21/2025	By-product of drinking water chlorination

## Chincoteague Bay Trails End 2025 Water Quality Report

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Range	Violation	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contamination
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.36	NA	No	06/02/2023	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	5.3	NA	No	6/17/2025	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium (226 & 228) (pCi/L)	0	5	0.73*	NA	No	6/7/2023	Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	1	NA	No	06/02/2023	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	57	NA	No	06/02/2025	Erosion of natural deposits widely distributed in nature, discharge from softeners, human or animal waste disposal, leachate from landfill or seawater intrusion

\*If the results of the sample had been above 5 pCi/L, our system would have been required to do additional testing for radium. Because the results were below 5 pCi/L, no testing for radium was required.

**A note about arsenic in drinking water:** While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the understanding of arsenic's possible health effects of low levels of arsenic, a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

**A note about nitrate in drinking water:** Nitrate drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndromes. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

**A note about sodium in your drinking water:** Drinking water does not play a significant role in sodium exposure for most individuals. Those that are under treatment for sodium-sensitive hypertension should consult with their health care provider regarding sodium levels in their drinking water supply and the advisability of using an alternative water source or point-of use treatment to reduce the sodium. For individuals on a very low sodium diet (500 mg/day), EPA recommends that drinking water sodium not exceed 20 mg/L. The World Health Organization has established a drinking water guideline of 270 mg of sodium/L on the basis of aesthetic considerations (i.e., taste). On July 26, 2022, our water had a sodium content of 55 mg/L.

No E. coli was detected during the year.

All water systems are required to comply with the state Total Coliform Rule- Beginning April 2016, all water systems were required to comply with the federal Revised Total Coliform Rule. The new federal rule maintains the purpose to protect public health by ensuring the integrity of the drinking water distribution system and monitoring for the presence of microbials (i.e., total coliform and E. coli bacteria). The US EPA anticipates greater public health protection as the new rule requires water systems that are vulnerable to microbial contamination to identify and fix problems. Water systems that exceed a specified frequency of total coliform occurrences are required to conduct an assessment to determine if any sanitary defects exist. If found, they must be corrected by the water system.

**SYSTEM ASSESSMENTS FOR TC+ -** No assessments were required for this system for this reporting period.

**SYSTEM ASSESSMENTS FOR EC+ -** No assessments were required for this system during this reporting period.

**VIOLATIONS -** There were no violations for this system during the reporting year 2025.

# Eastern Shore Post

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## THE PAPER'S POSITION

### In Cape Charles, a model idea for workforce housing

Any development plans on the Eastern Shore — and especially those in Northampton County — are sure to get a thorough examination from a skeptical public. We expect the same involving a proposal to build 170 units — half earmarked for sales or rentals for those with workforce salaries — on 16.6 acres in Cape Charles.

What should not be overlooked amid the scrutiny and debate, however, is the enlightened commitment by the town of Cape Charles to help much-needed affordable housing opportunities come to fruition.

The Cape Charles Town Council is proposing to give the developer the parcel in stages as conditions are met and the project progresses. The land is assessed by the county for \$551,000 and is certainly worth far more on the open market. The town was given the land more than a decade ago as part of a proffer from another developer. Giving the property to the developer will help keep housing costs down.

This type of initiative is exactly what thoughtful, creative governments do. We hope other municipalities on the Eastern Shore watch the process closely and consider following the model.

Unlike our nation's criminal justice system, real-estate developers are guilty until proven innocent in Northampton County. At best, concerned residents ask thoughtful questions about the impact of more housing and people. At worst, everything a developer proposes is met with contempt and suspicion. We certainly expect that process to continue in Cape Charles.

But during the sturm und drang of the process, tip your cap to Cape Charles leaders who had the foresight and vision to make such a generous commitment to housing.

## CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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# EDITORIAL

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## Social skills camp coming to Shore in July

Fans of the hit Netflix series “Love on the Spectrum” have the opportunity to experience a similar, real-life approach to building relationships this summer through PEERS RVA's Social Skills Camps across Virginia.

The camps, for teens and young adults ages 14-30, are based on the internationally acclaimed PEERS curriculum, developed by Elizabeth Laugeson, who also appears on the show.

While “Love on the Spectrum” highlights dating journeys, the PEERS program focuses on the foundational skills that make those connections possible, like starting conversations, finding common interests, and building lasting friendships.

PEERS RVA, a Richmond-based provider of evidence-based social and life skills training for neurodivergent youth, is expanding its 2026 PEERS Social Skills

### Guest columns and letters

The Eastern Shore Post welcomes your letters and guest columns. Letters and columns must include a phone number and a town of residence for verification. Letters should be no longer than 250 words. Guest columns should be limited to 500 words. Send letters to [editor@easternshorepost.com](mailto:editor@easternshorepost.com).

Summer Camps to more than 10 localities across Virginia. The Eastern Shore camp will be held July 6 to 10 at Eastern Shore Community College.

PEERS is world-renowned for providing evidence-based social skills to motivated teens and young adults with autism, ADHD, anxiety, depression, and other social challenges. Students learn skills to make and keep friends through engaging lessons and real-world practice.

The one-week camps, designed for teens and young adults, include lessons on:

- Planning get-togethers
- Handling disagreements and bullying

■ Navigating dating and relationships

■ Using humor appropriately

■ Communicating online and on the phone

■ Finding and keeping friends.

For those unable to attend in person, PEERS RVA also offers live, small-group virtual classes, beginning July 6 and September 1. These 16-week programs meet once per week for one hour, with teen classes at 7 p.m. and young adult classes at 8 p.m.

For more information or to enroll, visit the website [www.peersrva.com](http://www.peersrva.com)

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# Shore Vietnam War fatalities are remembered in May

**BY TED SHOCKLEY**  
Eastern Shore Post

Two Eastern Shore of Virginia soldiers were killed in action in the Vietnam War in the middle of May, four years apart.

■ U.S. Army Pfc. Clifford Grady Rhodes, 19, of Saxis, was the third Eastern Shoreman killed in Vietnam when he died on May 17, 1966.



**Clifford Grady Rhodes**

However, by the time his cousin received the letter, Rhodes had been killed by gunfire, the News reported.

It also reported that when visiting family and friends on Saxis three months earlier, he was confident and told them not to worry.

“I’m coming back,” he told them.

Rhodes was killed at An Khe near the Cambodian border, the newspaper reported.

The son of Fran and Ernest Rhodes Sr., Rhodes’ body is interred at the Ellis Cemetery on Saxis Island.

■ U.S. Army Sgt. Warren Lee Scanlan Jr., 21, a native of Exmore, was killed during the Vietnam War on May 21, 1970, in Cambodia.

He was the last person from the Eastern Shore of Virginia to die in the Vietnam War.

Scanlan was well-known in Exmore. He worked at the town’s Silco department store while in high school and took a full-time job there when he graduated from Northampton High in 1967.

At 19, he was promoted to be manager of the same store in Pocomoke City, Md., where he lived with his wife, Mary

## 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](mailto:editor@easternshorepost.com) with information or questions.



**Warren Lee Scanlan Jr.**

Doughty, who today lives in Willis Wharf.

Scanlan was drafted into the Army. On the day of his death, he was a member of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade during the invasion of Cambodia.

He was the point man in a formation when he and a fellow soldier were fatally shot.

On the day of his funeral, every business in Exmore closed. His remains are interred in the Belle Haven Cemetery.

His wife was presented Scanlan’s posthumous Bronze Star Medal with the “V” device, for valor, at a ceremony after his death.

He was survived by his parents, Helen Zucchero Scanlan and Warren Lee Scanlan Sr., of Exmore.

■ On Sunday, May 18, 1925, an Accomack County law enforcement officer was shot to death while making an arrest near Keller, touching off a manhunt that ended with an arrest and a murder conviction.

Bernard LeCato, 49, the elected justice of the peace for the Pungoteague magisterial district, was slain after responding to a fight and trying to arrest an intoxicated man on a Keller farm.

The incident made headlines around the region. It was the top story in the Monday, May 18, 1925, edition of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Newspapers reported that the suspect, Hurley Lee Wise, was involved in a fight with another man. Wise then took LeCato’s pistol and shot the justice of the peace while he was trying to make the arrest.

The Peninsula Enterprise newspaper of Accomack reported that Wise was arrested without incident a week later near Shelltown, Md. He had fled the scene and gone to northwestern Accomack County and was taken across the Pocomoke River into Maryland.

The Times-Dispatch reported that 2,000 were searching for Wise at the height of the manhunt, including with bloodhound dogs.

Justice was quickly administered. Wise was found guilty of second-degree murder during a June 8 jury trial and was sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary in Richmond.

LeCato’s murder is included and chronicled on the Officer Down Memorial Page at [www.odmp.org](http://www.odmp.org)

He was predeceased by his parents, Mary Julia Ames LeCato and Dr. George Washington LeCato, a physician. His gravesite is at the Quinby Cemetery.

■ On May 20, 1943, the pilot and passenger on a U.S. Navy airplane were killed when their airplane crashed in Horntown. The men were attached to the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station.

Ensign Elmore K. Hood, 25, of Salem, and Seaman 1st Class Harry J. Wells, of Huntington, W.Va., were identified as the victims.

The Eastern Shore News reported that the crash happened in the late af-



**Elmore K. Hood**

ternoon “while the two men were out on maneuvers.”

“The plane had shortly before left the field it was said when it suddenly went into a spin, plunging to earth from low altitude,” the News reported.

It also reported,

“Residents of upper Accomack were eyewitnesses to the tragedy.”

Hood was survived by his mother and two sisters and his gravesite is in Salem.

Wells’ gravesite is in Kentucky, where he was born.

■ On May 21, 1955, a U.S. Navy pilot was flying from Ohio to Accomack County when his airplane went down at the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station, where he was stationed.



**Eugene F. Roessner**

Lt. (jg) Eugene F. Roessner, 24, a native of Ohio, was returning to Virginia from the Armed Forces Day air show in Ohio, according to an Associated Press article.

Flying a Grumman Cougar jet,

Roessner crashed in a marshy area near the station. “His plane cracked up as he approached for a landing,” the Associated Press reported.

The Eastern Shore News reported that heavy fog had limited visibility at the time of the crash.

“According to the station’s public information officer, Roessner made one approach to the field but was not in a position to land and circled back for another approach,” the News reported.

Roessner’s remains are interred in the St. Francis Catholic Church Cemetery, Cranberry Prairie, Ohio.

# ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

## Friday, May 15

- **CAR SHOW:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hart's Garage, 22501 Lankford Highway, Accomac. The Eastern Shore Cruisers Car Club is hosting a car show.
- **BOOK SALE:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. The library is hosting its monthly summer book sale.
- **SUPPORT GROUP:** 11 a.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Peer Support Group will meet. All veterans who have served are invited.
- **FESTIVAL:** 4:30 p.m., Marina Road, Cape Charles. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Chamberfest returns. Irie Tree Band will open the festivities with a live performance. Food trucks and vendors will be on site. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/3k5metn6>
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. Willie C. and the Blues Band perform live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Shortcut Sonny performs live.
- **PAINT PARTY:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, Pocomoke City. The fairgrounds is hosting a paint party. The painting will be a burst of sunflowers. The cost is \$40. There will also be food, drinks, and music. To reserve a seat visit <https://tinyurl.com/328vdy25>
- **PLAY:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse presents "Purlie Victorious." Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. For tickets visit [www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets](http://www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets)

## Saturday, May 16

- **YARD SALE FUNDRAISER:** 8 a.m. to noon, 3198 Eden Meadows Drive, Exmore. All proceeds benefit the Pledge the Pink Breast Cancer Foundation. Contact Kris Walker at [kwalk969800@gmail.com](mailto:kwalk969800@gmail.com) for

## Best bets

- **On Saturday, May 16, beginning at 3 p.m., the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Chamberfest returns. Fil Rhythm opens the show, followed by Alabama tribute band The Boys in the Band. Roots and Boots featuring Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin will headline. The event will be held at Marina Road, Cape Charles. There will be food trucks and vendors on site. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/3k5metn6>**
- **On Saturday, May 16, beginning at 3 p.m., the Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven, is hosting goat races. There will be live music by Loaded Goat, food trucks, and racing goats. There will also be a goatee contest, a kids' bleating contest, and a fundraiser for Heifer International.**

more information.

- **COMMUNITY YARD SALE:** From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Greenbackville is hosting a community yard sale. Deal hunters can explore Stockton Avenue and the surrounding community.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, corner of Market and Ames Streets, Onancock. At the Onancock Farmers Market shoppers will find produce, baked goods, meat and seafood, artisan goods, and much more.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Farmers Market brings farmers, bakers, and artisans to the heart of town. There will also be live music.
- **CAR SHOW:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hart's Garage, 22501 Lankford Highway, Accomac. Eastern Shore Cruisers is hosting a car show.
- **CAMP:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sawmill Park, 24387 Joynes Neck Road, Accomac. Camp Fragile Hearts is a free day of healing activities and fun for children who have experienced a significant loss. To apply visit <https://application-fillable.tiiny.site>
- **ART WALK:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. The Central Park Art Walk will bring artists and artisans to the park.
- **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.
- **VETERANS EVENT:** From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Partners of the Eastern Shore is hosting Stand Up and Be Counted. The event will take place simultaneously at three locations. The event is designed to honor and support local veterans. Veterans can learn about resources, access their benefits, and en-

joy a light lunch. The locations are American Legion Post 159 in Chincoteague, Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, and American Legion Post 56 in Cheriton.

- **OPEN HOUSE:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, 5052 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague. The fire company is hosting Meet Your Fire Company Day. There will be bounce houses, fire truck rides, kids activities, demonstrations, pony petting, a silent auction, and merchandise releases for the 2026 Pony Penning.
- **CASH BASH:** Doors open at noon, event is from 1 to 5 p.m., Pocomoke Elks Lodge, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City. The lodge is hosting its annual Big Money Blowout. Tickets are \$100 and include food, drinks, entertainment, raffles, and a chance to win up to \$50,000. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/32dj6nfs>
- **CONCERT:** 3 p.m., Marina Road, Cape Charles. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Chamberfest returns. Fil Rhythm opens the show, followed by Alabama tribute band The Boys in the Band. Roots and Boots featuring Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin will headline. There will be food trucks and vendors on site. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/3k5metn6>
- **GOAT RACES:** 3 p.m., Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven. The lodge is hosting goat races. There will be live music by Loaded Goat, food trucks, and racing goats. There will also be a goatee contest, a kids bleating contest, and a fundraiser for Heifer International.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. The Southern Fog Band performs live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Margot and Val perform

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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](mailto:editor@easternshorepost.com)

## Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

■ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** For meetings in Accomack and Northampton, visit [www.aaeasternshoreva.org](http://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](http://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.

# Calendar

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live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert starts at 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Community members and students from Chincoteague Combined School will perform a tribute to Jimmy Buffet. Tickets will be sold at the door. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for those under age 18.

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse presents "Purlie Victorious." Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. For tickets visit [www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets](http://www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets)

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Willie C. and the Gang perform live. Tickets are \$15. Call 757-710-8718 to reserve a seat.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Off the Rails, Parksley. Tyler and Brittany perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. Cody Stageberg performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Teaguer's, Chincoteague. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

## Sunday, May 17

■ **ART WALK:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. The Central Park Art Walk will bring artists and artisans to the park.

■ **OPEN MIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. The brewery is hosting its weekly Music Circle open mic.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 2 to 4 p.m., Chatham Vineyards, Machipongo. La Doo Vay performs live.

■ **PLAY:** 2:30 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse presents "Purlie Victorious." Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. For tickets visit [www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets](http://www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets)

■ **CHURCH EVENT:** 3 p.m., Ushers Day will be held at Jerusalem Baptist Church, Temperanceville. Rev. Dr. Jesse Thomas and Shiloh Baptist Church, Boston, will be the guests. A special invitation is extended to ushers.

## Monday, May 18

■ **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.

■ **FIRE SAFETY:** 6 p.m., Captain's Cove Marina Club, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville. A Fire Awareness and Preparedness Meeting is being held at the club. There will be a fire extinguisher safety program, information about smoke detector programs, and Red Cross education services. This event is free and open to the public.

■ **GOP MEETING:** 7 p.m., the Accomack Republican Party will have its monthly meeting at the Sage Diner in Onley. For more information,

contact Chairman Sam Sellard at 757-709-8252.

## Tuesday, May 19

■ **TEEN GAMING NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teens can enjoy puzzles, board games, and video games.

■ **VETERANS DINNER:** 5 to 8 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, Accomac. A catered dinner is being held for veterans. Dave Yeager, a veteran with a gambling addiction, will be the guest speaker. There will also be community resource information. To register visit [bit.ly/shorevet](http://bit.ly/shorevet)

■ **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.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The museum is hosting Jim Duffy, who will share tales of the Revolutionary War and the Underground Railroad. Museum members, veterans, and children age 12 and under can attend for free. The cost is \$10 for all others. To reserve a seat call 757-336-6117.

## Wednesday, May 20

■ **BINGO:** 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith

Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association hosts bingo for seniors age 55 and up. This is a free event and prizes will be awarded.

■ **RECOVERY GROUP:** Noon to 1 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Center, Melfa. The college hosts a weekly all-recovery meeting for anyone seeking or maintaining recovery. Meetings are open to the community.

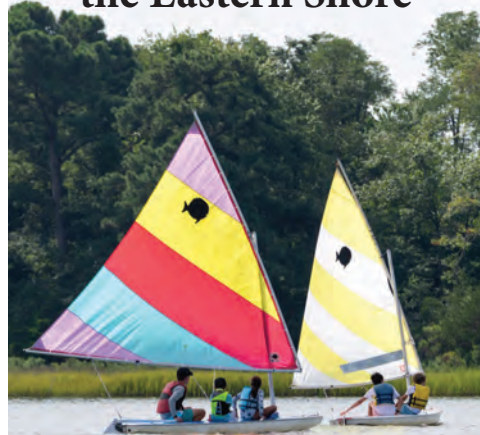
■ **COMMUNITY PANTRY:** 1 to 3 p.m., Cheriton United Methodist Church, 4070 Sunnyside Road, Cheriton. On the first and third Wednesday of each month the church opens its doors to offer hygiene and personal care items to those in need on a first-come, first-served basis.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 8 p.m., Ropewalk, Chincoteague. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

■ **ART RECEPTION:** 5:30 p.m., "Through the Artist's Eye" reception at Ker Place to honor student artists and the art created in celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary. Students, parents, teachers, and friends are welcome.

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# Calendar

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■ **AUTHOR TALK:** 6:30 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. Local author Timothy Smith will discuss his book “God Code.” Tickets are \$7. To reserve a seat call 757-710-8718.

## Thursday, May 21

■ **MEETING:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Center, Melfa. The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission is hosting a meeting focused on resilience and the beneficial use of dredged materials.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 8 p.m., Ropewalk, Chincoteague. Fil Rhythm performs live.

■ **DANCE LESSONS:** 6 to 7:30 p.m., The Oyster Farm, Cape Charles. Ballroom and More on the Shore is hosting a dance lesson. The cost is \$5. All skill levels are welcome.

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

## Friday, May 22

■ **BAKE SALE:** Noon to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House is hosting its two-day semi-annual bake and yard sale.

■ **DANCE:** 5 to 7 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomac. The Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Shore’s Torch Club is hosting a spring formal for children in grades kindergarten through third. Tickets are \$5. Parents must drop off and pick up their children.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Vaux Hall Farm, 16165 Vaux Hall Lane, Melfa. Brandon Bower, Rob Oliver, Jacob Vanko, and Brian Irminger perform live. Bring a chair. The cover charge is \$10.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Ker Place, 69 Market St., Onancock. Shore History is hosting its annual Sunshine and Margaritas. This free concert will feature music by the Rhythm Section. There will be food trucks on site.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Fil Rhythm performs live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. Double entAndra performs live.

## Saturday, May 23

■ **BAKE SALE:** 8 a.m. to Noon, Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House is hosting its two-day semi-annual bake and yard sale.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, corner of Market and Ames Streets, Onancock. At the Onancock Farmers Market shoppers will find produce, baked goods, meat and seafood, artisan goods, and much more.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Farmers Market brings farmers, bakers, and artisans to the heart of town. There will also be live music.

■ **FIREMANS MUSTER:** 10 a.m., Great Pocomoke Fairgrounds, Pocomoke City. Fire companies will compete in challenges to see who comes out on top. General admission is \$5. Children under age 10 are free.

■ **CAR SHOW:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, 23395 Tasley Road, Tasley. The fire company is hosting its annual Sonny Moore Car Show with the Eastern Shore Cruisers Car Club.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Barrier Islands Center, Machipongo. The annual Art on the Farm festival will bring live music, food, and artists and artisans to the Barrier Island Center.

■ **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.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. The Speakeasies perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. E3 performs live.

## Sunday, May 24

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. Mike Gombas performs live.

■ **OPEN MIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. The brewery is hosting its weekly Music Circle open mic.

## Monday, May 25

■ **CEREMONY:** 11 a.m., Cape Charles War Memorial, Cape Charles. American Legion Post 56 is hosting a Memorial Day ceremony.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Black-

fin Island Grill, 7085 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. A portion of sales will be donated to Island Community House.

## Tuesday, May 26

■ **CRAFT GROUP:** 1 to 3 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The Eastern Shore Art League Stitches Together group will meet to socialize and create woven art. All levels are welcome.

■ **TEEN GAMING NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teens can enjoy puzzles, board games, and video games.

■ **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.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The museum is hosting a demonstration and discussion on decoy carving with Arthur Leonard. Museum members, veterans, and children age 12 and under can attend for free. The cost is \$10 for all others. To reserve a seat call 757-336-6117.

## Wednesday, May 27

■ **RECOVERY GROUP:** Noon to 1 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Center, Melfa. The college hosts a weekly all-recovery meeting for anyone seeking or maintaining recovery. Meetings are open to the community.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 8 p.m., Ropewalk, Chincoteague. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

■ **GAME NIGHT:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Island Community House, 6426 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game night. Snacks are welcome.

## Thursday, May 28

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 8 p.m., Ropewalk, Chincoteague. Fil Rhythm performs live.

## Friday, May 29

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT:** 10 a.m. shotgun start, Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, Melfa. Shore History is hosting the Bill Bagwell Memorial Golf Classic. The cost is \$125 per ticket. A boxed lunch and adult beverages are included. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/yunmkku6>

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 6 p.m., Foundation of Faith Ministries, 36190 Lankford Highway, Belle Haven. The church is hosting a Youth Explosion event. The speaker will be Mikeendra Ringgold.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Shredded Cheddar performs live.

■ **STORY SWAP:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to share a story or just enjoy listening to others. This month’s theme is right place, wrong time or right place, right time. Admission is free.

## Saturday, May 30

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, corner of Market and Ames Streets, Onancock. At the Onancock Farmers Market shoppers will find produce, baked goods, meat and seafood, artisan goods, and much more.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Farmers Market brings farmers, bakers, and artisans to the heart of town. There will also be live music.

■ **GARDEN TOUR:** From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Village Neighbors is hosting a garden tour on Chincoteague. There will be nine gardens open. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at <http://village-neighbors.org/>

■ **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.

■ **FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. The Elks Lodge is hosting a Fire, Rescue, and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. There will be awards for Firefighter of the Year, EMT/Paramedic of the Year, and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. There will also be contests, food and beverages, and entertainment. Entrance is \$10.

■ **GARDEN TOUR:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Historic Onancock School Blooms and Brushes Garden Tour and Party. The day starts with a walkable tour of Onancock gardens with artsits painting in the gardens and ends at the Historic Onancock School Pavilion for a garden party, a wet paint live auction, and live music. Tickets are \$45 at [historiconancockschool.org](http://historiconancockschool.org)

■ **GRAND REOPENING:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Center, Pocomoke City. The museum is hosting its grand reopening. Admission will be free and there will be new exhibits, outdoor activities, games, contest, and an auction.

# United Way campaign raises \$225,000

The United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore's fundraising campaign raised more than \$225,000 under the leadership of Lou Bloxom, campaign chair.

"This achievement reflects the collective generosity and dedication of our community, demonstrating how unified efforts can create lasting positive change," the United Way stated in a prepared release.

This brings the total amount raised throughout the years to almost \$8.9 million.

These donations have allowed the United Way to provide local nonprofits funding for their much-needed services.

"A heartfelt thank-you goes out to those businesses who host workplace campaigns, playing a crucial role in raising nearly 50% of total donations for our community," the press release stated.

The United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore directs funding to

programs that address essential community needs, with a focus on food security, education, and enrichment opportunities for families and seniors.

Through its Community Impact Fund and donor-designated contributions, resources are allocated to trusted local partners such as the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency, Foodbank of the Eastern Shore, Eastern Shore YMCAs, Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Virginia (Eastern Shore sites), and Riverside Shore Health Services, as well as Chincoteague-based organizations like the Village Neighbors and the Island Community House.

Together, these agencies provide critical services, including meal distribution and nutrition support, after-school and summer enrichment programs, healthcare, and social engagement opportunities for older adults.

By investing in these and oth-

er community-based organizations, United Way helps strengthen the local safety net while promoting long-term stability and improved quality of life across Virginia's Eastern Shore.

This year, 34 local agencies sought grants from the Community Impact Fund to support their programs, which is an increase of eight applicants compared to last year. A total of \$115,500 was awarded to nonprofits in Accomack and Northampton counties.

The Allocation Committee — made up of 10 dedicated volunteers from various backgrounds — thoroughly reviews grant requests and budgets to recommend funding decisions. Thanks to their efforts, funds are distributed to organizations that are having a real impact in our area.

The organizations chosen for funding showed strong financial management, effective community service, and a willingness to collaborate with other local groups, the United Way stated.

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# OBITUARIES

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## John Adams

**Mr. John Taylor Adams**, 73, of Harborton, formerly of Springfield, Pa., passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Born Sept. 4, 1952, in Wilmington, Del., he was the son of the late Joseph Henry Adams and Harriet Taylor Adams.



**Mr. Adams**

John was raised in Springfield and graduated from Upper Darby High

School. From an early age, his parents instilled in him a deep appreciation for the outdoors and a strong sense of community — values that remained with him throughout his life. He built a career as an electronics engineer with Soundex and was a devoted volunteer with the Garrettford-Drexel Hill Fire Company in Drexel Hill, Pa.

In retirement, John discovered a new calling as a school bus driver, a role that brought him great joy. He formed meaningful connections with the children of the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District, finding fulfillment in the simple, everyday moments they shared.

In the late 1970s, John and his family began visiting Virginia's Eastern Shore, where they eventually established a second home. In 1987, he married his soulmate, Theresa, and together they shared a life filled with love, laughter, and years spent between Springfield and the Eastern Shore.

John had a deep love for music of all kinds, especially classical, often filling his home with whatever suited his mood — memories his children continue to cherish. He also found great happiness on the water, enjoying afternoons boating on the bay.

In addition to his beloved wife of nearly 40 years, he is survived by his daughters, Susan Hill and her husband, Tom, of Melfa, Sherrie Curran

and her husband, Brian, of West Grove, Pa., and Jennifer Devine, of Parksley; his grandchildren, Reagan and Meredith Hill, Timothy Aigeldinger, and Brian Jr., Samantha, Caitlin, and Michael Curran; and his great-grandchildren, Brian "Tripp" III and Brooke Curran.

In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by his sister, Margaret "Meg" Adams, and his granddaughter, Taylor Hill.

A memorial service to honor John's life will be conducted from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock on Saturday, May 16, at 1 p.m.

To honor the dedication and care given to John, donations in his memory may be directed to Melfa Volunteer Fire & Rescue, P.O. Box 100, Melfa, VA 23410 or Painter Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 275, Painter, VA 23420.

Memory tributes may be shared at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

## Sharon Etmanski

**Mrs. Sharon Wilmer Etmanski**, 81, of Bridgeville, Del., wife of the late Stephen Marcel Etmanski, was called home to our Lord on May 5, 2026.

Born on June 4, 1944, in Sanford, she was the daughter of the late Sanford Wilmer and Pearl Spence Wilmer.



**Mrs. Etmanski**

Sharon, to all who knew her, was a caring person who touched lives in a big way. She lived for her children and grandchildren

and was actively involved in all parts of their lives and continues to influence them daily. She loved cooking, baking, cake decorating — she even decorated a cake for former vice president Al Gore for an official event — crafts, reading, and especially flowers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sanford and Pearl Wilmer; her brother, Edward James (Jimmy) Wilmer; her husband, Stephen Marcel Etmanski; and her beloved four-legged son, Stanley.

She is survived by her children, Audra Lynn Fisher, of Bridgeville, Tammy Miles and her husband, Lee, of Saxis; her grandchildren, Lauren and Joseph Denny, of Hopewell, and Aubrey Lee Miles III, of Saxis, as well as her faithful canine companion, Susie.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, May 13, at 2 p.m. from the Downing's Cemetery, with Pastor Wayne Hill officiating.

Flowers are accepted, or donations can be made to the Sanford Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

## Rosalie Lewis

**Mrs. Rosalie Scott Lewis**, 85, of Onley, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Born Oct. 8, 1940, in Cashville, she was the daughter of the late Joseph



**Mrs. Lewis**

Talmadge Scott and Blanche Harrison Scott.

Rosalie possessed a beautiful spirit and a heart that welcomed everyone she met. Kind, loving, and endlessly energetic, she was never one to sit still. For decades, she proudly operated Onancock's beloved storefront, "The House of Deals," where her warm smile and friendly nature made lasting impressions on all who walked through the door.

Rosalie was a longtime and devoted member of Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, where she remained active throughout her life. She especially enjoyed helping prepare for the church's annual bazaar, a tradition she looked forward to each year with

joy and dedication. Rosalie truly was a friend to all and will be deeply missed.

In addition to her parents, Rosalie was predeceased by her husband, Robert Franklin Lewis Sr., and three sisters, Doris Whitley, Gloria Davis, and Norma Harris.

She is survived by her loving and devoted son, Robert F. "Frankie" Lewis Jr. of Onley; her sisters, Sylvia Griggs, of Windsor, and Mary Paul Harmon and her husband, Butch, of Melfa; her granddaughter, Chelsea Lewis; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 12, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Roland Major officiating. Interment followed in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions in Rosalie's memory may be made to Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, c/o Darrell Bays, 11 Onancock St., Onancock, VA 23417.

Memory tributes may be shared at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements were by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

## Annie Johnston

**Mrs. Annie Ellen Custis Johnston**, 90, passed away on May 6, 2026.

Born on March 25, 1936, on Virginia's Eastern Shore, Annie grew up in the Onancock area surrounded by a large, close-knit family.



**Mrs. Johnston**

She was the daughter of Floyd R. Custis Sr. and Ethel M. Custis and one of 12 children.

Annie is survived by her sisters, Connie and Linda, and her brothers, Scotty and Tommy. She also leaves behind her daughters, Debra and Virginia; her grandchildren, Lori, Jessica, and Ben; and her great-grandchildren,

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Logan, Juliana, Jaxon, and Jay.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold L. Johnston, and her son, Floyd.

Annie will be remembered for her stories, her warmth, her devotion to family and God, and the quiet strength that carried her through.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 12, at 2 p.m. from the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley, with Pastor John Cullop officiating. Interment was private.

## Tom Collins

**Mr. Thomas Michael Collins**, 82, of Machipongo, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 8, 2026, at his home in Vaucluse Shores.

Born Nov. 26, 1943, in Scranton,



**Mr. Collins**

Pa., he was the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Betty) Collins. He moved to Cape Charles as a teenager and attended Cape Charles High School.

Tom dedicated 50 years of service to Bayshore Concrete Products in Cape Charles as the shipping coordinator. He was known for his strong work ethic, reliability, and quiet pride in a job well done. He also served his community as a volunteer emergency medical technician for 16 years with the Cape Charles Rescue Squad.

Above all else, Tom cherished his family. Nothing brought him more joy than being part of his grandchildren's

and great-grandchildren's lives. He delighted in their accomplishments, supported their dreams, and celebrated every milestone with pride and love.

Tom was predeceased by his son, Todd M. Collins; his sister, Marge Powell; and his brother, Francis "Frank" Collins.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Taylor Collins; his daughter, Theresa C. Diggs, and son-in-law, Andrew J. Diggs, of Machipongo; two granddaughters, Kaitlyn T. Diggs, of Portland, Ore., and Adrienne L. Diggs (fiancé Nicholas "Nick" Corbin), of LaJolla, Calif.; his grandsons, William "Bud" H. Collins and his wife, Dynomeke "Deedee" Hunter, of Cape Charles, and Nicholas "Nick" T. Collins and his wife LesAlina "Lina" Collins, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; two great-grandchildren, William Collins and Willow Collins; two brothers, Charles "Chick" (Joanne) Collins, of Fort Myers, Fla., and Paul Collins (Ceci), of Orlando, Fla.; and his sister-in-law, Joyce Collins, of Townsend.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Tom's caregivers and healthcare providers, Deedee Hunter, LPN, Theresa Diggs, and Mid-Atlantic Long Term Care — Jewel Burden, PA, and Melody Casey, LPN.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.doughtyfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

## Bagley Walker

**Dr. Marion Bagley Walker Jr.**, of Pungoteague, born at Norfolk General Hospital on Feb. 19, 1937, traveled the world and returned to Norfolk Sentara Heart Hospital, where he died on May 5, 2026. He was the son of Dr. Mari-

on Bagley Walker and Janet Tucker Walker.

After graduating from Hampden Sydney College and Medical College of Virginia, he became an orthodontist and practiced with his father in Norfolk and later alone in Onley on the Eastern Shore. He was a member of Galilee Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach.

"He loved his God, his wife, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, his dogs, and his life. Accomplishments? The usual stuff, except for one amazing thing. Late in his life, he released a loon drowning in a fishing net, and once free, she swam back to him and with a gesture of thanks, touched him gently with her bill."

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Laura Sewell Walker; a daughter, Beth (Dale) Woods; a granddaughter, Laurie (Tommy) Boucher and their sons, Ben and Ollie; a son, Scott (Kris) Walker and their children, Adrian and Charlotte; and his siblings, Jane Steinhilber and Tucker (Reg) McLelland.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Kody Woods.

Services are planned for June 2 at Galilee Episcopal Church.

Contributions may be to The Food Bank of the Eastern Shore, 24530 Coastal Blvd., Onancock, VA 23418 or Galilee Episcopal Church, 3928 Pacific Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.



**Dr. Walker**

## Mary Graham

**Mrs. Mary Graham**, age 78, passed away peacefully at her home on Feb. 2, 2026, surrounded by love. She was born on June 18, 1947, to Welford and Alice Childress, of Midlothian.

Mary was a bright light in this world, and to say the least, she did not let a wheelchair slow her down.

Mary was the beloved wife of Billy Graham, with whom she shared 55 years of marriage, having married in 1970 on Valentine's Day.

Together they made their home on Fox Grove Road in Parksley. Mary embraced life and traveled the world alongside her loving husband, creating a lifetime of cherished memories.

She was a devoted mother to her son, Michael Graham, and his wife, Kelly, of Murrells Inlet, S.C. Mary is also survived by her grandson, Avery Graham; her sister, Linda Rose, her niece, Lauren Selzer; and her grand-nephew, Jacob Selzer, of Painter.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Jeremy and Christopher Graham, and her sister, Loretta Peyton.

Services will be held at Exmore Baptist Church on Tuesday, June 2, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Jonathan Carpenter officiating. The family requests attendees wear bright colors to celebrate Mary's vibrant life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Riverside Cancer Center.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.



**Mrs. Graham**

## Local students compete in Shore History art challenge

Shore History is proud to announce the culmination of its student art challenge, "Through the Artist's Eye: 250 Years of America on the Eastern Shore of Virginia," with a public awards reception and exhibition celebrating the remarkable creativity of local students in grades six

through 12.

Students from across the Eastern Shore were invited to reflect on one central question: "What does America's story mean to you?" Using the Eastern Shore as inspiration and lens, students expressed their answers through original works in pencil, paint, photography, clay, and mixed media.

"The work is simply amazing and inspirational," said Shore History organizers.

There will be an awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Shore History, 69 Market St., Onancock. The public is invited.

The student artwork exhibition will remain on display inside Ker Place through June 11. Student artwork will then be on display as part of the Onancock Sails Forward Art Show on the Lawn at Ker Place during the community's Sail250 festivities on June 13 from

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with works for sale, and the public may cast a vote for Best in Show and Favorite Artist ribbon winners.

The outdoor exhibition will further celebrate the Eastern Shore's participation in the nationwide commemoration of America's 250th anniversary.

Visit [www.shorehistory.org](http://www.shorehistory.org) or call 757-787-8012 for more information.

# After early skid, Jackets win five straight

**BY MARK MORING**

Eastern Shore Post

When you're the defending state champs, it's not a great look to lose eight of your first nine games the following season.

But that's exactly what happened with Northampton's boys soccer team this spring after going 16-2-1 and winning the Class 1 state title a year ago.

This year, the Yellow Jackets lost their first two, then won one, then lost six in a row. Granted, many of the losses were close and several were to some of the top teams in Hampton Roads — including schools with much larger enrollments. And granted, the Jackets had lost a number of key players to graduation last year and were relatively young heading into this season, so expectations weren't through the roof.

But they never expected to get off to a 1-8 start.

"Not in the slightest," says Northampton coach Chase Baxa. "The boys were down. It wasn't easy on them, and we had some team meetings. We said, 'If you want to repeat as state champs, something has to change.'"

"Frustration was definitely high," adds senior co-captain Luke Jones. "It didn't seem like we were making any progress. We definitely had some intense talks, and we had to look at ourselves in the mirror."

A 3-2 loss to Nandua on April 27 — Northampton's first loss in the Eastern Shore District in three years — proved to be a turning point.

"When that final whistle blew against Nandua, we knew we wouldn't lose again," says Jones. "We put our heads down and worked harder, and we are on a streak now."

Since then, Northampton has won five straight, including a 3-1 win in the rematch against Nandua, a 7-1 rout of Poquoson, and most recently, Mon-



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**Luke Jones (9) and Fernando Palacio (8) celebrate a goal in a recent win over Nandua.**

day's 7-1 district victory over visiting Arcadia. (The Jackets and Warriors both finished district play with 3-1 records, tying for the district crown.)

Jones led Monday's victory over Arcadia with three goals, and Sebastian Mayorga had two goals and an assist. Anthony Castillo added a goal and an assist, while Fernando Palacio had two assists and David Martinez had one assist.

"All the pieces are falling together," says Baxa. "Now it feels like we're all on the same page."

Jones and Mayorga are leading the team offensively, while center back Gaige Kellogg anchors a strong de-

fense. The Jackets have only relinquished four total goals in their last five games.

Baxa says Kellogg, a co-captain, has been the emotional glue that held the team together through all the losses.

"He keeps everyone grounded," says Baxa. "If we didn't have him, we wouldn't have the team we have now."

On Friday, May 8, Mayorga scored three goals and Adrian Rosales added two in a 10-0 romp over visiting West Point. Northampton's other scorers were Palacio (one goal, two assists), Jones (one goal, one assist), Soniel Hernandez (one goal, one assist), Mar-

tinez (one goal), Kellogg (one goal), Ellis Philpot (one assist), and Joseph Castillo (one assist).

And on Wednesday, May 6, Jones scored all three goals in the 3-1 win at Nandua. Mayorga had two assists and Martinez had one.

Northampton closes out its regular season on Wednesday, May 20, at Middlesex, and then turns its attention to the playoffs — and defending that state title.

"We're definitely coming together at the right time," says Jones. "That state championship ring is coming home again this year."

**SOFTBALL**

**BA falls in state quarters**

On Tuesday, May 12, Broadwater Academy's season ended with a 7-2 loss to visiting Southampton Academy in the VISAA state quarterfinals.

The Vikings (14-4) were scoreless until adding a run in each the sixth and seventh innings. Ava Webb led BA with two hits, while Carly Clayton took the loss in the circle.

On Saturday, May 9, Broadwater had four hits in a 13-4 loss at Greenbrier Christian in the Metro Conference Championship. Just 10 days earlier, the Vikings had beaten the Gators, 10-7, for the first time in school history, but on Saturday, GCA's bats were red hot, rapping 14 hits for the win. Webb had two hits and two RBI for BA, while Clayton took the loss pitching.

**Giddins stellar in district win**

On Tuesday, May 12, Arcadia's Ryan Giddins pitched a no-hitter, struck out 14, and went 3-for-4 at the plate with two triples and six RBI in a 14-0 Eastern Shore District victory over visiting Northampton.

Brinlee Kauthen, Megan Montross, and Deeana Bradley added two hits each for the Firebirds (11-4, 4-0).

On Thursday, May 7, Arcadia was leading, 13-5, at Chincoteague in the fifth inning when rain postponed action; the rest of the game will be played Tuesday, May 19, at Chincoteague.

**Ponies blanked**

On Tuesday, May 12, Chincoteague had two hits in a 14-0 Eastern Shore District loss to visiting Nandua. Faith Stadler allowed 12 hits and struck out nine in the loss for the Ponies (4-13, 1-3).

**Lusk, Church shine**

On Tuesday, May 12, Nandua's Lela Lusk pitched a two-hitter, struck out 14, and relinquished no walks in a 14-0 Eastern Shore District win at Chincoteague.

Amirrah Church went 4-for-4 with three RBI for the Warriors (7-10, 3-1), who also had strong games from Jocelyn Vasquenza (three hits,



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At top, Broadwater Academy senior Adrianna Holloway (center) was named Co-Player of the Year, and five Vikings were named to the All-Metro Conference softball team recently. Holloway was joined on the all-conference squad by fellow Vikings, from left, Kacey Ford, Carly Clayton, Miranda Smith, and Neiley Guinan. Coach Dale Wright was named Coach of the Year. Meanwhile, two BA baseball players, Eli Destro (bottom left) and Cohen Kellam (bottom right), were named to the All-Metro baseball team. Coach Zach Papillo was named Coach of the Year.

two doubles, two RBI), Emmalee Blake (two hits, one RBI), and Elizabeth Russell (one hit, two RBI).

**Northampton falls**

On Tuesday, May 12, Northampton went hitless in a 14-0 Eastern Shore District loss at Arcadia. Anna Temich took the loss for the Yellow Jackets (4-10, 0-4).

**BASEBALL**

**HGCS wins DVCAC title**

On Saturday, May 9, Jonathan Young drove in two runs to lead Holly Grove Christian School to a 6-4 win over Salisbury Christian in the championship game of the Delaware Valley Christian Athletic Conference tournament.

Will Dize pitched three innings of shutout relief to pick up the victory.

The Eagles finished the season with a 7-7 record.

**Firebirds top Jackets**

On Tuesday, May 12, Dalton Barnes

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# Roundup

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went 4-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI to lead Arcadia to a wild 15-13 Eastern Shore District victory at Northampton.

Dylan Chesser, Larry Handy, and Josh Woolford added two hits each for the Firebirds (9-8, 4-1), while Waylon Watson picked up the win in two innings of relief.

On Friday, May 8, the Firebirds had three hits in a 15-2 loss to visiting Laurel in a game called after five innings.

Barnes took the loss on the mound, giving up 7 runs in 2.1 innings.

On Thursday, May 7, Arcadia suffered a 3-0 district loss at Chincoteague. Brian White took the loss.

## Vikings' season ends

On Tuesday, May 12, Broadwater Academy fell, 6-5, at Southampton Academy in eight innings in the VISAA state quarterfinals, ending the Vikings' season at 10-10.

Broadwater took a 5-4 lead into the seventh inning, but the Raiders tied it on a wild pitch, sending the game into the extra inning. The Vikings went three up, three down in the top of the eighth, and then Southampton loaded the bases in the bottom of the stanza and scored the winning run when the batter at the plate was hit by a pitch.

Owen Terry took the loss for BA, replacing starter Eli Destro (6.2 innings, nine hits, 10 strikeouts).

Terry also had three hits and two RBI, while Destro added two hits.

On Wednesday, May 6, the Vikings had two hits in a 10-2 loss to Atlantic Shores Christian in a Metro Conference semifinal game that was played at Greenbrier Christian. Destro took the loss on the mound.

## Chincoteague splits two

On Tuesday, May 12, Chincoteague dropped a 4-1 Eastern Shore District decision to visiting Nandua.

Owen Bloxom had the lone RBI for the Ponies (9-8, 3-2), while starter Landon Easton took the loss, giving up three runs in 2.0 innings.

On Thursday, May 7, Bryce Luck

pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 to lead the Ponies to a 3-0 district win over visiting Arcadia. Micah Bennicoff had two hits and Garrett Daisy had two RBI for Chincoteague.

## Warriors now 3-3 in district

On Tuesday, May 12, Orion Loredó went 2-for-3 with a homer and two RBI, and Hayden Williams scattered six hits and struck out 12 in a 4-1 Eastern Shore District win at Chincoteague. Williams added two hits for the Warriors (9-8, 3-3).

On Thursday, May 7, Nandua exploded for 13 runs in the sixth and seventh innings to break a 2-2 tie and rolled to a 15-5 district win at Northampton. Hayden Williams homered for the Warriors, while Jordan Snead, Orion Loredó, and Ben Bonniwell had two hits each. Loredó pitched 5.1 innings and got the win.

## Northampton drops two

On Tuesday, May 12, Northampton dropped a 15-13 Eastern Shore District decision to visiting Arcadia.

Trent Ferebee had three hits and Hayden Seay had three RBI for the Yellow Jackets (5-8, 0-5).

On Thursday, May 7, the Yellow Jackets played visiting Nandua to a 2-2 tie through five innings but ended up falling, 15-5, as the Warriors exploded for 13 runs in the sixth and seventh stanzas.

Seay went 3-for-4 for Northampton, and Lucas Kindt and Ferebee added two hits each. Ferebee pitched five innings and took the loss.

## TRACK & FIELD

### Ye wins two golds at Metro

On Wednesday, May 6, Broadwater Academy's Steven Ye won the shot put (45-01) and the discus (149-03) to highlight the Vikings' performance in the Metro Conference Championships, held at Greenbrier Christian Academy.

The Vikings also got first-place finishes from Thomas Eno (pole vault, 11-0) and Aiden Terry (high jump, 5-04), leading the BA boys team to third place overall in the six-team standings. Stonebridge won the boys team competition.

BA ended up fifth in the girls team standings. Stonebridge also won the

girls competition.

Broadwater's top point scorers (top-six finish) in each event were:

#### GIRLS

4x100 relay: Broadwater (4th, 1:02.85); Virginia Custis, Juliana Morris, Sofia Rader, Crystal Shen

4x400 relay: Broadwater (4th, 5:22.14); Virginia Custis, Juliana Morris, Sofia Rader, Crystal Shen

Pole vault: Sofia Rader (3rd, 6-00); Crystal Shen (6th, 5-00)

#### BOYS

4x800 relay: Broadwater (4th, 10:25.11); Justus Scholz, Gabriel Hughes, Bradley Binard, Aarav Patel

4x100 relay: Broadwater (3rd, 49.43); Thomas Eno, Justus Scholz, Preston Floyd, Henry Sabbatini

300 hurdles: Terry Aiden (4th, 50.20); Henry Sabbatini (5th, 55.75)

800: Justus Scholz (4th, 2:21.38)

200: Thomas Eno (3rd, 25.23)

3200: Carson Crouse (6th, 14:13.62)

4x400 relay: Broadwater (3rd, 4:44.30); Andrew Wu, Aiden Terry, Carson Crouse, Bradley Binard

Pole vault: Thomas Eno (1st, 11-00); Preston Floyd (4th, 6-06); Bradley Binard (5th, 6-00)

High jump: Aiden Terry (1st, 5-04)

Long jump: Justus Scholz (5th, 16-02.00)

Triple jump: Justus Scholz (2nd, 37-11.00); Thomas Eno (4th, 33-07)

Shot put: Steven Ye (1st, 45-01.00); Logan Arnold (5th, 37-06.50)

Discus: Steven Ye (1st, 149-03); Logan Arnold (2nd, 127-08); Conner Stokes (6th, 93-10)

## Locals fare well in big meet

On Friday, May 8, Northampton's Rylee Coates and Mark Tankard and Broadwater Academy's Thomas Eno and Steven Ye were all top finishers in an enormous 34-team meet at Grassfield High School, including many of the largest schools in Hampton Roads.

Top-10 finishers from Broadwater (BA) and Northampton (NH) were:

#### GIRLS

100 hurdles: Rylee Coates (NH, 3rd, 14.58)

Pole vault: Rylee Coates (NH, 2nd, 10-06)

#### BOYS

110 hurdles: Mark Tankard (NH, 10th, 16.63)

Long jump: Mark Tankard (NH, 6th, 20-11)

Triple jump: Mark Tankard (NH, 4th, 43-03.25)

Pole vault: Thomas Eno (BA, 2nd, 11-0)

Discus: Steven Ye (BA, 3rd, 144-3)

Shot Put: Steven Ye (BA, 8th, 46-5.5)

## BOYS SOCCER

### Warriors tie for district title

On Tuesday, May 12, Kevin Tinoco's two goals led Nandua to a 3-0 Eastern Shore District victory at Arcadia.

Ezekiel Jones added a goal, and Daniel Rodriguez had an assist for the Warriors (7-7-1, 3-1), who finished league play in a first-place tie with Northampton. Nandua has one more game, May 21 against York, before the playoffs.

On Friday, May 8, Nandua lost, 3-1, at Bruton. Tinoco scored Nandua's goal, assisted by Danny Martinez-Chaves.

On Wednesday, May 6, the Warriors fell, 3-1, in district play to visiting Northampton. Tinoco scored Nandua's goal.

## Arcadia drops two

On Tuesday, May 12, Arcadia lost, 3-0, to visiting Nandua in Eastern Shore District play, finishing league play at 4-10-1 overall and 0-4 in the district.

On Wednesday, May 6, Arcadia fell, 4-0, at Gloucester.

## GIRLS SOCCER

### Arcadia tops Nandua

On Tuesday, May 12, Diana Hernandez-Gomez scored both goals to lead Arcadia to a 2-0 Eastern Shore District win at Nandua.

## Warriors held scoreless

On Tuesday, May 12, Nandua dropped a 2-0 Eastern Shore District decision to visiting Arcadia.

On Wednesday, May 6, the Warriors lost, 7-0, in a district game at Northampton.

## Northampton rolls

On Wednesday, May 6, the Yellow Jackets rolled to a 7-0 district win over visiting Nandua.

## Macedonia AME offers scholarship

For the 15th year, a scholarship is being offered in memory of Sharone White Bailey by Macedonia AME Church in Accomack.

One award in the amount of \$1,000 per semester will be granted to a student enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year.

Applicants must be either a 2026 graduate of Northampton or Accomack County Public Schools or a college student under the age of 23 who graduated from Accomack or Northampton County Public Schools.

Applications can be obtained through school guidance counselors

or by contacting 757-665-4010 or sat12llc@gmail.com.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Monday, May 18.

## Spring fire season concludes in Virginia

During this year's spring fire season, the Virginia Department of Forestry responded to 411 wildfires that burned 4,558 acres and damaged 14 structures, including three homes.

Compared to the 10-year average of 348 wildfires and 6,334 acres burned, Virginia experienced an above-average number of smaller fires. For comparison, 418 wildfires burned 7,701 acres during the 2025 spring fire season.

## High School Sports Schedule May 15 to May 21

### FRIDAY, 5/15

#### Baseball

Mathews at Northampton, 4 p.m.

#### Softball

Mathews at Northampton, 4 p.m.

#### Boys Soccer

Poquoson at Arcadia, 4:30 p.m.

#### Girls Soccer

Arcadia at Poquoson, 6 p.m.

Northampton at Mathews, 6 p.m.

#### Track and Field

Broadwater in VISAA II State Meet, Fork Union Military Academy, 11 a.m.

### SATURDAY, 5/16

#### Track and Field

Broadwater in VISAA II State Meet, Fork Union Military Academy, 11 a.m.

Arcadia at West Point meet, 9 a.m.

Northampton at Nans. River meet, 11 a.m.

### MONDAY, 5/18

#### Baseball

Arcadia at Norcom, 4:30 p.m.

#### Softball

Arcadia at Norcom, 4:30 p.m.

#### Girls Soccer

Nandua at Windsor, 6:30 p.m.

Northampton at Arcadia, 6 p.m.

### TUESDAY, 5/19

#### Softball

Arcadia at Chincoteague, 4 p.m. (ppd from 5/7)

### WEDNESDAY, 5/20

#### Boys Soccer

Middlesex at Northampton, 5 p.m.

#### Softball

Nandua at Northampton, 4 p.m. (ppd from 5/7)

### THURSDAY, 5/21

#### Track & Field

Eastern Shore District Meet at Arcadia, 2 p.m.

#### Baseball

Middlesex at Northampton, 4:30 p.m.

Arcadia at Hopewell, 5 p.m.

#### Softball

Middlesex at Northampton, 4:30 p.m.

Arcadia at Hopewell, 5 p.m.

#### Boys Soccer

Arcadia at Bruton, 6 p.m.

York at Nandua, 6:30 p.m.

#### Girls Soccer

Arcadia at Tabb, 6:30 p.m.

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



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# A season of firsts for the Shorebots

Northampton High School's robotics team, the ShoreBots (Team 1908), capped off its most successful season in program history with an appearance at the FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas, held April 29 to May 2, earning a place among the elite robotics teams on the planet.

This historic year was defined by milestone after milestone, each one a first for the program. The team earned its first blue banner as an event winner; was selected as the first pick by Alliance 1 for the first time; served as alliance captain at the district championships; qualified for the FIRST World Championship; got its first match wins at the World Championship; had its first international competition experience; won its first Engineering Inspiration Award; had its first fully student-CAD-designed robot; and had a robot ranked in the top tier in the world.

The team's success came from over 1,200 hours of student work put in since the season kicked off in January. Every late night, every prototype, every line of code, and every CAD model contributed to a robot and a team that proudly represented Northampton High School and the Eastern Shore of Virginia on the world stage.

A small team from a rural community on Virginia's Eastern Shore proved that talent, grit, and dedication can stand toe-to-toe with programs boasting more than 100 students. The ShoreBots showed the world what is possible when a tight-knit team commits to excellence and has incredible support from the community.

In Houston, the ShoreBots competed in the Johnson Division, one of eight divisions made up of 75 elite teams from around the world. After two grueling days of qualification matches against tough competition, Team 1908 finished ranked 48th with a 4-6-0 record, with several close matches that



COURTESY PHOTO

Northampton High School's robotics team had its most successful season in program history. Pictured from left are Mike Zodun, lead mentor/coach, Stephanie Zodun, mentor, Bear McCormack, Tempie Stamer, Damion Geist, mentor, Reid Travis, Tyler Zodun, mentor, Ashley Zodun, Kate Latham, mentor, Brycen Joseph, Rodney Walker, cofounding mentor, Grayson Brown, co-captain, and Abby Zodun, captain. Not pictured are mentors Tim Anderson and John Lowe.

came down to the final seconds.

At the close of the 2026 season, Team 1908 finished 307th of 3,724 teams worldwide (top 8%) and 255th of 2,944 teams in the United States (top 9%). Team 1908 was one of only 10 Virginia teams to qualify for the World Championship.

The ShoreBots are graduating four of the team's six members this

year, and the program is in dire need of new students to continue operating. This historic, world-class program cannot survive without the next generation of ShoreBots stepping up to carry the torch.

Robotics is a recognized VHSL activity and demands intensity, commitment, and teamwork. Practices, competitions, and the build

season require dedication, but the rewards are unmatched.

Northampton High School students who are interested in building, coding, designing, problem solving, fundraising, marketing, or being part of an incredible team that competes on the world stage can email [ncpsrobotics@ncpsk12.com](mailto:ncpsrobotics@ncpsk12.com).

## WHO WE ARE

# Huff is Shore tourism's new marketing coordinator

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission has hired Anna Huff as its new marketing coordinator.



**Anna Huff**

Huff was born and raised in Dallas and graduated from Texas A&M University in 2025 with both her bachelor's and master's degrees in tourism sciences, with a focus on tourism marketing, community engagement, and sustainable tourism development.

Her experience includes serving as a teaching assistant at Texas A&M, interning at the National Museum of the Pacific War, and most recently working at Walt Disney World. Through these experiences, she discovered a passion for learning what makes a

place special and sharing those stories and experiences with others.

She is excited to bring this perspective to her new role on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Outside of work, Anna enjoys reading, history, and spending time outdoors, and she looks forward to exploring all that the Eastern Shore of Virginia has to offer.

"We are pleased to welcome Anna to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission," said Robert Sabbatini, executive director of the ESVA Tourism Commission. "Her academic background and professional experience in tourism marketing, community engagement, and destination development will be a valuable asset as we continue to promote and enhance the visitor experience across Virginia's Eastern Shore."

Huff began her new role with the tourism commission on May 11.

## LIFE AROUND HERE

# Downing publishes her fifth book, 'From This Day Forward'

Margaret "Peggy" Boole Downing, a resident at Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore in Onancock, published her fifth book earlier this year.

"From This Day Forward" is a sequel to her 1997 memoir, "Backward Glances," which told the story of her life growing up on the Eastern Shore. It was printed numerous times and can still be found at some local bookstores.

"From This Day Forward" chronicles her life after marriage. Peggy married Parkes Downing in 1945 and raised three children in Northampton County. The book tells the story of Peggy and Parkes

and their family up until Parkes' death in 2011.

Peggy has been a leading voice for special education on the Eastern Shore. Her third son, David, was born with Down syndrome. Afterwards, she became an advocate for increasing special education investment in the public school system. Her third book, "My Name is David," was published in 2022 and tells the story of raising a child with Down syndrome.

"From This Day Forward" can be purchased at Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore.

The cost is \$50.

## REGIONAL

# Food Lion honors three long-tenured local associates

Food Lion recently honored three long-tenured associates from the Exmore, Onley, and Oak Hall locations.

These associates were celebrated on April 30 during Food Lion's annual Service Awards ceremony, where the company expresses its appreciation for those reaching major career milestones. Honorees represent decades of dedication, with individuals marking 30, 35, 40, and 45 years of service.

"I am incredibly proud to celebrate these associates and the remarkable commitment they've shown throughout their careers," said Greg Finchum, president, Food Lion. "Every day, our associates strengthen the emotional connection we have with

our neighbors in the towns and cities we serve. Because of them, customers choose Food Lion to nourish their families. I appreciate everything our associates do to bring our brand, strategy, and culture to life. It's our associates who make Food Lion what it is today."

Food Lion employs more than 82,000 associates across its 1,100-plus stores in 10 states.

David Thomas, assistant store manager of the Exmore Food Lion, and Jimmy Miller, perishable manager of the Oak Hall Food Lion, were recognized for 30 years of service.

Bruce Kellam, center store associate of the Onley Food Lion, was recognized for 35 years of service.

## Willie L. Sturgis Jr., MPA, MHRD, & MML

Willie L. Sturgis, Jr., is a native of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Following his graduation from Northampton High School in Eastville, Virginia, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he honorably served for 20 years.

During his military career, Mr. Sturgis pursued and achieved several academic milestones. Respectively, earning an Associate of Arts from Elizabethtown Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from the University of Maryland University College, and a Master of Public Administration. Also, he completed two sequential master's degrees in human resource development and management and leadership from Webster University. Additionally, Mr. Sturgis obtained an Executive Certificate in Strategic Leadership from Liberty University and is currently a Doctoral candidate in Strategic Leadership at Liberty University.

Throughout his service in the U.S. Army, he has held a variety of leadership and instructional roles, including Advanced Individual Training Instructor, Primary Leader Development Instructor, Drill Instructor, U.S. Army Fitness School Instructor, and Executive Leaders Course Instructor. Furthermore, he has served in numerous Transportation Management positions, which contributed to operational efficiency and mission success.

In Mr. Sturgis' most recent civilian role, he remotely managed a fleet of railcars for a private company based in Illinois. In this capacity, he oversaw the safe, efficient, and cost-effective utilization of more than 6,000 railcars. The position also afforded him the opportunity to travel throughout the Midwest to collaborate with vendors, suppliers, and conduct repair shop audits. However, he officially retired on January 31, 2026.

Outside of academic responsibilities, he enjoys weightlifting, reading, spending time with his grandchildren, and mentoring young men across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Correspondingly, Mr. Sturgis is actively engaged in community service through his memberships in several organizations, including the Northampton County NAACP, Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, Community Partners of the Eastern Shore, the Executive Board of the Literacy Committee, the Advisory Council with the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, and the 100 Black Men of the Virginia Peninsula. Through these affiliations He remains committed to strengthening and uplifting the community.



# Hines wins youth flounder tourney five straight years



Winning in 2022 at the age of 8.



Winning in 2023 at the age of 9.



Winning in 2024 at the age of 10.



Winning in 2025 at the age of 11.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Asher Hines, 12, shows his winning flounder in this year's Capt. Zed's Spring Flounder Tournament. He won the tourney's youth division five consecutive years.

## Next year, he will be too old for tourney's youth division

The bad news for Asher Hines is that next year he will be too old to compete in the youth division of Capt. Zed's Spring Flounder Tournament in Wachapreague.

The good news for everyone else is that next year Hines will be too old to compete in the youth division of Capt. Zed's Spring Flounder Tournament in Wachapreague.

The reason for the bad and good news: Hines has won the tournament for the past five years, including this year.

He won at ages 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 — a remarkable feat for anyone, in any tournament, anywhere.

He is the son of Emily and Scott Hines, owners of Eastern Shore Outfitters in Exmore, so fishing is in his blood.

"Asher loves to fish and it has really paid off," said his mother. "We're very proud of him."

Hines is a seventh-grade student at Shore Christian Academy in Belle Haven.

# NCPS recognizes exceptional faculty and staff



COURTESY PHOTOS

Northampton County Public Schools recently honored five faculty and staff members. The recipients of the 2025-26 First Class Teacher of the Year and the Support Employees of the Year awards, pictured in the collage above, were surprised at their respective schools by members of the NCPS leadership team.

Northampton County Public Schools proudly announces the recipients of the 2025-26 First Class Teacher of the Year and this year's Support Employees of the Year.

This annual recognition program honors staff members and a first-year teacher whose dedication and contributions truly make a difference, inspiring pride and appreciation within the community.

These awards highlight the "unsung heroes" across our division — individuals who consistently go beyond their

basic job duties with an unwavering commitment to student success, instructional innovation, and the division's overall mission. Highly respected by their peers, these honorees maintain a positive influence that fosters a supportive and high-achieving environment for Northampton's students.

NCPS recognizes the following employees for their exceptional contributions:

- First Class Teacher of the Year: Colton Collins, Kiptopeke Elementary School

- Professional and Technical Support Employee of the Year: Brittany Annon, Northampton Middle School and Northampton High School

- Service Support Employee of the Year: Melvin Burton, Northampton Middle School and Northampton High School

- Instructional Support Employee of the Year: Amariah Nottingham, Occohannock Elementary School

- Administrative Support Employee

of the Year: Erin Staub, Northampton Middle School and Northampton High School

The winners were genuinely surprised at their schools by members of the NCPS leadership team, celebrating their hard work alongside their colleagues and students.

Northampton County Public Schools extends its warmest congratulations to these outstanding professionals for their well-deserved recognition.



COURTESY PHOTO

All of Broadwater Academy's grade six students earned their Virginia Safe Boating Certification in partnership with Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Students learned about basic components of a vessel and safe operation of waterways, as well as many concepts of marine conservation. This certification is a lifetime certification with the commonwealth. Pictured are Broadwater Academy's grade six students with their VMRC instructors.

## ON THE WATER

# National Safe Boating Week runs May 16 to 22

National Safe Boating Week is May 16 to 22, and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources reminds all boaters to stay safe this summer and always wear a life jacket while on the water. No matter where you boat or what type of vessel you are on — wearing a life jacket is essential for safety.

While preparing for the season, boaters should make sure they have U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets in good condition that fit every occupant of the boat. Safe boating week is a great time to inspect gear, including inflatable life jackets. Inflatable life jackets make it easy for adults to enjoy their time on the water and be good role models for young people on their boats.

No matter what time of year you go boating, always put safety first while planning a trip. Let someone know where you are going and

when you expect to return. When planning your trip, always be aware of the weather. Check the forecast while planning your trip and double check it before departing. Weather conditions and a marine forecast can be found on the National Weather Service website, and the United States Geological Survey has water temperatures for many creeks and rivers, as well as streamflow. Also, know your vessel and have a plan to re-board your boat in case the unexpected happens and you end up in the water by accident.

To learn more about boating in Virginia, including information on applicable laws, education and water safety, please visit the DWR boating webpage. Remember, everyone wants to have a safe, enjoyable day on the water. Do your part by wearing your life jacket and taking a boating safety education course.

## CANNON SHOOTS A HOLE-IN-ONE



COURTESY PHOTO

Kevin Cannon, of Machipongo, aced the 15th hole at Great Hope Golf Course in Crisfield, Md., recently for his first hole-in-one, just days before his 74th birthday. He used a 3-wood against strong winds for the par 3, 158-yard hole.

# Local chess players square off in Pocomoke

The 3rd Annual Oskar Jensen Memorial Chess Tournament was held at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Pocomoke City on May 2. The tournament was sanctioned by the United States Chess Federation, the governing body for chess in the United States. Players from Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia competed.

Oskar Jensen was the grandfather of the tournament director, Thomas Moskios. Jensen was a fine chess player in his heyday. He lived to the age of 103. The tournament was held in his honor.

The tournament was divided into two sections, the open section and the reserve section. The reserve section was restricted to players with Elo less than 1,200 (Elo is the rating system used by USCF); whereas the open section generally had players with Elo greater than 1,200 (competing in this section was available to lower-rated players who specifically requested to compete in the open section). Ten players competed in the open section, and six players competed in the reserve section.

Both sections were organized as Swiss-system tournaments. Swiss-system is a type of non-elimination tournament, whereby in each round winners are paired against winners and

losers are paired with losers until an ultimate winner is determined.

The open section required four rounds to determine a winner, while the reserve section required three rounds.

Roliet Mendoza and Benjamin Contreras, both of Accomack County, shared first place in the open section with scores of 3.5 (three wins and one draw).

Ronei Leonel earned third place with a score of 3 (three wins).

Moskios and Noah Backof shared fourth place with a score of 2.5 (two wins and one draw).

In the reserve section, Michael Neithardt won first place with a score of 3.0. Bruce Austin and Henry Buell shared second place with a score of 2.0.

Youngsters were encouraged to participate because the entry fee for students was dropped to a very low price. Three youths under 18 participated in the open section and performed very well.

Out of 16 total participants (in both sections), seven players received cash prizes.

Although the youth entry fee was relatively inexpensive, prize winners received the higher cash prizes thanks to sponsorship by Pushing Paper bookkeepers in Salisbury, Md., and Eastern Shore Scholastic Chess in Accomack County.



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# New plan hatched at old Birdsnest school



COURTESY IMAGE

A rendition included in the zoning application for the former Birdsnest School shows the new, three-story addition on the west side.

**BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY**  
Eastern Shore Post

A Virginia Beach woman is working to turn the former Birdsnest School into a historic inn and restaurant.

Katherine Campbell requested a special-use permit at the Northampton County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 12 to renovate, expand the building, and house the business there.

Her request was granted.

"I'd be delighted to see that building get rehabbed," said Supervisor Betsy Mapp.

Under Campbell's plan more would happen than just renovating the building.

A three-story addition would be constructed on the west side of the building along with an elevator.

Other changes would include turning the former cafeteria into a restaurant and locating a gift shop in the lobby.

The building has not been used as a school for decades.

Campbell is working to acquire funding for the project. By her estimations, once funding is acquired the construction would take nine months to one year to complete.

The board voted unanimously to approve the special-use permit and the board expressed interest in and endorsed the project to save the long-abandoned building.

Vice Chairman Oliver Bennett said that the Eastern Shore has plenty of places to stay on or near the water, but none where visitors reach a higher vantage point and see the surrounding lands.

"It's different," he said of the plan.

Campbell also posed the question of whether or not the county could run sewer service from Nassawadox to the site in Birdsnest, but nothing has been decided on the expansion and no action was taken.

County Administrator Matt Spuck said officials are currently working to determine the capacity of the Nassaw-



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The former Birdsnest School has been approved for renovation and new construction to make it an inn and restaurant.

adox system for other reasons.

The permit approval had been recommended by the county planning commission.

The applicant said plans include a 60-seat restaurant and more may be added in the future.

There will be additional dining space on the second floor, where bar food would be served, she said. There would also be a veranda and balcony on the second floor.

Campbell's application stated that the building was constructed in 1920. The inn would have no more than 10 rooms.

The proposed reuse of the building brought back memories for at least one member of the board of supervisors.

"Some of us actually went to that school," Chairman Dixon Leatherbury said, smiling.

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# In Oyster, plan for \$3M berm proceeds

**BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY**  
Eastern Shore Post

Northampton Administrator Matt Spuck said during the May 12 board of supervisors meeting that the \$3 million berm project in the community of Oyster is proceeding and the design of the berm is currently being decided.

Oyster is one of the lowest-lying towns on the Eastern Shore by elevation and frequently sees flooding during storms, a problem that is only going to get worse with sea-level rise, officials said.

Northampton County and The Nature Conservancy are collaborating to build a bulkhead and earthen berm that work in conjunction to help keep flooding away from homes.

After all grants and other funding, the county only needs to pay for

\$10,000 of the project — a very small percentage of the roughly \$3 million total cost for both the earthen berm and the bulkhead.

Once complete, the berm will have minimal maintenance costs, Spuck said.

Supervisor Jon Dempster asked how the berm would affect property values in Oyster and if property values would increase and decrease differently based on their positioning to the berm.

Spuck said there is a similar berm in Norfolk that has been in place for years that can be referenced to help predict property values as well as how the berm ages.

The board voted to continue the planning phase of the project.

“This doesn’t seem like a big risk for us,” Dempster said.

## Groundwater portal

Spuck is working to create an Eastern Shore groundwater portal after hearing concerns about the quantity and quality of the Eastern Shore’s groundwater.

He said he has heard comments at meetings that additional development of the Eastern Shore cannot be supported due to overdrawing from the aquifer, which he says is inaccurate.

Spuck said that while the aquifer does replenish slowly and that only 2% of rainfall goes down to the aquifer, it is very well managed.

Only 7% of the Eastern Shore’s water pumping comes directly from the aquifer and the other 93% comes from elsewhere, Spuck explained.

The portal would contain statistics explaining that the aquifer supply is

still plentiful in a way most people can understand.

## Entertainment venue?

Late in the meeting, during the section for matters presented by the board, Supervisor Betsy Mapp said the county needs an entertainment venue.

Spuck, who formerly was town manager of Onancock, said Onancock just finished one.

He said he will get the cost and other figures of that venue and report back.

Mapp said the county needs a location to host concerts and other events.

Cape Charles has held well-attended summer concerts at a town park on the grounds of the former high school football field.

The area, Central Park, also hosts other events during the year.

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# Exmore mulls hiring additional police officer

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY  
Eastern Shore Post

Exmore Police Chief Adam Zieger asked the Town Council during the Monday, May 11, meeting if the town could hire another police officer.

Zieger said a need has been realized recently, especially following three reports of shots fired within the town in the last three weeks.

Zieger said that some officers have had to wait for quite some time after requesting backup.

He also said the additional officer would make it easier to cover for personnel taking time off for vacation or illness.

Zieger said he already has a candidate in mind if the position is granted.

The town interviewed a candidate to fill a recent vacant position, but the

town hired an officer who already had completed training.

The candidate Zieger would like to hire as an eighth officer isn't yet trained, but the next offering of police school starts June 29 — so not much time is available to make a decision.

The council expressed interest in taking Zieger's recommendation, but Councilman Chase Sturgis said he wants to see the budget before making a decision.

"I feel like we need to see it in the budget before we make the hire," he said.

## Comp plan progress

Recent discussions about proposed housing developments in Exmore have prompted the town to begin the process of rewriting and updating its comprehensive plan.

A town's comprehensive plan is supposed to be reviewed and updated as needed every five years, the state code specifies. Exmore's hasn't been updated in 11 years.

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission quoted the town \$30,790 for a rewrite.

The cost to rewrite the plan does not include advertising and printing costs, nor is any grant funding available to the A-NPDC for the rewriting.

The town requested two other quotes from other firms to update the plan, both of which were significantly more expensive.

The council unanimously voted to choose the A-NPDC quote.

## Excess equipment

Exmore has identified equipment

that the town no longer uses that is valuable enough to sell.

The town will be listing an operable trash truck, two functioning lawn mowers, and two generators, which are thought to be non-functioning, on the website [govdeals.com](http://govdeals.com)

The council approved the decision to list these items for auction on the site.

## New burning rules

The town has imposed new rules surrounding open burning on private property.

Residents are not permitted to burn on private property between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m.

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# PFAS

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2017. The substances have been linked to firefighting foam used at NASA during training. The town and NASA stopped using the affected wells and installed a water treatment system for Chincoteague.

“We don’t know what the levels were back then,” he said

There have been no PFAS detected in wells from households surrounding the NASA facility, the report stated.

The report comes after a heightened awareness of the potential impacts on Eastern Shore groundwater. In January a Texas-based company withdrew a proposal to inject poultry waste 5,000 feet underground, which had prompted fears among some that it would threaten groundwater.

The report said PFAS “have rarely been detected” in drinking water in the town and NASA facility since mitigation work began after their discovery in 2017.

The agency also is unable to determine whether PFAS from town drinking water before April 2017 could increase cancer risks, according to the report.

The agency recommended NASA continue to test drinking water for PFAS. It further recommended testing local marine life for traces of the chemicals.

“Testing fish and shellfish from the area could provide information needed to evaluate potential PFAS exposure from seafood consumption,” the report stated.

It stated “there is no evidence” that people could be exposed to PFAS

## Read the report

The report by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry regarding “forever chemicals” at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility can be found by visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/mpme7rhr>

through local fruits and vegetables.

PFAS can increase cholesterol levels and lower response to some vaccines, according to the agency. There is an association between PFAS and kidney and testicular cancers and changes in liver enzymes, according to an agency fact sheet.

The report was prompted after a local arm of the American Federation of Government Employees asked the agency to assess exposures to PFAS at the base.

In addition to the 200-foot barrier to prevent discharge of PFAS, many other initiatives have been undertaken to mitigate exposure.

NASA is replacing all wastewater piping, “which will essentially eliminate the PFAS from entering the Wallops wastewater treatment system” from Wallops Island, according to information presented at the public session.

It also has installed a vacuum system that removes PFAS from wastewater plant discharge.

“A lot of the technologies to treat PFAS are brand new but we are trying them out,” said Kristi Francisco, the remediation project manager at Wallops.

## CHINCOTEAGUE

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Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at [www.village-neighbors.org](http://www.village-neighbors.org) or in person at Sundial Books and H&H Pharmacy on Chincoteague. Those interested can also purchase tickets on the day of the tour at the Chincoteague Museum, 7125 Maddox Blvd., where the programs with addresses for the tour will be given out.

Those who have already purchased tickets should also come to the Chincoteague Museum to receive their programs and get

started.

Enjoy this special opportunity to visit eight private gardens and talk with the gardeners.

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Also on the tour is the Pollinator Garden on the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, where master gardeners will be on hand to offer tours and answer questions. Show your garden tour ticket at the toll booth to get on the Refuge free of charge.

The tour is rain or shine. The tour allows no pets.

For more information, call Village Neighbors at 757-349-9969 or visit the website.



## Town of Chincoteague Notice of Public Hearing

The Chincoteague Town Council will conduct a public hearing commencing at 7PM on June 1, 2026 in the Chincoteague Center building located at 6155 Community Dr. Chincoteague, VA 23336 to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning a proposed Short-Term Rental ordinance. The full content of the proposed ordinance may be viewed at the Town office and on the Town’s website [www.chincoteague-va.gov](http://www.chincoteague-va.gov). Written comments may be submitted to the Town Manager until 5PM on June 1, 2026 at the above physical address or to [mtolbert@chincoteague-va.gov](mailto:mtolbert@chincoteague-va.gov).



## Town of Chincoteague Notice of Public Hearing

The Chincoteague Town Council and the Planning Commission will conduct a joint public hearing commencing at **6PM on May 21, 2026** in the Council Chambers at the municipal building located at 6150 Community Dr. Chincoteague, VA 23336 to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a digital sign to be located at 4074 Main Street in the C-2 Zoning District. The full content of the Conditional Use Permit application may be viewed at the Town office. Written comments may be submitted to the Town Manager until 5PM on May 21, 2026 at the above physical address or to [mtolbert@chincoteague-va.gov](mailto:mtolbert@chincoteague-va.gov).



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Chincoteague Mayor Denise Bowden laughs after presenting an “Honorary Oyster Shucker” hat to Virginia Municipal League President Dwayne Tuggle on Thursday, May 14, during the league’s Virginia Small Towns Conference, which was hosted by Chincoteague. The event drew a large crowd to the island and the Chincoteague Community Center. Tuggle is the mayor of the town of Amherst. Bowden gave him the hat because he does not like to eat oysters — so he can be a designated shucker.

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A crane sets down the light poles on the soccer field onto the footers at Randy Custis Memorial Park in Nassawadox. Volunteer Thomas James III said the 14-foot-deep footer was dug using a bridge-building technique after volunteers hit water five feet below the surface. James upended a PVC tube and brought a vacuum truck to suck out sand and water while a front-end loader pushed the pipe down, eventually to 14 feet.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jack Turner, a ninth-grade student at Broadwater Academy, recently submitted his portfolio of original sculpture in completion of his Advanced Placement 3-D Art and Design course requirements.

## Turner completes AP design course as freshman

Jack Turner, a ninth-grade student at Broadwater Academy, recently submitted his portfolio of original sculpture to the College Board in completion of his Advanced Placement 3-D Art and Design course requirements.

Enrollment in this course is unusual for ninth graders, but Jack, an avid artist, has more experience in sculpting than most students his age, thanks in part to his family's well-established creative footprint on the Eastern Shore.

Turner is the son of Pamela and David Turner and the grandson of Dr. William Turner.

His father and grandfather design and create cast wildlife sculptures in bronze at their Turner Sculpture foundry near Onley.

"Sculpture was always something around," Jack says of growing up in the Turner family.

"My dad would work and tell us ev-

ery part of the sculpting process. He always creates a lot of character within his sculptures. They are all individual animals to him."

Jack's own series of sculptures in clay, which he made over the course of the academic year, examine avian life, color, and emotion.

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His work earned him a blue ribbon in the Broadwater Art Show, and it demonstrates not only immense technical ability but also a synthesis of materials, processes, and ideas in a way that elevates his work, said Fran Ryan, Broadwater's head of school.

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## Help Wanted

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Submit a completed application form to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or in person at the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2026, at 5 p.m.



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The County of Northampton's Commissioner of Revenue is accepting full-time employment applications for a Personal Property Technician - Deputy I.

This position provides assistance and information related to Personal Property Taxes, Real Estate Taxes, Business Licenses, State Income Tax, and various other job duties to the public and other government agencies. Please see full list of duties in the job description posted on the County website. The salary for this position includes benefits and is \$34,048 to \$40,470, depending on experience.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or GED
- One (1) year of customer service experience and some office administration experience

Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347 by Friday, May 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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## PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER POSITION

St. Charles Catholic Church in Cape Charles has an opening for a new part-time bookkeeping position. The position will be responsible for essential accounting functions related to cash disbursements and donations, as well as handling and directing incoming calls and correspondence to the appropriate parties.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bookkeeping experience preferred, Microsoft Office proficiency, including Excel worksheets, strong writing skills and verbal bilingual language skills strongly preferred

**WORK SCHEDULE & SALARY:** 18-hour work week, Tuesday through Thursday at the Parish Office in Cape Charles, \$20-24 per hour, depending on the candidate's qualifications

Send resume to [officemanager@stcharlesbcc.org](mailto:officemanager@stcharlesbcc.org)

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- Basis knowledge and use of CNC machining.
- Possession of valid Virginia Driver's License (non CDL).
- Product production and assembly of custom cabinetry to include knowledge and use of sliding table saws and digital wide belt sanders.
- On and off site assembly and installation of finished products for residential and commercial properties.
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To apply, email Chris Ballard at [ccs.cballard@gmail.com](mailto:ccs.cballard@gmail.com). The position is open until filled.

Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following positions: **Full-Time Certified Law Enforcement Officer and Full-Time Correctional Officer and Full-Time Dispatcher.** Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at [www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org](http://www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org) Open until filled. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Help Wanted



### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – CAREER SERVICES EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Eastern Shore Community College is seeking an Administrative Assistant for Career Services.

The Administrative Assistant will provide part-time administrative and functional support for Career Services Center. Functional responsibilities include establishing and maintaining records for Career Services Center (CSC); tracking and reporting required data in support of the Center's Work Based Learning program; assisting scheduling appointments with clients, mentors, and employers; tracking Career Services contacts and milestones using state and local technology applications; providing support for Career Services events; creating and maintaining forms and meeting notes; and providing additional support for Career Services Center.

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**Starting Pay:** Beginning at \$18/hour for qualified individuals, with higher pay available based on experience and skill level.

**Requirements:** Proven hands-on experience; Valid driver's license preferred; Strong work ethic and reliability; Ability to troubleshoot, repair, and install irrigation systems

**To Apply:** Email resumes only to: [TWarren@browderhite.com](mailto:TWarren@browderhite.com)

## Help Wanted

**CLASS A AUTO TECH** - Full- or part-time. Must have own tools. Immediate opening. 757-787-4633.

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## Farm & Lawn Equipment

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## Rentals - Houses

**NUEVA Casa**- 3 Recamaras, 2 Banos Solo \$500  
**Deposito** - Llame para los requisitos: 302-846-9100.

**NEW 3BR, 2BA \$500 DEPOSIT CALL FOR DETAILS:** 302-846-9100.



## Motorcycles, Scooters, Etc.

**BRAND NEW ELECTRIC PEDEGO GIRL'S E BIKE** - Pink. Valued at \$1,700. Will sell for \$1,000 firm. Contact Mike at 757-678-6630 or Lisa at 443-235-0448.

## Boats, Etc.

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**35' FIBERGLASS VA DREDGE BOAT** - 3208 Cat diesel. New trailer. Complete hydraulic rig, ready to work. Comes w/ VA dredging license. \$30K. Contact 757-894-0974 or 410-202-6153.



**1984 20' Wellcraft w/trailer,**  
**175 Evinrude motor**  
**Comes with:**  
**2-way radio,**  
**depth finder,**  
**new Bimini top,**  
**8 HP Mercury kicker motor,**  
**safety equipment,**  
**titles OH for both,**  
**\$4,200**  
**Contact Ron**  
**757-667-9590**



**Godfrey Sweetwater**  
**20 ft pontoon boat**  
**w/ Mercury motor**  
Boat & motor have 61 hrs.  
Paid \$32,000 in 2017.  
Has 2 axle trailer.  
**\$20,000 OBO.**  
Call Mike 717-554-2603.

## Boats (cont.)



**ELECTRIC CANOE**  
**14' mahogany, cypress, white cedar custom**  
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CONTACT:  
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### SALVAGE: 2016 MERCEDES BENZ E350

4 MATIC, 4D SDN, black,  
82k miles, fully loaded.

DAMAGE: Right front fender and passenger side of vehicle. \$2,200 OBO.

Call 757-678-2725.



### 2009 SUBURBAN Z71

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## Cars, Trucks, ATVs (cont.)



**1991 OLDSMOBILE**  
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**YARD SALE** - May 16 from 8 to noon. **NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE!** 11 Hillcrest Dr., Onancock. Pictures, household, more.

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**2292 Belle Haven Road, Belle Haven, VA 23306**

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**Sat., May 16, 8 am - 2 pm**  
**Sun., May 17, 10 am - 2 pm**

**CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

Look for the pink & white signs!

## Misc. for Sale

**CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT** - Saws, drills, biscuit tool, tile cutter (wet & dry), grinder, Baker rolling scaffold, transit, shop vac, pass load, framer, finish guns, pole & hand clamps, chop boxes, jigsaw, hammer drill, Hitachi jackhammer/drill, 4,6,8,10 wood ladders, drops cloths. In Onancock. Call first. 757-710-5768.

## Misc. For Sale



### SHERATON STYLE WALNUT HUNTBOARD

Gallery back with star inlay. Satinwood banding and escutcheon on drawer. One long drawer and two side drawers. Arched apron and tapered and reeded legs. Circa 1820.

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This antique huntboard was part of the Althea and Bootie Shelton estate.

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I will accept any reasonable offer. Delivery is not available. It will need to be picked up upon arrangements.

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For more information about Virginia's Fair Housing Law or to file a fair housing complaint, call the Virginia Fair Housing Office at (804) 367-8530. Toll-free call (888) 551-3247. For TDD users, please call the Virginia Relay by dialing 7-1-1.

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## Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. On Jan. 22, 1987, how many fans braved a blizzard and became part of an elite club by attending a New Jersey Devils' NHL game?
2. Name the actor who played baseball legend Ty Cobb in director Ron Shelton's 1994 sports biography film "Cobb."
3. What two NFL teams merged for the 1944 season due to a shortage of players during World War II?
4. Anton Geesink became the first non-Japanese judoka to win a gold medal at the World Judo Championships (1961) and won gold at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. Geesink represented what country?
5. Name the Brazilian tennis player who won French Open men's singles titles in 1997, 2000, and 2001.
6. Which Cincinnati Reds player won the Tip O'Neill Award for best Canadian baseball player seven times from 2010 to 2017?
7. What South Asian island nation's men's cricket team, nicknamed the Lions, won the 1996 ICC Cricket World Cup?

**Answers**

1. 34  
2. Tommy Lee Jones  
3. The Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Cardinals  
4. Netherlands  
5. Gustavo Kuerten  
6. Joey Votto  
7. Sri Lanka

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# Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff  
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-466

vs.

HERBERT REID, 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 113B0A000003300.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Herbert Reid and Bernice Reid, if living, or the heirs of Herbert Reid and Bernice Reid, and Ollie Beckett-Johnson appear on or before June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the above-named Court and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 17th day of April, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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

VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff  
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-467

vs.

The heirs and devisees of Willie S. Young, 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 07800A000005500 and 07800A000005600.

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 Willie S. Young and the heirs of Dorothy Young appear on or before June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the above-named Court and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 17th day of April, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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

**FORECLOSURE SALE IN  
OYSTER BAY II COMMUNITY  
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
DESCRIBED AS:  
5291 PINE TREE WAY, CHINCOTEAGUE, VA  
PARCEL ID: 031B10300027800**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 55.1-1800 et seq., Oyster Bay II Community Property Owners' Association, Inc. ("Association") caused to be filed a certain Notice of Lien on Real Property, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Accomack on December 4, 2019, and identified as Instrument No. 190004608.002, a Notice of Lien on Real Property, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack on May 24, 2022, and identified as Instrument No. 220002664, and a Notice of Lien on Real Property, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack on February 27, 2024, and identified as Instrument No. 240000692, and appointed Pender & Coward, P.C., as Trustee ("Trustee"), pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Trustee, and at the request and direction of the Association, the Trustee will sell the above-referenced property at public auction to the highest bidder at **11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of May 2026, on the front steps of the Accomack Circuit Court, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301.**

**TERMS:** Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information. Successful bidder will be required to deposit with Trustee a deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to the lesser of \$20,000 or 10% of successful bid in cash or certified funds at time of sale, with the closing to occur within thirty days of the date of said sale or within such time set by Trustee in Trustee's sole discretion. Written one-price bids will be accepted for any of the properties pursuant to the terms set forth in Va. Code § 55.1-1833. There is no warranty relating to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition. Property is being sold pursuant to Va. Code § 55.1-1833, and title will be conveyed pursuant to statute and subject to all liens or encumbrances as provided in said statute. All information for review by appointment only. The Trustee reserves the right to accept and/or reject all offers. Time is of the essence. Other conditions may be announced at the sale.

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, to consider and to hear public comments on three cases.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 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 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 public hearings.

**Variance 2026-03:** The Northampton County Board of Supervisors (property owner) and Cara Burton (applicant) are applying for a variance to exceed the maximum size for a public sign. The proposed sign will be approximately 5.4 square feet. The property is located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 58A1-A-6.

**Variance 2026-04:** Northampton Insurance Agency, Inc., and Eyre Baldwin are applying for a variance requesting the maximum density for a multi-family use from 2 units per 10,000 square feet to 2 units per 8,524 square feet in an existing structure. The property is located at 16435 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA, and is further described as Tax Maps 58A1-A-24 & 58A1-6-4.

**Variance 2026-05:** CMH Homes, Inc., is applying for a variance to encroach into the front setback to install a double-wide mobile home. The property is located on Lankford Highway, Machipongo, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 49-12-1.

The case 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., or viewed electronically at <https://co-northampton-va.community.diligentoneplatform.com/Portal/>

Written comments may be sent via email to [olivia.bennett@co.northampton.va.us](mailto: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.

## NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than **60 DAYS** on the property of Charles Goffe, 6112 Nautilus Drive, Horntown, VA 23395, 757-894-9940.

**Description of watercraft** — 14' Grumman, tan, with a 25 HP Evinrude; VA 6885

Application for Watercraft Registration/Title will be made in accordance with Section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources with questions.

## NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than **60 DAYS** on the property of George Collins, 5009 Sunnyside Road, Cape Charles, VA 23310, 757-735-5050.

**Description of watercraft** — Carolina Skiff, 22', white

Application for Watercraft Registration/Title will be made in accordance with Section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources with questions.

**Read the Post online Thursday evening at [www.easternshorepost.com](http://www.easternshorepost.com)**

# Legal Ads

**PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF VALUABLE  
WATERFRONT REAL ESTATE  
TEN ACRES (10 A.) MORE OR LESS  
FINNEY FARM DRIVE, PARKSLEY, VA  
TAX MAP NUMBER 08800A0000020F0**

The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, as owners of the hereinafter described real estate, will sell at public auction, subject to any and all terms and conditions contained herein, to the highest bidder,

**IN FRONT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
23316 COURTHOUSE AVE.  
IN ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA  
ON FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026  
AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate near Pastoria, Lee Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as PARCEL 20F-1 and PARCEL 20F-2 on a certain plat of survey entitled "DIVISION OF PARCEL 20F DIVISION OF PART OF PROPERTY OF ALICE MARIE GUY & RAYMOND L. GUY NEAR PASTORIA LEE DISTRICT ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA" dated July 18, 2005, made by Eastern Shore Surveyors, said plat being of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County in Plat Book 2005, at page 111, and reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description of the land herein conveyed. A copy of the aforesaid survey can be obtained by calling the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 757-787-1329.

Together with all rights, easements, buildings, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Being in all respects the same land conveyed to Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Incorporated, by deed dated December 8, 2025, from Darren A. Koenig, and recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County as Instrument Number 250004927.

A 4 Bedroom Certification Letter from the Accomack County Health Department was issued on November 13, 2019. A copy of said letter can be obtained by calling the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 757-787-1329.

**TERMS**

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be required in cash on the date of sale with liberty to the purchaser to pay as much more in cash on that day as they might desire. This is a nonrefundable deposit. The balance not so paid in cash to be evidenced by the note of the purchaser, payable thirty (30) days from the date with interest at 4% from date of sale, and with personal security should the Seller require it. Title to the premises to be retained as additional security until the full amount of the purchase price has been paid. Bidders may be required to offer proof of a satisfactory financial condition prior to Seller's acceptance of their bid.

There will be a five percent (5%) buyer's premium due at closing.

The property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the time bid off and taxes for the year 2026 to be prorated as of the date of sale. The property is being sold in gross and not by the acre.

Upon payment in full of the purchase price, the purchaser to be entitled to a deed for said property upon same being properly prepared by the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence at their expense conveying said property with SPECIAL WARRANTY of title.

For further information, contact the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 757-787-1329.

**VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY  
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA** Plaintiff  
CIVIL CASE NO. 24-68

vs.

The heirs and devisees of  
**THEODORE S. LEWIS, deceased, et als.** Defendants

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax map number 02400A000004000.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Yvonne Lewis, Claudette E. Lewis, Derrick Crippen, Caretta L. Douglas, Calvin Lee Corbin, Zelda Pettit Lewis, Natacha Pettit, Nevada Lewis, Raven Lewis, and the heirs and devisees of Theodore S. Lewis, Theodore S. Lewis Jr., Calvin Lee Lewis, and Nevada James Lewis appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before July 10, 2026.

Enter this 13th day of May, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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

**VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY  
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA** Plaintiff  
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-818

vs.

**HENRY THOMAS DENNIS, if living  
THOMAS DENNIS** 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 numbers 02600A000011100, 02600A000011200, and 02600A000011300.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Thomas Dennis and the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Henry Thomas Dennis appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before July 10, 2026.

Enter this 12th day of May, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott  
Attorney at Law  
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Yorktown, VA 23692  
757-898-7000



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Chincoteague Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zoning matters:

**CASE #260248 SETBACK VARIANCE —  
DENISE P. BOWDEN — PARCEL 30A5-23-10**

A public hearing request for a variance from rear setback requirements as stated in Article III, Section (C), Section 3.7.15 (1) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to demolish the existing 10' x 16' accessory shed and construct a 12' x 24' accessory shed, which will encroach upon the side setback located at 6519 Rosedale Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

**CASE #260247 SETBACK VARIANCE —  
STEVEN LISUM — PARCEL 30A5-A-700**

A public hearing request for a variance from rear setback requirements as stated in Article III, Section (C), Section 3.9.2 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to construct a new 28' x 60' dwelling, which will encroach upon the front setback located upon Lot 14A, Howard Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

**CASE #260249 SETBACK VARIANCE —  
SCOTT CHRISTIANSEN — PARCEL 30A5-23-54**

A public hearing request for a variance from rear setback requirements as stated in Article III, Section (C), Section 3.7.15 (1) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to construct a 12' x 20' accessory shed, which will encroach upon the rear and side setbacks located at 6448 Arbor Lane, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

**CASE #260250 SETBACK VARIANCE —  
SCOTT CHRISTIANSEN — PARCEL 30A5-23-51**

A public hearing request for a variance from rear setback requirements as stated in Article III, Section (C), Section 3.7.15 (1) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to construct a 12' x 20' accessory shed, which will encroach upon the rear setback located upon Lot 51, Arbor Lane, Chincoteague, VA 23336.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Chincoteague (VMRC #2025-2071) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install and backfill 700 linear feet of steel bulkhead and to construct a stone revetment channelward of the proposed bulkhead adjacent to Chincoteague Island Waterman's Memorial Park (TM #5A3-1-1413) situated along Chincoteague Inlet in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2025-2071) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>

We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

# Legal Ads

## NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than **60 DAYS** on the property of William A. Lawton, 6293 Sunnyside Road, Cape Charles, VA 23310, 631-848-3969.

**Description of watercraft** — Carolina Skiff, 15' 8", 2000, White/black hull, HIN: EKHI6971H900, Vessel Title Number: VA 4669 AW.

Application for Watercraft Registration/Title will be made in accordance with Section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources with questions.

## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026, AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:**

### VAR-000058-2026 – NKM Properties LLC – 24070 Tall Pines Drive, Onancock

The applicant requests a variance pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-369(1) and 106-369(2). The applicant has renovated a structure that would need to be brought into compliance with the Floodplain Ordinance. The approximately .46-acre site is located at 24070 Tall Pines Drive near Onancock, approximately 450' east of its intersection with Little Mimosa Drive, and is on Tax Map # 83C-1-23 and 83C-1-22. The parcel is zoned Agricultural and is located in a special flood hazard area (6BFE). This is an after-the-fact application.

### APPL-000063-2026 – Scout Storage LLC – 32400 Block of Chincoteague Road, Wallops Island

The applicant has appealed a determination of the Zoning Administrator pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-234(4). The applicant is appealing that CUSE-000268-2021 expired on July 20, 2025; that no further work may be undertaken on Tax Map Parcel 27-A103A or elsewhere in Accomack County in pursuit of or related to Scout's Conditional Use Permit; Scout's site plan approved on March 10, 2026, is null and void; and Scout's land-disturbance permit approved on March 10, 2026, is null and void. The approximately 11.624-acre site is located at the 32400 Block of Chincoteague Road, approximately 100' west of its intersection with Fleming Road and is on Tax Map # 27-A-103A. The parcel is zoned Industrial.

### SUSE-000064-2026 – Mark Mason – 24400 Block of Lankford Highway, Accomack

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to

Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(12) for any use of land and/or any permanent or temporary location of any type of building or facility thereon which is not specifically permitted within this chapter. The applicant has placed two containers for storage on the parcel. The approximately 11.777-acre site is located at the 24400 Block of Lankford Highway at the intersection with Taylor Road and is on Tax Map # 94-A-117A. The parcel is zoned Residential and General Business. This is an after-the-fact application.

### SUSE-000059-2026 – John Morrison on Behalf of Odachowski Group, Inc. – 20300 Block of Market Street, Onancock

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-179. The applicant has placed a sign on the property advertising a business that is not on the property. The approximately 26.606-acre site is located at the 20300 Block of Lankford Highway, at the intersection with Fairgrounds Road and is on Tax Map # 93D-A-2B. The parcel is zoned Agricultural and General Business. This is an after-the-fact application.

### SUSE-000071-2026 – Jonathan Mudd – 21338 Taylor Road, Tasley

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-403(7) for residential uses, including single-family dwellings, not as an accessory to an approved use. The applicant wishes to construct a house on the property. The approximately 1.943-acre site is located at 21338 Taylor Road at the intersection with Coastal Boulevard and is on Tax Map # 94-A-1 and 94-A-3. The parcel is zoned General Business.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomack, Virginia or <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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

## VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 26-464

vs.

CHRISTINE KNOX, 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 014A0A000000100.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Christine Knox (also known as Christine Knox Wise), if living, or the heirs of Christine Knox, and Christine D. Knox, and Barry Wise, appear on or before June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the above-named Court and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 17th day of April, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Commission (ESVA 9-1-1) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 5:30 PM, at the Accomack County Emergency Operations Center at 28598 Beacon Road, Melfa, VA 23410. In addition to regular business of the ESVA 9-1-1 Commission, public comment will be received on action for a one-time additional personnel compensation to ESVA 9-1-1 staff.

While the meeting will provide interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments, individuals also have the opportunity to submit oral or written statements on the proposed action to the ESVA 9-1-1 Center's Director's Office (P.O. Box 337, Accomack, VA 23301 or at [jflournoy@co.northampton.va.us](mailto:jflournoy@co.northampton.va.us)) no later than 1 PM on May 28, 2026.

Any individual having questions or needing special assistance may contact 9-1-1 Director Jeffrey Flournoy at 757-787-0909 or at the above email address.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing commencing at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments regarding the following ordinance:

### AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MONETARY BONUSES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a one-time bonus of 2% to full-time and part-time County employees and is in keeping with the Governor's FY 2027 Budget. Said bonus will be paid in June 2026.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office, Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours.

Handicapped assistance available: Call 757-678-0440.

Matt Spuck  
County Administrator

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing commencing at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments regarding the following ordinance:

### AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MONETARY BONUSES FOR CERTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide one-time bonuses to certain Northampton County employees — the communication officers of the Sheriff's Office — in response to donations received by the Town of Exmore for this purpose.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office, Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours.

Handicapped assistance available: Call 757-678-0440.

Matt Spuck  
County Administrator

# Legal Ads

## TRUSTEE'S SALE

24358 ADELAIDE STREET, PARKSLEY, VA 23421  
TAX MAP/ PARCEL ID NO./GPIN 078A10100003100

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated October 4, 2019, in the original principal amount of \$171,830.00, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia, as Instrument No. 190003844, and as modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on November 1, 2024, as Instrument No. 240003829, and as assigned to Noteholder by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 24, 2025, as Instrument No. 250004475, the property briefly described below will be offered for sale at public auction:

All those certain lots or parcels of land as situate, lying and being in the Town of Parksley, Metompkin Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, beginning at the Southeast corner of Adelaide Street and Browne Avenue, (which Browne Avenue is now extended Fifty Feet farther Easterly than as laid down on the original plat of the Town of Parksley now recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, so as to form one continuous avenue from Maxwell Street to Cook Street) and running thence Easterly along the Southerly side of Adelaide Street 100 feet; thence at right angles and running Southerly 145 feet (parallel with Browne Avenue) to the Northerly side of the 15-foot alley; thence Westerly along the Northerly side of said 15-foot alley, parallel with Adelaide Street 100 feet to the Easterly side of Browne Avenue, thence along the Easterly side of Browne Avenue Northerly 145 feet to the point of beginning. Said lot contains 14,500 square feet and being the first two lots on the Southerly side of Adelaide Street running Easterly from Browne Avenue; together with all buildings and improvements thereon and all rights, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and said plat referred to above is recorded in Plat Book 6, at page 82.

The sale will take place on **JUNE 2, 2026 AT 9:00 AM**, at the front entrance to the building housing the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301. The undersigned reserves the right to suspend bidding and/or to adjourn the bidding prior to the completion of sale.

The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property.

**TERMS: A deposit in the form of CERTIFIED FUNDS in the amount of \$10,000.00 (CASH NOT ACCEPTED) or 10% of the successful bid, whichever is lower, is required of any bidder at the time of sale. Closing within fifteen (15) days of sale. If the payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of sale, the deposit shall be retained by the Trustee as liquidated damages. Time is of the essence. Trustee has no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon conclusion of the Substitute Trustee's sale. Purchaser to pay all closing costs, including cost of Trustee's Deed. Sale subject to lender confirmation. The Trustee may file IRS Form 8300, and a successful bidder shall provide all required information and produce a Government Picture Identification Card. Additional terms may be announced at sale. James A. Evans, Attorney At Law, PLC and Hunter Hanger & Associates P.C., Substitute Trustee**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:** James A. Evans, Attorney At Law, PLC or Hunter Hanger & Associates P.C., Substitute Trustee, 2000 Arctic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. 1-757-437-9500 or visit our website at [www.vblawyers.com](http://www.vblawyers.com) (09236).

## NOTICE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On June 15, 2026, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the County of Accomack, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes.

Bounds, Omar P. III & Doris Arner  
085A2A000016700  
Broughton, Mary Godwin  
04100A000015300  
Caine, Lillian  
07900A0000062A0  
Card, Carol J. Estate  
102001400000500  
Cleveland, Donna Joy McLean  
062A1A000018900  
Deyoung, David H. & Beverly Joan  
102C00100A00002  
Eastern Sunrise LLC  
078A10100077500  
Gunter, Rachael  
109A0A000003600  
Orlando, Rosemary J.  
030A3A0000216A0  
Payton, India  
055A0A000011300  
Poulson, O. Marshall Trustee  
085A219000002A0  
Revell, Brandon F.  
02800A0000061F0  
Revell, Brandon F.  
02800A0000061D0  
Smith, Kenyatta C.  
079B002NE000200  
Smith, Purnell  
113B00200000900  
Vinnie, Raymond W.  
11700A000004600  
Wu, Anthony B.  
005A10100097400

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the law office listed below. The pro rata costs of publication hereunder shall become a part of the tax and together with all other costs, including reasonable attorney's fees set by the court, shall be collected when payment is made whether or not court proceedings have been initiated.

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## VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-295

The heirs and devisees of RUEBEN D. SAMPLE  
GERTRUDE SAMPLE  
The heirs and devisees of RUEBEN ODELL SAMPLE JR.  
AUDREY ELAINE SAMPLE  
The heirs and devisees of RUEBEN ODELL SAMPLE III  
TIFFANY E. SAMPLE  
RUEBEN ODELL SAMPLE IV  
KELISEY SAMPLE  
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 119C00500003600.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Audrey Elaine Sample, Tiffany E. Sample, Rueben Odell Sample IV, Kelisey Sample, Gertrude Sample, if living, or if deceased, the heirs of Gertrude Sample and the heirs of Rueben D. Sample, Rueben Odell Sample Jr., and Rueben Odell Sample III appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before July 10, 2026.

Enter this 12th day of May, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

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19136 Jackson St., Parksley  
For \$12,000
- From Veronica Shrieves  
To Diane Hines  
Parcels in Whites Neck, Parksley  
For \$38,000
- From Evelyn Davey and Donna Lechner  
To Mapp/Young LLLP  
Property at Bunting Point Road, Wachapreague  
For \$55,000
- From John A. Manley  
To Maria Olechny and Ralph Guessford  
Trails End lot 290, unit 1, sheet 1, Horntown  
For \$28,800
- From Diane Randall and Willie Randall Jr.  
To Cathy Nedab and Kaye Gaskins  
16371 Pungoteague Road, Painter  
For \$185,000
- From Rhonda Montgomery and Douglas Montgomery  
To Navinchandra Patel  
25326 Maryland Ave., Onley  
For \$345,000
- From Cameron Reider and Danielle Reider  
To Rhonda Montgomery and Douglas Montgomery  
Captains Cove lot 11, section 6, Greenbackville  
For \$245,000
- From Deborah Lee Lawler  
To Mitchell K. Spencer  
24144 Chadbourne St., Parksley  
For \$254,000
- From Seth Jonczak  
To Sidnee Mercer  
24337 Maxwell St., Parksley  
For \$305,000
- From Debra Wharton and Ricky Wharton  
To Tommy Brown  
9067 Neal Parker Road, Temperanceville  
For \$173,000
- From Jean Moyer and Alan Moyer  
To Liza Marie Debolt and Thomas Anton Debolt, trustees  
Sunset Bay boat slip 38, Chincoteague  
For \$10,000
- From Milton Matthews, trustee  
To Ovidio Perez and Richard Perez  
29187 Bloxom Circle, Mappsville  
For \$155,000

- From John E. Brett  
To Stacy Marie Kecken and Gregory Todd Kecken  
Captains Cove lot 209, section 2, Greenbackville  
For \$27,000
- From Sun Sanns and John Sanns  
to JLB Holdings LLC  
Property on Groton Town Road, Hallwood  
For \$75,000
- From Gemcraft Homes CC LLC  
To Patricia Krynitski and Mark Krynitski  
2498 Dry Dock Court, Greenbackville  
For \$408,781
- From Mark Coulbourne  
To Yariel Matias Nieves, Hanna Coulbourne Matias, and Yariel Matias  
4 Lewis Place, Wachapreague  
For \$267,000
- From Bernadette Palaski and Gregory Palaski  
To Phillis Cook and Henry Cook  
Captains Cove lot 49, section 8, Greenbackville  
For \$327,000
- From Billye Jean Maddox and George Maddox  
To George Justis and William B. Justis  
16052 Metompink Road, Bloxom  
For \$32,000
- From Yoder Properties and Designs LLC  
To Paula Melancon and John Melancon  
6354 Highland Park Drive, Chincoteague  
For \$350,000
- From Alison June Girona and Miguel Girona  
To Diana Cretella and Rachel Miles  
3902 Captains Corridor, Greenbackville  
For \$230,000
- From Lance A. Lavensteini  
To Sara Ester Miranda Alfaro and Henry Jairo Molina Alfaro  
2934 Main St., Chincoteague  
For \$710,000
- From Elizabeth Hovis  
To Dawn Waszkiewicz and Chad Waszkiewicz  
Trails End lot 31, unit 3, sheet 3, Horntown  
For \$58,400
- From Richard Jackson and James Sweeney  
To Brittany Koltys  
Lot 81, High Street, Accomac  
For \$75,000

## Northampton Indictments

- Thomasena Margie Capers, 55, of Onancock, was indicted on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle valued at more than \$1,000 and possession of a schedule I or II drug.
- Kenneth Coleman, 40, of Norfolk, was indicted on a charge of possession of a schedule I or II drug.

- Malaine Colver, 52, of Cherrystone Campground, was indicted for destruction of property greater than \$1,000.
- Clyde Jerome Francis, 42, of Machipongo, was indicted on charges of stealing lottery tickets, embezzlement, and grand larceny of more than \$1,000.
- Joshua Austin Gillen, 29, of Virginia Beach, was indicted on a charge of intentional damage to property valued at \$1,000 or more.
- Curtis Earl Heath, 37, of Cape Charles, was indicted on six charges of failure to register as a sex offender.
- Larry Jones, 54, of Birdsnest, was indicted on charges of possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or II drug, possession of a firearm by a non-violent convicted felon, possession of a firearm while in possession of a schedule I or II drug, and possession of a concealed weapon, second offense.
- Wayne Arthur Kellam, 43, of Exmore, was indicted on charges of possession of a stun weapon by a convicted felon and possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or II drug.
- Carla Celeste Lewis, 40, of Eastville, was indicted on a charge of grand larceny.

- Leonard Randolph Spady Jr., 41, of Cape Charles, was indicted on a charge of possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or II drug. He was also charged with intentional damaging of property valued at \$1,000 or more.
- Kadajha Jhana Walker, 24, of Birdsnest, was indicted for unlawful wounding.
- Garrett Waters, 36, of Exmore, was indicted for possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or II drug.
- Jamal Abdul White, 49, of Exmore, was indicted for possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or II drug.
- Dewann Antonio Wise Jr., 33, of Exmore, was indicted for possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or II drug.
- Robert John Wrigley II, 38, of Virginia Beach, was indicted on charges of possession with intent to distribute more than five pounds of marijuana and possession of more than one pound of marijuana in a public place.
- Yanjun Yin, 50, of Flushing, N.Y., was indicted on a charge of hit and run – failure to stop for a crash with death or injury.
- John N. Yokum III, 51, of Virginia Beach, was indicted on a charge of possession of a vehicle with an altered serial number.

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Chinco. Channel	H L	7:23 a.m. 1:27 p.m.	H L	8:12 a.m. 2:15 p.m.	H L	9:02 a.m. 3:06 p.m.	H L	9:53 a.m. 3:59 p.m.	H L	10:46 a.m. 4:55 p.m.	H L	11:42 a.m. 5:54 p.m.	H L	12:41 p.m. 6:56 p.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	8:14 a.m. 2:15 p.m.	H L	9:05 a.m. 3:04 p.m.	H L	9:57 a.m. 3:54 p.m.	H L	10:49 a.m. 4:46 p.m.	H L	11:43 a.m. 5:40 p.m.	H L	12:38 p.m. 6:45 a.m.	H L	1:36 p.m. 7:43 a.m.
Folly Creek	H L	8:07 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	H L	8:58 a.m. 2:49 p.m.	H L	9:50 a.m. 3:39 p.m.	H L	10:42 a.m. 4:31 p.m.	H L	11:36 a.m. 5:25 p.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 6:23 p.m.	H L	1:29 p.m. 7:28 a.m.
Wachapreague	H L	7:47 a.m. 1:45 p.m.	H L	8:40 a.m. 2:37 p.m.	H L	9:35 a.m. 3:29 p.m.	H L	10:29 a.m. 4:21 p.m.	H L	11:22 a.m. 5:13 p.m.	H L	12:15 p.m. 6:08 p.m.	H L	1:10 p.m. 7:06 a.m.
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Muddy Creek	H L	11:46 a.m. 6:17 p.m.	H L	12:39 p.m. 7:15 a.m.	H L	1:31 p.m. 8:07 a.m.	H L	2:23 p.m. 8:58 a.m.	H L	3:17 p.m. 9:51 a.m.	H L	4:14 p.m. 10:48 a.m.	H L	5:13 p.m. 11:48 a.m.
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Onancock Creek	H L	11:27 a.m. 5:45 p.m.	H L	12:20 p.m. 6:36 p.m.	H L	1:12 p.m. 7:35 a.m.	H L	2:04 p.m. 8:26 a.m.	H L	2:58 p.m. 9:19 a.m.	H L	3:55 p.m. 10:16 a.m.	H L	4:54 p.m. 11:16 a.m.
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 A Z X D N O M H C I R W V S U

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: **Oldest University in England**

Chiswick      Kew                  Putney                  Surbiton  
 Egham        Lambeth                Reading                Westminster  
 Eton           London                  Richmond              Windsor  
 Hampton      Marlow                 Staines

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### Last week's answers

PAW    YAMAHA    BILL    STUMP  
 ICE    ARAGON    EDIE    TANYA  
 CHECK   FRAUD    GETS    CAUGHT  
 SEDAN    ERR    BOSCO    ANNLEE  
 FOG    LEFT    HAN    DTURN  
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### Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

### REGRESSION ANALYSIS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bourbon brand  
 8 Belly area  
 15 Girlfriend, in Genoa  
 20 Pertaining to the womb  
 21 Spiced Starbucks selection  
 22 Autos for test-driving  
 23 Food, clothes or money [actress Danes]  
 25 Greek market of old  
 26 DC-10, e.g.  
 27 Lariat feature  
 28 Rushes about wildly  
 30 Marketed  
 31 Grain tower  
 32 Like a skimpy swimsuit [actor Perry]  
 35 Church area  
 37 Powders mixed into liquids, e.g.  
 38 Research ctr.  
 39 Shoes worn with tutus [designer McCartney]  
 44 Tenth mo.  
 46 Perjurer's confession  
 47 Fork prong
- 48 Pop singer Rita  
 49 Mai — (drink)  
 52 Young morays, say  
 54 Huge Asian mammal [justice Kagan]  
 60 Tijuana-to-Vegas dir.  
 61 Add- — (extras)  
 63 Olive — (military uniforms)  
 64 Small lakes  
 65 — Jima  
 67 Having supple arms and legs [jazzman Davis]  
 72 Nuptial vow  
 73 Moving spryly  
 75 Smoothly polite  
 76 Neighbor of TV's Homer  
 78 Surg. sites  
 80 Roomy place to house vehicles [actress Jones]  
 85 Vacation spot  
 87 Swallowed  
 88 Little fellow  
 89 Performs like Ice Cube  
 91 Initial venture  
 92 1040 info
- 93 Small, springy apparatus [director Scorsese]  
 98 Zenith  
 101 Almsgiving  
 103 Othello's false friend  
 104 Antipollution law [singer Grande]  
 106 — -Alt-Del  
 108 Major- — (butler)  
 112 Gives one's approval  
 113 Persia, today  
 114 Showed anew  
 115 Ellipses  
 116 What the eight featured celebrities in this puzzle are doing?  
 121 Edit further, perhaps  
 122 State of joy  
 123 Bones near tibiae  
 124 Bottom-of-barrel residue  
 125 Fabray of Broadway  
 126 Greek Week guy
- 3 Lead or tin  
 4 "I'm Sorry" singer  
 5 The Emerald Isle  
 6 Singer DiFranco  
 7 Most soft, dry and crumbly  
 8 "Solid Gold" host Marilyn  
 9 Breakfast chain, for short  
 10 Flow barrier  
 11 Discharge from the military, informally  
 12 Skater Midori  
 13 Minks' kin  
 14 Femme —  
 15 Modify  
 16 #1 song, say  
 17 "The Father" actress Poots  
 18 Tools for fruit preparation  
 19 How bedding is often packaged  
 24 IM chuckle  
 29 City near Bangalore  
 31 Booming jet of old, in brief  
 32 Jazz genre  
 33 Bitter brew  
 34 Karel Capek sci-fi play  
 36 Actor Pascal  
 37 Floored it
- 39 Good, in Nice  
 40 From dusk to dawn  
 41 Dynamo  
 42 52, to Flavius  
 43 Hotel cousin  
 45 Lil' Abner creator Al  
 48 Ashley or Mary-Kate  
 49 Cooked in a clay oven, as naan  
 50 Neighbor of a Spaniard  
 51 Part of TGIF  
 53 NBC skit  
 56 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"  
 57 "Rambo" site, for short  
 58 Decline  
 59 — polloi  
 62 "What a pity!"  
 66 Bullfight yell  
 68 Your and my  
 69 Droop down  
 70 Mendes of movies  
 71 Berlin article  
 73 — discount  
 74 Long, thin fish  
 77 Clear of mist  
 79 Eye sore  
 81 High-kicking French dance  
 82 Dilettantish  
 83 Long, thin fish
- 84 Org. enforcing the 104-Across  
 86 First post-band album, perhaps  
 90 Vodka brand  
 92 Marine snail with no shell  
 93 Cooking wine  
 94 Lyricist Gershwin  
 95 Actor Cage, to friends  
 96 "Addams Family" cousin  
 97 Compadre  
 98 Harmony  
 99 Shamrock, e.g.  
 100 Threat  
 102 Guys contracted by the Mafia  
 105 Bird hangouts  
 106 Wading bird  
 107 Tic — (mint)  
 109 Toothbrush brand  
 110 Region of China  
 111 In tune  
 113 "— Rhythm"  
 114 Country's McEntire  
 117 Mo. neighbor  
 118 Native suffix  
 119 Tiny objection  
 120 Space station until 2001

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