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Farm family marks 150 years in business

Hickmans, of Horntown, host tour of potato harvest

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Hickman family's potatoes near Horntown are harvested in eight-row swaths before being washed, packed, and shipped to a distribution warehouse near Washington, D.C. — all within a 24-hour period.

Two to three days after they were in the field, their potatoes are in the produce departments of Walmart stores around the region, sold under the Hickmans' Dublin Farms label.

In all, 515 acres will be harvested and shipped in six weeks — from the last week of June until the first week of August — in a tight choreography of planning, expertise, hard work, and state-of-the-art machinery.

But harvest stopped for a few hours on Wednesday, July 8, so the Hickmans could thank local and state officials and the farm's merchandising partners during Dublin Farms' 150th anniversary.

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Matt Hickman, left, chief executive officer of Dublin Farms, of Horntown, talks about his potato crop on Wednesday, July 8, with Dwayne Edwards, head of Virginia Tech's department of biological systems engineering, during a tour of the 150-year-old farm's operations.

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CAPE CHARLES

7,000 gallons of raw sewage was spilled into streets

Town manager: Cleanup crews 'worked tirelessly'

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The July 3 sewer pump failure in Cape Charles caused 7,000 gallons of raw sewage to overflow into town roadways, estimates in a report from the facility's owner and operator show.

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In addition, as many as 400 gallons of raw sewage ended up in a storm drain, according to the estimates provided by the state Department of Environmental Quality by the owner, Virginia American Water.

The sewage in the storm drain was thought to have been collected in the drain's reservoir, said officials who recommended it be vacuumed out before the next rain.

The pump overflow prompted the town to ask residents to flush toilets as little as possible during the weekend of the nation's 250th anniversary celebrations. Independence Day is typically one of the busiest holidays the town sees annually.

Still, the town's annual July 4 parade, which always features a long line of entries and streets lined with

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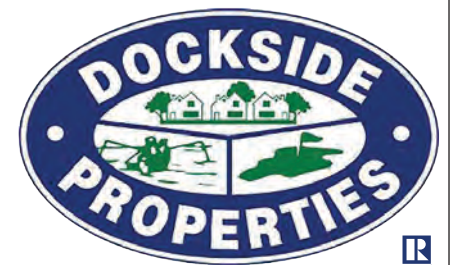
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WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a defining moment in the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia played a pivotal role in the American Revolution, contributing leaders, soldiers, and patriots whose service and sacrifice helped secure the nation's independence; and

WHEREAS, Accomack County is home to a rich Revolutionary-era heritage, including patriots, militia activity, and historic sites that reflect the Eastern Shore's contributions to the founding of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), together with local historical societies, civic organizations, and educational partners, is actively engaged in preserving Revolutionary War history and promoting public understanding of the patriots who shaped our nation; and

WHEREAS, the America 250 commemoration encourages communities across the nation to reflect upon the ideals of liberty, representative government, and civic responsibility that inspired the Revolution and continue to guide the United States today; and

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of educating residents—especially younger generations—about the sacrifices, achievements, and enduring legacy of the patriots who secured American independence; and

WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary provides a unique opportunity for Accomack County to celebrate its heritage, promote historical literacy, and encourage community participation in programs, ceremonies, and educational activities honoring this milestone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Accomack County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim 2026 as the America 250 Commemoration Year in Accomack County, Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Board expresses its appreciation to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter, NSDAR, and to all local partners dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of the American Revolution and the patriots who contributed to the founding of our nation.

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Box turtle sighting reports encouraged

The Virginia Herpetological Society is encouraging residents to report woodland box turtle sightings to help better understand and conserve the species across the state.

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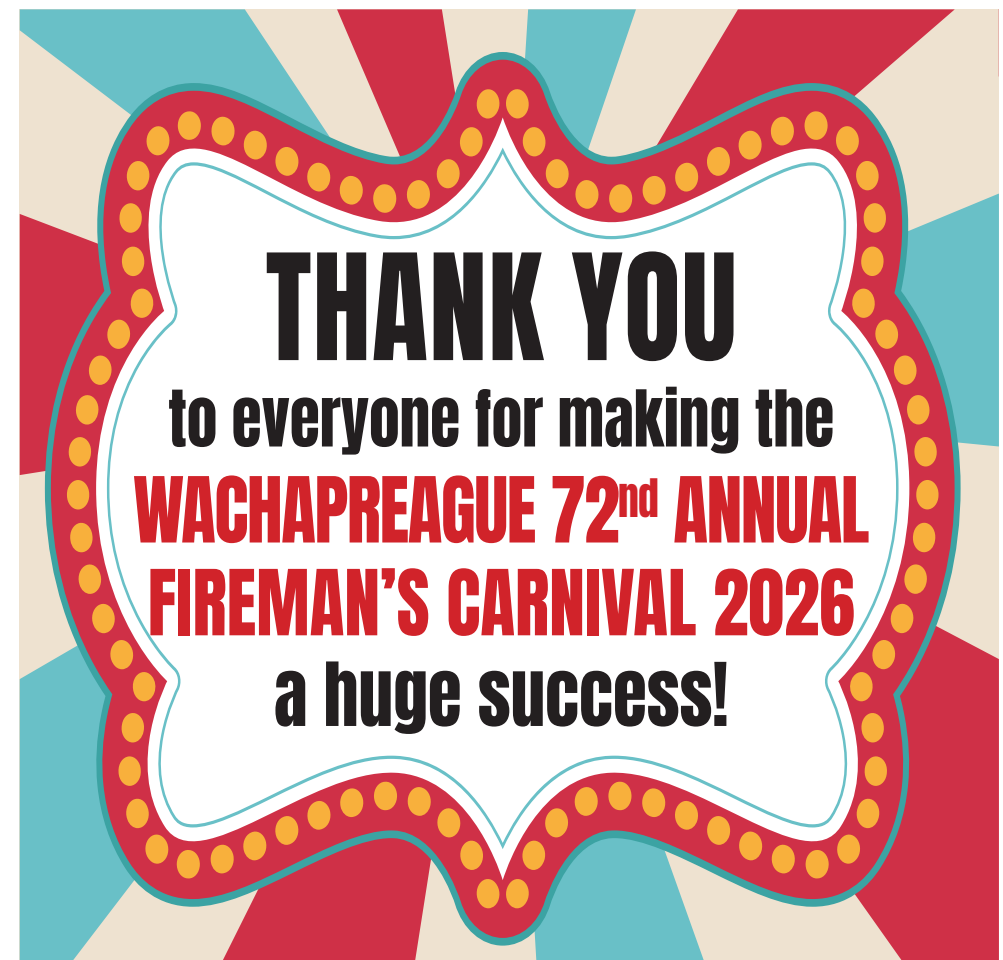
32% over the last century, according to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.

Because woodland box turtles typically take more than 10 years to reach reproductive maturity, the loss of adult turtles can have long-lasting effects on populations.

Residents can report woodland box turtle sightings and help conservationists better understand and protect the species by visiting virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com

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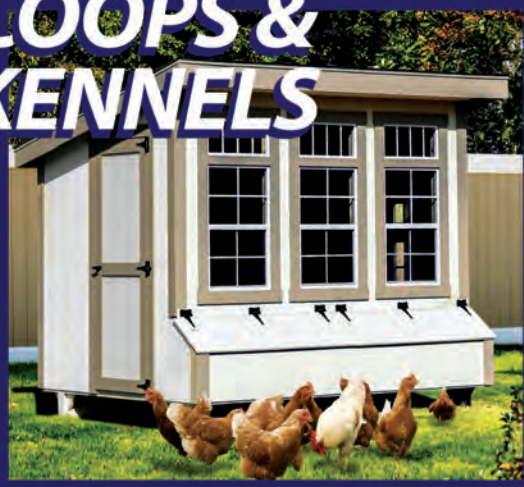
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Funny money fling foiled at Food Lion

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Two women from New York City have been arrested in Northampton County and charged with attempting to pass counterfeit money at the Cape Charles Food Lion.

Kenyanna Sheivonie Cummings, 28, of the Bronx, and Andrea Monique Walker, 34, of Brooklyn, also are suspected of passing homemade \$100 bills at several local businesses, Northampton County Sheriff David Doughty said.

"Additionally, they were found to be in possession of several thousand dollars in counterfeit bills," Doughty said in a prepared release.

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**Sheriff David Doughty,
Northampton County**

On Tuesday, June 30, at 6 p.m., Doughty said his office received a call that two women were trying to pass the bogus bills.

When deputies arrived, they were able to locate the vehicle the suspects

had been driving and determined they were still in the store, he said.

When they exited, they were taken into custody, Doughty said.

Cummings was charged with 10 counts of felony forgery of a bank note, four counts of felony conspiracy to forge bank notes, one count of misdemeanor forgery of a bank note, one count of felony forging a public record, identity theft, reckless driving, and driving without a license.

Walker was charged with four counts of felony forgery of a bank note, five counts of felony conspiracy to forge bank notes, and one count of misdemeanor forgery of a bank note.

Cummings is being held without bond at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail.

Walker is being held with a \$5,000 secured bond at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail.

The Northampton County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Eastville Police Department.

Anyone with information relating to this incident is asked to Contact the Northampton County Sheriff's Office at 757-678-0461 or by using the Tip 411 App.

Authorities advise anyone who suspects a counterfeit bill to not spend it or return it to the person it came from.

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Women's scholarships awarded

Eastern Shore Training and Consulting, Inc.'s Empowering Women and Girls program announced the organization's 2026 Young Leaders Scholarship recipients.

The recipients were: Joyniah Gaskins, Armonie Reid, and Karma Robinson.

Gaskins is a graduate of Nandua High School and plans to major in psychology at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. Her goal is to find a career in the field of neuroscience or criminology.

Reid is a Northampton High School graduate and plans to study biology at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. She has an eye toward a degree in nursing.

Robinson is a graduate of Nandua High School and is planning to ma-

ior in biology at Hampton University in Hampton. She has her sights set on a career in pathology.

The scholarship winners will each receive a \$2,500 Young Leaders Scholarship award during this year's awards luncheon in their honor, which will be held at the Impact Center in Cape Charles on Saturday, Aug. 1.

Eastern Shore Training and Consulting, Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

The organization's Empowering Women and Girls program has provided 23 \$2,500 scholarships since it was created in 2016, totaling \$57,500.

To donate to the scholarship fund or to learn more about the Young Leaders Scholarship visit www.esta-ci.org and click on Scholarships.



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Public schools have 51 combined vacancies

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

In the first six months of 2026, a combined 147 faculty and staff members from public school systems in Accomack and Northampton counties retired, resigned, or weren't renewed, numbers provided by district spokeswoman show.

Accomack lost 89 employees and Northampton lost 58 from January through June. Northampton County employs roughly one-third the staff that Accomack does.

As of July 7, Accomack has 30 vacant positions and Northampton has 21 — even as starting teacher salaries have exceeded \$50,000.

“While our goal is always to have every teaching position filled with a li-

School starting days

■ In Northampton County, new teachers report for work on Aug. 10 and all staff report by Aug. 13. School begins on Monday, Aug. 24, for students.

■ In Accomack County, new teachers report for work on Aug. 25 and all staff report by Aug. 28. School begins on Tuesday, Sept. 8, for students.

censed, highly qualified teacher before the start of the school year, we also have plans in place to ensure continuity of instruction should a vacancy remain,” said Elizabeth Hall, Northampton County Public Schools’ communi-

cations director.

Northampton’s available positions include 16 full-time positions — six teaching positions and 10 classified positions — and five part-time positions.

New teachers are due to report on Aug. 10, while all staff report by Aug. 13.

Monday, Aug. 24, is the first day of school for students.

A first-year teacher position in Northampton County Public Schools for a candidate with a bachelor’s degree pays \$52,789 annually, Hall said.

The school system currently employs 370 people.

Accomack County Public Schools has 30 vacant positions, but that number includes prospective positions that have yet to be approved by the school

board, said Danielle Clark, Accomack schools’ coordinator of safety and public information.

Despite the unfilled positions, all core classes are already staffed, Clark noted.

If positions for elective classes are not filled by the start of the school year, those classes will not be offered.

New Accomack teachers report on Aug. 25 for a two-day New Teacher Academy, while all staff will report by Aug. 28.

The first day for students in Accomack County is Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Clark said a first-year teacher in Accomack County Public Schools with a bachelor’s degree earns \$51,932 annually.

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Sewer water is shown lining Mason Avenue near the Bay Avenue intersection overnight July 3 after a pump malfunctioned. An estimated 7,000 gallons of raw sewage covered the roadway.

Cape Charles

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spectators, continued through the areas of Mason and Bay avenues where the sewage discharged.

A remarkable overnight cleanup effort by the Cape Charles public works department and Virginia American Water employees saved the weekend festivities.

“They both worked tirelessly to remediate the issue and not cancel a very important holiday that the town has cherished for a very long time,” said Town Manager Rick Keuroglan. “It was a tremendous success.”

In addition, no fecal-related illnesses have been reported to the Eastern Shore Health Department, district director John Richardson said.

He said the town and the operator “reacted appropriately and with diligence to contain the sewage and clean it up.”

Parade entries were asked not to throw candy in areas where the sewage backed up. Parade watchers were asked not to stand in the affected area for viewing.

The report to the state DEQ shows that at around 3:30 p.m. on July 3, three onsite discharge pumps “failed to keep up with the incoming flow” at the pump station, which is near Mason Avenue’s intersection with Bay Avenue.

Pump operations returned to normal later that evening, it reported.

Richardson said no restaurants in

town were closed by the health department after communication with the town showed no food facilities were impacted.

“No one reported any impacts to food facilities in the town either Friday night, Saturday morning, or since,” Richardson said.

Cleanup crews from Virginia American Water, its contractors, and the town of Cape Charles used sandbags to stop the raw sewage from spreading farther down Mason Avenue, where it lined both sides of the street.

Sandbags were also put around storm drains to limit it from draining into the bay, the officials said.

Contaminated sand and soil were collected and disposed of and lime, which neutralizes bacteria, was used to stabilize and clean other areas like the roadway once the sewage had been removed.

About 14,000 gallons of sewage were removed by truck from the area because of the event, Virginia American Water said.

Virginia American Water plans to upgrade the Mason Avenue pump station in phases.

The first phase, already underway, will install a permanent bypass system, and phase two will install new pumps and a new generator.

“Unfortunately, these events happen occasionally. In this particular case, it was fortunate town staff reacted quickly to mitigate impacts, which could have been much more severe,” Richardson said.

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Dublin Farms

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In 1876, Thomas Hickman purchased the farm property called Dublin. Potatoes have been grown on various parts of the farm every year since.

“Today we celebrate something I am sure he never even dreamed about — Dublin Farms has been owned and operated by the Hickman Family for 150 years now,” said Mark Hickman, the farm’s chief operating officer and one of its owners.

“Without the strong partnerships with companies like Bushwick and Walmart, we would not still be here in the same business Thomas Hickman was in 150 years ago,” he said.

The Bushwick Commission, based in New York, is a supplier of potatoes to retailers like Walmart, bridging the gap from field to kitchen table.

“The Hickman family’s dedication to excellence has made them an exceptional partner,” said Ken Gray, Bushwick’s vice president of sales and marketing, addressing the large gathering of guests in the new Dublin Farms grading and packing facility.

The crowd included a large Virginia Tech contingent, including the university’s provost and deans of the schools of agriculture, engineering, and natural resources.

Phillip Hickman, president of Dublin Farms, pointed to the family’s long association with Virginia Tech: “It doesn’t get much more Hokie than Dublin Farms and we’re proud of that,” he said.

He thanked the university for its agricultural expertise, research, and influence.

All three fifth-generation farm owners — Phillip Hickman and his first cousins, brothers Mark and Matt Hickman — are Virginia Tech graduates.

Also speaking at the event were Katie K. Frazier, state secretary of agriculture and forestry, and U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans.

The group then toured a potato field and the Dublin Farms’ grading and packing facility, which loads 16 tractor-trailer trucks daily for shipping.

In the field, Matt Hickman told the



Mark Hickman, left, chief operating officer of Dublin Farms, of Horntown, speaks to U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans on Wednesday, July 8, inside the farm’s new potato packing house. Kiggans was one of a number of guests at a tour of the farm for its 150th anniversary. At right is Matt Hickman, chief executive officer. At center with Kiggans is Phillip Hickman, president of the business.

group about field preparation, planting, and equipment upkeep.

“Anything we can do to get ahead of a problem is going to benefit the crop and our quality,” he said.

He also spoke about the challenges of moving the massive farm equipment on roads frequented by summer tourists. He said they always try to move during times when traffic is light, like early mornings.

At the new Dublin Farms packing house, which is being used for the first

time this season, about 70,000 pounds of potatoes are graded per hour.

The grader uses two optical sorters — the washed potatoes are run through a conveyor where a unit instantaneously takes 90 photographs of each individual potato. The photos generate information about each potato’s size and shape to determine its grade.

In seemingly less than a second, that information is relayed to a series of cups that dump the spuds, based on their size, onto other conveyors for

packing into bags and boxes.

On a farm that goes back generations, the technology, innovation, and marketing are decidedly modern.

The consumer benefits, Mark Hickman said.

“When a large retail store like Walmart allows our product into their stores with our label that has the Virginia Grown logo and our address on it, it allows the consumers to know that they are buying fresh local potatoes for their family,” he said.

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TOUR OF THE DUBLIN FARMS POTATO HARVEST FOR THE FARM'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY



EASTERN SHORE POST/TED SHOCKLEY

Katie K. Frazier, state secretary of agriculture and forestry, addressed the gathering on Wednesday, July 8, at Dublin Farms' 150th anniversary farm tour in Horntown.



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Mark Hickman, left, chief operating officer of Dublin Farms, of Horntown, inspects a package of bagged red potatoes with Eddie Bostic, the regional vice president of Walmart stores in Virginia and Maryland. Walmart stores carry Dublin Farms' potatoes.



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Phillip Hickman, left, president of Dublin Farms, of Horntown, speaks to a crowd of visitors on Wednesday, July 8, at Dublin Farms' 150th anniversary farm tour in Horntown.



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Attendees at a farm tour celebrating 150 years of Dublin Farms talk as a conveyor of red potatoes heads from the washing area to the grader at the farm's packing shed in Horntown.

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THE PAPER'S POSITION

On Independence Day, effluent vexes the affluent

■ New July 4 heroes emerge in cleanup

Real-estate prices in Cape Charles are very high. But even those in expensive homes were asked not to flush their toilets on July 3 and 4 after a sewer pump could not handle inflow and belched 7,000 gallons of raw fecal matter into the streets. The affluent were vexed by the effluent, so to speak.

It was a fluid situation, to be sure. The spill was on the town parade route. The town was flush with people ready to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday. But modern-day minutemen were discharged to the stinky situation and they saved the day.

July 4, long a day to remember colonial heroes of yore, is now also a day to pay our deepest respects to those who worked through the night on the semiquincentennial to clean up a semi-catastrophe. They all should have been named the grand marshals of the parade that followed.

Imagine being summoned on a summer holiday weekend to work a sweaty, humid overnight cleaning thousands of gallons of feces off an asphalt street in a resort town on a deadline.

They delivered in a big way. The wizards of the waste were excellent in the excrement.

This is not just difficult work. This makes every other job on the Eastern Shore seem pleasant by comparison.

The team of Cape Charles town employees and workers from Virginia American Water who participated are to be thanked, commended, and celebrated. An unfortunate infrastructure malfunction has provided us with new Independence Day heroes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Industry funding colors Bloxom's menhaden views

To the editor:

In his misleading and misinforming column, "An explanation of menhaden study," in the July 3 edition of the Eastern Shore Post, Delegate Rob Bloxom never mentions the purse-seining company at the heart of the menhaden problem in Virginia: Omega Protein.

This foreign-owned business vacuums up our menhaden, causes massive Chesapeake Bay fish spills and kills, buses in scores of its workers to protest at VMRC hearings, and fights every effort for sensible, rational, and practical science and management.

In 2019, Omega Protein willfully and grossly exceeded the ASMFC-imposed Chesapeake Bay menhaden cap, which led to a federal out-of-compliance finding, a penalty-laden rebuke for Virginia's menhaden "man-

agers" (including Del. Bloxom), a 2020 reduction in the Chesapeake Bay cap to make up for the overage, and a transfer of management authority to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

To protect its interests, Omega Protein contributes annually to the campaign coffers of many Virginia delegates, virtually none of whom have any fisheries management expertise and all of whom had no business managing any fishery (menhaden was the only one they used to have such authority over).

Bloxom has received \$10,500 from Omega Protein, according to the Virginia Public Access Project and, perhaps not coincidentally, his anti-science, anti-management, delay-everything legislative votes have mirrored their interests.

Ken Schultz
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■ *The writer is a former member of the VMRC's Recreational Fisheries Development Fund Advisory Board and its Menhaden Management Advisory Committee.*

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Satchell, of Eastville, one of Shore's forgotten heroes

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

U.S. Army Cpl. Robert M. Satchell, 21, of Eastville, who died on July 11, 1953, during the Korean War, is one of the Eastern Shore's overlooked fallen soldiers.

His name is not included on the Northampton County war memorial plaque on the wall of the old courthouse in Eastville.

In addition, family members said his gravestone in the Union Baptist Church cemetery on U.S. Route 13 in Eastville also is missing.

Satchell, known as Bobby, had a big smile and a charming manner.

"He was nice looking. All the girls were crazy about him," said Satchell's nephew, Clifton Edward Collins Sr., of Yorktown, who grew up in Northampton County, in a 2024 interview.

His death was front-page news in the Sept. 24, 1953, edition of The Northampton Times newspaper.

After months of being listed as missing, his death had been confirmed by the military.

A member of the 32nd Infantry Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division, Satchell was killed in action at the end of the Battle of Pork Chop Hill.

■ On July 16, 2012, David R. Chew Jr., 30, of Parksley, a Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company volunteer was fatally injured in a fire truck crash on Nelsonia Road.

Chew worked as a medic with Northampton County and also was a United Methodist minister.

The funeral, held at Metompkin Elementary School with full firefighter honors, became a community legend because of its sheer size.

David R. Chew Jr. Memorial Road was officially named on Monday, May 25, during Memorial Day services in Parksley.

The section of Route 316 named after Chew runs from the north side of Parksley to the road's intersection with Nelsonia Road in Bloxom.

Local fallen heroes

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

On March 19, 2025, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors approved the resolution naming the road for Chew.

It said Chew died while "faithfully serving the county" and that naming the road in his memory will "recognize his sacrifice."

The name change was approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board last fall.

■ On Monday, July 19, 1955, two military jets collided near Onley, killing one of the pilots.

The F-84F Thunderstreaks were flying from Langley Field to New Jersey when one had engine trouble and turned around. The two planes then ran together.

One of the aircraft, by then on fire, crashed in Onley "between the narrow strip between Rt. 13 and the railroad at the north end of town and exploded," the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper reported. Its pilot ejected beforehand.

"As it was, the plane dug a crater about 12 feet deep and about 20 feet across, so the force of the explosion was mostly upward. That saved lives," the newspaper reported.

First Lt. Karl V. Gabler, 23, of

Prairie City, Ore., piloting one of the planes, was killed. His plane landed in the Chesapeake Bay marsh between Hunting Creek and Deep Creek.

The pilot of the aircraft that crashed in Onley ejected from the aircraft and landed "in the edge of Onancock Creek at the farm of Guy Hicks." He sustained back injuries.

Pieces of the Onley plane were found around town.

"The whole area was covered by twisted pieces of metal and blackened pieces of the plane. One machine gun was arched approximately three-tenths of a mile to the Onley Garage used car lot, where it squashed the roof of a sedan," the newspaper reported.

Gabler was survived by his wife.

■ U.S. Army Special Forces Staff Sgt. Brandon R. Pepper, 31, was killed in Afghanistan on July 21, 2012.

His father, John Pepper, is a resident of Captains Cove, near Greenbackville, and was living there at the time of his son's death.

Pepper died during an enemy attack while on patrol several months into his first deployment in Afghanistan.

He was a native of York, Pa., but enjoyed visiting his father on the Eastern Shore.

Pepper also had been deployed to Iraq in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi freedom. Pepper's gravesite is at Arlington National Cemetery.

■ Lt. Col. Fred Hughes Coleman Jr., 29, a pilot, was killed July 25, 1945, when his aircraft was hit by Japanese fire while on a bombing mission over China during World War II.

At the time of his death, Coleman's father was living near Harborton. Fred Hughes Coleman Sr., a retired U.S. Army colonel and also a military pilot, bought Evergreen Farm in 1943 and lived there for 22 years.

He died in 1966 at the age of 84 and his gravesite is in Arlington National Cemetery.

The Colemans were graduates of West Point. The younger Coleman

lived in Baltimore before World War II. His body is interred in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

■ U.S. Army Pfc. Esley Wise, 26, of Snow Hill, died July 25, 1950, from wounds received in battle during the Korean War.

The son of Zed and Ella Wise, of Snow Hill, Wise's body was brought by train to Accomack County and a funeral was held Aug. 20 at Friendship Methodist Church, Wattsville.

Services were conducted by the Wharton and Savage Funeral Home of New Church, according to newspaper accounts.

His grave is in Snow Hill.

■ On July 26, 1942, U.S. Army Pvt. Carl E. Merritt, 26, of Chincoteague, died in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in the Philippines during World War II.

Merritt's remains were brought back to Chincoteague in 1949 and interred in Reynolds Cemetery. His burial was conducted with military honors by American Legion Post 159.

He was survived by his parents, Ira Lee and Essie J. Merritt, and three of his four siblings.

■ On July 28, 1943, U.S. Army Pfc. Charles Basil Wood, 23, of Cherriton, was killed in action in Sicily, Italy.

According to the Sept. 10, 1943, edition of the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper, Wood was the first soldier from Northampton County to be killed during World War II.

The newspaper reported Wood was born on the Hollywood Farm — the site of today's Bay Creek golf and residential community — and "was educated in the schools of Northampton County, where he was very popular with everyone on account of his friendly personality."

He was survived by his parents, Anna Mary Etz Wood and Edward Joseph Wood. Wood and his parents have gravesites in Cape Charles Cemetery.

Want to improve the Shore? Get more George McMaths

George McMath placed an advertisement in the June 26 edition of the Eastern Shore Post to ask for suggestions for improving life on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He also sent a batch of letters to acquaintances asking the same.

He said in a phone conversation on Wednesday, July 8, that he has received an overwhelming response.

"I didn't expect anything like this," he told me.

The responses "are varied and things I would never have thought of."

There is apparently plenty to improve here in God's country.

He did not reveal what those suggested improvements might be. He said he will collect them all into a booklet to be distributed.

McMath, who is 93 and lives in Onley, once owned and published dozens of newspapers, including the old Eastern Shore News.

He served in the Virginia House of Delegates, was the chairman of the state's Republican Party, and planted the seeds that became the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, among other accomplishments.

He set goals and got stuff accomplished.

He has extended the deadline for his collection of suggested Eastern Shore improvements to July 24. Some folks did not receive his letters, and



Ted Shockley

items in the Eastern Shore Post get seen and our advertisements get results. A newspaperman like McMath certainly would agree and be impressed.

I was thrilled to hear he already had received more than 100 responses and he is still getting "10 to 20 a day."

"They're still coming in. Some were delivered to the house this morning," he said.

I admire McMath's genial, polite manner and the upbeat way he asked for input, describing the Eastern Shore as "a perfect place" 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," he wrote.

My own disposition is not nearly as tactful or sunny, and I would have asked the question this way: "We have some remarkable dilemmas on the

he wants to give them time to reply.

For me to write about the large response to his newspaper advertisement is certainly a bit self-serving. Items in the Eastern Shore Post get seen and our adver-

Send your ideas

Longtime former state leader and businessman George McMath, of Onley, is soliciting input on "how to make the Eastern Shore even better." No names will be used. He will compile the responses in a booklet designed to help guide area leaders. Send your suggestions on improving the Eastern Shore to George McMath, P.O. Box 124, Onley, VA 23418.

Eastern Shore and everybody seems to be angry about something. What can be done to help?"

During our telephone call, McMath reminded me that he had not received my personal suggestions on improving Eastern Shore life.

But the form in the newspaper advertisement only included six lines. I cannot write anything in only six lines.

But my first suggestion on improving the Eastern Shore would be to bring back Bailey's Drive In, which had the best cole slaw in the wide world.

Truth be told, I have not been in an altogether great mood since Bailey's Drive In, south of Cheriton, closed 40

years or so ago.

There was nothing as good as soft ice cream from Bailey's Drive In on a steamy, dusty summer evening. As a child, it was one of the main reasons I knew God existed.

And bring back Pappy's Pizza at Four Corner Plaza. Everyone my age spent their childhood there. I want to watch the guys spin the pizza dough in the air one more time.

And bring back the food stand at the front of the Roses department store in Onley, which offered three hot dogs for 99 cents.

And bring back the Chincoteague Inn, where I had some strong drinks and good times.

Along the way, let us find solutions for real problems like recruiting teachers, providing middle-class rental and housing opportunities, and keeping young people on the Eastern Shore.

Once upon a time, the Eastern Shore had more people like McMath, who identified and solved problems on the local and state levels through his personal kindness, intelligence, logic, and consensus-building nature.

Maybe the best answer to George McMath's question on improving the Eastern Shore is easy to find. We just need people like George McMath.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consider impacts of mining the floor of the ocean

To the editor:

Have you ever dug a hole on the beach? What happened when the tide came up? Your hole collapsed as the water dissolved the edges into the center of the hole.

How is it not possible that this will happen to a hole mined into the

seafloor?

At three miles from the shore, the depth is usually 15 to 30 feet, though it varies significantly with tides, currents, and seasons.

Mining the seafloor will leave a hole in the bottom of the water column.

It is likely to collapse the sides into the hole, sucking sand from the seafloor on the edges of the mined area. That sand has to come from somewhere. The process is called erosion.

The Eastern Shore already faces erosion problems. Sea level rise combines with geographical history to cause exceptionally powerful erosion over a few years.

Most of the islands along the Eastern Shore are protected wildlife habitat. Assuming (hopefully incorrectly) that we don't care about wildlife, let us consider Wallops and Assateague islands.

Already, Assateague is being forced to move its public beach due to repeated erosion events. Roughly 1.5 million

visitors come to Virginia's part of Assateague every year, contributing \$192 million in revenue, 1,500 local jobs, and over \$11 million in local tax revenue each year. This is roughly one-sixth of Accomack County's annual revenue.

Wallops Island hosts NASA's launch pads and the Navy's research and development facilities. These agencies include most of the best-paying jobs on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

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Census: Hispanic population jumps 26% in Accomack County

BY BARBARA O'HARE
AND WILLIAM O'HARE

Guest columnists

Every year the U.S. Census Bureau produces a set of population estimates for states, counties, and municipalities. The estimates that became available on June 25 reflect the situation in 2025, which allows us to look at the changes since the 2020 Census for different race groups.

No doubt there are some errors in these estimates, but they are the official government estimates used in federal funding formulas and other official applications.

The number of people in some of the race groups is relatively small, and small numbers can produce misleadingly high percentage changes.

Previous analysis found the total population of Accomack County grew by 436 people, or 1%, from 2020 to 2025, and the total population of Northampton County fell by 447 people, or 4%, over that period.

But the overall change in the total population masks a lot of variation for individual racial groups.

The chart shows numeric and percentage change in Accomack and Northampton counties by race and Hispanic origin.

| | Total Population | Non-Hispanic White | Non-Hispanic Black | Non-Hispanic Other Races* | Non-Hispanic Two or More Races | Hispanic |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Accomack County | 33,423 | 19,976 | 8,746 | 325 | 940 | 3,436 |
| Accomack County | 33,859 | 19,870 | 8,315 | 419 | 923 | 4,332 |
| Number Change | 436 | -106 | -431 | 94 | -17 | 896 |
| Percent Change | 1 | -1 | -10 | 29 | -3 | 26 |
| | | | | 0 | | |
| Northampton County | 12,282 | 6,995 | 3,756 | 156 | 305 | 1,070 |
| Northampton County | 11,879 | 6,857 | 3,261 | 183 | 402 | 1,176 |
| Number Change | -403 | -138 | -495 | 27 | 97 | 106 |
| Percent Change | -3 | -4 | -26 | 9 | 63 | 10 |

* Asian, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders

The race categories used here are the standards used in many federal statistical reports.

In the federal data system, Hispanic origin is seen as an ethnic group rather than a race like Black, White, or Asian.

People who identify as Hispanic must also select a race. The chart shows data using non-Hispanic race categories so that Hispanics are not counted twice in the table.

Some groups increased in size between 2020 and 2025 and some groups decreased.

The non-Hispanic White population

and the non-Hispanic Black population decreased in both counties.

Number wise and percentage wise, the decrease was larger for the non-Hispanic Black population than for Non-Hispanic White population.

Races other than White or Black grew in both counties.

The groups included in this "other races" category are shown at the bottom of the table.

In Accomack County, there was an increase of 94 people in this group, and that represents 29% growth. In Northampton County, there was an increase of 27 people, which amounts to

a 9% increase.

Nationwide over the past couple of decades there has been a steady increase in people identifying with more than one race.

That trend is apparent in Northampton County (where there was an increase of 63%) but not in Accomack County (where there was a decrease of 3%).

The Hispanic population increased substantially in both counties.

In Accomack County there was an increase of 896 people, or 26%, and in Northampton County there was an increase of 106 people, or 10%.

Nationwide, racial and Hispanic minority populations have been growing faster than other groups, and that pattern is seen on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The White and Black population declined while other racial minority groups and Hispanics increased.

We have to believe these populations have been growing on the Eastern Shore because, like other immigrant groups before them, they find opportunity here.

■ *William O'Hare is on the Board of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation. Barbara O'Hare is a board member of Go & Grow Eastern Shore. They live in Cape Charles.*

Letters

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So what happens if erosion along Wallops and Assateague is increased? Can NASA truly withstand the force of increased erosion?

Can Assateague still attract visitors if those beautiful beaches are eaten away by increased erosion?

Are we really willing to experiment with such a large part of the Shore's economy, never mind its beauty and wildlife?

Are we going to eliminate jobs for so many of our residents, just to further enrich a few wealthy people from somewhere else?

Marilyn Ailes
Hallwood

What happened to the federal dollars approved for Virginia?

To the editor:
I found Rep. Bloxom's explanation

of the budget "House, Senate agree on state budget," in the June 26 edition of the Eastern Shore Post lacking some information.

Although he did mention several times that former Gov. Glenn Youngkin left Virginia with a budget surplus, which is wonderful, he neglected to mention that Virginia as well as other states have failed to receive the federal money allocated them — some \$410 billion, to be more exact.

The money Virginia and other states have not received has to be made up some way.

Where has the money gone? Why has it not been given to the states?

It was approved by Congress.

I believe Rep. Bloxom should see where it went.

It would certainly be comforting to us, the taxpayers who pay for everything, to see the Democrats and the Republicans working together for our benefit.

Jean Steffens
Virginia Beach

ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

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:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Paul Brion and the Raucous Brothers perform live.

■ **STREET FAIR:** From 5 to 8 p.m. Onancock will host its monthly Second Friday street fair. Shops and galleries will feature extended hours, restaurants will have live music and specials, and there will be live music on North Street.

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

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

■ **CARNIVAL:** From 6 to 10 p.m., the Chincoteague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival will feature rides, games, food, and other activities.

■ **OWL PROWL:** 7:30 p.m., Cape Charles Natural Area Preserve, Cape Charles. Hikers can take an evening stroll through the preserve and learn about creatures of the night, while also looking for owls. Registration is required. Call 757-331-1300 to register.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 8 to 10 p.m., Onancock Taphouse, Onancock. Fil Rhythm performs live.

Saturday, July 11

■ **YARD SALE:** 7 a.m., Adams United Methodist Church, 25352 Lee Mont Road,

Best bets

■ **Saturday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Chincoteague's Summer Vibes Festival will take place in Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park. There will be live music, vendors, and interactive experiences.

■ **Wednesday, July 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** the Cape Charles Memorial Library is hosting Community Helpers Day. There will be meet-and-greets and opportunities to learn from those who serve the community.

Parksley. The church is hosting a community yard sale. Spaces are available for \$15 and include tables. To reserve a space call Brittaney at 757-710-6865.

■ **THRIFT STORE:** 8 to 11 a.m., Smith Chapel Methodist Church, Quinby. The church will have its thrift store open. All T-shirts will be 50 cents, jeans will be \$1, and all summer items are half off.

■ **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.

■ **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., Chin-

coteague. The Chincoteague Farmers Market brings farmers, bakers, and artisans to the heart of town. There will also be live music.

■ **ART SHOW:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Powelton Presbyterian Church, 25 Main St., Wachapreague. The Artisans of Wachapreague are hosting an art show and sale.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting storytime and play literacy activities for children age 5 and under.

■ **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.

■ **SCIENCE SHOW:** 1 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. The Maryland Science Center is bringing a science show to the museum. Science Unscripted is a live show featuring explosive and colorful chemical reactions, electrifying demonstrations, physics experiments, and more.

After the show the Maryland Science Centers

Traveling Science Program will keep the fun going. The cost is \$5 per person.

■ **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:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Dr. Rot Cod performs live.

■ **LINE DANCING:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Tiny Livin', 22102 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton. DJ Leland City is bringing Boots on the Ground to Cape Charles Tiny Livin'. Cowboy hats and boots are encouraged for this line dancing event. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/57cfsnww>

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

■ **CARNIVAL:** From 6 to 10 p.m., the Chincoteague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival will feature rides, games, food, and other activities.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. The Deloreans perform 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.

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

■ **COMEDY SHOW:** Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m., El Soul, 225 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Comedian Chip Chantry will perform. Tickets are \$25 and 10% of ticket sales will be donated to Friends of

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Be included

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

Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

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

■ **AL-ANON:** For relatives and friends of alcoholics. Local meetings. Visit 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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Animal Control Eastern Shore. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/y62h3zf5>

Sunday, July 12

- **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY:** 10 a.m., New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 32347 Chincoteague Road, Atlantic. The church is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The guest evangelist will be Claudia Tull, of St. Michael Church of God in Christ.
- **CHURCH SERVICE:** 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalists of the Eastern Shore, 15421 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven. Gerald Boyd will try to answer the question "Is there room within our institutions for conscience, or only for efficiency?" in this service.
- **CRAFTS:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Center, Pocomoke City. The museum is hosting leaf and nature crafts each Sunday in July. Children of all ages can enjoy leaf painting, nature printing, and other hands-on crafts.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. Dave Johnson performs live.
- **OPEN MIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Musicians can share talents during the brewery's Music Circle open mic.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 7 p.m., E and O Pub, Cape Charles. Brian Irminger performs live.

Monday, July 13

- **STORYTIME:** 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The CSB is hosting storytime and an activity.
- **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

- **MEETING:** 9 a.m., Eastern Shore Community Services Board Administration Office, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley. The CSB is holding its monthly board meeting.
- **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, 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.
- **TEEN GAMING NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teens can enjoy puzzles, board games, and video games.
- **YARN CLUB:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Crafters can bring their knitting or crochet projects and chat with other fiber artists while working.
- **MEETING:** 6 p.m., American Legion

Post 56, Cheriton. The legion will hold its monthly meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, Chincoteague. Author David Parmelee will share his love of the magic and charm of Chincoteague and Assateague islands. Museum members, active military members, and children under 12 are free. The cost for all others is \$10. To reserve a seat call 757-336-6117.

Wednesday, July 15

- **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.
- **COFFEE TALK:** 10 to 11 a.m., Island Community House 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Village Neighbors is hosting Coffee Talk. There will be free coffee and pastries. Community members are encouraged to come and connect with others.
- **COMMUNITY DAY:** From 10 to 11:30 a.m., the Cape Charles Memorial Library will

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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.

■ **CHILDRENS CRAFT:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Children can learn how to make a paper dinosaur hat.

■ **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.

■ **SUPPORT GROUP:** 1:30 to 3 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting Memory Cafe, a social engagement for care partners and those living with brain changes. It is organized and hosted by trained facilitators.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, 4158 Seaside Road, Exmore. The church will provide a free hot meal every Wednesday, along with a food distribution for those in need.

■ **MOVIE NIGHT:** Dinner served at 5:30 p.m., movie begins at 6 p.m., Naomi Make-mie Presbyterian Church, Onancock. The church is hosting a screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Pizza, drinks, ice cream, and popcorn will be provided.

■ **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.

■ **PUZZLE RACE:** 6 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Puzzlers can compete solo or as teams of two to see who can put a 500-piece puzzle together the fastest. The winning team will get a prize. All teams take home the puzzle. Pizza is provided.

Eastern Shore class reunions

■ **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**

The cost is \$25. Registration is required. Call 757-336-1993 to register.

Thursday, July 16

■ **STORYTIME:** 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. Tales 4 Tots features stories and activities for children from ages 2 to 5. This week's topic will be dinosaurs.

■ **CHILDRENS PROGRAM:** 10 a.m., Christ United Methodist Church Social Hall, Chincoteague. Young Explorers is a Chincoteague Island Library program for children age 5 and up. This week Jackie Allen will be teaching clay art.

■ **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.

■ **WOMENS EVENT:** 5 to 8 p.m., Chincoteague Comfort Suites, Chincoteague. The hotel is hosting a Girls Party. There will be wine, snacks, raffles, and shopping.

■ **TEEN CREATIVE WRITING:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teen creative writers can gather to learn real-world writing skills. This month's session will cover character motivations and third-act twists.

■ **CRAFT:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free

Library, Nassawadox. Learn how to decorate a beach hat during Adult Craft Night. Registration is required. Call 757-414-0010 to register.

■ **TRAINING:** 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting a training on how to use the Brother ScanNCut in the library MakerSpace. To register for the training call 757-787-3400.

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

■ **MUSICAL:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse is staging "It's On," a TV show theme song musical. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. To purchase tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

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.

■ **CRAFT:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Adults can learn how to paint on a canvas bag.

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

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

■ **MUSICAL:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse is staging "It's On," a TV show theme song musical. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. To purchase tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

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

Saturday, July 18

■ **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.

■ **PITCH, HIT, RUN:** 9 a.m. to noon, Shore Little League, 7162 Rescue Lane, Nassawadox. Shore Little League is hosting a pitch, hit, and run event. All children between the ages of 7 and 14 are invited to attend. Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit, and Run is a free event that tests athletes on their skills in a series of movements that are important to baseball. Based on their scores, participants can be advanced to a team championship and then finals. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr34zb85>

■ **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.

■ **KITTEN YOGA:** 10 a.m., INDIGO Yoga Studio, 10237 Rodgers Drive, Nassawadox. Eastern Shore Regional Animal Control Facility is hosting kitten yoga. This is a donation-based class and proceeds benefit the shelter. All kittens participating in the yoga class are adoptable. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr23fkzp>

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting storytime and play literacy activities for children age 5 and under.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Southern Gateway Welcome Center, 32383 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles. Peg Volk will perform live outside the welcome center.

■ **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** 2 to 4 p.m., Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, 6733 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. The chamber is celebrating Misty of Chincoteague's 80th birthday. There will be refreshments, crafts, games, meet-and-greets and demonstrations by Misty descendants, and more.

■ **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:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Mark Calhoon performs live.

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

■ **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.

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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.

■ **MUSICAL:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse is staging "It's On," a TV show theme song musical. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. To purchase tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grille, Cape Charles. Trevor Daniel and the Reef perform live.

Sunday, July 19

■ **CRAFTS:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Center, Pocomoke City. The museum is hosting leaf and nature crafts each Sunday in July. Children of all ages can enjoy leaf painting, nature printing, and other hands-on crafts.

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

■ **OPEN MIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Musicians can share talents during the brewery's Music Circle open mic.

■ **MUSICAL:** 2:30 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse is staging "It's On," a TV show theme song musical. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. To purchase tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

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

Monday, July 20

■ **RIBBON CUTTING:** 10 a.m., Beebe Ranch, Chincoteague. A ribbon cutting is being held for Misty's Barn at the Beebe Ranch.

■ **STORYTIME:** 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The CSB is hosting storytime and an activity.

■ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** 1 to 3 p.m., Hollies Baptist Church, 17591 Hollies Church Road, Keller. The church is hosting a jungle-themed Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 20 to Thursday, July 23. Children from age 4 to those who are entering fifth grade can attend.

■ **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 Crowdogg performs live.

Tuesday, July 21

■ **STORYTIME:** 10 to 11 a.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. During Discovery Tales children can listen to a story and make a craft related to it. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/ym4vcfzp>

■ **JUGGLER:** 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. Cascading Carlos the Juggler will perform.

■ **SUPPORT GROUP:** Noon, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onley. The hospital is hosting the Better Breathers Club, a support group for those with COPD and other chronic lung diseases, as well as their family members and caregivers. It is held in the hospital's conference room on the third Tuesday of each month. July's meeting will include a game of bingo.

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

■ **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 midweek food market at the hospital.

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

■ **LECTURE:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Laura Smith will deliver a lecture about Robert Morris Sr. and Robert Morris Jr., who played an important role in the history of Oxford, Md. Hear about their influence and how the town of Oxford impacted the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

■ **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. Denise Bowden will give a lecture about Pony Penning. Museum members, active military members, and children under 12 are free. The cost for all others is \$10. To reserve a seat call 757-336-6117.

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Vuokko Theisen

Mrs. Vuokko Kaarina “Karen” Theisen (née Eskola) was called by the Lord of Life on June 30, 2026, after an illness.

Vuokko was born in the village of Eskola in the “county” of Kannus, Finland, on Nov. 26, 1947, to Joonas and Lempi (Lager) Eskola. At the age of 5, Vuokko immigrated to the United States with her family. Vuokko was proud of her Finnish heritage and her American citizenship. She visited Finland several times to reconnect with family.



Mrs. Theisen

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Vuokko grew up in Fitchburg, Mass., and was a 1966 graduate of Fitchburg High School. “Karen” then completed her studies at Maison de Paris College of Cosmetology in Camden, N.J.

Vuokko met her husband, Francis “Frank” Theisen, while he was stationed at Fort Devens, Mass., serving in the U.S. Army. They married on March 11, 1967, at Messiah Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Fitchburg, where Vuokko had been a member and received her confirmation. Vuokko and Frank made their home in Runnemed, N.J., with their two children, Melanie and Craig.

Vuokko was an active member of her church, Trinity Lutheran, and an involved member of her community. She served the Runnemed Ambulance Corp. as PTO president and participated in many community events for over 30 years.

An entrepreneur at heart, Vuokko opened Beauty Bay Hair Salon and worked as a “Beautician on Wheels” — serving the elderly and shut-ins. She also ran a personal shopper business and worked in admissions at a local hospital.

Vuokko loved to travel and explore with her family. The ocean would always draw them. A family vacation brought them to the place they would choose for retirement, Chincoteague Island.

Vuokko once again immersed herself

in the community. She drove the trolley on the island for several years and sold her window paintings to people all over the United States as they visited the island. These paintings truly embraced her artistic gifts. The sunflowers were the most popular. Vuokko was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Salisbury, Md. Recently, she attended St. Luke’s Chapel, a mission church of Immanuel Lutheran-Missouri Synod on Chincoteague Island.

She always had her doors open for anyone to drop in for a cup of coffee. She enjoyed hosting dinner parties in her home. She was an active member of Village Neighbors, extending her love for others whenever they were in need of help.

Vuokko was predeceased by her parents, a sister, and two brothers.

She leaves behind her loved husband of almost 60 years, Frank; her daughter, Melanie Johnson (Perry), of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; her son, Craig (Stephanie), of Williamstown, N.J.; her grandchildren, Amy, Emily, Lindsay, Gavin, CJ, and Skylar; her sisters, Maiju Balas, of Plymouth, Mass., Ellen Eskola, of Fitchburg, Mass., and Linda Forte, of Worcester, Mass.; her brother-in-law, Robert Theisen (Judy), of Alloway, N.J.; James Warakois, of Boston; a sister-in-law, Lynnda Eskola, of Treadway, Tenn.; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Christ United Methodist Church, Chincoteague, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8. There was a visitation at the church two hours prior to the service of Christian burial. Inurnment will take place at the columbarium of St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Chincoteague, at a later date following cremation.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Vuokko’s memory to Bethany Lutheran Church in Salisbury, Md., bethanylutheransalisbury.md.com; St. Luke’s Lutheran Chapel in Chincoteague, stlukesctg.org; or KFUD Radio in St. Louis, kfuo.org

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Island. Online condolences may be made at www.salyerfh.com

Melissa Perry-Pruitt

Mrs. Melissa Nicole Perry-Pruitt (née Derrickson), 29, of Havelock, N.C., was unexpectedly called home to her eternal glory and to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, early Saturday morning, June 27, 2026.

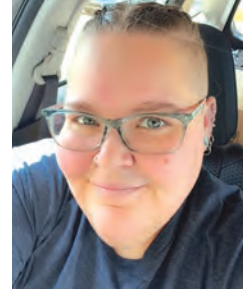
Melissa was born in Salisbury, Md., on July 15, 1996, to her loving parents, Gannon and Tanya Derrickson. She was the love of their lives and the joy of their days.

Melissa met her husband, Austin Perry-Pruitt, while in high school. They became each other’s best friend and knew their lives were meant to be shared. Austin was the love of her life.

After high school graduation, Melissa attended Virginia Commonwealth University while Austin served his country as a U.S. Marine. Melissa knew her life was meant to be supporting her husband, and they married after she completed one year of study. The couple moved to Havelock, where Austin served our country and Melissa began the work God called her to do.

She did not work in a brick-and-mortar building, but she worked tirelessly, serving the Lord in each relationship she built and sharing His perfect love in all ways to everyone she met. Melissa’s circle of friends from childhood to adulthood was cultivated with love and care. Each heart she touched knew how special it was to have her in their lives.

She served her church, Liberty Church, in Havelock, on the Prayer Team and Kids’ Ministry. She also loved her Bible Study ladies and VBS team. She loved to share about her creative ideas for VBS and her adventures with her Bible Study ladies. Austin was her biggest supporter in all her creative pursuits and provided the willing hands to



Mrs. Perry-Pruitt

help get the job done.

Melissa is survived by her loving husband, Austin Perry-Pruitt; her devoted parents, Gannon and Tanya Derrickson; and many beloved family members, dear friends, and all whose lives were forever changed by knowing her.

Melissa’s greatest passion in life was her relationship with Jesus Christ. Her faith was the foundation of everything she did. She boldly shared the goodness of God to everyone she encountered. Her compassionate heart, contagious smile, and unwavering kindness left an unforgettable impact on countless lives. Though her time on Earth was brief, the legacy of faith, love, and compassion she leaves behind will continue to inspire all who knew her.

While her family grieves the tremendous loss of her earthly presence, they find peace and comfort in God’s promise that Melissa is now rejoicing in heaven. Her unwavering faith assures those who loved her that this farewell is only temporary, and they look forward to the day they will be reunited in the presence of the Lord.

A celebration of life was held on Thursday, July 2, at 2 p.m. at Union Baptist Church in Chincoteague. Family and friends were invited to remain afterward for a time of fellowship and remembrance in the church activities building.

The family extends its heartfelt gratitude for the many prayers, messages of love, and acts of kindness shown as Melissa’s loved ones navigate this profound loss.

“Well done, good and faithful servant ... Enter into the joy of your Lord.” Matthew 25:23

“For everyone who has passed before me, I’ll see you in heaven.”

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Island.

Donations may be made to Union Baptist Church, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague, VA 23336; or Liberty Church, 81 Shepard St., Havelock, NC 28532.

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David Windsor

Mr. David William Windsor, 67, of Onancock, peacefully passed away at his home on Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

Born May 5, 1959, David was the youngest of four sons born to Virginius Milton “Jinks” Windsor and Marion Lee White Windsor.

Born with that ever-present “Windsor Smile,” David was a well-known character

on the Shore. He loved being mischievous and flirting with the ladies.

A proud member of the U.S. Army, he spent a good part of his life recruiting the best and the brave. And there was no better person to recruit the next generation of fighters, as that’s just what David was — a true fighter all the way until the end.

Of course, growing up the youngest of four boys, it’s something he learned fast. He paired up with his brother, Terry. The two were tight as banjo strings, so much so that he named his only son after him.

The Windsor boys found every opportunity to add a little fun to their lives (and a few more gray hairs to Marion). They loved sneaking out but were caught once after going to Corner Bakery. Marion had stopped for a doughnut on the way to work. Genuinely puzzled, the employees asked her, “Why didn’t you get one from the box the boys picked up at 4 a.m.?” The brothers would sneak out and grab the doughnut ends, eat them all, and be back in bed before the rooster crowed.

After high school, David found his calling in the military. He traveled to Germany and lived in West Virginia for over a decade, enjoying all the beauty and bounty that the great outdoors had to offer. He loved fishing, hunting, and just finding peace and quiet in the outdoors. He even earned his forestry degree at Dabney S. Lancaster College.

After retiring, he came home to take care of his best friend and brother, Ter-

ry, at the family farm. He was heartbroken when he lost Terry in 2023. The two are united again.

He was a proud father and grandfather. Although his family lived on the other side of Virginia, they were always close to his heart.

David is survived by his pride and joy, his only son, Terry H. Windsor and his wife, Becca, of Eagle Rock; his brothers, Robert Arnold Windsor, of New Church, and Tommy Lee Windsor and his wife, Sallye, of Lewes, Del.; his aunt, Mary Thom Cullen; his nieces and nephews, Robert Lee “Bobby” Windsor (Angelica Marie), Thomas W. Windsor (Allison), Andrew D. Windsor, and Stephanie L. Hansen; his grandchildren, Chase R. Windsor, Toby Ann Windsor, and Ellymae Windsor; his good friends, Phillip Walter Hope and Greg Sappington; and many extended family members.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Jinks and Marion Windsor; his brother, Terry Windsor; and his niece, Amanda Windsor.

Per his wishes, no public service will be held. The family will celebrate his life privately at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516, <http://www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org>

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Edward Kellam

Mr. Edward O. Kellam Sr., an Eastern Shore icon, was born on Dec. 14, 1926, on the Kellam family farm in Belle Haven, and passed away there on July 4, 2026, at the age of 99.

Edward was a lifelong farmer, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His love of tractors began early, when his father, Roland Kellam, became the first farmer in this area of the Eastern Shore to own a tractor. At age 12, Edward was given the honor of operating the new Farmall A during a demonstration for neighboring farmers, a memorable moment that helped spark his lifelong passion for tractors and farming.

Known for his strong work ethic, he carried the lessons of hard farm work throughout his life and passed them on

to his children.

Edward also loved flying. Although he was unable to meet the medical requirements for U.S. Army flight training because he was colorblind, that did not keep him from serving his country during World War II. After graduating from Central High School, he entered the U.S. Merchant Marine, serving in both the European and Pacific theaters.

Upon his return from the war, he briefly operated a trucking service, hauling produce to various states, before joining his father as a lifelong farmer.

In 1955, he earned his private pilot’s license, and the following year he purchased the first of three airplanes, a J-3 Cub. He was also a member of the local Civil Air Patrol and participated in numerous search-and-rescue flights. He was a lifelong member of the Exmore Moose Lodge and a member of the Peninsula Tractor Organization.

Edward is survived by his children, Pat K. Boyer (David Olson), the Rev. R. Tom Kellam, and Edward O. Kellam Jr. (Patricia); his grandchildren, Laura Altenhofen (Christopher), Tenneil McDougald, Peter Boyer (Jenny), Matthew Boyer, Stacy Maurice, Scott Kellam (Nikki), Greg Kellam (Mallory), and Todd Kellam (Chloe); his special cousin-in-law, Lorraine “Teenie” Edmonson; and family friend and caregiver, Mabel “Mickey” Mason.

He was predeceased by his wife, Louzetta Kilmon Kellam; his parents, Roland and Elizabeth Kellam; his sisters, Ethelyn Leighton and Margaret Ellen Amado; his son-in-law, Dr. Stephen Boyer; his daughter-in-law, Vee Kellam; and his grandson, Phil Boyer.

A celebration of life was held at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore on Thursday, July 9, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. R. Tom Kellam and the Rev. Ernie Lauer officiating. Interment followed at Belle Haven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peninsula Tractor Organization, 8104 Sunset Cove Drive, Exmore, VA 23350, or to the Painter Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 275, Painter, VA 23420.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Grant Beasley

Mr. Grant Martin Beasley, 42, of Painter, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at Riverside Regional Hospital in Newport News.

Born on Oct. 1, 1983, Grant was the son of Harry Martin Beasley, of Belle Haven, and the beloved son and best friend of Susan Willett Beasley, of Painter.

A lifelong resident of the Eastern Shore,

he worked alongside his family in the family farming business, a vocation he took great pride in. Grant was a faithful member of Painter Garrison Methodist Church and found great enjoyment in the outdoors, especially hunting.

In addition to his love of farming and the outdoors, Grant had a special love for animals and never met a stranger. A true people person, he enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors and was always ready with a warm smile and kind conversation. Though a big man in stature, those who knew him best affectionately remember him as a gentle giant whose quiet kindness, generous heart, and caring nature touched everyone he met. His devotion to his family, friends, and community will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

He is survived by his parents, Harry Martin Beasley and Susan Willett Beasley, as well as numerous cousins who will cherish his memory.

A funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, July 11, at 11 a.m. at Doughty Funeral Home, with Curtis Lucy officiating. Friends will join family one hour prior at the funeral home. Private interment will follow at Belle Haven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Rifle Association of America, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, or Painter Garrison’s Methodist Church, P.O. Box 502, Painter, VA 23420.

Online condolences may be made at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

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Mr. Windsor



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Norma Bloxom

Mrs. Norma S. Bloxom, 80, of Hallwood, wife of the late William Somers Bloxom, passed away on July 2, 2026, in Nassawadox.

Born on Aug. 22, 1945, in Hopton, she was the daughter of the late Upshur Dennis Matthews and Nettie Catherine Thornton Matthews.

Norma was a homemaker, a loving babysitter, and a dedicated wife and mother. She enjoyed cooking, the Washington Redskins football team, and watching Joyce Meyers on TV. She was a member of St. Thomas United Methodist Church.

Norma is survived by her daughters, Debbie Gray, Sheila Richardson, Darlene Robbins, and Crystal Annis; her son, William L. Bloxom; four granddaughters, Courtney Bloxom, Ashlin Bloxom, Vicky Wessells, and Alexis Bloxom; four grandsons, Josh Bloxom, David Lewis, Matthew Lewis, and Paul Gray Jr.; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Bloxom.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 9, at 3 p.m. from the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley, with George Fulk officiating. Interment followed in the Parksley Cemetery.

The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements were by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

To sign the guest book online, visit: www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Lisa Kambarn

With heavy hearts, but rejoicing in the promise of eternal life, her family announces the passing of **Mrs. Lisa Ray Davis Kambarn**, 56, of Chincoteague, on July 6, 2026. She was surrounded by family and friends.

Born Aug. 8, 1969, to Charles Ray

Davis and Sandra Johansen Davis, Lisa lived life defined by her unwavering faith and boundless love for her family.

She is survived by her loving Valentine of 33 years, William Kambarn; her son, Charles Joseph "Joe" Kambarn (Ashley); her daughter, Abigail "Abby" Kambarn; her granddaughters, Eliza Jo and Macie Clare Kambarn; her brother, Daniel "Dan"



Mrs. Kambarn

Davis (Abby); and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Lisa was a longtime member of Chincoteague Christ United Methodist Church, where she faithfully served her community. She found joy in prayer, strength in Scripture, and fellowship in the weekly Bible study group. Her life was a living testimony of Psalm 23.

Her gifts of time included volunteering at the Chincoteague carnival with the children's games and at the Methodist church, serving at the American Legion, and most of all, being a loving Grammy. Lisa loved arts and crafts and always had a project to celebrate the season.

She was born in Washington, D.C., and came to the island as a child. Her fondest childhood memories were of going on trips with her dad. She enjoyed being on the water with her parents, waterskiing, and many other adventures.

Lisa graduated from Chincoteague High School in 1987. She worked at the U.S. Navy galley. Later in life, she worked at Holly Grove Christian School and loved serving chicken on Tuesdays.

Lisa met William at 16, and she became smitten with him from the start. Lisa loved riding on the back of William's Harley. Her world revolved around Joe, Abby, William, and the grandkids, complemented by a host of loving friends and family. Her greatest job and achievement was raising her youngins.

Lisa was a very loyal and fierce friend to many and spread her love and passion for life.

Throughout her difficult health journey, Lisa's joy never left her. She loved doing at least one fun thing each day, and she regularly organized unique outings that were focused on fun, friendship, laughter, and love. These outings were generally adventures doing something nobody had done before or going to some place new. Lisa was not afraid to live life to the fullest and loved having others join her in these adventures.

She was known for her love of all things flamingo, a reflection of her vibrant, joyful personality. She will be remembered for her sharp and witty sense of humor.

Her unwavering faith in God was the foundation of her life, and she freely shared that faith through kindness, compassion, and love for others.

There will be a funeral service at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 10, at Christ United Methodist Church on Chincoteague Island, with the Rev. John Woodburn officiating. Visitation was held Thursday, July 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Salyer Funeral Home on Chincoteague Island. Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Island.

The family encourages memorial donations to Chincoteague's Christ United Methodist Church and the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." — Psalm 23:6

Leon Rose

Mr. Leon Telford Rose Sr., a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on July 4, 2026, at the age of 83.

Born on Jan. 14, 1943, in the close-knit community of Harkers Island, N.C., Leon was the beloved son of Telford Rose and Nancy Ann Rose, who predeceased him, along with his siblings, Annie Lee, Juanita, Vonda, Charles, Dallas, Pete, Jack Belva, Frances, and his brother-in-law, David Wells, who was like a brother to him.

Leon is survived by his cherished wife, Mary Lou Rose, with whom he shared 64 beautiful years of marriage. Their life together was a testament to enduring love and partnership.

He leaves behind a legacy of kindness and strength in his children, L.T. Rose Jr., David Rose, and April Rose Hart, along with her husband, Eric Hart.

His sister, Nancy Well, of Harkers Island, carries forward the family's enduring bond.

Leon was a proud grandfather to Brandon Rose, Billy Miller, Tyler Hart, Travis Rose, and Lindsey Hart.

His great-grandchildren, Zoe Miller, Grayson Everheart, Greyson Rose, Kenton Rose, Hudson Miller, Maci Miller, and Landon Hart were the light of his life.

He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.

A man of many talents, Leon attended Harkers Island School before embarking on a lifelong career as a waterman, welder, and a true jack-of-all-trades. His skill and dedication were admired by all who knew him.

Leon was a lifetime member of the NRA and an avid hunter, passions that he pursued with great enthusiasm and shared with his family and friends.

Leon's life was celebrated on Thursday, July 9, at 2 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, located at 6365 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to a charity of your choice, reflecting Leon's generous spirit and commitment to helping others. The family extends its heartfelt gratitude to PAM Rehabilitation Center in Georgetown, Del., for the compassionate care and support provided during Leon's final days.

Leon Telford Rose Sr. will be remembered for his unwavering love for his family, his incredible work ethic, and his warm and generous spirit. He leaves behind a legacy of love and resilience that will continue to inspire all who had the privilege to know him. His memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of his family and friends.

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Obituaries

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Robin Lewers

Mr. Robin Guy Lewers, 74, transitioned peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in New Church on Sunday, July 5, surrounded by family.



Mr. Lewers

He grew up in northern Accomack County on the family potato farm and was the middle son of the late Helen Pruitt and Eugene Lewers Sr.

Robin graduated from Atlantic High School with 48

wonderful classmates in the Class of 1970. He was a lifelong member of Atlantic United Methodist Church and, more recently, attended and was a member of Cokesbury Community Church in West Pocomoke. He enjoyed being at the dragstrip and spending time with his racing family at US 13 Dragway in Delmar, Del.

As a music lover, he formed the band The Robin Hoods while in high school with his good friends, John Abbott, Paige Trader, and Wayne Revell. Later, he played with The Astrotones dance band for several years and with other groups on the Shore. Other favorite interests included playing golf, playing bridge, and working on classic cars. His favorite color was chrome, his favorite cologne was Chrome, and his favorite candy bar was Baby Ruth.

He was an owner and partner in the family business, L&L Car Care in Oak Hall, for many years and later was employed at Midway, Inc., Nocks Tire, and Stevenson Equipment/At-

lantic Tractor, LLC, before retiring from Gibbons Auto Parts and Service, where he had a special bond with owner Jimmy Holloway.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Miller Lewers; his daughters, Kelly Hewett (Larry) and Whitney Frey (Brien); his bonus daughters, Kelly Phillips (Corey) and Judy Dykes (Paul); his brother, Todd M. Lewers (Jane); his nephew, Guy Lewers; his niece, Dr. Amy Cortis (Max); his brother-in-law, Bill Miller Sr.; his sister-in-law, Doris Carey; and his nephews, Billy Miller (Kayla) and Lee Carey (Jo Ellen). He was also blessed with 10 grandchildren, Shaelyn Frey Lantz (Gabe), Cassidy Frey, Kyli Hewett, Harris Hewett, Reese Phillips, Sloan Phillips, Ashley Ennis (Brandon), Lauren McGee (Alex), Katie Dykes, and Joey Dykes; and three great-grandchildren, Bentley Ross, McKenzie Boyko, and Adalynn McGee. Also left to cherish his memory are special cousins, Sheila Lee, Janice Brothers, and Rex Lewers, as well as several other relatives, former co-workers, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Gene Lewers Jr.; his paternal grandparents, Bessie and Guy Lewers; and his maternal grandparents, Blanche and Jack Pruitt.

The family would like to thank the staff of Riverside Shore Palliative Care and Hospice, caregiver Joyce Wharton, the doctors and staff at TidalHealth Berlin Emergency Department, Air Methods Transport, the Massey Cancer Center at VCU Health, St. Mary's Hospital, and Bon Secours Imaging at Reynolds Crossing in Richmond for their exceptional care and support.

A celebration of life will be held at the Elks Lodge #1624, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City, on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 1 p.m., with the Revs. Maury Enright and Larry

Reed officiating. Food and fellowship will highlight the festivities.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Racers for Christ, www.teamrhc.org; Prison Fellowship Ministries, www.prisonfellowship.org; or your local Christian radio station.

Arrangements are being handled by Holloway Funeral Home in Pocomoke City.

Wade Russell

Mr. Wade Lee Russell, 84, passed away Monday, June 22, 2026, at his home in Pocomoke City, with his loving wife of 65 years, Jeanette, by his side. Wade was the son of the late



Mr. Russell

George Alonzo Russell and Virginia Lee Rayfield Shrieves.

He is survived by two loving and dedicated sons, Wade Lee "Russ" Russell Jr.

(Mary), of Florida, and Roderick Bryan "Rick" Russell (April), of Pocomoke City; four grandchildren, Rodney Keith Sharpley (Denise), of Chincoteague, Roderick Bryan Russell Jr. (Jennifer), of Georgia, Meghann Christine Russell, of Pocomoke City, and Jessica Lauren Russell Peters (Xavier), of Pocomoke City; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Connie Stevens, of Melfa, and Debbie Gray (Carl), of Parksley; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Brenda Joyce Russell Fisher.

Wade served briefly in the U.S. Navy. He was a former active member in Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in Pocomoke City.

Wade looked forward to spending quality time with his two sons, Russ and Rick, teaching them about hunting and fishing, and he truly enjoyed family gatherings. Among his hobbies

that brought him the most pleasure were hunting, fishing, and riding his motorcycle.

He was a hard worker and was always ready to lend a hand when someone needed it. He worked in plumbing and construction until the age of 34. Then he was employed by the mayor and town council of Pocomoke City as an assistant supervisor in public works. Unfortunately, a job-related incident would forever change his life. He suffered a spinal injury and later had spinal surgery. He was never able to return to work.

In the months that followed, while recovering from surgery on his back in bed, he studied and earned his GED. He didn't stop there — he continued studying and earned certificates of achievement from BEREAN School of the Bible. The certificates included Gifts of the Spirit, Missionary Principles, and Principles of Counseling.

He also studied and earned a diploma in the master course of motorcycle repair. He and his wife had a dream of opening a motorcycle business with accessories and clothing. Sadly, his dream never materialized, as his injury left him with too many disabilities to overcome. Unfortunately, and most importantly of all, those disabilities took away his quality time from his family, especially his sons, for the remainder of his life.

He will be remembered as a dedicated husband and father.

Per his family's wishes, a private graveside service was held.

Should friends desire, contributions in Wade's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, www.stjude.org/donate; or Boys Town, P.O. Box 8000, Boys Town, NE 68010, www.boystown.org

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Obituaries in the Post

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

Power grid shows our reliance on natural gas

BY DWAYNE YANCEY

Cardinal News

July 2 was the hottest day of the year 2026 had seen, at least until the next day steamed up even hotter.

The temperature hit 102 in Charlottesville, 100 in Roanoke, 99 in Lynchburg, 98 in Danville and Dulles, and 96 in Richmond.

So how did we stay cool? It was a clear, sunny day, which means that solar facilities were soaking up the maximum amount of rays. I spent much of the day following the live dashboard on fuel sources for the PJM grid, which is the electric grid that covers Virginia and all or parts of 12 other states, plus the District of Columbia.

Hour after midnight

Let's begin in the hour after midnight. At 12:50 a.m., output from wind energy reaches its peak: 5.11 gigawatts, which accounts for 3.8% of the total grid at that point. Wind energy typically peaks at night (which means it pairs well with solar). However, the states in the PJM grid don't have a lot of wind energy. For instance, New Jersey and Virginia are less than 0.1% wind.

The Trump administration has moved to halt as many offshore wind projects as possible, although Dominion Energy's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project has survived and is now producing some power as construction continues.

Apex Energy, of Charlottesville, is currently building Virginia's first onshore wind project in Botetourt County. Virginia has the potential for more wind, but wind energy has historically taken a long time to develop, for both political and engineering reasons.

At 12:50 a.m., the top energy sources on the grid are gas, nuclear, and coal.

Sleeping hours of morning

Power usage is lowest during the sleeping hours of early morning. At



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A natural gas well is drilled in Buchanan County, in far western Virginia. Natural gas is the top energy source on the PJM grid, with its share of output ranging from 43.5% to 47.2% throughout the day.

4:05 a.m., gas is at its lowest output: 52 gigawatts.

Nuclear and coal output don't vary much through the day, which pro-nuclear and pro-coal advocates say is the benefit of those fuel sources. They are steady and reliable. On a percentage basis, nuclear output is highest at 4:05 a.m. when it accounts for 27.8% of the power on the PJM grid.

Waking hours

The sun rose on July 2 at 5:19 a.m. By 8 a.m., as temperatures start to rise and people are starting their day (and starting to crank up the air conditioning), we see gas output starting

to increase (up 2.52 gigawatts from its low at 4:05 a.m.). We also see solar rising to the fourth-largest energy source with 3.96 gigawatts, but at just 3.2% of the grid, while wind has dropped.

As the morning heats up, the additional power to the grid comes primarily from two sources: natural gas and solar.

From its low point at 4:05 a.m., the natural gas output on the grid is now up 10.1 gigawatts. Solar has added even more, peaking at 10:40 a.m. with an output of 13.34 gigawatts. Even so, it's still just the fourth-largest energy source because nuclear and coal have remained steady. On a percentage basis, solar's biggest contribution

comes in the 10 o'clock hour, when it accounts for 9.4% of the grid's power.

Wind has dropped to almost nothing, at 0.3% of the grid's power. In terms of a percentage contribution, that is wind's lowest point of the day (again, a natural function of the wind being strongest at night). In terms of actual output, wind's low point was 0.46 gigawatts at 11:15 a.m.

Shortly after noon

Now it's shortly after noon. In terms of new power since our last check-in, it has come almost entirely from natural gas. Natural gas output is now up 17.54 gigawatts since its low point at 4:05 a.m. Coal-burning through the

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day is generally steady, but this is its highest output, up 4.37 gigawatts since the early morning hours and up 1.51 gigawatts since our last check-in.

Afternoon

By early afternoon, it's already a scorcher. Gas, nuclear, coal and solar are all relatively steady at this point, but there's a demand for more power, and it comes from hydropower.

There's always some hydropower from conventional hydroelectric dams. What's happening here is we're starting to see pump storage dams (such as Dominion's Bath County project or Appalachian Power's Smith Mountain Lake) produce power for peak demand. Hydropower was at its lowest at 2:15 a.m., producing 0.39 gigawatts. Now it's up to 2.26 gigawatts, and it will go higher, although it will never be a large percentage of the grid.

We haven't talked about oil yet, because it is generally such a small amount of the grid's power. However, as temperatures heat up, oil starts flowing. Before daybreak, we were burning less than a gigawatt's worth of oil; now we're up to 5.11 gigawatts, and it has surpassed hydropower (which has doubled in the past two hours) at 3.2% of the grid. Still, though, our main power sources remain the same: gas, nuclear, coal, with solar in fourth during the day. The gas output is more than 18 gigawatts higher than it was 12 hours earlier.

Early evening

This is the part of the day when energy demand is the highest. It's still unreasonably hot, so air conditioning is running full blast. People are also home and starting to cook, watch television, and use other devices that require electricity.

In the 7 o'clock hour, natural gas, hydropower, oil, and battery storage all hit their highest output while solar output has now dropped by half, arguably when we need power the most. Its output was 12.4 gigawatts at 4 p.m.; now it's down to 5.09 gigawatts. Hydropower has now become

our fourth-biggest power source, at 7 gigawatts. Battery storage also hits its high point: 0.18 gigawatts, but still just 0.1% of the grid's power.

Night

Come night, natural gas is still producing at almost its highest output of the day. And on a percentage basis, natural gas peaks at 47.2% of the grid at 9:45 p.m. and stays close to that for the rest of the night. The hydropower dams are still producing the fourth-highest amount of power, while solar and storage have dropped down to 0%. Wind is starting to pick up a little.

The highs and the lows

In terms of their output, nuclear goes virtually unchanged throughout the day. Coal only changes a little. The biggest variation in output is from natural gas, which goes from a low of 52.11 gigawatts at 4:05 a.m. to a high of 72.2 gigawatts at 7:15 p.m. That's a change of 20.09 gigawatts, which illustrates why gas advocates like gas: You can just turn it on whenever you need it. Solar saw the second biggest change, going from essentially zero to 13.34 gigawatts.

Everything with energy is a tradeoff; there is no perfect energy source: Gas is reliable but is a fossil fuel. Solar is a free fuel source and emits no carbon, but isn't always available.

This exercise also shows the enormity of the challenge we face in replacing fossil fuels with renewables. Natural gas dominates the PJM grid, with its share of the output ranging from 43.5% to 47.2%. Coal, even in its reduced state, accounts for 17.4% to 21.5% of the power output. Even before we account for that small amount of oil, that's a lot of fossil fuel to be replaced.

There's also the inconvenient fact that the sun doesn't always shine and the wind doesn't always blow.

The real challenges to phasing out fossil fuels and replacing them with renewables seem more political than technological. Think of all the solar facilities we now see across Virginia and the political pushback those have sparked. We'd have to more than double solar output to replace coal even at peak solar time. We'd have to septuple it to replace both gas and coal. Is that politically possible?

The Solar Database compiled by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia shows that the number of solar projects approved in Virginia is declining; so is the number of megawatts being approved. Solar is the cheapest and quickest form of energy to add to the grid, but it seems to be becoming harder to do so, even as people complain more loudly about rising power costs.

Battery storage is touted as a way to store up renewable energy that's "over-produced" during peak hours for solar and wind and then feed it into the grid when the sun is down and the wind is light. Batteries can also be used to mitigate energy costs: Store up power during low-cost hours and then use it during peak demand when prices are highest. The immediate challenge for battery storage is that batteries don't last that long. Technology may solve that problem, but there's still the question of how much people will trust reliance on batteries, knowing that they could run out during some extreme weather event.

Wind is even harder to build than solar or battery storage, largely for politi-

cal reasons.

That brings us to nuclear: It has enjoyed a renaissance, at least rhetorically, as a way to produce lots of reliable, non-carbon energy. However, nuclear power has always been expensive and taken a long time to build. Smaller nuclear projects — small modular reactors — offer the promise of being quicker and cheaper, but we don't know that yet because we don't have any yet in North America (and we're not likely to take the experience of the Russians and Chinese as our model).

Let's suppose they are commercially feasible, though. We would need three to four times as much nuclear energy as we have now to replace gas and coal. Once again: Is this politically feasible?

Realistically, we're looking at some combination of fuel sources, but there is opposition to every single one of them, be it natural gas plants or solar facilities or battery storage or, well, you name it.

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30 jobs, \$10M in sales coming with Pocomoke pot store

BY CHIP CHOQUETTE

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Pocomoke City Board of Zoning Appeals voted Wednesday, July 1, to approve a request clearing the way for a proposed cannabis dispensary at 1621 Ocean Highway, the former Plaza Tapatia and Bonanza Steakhouse property.

The request for relief from the city's 500-foot separation requirement passed, 3-1.

The application was submitted by Shreif Shata, doing business as Guru Ventures, for a proposed dispensary that would operate as Summit Wellness.

During the hearing, Kal Shah, the chief executive of Guru Ventures and owner and operator of the Summit Wellness Cannabis Dispensary in Catonsville, Md., presented the proposal on behalf of the ownership group.

Shah said the proposed location is approximately 324 feet from the property line of New Beginnings Outreach Ministries, although the buildings themselves are about 502 feet apart.

The dispensary would operate under a dual license allowing both medical and adult-use cannabis sales.

Highlights experience

Shah told the board he has been involved in Maryland's cannabis industry for nearly a decade and currently operates dispensaries in Catonsville and Greenbelt.

He said Guru Ventures is the only newly licensed dispensary in Worcester County in the past nine years.

He plans to completely renovate the long-vacant building, including improvements to both the interior and exterior, creating what he described as a modern, professional dispensary.

Shah estimated the business would initially employ 20 to 30 people, with the potential for additional hiring as the business grows.

He also projected annual sales between \$5 million and \$10 million, not-



PHOTO COURTESY CHIP CHOQUETTE

The U.S. Route 13 building in Pocomoke City that once housed Plaza Tapatia and Bonanza Steakhouse restaurants is on track to be a cannabis dispensary. It is fewer than four miles north of the Accomack County line.

ing that Maryland's legal cannabis market generated more than \$1.16 billion in sales during fiscal year 2025.

Security discussed

Board members questioned Shah extensively about security, traffic, and preventing cannabis from reaching minors.

Shah said the dispensary would comply with Maryland's extensive cannabis regulations, including:

- Electronic ID verification for every customer at every visit
- Purchase limits established by state law
- Child-resistant packaging
- State-mandated seed-to-sale inventory tracking
- Approximately 50 surveillance

cameras with at least 90 days of recorded footage stored on-site.

He also told the board that none of his existing dispensaries have experienced an armed robbery during nearly nine years of operation.

The proposed site would also include new fencing and significant exterior improvements.

Public concerns

During public comments, Lynn Duffy, a Pocomoke resident who identified herself as a business owner, licensed counselor, and ordained minister, expressed concerns about substance abuse in the community and questioned whether the proposed location was appropriate given future development planned for

the area.

Duffy said she was not completely opposed to a dispensary but believed it would be better located farther outside the city.

Worcester County Commissioner Caryn Abbott also addressed the board, urging members to consider whether the property represented the "highest and best use" for the site.

Abbott argued the board should weigh the proposal against the city's long-term comprehensive plan and future mixed-use development goals, suggesting there were other commercial locations that could accommodate a dispensary without being located near an existing church.

She also questioned whether the city would receive enough financial benefit to offset potential infrastructure, traffic, and public safety responsibilities.

Distance discussed

Board members questioned staff about the exact distance between the proposed dispensary and the church property.

Planning Director Kristen Tremblay said staff estimated the separation between the property lines to be between 315 and 350 feet using GIS mapping, noting that a formal survey had not been completed.

The board also discussed whether to postpone a decision until its August meeting to gather additional information.

During deliberations, members considered the property's unusual shape, the lack of opposition from the church during the hearing, and the relatively small difference between the required separation distance and the actual distance.

The board's motion allows the project to move forward through the city's remaining approval process.

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Cover crop cost-share offered

Farmers and landowners may receive financial assistance for planting a winter cover crop under the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practice Cost-share Program administered by the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District.

The cost-share offered is an incentive to offset a portion of the establishment costs.

Those interested in participating must sign up for an appointment. Sign-ups will be accepted starting July 15 and will end on Aug. 21.

To schedule an appointment, contact: Carmie Ross, district manager, at 757-302-4431 or carmie.savage@esswcd.org, Ben Young, conservation specialist, at 757-302-4437 or benjamin.young@esswcd.org, or Lucy Earl, conservation specialist, at 757-302-4421 or lucy.earl@esswcd.org.

The Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District strongly supports the planting of cover crops as one of the leading best management practices to help reduce the leaching of nutrients into groundwater and to help meet Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan goals.

Several different programs for fall cover crops are offered, includ-

ing small grain cover crops, harvestable cover crops, legume cover, as well as a cover crop for specialty crops and vegetables.

Planting dates and cost-share rates vary by practice. Current nutrient management plans, written by a certified Virginia nutrient management planner, are required prior to receiving cost-share for any approved best management practice.

Cost-share is available for the writing and/or revision of nutrient management plans. Sign-up for those acres may be taken during the upcoming sign-up period.

As set forth by the Virginia Code 58.1-339.3 and 58.1-439.5, Virginia law currently provides a tax credit for the implementation of certain best management practices.

For practices that are unfunded yet still planted to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's specifications, Virginia tax credits may be an option. Sign-up will be taken for those during the upcoming sign-up period as well.

For more information about best management practices or other district programs visit www.esswcd.org

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Restoration underway at historic Emmanuel Episcopal

Restoration efforts are under way at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Jenkins Bridge.

Older than the nation, the origin of this house of worship dates back to 1686.

According to Kirk Mariner's book "Revival's Children: A Religious History of Virginia's Eastern Shore," the structure is the 13th oldest.

It was originally built in 1860. It was dismantled and moved from Temperanceville to its current location, Jenkins Bridge, in 1887.

The only known grave next to it is the grave of Cassandra Fletcher, who was responsible for the relocation of the chapel.

The vestry and the rector of the

church, Father Robert Coniglio, noted with sadness the disrepair of the diamond mullioned Gothic arch windows. Currently a painstakingly careful restoration of these original windows is underway.

When that restoration is complete, the interior mullions will be repainted, the casings repainted, and the exterior mullions will be reglazed, with all the original glass saved and preserved for the future with the installation of new storm windows.

Where some of the windows have been removed for the project, temporary sheets of plywood are in place. But where the old, fragile, but still intact storm windows exist, they are being retained while the windows are being restored. Thus, as much natu-

ral light as possible continues to illuminate the interior of the chapel.

Recently it was also discovered that there is termite damage in the rear wall of the chapel, where, according to Mariner, the oldest stained glass on the Eastern Shore of Virginia is ablaze when the sun shines. The large window features icons of the church and symbols of the sea and fields that have been the economic engine of the area over the centuries.

The vestry and the rector decided to engage the same contractor who is restoring the windows to inspect that damage, remove any deteriorated building materials, and reconstruct the wall so that this historic window is preserved.



COURTESY PHOTO

Restoration is underway to preserve historic windows at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Jenkins Bridge.

WHO WE ARE

Grant obtained to preserve Shore African American history

The Community Development Training Center announced it has been awarded funding from Virginia Humanities to implement the Eastern Shore African American History Preservation Project, a community-centered initiative dedicated to preserving the rich history, culture, and legacy of African American churches and cemeteries across Virginia's Eastern Shore.

"Virginia Humanities is one of the most important sources for understanding Virginia and its people, and we're beyond excited to have their support," said Brenda Holden, president of the Community Development Training Center.

"Through storytelling, documentation, and interpretation, this initiative will empower local residents to preserve their own history while

fostering a deeper understanding of the region's African American heritage."

The Eastern Shore African American History Preservation Project has three primary goals:

- Document and preserve historical materials from 10 to 15 African American churches and cemeteries throughout the Eastern Shore.

- Provide community-based training in archival research, oral history collection, and digital preservation.

- Develop accessible educational resources, including a digital archive and public programs that celebrate and share the history of African American communities.

For generations, African American churches have served as places of worship, education, civic engagement, and social leadership on Vir-

ginia's Eastern Shore.

Today, many congregations face declining membership and limited resources, putting irreplaceable historical records, photographs, and cemetery documentation at risk of being lost.

Through this grant, the Community Development Training Center will work alongside churches, community leaders, volunteers, and local historians to preserve these invaluable resources for future generations.

Participants will receive hands-on training through educational workshops covering archival research, oral history interviewing, records management, and digital preservation.

These skills will enable community members to continue document-

ing and safeguarding their local history long after the grant period concludes.

This project ensures that the stories, faith traditions, and contributions of African American communities on Virginia's Eastern Shore are documented, protected, and shared for generations to come.

The Community Development Training Center is currently seeking 10 to 15 African American churches and faith-based organizations interested in participating in the project.

For additional information or to enroll a church or faith-based organization, contact Brenda Holden, president of the Community Development Training Center, at 757-710-8835 or centercfd@gmail.com.

Homeschool student 3D prints model of Arlington

Caleb Dail, 16, a rising 11th grade homeschool student with Classical Conversations, entered the Ker Place Art Show during the weekend of Onancock's Sail 250 event.

Entries included artwork submitted by Shore students in grades six to 12, as well as other local artists. They were asked the question: "What Does America's 250th Mean to Me?"

Dail chose to design and 3D print a model of Arlington Plantation. He used pictures and information from the historical display at the county offices and on the county website to help recreate this now demolished house.

He was awarded an honorable mention in the art show. Dail's intention was to donate the model to Northampton County after the show to increase the information available

to the public about the historic home linked to the Custis family and to showcase this new technology.

Dail has been working with Joe Betit since 2023 on various projects related to aerial and hydro drone mapping and 3D printing.

This year Betit and his team were awarded a grant for \$197,000, funded through the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, to begin a 3D technology lab at the former Northampton Middle School.

The technology lab, named Automated Manufacturing and Autonomous Systems 4GM, provides hands-on training in advanced manufacturing, autonomous systems, CNC machining, 3D design, and digital production workflows, preparing students and adults for

high-demand technical careers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and beyond.

Dail was able to use one of the newly purchased printers to create his model, one of its first prints in the new lab.

Dail has been assisting with the startup of the lab, including cleaning and painting the rooms and setting up the new equipment.

Dail hopes to teach others about 3D-printing technology once the lab is up and running.

This isn't the first time Dail has used his skills in the community. He was asked to design and print a prototype part for Michael Steelman's seed spreader helicopter and has printed multiple boat parts for Hannah Twiddy, of Cape Charles Community Sailing.



COURTESY PHOTO

Caleb Dail presents a 3D-printed model of Arlington to Janice Williams, deputy county administrator of Northampton.



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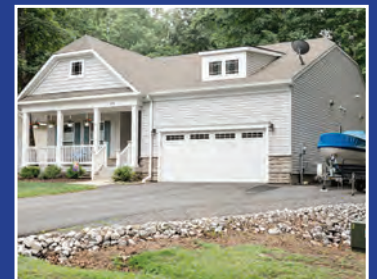
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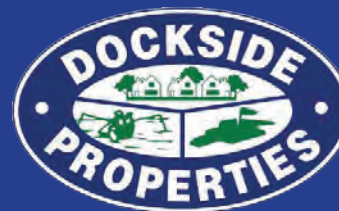
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GUEST COLUMN

Seabed mining and the future of Virginia's Eastern Shore

BY MARTIN MAYER

Guest columnist

Since beginning his second term in January 2025, President Donald Trump has advocated for shifting away from renewable energy projects, spending more than \$2.5 billion in taxpayer funds to cancel solar projects and buy out leases in an effort to bolster oil and gas production.

As the administration has attempted to unwind years of solar progress, it has, at the same time, been laying the groundwork for what could be an explosion of underwater mining in the name of national security.

Much of the current discussion stems from the April 24, 2025, executive order signed by Trump that authorized American companies to mine the seabed for critical minerals and precious metals.

The order effectively declared the U.S. to be the primary arbiter on all future underwater exploration, specifically as it relates to mining.

Prior to the order, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea had long been accepted as international law. It explicitly prohibits underwater mining and dredging. The U.S. abided by it but never officially signed off on it.

To date, the largest impacts of the order have been the consolidation of mining operations, the continued exploration of the Clarion-Clipperton Zone in the Pacific Ocean, and the galvanizing of much of the rest of the world in an attempt to set governing rules under the International Seabed Authority (created within UNCLOS) for seabed mining and deep-sea exploration.

Tens of millions of dollars were spent in the years leading up to the order from industry executives lobbying for greater access to critical minerals on and under the seabed.

A turning point in the success of these efforts began when the argument was reframed as one of national

Send your comments

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is holding a public comment period on seabed mining off Virginia's Eastern Shore. Comments can be submitted at <https://tinyurl.com/37zrf9zh>

security.

The rare deposits were needed not simply for renewable energy, batteries, and other technology, but to fend off the Chinese in a deep-sea arms race of sorts.

It is now a race to collect the vast amounts of critical deposits in the sea in the name of national security and wartime technology.

The primary antagonists are a mix of longtime mining operators, salvage companies, and deep-sea treasure hunters.

Odyssey Marine Exploration is the latter. It was most famously involved in a multi-billion-dollar dispute with Spain over the rights to a Spanish shipwreck treasure found off the coast of Florida in the early 2000s. International and American courts sided with the Spanish and ordered Odyssey to hand over the treasure and further fined them for destroying evidence.

In November 2025, the same company, Odyssey, submitted an unsolicited request to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to lease nearly 3,000 square miles, larger than the state of Delaware, off the coast of the Eastern Shore of Virginia for deep-sea exploration.

Much of the recent development in seabed mining has taken place in the CCZ in the Pacific. The CCZ is deep water. Surface mining in the area is done at depths of greater

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Mining

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than 10,000 feet, where potato-sized nodules of rock are collected from the seafloor.

The proposed effort off the coast of Virginia will be done in relatively shallow water and thus requires an entirely different process.

The shelf dredging operation would remove large amounts of sediment and natural habitat on the seafloor in areas of operation.

This material would then be filtered, with precious metals extracted on surface vessels before the substrate is returned to the seafloor or redirected for potential infill projects.

The concerns over potential implications to the fragile underwater ecosystem and nearby barrier islands are severe and impossible to fully comprehend at this juncture, as seabed mining has hardly existed until recently and there is no reasonable comparison to draw inferences from.

The threats to marine life and the local aquaculture industry are just as severe and unknown.

Organizations across Virginia, including Environment Virginia, the Southern Environmental Law Center, the Surfrider Foundation, and others have come out in opposition to the lease proposal, but this is hardly a uniquely Virginian issue.

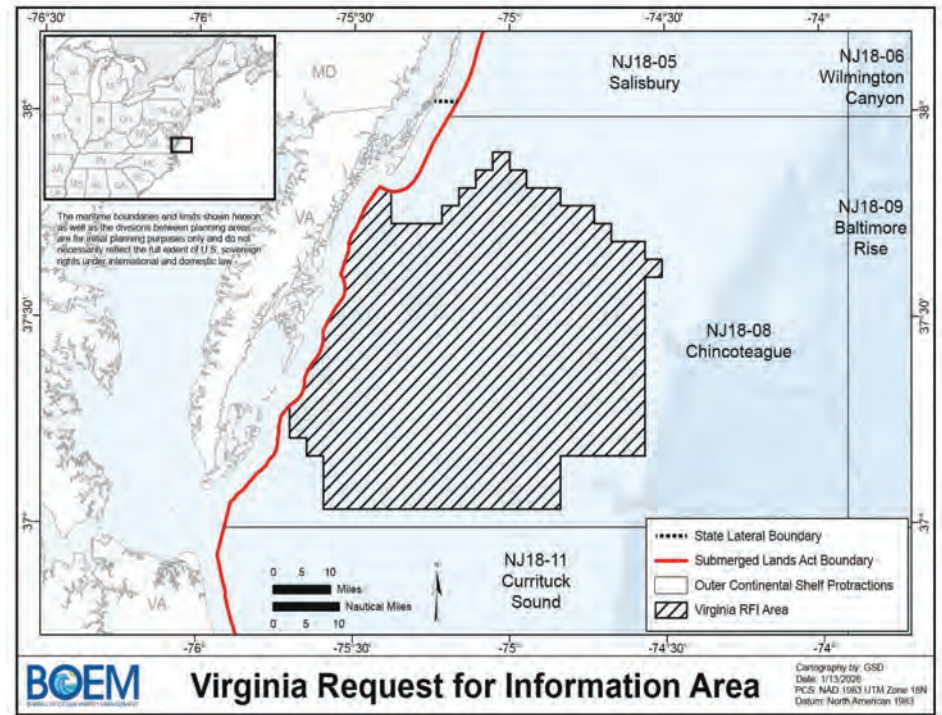
The mining proposal takes place beyond state boundaries, which limits state control, but also makes every citizen a stakeholder in this discussion.

The Federal Register is taking comments on the proposed lease through July 23.

At the time of this writing, there have been 156 recorded — across the entire country.

To make your thoughts known, please consider submitting a comment prior to the July 23 deadline.

■ *The writer is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He resides in Machipongo.*



COURTESY PHOTO

A map shows the proposed ocean floor mining area. The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is holding a public comment period on seabed mining off Virginia's Eastern Shore. Comments can be submitted at <https://tinyurl.com/37zrf9zh>

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Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the County of Northampton will meet on the days hereafter listed for the purpose of hearing property owners who believe their real property assessment is inaccurate. Upon hearing such grievances, either verbal or written, the Board will give consideration **TO EITHER INCREASE, DECREASE, OR AFFIRM** such real estate assessment. The taxpayer or agent must provide a preponderance of evidence that the assessment of the property is not uniform with the assessments of other similar properties or that the property is assessed above or below its fair market value.

Appointments will be scheduled every 30 minutes to minimize waiting. To appear before the Board of Equalization, please call (757) 678-0446 ext. 504, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday, to request an application. Meetings of the Board to hear objections will be held in the conference room on the second floor of the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, 23347. The dates and times are:

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| July 22, 2026 | 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. |
| September 23, 2026 | 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. |
| October 15, 2026 | 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. |
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GUEST COLUMN

Don't overdevelop

BY JESSICA-ROSE CELIK
Guest columnist

Although I live in Accomack, over the last several years I have been involved in development issues in both counties. I have firsthand experience with what happens when people aren't and fled from my formerly sleepy, rural town of Cape May Courthouse, N.J., because I wasn't involved. I watched our taxes rise, houses take over farm fields, and police, fire, emergency, and school services get stretched to the breaking point. Quite literally, I was priced out of my birthplace.

I have been employed in the restaurant business since I was 14, and after moving to Accomack County in 2008, in 2012 my husband and I opened the Country Corner in Parksley and operated a successful diner there until we purchased and now run Roma's Diner and Pizzeria in Nelsonia. We then purchased the old Tammy and Johnny's and are bringing our iconic eatery to its once vibrant place in the community.

Over the years we have hired many, many waitstaff and therefore know, firsthand, what the needs of the workforce are here on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. So it is that experience that prompted me to take a hard look at the claims by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors that they are creating "affordable" housing around each of their towns by allowing up to 20 dwelling units on each acre in the town edge districts surrounding all six towns on the lower Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The county claims that the average

worker makes \$61,000 a year and therefore can pay \$1,500 per month for an apartment. In reality, if a person makes \$20 an hour and works 40 hours per week, the state tables calculate they can afford no more than \$675 a month without being rent burdened. It is also remarkable that the zoning text amendment requires anyone living in these new high-end developments around the towns to pay a homeowner's association fee — which in Cape Charles can run as much as \$500 a month. To cap it off, only a small fraction of the thousands of houses they are proposing around each town will be called affordable but only by a definition they have created themselves. The county seems to be out of touch with our workforce and more in touch with the developers who want to do to the Eastern Shore of Virginia what the developers did to my rural hometown and to many other such rural towns throughout the country.

I am urging readers to stay engaged and call this developer's pipe dream being served on a platter that none of us in the real workforce can afford the ruse that it is. Send your comments to jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us and let Northampton County officials know on the record that you will not tolerate this smoke-and-mirrors deception designed to turn the lower Shore into the Cape Charles model of gentrification and overdevelopment that none of us who really love the Eastern Shore of Virginia want or need.

■ *Jessica-Rose Celik is a local restaurateur who lives in Accomack.*

Onancock to host Second Friday

The Onancock Business and Civic Association is hosting its monthly Second Friday in downtown Onancock on Friday, July 10, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Art galleries, gourmet shops, and boutiques feature extended evening hours, guest artists, music, and wine tastings.

North Street will not be closed during this month's event.

North Street Market will host a free wine tasting from 4 to 7 p.m.

Onancock Main Street will have a table from 6 to 8 p.m. with free tote bags, stickers, and cookies, as well as a raffle for two \$100 gift cards to the Blarney Stone Pub. The drawing will be at 8 p.m.

To learn more about Second Friday visit www.onancock.org

Accomack native Chaffins named coach at Randolph

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

An Accomack County native and Holly Grove Christian School graduate has been named head coach for Randolph College women's cross-country and track and field teams.

Meghan Chaffins, who grew up in Temperanceville and graduated from Holly Grove in 2017, attended Randolph College as a student prior to accepting the job of head coach at just 27 years old.

"I feel like I bring a lot of passion to the table and want to make the program better," Chaffins said about her recent promotion from interim to permanent head coach.

Randolph College is in Lynchburg. Chaffins is the daughter of William Chaffins, of Temperanceville.

Chaffins attended Holly Grove, which is located near Westover, Md., from kindergarten through 12th grade.

In seventh grade, Chaffins broke the Holly Grove record for the long jump.

That's when her coach, the late Hal-lie Gregory, saw potential in Chaffins that she didn't see in herself.

"He was the coach in my life that saw something in me," Chaffins said of Gregory, a highly accomplished coach and athletic director who worked for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and other schools. Gregory died in 2017.

It's a mindset that Chaffins says she has carried into her own coaching career.

"I'm a huge advocate for giving kids a chance. If someone has dedication and passion, I want to help them succeed," she said.

Chaffins said that getting the position of head coach at a college at just 27 years old was not easy.

After earning her master's degree



COURTESY PHOTO

Meghan Chaffins, an Accomack County native, recently was named head coach for Randolph College's women's cross-country and track and field teams.

in coaching and sports leadership, Chaffins worked at Regent University in Virginia Beach for a year, then worked at Heidelberg University in Ohio for two years but began to miss family and friends.

She reached out to Randolph College asking if any positions were available.

The only one available was for distance running, a sport in which Chaffins had never participated — but she was willing to give coaching it a shot.

Later, the head women's track and field coach left, and Chaffins jumped at the chance, which she said had an intense hiring process.

Chaffins was on the volleyball and track and field teams while she was an undergraduate at Randolph. She graduated with seven school records in track and field, four of which still stand.

In 2021, she was named Randolph College Women's Athlete of the Year.

In her new role, Chaffins is preaching much of what her past coaches taught her — not only in athletics, but also in the classroom.

"It's not just what you do on the track, it's me preparing you for your next steps of life," she said.



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

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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.**

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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

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Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

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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.
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- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and public speaking skills.
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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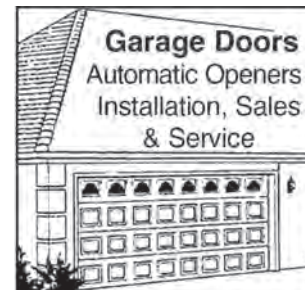
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TRUSTEE'S SALE 22342 WOODCOCK CIRCLE, CHERITON, VA 23316

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 27, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$102,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 060000933, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on September 11, 2026, at 3:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE NEAR BAYVIEW, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA CONTAINING 7,875 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 29 ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY OF BAYVIEW CITIZENS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, INC., CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA" DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2003, BY BALDWIN & GREGG, RECORDED IN THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 32, AT PAGE 84 THROUGH 87 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 040001864, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE FOR A MORE ACCURATE AND PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

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

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.aldridgepите.com

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TRUSTEE'S SALE 3229 CAPTAINS CORRIDOR, GREENBACKVILLE, VA 23356

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2019, in the original principal amount of \$204,300.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 190002308, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on September 11, 2026, at 1:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED NEAR GREENBACKVILLE, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BEING LOT 1259, SECTION 1, CAPTAIN'S COVE, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED, AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 285, PAGE 94, AND IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 83.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia, entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on 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.

JAMES W. ELLIOTT
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Towers, LLC, is proposing to construct a 199-foot overall height self-supporting lattice 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. 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Accomack County Public Works Department (VMRC #2026-0304) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to replace an existing boat ramp with a new concrete ramp at the Gladding Landing boat ramp, located on Gladding Landing Road situated along Muddy Creek in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2026-0304) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>

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

LE FROG LLC
trading as
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300 Mason Ave., Suite B, Cape Charles,
Northampton County, Virginia 23310

The above establishment is applying to the
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY

for a Restaurant with Caterer, Wine, Beer,
Mixed Beverage Consumed On and Off Premises license
to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

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

Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE 3196 PINE MEADOWS WAY, EXMORE, VA 23350

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 5, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$55,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 120001733, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on September 11, 2026, at 3:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE, OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN THE FRANKTOWN DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING KNOWN, NUMBERED, AND DESIGNATED AS LOT A-3, BEING A PORTION OF LOT A AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED, "SUBDIVISION OF PINE MEADOWS, FRANKTOWN DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, FOR EILEEN KIRKWOOD," DATED OCTOBER 27, 1989, WHICH SAID PLAT IS DULY RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 19, AT PAGES 20 AND 21 AND FURTHER DESIGNATED AS LOT A-3 ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED, "SUBDIVISION PLAT OF PARCEL 'A' PINE MEADOWS (PB 19 PG 21) TAX PARCEL 9B-5A LOCATED NEAR WARDTOWN, FRANKTOWN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA," MADE BY MSA, P.C., AND CERTIFIED BY JAMES B. LATIMER, II, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2005, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 35, PAGE 52. SAID LOT IS ALSO THE SAME LOT ADJUSTED BY DEED OF BOUNDARY SETTLEMENT TO PRESTON E. TROWER, IV, FROM BUNDICK-SHELLEY PROPERTIES DATED MARCH 3, 2008, AND RECORDED ON MARCH 4, 2008, IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE, AND FURTHER DESIGNATED AS LOT A-3 ON

PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT OF LOT A-3 AND A-4 AND PHYSICAL SURVEY OF LOT A-3 SUBDIVISION PLAT OF PARCEL "A" PINE MEADOWS, NEAR WARDTOWN, FRANKTOWN DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA" MADE FOR PRESTON E. TOWER, IV, BY MSA P.C., ON NOVEMBER 29, 2007, AND RECORDED ON MARCH 4, 2008, AS PLAT BOOK 39 PAGE 97 IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AND BY DEED OF CORRECTION BETWEEN AND AMONG CHARLES J. BUNDICK AND PRESTON E. TROWER, IV, MADE ON MARCH 6, 2008, AND RECORDED ON MARCH 6, 2008, AS INSTRUMENT #080000503 IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: July 10, 2026 to August 10, 2026

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, AND PERMIT NUMBER: Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD); 1434 Air Rail Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23455; VA0021253

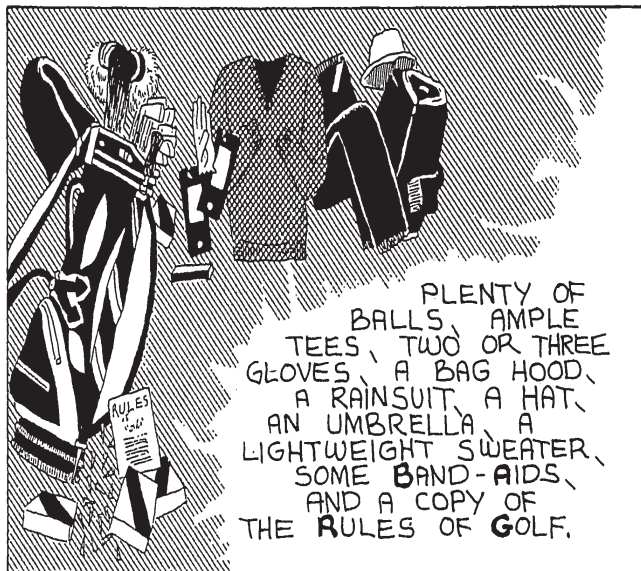
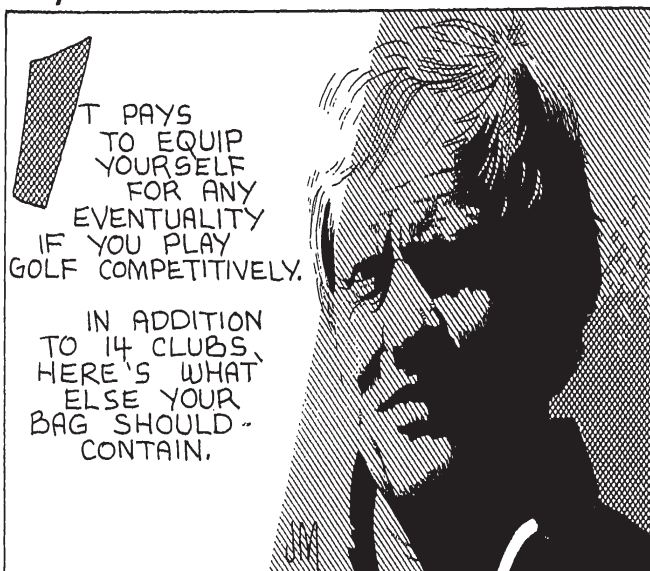
FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: HRSD — Onancock Wastewater Treatment Plant, 23656 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) has applied for reissuance of a permit for HRSD — Onancock Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated domestic sewage wastewaters from residences and businesses at a rate of 0.75 million gallons per day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be disposed at the Accomack County North Landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage in the North Branch of Onancock Creek in Onancock in the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Ocean, and Small Coastal watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, nutrients, metals, organic matter, solids, bacteria, and inorganics. This facility is subject to the requirements of 9VAC25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed in Virginia (Permit # VAN050002).

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

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Julie K. Gilliam; DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23462; Phone: (757) 374-6546; Email: julie.k.gilliam@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.

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-646
vs.
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:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-418
vs.

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission invites public comments on proposed amendments to regulations, as shown below. By July 9, 2026, the proposed draft regulations may be viewed on the VMRC web calendar at <https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm>

In accordance with Section 28.2-209 of the Code of Virginia, a public hearing on the proposed amendments to these regulations will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Written public comments on the proposals below or on items not on the agenda must be provided by 12:00 Noon, Thursday, July 23, 2026. Comments should be made at the following link: https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/fisheries/search_publiccomments.php or addressed to Public Comments, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

The Commission may review Fisheries Management Division items as early as 9:30 a.m.

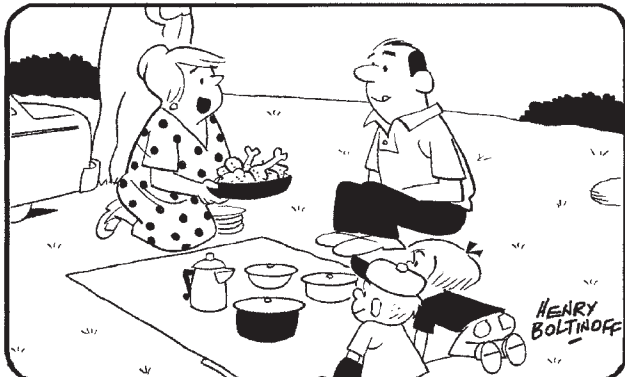
I. Chapter 4VAC20-490, "Pertaining to Sharks"

The Commission proposes to amend Chapter 4VAC20-490, "Pertaining to Sharks," to amend the number of commercially permitted aggregated large coastal sharks and hammerhead sharks able to be retained per day, reclassify blacknose sharks' permitted category, establish a commercial retention limit of eight blacknose sharks per vessel per trip, and establish a recreational size limit for fine tooth and blacknose sharks.

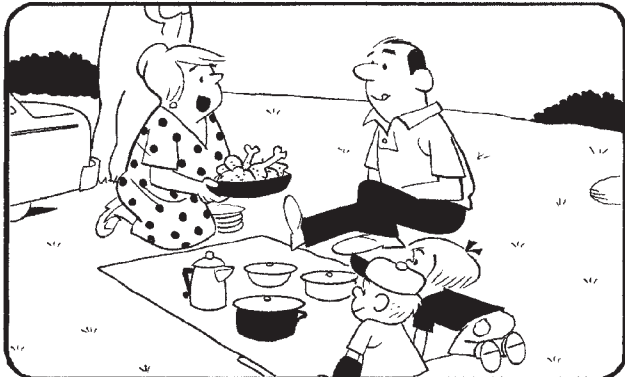
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Alcohol-related convictions for April 2026

■ Chadric Jameson Savage, 35, of Greenbush, was found guilty April 1 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense. The incident happened on Oct. 14, 2025. He was sentenced to 60 days with 50 days suspended, had his license suspended for three years, was fined \$1,000, was charged \$364 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Keyotta Marie Rodriguez, 37, of Melfa, was found guilty April 7 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. The incident happened Dec. 13, 2025. She was sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had her license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$361 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Chad Jason Hartsell, 44, of Onancock, was found guilty April 8 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. The incident happened Feb. 19. He was sentenced to 35 days with 35 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$377 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Nori Elizabeth Velasquez, 35, of Accomac, was found guilty April 8 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. The incident happened Feb. 19. She was sentenced to 35 days in jail with 30 days suspended, had her license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$351 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Stephen Richard Karafa, 59, of Chincoteague, was found guilty April 8 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. The incident happened Feb. 5. He was sentenced to 10 days with 10 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$427 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Delmas Columbus Mears, 76, of Chincoteague, was found guilty April 21 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. The incident happened on Feb. 24. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail with 10 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$226 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Damar O'Brien Drummond, 28, of New Church, was found guilty April 21 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated,

first offense. The incident happened Nov. 24, 2025. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail with 10 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$346 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Anthony Lee Wise, 47, of Melfa, was found guilty April 22 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. The incident happened Jan. 11. He was sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$226 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Zymiere Hazian Collins, 20, of Exmore, was found guilty April 22 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while under the influence of drugs, first offense. The incident happened Jan. 12. He was sentenced to 30 days with 30 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$336 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Michael Brandon Morgan, 57, of Bloxom, was found guilty April 22 in Northampton County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while under the influence of drugs, first offense. The incident happened Sept. 29, 2025. He was sentenced to 90 days with 90 days suspended, had his license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$206 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Allison Roddy Ross, 61, of Greenbackville, was found guilty on April 28 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. The incident happened on March 30. She was fined \$25 and charged \$96 in court costs.

■ Joseph Taylor Young, 35, of Hallwood, was found guilty on April 27 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. The incident happened on Feb. 28. He was fined \$50 and charged \$35 in court costs.

■ Beverly Sebra, 65, of Quinby, was found guilty April 28 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while under the influence of drugs, first offense. The incident happened Nov. 11, 2025. She was sentenced to 10 days with 10 days suspended, had her license suspended for one year, was fined \$500, was charged \$412.80 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

■ Eric Matthews, 67, of Onancock, was found guilty April 28 in Accomack County General District Court on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense. The incident happened Jan. 4. He was sentenced to 60 days with 50 days suspended, had his license suspended for three years, was fined \$1,000, was charged \$371 in court costs, and must complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program.

Northampton Property Transfers

■ From Carol Allene Labass, Sarah Beth Levin, and James W. Elliott, special commissioner
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■ From Giuseppina Caciula Santoro and Radu Paul Caciula
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For \$276,500

■ From James A. Kelly IV
To Parting Creek Holdings, LLC
Two lots in Willis Wharf
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■ From Rhetson Companies, LLC
To Picky Dog, LLC
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For \$75,000

■ From Claudia C. Andrews and Joseph E. Andrews
To Wyketa James
Parcel 8 in the town of Exmore
For \$183,500

■ From Anne Hallerman
To Judith Copony and James Copony
Lot 9, Parcel B, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$530,000

■ From Evergreen Rentals 3, LLC
To Wilson Raymond Ballard
Lot 3, Block B, in Exmore
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Remainder of Parcel C near Bayview
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Accomack Property Transfers

■ From Bernard L. Downing Jr., Equai Downing Sr., et al.
To McKeva Wise
Lot 4, Section III, Shiloh, Temperanceville
For \$15,400

■ From Alice Kay Andrews, Angela Peters, et al.
To Tammy S. Pomerleau
6283 Circle Drive, Chincoteague
For \$104,360

■ From Katherine A. Truitt
To Donna Haddock and Debra Hurley
Lot 15, unit 3, sheet 4, Trails End, Horntown
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■ From Lourdes Espita Pantiagua, Jorge Rene Estaban Nolasco, et al.

To Adriana Lucia Palma Barrero
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To Dwayne McFerren
Lot 946, Section 1, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
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■ From the estate of Odessa M. Downing
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Section 3, lot 7, Shiloh, Temperanceville
For \$13,200

■ From Shane Herr and Gary Linter
To Barbara Milyko
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For \$457,500

■ From John Bodnar and Robin Brennan
To Erin Horgan and Patrick Horgan
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* The first submarine used in warfare was the "American Turtle," a small submersible invented by David Bushnell, during the American Revolution, in 1776.

* When "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" made its debut in Great Britain, the publisher asked stores not to sell the book until schools were closed for the day, to prevent eager reader truancy.

* NASA defines an astronaut as someone who has flown 50 miles above sea level.

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| Chincoteague Channel | 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 |
| Gargatha Neck | 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 |
| Folly Creek | 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 |
| Wachapreague | L 12:16 pm H 6:56 pm | 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 |
| Quinby Inlet | L 11:59 am H 6:40 pm | 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 |
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| Tangier Sound Light | 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 |
| Muddy Creek | 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 |
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| ACROSS | 53 She sang "Skyfall" | 99 Dropping extra work and "acting your wage" | 5 Joan of folk | 48 Costume spangle | 87 Deep blue dye |
| 1 Pet plaguers | 55 Grandma, in Italy | 101 Wicca's realm | 6 Letter after kay | 49 Channel for excess water | 90 Dying rebuke from Caesar |
| 5 Keg party dispensers | 57 Sri Lankan monkey with a hatlike whorl of hair | 103 Jethro — (rock band) | 7 English cathedral city | 50 Move like a seesaw | 92 Course part, in an eatery |
| 13 Iranian city with a 1,200,000+ population | 62 Nosy sort | 104 Excavate | 8 Necessary: Abbr. | 54 Govt. lawyers | 93 Course part, in school |
| 16 Brainpower stats | 65 Yuletide poem opener | 105 NHL team that became the Colorado Avalanche | 9 Have faith in | 56 "Shaq —!" (O'Neal memoir) | 94 — Azalea ("Fancy" rapper) |
| 19 Cries of awe | 67 Skip out (on) | 111 Saintliness | 10 Visibly awed | 58 Lyft rival | 97 Like built-up interest |
| 20 Having hay fever, say | 68 Business attire | 113 Draws upon | 11 Relative of risotto | 59 Makes lighter | 98 Ordinary |
| 21 Italian "a" | 69 French "the" | 114 Nutrition fig. | 12 — -fi | 60 Sch. close to Harvard | 99 Div. of an NBA game |
| 22 Bring to court | 70 Dental buildup | 115 Debt memo | 13 Latin for "five" | 61 Heady drink | 100 "— Sera, Sera" |
| 23 More proficient than anybody else | 73 Joked around | 116 Tear apart | 14 A single block of sugar, say | 62 Dental buildup | 101 Drs. who deliver babies |
| 26 Tchr.'s union | 75 Cooler cubes | 117 — Lady of Fatima | 15 Irate | 63 Disproves | 102 Washful by Chase in 2008, in brief |
| 27 Figure skating leap | 76 Competent | 118 Algebraic statement graphed as a parabola | 16 Playground comeback | 64 Land specks in the sea | 105 Sales target number |
| 28 Sauna setting | 78 Gallivant | 125 Bi- plus one | 17 Subdue | 66 Bank bought by Chase in 2008, in brief | 106 Seize illegally |
| 29 Photo lab blowup: Abbr. | 79 Doubt-free | 126 Poet's dusk | 18 Serta rival | 71 Financier | 107 Hair-raising |
| 30 Barbie or Ken | 80 Deep-seated | 127 Counterpart of digital (Var.) | 19 Stage actress Hagen | 72 "Apollo 13" director | 108 Pop diva |
| 31 "He wouldn't hurt —" | 82 Cartoon short featuring a bird who was a precursor to Tweety | 128 Norway port | 20 Have a hunch | 73 Andrews of "Mary Poppins" | 109 Teensy bits |
| 33 Fairly often | 85 Lamp cover | 129 Kong, for one | 21 Genetic stuff | 74 Failed to | 110 Thick cover |
| 38 Kung — chicken | 88 Sheer | 130 1950s prez | 22 Vaulted church area | 75 Dallas-to-Nashville dir. | 111 Item in a pod |
| 39 Extremist sect | 89 Goopy cheese | 131 Actor Clint | 23 Sacred book of Islam | 76 Assistant on iDevices | 112 Being pulled |
| 40 Female graduates | 91 Designer with the fragrance Lucky Wish | 132 "Sheesh, close call!" | 24 Stage actress Hagen | 77 Failed to | 116 Regretted greatly |
| 41 Ball hitter in a certain court | 95 Quaint suffix with poet | DOWN | 25 Have a hunch | 78 Dallas-to-Nashville dir. | 118 End-of-proof abbr. |
| 47 Center or glottis lead-in | 51 Tallinn locale | 1 Hitter Gehrig | 26 Disloyal type | 79 Assistant on iDevices | 119 TV actress Charlotte |
| 48 Old JFK jet | 52 — Christian Andersen | 2 Tiny particle | 27 "Calm down!" | 81 Uncluttered | 120 Dairy beast |
| | | 3 "Calm down!" | 28 Norway port | 83 In a — (very quickly) | 121 Psyche part |
| | | 4 Suffix similar to "-ish" | 29 Kong, for one | 84 — Dhabi (emirate) | 122 Status — |
| | | | 30 Genetic stuff | 86 Schleps | 123 Corrida cry |
| | | | 31 Vaulted church area | | 124 This minute |

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