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Gracie Smith, 94, of Melfa, fries clam fritters on Wednesday, June 24, at the 72nd Wachapreague Volunteer Firemen's Carnival. Smith has been preparing food at the carnival for 50 years. The popular carnival is in the second week of its three-week run.

NORTHAMPTON

## Supervisors raise real taxes 3 cents in new budget

However, spending plan still may not cover needs

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY  
Eastern Shore Post

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday, June 23, to raise the real estate tax rate almost 3 cents per assessed \$100 in valuation to balance the \$50.5 million budget it approved for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

However, that might not be enough to cover expenses next year after the county incurs \$641,810 in newly proposed costs from the state for salary hikes.

Supervisors voted, 4-1, with Oliver Bennett dissenting, to approve the new tax rate of 69.95 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Bennett spoke against the tax increase but did not offer solutions on how to trim county spending.

Northampton's new tax rate is almost 20 cents higher than Accomack's new real estate tax rate, which is 50 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The 2025 real estate tax rate was 70.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. However, after a real estate reassessment, a state-mandated equalized rate to offset higher property values brought the rate down to about 67 cents, which was approved by supervisors earlier this year.

The 69.95-cent rate was advertised  
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## Second man arrested in shooting

The U.S. Marshals Service arrested a man Monday, June 22, in connection with the April 19 shooting at Par 4 Bar & Grill in Temperanceville, during which a man was slain.

Terry Thomas Bragg Jr., 28, was arrested in the 500 block of Young Street, Pocomoke City, on charges of malicious shooting, shooting into an occupied building, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and reckless handling of a firearm.

All charges were related to the April shooting at Par 4 Bar & Grill, which left one person dead and five injured.

Skylor Crippen, 35, was previously arrested in relation to the incident by the Accomack County Sheriff's Office on April 19.

Bragg was arrested without incident and is being held at the Worcester County Detention Center awaiting extradition to Virginia.

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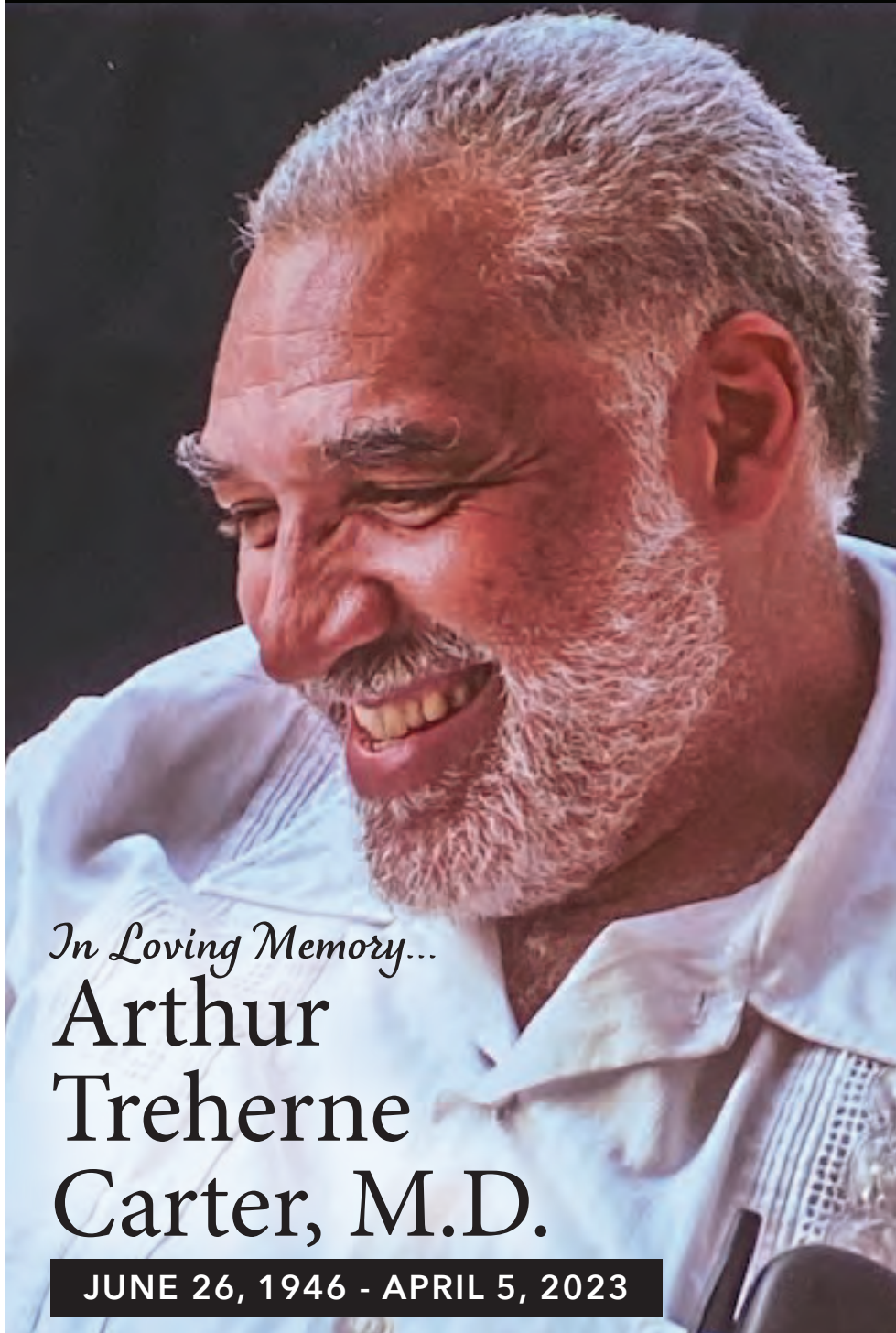
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## Proposed Parksley poultry farm frustrates residents

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

A Delaware-based company has begun the permitting process for building poultry houses less than a mile from Parksley on Big Road, in close proximity to residences.

According to a March letter issued to adjacent property owners, Musfirah Farm, LLC, was applying to the Department of Environmental Quality to get a poultry waste management general permit.

The letter also stated the operation could contain up to 400,000 broiler chickens.

“The county has received numerous inquiries from concerned citizens regarding the proposed poultry farm on Big Road,” said Accomack County administrator Mike Mason in an email to the Eastern Shore Post.

Mason added that despite residents receiving the letter in March, as of this week the county has not received an application for the project.

Accomack County has few barriers in place to prevent the construction of chicken houses in the county.

The land for the project is zoned for agricultural use and poultry farms are allowed by right in agricultural zoning.

Since they are permitted by right, the county’s board of supervisors does not need to approve the project, the planning commission does not have to review it, and no public hearings will be held, Mason said.

Nearby residents have many concerns about the proposed operation — odor, pollution, lowering of property values, lack of available groundwater to support a project of this scale, and the attraction of flies and rodents, among others.

One resident said that Big Road, contrary to what its name implies, isn’t exactly big, and expressed concerns over more traffic using the road — namely trucks carrying chickens.

**‘The county has received numerous inquiries from concerned citizens.’**

**Mike Mason,  
Accomack County administrator,  
about a proposed poultry farm  
near Parksley**

There is already a poultry farm in close proximity to the project, but it is only two chicken houses that are “grandfathered,” meaning they were established prior to current regulations the county has in place concerning poultry farms.

The two smaller poultry houses already cause odor, water contamination, and “thousands” of flies around the decks of homes, some of which make their way inside, residents say.

While many near the potential construction have expressed concerns, Accomack County officials also receive complaints from parties interested in building poultry farms, with some saying the poultry ordinance is not liberal enough, Mason said.

Excluding the recent complaints from the Musfirah Farm, LLC, project, Mason said there has only been one nuisance complaint pertaining to a poultry farm in the last four months.

According to the 2022 U.S. Department of Agriculture’s agricultural census, Accomack County ranked third in the state with \$260,761,000 in poultry and egg market value.

In the same year, which is the most recent data available, nearly 80% of the county’s agricultural production came from poultry and egg production.

Perdue Farms in Accomack and Tyson Foods in Temperanceville, two facilities that process poultry, are the largest employers in the county.

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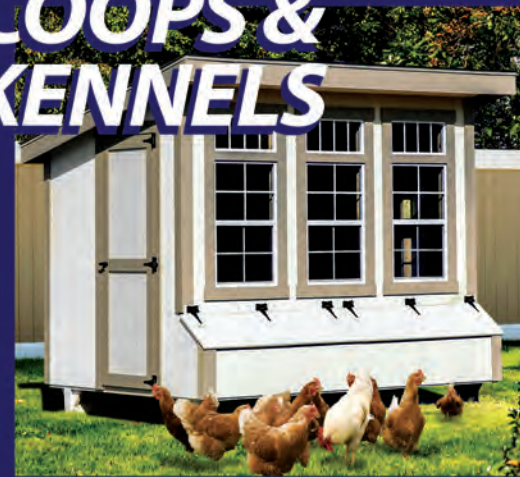
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# 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## Town of Chincoteague Waterworks

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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).

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

For information pertaining to how you may participate in decisions regarding your water supply you may contact:

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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 concentrations 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.

Maximum Contaminant Levels (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. The 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).

### SOURCE OF YOUR DRINKING WATER AND TREATMENT

The Town of Chincoteague water system receives its water from wells located on the Mainland. These wells have been determined to be groundwater and not under the influence of surface water. Your water is treated with chlorine to ensure water quality.

The Virginia Department of Health conducted a Source Water Assessment of the Waterworks in 2014. The wells were determined to be of low susceptibility

to contamination using the criteria developed by the state in its approved Source Water Assessment Program. The assessment report consists of maps 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 1, Susceptibility Explanation Chart and Definitions of Key terms. The report is available by contacting the waterworks system owner/operator at the phone or address provided above.

### PER-AND POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

PFAS are manmade compounds used extensively in a wide variety of consumer products and are also components of firefighting foams. NASA conducted training with a commonly-used firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals at a firefighter training area located on the Wallops Main Base, starting in the 1980's. This resulted in PFAS contamination of shallow groundwater in associated areas. NASA, in collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies, is monitoring the facility's groundwater and drinking water wells, along with the Town of Chincoteague's drinking water wells--located on NASA property.

In 2016, the EPA issued updated Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) level guidelines of 70 parts per trillion for two PFAS compounds, PFOS and PFOA, in drinking water. NASA Wallops has been sampling the drinking water for these compounds since 2017.

NASA will continue to monitor drinking water supplies for the Wallops Flight Facility and the Town of Chincoteague. The agency will continue to share all drinking water sampling results with local officials, EPA, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and will provide information to the public.

For past Wallops Information Sheets on PFAS testing, please see:

<https://www.nasa.gov/content/information-on-wallops-pfas-testing>.

For additional information on PFAS, visit EPA's dedicated website: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>.

### 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.
- Parts per million (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 (µg/l) – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Parts per trillion (ppt) or nanograms per liter (ng/l) – One ounce out of 31,250 tons.
- 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) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the 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 Disinfectant 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.
- 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.

### 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 1st, 2017 through December 31st, 2021. 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 or were below the detection limits of the lab equipment.

#### WATER QUALITY RESULTS (Detected Contaminants Only)

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range	Violation	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contamination
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	5	N/A	No	01/27/2025	Erosion of natural deposits.

#### 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 current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

#### UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range	Violation	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)*	N/A	N/A	39.8	N/A	No	05/20/2024	Erosion of natural deposits widely distributed in nature, discharge from softeners, human or animal waste disposal, leachate from landfill or seawater intrusion

\*There is presently no established standard for sodium in drinking water. Water containing more than 270 mg/L of sodium should not be used as drinking water by those persons whose physician has placed them on moderately restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 20 mg/L should not be used as drinking water by those persons whose physician has placed them on severely restricted sodium diet.

#### DISINFECTION AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS

CONTAMINANT (units)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL Or MRDL	Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	1.0	3-1.6	2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes
HAA5 (ppb)	60	60	3.5	N/A	09/23/2025	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	80	80	7.1	N/A	09/23/2025	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

#### LEAD AND COPPER CONTAMINANTS

CONTAMINANT (units)	MCLG	Action Level	Level Detected	Range	# of samples above AL	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.379 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	0.313-0.732	0	2024	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching of wood preservatives.
Lead (ppb)	0	15	0.0066 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	<2.0 – 53	1	2024	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits

A note about lead in drinking water: If present, elevated levels of 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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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MCL	MCLG	Number of Positives	Violation	Sample Dates	Major Source of Contamination
Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive, and either is <i>E. coli</i> -positive or system fails to take repeat samples following <i>E. coli</i> -positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for <i>E. coli</i>	0	0	No	2025	Human and animal fecal waste

**SYSTEM ASSESEMENTS FOR TC+ -** Assessments for TC for this period were negative.

**SYSTEM ASSESEMENTS FOR EC+ -** Assessments for EC for this period were negative.

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# Northampton

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and a public hearing was held prior to the state releasing its budget, which contained an unexpected change that caught county leaders unawares.

The county's budget was accounting for a 2-3% cost of living adjustment increase for workers, but the state's budget contained a 3.5% increase for county staff and a 4% average increase for school employees — resulting in a budget increase of \$641,810 that the

county was not anticipating.

"Wow," said Board Chairman Dixon Leatherbury.

Leatherbury said that while the state usually releases its budget in March or April, this year it was released on June 22, meaning there was no time for the county to see the state budget prior to finalizing its own.

Northampton County Public Schools Superintendent, Lisa Martin, said that the school system also was caught off guard by the COLA increase.

"The 4% figure came at the 13th

hour," she said.

"We had been thinking 3%," added Brook Thomas, Northampton County Public Schools' chief financial officer.

If the state budget had been released earlier, the county would have had the option of increasing the real estate tax.

But because the county budget has to be finalized by the start of the new fiscal year July 1, there isn't enough time to advertise a new rate and hold a public hearing.

The only option the county has is to do a budget amendment in July, pulling money allocated to other areas to

make the change.

The county has a few ideas on where to find \$641,000.

John Chandler, the Northampton County director of finance, said there is \$457,000 in the fiscal year 2027 budget allocated for the contingency plan, which is usually used for unexpected bonuses, equipment leasing, grants, and more.

But even using all of it, the figure still comes up short.

"So in July we'll be staring down the \$640,000 mark?" Leatherbury asked.

"Yes," Chandler responded.

## Any Ideas?

I am grateful for the opportunity of having been involved in various activities, but I have gotten older and the phone no longer rings.

I'm not a holder of any public office or appointed position. I am only a fellow citizen who, I'm sure like you, am pleased to call the Eastern Shore my home. A few nights ago I was having difficulty sleeping and began thinking about what a perfect place this is to live. I don't know how one improves on perfection, but the thought did cross my mind that someone may have an idea or two on how to make the Shore even better.

I would be interested in receiving positive ideas from the community, and considering the quality of our officials and the contributions being made by many organizations, I believe they would welcome any suggestions that might be forthcoming. I plan to assemble the suggestions on July 15 and distribute them shortly thereafter.

Ideas may range from beautification to entertainment, from history preservation to safe living, from economic development to avenues for community service. No names will be used.

If you have a thought or two I'd appreciate your completing the following form and mailing it to Box 124, Onley, Virginia 23418.

*George N. McMath*

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING LIFE ON VIRGINIA'S EASTERN SHORE

Please return by July 15.

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(name optional)



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# 'Gigglestock' event set for Saturday, June 27

Bakery's 'minifestival' to take place on same day as whole-town yard sale

**BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY**  
Eastern Shore Post

The owners of Mugs Bakery in Exmore have set up a "minifestival" taking place this weekend in Exmore.

The event, called Gigglestock, is designed to bring together residents of and visitors to the town of Exmore — and bring attention to the town's businesses.

"We're really trying to get the community together and just have fun," said Mugs Bakery co-owner Cairen Boyd, who spearheaded the planning of the event.

Gigglestock, which will be held Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.,



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIMMY SHOCKLEY

**Tyler and Cairen Boyd, owners of Mugs Bakery in Exmore, will be hosting Gigglestock on Saturday, June 27, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

will have vendors, kids' games, a disc jockey, and an activity where attendees can collect stamps by visiting businesses in town to enter to win prizes.

Boyd said the wearing of "hippie at-

tire" is encouraged for attendees.

Some businesses in Exmore have shown their support for the event and have donated prizes.

The Boyds formerly hosted a ven-

dor market in Virginia Beach. They both have a passion for small businesses, not only because they operate one themselves, but because they love helping out and bringing attention to others.

Prior to opening Mugs Bakery in Exmore, the two sold their products as vendors at farmers markets and other events.

They aren't charging vendors who want to sell at Gigglestock in an attempt to make the event accessible to those trying to make a living from their craft.

Gigglestock will round out a full slate for Exmore — it is on the same day as the town's revival of its whole-town yard sale.

The Boyds are organizing Gigglestock for different reasons.

"I have a heart for small businesses," Cairen Boyd said.

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### THE PAPER'S POSITION

## On the Eastern Shore, our ships certainly came in

The Onancock Sails Forward and Sailfest Cape Charles events were amazing celebrations of Eastern Shore life, our nautical heritage, and our country's 250th anniversary.

Congratulations are in order to organizers and volunteers who planned these fun events to kick off the semiquincentennial summer festivities on the Eastern Shore.

An up-close look at a tall ship may have been enough. But in both Onancock and Cape Charles, there were plenty of live music performances, children's activities, artists' and artisans' displays, and much more. Historical presentations were a fascinating touch.

And at each event, there was a fantastic fireworks show that drew crowds and raves.

As we all know, these events do not happen by themselves. It took many months of planning and many volunteer hours to make it all happen.

At Onancock Sails Forward and Sailfest Cape Charles, the Eastern Shore rolled out a welcome mat for visitors while also providing unique activities perfect for Eastern Shore locals.

Cape Charles and Onancock were designated affiliate harbors for the Sail250 network, which was coordinated by Festevents and Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission.

We are grateful for the time and talent of those on the Eastern Shore who made these events such successes.

### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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Melfa is having a mayoral race but did not have any candidates file. A write-in vote will determine the winner.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Flag-printed clothing also 'egregious violation' of flag code

To the editor:

I read Ted Shockley's column on flag etiquette ("The annual lecture about U.S. Flag Code provisions," June 19) and enjoyed it; however, there was one glaring omission.

I agree with him that being unaware of flag etiquette will make one look unrefined, unaware, ignorant, or naive, but he neglected to include the most egregious violation of the flag code — one to which we are exposed almost daily.

For some reason — and I assume by accident — he omitted mentioning the wearing of flags and flag-printed clothing.

It is so offensive to see people attending political rallies, acting the fool while pretending to be patriots, while dressed head to toe in flag-printed clothing, often

#### Guest columns and letters

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adorned with the likeness of their preferred candidate.

Have they no decency?

Have they no respect for our flag?

Do these people who intentionally desecrate the flag over and over respect the flag?

Do they deliberately show their contempt for the flag and what it stands for?

I cannot speak for their motivation, but I agree that they are unrefined and ignorant.

Robert Forder  
Onancock

#### Flags flying all night need to be lighted

To the editor:

Ted Shockley's pet peeves are my pet peeves regarding the U.S. Flag ("The annual lecture about U.S. Flag Code provisions," June 19).

Many flags fly all night on porches and poles without lights. Flying at half staff, the bottom of the flag is at the halfway mark.

Liz Wright  
Cape Charles

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# In June 1944, Northampton native killed during invasion

**BY TED SHOCKLEY**  
Eastern Shore Post

On June 8, 1944, U.S. Navy F1C Milton Taylor Ward Jr., 18, a native of the Eastern Shore, was killed during the allied invasion of Normandy, France, during World War II.



**Milton Taylor Ward Jr.**

Ward was serving aboard the USS Rich, which screened units providing gunfire support for troops landing on Utah beaches, according

to [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

The USS Rich was sunk after hitting a mine. In all, 27 members of its crew, including Ward, were killed.

Ward was born in Northampton County. He is not listed among World War II military deaths on the memorial plaque in Eastville.

His gravesite is in the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial in England.

■ On June 20, 1944, a Navy aircraft assigned to the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station that was on a flight to the station crashed in the Chesapeake Bay four miles north of Norfolk, killing three servicemen.

Ensign Robert Lee Sickles Jr., 25, of Texas; Seaman First Class Justin A. Casavecchia, 21, of Pocomoke City, and Aviation Radioman Second Class Francis X. Walsh, 23, of Pocomoke City, were killed in the crash.

Casavecchia and Walsh were living in Pocomoke City with their wives while being stationed at the base at Wallops.

Survivors in the crash were rescued by the Cape Charles car ferry Pochontas, which was making its trip from Little Creek to the Eastern Shore when the airplane went down.

Sickles' remains are interred in a Texas cemetery. Casavecchia's remains are interred in a Pennsylvania

## 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.

cemetery. Walsh's remains are interred in a New Jersey cemetery.

■ On June 24, 1946, three U.S. Navy personnel were killed when an airplane crashed at the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Wallops.

A witness said the plane took off on a test flight and circled several times before "it suddenly crashed and burst into flames," the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper reported.

"It is reported that it was flying at too low an altitude for the men to bail out and they were trapped," the newspaper reported.

Killed in the crash were Cmdr. Harry Kennerly Stubbs, Lt. Cmdr. Dale Richard Bliss, and Machinist's Mate Roland E. Auglin, of New York.

Stubbs, 32, was born in Alabama. His grave is at a Massachusetts cemetery.

Bliss, 30, also was born in Alabama. His remains are interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Auglin's age and place of burial were not immediately available.

■ U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Henry E. Parsons, a native of Atlantic, died after a short illness while stationed in New Orleans on June 28, 1945.

Parsons was 60 years old and had

been called back into military service during World War II.

Parsons had a remarkable military career. He first attended Virginia Military Institute and graduated in 1908 from the U.S. Naval Academy.

He retired in 1936 after 28 years of active duty in the Navy but "following Pearl Harbor was called back into active service," according to the Eastern Shore News.

After an assignment in Chicago as an assistant superintendent of shipbuilding, he was transferred to New Orleans.

He was serving as one of eight judges of the court martial board in the city when he died.

Parsons' grave is in Edgehill Cemetery, Accomac.

■ On July 1, 1968, U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Henry J. "Hank" O'Kusky, 20, of Craddockville, was killed in action while on a reconnaissance mission during the Vietnam War.



**Milton Taylor Ward Jr.**

An article in the Eastern Shore News reported that O'Kusky had been in Vietnam 16 days when he was slain.

O'Kusky posthumously received the Distinguished Service Cross — the U.S. Army's second-highest military decoration, awarded for extraordinary heroism in combat.

The award stated O'Kusky "distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions" on the day he died while serving as a platoon leader during an assault on a large North Vietnamese Army bunker.

"He and a squad leader fought their way to within a short distance of the nearest bunker. Lieutenant O'Kusky then crawled into the open and threw a hand grenade into the fortification, silencing its occupants. While advancing alone towards the next hostile position he was wounded in the thigh by enemy fire. Ignoring the pain of his injury and the communists' fusillade, he continued to close on the emplacement and threw a grenade which partially destroyed it. As Lieutenant O'Kusky released the grenade, he was fatally wounded by a burst of automatic weapon fire from a third North Vietnamese fortification," stated the award.

O'Kusky's grave is in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

He was survived by his parents and his wife.

■ On July 2, 1947, a 26-year-old New York native who was living on Chincoteague Island while he was stationed at the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station died in an airplane crash near Snow Hill.

Ensign Stanley C. Munson was survived by a wife and a 2-year-old son.

The Eastern Shore News reported Munson put his plane in an "inverted spin" as part of a maneuver but was unable to pull into level flight.

Munson's funeral was held in New York.

■ U.S. Army Pfc. James Kellam Turner Sr., was 34 when he was killed July 15, 1945, during World War II.

He was killed in France and his remains were interred at the Richmond National Cemetery in Richmond.

Turner left behind a wife, Elizabeth Fowler Turner (later Baker) who died at the age of 93 in 2006.

Her grave is in the Red Bank Baptist Church cemetery in Marionville.

Turner's name is listed on the veterans memorial plaque on the Northampton County courthouse green.

# ‘Don’t make me turn this car around,’ and other threats

One of the best and most effective vehicular admonishments is when a parent threatens to abort an entire vacation trip over children’s backseat misdeeds.

“Don’t make me turn this car around,” a parent will say, usually looking into the rear-view mirror at the offending offspring, or while turning away completely from the steering wheel to face the warring factions.

Our highway now is brimming with summer vacationers headed hither and yon. It makes me wonder if some of the classic front-seat threats of yore still are rectifying the disagreements and donnybrooks involving the kids in the back seat.

Probably not. It has been my experience that children, by and large, are better behaved during vehicle trips than they were when I was a child. They seem to be fairly sedate by comparison.

Of course, we did not have in-car television screens or hand-held gaming systems to occupy our time in trips across town or across the state.

Children of the modern era are fair bursting with vehicular entertainment options, it seems.

Back in the day, however, children settling in for a trip needed a fully licensed and certified land surveyor to find the exact midpoint of the back seat, lest there be fisticuffs over territorial disputes.



Ted Shockley

skirmishes.

(As a child, my bus driver in lower Northampton County, Lafayette Stevens, never referred to a fight as “throwing punches.” He always called it “passing licks,” as in, “You boys in seat 12 need to stop passing licks.”)

In the back seat of the family’s four-door sedan, the high level of rancor and spite among the children sometimes would give the parents serious doubt over whether they even should continue a trip they may have planned for months.

To them, it simply was not worth forging ahead accompanied by back-seat combat, screams, and cries reminiscent of Custer’s doomed troops at Little Big Horn.

“Don’t make me turn this car around,” the driver, usually a male, would bellow over the screeches and scratches of the squabble behind him.

For a child to encroach upon the other half of the back seat — or to be encroached upon — usually touched off defensive postures, yelling, and war whoops. Licks sometimes were passed during these border

As I remember it, my parents very infrequently threatened to cancel a short or long trip over my bad behavior.

Usually I was encouraged to improve my behavior on the condition that the car would stop and my father would “cut a wild cherry switch” unless peace and decorum immediately reigned in the back seat.

I am no expert at identifying woody plants, so I was always amazed that my father seemingly could spot a wild cherry tree growing near any roadside — while driving, no less — at just about the same instant the combat in the back seat had reached a crescendo.

As I remember it, his declaration to find a wild cherry switch always came with a pump of the vehicle’s brakes, as if we had suddenly happened upon the finest switches from the choicest wild cherry tree in the region, and a stop had commenced.

My hind parts already had been beaten many times in an attempt to rectify wayward ways and offending misdeeds, so I was not so concerned about that. Sometimes a good beating was the price I paid for exploration, experimentation, and creativity.

But nothing says summer family fun like a car stopped on the road shoulder, a father tromping out of the nearby woods with a wild cherry switch, and a misbehaving child about to get a good whupping in front of passing traffic and God himself.

To have been a participant in such a spectacle would be embarrassing, especially if an elementary school classmate happened by.

So the threat of a wild cherry switch always made me deeply reconsider my backseat actions and antics, forced me to see the error of my ways, and impressed upon me the important role I had in ensuring a pleasant and harmonious vehicular excursion for all involved.

Corporal punishment and threats of it make some people understandably squeamish. But it is my observation that some among us were not threatened with a wild cherry switch as a child, and it shows.

During the rare times my parents hollered, “Don’t make me turn this car around,” they never did it while en route to somewhere I did not want to go, oddly enough.

It would not have hurt my feelings if my parents decided on the spot to cancel a vehicular trip to school or to the dentist as punishment for back-seat misbehavior. But they continued driving.

There apparently was no backseat dustup or dogfight big enough to prematurely terminate a scheduled June trip to a far-flung family reunion.

Lord knows I tried.

■ *The writer is editor of the Eastern Shore Post. He can be reached at editor@easternshorepost.com*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Show respect when taking down the flag

To the editor:

I just read Ted Shockley’s column about caring for the flag (“The annual lecture about U.S. Flag Code provisions,” June 19).

One of my pet peeves for years has been watching flags being taken down, especially in public places.

I have watched the flag being bundled into a wad and I wondered when they stopped teaching how to properly take down the flag.

I am 75 years old, but I remember in school when it was time to take it down, usually two students were allowed to do it.

Turns were taken and they were shown how to take it down and how to fold it up. (Would that be considered child labor now?)

There is so much disrespect for the flag, but I keep hoping things will change.

I’m waiting for everyone to remember to respect each other and our country as we celebrate our 250 years and hope everyone has a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Dianna Turner Parksley

### Bay Creek’s problem? Hold officials accountable

To the editor:

I honestly had a good laugh at the recent article in the Eastern Shore Post about whether a residential development should pay for fire equipment (“Should Bay Creek help buy fire trucks?” June 19).

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# A memorable day for a Smith Island youngster

**BY LLOYD TYLER**

Guest columnist

From the time I was born in 1948 until I entered sixth grade, I lived on Smith Island, Md., in the small town of Ewell.

As I get older I often think about my childhood there and how grateful I am to have experienced island life.

We lived less than a mile north of the Virginia border. All of the young boys had access to small skiffs. Some of us had outboard motors on our boats and we would explore or race up and down the creeks and other waterways in and around the island.

For a lot of reasons, I believe I had a better childhood than Mark Twain.

Let me tell you about one particular afternoon I experienced one summer day in the late 1950s.

In the years following World War II, it seemed that all of the towns up and down the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay had their own baseball teams. We on the island did, too.

Each Saturday afternoon in the late spring and summer these teams would visit each other for a game and sometimes a doubleheader.

One of my fondest memories is of me as an 8-year-old boy who attended just such a game.

It was a perfect day — not too hot — and both teams were dressed in uniforms that would have made the New York Yankees proud.

The old, covered wooden grandstand was about full of islanders and a few visitors.

Old timers, young folks, and other friends and family chatted and caught up with each other.

The bad news and troubles of the day were forgotten — at least for the afternoon. Soon, sharp line drives sprayed around the field, there was an occasional great fielding play or running catch, and as they said then, “a fine time was had by all.”

Of course, the best plays were made, at least in my memory, by our side.

Visiting teams came from all over — Deal Island, Crisfield, Tangier Is-



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**The Smith Island church in Ewell is where the author would go for some fresh lemonade and some penny candy during the baseball games at the nearby field.**

land, and lots of other towns.

That day, my favorite team came. They were from up the Chesapeake Bay — a place called Rock Hall, Md.

The team brought with it a large band wearing bright red and gray uniforms. It was great.

I vividly remember them playing the best-sounding, prettiest music, including marches and other terrific melodies. Sousa himself would have been proud.

Until that day, I had never seen a band uniform up close. The band members looked special as they sat neatly arranged under the aspen and

silver maple trees near the right field line and the church tabernacle.

At some point during the game it was time to walk the 80 or so yards to the church’s basement.

There, a kid like me could find fresh lemonade to help cool off on a warm summer day. Also, there were Cracker Jack and lots of penny candy.

I don’t mind telling you that when I was a child, I was a penny candy connoisseur.

I loved being able to select from a great array of Grade As (chocolate), Mary Janes, Squirrel Nuts, and Bit-O-Honey — all kinds of good stuff.

My dad would give me a quarter for the special day and I had some coins left over at the end of the big afternoon.

As a young boy, I suppose I went to a lot of baseball games. But a child cannot appreciate all that had to go into providing this setting and this opportunity to experience such a wonderful day while growing up.

The players on both sides were watermen — that is, they harvested the Chesapeake Bay blue crabs as a livelihood during the warm months of the year.

This was done every day except for Sunday and days when they played baseball.

On game days, those who could would take off from work. This was a dear sacrifice, as this was busy season for them.

But on game days, this was certain: Old friendships would be renewed and most likely, new friendships were made.

I would like to say that Smith Island’s baseball team won the game that day, but that detail is long forgotten.

I’m sad that, at the time, I really didn’t fully appreciate all the fun I had on that day or the sacrifices made by a lot of people to allow me to have one of the best days of my life.

A child thinks this is just the way things are — and that he or she will always be able to go to the game and hear the band while eating Cracker Jack, and that things will never change. But things do change.

What I would give for just one more Saturday afternoon baseball game on Smith Island.

■ *The writer lives in Crisfield. He retired as a school principal in Somerset County, Md., before teaching at Arcadia High School. He then served as an assistant principal at Arcadia Middle and Arcadia High. After several years away, he returned to Accomack County Public Schools 10 years ago as an acting principal. He recently retired again after 48 years in education.*

# Group calls out plan for coastal seabed mining

BY DYLAN MASON

Guest columnist

The Virginia Beach-based group Lynnhaven River NOW strongly opposes commercial seabed mining in federal waters off Virginia's coast.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's proposal would open the door to a large-scale, long-duration, industrial extractive activity in one of the most important coastal and ocean regions on the East Coast.

The bureau's proposed request for information and interest area covers roughly 2,764 square miles — an area larger than the state of Delaware — located off Virginia's Eastern Shore and north of the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.

While BOEM describes this as an early step, it is a consequential one.

The agency is now actively seeking industry interest and public input on whether these public waters should be leased for commercial mineral development.

This is not the same as routine dredging for navigation or beach nourishment.

Virginia has long used carefully

managed offshore sand resources for coastal resilience, storm recovery, and beach nourishment. Those projects are designed to protect communities.

This proposal is different. It would evaluate the commercial extraction of heavy mineral sands and phosphorites for private mineral development, potentially using industrial-scale dredging equipment to disturb and remove seafloor materials over a large area and over a long period.

Science is clear that disturbing the seabed can have serious ecological consequences.

Seabed mining and large-scale dredging can destroy benthic habitat, kill or displace bottom-dwelling organisms, create sediment plumes, increase turbidity, smother marine life, disrupt food webs, and affect fisheries.

These risks are especially concerning in a region that supports commercial and recreational fishing along with marine life that depend on clean water and healthy habitat.

We are also concerned about what we do not yet know. The bureau's request for information does not answer basic questions coastal Virginians

deserve to have answered before any leasing process advances:

- How deep would companies dredge?
- How long would operations last?
- What equipment would be used?
- How much material would be removed?
- Where would processing occur?
- What would happen to sediment, wastewater, and fine particles?
- How would the bureau protect fisheries, cultural resources, shipwrecks, military and NASA operations, shoreline stability, coastal resilience, sand resources, and the public's interest in healthy ocean ecosystems?

LRNow is calling on the bureau to extend the public comment period, hold public meetings in Hampton Roads and on the Eastern Shore, release all relevant maps and technical information, and commit to a full Environmental Impact Statement before any lease sale or prospecting authorization moves forward.

We are also calling on Virginia's congressional delegation to act immediately.

The public can also take action.

Coastal communities must have a meaningful voice before any decision is made about commercial seabed mining off Virginia's coast.

Please submit a public comment to the bureau by July 23, 2026, and urge Virginia's congressional delegation to demand:

■ An extension of the BOEM public comment period and public meetings in Hampton Roads and on the Eastern Shore

■ Full release of maps, GIS data, proposed methods, project scale, mining duration, discharge assumptions, and conflict-use analysis

■ A full Environmental Impact Statement before any lease sale, prospecting authorization, or commercial seabed mining activity moves forward.

Submit comments to BOEM here: <https://tinyurl.com/37zrf9zh>

■ *The writer, who is originally from Chincoteague Island, is a public policy manager for Lynnhaven River NOW, a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring and protecting Virginia Beach's waterways through advocacy, restoration, and community education.*

## Letters

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I laugh not for the actual circumstance but from what I see as a systemic problem in Virginia — the basic principle of holding our elected and non-elected officials accountable.

I currently reside in the concrete paradise of northern Virginia surrounded by data centers.

Rest assured the problems of Cape Charles are similar to those in more densely populated commonwealth regions, where planning and adult diligence are seemingly a product of the past.

Dare I ask if when Bay Creek was

proposed years back, was a fully outlined plan presented, reviewed, and ergo approved by some apparatus of government?

Or did the small-town wheels of the good old boy system prevail, putting Cape Charles in a dangerous position?

That would be the story to truly investigate.

What I am willing to bet is that no actual impact assessment was ever fully done on Cape Charles for the plan to massively increase — if not double — the population of the town.

Architectural reviews were likely glossed over, and public safety, as it often is, was sidelined.

And in good fashion, instead of cautiously proceeding by setting up

working capital funds (to pay for infrastructure and public safety needs), the zealous apparatus of approval saw dollar signs, with no sense.

And instead of applying special assessments during the permitting and licensing portion of the engineering and building process, infrastructure was ignored.

I will take an additional leap and bet that zero public safety or fire inspector reviews were conducted prior to any of the builds.

Only afterward are inspectors identifying the challenge.

In the article the quote, "It's not just Bay Creek," further illustrates the failures of the apparatus.

So what does this all mean?

Based on my current residence in the concrete jungle, it means your electricity bill, taxes, water bill, and more will now likely skyrocket, or at minimum rise to a point of great public displeasure.

Why? Accountability.

When we fail to hold our apparatus accountable, we don't get the luxury of blaming one construction effort for the realization of our failure.

We either act like adults and establish mitigating controls (like having working capital funds and cutting luxury public benefits), or we act like apparatus itself and push blame.

Dan Maillard  
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# ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

## Friday, June 26

■ **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly 1.5 mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.

■ **CLINIC:** 10 a.m. to noon, David Landsberger Family YMCA, Chincoteague. The YMCA is hosting a pickleball clinic for children age 8 to 15. The cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/46twpfdz>

■ **CHILDRENS ACTIVITY:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Virginia Living Museum is bringing its Digging Dinosaurs experience to Cape Charles. Children can explore dinosaur bones, teeth, and fossils, see casts of dinosaur eggs and skulls, and take a look and dinosaur models and puppets.

■ **HOT DOG CART:** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., No Limits Eastern Shore, 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley. No Limits will have its hot dog cart open.

■ **CRAFT:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Learn how to make paper bead earrings during Adult Crafternoon.

■ **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 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. The Stingrays perform live.

■ **STREET FAIR:** From 5 to 9 p.m. Pocomoke City will hold its monthly Fourth Friday Street Festival downtown. This month's theme is "Enchanted Carnival." There will be food vendors, a cash bar, sidewalk sales, and music by DJ Kay. There will be a fireworks display over the Pocomoke River around 9:30 p.m.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree

## Best bets

■ **Friday, June 26, from 5 to 9 p.m.** Pocomoke City will host its Fourth Friday street fair in downtown. The theme this month is "Enchanted Carnival." There will be food vendors, sidewalk sales, and fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

■ **Tuesday, June 30,** cyclists can meet at the Love Sign in Cape Charles starting at 8:25 p.m. for a full moon bike ride marking the Strawberry Moon. The ride will begin at 8:45 p.m. Decorated bikes and costumes are encouraged.

Gallery, Cape Charles. Melinda and the Speak-easies perform live. There will be a cash bar.

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Cape Charles Mini Golf, Cape Charles. The Myrtles perform live.

■ **STORY SWAP:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Share a story or just enjoy listening. This month's theme is Summer Solstice/Out of this World. Admission is free. A cash bar will be available.

■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, Wachapreague. This Eastern Shore tradition features rides, games, food, and fun. Southern Fog Band will perform live.

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

## Saturday, June 27

■ **YARD SALE:** Starting at 8 a.m. Exmore will hold a townwide 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.

■ **CLASS:** 10 a.m. to noon, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 25236 Coastal Blvd., Onley. A free financial education class and diaper distribution are being held.

■ **LECTURE:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 175 Chincoteague Road, Wallops Island. In celebration of World Asteroid Day the visitors center will be offering hands-on exploration and information about asteroids. Geologist David Powars will lead a presentation on the Chesapeake Bay Impact Crater at 11 a.m.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mugs Bakery, 3292 Main St., Exmore. Mugs is hosting Gigglegstock, a festival with a live DJ, outdoor

games, and giveaways.

■ **POKER RUN:** From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pocomoke City is hosting a poker run. Participants can travel by car or by boat to compete for prizes. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ytz6nyp2>

■ **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.

■ **COMMUNITY DAY:** 1 p.m., Sawmill Park, Accomac. Rebirth Deliverance Ministries is hosting Praise in the Park, a community day with free food and giveaways.

■ **ART CLASS:** 2 to 4 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Nancy West is teaching a sumi-e painting class. Sumi-e is an ancient form of brush-stroke painting. All supplies are included and beginners are welcome. This class is for those age 18 and up. The cost is \$50. To register visit [www.chincoteagueca.org](http://www.chincoteagueca.org)

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. The Speak-easies perform live.

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 p.m., Morphosis Gallery, 33 Market St., Onancock. Jackie Faison and Her Band perform live on Market Street. Bring a lawn chair.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. Can U Dig It performs live as part of the Concerts in the Park series.

■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, Wachapreague. This Eastern Shore tradition features rides, games, food, and fun. Laidbaxx will perform live.

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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 relatives and friends of alcoholics. Local meetings. Visit [www.vaalonon.org](http://www.vaalonon.org) or call 757-563-1600

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

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

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

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

■ **CONCERT:** 7:30 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Jingo: The Heart and Soul of Santana performs live. Tickets are \$40. Visit [www.artsentercapecharles.org](http://www.artsentercapecharles.org) for tickets.

## Sunday, June 28

■ **YOUTH PROGRAM:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. The museum is hosting a Tots to Teens series about gardening. Children of all ages can learn about growing peppers during this session. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/4u7f42wv>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. Melinda and the Speakeasies perform live.

■ **OPEN MIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. Music Circle is a weekly open mic for musicians to share their talents.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 7 p.m., E and O Pub, Cape Charles. Brian Irminger performs live.

## Monday, June 29

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 8 a.m., Historic Onancock School, Onancock. Birding Eastern Shore is hosting a birding walk at the nature trail at the Historic Onancock School. To register text Maggie Long at 610-500-9971.

■ **CHILDRENS ACTIVITY:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Virginia Living Museum is bringing its Digging Dinosaurs experience to Cape Charles. Children can explore dinosaur bones, teeth, and fossils, see casts of dinosaur

eggs and skulls, and take a look and dinosaur models and puppets.

■ **STORYTIME:** 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The CSB and the Hive are hosting storytime and an activity at the library.

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

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game day. Snacks are welcome.

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

## Tuesday, June 30

■ **STORYTIME:** 2 to 2:30 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Big Sprouts Discovery Stories is a storytime for children ages 6 to 11. There will be stories, games, movement, creative activities, and hands-on adventures.

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

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■ **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, Chincoteague. Deb Hennel will deliver a lecture about the early Scottish and Irish settlers of Chincoteague, followed by a bagpipe presentation. Members, active military members, and children under age 12 are free. The cost is \$10 for all others.

■ **BIKE RIDE:** 8:25 p.m. meet up, ride starts at 8:45 p.m., Cape Charles Love sign, Cape Charles. A full moon bike ride is being held for the Strawberry Moon. Costumes and decorated bikes are encouraged for this leisurely 5-mile ride around town.

## Wednesday, July 1

■ **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.

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Bring in tech and get assistance from library staff.

■ **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.

■ **CRAFTING:** 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Crafters can bring handheld projects and work on them in the company of others.

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

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m., Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. A bingo fundraiser is being held for the Central Accomack Little League to help fund the team's journey to the state tournament. The cost is \$25 for 20 games. There will be a bake sale and food will be available.

■ **OPEN MIC:** Signups are at 5:30 p.m., show runs from 6 to 9 p.m., Great Machipongo Clam Shack, Nassawadox. Musicians, poets, and stand up comedians can share their talents during open mic.

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■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, Wachapreague. This Eastern Shore tradition features rides, games, food, and fun. Vince Kornegay and Mandy will perform live.

## Thursday, July 2

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game day. Snacks are welcome.

■ **CHILDRENS ART:** 2 to 3 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Paint Misbehavin' is a group for children ages 12 to 15 to gather and explore different mediums, socialize, and express themselves. All supplies are provided.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 3 to 6 p.m., Farmers and Artisans Market at the Marina Club parking lot at Captains Cove, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville.

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

## Eastern Shore class reunions

■ An Eastern Shore Academy All School Reunion is being held on June 27. A walk-through will be held at the school from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner and music at Off the Rails in Parksley. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information visit the Eastern Shore Academy Raiders All Classes Reunion Facebook page.

■ **The Eastern Shore Post wants your announcements for class reunions. They will run in this space each week at no charge leading up to the reunion date. To include your class reunion, email the information to editor@easternshorepost.com**

■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, Wachapreague. This Eastern Shore tradition features rides, games, food, and fun.

## Friday, July 3

■ **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly 1.5 mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.

■ **ICE CREAM SOCIAL;** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Historic Onancock School, 6 College Avenue, Onancock. Onancock Business and Civic Association is hosting its annual

ice cream social and patriotic band concert. There will be free ice cream and a performance by the Accomack Community Band. Hot dogs will be available and a clown will be on site.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles. Tidewater Bluegrass Revival performs live. There will be a cash bar.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. The Fil Rhythm Band performs live.

■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, Wachapreague. This Eastern Shore tradition features rides,

games, food, and fun. The H. M. Johnson Band will perform live.

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

## Saturday, July 4

■ **PARADE:** At 8:30 a.m. a Fourth of July parade will be held from Main Street to Atlantic Avenue in Wachapreague. Golf carts, cars, bikes, and groups of walkers and pets will parade through town. There will also be ice cream and games. Those who want to participate in the parade can sign up at the town hall or post office. There will be a post-parade picnic at the Wachapreague Fireman's carnival grounds. The Accomack Community Band will perform and there will be hot dogs, fries, drinks, and ice cream.

■ **BIKE PARADE:** From 10 to 11 a.m. there will be a bike parade in downtown Exmore. Bikes, tricycles, wagons, strollers, wheelchairs, golf carts, and walkers are all welcome. Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic entries. The parade will step off from the former grocery store parking

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lot at the corner of Lankford Highway and Main Street.

■ **PARADE:** At 10 a.m. the Town of Accomac will host its annual Fourth of July parade.

■ **FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION:** Starting at 10 a.m. Cape Charles will hold its annual Independence Day celebration. There will be a parade, food vendors, artisans, face painting, a petting zoo, a basketball tournament and free throw contest, and fireworks at night.

■ **BARBECUE SALE:** 10 a.m., Drummond-town Baptist Church, Accomac. During the Accomac Fourth of July parade the church will be selling barbecue. To-go containers will be \$14 and sandwiches will be \$8. Cole-slaw, drinks, and baked goods will also be available. A limited number of container pre-orders will be taken. Call 757-787-2109 or 757-710-4170 for more information.

■ **PARADE:** 11:30 a.m., Junior Street and Harborton Road, Harborton. Harborton is hosting a Fourth of July parade. The route will end at the Harborton boat ramp and there will be games and activities after the parade.

■ **LECTURE:** Noon, St. James Episcopal Church, Accomac. Dennis Custis and Kellee Blake will deliver a history lecture titled "Revolutionary Shore." Kelly Harris will lead a patriotic sing-a-long and refreshments will be served afterwards.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. The T.A. Gatlin Trio performs live.

■ **CARNIVAL:** 7 p.m., Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, Wachapreague. This Eastern Shore tradition features rides, games, food, and fun. DJ Set it Off will perform live.

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague. The Salisbury Community Band performs live. Bring a chair or blanket.

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

## Sunday, July 5

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. Paul Urban and Friends perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 7 p.m., E and O Pub, Cape Charles. Brian Irminger performs live.

## Monday, July 6

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game day. Snacks are welcome.

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

## Tuesday, July 7

■ **VETERANS AFFAIRS:** 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. A representative from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be at the legion to help veterans understand their benefits.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Wiggle Worms is a storytime for children ages 2 and under. There will be board books, songs, movement, educational toys, and resources for parents and caregivers.

■ **STORYTIME:** 2 to 2:30 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Big Sprouts Discovery Stories is a storytime for children ages 6 to 11. There will be stories, games, movement, creative activities, and hands-on adventures.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 3 to 6 p.m., Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onley. The Onancock Market is hosting a mid-week food market at the hospital.

## Wednesday, July 8

■ **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.

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Bring in tech and get assistance from library staff.

■ **CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT:** 11 a.m., Cape Charles Civic Center, Cape Charles. Ty-rone Travis is bringing his children's comedy and ventriloquist show to Cape Charles.

■ **SUPPORT GROUP:** 11 a.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Peer Support Group will meet. Anyone who served in the military and lives on Virginia's Eastern Shore can join this guided support group.

■ **CRAFTING:** 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Crafters can bring handheld projects and work on them in the company of others.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire

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Company, 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter. The fire company hosts bingo every Wednesday.

## Thursday, July 9

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game day. Snacks are welcome.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 3 to 6 p.m., Farmers and Artisans Market at the Marina Club parking lot at Captains Cove, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville.

■ **CHILDRENS GARDEN CLUB:** 5 to 6:15 p.m., New Roots Youth Garden, Cape Charles. Children ages 5 to 13 can join this weekly garden club for hands-on learning and garden activities. Healthy snacks will be served. Closed toed shoes are required.

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

■ **MOVIE:** 7 p.m., Roseland Theatre,

Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening "It Was Just An Accident," an Iranian film. Tickets are \$8.

## Friday, July 10

■ **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly 1.5 mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.

■ **HOT DOG CART:** 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., No Limits Eastern Shore, 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley. No Limits will have its hot dog cart open.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles. The Christian Mitchell Project performs live. There will be a cash bar.

## Saturday, July 11

■ **PUZZLING:** 9 to 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. A speed puzzling workshop is being held. The workshop is designed for those who have competed in fewer than two puzzle competitions. There will be hands-on learning through friendly competition and instruction on speed puzzling strategies. The event will

be followed by a puzzle social.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Chincoteague. Chincoteague's Summer Vibes Festival will bring music, local art vendors, and immersive experiences. This is a free event that benefits the Island Theatre and the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Vaux Hall Farm Market, 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa. Paul Dickson and Dani Martin will perform songs by Jimmy Buffet and other acoustic artists. Bring a chair.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. The Deloreans performs live as part of the Concerts in the Park series.

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

## Sunday, July 12

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 7 p.m., E and O Pub, Cape Charles. Brian Irminger performs live.

## Monday, July 13

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game day. Snacks are welcome.

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

## Tuesday, July 14

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

■ **MEETING:** 10 a.m., Cheriton United Methodist Church, Cheriton. Churches are invited to send a representative to the monthly planning meeting for the annual Sunday of Hope service, which is designed to encourage hope in the fight against cancer. Contact Cheli West at 757-646-8451 for more information.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Wiggle Worms is a storytime for children ages 2 and under. There will be board books, songs,

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# Calendar

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movement, educational toys, and resources for parents and caregivers.

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

■ **MEMORY SUPPORT GROUP:** 1 to 2:30 p.m., Nassawadox Rehabilitation and Nursing, 9468 Hospital Road, Nassawadox. A support group is being held for those living with memory loss, caregivers, family, and friends to foster support and share resources. Light refreshments will be provided.

■ **STORYTIME:** 2 to 2:30 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Big Sprouts Discovery Stories is a storytime for children ages 6 to 11. There will be stories, games, movement, creative activities, and hands-on adventures.

■ **MEETING:** 6 p.m., American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. The legion will hold its

monthly meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

## Wednesday, July 15

■ **COMMUNITY DAY:** From 10 to 11:30 a.m., the Cape Charles Memorial Library will host its Community Helpers Day in the lot across the street from the library. There will be meet and greets and opportunities to learn from those who serve the community.

■ **BINGO:** 10 a.m. to noon, Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomac. The center is hosting free bingo for seniors.

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Bring in tech and get assistance from library staff.

■ **CRAFTING:** 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Crafters can bring handheld projects and work on them in the company of others.

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

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Center, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City. Salisbury University Professor Noah Bressman will give a lecture about Delmarva's invasive species. Admission is \$5.

## Thursday, July 16

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community is invited to a game day. Snacks are welcome.

■ **CHILDRENS ART:** 2 to 3 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Paint Misbehavin' is a group for children ages 12 to 15 to gather and explore different mediums, socialize, and express themselves. All supplies are provided.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 3 to 6 p.m., Farmers and Artisans Market at the Marina Club parking lot at Captains Cove, 3323 Dock Court, Greenbackville.

■ **CHILDRENS GARDEN CLUB:** 5 to 6:15 p.m., New Roots Youth Garden, Cape Charles. Children ages 5 to 13 can join this weekly garden club for hands-on learning and garden activities. Healthy snacks will be served. Closed toed shoes are required.

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

## Friday, July 17

■ **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St.,

Chincoteague. Island Community House hosts a weekly 1.5 mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.

■ **BOOK SALE:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. The library is hosting a book sale outside the library.

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

## Saturday, July 18

■ **GALA:** Doors open at 5 p.m., event starts at 5:30 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomac. The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association is hosting a gala. Tickets are \$55. There will be music, food and dancing.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. Roberta Lea performs live as part of the Concerts in the Park series.

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. Joshua Messick will perform music on the hammered dulcimer.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. SALTS performs live. Tickets are \$15. Call 757-710-8718 for reservations.



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# OBITUARIES

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## Patricia Milton

**Mrs. Patricia Redeye Milton**, 83, of Cape Charles, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2026.

Born in Richmond, Patricia was the daughter of the late Ernest and Catherine Fathed Redeye. She was the beloved wife of Marvin Vernon Milton, with whom she shared 53 wonderful years of marriage.



**Mrs. Milton**

Patricia was a devoted member of St. Charles Catholic Church for 25 years and was also a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She dedicated many years to serving her community through her work. Patricia began her career as a check processor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, where she worked for five years. After moving to Fairfax County, she continued her career as a cafeteria manager for the public school system for 14 years before retiring.

Patricia found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved raising parakeets and caring for her tropical fish, hobbies that reflected her gentle spirit and appreciation for nature.

She is survived by her loving husband, Marvin Vernon Milton; her son, Michael V. Milton and his wife, Amy; her daughter, Christina O'Connell and her husband, Kevin; her stepchildren, Kim Sims and her husband, Kevin, and Lisa Shackelford and her husband, Ricky; her grandchildren Megan, Ricky, Graeme, Maelin, Matthew, and Henry; one great-grandchild, Audrey; and her sister, Connie Averette.

Patricia will be remembered for her kindness, dedication to family, and the love she shared with those around her. She leaves behind a lasting legacy of devotion and cherished memories that will live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was

held Monday, June 22, at 2 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, with Father Michael Imperial officiating. Family joined friends one hour prior at the church.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.doughtyfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home of Exmore.

## Libby Widgeon

It is with heavy hearts and cherished memories that the family of **Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Ann Widgeon** announces her passing on June 14, 2026.

Born on March 10, 1946, on Bradford Neck Road, Libby was the beloved daughter of William E. Fluhart and Susan "Susie" Margaret Isdell Fluhart. She attended Wachapreague Elementary School and



**Mrs. Widgeon**

spent her life rooted in the values of faith, family, hard work, and service to others.

Libby was a talented seamstress whose creativity and craftsmanship touched many lives. She also worked as an in-home caregiver, dedicating herself to helping others with compassion and dignity.

More than anything, Libby was known for her generous heart. She provided for others emotionally, spiritually, and materially, often giving to those in need even when she had little to spare herself. Her kindness, selflessness, and unwavering willingness to help anyone in her community left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Libby was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, William "Big Billy" Fluhart; and her sisters, Lucille Fought and Susan Bundick.

She leaves behind her devoted husband and the love of her life, Thomas

C. Widgeon of Oyster, with whom she shared many years of love, companionship, and treasured memories.

She is also survived by her sons, Randy Fluhart and his fiancée, Jennifer Stocks, and Roy Widgeon and his wife, Lori.

Libby was a proud and loving grandmother to Israel Fluhart, Esther Fluhart Yost, Sara Fluhart Matthews, Leah Fluhart Vargas, Abigail Fluhart, Trevor Widgeon, and Taylor Widgeon.

She was further blessed with four beloved great-grandchildren, Amelia Matthews, Lydia Yost, Eden Yost, and Caleb Yost.

Family was the center of Libby's life. She took immense pride in watching her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren grow and build families of their own. Whether through a kind word, a helping hand, a warm meal, or a lovingly handmade gift, Libby made everyone around her feel valued and cared for. Her warmth, wisdom, faith, and unconditional love will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

Though her family's hearts are broken by her passing, they find comfort in the countless memories she leaves behind and in the love she shared so freely throughout her life. Her legacy will continue through the family she cherished, the friends she embraced, and the many lives she touched through her generosity and compassion.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, June 27, at Full Gospel Church, located at 22340 Bayview Circle, Cape Charles, VA 23310, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Church of Deliverance through Cash App at \$ResurrectionChurchVa, continuing the spirit of faith and giving that Libby embodied throughout her life.

Forever loved, forever remembered, and forever missed.

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.

## Grayson Fitzgerald

**Mr. Grayson Goode Fitzgerald**, 94, of Henrico, passed away on Nov. 29, 2025.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur Fisk Fitzgerald and Fannie Grace Hamilton Fitzgerald; his brothers, Wilbur Fisk Fitzgerald Jr. and Wade Fitzgerald; his sister, Virginia Fitzgerald Jones; his wives, Lee



**Mr. Fitzgerald**

Fitzgerald and June Fitzgerald; his granddaughter, Tabitha Wheeler; and his niece, Cindy Hopkins.

Survivors include his spouse, Patricia Kleis Fitzgerald; his daughters, Deborah Smith (Blair), Donna Fitzgerald, Barbara Drummond (Mark), and Betsy Miller (David); his stepchildren, Stephen Talley (Gail) and Robin Talley; his grandchildren, Rebecca Smith, Caroline Smith, Matthew Miller (Jane), Collin Drummond (Mary), Connor Drummond (Hannah), Christopher Wheeler, Sarah Harder (Joel), Cameron Drummond, and Rachel Miller; his great-grandchildren, Gianna Miller, Emery Miller, Jack Drummond, and Thomas Harder; his stepgrandchildren, Jessica Manning, Stephanie Talley, Kelsey Loftis (John), and Ryan Jones; his stepgreat-grandchildren, Parker Manning, Emma Manning, Lilly Manning, Andrew Loftis, Luke Loftis, and Zoey Loftis; and his nephews, Wade Fitzgerald Jr., Jay Jones, and Dr. David Jones.

Grayson graduated from MCV School of Pharmacy in 1954 and MCV School of Dentistry in 1958. He entered into the U.S. Air Force, served in Vietnam, and was honorably discharged with the final rank of captain. Grayson was a retired dentist and a former pharmacist.

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# Obituaries

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He was a former member of the Hermitage and Indian Creek Country Clubs. Grayson enjoyed listening to classical music, traveling, golfing, and cooking.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m. in Cape Charles Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sandston Presbyterian Church, 13 North Confederate Ave., Sandston, VA 23150.

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

Local arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

## Dave Carlin

**Mr. John David "Dave" Carlin**, 67, husband of Laura Trala and a resident of Jamesville and Virginia Beach, passed away Sunday, June

21, 2026.

Born July 6, 1958, he was the son of Jeannette and the late John D. Carlin. He attended Kempsville High School.



**Mr. Carlin**

Dave worked for NEX Services for a number of years, including a year in Cuba, before transferring to Gekay Sales & Service, where he served as southeastern manager. There, he had the opportunity to travel the world and serve the military, always having a great respect for their service and sacrifice.

More recently, he helped his wife with her restaurants on Chincoteague Island and Cape Charles.

Other than his wife and mother, Dave is survived by his brother and best friend, T.C. Carlin and his wife,

Emy; his sister, Carol Conaway and her husband, Mike; his niece, Carlin Conaway; and his nephew, Christopher Conaway and his wife, Plessah.

Other than his father, he was predeceased by a brother, Larry; and his 'Bro,' Larry Trala.

Dave was blessed to have many life-long friends on both sides of the water.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 27, at 3 p.m. at Doughty Funeral Home, Exmore, with the Rev. Jay Wilson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Bank of Cheer, P.O. Box 646, Onley, VA 23418, or to the charity of one's choice.

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

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## Obituaries in the Post

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# Thousands enjoy Sailfest activities

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Erika Tucker's family came to Cape Charles from Richmond on Sunday, June 21, because she saw information about the town's Sailfest weekend and thought her children would enjoy it.

She and her husband secured lodging, packed the car, and created a vacation to the Eastern Shore centered around the event.

"It's been great," she said as her children cooled off under a water mister on the Sailfest grounds.

That was the consensus after thousands of people found their way to Cape Charles for the weekend Sailfest, which featured three tall ships, children's activities, historical talks, and more.

Patsy Harris, who with Tara Ashworth co-chaired the event, said an estimated 3,000 people attended the Saturday night concert.

"It was just wonderful," said Harris.

Cape Charles' event and a weekend event in Onancock earlier in June were held in conjunction with Sail250 Virginia. The towns were designated affiliate harbors.

As a result, Cape Charles was packed with people.

Lines formed as people waited their turn to tour the ships, which were docked at the town harbor.

At the beach, vehicles and golf carts lined both sides of Bay Avenue.

In the restaurants and shops, workers were busy.

Lenore DeBellis, co-owner of the Strawberry Street cafe Edible Picasso, said Saturday was the busiest day her business has ever had.

"Yesterday was a record day for us," she said. "The town has been wall-to-wall people."

DeBellis even had some guests for the weekend who raved about Sailfest.

"I had my family in town and they were all out there enjoying it," she said.



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Visitors board the Kalmar Nyckel ship on Sunday, June 21, during Sailfest Cape Charles. Thousands attended the event, which included historical lectures, artists, live music, and more.

Three tall ships, highlighted by the ornate Kalmar Nyckel, were guests of honor.

The Kalmar Nyckel is a full-scale replica of the Swedish ship that brought the first European settlers to the Delaware Valley in 1638.

In addition, Harris said tents

housing local historical lectures were brimming with attendees.

"The tents were full for each and every one of them," she said.

Some of the crafters sold out of their products. She also said concessionaires had busy days.

Harris thanked the team of volun-

teers who helped people board ships, saying they were "excellent."

"It was a huge team effort and it all came together beautifully," she said.

The Tuckers agreed.

"It's a lot of fun," Erica Tucker said.

## CAPE CHARLES SAILFEST WEEKEND



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**Annabelle Tucker, 7, and her 5-year-old brother, Dawson, of Richmond, cool off at Sailfest Cape Charles in a water mister.**



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**Craig Felker talks to a crowd in a presentation entitled, "Naval Warfare During the Age of Sail" at Sailfest Cape Charles.**



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**Korey Finney and Sheniqua Bailey prepare cheesesteaks to sell at Sailfest Cape Charles. Merchants reported brisk sales during the event.**



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**Estelle Stephenson, left, and Eleanor Stephenson, both of Suffolk, don period dress during Sailfest Cape Charles.**



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- WASTEWATER TREATMENT CHARGE** – All customers except those in the Small Communities  
Consumption based accounts with water meters per 100 cubic feet\* \$9.84  
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Flat rate accounts (single family residential) per day: less than 1-inch meter \$1.66  
Flat rate accounts (single family residential) per day: 1-inch meter \$2.84

- SMALL COMMUNITIES RATES** – (Small Communities include Mathews, King William, Middlesex, Urbanna, Surry, West Point, and the communities of Virginia's Eastern Shore.)

Community	Wastewater Treatment & Collections		
	Rate Per 1,000 gallons	Residential Flat Rate per day Less than 1-inch meter	Residential Flat Rate per day 1-inch meter
Small Communities (except King William)	\$20.46	\$2.65	\$3.83
King William	\$20.63	\$2.67	\$3.85

Community	Wastewater Treatment Only		
	Rate Per 1,000 gallons	Residential Flat Rate per day Less than 1-inch meter	Residential Flat Rate per day 1-inch meter
Small Communities (except King William)	\$13.15	\$1.66	\$2.84
King William	\$13.32	\$1.68	\$2.86

Metered customers minimum charge per day \$0.45  
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Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	282 mg/L <sup>^</sup>	\$0.000642	10.29
Total Phosphorus (TP)	7 mg/L <sup>^</sup>	\$0.008870	142.09
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Other Unusual wastes may be assigned a special rate. <sup>^</sup> Domestic Quality Wastewater

- NUTRIENT CREDITS**

Type	Asset Charge (\$/pound/year)	Operational Charge (\$/pound)
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$8.73	\$0.3825
Total Phosphorus (TP)	60.74	2.9520
Total Nitrogen (TN)	14.33	0.6956

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# Shore Outdoors

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## Eastern Shore has beautiful beaches on bayside, seaside

The Eastern Shore of Virginia is lucky enough to be home to some of the best beaches on both the bayside and seaside.

The bayside beaches, shaped by the gentle waters of the Chesapeake Bay, are sometimes bordered by huge dune systems and can be home to rare wildlife.

The seaside barrier islands are known for being home to the longest remaining expanse of undeveloped, pristine, coastal wilderness on the East Coast providing a beach paradise for permanent and seasonal wild inhabitants.

### The bayside

Bayside beaches span from northern Accomack County all the way to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

Some are nothing more than spits of sand gathered along the edge of a salt marsh, while others are wide, established, and bordered by 50-foot sand dunes.

Savage Neck Dunes Natural Area Preserve boasts the largest population of the globally rare and federally protected Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle.

Disturbing the sand by digging is not allowed because it impacts the tiger beetles' larvae, which burrow in the sand between the high and low tides.

Heading farther south, beaches in Cape Charles and Kiptoke State Park provide more recreational opportunities

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# Ghost forests are 'ecological time capsules'

Form a picture in your mind of the word ghost. Now, form a picture in your mind of the word forest.

What image came to mind when you thought of the word “ghost?” You might have thought of something white and spooky. What about when you thought of the word “forest?” Maybe you imagined tall, green trees packed together, full of leaves and animals.

Now imagine a ghost forest. What do you see? Ghost forests get their name from the standing dead trees that often look pale or grayish, and since they have no leaves, they stand like tall wooden skeletons.

They can look spooky, but they are actually important clues about what is happening along our coasts.

You can see ghost forests as you travel along the Delmarva Peninsula and in many other places along the Atlantic Coast.

They form when sea level rises and salty ocean water moves farther inland. Trees in these areas need fresh water to survive. When seawater reaches their roots, the trees take it up.

The salt actually makes it harder for the trees to get the water they need, and over time they die from dehydration.

Sometimes ghost forests form slowly, but other times they can begin after just one big storm.

A powerful hurricane or nor'easter can push in so much salt water that a healthy stand of trees starts dying within months.

Ghost forests are like nature's way of showing us that an ecosystem is changing.

Even though they look eerie, ghost forests are also interesting because they create new ecosystems.

After the trees die, salt-tolerant plants like marsh grasses move in. Crabs, small fish, and coastal birds start using the area in new ways.

Ghost forests can be described as “ecological time capsules” because the



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**Ghost forests form when sea level rises and salty ocean water moves farther inland. You can see ghost forests as you travel along the Delmarva Peninsula and in many other places along the Atlantic Coast.**

dead trunks can reveal clues about past storms, floods, and how fast sea level has changed over hundreds of years.

Another surprising fact is that ghost forests play a role in recycling carbon, a tiny building block element that is found in all living things. (Did you know that trees' big, heavy trunks are made of the carbon in our air, just packed together?)

When trees die and break down, they release some of the carbon they stored while they were alive.

But the new marshes that grow in their place can also store carbon. The cycle continues. So even though ghost

forests may look like the end of something, they're also the beginning of a different kind of habitat.

Ghost forests may look spooky at first glance, but they tell us an important story about how coastal environments are changing.

By learning about them, we can better understand how rising seas and strong storms affect the land and how nature adapts in surprising ways.

Did you know: A maritime forest is a forest that is shaped by salty ocean spray. If you've ever seen the trees on our barrier islands — or on the dunes at Savage Neck — you've seen a mari-

time forest.

Maritime forests are special because they protect the coastline from strong winds and storms. But when salt moves farther inland and trees absorb too much of it, they begin to die, and this is how ghost forests form.

■ *The writer, Natasha Woods is an associate professor of biology at Moravian University in Pennsylvania. She grew up in Alabama and loves spending time outdoors studying unique ways plants have adapted to their environments. She has studied coastal forests on the Eastern Shore since 2018.*

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# Contribute to wildlife habitat – manage where you live

We are lucky on the Eastern Shore to have a diversity of habitats and an abundance of wildlife. That diversity is a part of why so many birds visit the Eastern Shore on their annual migrations north and south.

Our saltwater marshes, forests, and farm fields are all important habitats serving different needs depending on the time of year. But we all also contribute to wildlife habitat by how we manage where we live.

Let's take wasps and hornets for example.

Many of these species hibernate over winter in ground litter — piles of branches, sticks, and spent vegetation — to protect them in the cold and from birds and other predators.

In the spring, when they wake up, they need flowers in bloom for sweet carb-filled nectar and protein-packed pollen.

Then as it gets warmer, they build nests in thickets or on branches to lay eggs and raise their young safely. Just like most birds, wasps and hornets feed their young caterpillars which are full of protein for growth.

The tall greenery favored by butterflies and caterpillars needs to be close enough that the adults can bring caterpillars back to their nest to feed their young.

By fall they get ready to start the cycle all over again, looking for messy ground to bury in for the winter and await their spring revival.

So what can you do to help create better wildlife habitat? The first rule to follow is perhaps the easiest.

Get comfortable with a messier yard. Almost all wildlife prefers messy places. As you can see from the wasp example above, many animal life cycles depend on vegetation providing them with shelter, food, and protection.

Letting a portion of your land stay in a transition is a great practice for wildlife: piles of decomposing leaves,

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**Tree swallows swarm at the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge in Kiptopeke.**

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# A backyard ecosystem: Making it eco-friendly

An ecosystem is a community of all the interacting organisms and their environment.

In your yard that would be all you plant (native or otherwise) and all the wildlife that visits your yard (raccoons, squirrels, insects, and birds). It also includes the soil and non-living factors in the area.

There are ways to make your yard more eco-friendly — it is as easy as counting to five.

### Step 1: Get water

Install a water feature — a pond or something as simple as a bird bath — in your yard.

### Step 1: Plant natives

Plant native plants — your yard's wildlife needs the plants that they evolved with.

If you plant natives, pollinators will come and the birds will follow.

### Step 3: Cut invasive plants

Remove invasive plants — invasives like the Bradford Pear will crowd out native plants and will not bring any food for wildlife.

### Step 4: Cut chemicals

Cut back on pesticides and weed-icides. Use the eco-friendly options.

### Step 5: Cut back on mowing

Cut back on lawns. Traditional lawns are a wildlife desert. Leave areas for more gardens or fields. Invite wildlife and mow less.

■ *Written by Brenda Poist*



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**Invasives like the Bradford Pear will crowd out native plants and will not bring any food for wildlife.**



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**Some people install a water feature — a pond or something as simple as a bird bath — in their yards.**



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**By planting native plants, pollinators will come and the birds will follow.**

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# There are many reasons salt marshes are important

## What are salt marshes?

Marshes are a type of wetland where the most common type of vegetation, or plant, that grows are grasses such as reeds, cattails, or cordgrasses.

Marshes can have either fresh or salt water. Most of the marshes found on the Eastern Shore of Virginia are salt marshes that receive their water from the movement of the tides.

As a result, their water is typically salty or brackish.

## Why are salt marshes important?

Salt marshes are a great habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals.

They are home to specially adapted plants that can survive growing in soil that is both wet and salty.

They provide food for animals such as birds, fish, and crabs.

They also act as a nursery for many animals by giving them a protected place to live when they are young.

During storms, salt marshes help prevent flooding by absorbing excess water and preventing it from collecting in areas where it could cause damage.

Salt marshes also help keep water clean by filtering out pollutants such as harmful chemicals or excess sediment.

## Threats faced by salt marshes

Since salt marshes offer so many benefits, it is important that we take steps to protect them.

Each year, thousands of acres of salt marsh are lost in the U.S. as a result of things like development, erosion, and sea-level rise.

The health of salt marshes is also



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**Most of the marshes found on the Eastern Shore are salt marshes that receive their water from the movement of the tides.**

threatened when pollution reaches levels that are unable to effectively be filtered out.

You can help protect salt marshes by making sure to dispose of trash properly to prevent it from ending up in wetlands.

Supporting laws that protect salt marshes from development is also an

important way to ensure that they can continue offering benefits.

## Glossary

**Wetland:** An area where soil is wet for long periods of time, which affects the types of plants that are able to

grow

**Brackish:** A mix of fresh and salt water

**Habitat:** A place where plants and animals live

**Sediment:** Soil or sand that is transported by water or wind and can accumulate, causing problems.

■ *Chincoteague Bay Field Station*

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# Eelgrass creates valuable underwater habitat

Eelgrass is an underwater plant that lives in shallow waters off the coasts of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Eelgrass is a type of seagrass, which means it grows in salt water, has roots, and even produces tiny flowers and seeds.

Because it needs sunlight to survive, eelgrass grows in places where the water is shallow, usually close to shore.

These green underwater meadows stretch across the sandy bottom and create one of the most valuable habitats in our coastal ecosystems.

One of the biggest benefits provided by eelgrass is improved water quality.

As water moves through an eelgrass bed, the blades of grass slow it down, which helps trap particles like sediment and pollution.

This natural filtering process keeps the water clearer and healthier, not just for eelgrass but for everything else living in the area.

Eelgrass also produces oxygen through photosynthesis. This oxygen dissolves into the water and becomes available to marine animals that depend on it to breathe.

Healthy eelgrass beds can create pockets of oxygen-rich water that support everything from tiny plankton to big fish.

Eelgrass meadows also serve as nurseries for baby marine animals. Many animals use eelgrass as a safe place to grow up.

Baby fish, blue crabs, shrimp, bay scallops, mussels, and many other small creatures hide in the grasses.

When these animals are tiny, they're an easy snack for predators. The thick, swaying grass gives them tons of hiding spots and helps them survive those early, vulnerable days of life.

Some species depend on eelgrass in even more specific ways. For example, bay scallops attach themselves to the long grass blades. Staying "up in the



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**One of the biggest benefits provided by eelgrass is improved water quality.**

grass" helps scallops avoid the soft, muddy bottom where they can easily become buried and smothered.

Eelgrass also provides food, shelter, and structure for many other organisms.

Tiny invertebrates, such as worms and small crabs, live among the blades and feed on algae growing on the grass.

These small creatures then become food for larger predators. In this way, eelgrass supports an entire food web.

Another amazing thing about eelgrass is how it helps protect shorelines. Because the grass slows down water movement, waves lose some of

their strength as they pass through eelgrass beds.

This reduces erosion and helps keep shorelines from washing away. When eelgrass meadows are healthy and widespread, they act like underwater buffers that protect coastal areas during storms.

Despite all these benefits, eelgrass can be sensitive to changes in water quality, temperature, and sunlight.

Pollution, warming waters, and disturbances from boats can damage eelgrass beds and make it hard for them to grow back.

But there is good news: conserva-

tion efforts, including restoration projects here on the Eastern Shore, have successfully helped eelgrass return to places where it had disappeared for decades. These efforts show how important eelgrass is and how much people value its role in the ecosystem.

Overall, eelgrass is very important for our coastal waters. It cleans the water, produces oxygen, protects shorelines, and provides habitat for lots of animals, especially those just starting life.

■ *Julianna Noonan, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Eastern Shore Lab*

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# Habitat

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litter, twigs, and brush on the ground, lots of tall weeds, and trees with naturally undisturbed ground beneath them.

The richest habitats for wildlife are often places that are transitioning from one type to another: early growth forest with its abundance of vines, shrubs, and small trees or a formerly mowed area that is growing up in tall weeds and flowers. These can be maintained with minimal effort. A meadow only needs to be mowed once a year in the late winter for example.

A second rule of good habitat is to use your plantings to provide good habitat for the species you observe and want to see more of on your land.

Some types of trees, like oaks or hickories, have been around so long that much of our wildlife is adapted to using them for food and shelter.

Turkeys, deer, squirrels and others all love these nut trees. Wasps love them too because they are usually full of caterpillars.

On my farm, I have planted a special pine called Long Leaf Pine because the plants that grow under it are loved by quail, one of my favorite birds.

I am hoping to create a friendlier place for quail to live. Sometimes it can be a plant you love, too. My pear trees are awfully popular with raccoons, and we like to eat pears, too.

My third rule is a little harder. Look for and provide connections with other habitats that allow animals to move from one to another. A hedgerow or thickly vegetated ditch is a great pathway for animals between two woods.

A small freshwater pond is a real magnet for all kinds of animal species if it has wild cover close by.

Not only do the land animals love to be able to drink there, but all kinds of frogs and salamanders need places to live, too.

Again, keeping it messy with tree limbs in the water and unmanaged vegetation on the sides is the best way to support amphibians that need cover from all their predators we have on the Eastern Shore.

We can all do our part in creating, restoring, and maintaining habitat on our lands.

Whether it is a quarter of an acre or 400 acres, we can all work to improve wildlife habitat in some way. And it all adds up to more wildlife for all of us to enjoy.

■ *Arthur Upshur, Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust*



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**Bayside beaches are more accessible than those on the seaside because most are free and can be driven to, but be aware that Kiptopeke State Park beach has entrance fees.**

## Beaches

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for activities like beach combing for species living in the Chesapeake Bay, fishing off public piers, and swimming in calmer water.

Find beautiful whip coral, eelgrass, oyster shells, and more washed up on the gentle slopes of the beach.

Bayside beaches are a great gathering place to enjoy a stunning sunset all year round.

### The seaside

Barrier islands support an incredible diversity of wildlife and plants. Facing the open ocean, barrier island beaches are constantly changed by the wind and waves. Surviving out on the edge is a skill not every plant and animal has.

Different times of the year on the barrier island beaches showcase nature's beauty from their migratory birds to full-time crab residents.

In the winter, beaches are shaped by rougher winds and wave action, producing some of the best opportunities for sea shelling.

Whelks, moon snails, sand dollars, and more can be found on a winter beach while some of the local animals retreat deep in the sand.

As spring approaches, beach-nesting birds like Pip-

ing Plovers and American Oystercatchers search for the perfect spot of beach to nest for the season.

April kicks off the start of seasonal closures to protect these threatened species from human activities. Mind the signs and be sure to stay below the high tide line.

As the summer months arrive, beaches come alive with scurrying ghost crabs, digging mole crabs and coquina clams, and the beach-nesting birds' fluffy chicks are catching shade from the hot summer sun.

By late August, most of the chicks have taken flight and leave the beaches heading south, while migrating monarch butterflies swoop in to take advantage of the bright yellow blooms of seaside goldenrod on the beach edge.

### Visiting

Bayside beaches are more accessible than those the seaside because most are free and can be driven to, but be aware that Kiptopeke State Park beach has entrance fees.

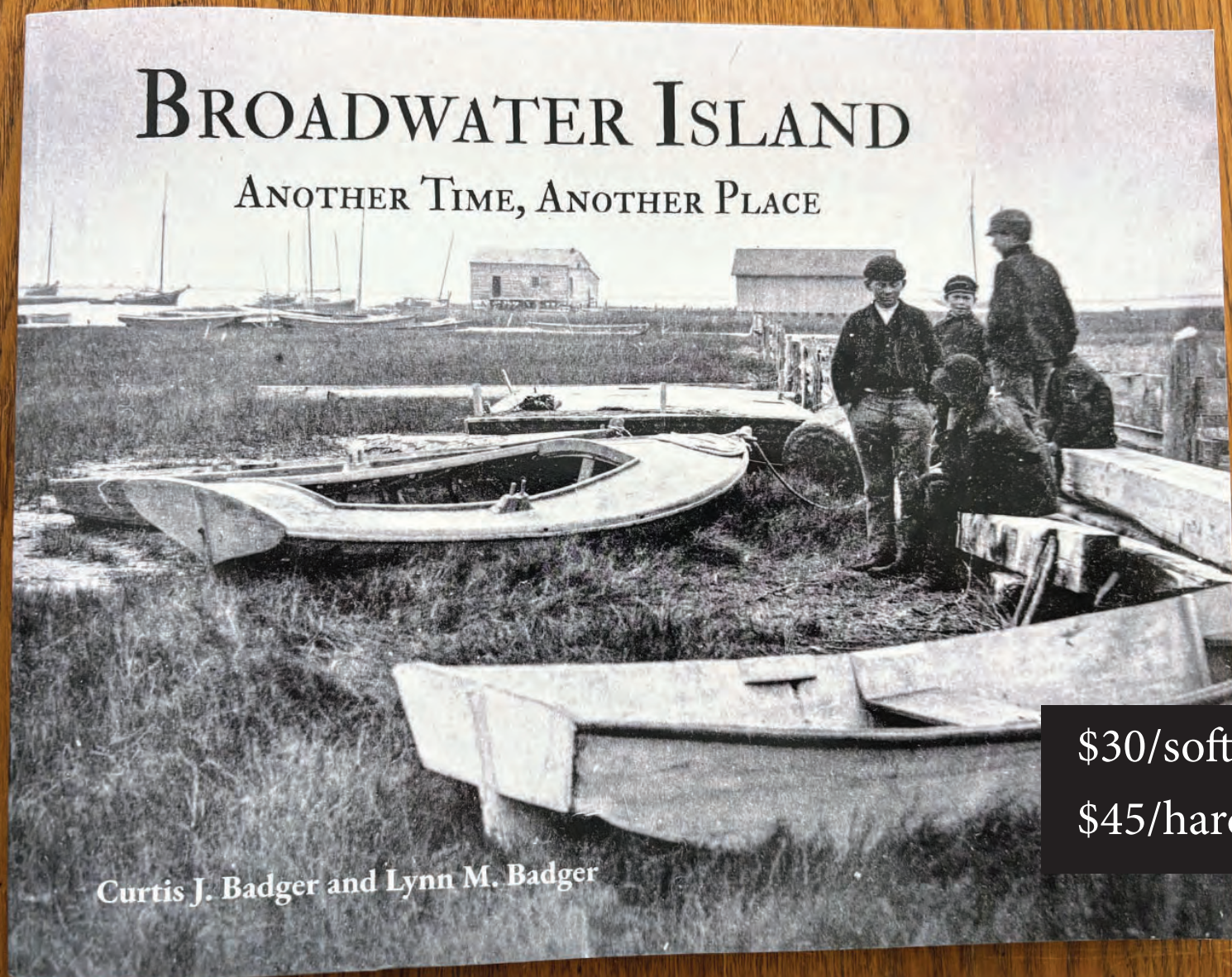
Many of the seaside barrier islands are only accessible by boat or kayak and require a knowledge of the waterways; however, Assateague Island can be reached by vehicle and requires an entrance fee.

Helpful websites for planning your nearby beach adventure are: [exploreourseaside.org](http://exploreourseaside.org) or [delmarvatrailsandwaterways.com](http://delmarvatrailsandwaterways.com)

■ *The Nature Conservancy*

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# BROADWATER ISLAND — ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE



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## *A Timeless New Look at the Eastern Shore's Past*

Recently discovered photographs from the 19th century bring Broadwater Island back to life.

In the 1890s investors from Philadelphia bought most of Hog Island, changed the name to Broadwater Island, and began a coast-to-coast publicity campaign to sell beach property. They arranged presidential visits, the University of Pennsylvania football team came for summer practice, and a famous architect designed a beach cottage like none other.

What remains of Broadwater Island today lies under the sea, but a treasure of photographs has been found that brings the island development back to life. Curtis and Lynn Badger spent two years researching legal documents and newspaper archives, and they have created a written narrative that couples with the photographs to provide a fascinating account of another time and another place on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Copies of *Broadwater Island – Another Time, Another Place* are available directly from the publisher, Salt Water Media in Berlin.

Visit the website at [www.saltwatermedia.com](http://www.saltwatermedia.com). Copies also are available at local book retailers.

Softcover copies are \$30 and hardcover editions are \$45. Copies purchased online are personally signed by the authors.

# Lane closures lifted for Fourth

America's 250th anniversary is expected to bring Virginians out to enjoy fireworks, cookouts, and events across the commonwealth.

As people prepare to travel for the holiday, the Virginia Department of Transportation is working to keep traffic moving smoothly and reminding everyone that the safest way to join celebrations is by driving responsibly.

As part of VDOT's annual July Fourth holiday travel accommodations, many highway work zones will be suspended and temporary lane closures on interstates and other major roads will be lifted from noon on Thursday, July 2, until noon on Monday, July 6.

While lane closures will be lifted in most locations, motorists may encounter semi-permanent work zones that remain in place during this time.

Special events are taking place across the commonwealth all year, with major celebrations for America's birthday happening July Fourth weekend.

Signature events, according to Virginia's American Revolution 250 Commission, include Williamsburg, the capital city of revolutionary Virginia, where a daylong celebration on July 4 concludes with a drone and fireworks extravaganza. Additionally, Founding Father Thomas Jefferson's Virginia estate, Monticello, will have festivities, including a naturalization ceremony. Separately, Washington, D.C., is also hosting July Fourth celebrations.

To help people navigate the influx of travelers in Virginia, VDOT offers several resources to help plan their trip ahead of time.

VDOT's free mobile 511 app offers information about traffic, incidents, congestion, and construction, as well as access to traffic cameras, weather, electric vehicle charging stations, and more.

By calling 511 from any phone in Virginia, motorists can use 511's "speak ahead" option for hands-free and eyes-free audible traffic alerts for incidents and construction along their route. Traffic information is also available at [511.vdot.virginia.gov](http://511.vdot.virginia.gov)

The 511 Virginia website also includes

a travel trends map for the Fourth of July holiday timeframe, showing peak congestion periods anticipated on Virginia interstates during the upcoming holiday travel.

While it cannot precisely predict when congestion will occur this year, it can help motorists avoid travel when traffic has historically moved the slowest.

Using the menu at the top of [511.vdot.virginia.gov](http://511.vdot.virginia.gov), click "Holiday Travel" to select the map.

Travelers are advised to plan for extra time to get to and from the many events across the commonwealth to mark America's 250th anniversary.

For questions or to report hazardous road conditions, contact VDOT's 24-hour Customer Service Center by visiting [my.vdot.virginia.gov](http://my.vdot.virginia.gov) or calling 800-367-7623.

## TOWN OF EXMORE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Town of Exmore Council will conduct a Special Meeting on **Tuesday, June 30, 2026**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 3305 Main Street, Exmore, VA.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the FY 26-27 Budget and Tax Equalization.

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

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# ESCC announces spring 2026 graduates

Associate  
of Applied Science

## **Business Management**

Tristen Lange  
Luke Carlile Newman  
Chakira L. Smith

## **Business Management with Information Technology**

Thafara Divestyle Dorival

## **Early Childhood Education**

Ermelinda Isabel Cux-Cux  
Arianna Brielle Fletcher  
Ke’Niyah S. Fletcher  
Christina Michelle Ingram  
Christina Johnson Jackson  
Jannie Miranda James  
Gileisha Matthews  
Donesha Simia McIntosh  
Maria G. Perez-Medina  
Shykeva Kenyatta Snead  
Shirley A. Spady

## **Electronic Computer Tech**

Arron Jacob Brown

## **Electronics Technology**

Wilique J. Copes  
Tinafait Dorival  
Reco Martel Kellam Sr.  
Konner William McComb  
Dalili M. Morales-Escalante

Caleb James Perry

## **Nursing - RN (TCC)**

Bernadeth Iseman

## **Technical Studies**

Tanner Nathan Binder  
Luis Angel Diaz-Ortiz  
Frantzso Drake Dorsainvil  
Logan Alexander Layne

Associate of Arts

## **Liberal Arts**

Landon Heath  
Edna Gonzalez  
Julie Higgins

Associate of Arts  
and Sciences

## **General Studies**

Katelyn Diane Hope Bennett

## **Liberal Arts - Education Specialization**

Justin Bagwell

Associate of Science

## **Business Administration**

Verenice Lisbeth Gonzalez  
Olivia May Gsell  
Heather Nicole McCaskill  
Ry’Shieka Poulson-Bunting

## **Education**

Morgan Catherine Emanuelli  
Steven Lamprinos  
Elizabeth Jean Fu Maroney

## **General Studies**

Vivian Aguero-Roblero  
Ryshekia Marie Allen  
Katherine Alexia Arnold  
Ashley Kayla Austin  
Dalton Christopher Barnes  
Sarah Elizabeth Bentley  
Myisha Brown  
Rya Janay Brown  
Breanna Burton  
Mina Maria Citro  
Rossetalina Delouche  
Edwuin Gomez  
William Dale Herold  
Erik Wilson Hodgson  
Brittany Marie Holden  
Adrianah T. Hollingsworth  
Emily Brook Landon  
Erica Elise Landon  
Chris Anthony Lopez-Perez  
Harley Grace Marshall  
J-Lo Morales Medina  
Sophia Ann Morrell  
William L. Parks  
Naomi Zarate Ramirez  
Ashley Stancil  
Michael Ward  
Brinaja Washington-Holden  
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Christine Elise Wilbur  
Abigail Elizabeth Zodun

## **Science**

Robyn Hattie Anderson  
Gyan Baiju

Kehan Chan  
Ethan Thomas Galea  
Rosario Enriquez Herrera  
Toryn Jaime Ibarra  
Charlotte Lacey  
Nathalia Mateo  
Reegan Mark McGee  
Christopher J. Mitchell  
Leanna Melanie Ramirez  
Michael Spence Jr.  
Jovanni Tenorio-Alvarez

## **Certificate**

## **Electronics**

Arron Jacob Brown  
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Caleb James Perry  
Shaun Terrell Polk  
Konner William McComb

## **Industrial Technology**

Jordi M. Diaz-Mendez

## **Medical Assisting**

Yakima Shaunta Ames  
Zakia N. Ames  
Angel M. Davis  
Katelyn Nichole Eder  
Gladis Morales Gonzalez  
Catrenia Lykes  
Latanya A. Rogers  
Da’Janeira Smith  
Michelle K. Summers  
Quadasia Monae Tyler  
Shaquina K. Upshur

## **Practical Nursing**

Wyneka Eunae Bartol

## **Uniform Certificate of General Studies**

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Katherine Alexia Arnold  
Ashley Kayla Austin  
Gyan Baiju  
Dalton Christopher Barnes  
Leo Bassi  
Katelyn Bennett  
Sarah Elizabeth Bentley  
Grayson Latham Brown  
Domingo Shauntel Brown Jr.  
Breanna Amiyah Burton  
Cadence Leigh Campbell  
Kehan Chan  
Mina Maria Citro  
Giovanni Cruz-Cespedes  
Garrett Pierson Daisey  
Kailah Rayana Davis  
Ella Claire Eder  
Corbin Etheridge  
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Kendell Ontra Fisher Jr.  
Abigail Priscilla Fluhart  
Shania Francois  
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Amy Giselle Gonzalez  
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Juan Luis Gonzalez-Miranda  
Verenice Lisbeth Gonzalez  
Yazmin Gomez  
Emily Elaine Grimm  
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Jayla Alexia Guevara  
Landon Cole Heath  
Rosario Enriquez Herrera  
Julie Higgins  
Erik Wilson Hodgson  
Brittany Marie Holden

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Adrianah T. Hollingsworth  
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 Toryn Jaime Ibarra  
 Maliyah Janelle Jones  
 Emmabelle Jorgensen  
 Estrella Juarez-Roblero  
 George Stavros Katsetos  
 Taylor Killmon  
 Charlotte Lacey  
 Emily Brook Landon  
 Erica Elise Landon  
 Edele Marie Solange Lauture  
 Maximiliano Alvarado Lopez  
 Chris Anthony Lopez-Perez  
 Yaritza P. Lopez-Mendez  
 Weylin Malik  
 Elizabeth Jean Fu Maroney  
 Harley Grace Marshall  
 Rylee Elizabeth Marshall  
 Nathalia Mateo  
 Brisa J. Mateos Enriquez  
 Cameron Matlack  
 Aria Leonara Matthews  
 Reegan Mark McGee  
 J-Lo Morales Medina  
 Leanna Melanie-Ramirez  
 Christopher J. Mitchell  
 Sophia Ann Morrell  
 Russell Thomas Parks  
 William L. Parks  
 Heidi Tamara Perez-Martinez  
 Olivia Rojas Phillips  
 Diana Evellen Ramirez  
 Naomi Zarate Ramirez  
 Armonie DaShae Reid  
 Juliet Restein  
 Gavin Dashiell Ricci  
 Jazmine Ridley  
 Ziley Sue Richardson  
 Judith Katherine Roblero  
 Ava Marie Siegrist  
 Jugraj Singh



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The Eastern Shore Community College Spring 2026 Commencement was held on Wednesday, May 13. In addition to the graduation, awards were presented to ESCC faculty members based on voting conducted in the weeks leading up to commencement. The Recognition for Teaching Effectiveness Award, given to a faculty member whose performance in the classroom or other instructional environments best exemplifies effectiveness in promoting student achievement, was earned by Kiprof Kibet. The Faculty Scholarly and Creative Engagement Award, given to a faculty member who has achieved a significant academic scholarly accomplishment through research, publishing and/or professional presentations, grant activity, or creative works, went to William Foxworthy. The Faculty Community Impact Award, given to a member of the full-time teaching faculty who has greatly impacted the college's image through community service and involvement, was earned by Christina Duffman. The Faculty Leadership Award, presented to a full-time teaching faculty member who demonstrates leadership and commitment to the college, went to Tonya Martin, as did the Caramine Kellam and Dr. Caramine White Award, which honors an ESCC faculty or staff member who has shown extraordinary concern for students and has gone above and beyond in their effort to help students succeed in school or life. Martin, along with Susan Greer, also earned The Faculty Award for Professional Excellence, the highest ESCC award for which a faculty member may be nominated. It is for faculty members who substantially and demonstrably exceeded performance expectations. Pictured from left are ESCC Vice President of Academic Affairs, Student Success, and Workforce Development Ramzi Ockaili, Tonya Martin, Christina Duffman, Alex Foxworthy, and ESCC President Daryl Minus. Not pictured are Kiprof Kibet and Susan Greer.

Michael Spence Jr.  
 James John Sporny  
 Reid Strong Travis  
 Edward Dickinson Tayloe III  
 Jovanni Tenorio-Alvarez  
 Rocxana J. Velazquez Tun  
 Michael Ward  
 Brinaja Washington-Holden  
 Laura Anne Wenzel  
 Christian Manfred Wilbur  
 Christine Elise Wilbur  
 Abigail Elizabeth Zodun

## Welding

Ashton Lovel Tankard  
 Kristen Vernet  
 Rafael Antonio Meija Cux

## Career Studies Certificate

## Automotive Trainee

Cole Edward Chapin  
 Jeyli J. Gonzalez-Velazquez  
 Jeyssi A. Gonzalez-Velazquez

Amuri Damian Hall  
 Austin John Holliday  
 David Francisco Miguel  
 Tyson Ryder Phillip Turner  
 Peyton Ava Pruitt  
 Daniela Riuz-Ruiz  
 Trevor Neal Turlington  
 Hayden Richard Williams  
 Rajahn Williams

## Early Childhood Education - Preschool

Arianna Brielle Fletcher

Christina Michelle Ingram  
 Christina Johnson Jackson  
 Sheiksha L. Jackson  
 Tanisha Jackson  
 Donesha Simia McIntosh  
 Maria G. Perez-Medina  
 Arian Riggan  
 Shirley A. Spady

## Early Childhood Education Support Specialist

Arianna Brielle Fletcher

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# Graduates

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Ke’Niyah S. Fletcher  
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Christina Michelle Ingram  
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Jannie Miranda James  
Maria G. Perez-Medina  
Donesha Simia McIntosh  
Arian Riggan  
Shykeva Kenyatta Snead  
Shirley A. Spady  
Shakera Nicole Washington

## Electrician Assistant

Robert Coto  
Luis Angel Diaz-Ortiz  
Beckett Neville  
Nik Oestmann

## Electrician Helper

Luis Angel Diaz-Ortiz  
Beckett Neville  
Nik Oestmann

## Electronics Technology

Arron Jacob Brown  
Wilique J. Copes  
Tinafait Dorival

## Health Sciences

Rebecca Bielli  
Latoya Renee Coston  
Rylee Elizabeth Marshall  
Lily Marie Miles  
Emily Brook Landon  
Melitza Morales-Bravo  
Dariana Roblero  
Monikka Antionette Sabatino  
Peyton Haley Truckner  
Lakisha W. Warner-James

## HVAC&R Technician Assistant

Wilensley Catul  
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Desperado Lucas  
Raymond Michael Long  
Demarcus Morris  
Jose Palacious  
Gregory Upshur  
Iyonna Brenae Uptegrow

## HVAC&R Technician Helper

Mackenth Boyer  
Hayden Michael Byrn  
Juan H. Mendoza Caballero Jr.  
Wilensley Catul  
Jaden Nathaniel Davis  
Alex Marquez Escalante  
Roberto Flores  
Valancia Jean  
Desperado Lucas  
Dylan Padgett  
Jose Palacious  
Hubert Philippe Jean Paul  
Gavin Samere Sample Jr.  
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Adrian Venegas-Maldonado

## Information Technology Support

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Joshua Adam Williams

## Law Enforcement

Victoria Perez Garcia

Denli Stiven Gonzalez  
Autumn Renee Patton  
Zeneriakyia Miracle Trader

## Medical Administrative Office Specialist

Yakima Shaunta Ames  
Angel M. Davis  
Katelyn Nichole Eder  
Sloane K. Feliciano  
Cedi Gramajo  
Ruvi Hernandez Gomez  
Morgan Richelle Knox  
Sandra A. Lofland  
Catrenia Lykes  
Latanya A. Rogers  
Anahi Sanchez-Tema  
Iesha Marie Savage  
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Michelle K. Summers  
Ashley Renee Tankard  
Shaquina K. Upshur  
Yenifer Daniela Villega

## Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

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Katelyn Nichole Eder  
Sloane K. Feliciano  
Shy’Dai L. L. Jacobs  
Sandra A. Lofland  
Catrenia Lykes  
Char’Nece Lashay Morris  
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Michelle K. Summers  
Ashley Renee Tankard  
Victoria M. Bonawell Taylor  
Shaquina K. Upshur

## Nurse Aide

Sophia Geralda Aubourg  
Campbell Nicole Bays  
Naphtaiguie Brice  
Jazyiah D. Byrd  
Payton Nicole Colona  
Ryan ShineYa Copes  
Abigail Payton Decker  
Thaina M.S. Dorsainvil  
Kaye Nedab Gaskins  
Areli Gonzalez-Lopez  
Tavis L. Harmon  
Ja’Niya Harris  
Diana Hernandez-Gomez  
Amani Monae Hope  
Jeaberville J. Liscat  
Sadia E. M. Jackson  
Jaequeline Perez-Vasquez  
Jaqueline G. Diaz Salamanca  
Roshonda Shenea Sample  
Samantha St. Louis  
Akeelah Brenyia Walker  
Aneveah Iman Walker  
Summer Nicole Weinberg  
Makhia Janay Williams

## Nurse Aide Extended Care

Darian Alexandra Hemby  
Kania Savage  
Jedaiah Taylor  
Tammy Lynn Wallop

## Small Business Management

Tristen Lange  
Luke Carlile Newman  
Aspen Maria Perry

## Welding

Travis Scott Ayres  
Rafael Antonio Meija Cux  
Tristan Nielsen Dahl  
Brendan Scott Hall

Kiara Solano Hernandez  
Marvielon LaVon Holt  
Landon Kerr Joynes  
Ian Blair Lewis  
Berenice Pichardo-Hernandez  
Alexis Kay Piper  
Quenidi Ramirez-Tomas  
Diego Santos-Larreina  
Elijah A. Bradford Smith  
Carmela Olivia Eve Torres  
Skylar Avery Turner  
Kristen Vernet  
Jody Wright

## High School Equivalency Credential

Hailey Dodrill  
Jeremy Faraguna  
Brandon Gibson  
Donald Wayne Hemphill Jr.  
Harrison Johnson  
Chase Kartak  
Jason Lovell  
Cynthia Merritt  
Yenly Morales Perez  
Jose Perez Quintero  
Rickey Rantz III  
Dazsha Reid  
Sandra Rose  
Jeremiah Tyler

## Certificate of Completion

## Certified Hospitality Manager

Lourdy Archil  
Magdalena Bellevus Previlus  
Mikekel Davis  
Tameshia Dennis  
Anna Smith  
Monique Smith-Roberts  
Diquan White

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# Graduates

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## Cloud Risk Management Professional

Daniel Alemu  
Horace Booker  
Brandon Buckner  
Cameron Carothers  
Jaouad Imesmouden  
Mohamed Samiri  
Nikisha Wallace

## Commercial Driver's License - Class A

Wilson Ballard  
Billy Baumgardner  
Travis Brown Jr.  
LaCorey Burton  
Arkiece Davis  
Daniel Davy  
Yuron Ellison  
Zachary Estes  
Jahiem Fisher  
Georgens Francois  
Dexter Hargis  
Ahktavius Harmon  
Ahlaina Hughes  
Jaden Gilliam  
Lawrence Jester  
Shontel Johnson  
Jahlik Samuel  
Justin Satchell  
Jeremiah Tyler  
Diego Maldonado Vera  
Gregory Wilson

## CompTIA A+

Abraham Chatus  
Wilique Copes  
Tinafait Dorival  
Johnny Gibbons IV

Nicholas Owen

## CompTIA Cloud+

Standard Alexander  
Dewayne Armstrong  
Edoziem Chukwuebuka  
Williams Daniel  
Eley Janel  
Edwards Jeaninne  
Jonathan Jones  
Carter Khevin  
Jose Mamani  
Fawad Sayed  
Michel Sindhu  
Ali Weyam

## CompTIA IT Fundamentals+

Austin Benedict  
Abraham Chatus  
Nathanael Frazier  
Johnny Gibbons IV  
Asia Ortiz Hall

## Cybersecurity

Ghulam Ahmadi  
Toofan Amiry  
Kruti Chaitram  
Dustin DiCarlo  
Tonya Green  
Jason Horner  
Alyise Johnson  
Syed Kamal  
Mark Lee  
John Richards  
Brandon Turner  
Rashawna Valentine  
Dina Voojis  
London Williams  
Melinda Baskerville  
Gordon Lindgren  
Naheed Mann  
Ahmad Jaweed Noori  
Mohibullah Noori

Farshid Sahab  
David Sweeney  
Novian Barnard  
Mayis Bovando  
Jimmy Bullock  
Steven Cox  
Tsion D' Akale  
Rodolfo Davilla  
Victoria Davis  
Tranese Dozier  
Robert Ebanks  
Jessica Goodman  
Jaquan Harper  
Mozella McCoy Flowers  
Marlaina McGuigan  
Matthew Mercado  
Ahmad Quraishi  
Rokhsar Sharifi  
Betlehem Tadesse-Jackson

## Electrocardiogram Technician

Zakia Ames  
Ikea Boggs  
Lashonda Custis  
Shyneatta Dunn  
Imelda Loreda  
Lycet Morales-Hernandez  
Joyce Wharton  
Joyce Williams  
Shanatya Williams

## Federal Aviation Administration Remote Pilot Airman

Aaron Ames  
Kristen Bailey  
Andrew Chase  
Brayan Juarez  
Troy Savage  
Ashley Helm  
Reicko Miles  
Hunter Waters  
Cheryl Wilson

Andy Wood

## Food Safety Manager

Austin Adney  
Amy Brandt  
Michelle Cusmina  
Derek Hail  
Cole Miller  
Michael Ward  
Thomas Warrington  
Kaitlan Woods

## Governance, Risk, and Compliance

Destiny Bridges  
Andrea Carey  
Corlette Dixon  
Alison Hwang  
Jamil Palacios  
Jason Rapagna  
Kritika Shrestha  
Ashlynn Williams  
Akissi Yao

## Hair Braiding and Weaving

Tiara Ames  
Toriante Brown  
Crystal Christian  
Dawn Conquest  
Laura Cova Lopez  
Quajahnae Davis  
Ravon Felton-Churchill  
Maria Knox  
Brianna Lyons  
Donesha McIntosh  
Vilene Previlus  
Nevaeh Sewell  
Ebony Smith  
Mya Smith  
Toya Stith  
Tishiana Walker  
Tammy Ward  
Naje' White

## Information Systems Manager

Yasmin Behi  
Lorenza Moody  
Saravanan Parasuraman

## Information Systems Security Professional

Titi Afolabi  
Yaa Asenso  
Mohammad Bakhtyari  
Romie Bawar  
Cynthia Beall  
Richard Ferry  
Nicole Galvan  
Shanice Hubbard  
Jonathan Littlepage  
Brandon McKinney  
Jamil Palacios  
Daniel Pierce  
Kristof Siska  
Denise Stroter  
Lamichele Tyson  
Brian Woodall  
Ryan Young

## NCCER Core Construction

Cheyenne Addison  
Talha Aksu  
Christopher Bailey  
Samuel Boswony  
Kristoff Buchanan  
Costantino Castaneda  
Victor Castillo-Sandoval  
Wilensley Catul  
Kamari Harmon  
Reba Galea  
Gustavo Sepeda Gomez  
Jose Gomez  
Emilio Gonzalez  
Alexis Gonzalez-Ortiz  
Branden Johnson

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# Push to save Tangier Island progresses



PHOTO COURTESY LAUREN HINES-ACOSTA

Tangier mayor James “Ooker” Eskridge (right) talks with Chris Moore, of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, on their way to Tangier Island on June 8.

BY LAUREN HINES-ACOSTA  
Bay Journal Media

Sea spray soaks passengers on the edge of a boat heading for Tangier Island, 13 miles east of the mainland. Captain Terry Parks talks about the places his community wants to protect with the island behind him. He points to a place on a Tangier map.

“That’s grandma’s house,” Parks said “We gotta protect grandma’s house.”

Tangier Island is one of the last inhabited islands in the Chesapeake Bay. But rising water and erosion threaten the community’s future as they eat away at the land. Advocates, local officials, and scientists converged on the island on June 8 to talk about progress toward saving it.

Tangier is a special place. It provides marsh habitat for nesting birds and underwater grasses for crabs. Most of its human residents descend from the British colonists who settled the island in the 1700s after Indigenous peoples used it for fishing. As a result, the community of watermen and their families have become a time capsule of what life on and along the water used to look like.

The island faces many environmental pressures. A 2015 study shows that the island is sinking due to groundwater extraction and the aftereffects from the meteor impact that created the bay. The island is also in a “hot spot,” where the water is rising faster in the bay than in the open ocean at about 6 millimeters per year. That may seem slow, but Tangier lost two-thirds of its land mass between 1850 and 2013. Powerful waves also erode its shores.

A 2021 study predicted that the town of Tangier will be uninhabited by 2053.

“When we talk about saving [Tangier], I’m talking about a way of life, a culture,” said James “Ooker” Eskridge, mayor of Tangier. “Some folks are saying maybe you should just give up and move to the mainland, but it’s home and we want to preserve it, and I think it’ll happen in time. Just gotta be patient.”

Tangier has become an example of how the U.S. could help its communities adapt to climate change. The federal government has already stepped in. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers installed a seawall to protect the airport in 1990 and a jetty just north of that

30 years later to protect crab and oyster boats.

But Tangier needs a lot more help. Two years ago, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation began bringing scientists and local leaders together to figure out how to save the island.

When some of them met on Tangier in June, scooters and golf carts rumbled past one of its few restaurants. Inside, scientists, Bay Foundation staff, and government officials from all levels ate crab cakes and listened to project updates. American flag garland enshrouded each table.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the engineering firm BayLand secured a \$356,500 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to start building the Tangier Island Shoreline Protection and Resiliency Plan. It is a gateway to apply to larger federal grants. So far, they have modeled flooding and mapped out the most vulnerable parts of the island.

Proposed solutions, such as restoring marshes and adding living shorelines, will help keep erosion at bay. In some areas, elevating homes or adding flood barriers may also be needed to reduce flooding along portions of the habitable ridges.

“If you can layer natural, nature-based solutions ... you can get some benefit of reduction in wave, but there’s actually no studies that provide specific data on what that is,” said Carol Considine, director of applied projects in the Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience at Old Dominion University. “So that’s why the non-structural solutions of raising the houses are important if you really want to protect life.”

The Bay Foundation did not receive the next set of funds, about \$1.2 million, to finish the final design and permitting phase of the plan. The next round of applications won’t open until February — which delays the project.

The next best shot they have at money is the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund, which gives grants to reduce the impacts of flooding. That program will soon see a boost in funds now that Virginia has re-entered the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Gas plants in any state that is part of the initiative pay a fee for exceeding their emission limits, and some of that money could go to Tangier.

## Graduates

### NCCER Welding

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Raymond Michael Long  
Clifton Marshall  
Keron Matthews  
Cesar Morales  
Demarcus Morris  
Jacob Morrison  
Jaylen Reid  
Rayshon Reid  
Gavin Sample Jr.  
Keshawn Savage  
Noah Sharbor  
Elisha Stith  
Gregorry Upshur  
Iyonna Uptegrow  
Waylon White

Natasha Brown  
Steven Gale Jr.  
Alexis Gonzalez-Ortiz  
David Oreste  
Adrian Venegas-Maldonado

### Phlebotomy Technician

Kani Corbin  
Lashonda Custis  
Jean Marvens Geffrard  
Evonda Mills  
Lycet Morales-Hernandez  
Olander Ocean  
Dayana Theagene  
Mislie Theagene  
Lovely Philistin Theophile

## RURAL HEALTH RECEIVES AWARDS



COURTESY PHOTO

Eastern Shore Rural Health System received the inaugural Health Care Transformation Award from the Virginia Health Care Foundation at its Cheers for Champions event on Thursday, June 11, in Richmond. Rural Health was recognized for making changes that improve patient care by trying new approaches and strengthening what already works. Pictured from left are Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources Marvin Figueroa, Rural Health Director of Communications and Development Amy Bull, CQ Fluency CEO Tameeka Smith, and Rural Health Chief Operations and Clinical Officer Jennifer Tyler.



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Rural Health also received two awards at the Aledade Summit, also in Richmond. Rural Health received the Highest Transitions of Care Outreach Award for helping the most patients in Aledade's Virginia market safely move from one care setting to another. The organization also received the Virginia market's Diagnosis Resolution Improvement Award for the biggest improvement in identifying and addressing patient health issues so they no longer require active treatment or follow-up. Pictured from left are Rural Health Case Management Coordinator Heather Diem, Candice Tozzolo, of Aledade, Rural Health Chief Quality Officer Jessica Bonniwell, and Anthony McMiller, of Aledade.



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# County named among best communities for music education

For the third consecutive year, Northampton County Public Schools has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education Award from the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for its support and commitment to music education.

Now in its 27th year, the program continues to spotlight and celebrate school districts and individual schools across the United States for their exemplary dedication to music education and their ongoing efforts to ensure equitable access to music learning as part of a well-rounded education.

Recipients of the 2026 awards, including public, private, charter, and parochial institutions, were selected through a comprehensive

application and review process that evaluates key indicators, including funding, instructional time, participation rates, facilities, and community support.

To uphold the program's rigor and credibility, all applications were independently reviewed and verified by WolfBrown, a leading research and evaluation firm specializing in education and the arts.

"Music education helps students not only academically, but emotionally as well," said Megan Gallagher, music teacher at Kiptopeke Elementary School.

Decades of research show that robust music education provides significant cognitive and social-emotional benefits, improving students' language skills, academic success,

and overall well-being.

"We join only a handful of school divisions in Virginia — and a select few across the country — to receive this award," shared Brad Ford, director of bands at Northampton Middle and High Schools. "This is a true milestone for our schools, and I want to congratulate everyone and thank our community for always standing behind our music programs."

"Earning this recognition three years in a row is a well-deserved honor and a powerful testament to our program's leadership, instructional excellence, and sustained commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for our students," said Lisa Martin, superintendent of Northampton County Public

Schools. "Music is vital to our educational mission, and this award reinforces our commitment to keeping arts education thriving."

The NAMM Foundation is the charitable arm of the National Association of Music Merchants, the global trade association for the music products industry.

The foundation works to remove systemic barriers that limit access to music-making and career pathways in the music industry.

By investing in bold ideas and innovative solutions, the foundation strives to build inclusive and thriving musical communities.

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# ShoreBots recap world championship season

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.

Competing in the Johnson Division, the ShoreBots finished their world-stage run with a commendable record.

Team 1908 placed in the top 8% of robotics teams worldwide and the top 9% nationally, making the ShoreBots one of only 10 teams from Virginia to qualify for the world championship this year.

The appearance follows a season of significant program milestones, including the team's first regional event victory as the top pick of alliance 1, serving as an alliance captain at the district championships, and debuting the program's first

fully student-CAD-designed robot.

The ShoreBots also excelled in judged honors, earning the Quality Award for robust robot fabrication and the Engineering Inspiration Award for advancing the appreciation of engineering within the local community.

The team's historic success is the result of over 1,200 hours of student design, fabrication, and programming completed since January.

Highlighting the program's academic excellence, four graduating seniors from the team have committed to pursue engineering degrees this fall at the University of Virginia, Rochester Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan, and Old Dominion University.

As a small team from a rural community, the ShoreBots demon-

strated that dedication and technical skill can successfully compete alongside the largest high school programs in the country.

"Northampton County Public Schools is proud of what these students have achieved," said Lisa Mar-

tin, superintendent of Northampton County Public Schools. "The ShoreBots represented us with academic and engineering excellence, and their success reflects both their hard work and the support of our community."

## Town of Cheriton, VA Proposed Budget ( July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)

### REVENUE

Bank Franchise Fee	\$35,000.00
Taxes and Fees	\$84,700.00
Trash Sales	\$12,400.00
Grants/Sponsor/Misc	\$15,650.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$147,750.00</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$58,450.00
Town Office	\$12,250.00
Town Park/Playground/Maintenance	\$22,300.00
Utilities	\$20,900.00
Insurance	\$2,977.00
Donations	\$1,000.00
Trash Expenses	\$12,000.00
Legal	\$1,000.00
Grant	\$15,000.00
Misc	\$1,873.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$147,750.00</b>

Pursuant to VACode 15.2-2506, the Town Council of the Town of Cheriton, on July 13, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, 21314 S. Bayside Rd, will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget, a brief synopsis of which is presented above. Any resident shall have the right to attend the Public Hearing and state his or her views on the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget is on file for review at the Cheriton Town Hall during regular business hours.



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## CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956 HOLDS REUNION



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The Central High School Class of 1956 met on June 17 for its annual class reunion at the Sage Diner. A few classmates were unable to attend this year, but the class is making big plans for next year's 70th class reunion. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Joyce Arrington Bowen, June Parker Collins, Harriet Stockley Shrieves, Peggy Reed Brown, and Betty Scarborough Killmon. Pictured from left in the front row are Jack Gladden and Bill Phillips.



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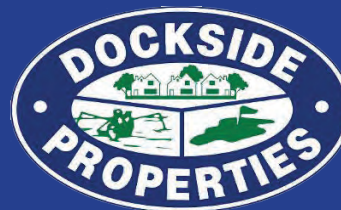
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Jeanette Edwards, CEO of Eastern Shore Rural Health, accepts a \$1,000 donation from Dr. Paul Strong, treasurer of the Rotary Club of Cape Charles. The donation will support a lifestyle garden in Eastville. The garden is part of Rural Health's new lifestyle medicine program, which uses healthy habits and fresh, nutritious foods to prevent and manage disease by giving Lifestyle Medicine patients access to good food that helps them get started on a healthier path.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

All Accomack County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be closed on July 4th and all future County holidays.

Please visit the County website at

<https://www.co.accomack.va.us/departments/public-works/convenience-centers-and-recycling>  
for a complete list of observed County holidays.

### **Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Project: Cheriton to Birdsnest Segment Northampton County**

#### **Environmental Document Available for Public Review**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is proposing to convert approximately 11.3 miles of railbanked railroad corridor from the former Bay Coast Railroad into a shared-use path in Northampton County. This proposed segment of the Eastern Shore Rail to Trail project includes a 10-foot-wide, paved, bi-directional path extending from Route 638 (Sunnyside Road) in Cheriton to Route 620 (Birdsnest Drive) in Birdsnest. Construction of the shared-use path would occur largely within right of way managed by operators of the railroad, Canonie Atlantic Company, supplemented by minor sections using pre-existing VDOT right of way.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed construction segment of the shared-use path.

For more information on this project, visit the project page online at the VDOT website: <https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hampton-roads-district/eastern-shore-rail-to-trail-project-cheriton-to-birdsnest-segment/>

The Categorical Exclusion was prepared in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR 771(c)(22)) and is available for review on the project webpage; at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435, (757) 956-3332, 800-367-7623, or TTY/TDD 711; and at the Accomack Residency located at 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301, (757) 787-5856. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

The public comment period expires **July 6, 2026**. Comments regarding the document should be mailed to Ms. Nakia Alston, Virginia Department of Transportation, 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435 or emailed to [Nakia.Alston@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Nakia.Alston@VDOT.Virginia.gov). Please reference "Eastern Shore Rail to Trail CE" in the subject line.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places are included in the NEPA documentation.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights Division at 757-956-3000 or TDD/TTY 711.

State Project: 9999-065-612, P101 | Federal Project: STP-065-5(043) | UPC: 127930

# Onancock decides against VDOT crosswalks

**BY SARAH BARBAN**  
Eastern Shore Post

The Onancock Town Council voted Monday, June 22, not to move forward with a Virginia Department of Transportation grant that would have installed eight crosswalks in town.

Under the plan the town would have been responsible for 20% of the cost, or \$50,000 per crosswalk, and VDOT would have covered the rest.

The total cost of the project was estimated at roughly \$2 million, or \$250,000 per crosswalk.

Residents and councilmembers alike previously expressed concerns about the cost and whether crosswalks were truly needed.

The council moved instead to ask Town Manager Wesley Wootten and town staff to look into possible options for crosswalks and come to the

council with any recommendations by the end of the year.

## Water study

The Onancock Town Council has budgeted \$20,000 for a water study in the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilmember Cynthia Holdren said she hoped that the water engineer coming to do the work could give the town an idea of what its needs are in terms of water, she said.

“Common sense tells me that we keep having breaks, so there may very well be some problems we have to address,” she said. “To me that has to be our top priority, probably for the ensuing years.”

Holdren said other projects, such as the renovation of Queen Street, may have to take a back seat, as water infrastructure needs to be a top priority.

## Historic Onancock School

Councilmember Sarah Nock, who also serves on the Historic Onancock School board, said much of the material needed to complete the restoration of the Historic Onancock School has arrived.

The school was damaged in a Jan. 31 fire after towels coated in massage oil spontaneously combusted in the basement.

The fire destroyed the basement room where it started and damaged much of the building.

Nock said painting is ongoing at the school, with painting in the north wing already complete.

The railings where the drop ceiling was hung have been reinstalled and progress is steady, she said.

## Grant funding

Wootten said he was under the impression that the town had closed out

the Community Development Block Grant it received for the northeast neighborhood, but he discovered funds are still available.

The funds will be used to build a sidewalk on Pine Street and do some ditch and drainage work.

The sidewalk will be on the side of the road that borders the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department and will stretch from Market Street to the end of Pine Street.

## Town budget

The town council unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget.

The real estate tax rate will be lowered from .0242 cents per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.20 cents per \$100 of assessed value to bring the tax rate in line with Accomack County’s reassessment.

All other tax rates remained the same.

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## Dos Santos thrift store, food pantry closed July 4

The Dos Santos thrift store and food market both will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

Dos Santos is a volunteer-run food pantry dedicated to providing healthy,

culturally appropriate food to immigrant and agricultural worker families across Accomack and Northampton counties.

Dos Santos serves more than 800 families every month, making it the Shore’s largest partner agency of the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.

### INVITATION TO BID

Northampton County invites sealed bids on the following motor vehicles:

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2004	GMC	¾ ton Truck	Landfill	unknown	3899	121-537L	red
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2007	Dodge	Durango	Landfill	unknown	3602	131-825L	white

The truck is located at the County Landfill, 20371 Seaside Road, Cape Charles, Virginia, and can be viewed between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2026, at the County Administrator's Office, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids can be mailed to the County Administrator's Office, PO Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 or delivered to the Courthouse Road Offices.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all informalities and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to the end of the fiscal year closing, the Northampton County Treasurer’s Office and the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office will be closed on **Monday, June 29, 2026**, and **Tuesday, June 30, 2026**.

We appreciate your patience and will reopen for normal business on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026**.

# House, Senate agree on state budget

I am happy to report that a budget has been agreed upon by the House of Delegates and the state Senate. Gov. Abigail Spanberger has only seven

days to act, as July 1 is the deadline for a spending plan to be in place.

There is certainly a lot in the budget to be happy about, as well as some things that I oppose.

It was a long and tedious path, not because of dif-

ferences in spending priorities, but because the chairmen could not agree on the revenues that were available to spend.

I went to Richmond numerous times and drove home after the two chairpersons thought they had reached an agreement, only for the revenue numbers to change.

We started the year with former

Gov. Glenn Youngkin leaving the state in a strong financial position, with \$1.8 billion in excess revenue available to spend.

When we met during the session in February, the Senate decided to raise additional revenue by taxing the data center industry.

They included an extra \$1.2 billion in their proposed budget on top of the \$1.8 billion Youngkin left. This set up a standoff between the House and the Senate.

The governor forecast revenues in June, and both sales tax revenue and withholding tax collections increased, adding another \$1.2 billion to available revenues.

Again, we need to thank Youngkin for the strong economy that Spanberger inherited.

At that point, we moved closer to the Senate's position on many of their spending priorities, even without meeting with them in conference.

We were running out of time to get a spending plan in place, so we held a press conference in an effort to encourage the Senate to respond.

If a budget is not adopted by July

1, all funding that supports teachers and law enforcement, whether they are state employees or supported by state funding, would stop.

In Virginia, we do not use continuing spending resolutions, nor do we issue IOUs for back pay.

The Senate then countered by accepting our suggested revenue and spending increases while adding another \$1.8 billion through a larger data center tax, along with additional spending.

This is when Sen. Louise Lucas began her anti-data center tour across Virginia.

That move put both the House and the governor, who had publicly backed the House position, on the defensive once again.

I was called back to Richmond with no revenue agreement in place, but with time running out, we had to do something.

After waiting an hour beyond our scheduled conference meeting with the Senate, a deal was finally struck.

The data center tax was relabeled as a consumption fee on the electricity

used. The fee was capped at the \$1.2 billion level for the biennium.

Once the revenue issue was resolved, we were able to confer with our counterparts from the Senate. With the additional revenues available, the conference process, which takes place in small groups, moved quickly.

Other than a few chairman-level decisions, we completed our work in a single 12-hour day.

This late budget does put our localities in a bind, as their budgets were formulated using lower state revenue projections.

July 1 is the deadline for all localities to have a budget in place.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will report on items of interest within the budget, and I will also try to provide context for the data center debate that delayed its passage.

As always, please feel free to contact my staff or me with any questions or concerns you may have by calling my district office at 757-824-3456 or by emailing me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov



Delegate  
Rob Bloxom

## GUEST COLUMN

# Project documents change in Nassawadox, Silver Beach, Oyster, Willis Wharf

BY KAYLA JONES

Guest columnist

Advertisements for the Shore Strong project recently have been circulating on the Eastern Shore. Some people may have heard of last year's inaugural project on Chincoteague (WHRO published an article about it), while others may be curious.

The Shore Strong project is a celebration of community sponsored by the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission.

We have all seen change in our lifetimes on the Eastern Shore, from businesses changing hands, to islands

## Shore Strong

The Shore Strong project seeks old and current photos and stories from the communities of Nassawadox, Silver Beach, Oyster, and Willis Wharf. Meetings will be held in Oyster June 30, July 21, and Aug. 11, with the final open house showcase on Aug. 21.

fading away, to the faces around us shifting.

Shore Strong is an opportunity to

talk about what change has occurred, but also what change we want to control.

This year's Shore Strong project is focused on the communities of Nassawadox, Willis Wharf, Silver Beach, and Oyster.

To the residents of these areas, past and present, please donate your photos and your stories of what you want to see preserved in these communities.

Whether it is your family farm, a building as old as the town, a marina almost as old as the town, or even just the view off your back porch, capture your favorite parts of the Eastern

Shore that deserve to persist.

Take it from a former volunteer. Shore Strong isn't a photography contest (all mine were taken with my phone). It is about taking pride in where you live.

If you are interested, please contact the A-NPDC Shore Strong group at 757-787-2936, extension 129, or email esvashorestrong@gmail.com.

Our meetings are June 30, July 21, and Aug. 11, with the final open house showcase on Aug. 21.

■ *The writer is a coastal resilience planning intern with the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission.*

# Eastern Shore Post

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## Help Wanted

### ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

**Solid Waste Manager I or II**  
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(based on experience)

Accomack County is currently recruiting for the full-time position of Solid Waste Facility Manager I or II in the Public Works Department. The purpose of the position is to manage the operation of one of the County's Solid Waste facilities. Employees in this classification perform both skilled and managerial work. Position is responsible for managing the site budget; training and supervising personnel; ensuring safety; scheduling and assigning equipment maintenance; and preparing a variety of records and reports.

**Minimum qualifications:** High school diploma or GED; supplemented by five (5) to nine (9) years previous experience and/or training that includes heavy equipment operation, maintenance, repair, and managing solid waste operations; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Prior supervisory experience. Basic proficiency in Microsoft Office. Experience with mobile platform devices. The following certifications are required within 18 months of hire date: Waste Management Facility Operator I and II. A valid driver's license is required.

Satisfactory completion of a background check, medical exam including drug screening, and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. DMV records check will be performed annually thereafter. **The position is open until filled, with the review of applications beginning on Monday, July 6, 2026.** Additional details may be found online: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>

*Accomack County is committed  
to an inclusive and diverse workforce.*

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.

### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS TWO FULL-TIME & ONE PART-TIME

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

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

Applications may be obtained from Northampton County Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347.

### OPEN POSITIONS

Northampton County has the following open positions in the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department:

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Building Inspector. The essential function of this position is to perform building inspections. Provides customer service and clerical duties.

Requires high school diploma or GED, and one (1) year of related experience. Experience as a building inspector is desired. Provides customer service to the public pertaining to building permits. The position is responsible for performing building inspections and reviewing construction plans.

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

#### CODE COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Code Compliance Inspector. The essential function of this position is to provide customer service to the public pertaining to code inspections and enforcement of county codes. The position is responsible for inspections and enforces violations of Chapter 92: Abandoned, Inoperable and Unattended Vehicles; Chapter 94: Nuisances; and Chapter 154: Zoning Code.

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

Please refer to Northampton county's website at <https://tinyurl.com/yez6ra> for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. **Positions open until filled.**

### PEDIATRIC SPEECH THERAPIST (SLP)

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# Help Wanted

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

## Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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

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

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

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

Open until filled.

### Apply in person at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ESVA Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for a part-time Executive Director. We are seeking a visionary candidate to lead the organization, along with the community, in a movement to establish strength, stability, and self-reliance through safe and affordable housing for families in need here on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The Executive Director serves as the chief executive and operational leader of the organization, responsible for advancing the mission of Habitat for Humanity through strong organizational management, financial stewardship, community partnerships, and strategic leadership. This position places a significant emphasis on day-to-day operations, organizational efficiency, staff leadership, construction coordination, compliance, and sustainable growth.

The Executive Director works closely with the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, donors, partner families, and community stakeholders to ensure the organization operates effectively and fulfills its mission of providing safe, affordable housing opportunities.

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in nonprofit management, business administration, public administration, construction management, or related field (or equivalent experience).
- Minimum of 5 years of leadership or management experience, preferably in nonprofit operations, housing, construction, community development, or related fields.
- Strong operational and organizational management skills.
- Experience managing budgets, financial reporting, and organizational planning.
- Demonstrated ability to supervise staff and lead teams effectively.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and public speaking skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse groups including volunteers, donors, partner families, and community leaders.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and organizational management systems.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience with nonprofit fundraising and donor relations.
- Familiarity with affordable housing programs and community development initiatives.
- Knowledge of construction project management or facilities operations.
- Experience working with a Board of Directors.
- Understanding of Habitat for Humanity's mission and model.

Salary Range: \$48,000 to \$54,000 per year

Schedule: 32 hours per week, salaried and exempt

To read the complete job description, visit our website [www.easternshorehabitat.org](http://www.easternshorehabitat.org)

Please send your cover letter and resume to Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 1299, Exmore, VA 23350, or apply by email to [hmirchandani@easternshorehabitat.org](mailto:hmirchandani@easternshorehabitat.org)

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**Peer Recovery Specialist**

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**Accounting Manager**

**(\$55,000 - \$75,000/year)**

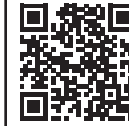
**Developmental Services Case Manager**

**(\$42,000 - \$50,000/year)**

**Developmental Disabilities Aide**

**(\$14/hour; \$2.50/hour night & weekend differential)**

**For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB's website at [www.escsb.org](http://www.escsb.org) or contact Heather Savage at 757-656-4916 or [hsavage@escsb.org](mailto:hsavage@escsb.org) with questions.**



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## ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

### Utility Driver & Operator

F/T position with benefits

**Open Until Filled | Starting Salary: \$35,429 - \$46,058**

*(based on experience)*

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a full-time Utility Driver & Operator in the Department of Public Works.

**Description:** The position's primary responsibility is to drive and operate a variety of trucks and equipment. Employees in this classification perform skilled and manual work. Position is responsible for operating roll-off trucks, tractor/trailer trucks, dump trucks, heavy equipment (e.g., loaders, excavators, and dozers), portable power equipment, and hand tools.

**Minimum qualifications:** High school diploma or GED; supplemented by one (1) to two (2) years previous experience and/or training involving the operation of heavy automotive equipment; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Possession of a Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement. Satisfactory completion of a background check, medical exam including drug screening, and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. DMV records check will be performed annually thereafter.

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

**Review of applications will begin on Monday, July 6, 2026.**

*Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.*



## PHYSICS ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR 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 a part-time Physics adjunct instructor.

The adjunct faculty member is responsible for teaching courses for which he/she has specific training or competence. Plans, organizes, teaches, and provides feedback to students to promote and direct learning in the classroom, while serving students with a wide variety of academic backgrounds and experiences. Engages students outside of class via office hours and provides thorough, timely, and effective feedback to students regarding the mastery of course and program learning outcomes.

**Required qualifications:** Master's degree in physics or graduate degree with 18 graduate semester hours in physics. Ability to communicate effectively in an electronic format.

ESCC is seeking applications for this part-time position. For additional details, qualifications, and the application process, please visit: <https://jobs.vccs.edu/postings/97016>

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# Help Wanted

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TOWN OF EASTVILLE, VIRGINIA

The Town of Eastville, Virginia, is seeking an experienced and community-focused professional to serve as its next Town Administrator.

The Town Administrator serves as the chief administrative and executive officer of the Town and is responsible for overseeing municipal operations, personnel administration, budget preparation and management, implementation of Town Council policies, and maintaining effective relationships with residents, businesses, and government partners.

The ideal candidate will be a hands-on leader with strong communication, financial management, and organizational skills who values transparency, public service, and community engagement.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, political science, finance, or a related field and a minimum of three (3) years of progressively responsible management or administrative experience in local government or a related field. Equivalent combinations of education and experience will be considered.

**Salary: \$65,000 - \$75,000**

**First consideration will be given to applications received by July 31, 2026.**

**Position open until filled.**

To apply, submit a resume, and three professional references to:

Town of Eastville  
Town Clerk, Julie Pruitt  
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## Misc. For Sale



### SHERATON STYLE WALNUT HUNTBOARD

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VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

IRENE LEWIN and THOMAS D. SMITH

Plaintiffs  
CASE NO. 25CL962

v.

LUCAS LEWIN, et al.

Defendants

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: LUCAS LEWIN, whose last known address is unknown; and the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of ALLEN CARLTON WATSON, deceased, and JOANNE WATSON PERCY, if she is deceased, whose names and last known addresses are unknown, who are made party Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, may or may not claim an interest in one or more of the parcels, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Lucas Lewin and any Parties Unknown, should appear on or before **August 3, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**, in the Clerk's Office and do whatever is necessary to protect any interest they may claim in the parcels.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, a periodical of general circulation in the County of Accomack, Virginia.

Entered on this 4th day of June, 2026.

TESTEE: Honorable Talia C. Taylor, Clerk of Court

I ASK FOR THIS:

Anita C. Johnson

Anita C. Johnson, Esq. (VSB #35407)  
Johnson & Hart Law PLLC  
P.O. Box 877  
23405 Front Street  
Accomack, VA 23301  
757-787-8743

### TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES PLANNING COMMISSION – PUBLIC HEARING

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

**Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP) 2026-02:** From the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative for the review of a comprehensive sign plan as part of a conditional use permit application in the commercial district (C-1), per Cape Charles Town Code Chapter 32, Article V, Section 32-112 (f).

**Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 2026-03:** Application from the Town of Cape Charles to add new regulations for Mobile Food and/or Beverage Units by amending the Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 32-105 to Article IV (General Regulations Applicable to All Districts).

This application is available for public review on our website at [www.capecharles.org](http://www.capecharles.org) under *Agendas and Minutes > Upcoming Meetings*.

Please contact the Interim Zoning Administrator, Rick Keuroglan, at (757) 331-2979, or by email at [rick.keuroglan@capecharles.org](mailto:rick.keuroglan@capecharles.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Anyone interested in attending and requiring special assistance should contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

# Legal Ads

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia, entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at the Accomack County Circuit Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301, at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

- PARCEL 1: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON  
MAP NO. 062A1A000027300  
16374 WEST RIDGE ROAD, TANGIER; 0.118 ACRE +/-  
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY
- PARCEL 2: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. JOAN U. CHANDLER/  
ROBINSON F. DISHARON  
MAP NO. 005A50100010700  
LOT 107, SECTION 11, CAPTAIN'S COVE
- PARCEL 3: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. PENNY LISA CHANDLER  
MAP NO. 085A30800002100  
16 WATSON STREET, TOWN OF ONANCOCK
- PARCEL 4: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. ADORSEY COULBOURN  
MAP NO. 09200A000008400  
25356 SAVAGEVILLE ROAD; 200 FT. x 200 FT. +/-
- PARCEL 5: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MARY E. DRUMMOND CUSTIS  
MAP NO. 087B00301001300  
24605 MARY N SMITH ROAD; LOT 13, BLK 1,  
SMITH'S DEVELOPING PROJECT
- PARCEL 6: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RICHARD ELLISON  
MAP NO. 062A3A000000500  
5098 CANTON ROAD, TANGIER
- PARCEL 7: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MICHAEL JAMES FINSTAD  
MAP NO. 023A0A000002200  
23624 SAXIS ROAD; 0.50 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 8: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MICHAEL JAMES FINSTAD  
MAP NO. 99999999036100
- PARCEL 9: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. WANDA YNETTE MASON/  
FRED D. MASON, JR.  
MAP NO. 094D00900003000  
24560 CHURCH ROAD
- PARCEL 10: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RESORT HOMES, INC.  
MAP NO. 005A50100006700  
LOT 67, SECTION 11, CAPTAIN'S COVE

- PARCEL 11: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RESORT HOMES, INC./DAVID E. THURMAN  
MAP NO. 005A10100005100  
LOT 551, SECTION 1, CAPTAIN'S COVE
- PARCEL 12: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RESORT HOMES, INC./DAVID E. THURMAN  
MAP NO. 005A10100005200  
LOT 552, SECTION 1, CAPTAIN'S COVE
- PARCEL 13: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DANIEL LEE SIMMONS  
MAP NO. 029A10300021000  
6317 BLUEBILL DRIVE; LOT 210, UNIT III, SHEET 6, TRAILS END
- PARCEL 14: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. CLEMENT A. SMITH  
MAP NO. 04100A000002700  
ON WILL FISHER ROAD; 2.00 ACRES +/-
- PARCEL 15: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. JUANITA Y. STRAND  
MAP NO. 086D00100006900  
OFF BLUE LANE
- PARCEL 16: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. BRIAN SWIM  
MAP NO. 109E00200003400  
ON PINEY LANE; LOT 34, SECTION II, NANDUA BAY
- PARCEL 17: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. JAMES E. TOWNSEND  
MAP NO. 027A00100001100  
32091 CHINCOTEAGUE ROAD; 75 FT. x 250 FT. +/-  
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY
- PARCEL 18: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. FRANCES L. TURNER  
MAP NO. 09200A000008600  
25388 SAVAGEVILLE ROAD
- PARCEL 19: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MAGGIE E. WATSON  
MAP NO. 10000A000002300  
ON BOBTOWN ROAD; 0.75 ACRE +/-
- PARCEL 20: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. WILLIAM JASON YOUNG  
MAP NO. 029A10100010900  
5682 TRAILS END DRIVE; LOT 109, UNIT I, SHEET 1, TRAILS END  
MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY

The terms of sale shall be cash or a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days. Additional terms will be announced at the sale. Each sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Towers, LLC, is proposing to construct a 199-foot overall height monopole telecommunications structure located near Bethel Church Road, Hallwood, Accomack County, Virginia (37° 52' 15.2" N, 75° 35' 02.3" W).

The Towers, LLC, invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to [publicnotice@eca-usa.com](mailto:publicnotice@eca-usa.com). Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 108 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. 26-001870/MLJ

### MAHADEV VENTURES LLC trading as

Mahadev Ventures LLC - Sting Ray's  
26507 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles,  
Northampton County, Virginia 23310-5603

The above establishment is applying to the  
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY  
for a Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverage Consumed  
On and Off Premises license  
to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Towers, LLC, is proposing to construct a 199-foot overall height self-supporting lattice telecommunications structure off Littleton Road, Bloxom, Accomack County, Virginia (37° 48' 30.7" N, 75° 35' 13.7" W).

The Towers, LLC, invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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# Legal Ads

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
**21209 N BAYSIDE RD, CHERITON, VA 23316**  
**TAX MAP: 084C2/16 00/000000A;**  
**PARCEL ID NO(S): PAR REC #3061**

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 26, 2022, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia ("Clerk's Office") on May 27, 2022, as Instrument No. 220001465, for whom Pender & Coward, P.C., Substitute Trustee (the "Substitute Trustee"), has been duly substituted pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee, dated May 18, 2026, and default having occurred in the payment of the debts secured by the Deed of Trust, and at the request and direction of the holder of the note evidencing such debt (the "Lender"), the Substitute Trustee will sell the following described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of June 2026, on the front steps of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347.

**TERMS:** Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information. A deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 10% of successful bid price, payable in cash or by certified or cashier's check to the undersigned, will be required at the time of sale from the successful bidder, with the closing to occur within thirty (30) days of the date of said sale or within such time set by Substitute Trustee in its sole discretion. There is no warranty relating to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition, and the Property shall be conveyed by special warranty deed. The sale of the Property shall be subject to the right, if any, of parties in possession, and the Property shall be sold "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS", without representation or warranty of any kind including, without limitation, warranty relating to the zoning, structural integrity, physical condition, extent of construction, construction, workmanship, materials, habitability or environmental condition, fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability of all or any part of the Property, and SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, rights-of-way, easements, reservations, agreements, and other conditions contained in the chain of title thereto, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any. The Substitute Trustee is not obligated to deliver possession of the Property to the successful bidder; obtaining possession of the Property shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to waive the deposit requirement as to any bidder, withdraw any Property from sale at any time before the termination of bidding, keep the bidding open for any length of time, and reject any and all bids. All closing costs, including but not limited to the payment for preparation of the Substitute Trustee's Deed by the Substitute Trustee's attorney and payment of the grantor's tax, shall be borne by the successful bidder. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Memorandum of Sale concerning the purchase of the Property by the successful bidder, a copy of which will be available immediately prior to announcing the sale. All information for review by appointment only. 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

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

Case No. JJ014432-05-00  
 Accomack County Juvenile  
 and Domestic Relations District Court  
 23371 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Emmanuel Estudillo Carey  
 The object of this suit is:  
**TO TERMINATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS**  
**OF UNKNOWN FATHER**

It is ordered that Unknown Father appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before August 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

05/29/2026  
 Roland C. Leighton, Clerk

**VIRGINIA:**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY**  
**THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA** Plaintiff  
 vs. CIVIL CASE NO. 26-418  
**SARAH BAILEY, 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 109A0A000004300.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Ricky L. Collins, Patrick O. Collins, Levin G. Collins IV, Angel Mae Collins, Rhyseame Thomas, Nijohni Nicole Robinson, Genesis Roland Collins, and Sarah Bailey, Ethel Strand, Hilda Smith, Lawrence Collins, Ann Finney, Eunice C. White, Connie C. Savage, and Ellen A. Collins, if living, or if deceased, the heirs of Sarah Bailey, Ethel Strand, Hilda Smith, Lawrence Collins, Ann Finney, Eunice C. White, Connie C. Savage, and Ellen A. Collins, and the heirs of Levin G. Collins, Tyson Collins, Bernard Collins, Genesis Collins, Catherine Smith, Levin Gunter Collins III, Wayne Lee Collins, Lawrence N. Collins, Clifton Collins, and Izell Sample, and the unknown owners and parties holding an interest in the subject real estate, appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before August 17, 2026.

Enter this 17th day of June, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott  
 Attorney at Law  
 P.O. Box 1410  
 7100 U.S. Route 17  
 Yorktown, VA 23692  
 757-898-7000

**VIRGINIA:**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY**  
**THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA** Plaintiff  
 vs. CIVIL CASE NO. 26-646  
**PURNELL SMITH, 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 113B00200000900.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Purnell Smith, if living, or the heirs of Purnell Smith, and Lemuel Shields appear on or before August 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 June, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott  
 Attorney at Law  
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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301.**

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

- A. Amendment to Section 2-2 of the Accomack County Code to increase the fee charged by the County on bad checks to \$35.00 and expanding said fee to cover dishonored electronic payments
- B. Amendment of the County's adopted FY27 budget pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2507, to bring forth a FY26 carryover request for \$15,436,004.23 by ACPS proposed budget amendments that exceed 1% of the County's FY27 adopted expenditure budget

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

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# Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE NO. 26-185

vs.

The heirs and devisees of  
KATHY MAE SPENCE, 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 121B00100A0004A.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Elvis Stevens, Thomas Powers, Chris Lilliston, Edwin Dale Powers Jr., the heirs of Kathy Mae Spence and the heirs of Edwin D. Powers appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before August 3, 2026.

Enter this 3rd day of June, 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

## PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ONANCOCK

A public hearing will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Town Hall Chambers – 15 North St., Onancock, VA 23417, concerning the following:

An ordinance to amend the Town of Onancock Zoning Ordinance by amending the district maps in order to rezone the following properties containing utility facilities, or portions thereof, into the Industrial, Utilities (I-U) Zoning District:

1. A portion of Parcel ID: 085A102A0000200 and 085A102A0000300; Tax Map # 85A1-2-A-2 and 85A1-2-A-3; comprising 450 square feet (0.010 acres), to be subdivided, located at 1 Mount Prospect Avenue, Onancock, Virginia, Accomack County.
2. A portion of Parcel ID: 085A224000059A0; Tax Map # 85A2-24-59A; comprising 900 square feet (0.021 acres), to be subdivided, located at 11 Liberty Street, Onancock, Virginia, Accomack County; and,
3. Parcel ID: 085A1A000004700; Tax Map # 85A1-A-47; The Town of Onancock's Pump Station Lot, located off South Street, Onancock, Virginia, Accomack County.

The ordinance will also amend and reordain the regulations of Chapter 38, Zoning by Ratification of a Zoning Ordinance, adopted November 18, 2024, relating to Article X.a, Industrial, Utilities (I-U), and Sections 38-1, 38-8, 38-345, 38-440, and 38-477.

## PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** June 26, 2026 to July 27, 2026

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

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Robert Dorman; 26001 Edgewater Farm Lane, Cape Charles, VA 23310; GWI000232

**NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL:** Edgewater Farm; 26001 Edgewater Farm Lane, Cape Charles, VA 23310

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Robert Dorman has applied for a reissuance of a permit for agricultural irrigation. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 3,400,000 gallons per year and 2,250,000 gallons per month from the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer. The ground water withdrawal will support crop irrigation and farm equipment cleaning. The top of the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at the proposed withdrawal site was determined to be 70 feet below land surface. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit. The draft permit can be viewed at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/news-info/shortcuts/public-notice/water/water-withdrawal>

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

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

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

## NOTICE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On July 27, 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 Town of Bloxom, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes

Mason, Dorothy  
069A0A000013300  
Rew, Rebecca E.  
069A0A000001000  
Schmidt-Stoddard, Donna & Stoddard, Chris D.  
069A0A0000072B0  
Warren, David D. & Virginia C.B.  
069A0A000017600

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.

TREASURER  
TOWN OF BLOXOM, VIRGINIA

I ask for this:

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Attorney at Law  
7100 Route 17  
Yorktown, VA 23692  
(757) 898-7000  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing commencing at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 14, 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, NO. 2026-003** – Adding §§ 99.01 through 99.04 to a new Chapter 99 in Title IX of the Northampton County Code to designate the Eastern Shore Rail Trail as a public nonmotorized transportation facility and recreational shared-used path, to prohibit the use of the Eastern Shore Rail Trail by motorized vehicles unless expressly permitted, to establish other rules governing use of the Eastern Shore Rail Trail, and to provide civil penalties for violations.

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

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## Northampton Property Transfers

- From Cascade Funding RMI Alternative Holdings LLC  
To Marsha Muhic  
Lot at Occohannock Neck, Exmore  
For \$315,000
- From Cynthia Patrick  
To Erica Curran and Todd Curran  
Lot 486, Town of Cape Charles  
For \$735,000
- From Harry W. Drummond Inc.  
To County Realty LLC  
Three lots near Exmore  
For \$800,000
- From Kathleen Sabo and Edmund Sabo  
To Amy Louise Sabo and Edmund Sabo II  
Lot 6, Cherrystone Village, Cheriton  
For \$250,000
- From Kathleen P. Casey  
To Elizabeth Oden and James Peck  
Lot in Franktown  
For \$440,000
- From John David Steelman III  
To Lisa K. Simpson, trustee  
Two lots near Franktown  
For \$5,000
- From CS Investors, Inc.  
To Kelly Smith and Christopher Smith  
Lot K97, Village L, Phase 1B, Bay Creek, Cape Charles  
For \$1 million
- From Justin Colson  
To Morgan Bjorkman and Kyle Bjorkman  
Two lots near Simpkins Siding, Eastville  
For \$299,800
- From C&A Building and Remodeling LLC  
To Tyler Ray Confair  
Lot 7, Nottingham Estates, Cheapside  
For \$390,000
- From Kevin James Doughty  
To Leonard Core  
Two lots in the town of Exmore  
For \$220,000
- From Virginia Builders LLC  
To Donna Vannata and John Caporuscio  
Lot 51, phase 2, Town Hill, Cape Charles  
For \$454,000
- From Marsha K. Scanlan and David Scanlan  
To Samuel James Shockley  
Lot 10A, Block C, Exmore  
For \$32,000

## Accomack Property Transfers

- From Shaun Sterling  
To CMH Homes Inc.  
Lot, 5, Green Meadow Estates, Greenbush  
For \$29,000
- From Linda Boswell and Christopher McKown, attorney-in-fact  
To Courtney Reitzel and Marc Reitzel  
Property on Fletcher Road, Accomac  
For \$245,000
- From Robert Victor Burton  
To Karen Selig and Brian Selig  
5210 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague  
For \$350,000
- From MTGLQ Investors LP  
To Helen Cornwell and Charles Cornwell Jr.  
41023 Channel Lane, Chincoteague  
For \$277,000
- From Faith Ann Lewis  
To Mariah Evans  
31083 Chesser Road, Temperanceville  
For \$130,000
- From Joseph Ross  
To Melissa Waugh and Bryan Waugh  
Lot 1319 Blackbeard Road, Greenbackville  
For \$230,000
- From Lori Basch  
To Alana Hayhurst  
3625 Ridge Road, Chincoteague  
For \$565,000
- From David F. Mason, trustee  
To Douglas Muhle  
112 acres on Scarboroughs Neck Road, Craddockville  
For \$936,500
- From Robert Andrejco, trustee  
To Ravan Reese and Michael Reese  
19072 Mink Farm Road, Onancock  
For \$745,000
- From CHM Homes Inc.  
To Ublester Baltazar Jr. and Hunter Addison Baltazar  
33030 Garrison Lane, Painter  
For \$270,031
- From Norma Paulette Parks Linton, Diane Smith, and Richard Jeffrey Linton  
To Nittany LLC  
43 acres in Temperanceville  
For \$225,000
- From Denise Panzarella and John Panzarella  
To Billie Russell and William Russell  
Tract 6, Ole Church Road, Accomac  
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## Eastern Shore Tide Chart — Week of June 26, 2026

Location	Fri Jun 26	Sat Jun 27	Sun Jun 28	Mon Jun 29	Tue Jun 30	Wed Jul 1	Thu Jul 2
<b>SEASIDE</b>							
<b>Assateague Beach</b>	<b>L 12:20 pm</b> <b>H 6:40 pm</b>	H 6:53 am L 1:05 pm	H 7:36 am L 1:49 pm	H 8:19 am L 2:30 pm	H 9:01 am L 3:11 pm	H 9:43 am L 3:51 pm	H 10:25 am L 4:32 pm
<b>Chincoteague Channel</b>	L 12:17 pm H 6:37 pm	H 6:53 am L 1:02 pm	H 7:38 am L 1:46 pm	H 8:20 am L 2:28 pm	H 9:01 am L 3:09 pm	H 9:42 am L 3:48 pm	H 10:22 am L 4:28 pm
<b>Gargatha Neck</b>	H 7:04 am L 12:59 pm	H 7:49 am L 1:44 pm	H 8:32 am L 2:28 pm	H 9:15 am L 3:09 pm	H 9:57 am L 3:50 pm	H 10:39 am L 4:30 pm	H 11:21 am L 5:11 pm
<b>Folly Creek</b>	H 6:57 am L 12:44 pm	H 7:42 am L 1:29 pm	H 8:25 am L 2:13 pm	H 9:08 am L 2:54 pm	H 9:50 am L 3:35 pm	H 10:32 am L 4:15 pm	H 11:14 am L 4:56 pm
<b>Wachapreague</b>	<b>L 12:16 pm</b> <b>H 6:56 pm</b>	H 7:01 am L 1:03 pm	H 7:47 am L 1:49 pm	H 8:34 am L 2:35 pm	H 9:22 am L 3:18 pm	H 10:07 am L 3:58 pm	H 10:50 am L 4:37 pm
<b>Quinby Inlet</b>	<b>L 11:59 am</b> <b>H 6:40 pm</b>	H 6:53 am L 12:44 pm	H 7:36 am L 1:28 pm	H 8:19 am L 2:09 pm	H 9:01 am L 2:50 pm	H 9:43 am L 3:30 pm	H 10:25 am L 4:11 pm
<b>Machipongo</b>	H 6:38 am L 12:28 pm	H 7:23 am L 1:13 pm	H 8:06 am L 1:57 pm	H 8:49 am L 2:38 pm	H 9:31 am L 3:19 pm	H 10:13 am L 3:59 pm	H 10:55 am L 4:40 pm
<b>BAYSIDE</b>							
<b>Tangier Sound Light</b>	H 10:17 am L 4:27 pm	H 11:01 am L 5:10 pm	H 11:42 am L 5:50 pm	H 12:20 pm L 6:28 pm	L 7:30 am H 12:56 pm	L 8:08 am H 1:34 pm	L 8:45 am H 2:13 pm
<b>Muddy Creek</b>	H 10:45 am L 5:05 pm	H 11:31 am L 5:51 pm	L 7:00 am H 12:15 pm	L 7:38 am H 12:56 pm	L 8:13 am H 1:35 pm	L 8:46 am H 2:13 pm	L 9:19 am H 2:51 pm
<b>Guard Shore</b>	H 10:37 am L 5:01 pm	H 11:23 am L 5:47 pm	H 12:07 pm L 6:32 pm	L 7:34 am H 12:48 pm	L 8:09 am H 1:27 pm	L 8:42 am H 2:05 pm	L 9:15 am H 2:43 pm
<b>Chesconessex Creek</b>	H 10:12 am L 4:13 pm	H 10:58 am L 4:59 pm	H 11:42 am L 5:44 pm	H 12:23 pm L 6:27 pm	L 7:21 am H 1:02 pm	L 7:54 am H 1:40 pm	L 8:27 am H 2:18 pm
<b>Onancock Creek</b>	H 10:26 am L 4:33 pm	H 11:12 am L 5:19 pm	H 11:56 am L 6:04 pm	L 7:06 am H 12:37 pm	L 7:41 am H 1:16 pm	L 8:14 am H 1:54 pm	L 8:47 am H 2:32 pm
<b>Pungoteague Creek</b>	H 9:42 am L 3:47 pm	H 10:28 am L 4:33 pm	H 11:12 am L 5:18 pm	H 11:53 am L 6:01 pm	H 12:32 pm L 6:41 pm	L 7:28 am H 1:10 pm	L 8:01 am H 1:48 pm
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<b>Kiptopeke Beach</b>	H 6:56 am L 12:44 pm	H 7:40 am L 1:29 pm	H 8:23 am L 2:14 pm	H 9:04 am L 2:56 pm	H 9:42 am L 3:35 pm	H 10:20 am L 4:11 pm	H 10:58 am L 4:49 pm

Numbers in red indicate tide height above 4 feet and possible flooding.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: LOLLY — : WASTE TIME

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| Bumfuzzle  | Ganzo          | Ornery    | Wabbit |
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| Collop     | Malarkey       | Skedaddle |        |

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Last week's answers

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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: ♦♦

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

- |  |                              |  |  |   |                                       |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Sleep out in a tent                      | 53 French suffix with jardin | 100 Brooklyn art institute                                   | 7 Big name in photocopiers                 | 46 With 122-Down, rodent with a bark-like cry | 86 "Of course!"                       |
| 7 Nutrition std.                           | 54 Neighbor of Venus         | 102 Granola bit  | 8 Blue Devils' sch.                        | 87 Nashville awards org.                      | 87 Nashville awards org.              |
| 10 Fishing throw                           | 56 Fish-tailed males of myth | 103 Big bush bird  | 9 Mornings, in brief                       | 88 Great elation                              | 88 Great elation                      |
| 14 Alpaca's kin                            | 57 Hi-tech "appt. book"      | 104 Apiece   | 10 Inhabitant                              | 90 Rebuke to "Brute"                          | 90 Rebuke to "Brute"                  |
| 19 "Moonlight" actress Harris              | 58 Radical type              | 107 Brand of popcorn with peanuts                            | 11 Tennis great Arthur                     | 91 Ballet attire                              | 91 Ballet attire                      |
| 20 Suffix of element names                 | 60 1040 org.                 | 114 Part of UTEP   | 12 Seven-card poker variety, e.g.          | 92 Entered stealthily                         | 92 Entered stealthily                 |
| 21 Analogy words                           | 62 Suffix with ball or bass  | 116 Deep and hoarse, as a voice                              | 13 Marisa of film                          | 93 Wed again                                  | 93 Wed again                          |
| 22 Ancient Athens or Sparta, e.g.          | 63 Roman 901                 | 118 — de toilette  | 14 Vinyl albums, in brief                  | 94 Anomalous                                  | 94 Anomalous                          |
| 23 Construction vehicles with tilting beds | 66 Northern French river     | 120 "Painful to face the reality!"                           | 15 Booming                                 | 95 Affixes to a corkboard, e.g.               | 95 Affixes to a corkboard, e.g.       |
| 25 Chooses a finger over a pacifier        | 68 Roofing piece             | 122 Speechless from shock                                    | 16 Liquor                                  | 97 Cargo weight                               | 97 Cargo weight                       |
| 27 Before, in verse                        | 70 Essential (to)            | 126 Very mad   | 17 Russia's Gorbachev                      | 98 Relatives, informally                      | 98 Relatives, informally              |
| 28 "The Raven" writer                      | 72 Stiff-bristled bath item  | 127 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" | 18 Tears into                              | 101 Test out                                  | 101 Test out                          |
| 29 German art songs                        | 74 Dazed from a heavy blow   | 128 Mined matter   | 24 Scannable ID in a market                | 105 Frau's "Alas!"                            | 105 Frau's "Alas!"                    |
| 30 Qatari capital                          | 76 Incentive                 | 129 Séance state   | 26 "It's cold!"                            | 106 Pulverize                                 | 106 Pulverize                         |
| 31 1920s-'30s American mobster             | 77 GI no-shows               | 130 Stocking fiber   | 29 U.K. "Inc."                             | 108 Prefix with biology                       | 108 Prefix with biology               |
| 36 Young lady                              | 79 Small needle cases        | 131 Padlock part   | 32 Sleuth's aid                            | 109 Tiny role                                 | 109 Tiny role                         |
| 38 "Bali —"                                | 80 Suffix with Canton        | 132 Cozy gunk  | 33 Great athletes get elected to it: Abbr. | 110 Wheel middle                              | 110 Wheel middle                      |
| 39 Slugger Gehrig                          | 81 Turkey Day vegetable      | 133 Alternatives to Cokes                                    | 34 54-Across orbits it                     | 111 Verbs' counterparts placed                | 111 Verbs' counterparts placed        |
| 40 Plant swelling                          | 82 GI R&R center             | DOWN   | 35 Headed out with                         | 112 Spherical bacteria                        | 112 Spherical bacteria                |
| 42 How food is often fried                 | 83 Racecar fuel              | 1 Stopped  | 41 Daisy relatives, for short              | 113 Improves superficially, with "up"         | 113 Improves superficially, with "up" |
| 44 Title dragon of a '70s kids' show       | 85 Articulate                | 2 Pacific island republic                                    | 43 Mother Teresa, e.g.                     | 115 Filmmaker Preminger                       | 115 Filmmaker Preminger               |
| 50 Silly sorts                             | 87 River crafts              | 3 Sky stalker  | 44 Place for a fanny pack                  | 117 24/7 sources of \$20 bills                | 117 24/7 sources of \$20 bills        |
|  | 89 "Cool beans!"             | 4 Band blaster   | 45 Censors, as part of a text              | 121 Cackling bird                             | 121 Cackling bird                     |
|  | 91 Get weary                 | 5 Sch. in Cambridge  |  | 122 See 46-Down                               | 122 See 46-Down                       |
|  | 92 No-bake pie base          | 6 According to   |  | 123 Inits. at Indy                            | 123 Inits. at Indy                    |
|  | 96 Some heirs' cash sources  |  |  | 124 Half of sei                               | 124 Half of sei                       |
|  | 99 Concerning kidneys        |  |  | 125 Jay-Z's genre                             | 125 Jay-Z's genre                     |

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