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Providing a service for the victims of crime

Moore does not let cancer slow tradition of advocacy

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Laura Moore, the director of Accomack County's victim witness program, has cancer in a big way. But to her, working from home is not an option. Too many people who need her services drop by her office at 22477 Center Parkway, Accomac. "If I'm at home, how do I help them?" she asked.

For 29 years, Moore has been the person who explains to crime victims the intricacies of the judicial process and provides support and a listening ear.

"They're just devastated," she said. "They go into situations not knowing what to expect."

Despite Moore's advocacy — she has been the program director since it began in Accomack County in 1997 —

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Laura Moore, director of the Victim and Witness Advocacy Program in Accomack County, sits in her Accomac office. "Crime does not have a schedule," she said.

ACCOMACK Hallwood toddler, 2, dies in evening pool incident

Child got out of his home; found in pool next door

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Quick and rambunctious, Future King Savage, 2, of Hallwood, was always on the go.



Future King Savage

"He could get out of anything," said Cynthia Merritt of her great-nephew. "He was an escape artist."

On Friday, Aug. 7, at about 8:40 p.m., the toddler let himself out of his parents' home on Corbin Street and went next door to Merritt's home.

It is where Savage and his siblings often played.

"They were over here every day," said Merritt, motioning with her arm toward a yard strewn with plastic toys.

The child always was wary of the backyard swimming pool — he would not even approach when adults were in the pool and called him over.

That night, Savage ended up in the pool shortly after he escaped from his home.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, the family gathered in the front yard of the home

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Supervisors change meeting location

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors has changed the location of its Wednesday, Aug. 19, meeting.

The board will hold its August meeting in the cafetorium at Metompink Elementary School at 5:30 p.m.

The school is located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley.

Any citizen wishing to view documents, submit a comment, having

questions, or needing special assistance for the disabled may contact the county administrator's office at 757-787-5700, 824-5444, or email administration@accomack.gov.

The agenda for the Accomack County Board of Supervisors meeting can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/nhhu98zp>

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Nolan Rayfield announces for Northampton County treasurer

Longtime Northampton resident Nolan Rayfield has officially announced his candidacy for Northampton County Treasurer in the Nov. 3 election.



Nolan Rayfield

In his announcement press release, Rayfield offered a vision “centered on modernizing services, improving financial stewardship, and providing exceptional service to every taxpayer.”

Rayfield is the son of Berkley and Joy Rayfield and the grandson of Tommy Rayfield and the late Francie Rayfield.

Growing up in his family’s independent pharmacy business, he said he developed a strong work ethic and gained firsthand experience with the day-

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to-day responsibilities of operating a small business.

The press release stated that those experiences instilled in him the importance of fiscal responsibility, customer service, and giving back to the

community.

A graduate of Radford University with a degree in finance and a minor in economics, Rayfield has built his career managing finances, analyzing budgets, and helping individuals and businesses make sound financial decisions.

He said his professional experience in banking and financial management has given him firsthand knowledge of the importance of accountability, efficiency, and public trust.

“I decided to run because I believe the treasurer’s office should continually look for ways to better serve the people of Northampton County,” Rayfield said.

“Taxpayers deserve convenient, secure, and modern services while knowing their public funds are being managed responsibly.”

If elected, Rayfield’s priorities include expanding payment options and

improving online services to make it easier for residents to conduct business with the treasurer’s office, carefully managing county funds to maximize returns while protecting taxpayer dollars, and ensuring the office remains transparent, efficient, and responsive.

“I respect the work of everyone who serves our county,” Rayfield said. “My goal is to bring fresh ideas, financial expertise, and a forward-looking approach that prepares the treasurer’s office for the future.”

Rayfield said he looks forward to meeting residents throughout the campaign to hear their concerns, answer questions, and discuss his vision for an office that is accessible, innovative, and committed to serving every citizen with professionalism and integrity.

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The 2025–2026 academic year reflected a period of purposeful progress for Your Eastern Shore Community College. Guided by my commitment to listen, learn and connect, three strategic themes emerged that now guide our work: **creating a sustainable future, aligning academic and workforce programs with high demand fields, and designing our college to meet the needs of current and future learners.** Together, these themes provide a clear framework for decisionmaking and investment that will shape the next iteration of ESCC’s strategic plan, developed collaboratively with our college community and stakeholders.

Forward momentum defined my first year as President. The college advanced with intention, aligning strategy with purpose and translating vision into action. Enrollment increased in both Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, and **ESCC served 1,800 students** across academic and workforce programs. Our college realized a **3.2% increase** in annual full time equivalent (FTE) enrollment over the previous academic year, signaling continued growth. ESCC proudly awarded **232 degrees, certificates, and career studies credentials.** Our May Commencement Ceremony welcomed more than 1,000 attendees and featured an inspiring address from Jeannette Edwards, CEO of Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. and a proud ESCC alumna. The college also made meaningful progress on key goals within the Virginia Community College System Strategic Plan, particularly in credential attainment, adult learner enrollment, and FastForward program completion.



ESCC President Dr. Daryl Minus (L) enters his second year in the role, leading the college with Forward Momentum into the Fall Semester. Hayleigh Bradbury is shown (R) assisting student Lakisha Warner James in Career Services, a huge component of ESCC’s always-expanding services.

ESCC prioritized revenue diversification through more than \$4 million in grant submissions since July 2025. Additionally, we secured significant external investments, including a competitive \$788,700 GO Virginia Per Capita Grant to expand unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) initiatives. New and emerging programs in **engineering, healthcare, artificial intelligence, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing** directly respond to regional workforce needs. We continue to expand strategic partnerships with colleges, universities, and industry leaders, reinforcing ESCC’s role as a talent pipeline and economic driver for our region.

ESCC’s Career Services Center exceeded its five-year service goals, supporting hundreds of students through career guidance, internships, and job placement. We advanced our use of technology and artificial intelligence across teaching, learning, and operations, enhancing student engagement and strengthening institutional readiness for the future. We also continue to engage students in clubs and activities, including Fall club soccer led by championship-winning Coach Chase Baxa.

Throughout all this work, we remain focused on removing barriers, fostering a culture of care, and ensuring that every student is supported from enrollment to graduation and beyond. Our continued emphasis on organizational excellence and accountability strengthened compliance, enhanced institutional effectiveness practices, and expanded investments in data infrastructure.

Collectively, these achievements reflect a year of shared effort and forward progress. This success belongs to our faculty and staff who lead with excellence, our students who trust us with their aspirations, and our donors, businesses and community partners who invest in our college’s future. With a solid foundation and forward momentum, ESCC is positioned to move confidently into its next chapter, expanding opportunity, strengthening regional impact, and fulfilling its mission for the communities we serve.

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Accomack superintendent explains ‘error’ in AD job posting

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County’s school superintendent said an advertised job description that full-time high school athletic directors could have a bachelor’s degree or “at least three years of experience” coaching a Virginia High School League sport was a mistake.

Superintendent Gennifer Miller called the description an “administrative error.”

The online job posting was updated to require a bachelor’s degree after Jimmy Bloxom, who has been a part-time athletic director at Chincoteague Combined School for nine years and a coach at the school for 11 years, met with the school’s new principal to express his interest in the job.

“The correction was necessary to ensure that the posted requirements accurately represented the position and the division’s expectations,” said Miller in an Aug. 10 email to the Eastern



Jimmy Bloxom

Shore Post. “It was not made to exclude any particular applicant or to influence the outcome of the hiring process.” Bloxom was not interviewed for the position.

At its Tuesday, Aug. 18, meeting, the Accomack County School Board is expected to give final approval on recent hires, including the Chincoteague Combined School athletic director. The 6:30 p.m. meeting will be held at Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley.

A crowd of supporters for Bloxom is expected to speak on his behalf. In addition, supporters have been encouraged to write letters to the school board advocating for Bloxom.

This is the first year Accomack high schools have had full-time athletic

directors. Bloxom’s wife wrote in an Aug. 7 letter to the Eastern Shore Post that the change in job requirements “specifically targeted” her husband.

She called it “nine years of dedication to the students and families of Chincoteague Combined School, not for money, for our children, just discarded without an interview, second thought, or thank-you.”

Bloxom said he was asked by a Chincoteague Combined School assistant principal nine years ago to take on the role of part-time athletic director when nobody else wanted the job. Bloxom is not a full-time school employee but had been a coach at the school when the job was offered.

“I was coaching whatever they needed me to do,” said Bloxom, a 1990 graduate of Chincoteague High School who lives on Chincoteague Island.

Over the years Bloxom said he always sought out employment that would allow him flexibility to make serving as part-

time athletic director — for which he was paid \$7,500 annually — a priority.

“Thank God for the people who have given me jobs,” Bloxom said on Aug. 12. “Not every employer is as forgiving.”

“It’s not about the money. It’s about taking care of the kids,” he said.

Bloxom also said he felt he could provide continuity for student-athletes who were already getting a new principal and assistant principal, among other new hires at the school.

Bloxom said he does not like the limelight and did not want the issue of athletic director to be divisive.

“I don’t want my stuff out there,” he said. “I don’t want any ill will.”

Jesse Speidel, the school board member who represents Chincoteague, did not respond to an email request for comment.

Said Miller, “Regarding Mr. Bloxom, I certainly recognize and appreciate the time and effort individuals devote to our athletic programs and our students.”



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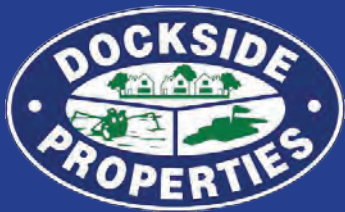
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and talked fondly about a child named Future, whose life was tragically cut short on a hot August night.

“He’s never been in that pool,” said his mother, Courtney Merritt.

Said Cynthia Merritt, “He was always afraid of the big pool. We couldn’t

even get him to come in it with us.”

Describing a hectic scene, she said the deceased child’s 3-year-old sister said she had grabbed his foot and was unsuccessful in her attempt to pull him out of the water.

An online fundraiser was posted by one of the child’s aunts in the wake of his death to help with funeral expenses.

“My sister and her boyfriend, his father, are living every parent’s worst nightmare,” reads the page on the website www.gofundme.com

“They should be planning birthdays, making memories, and watching their little boy grow, not planning his funeral,” it said.

Funeral services are planned for Monday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m., at Thorn-

ton Funeral Home in Parksley. Interment will take place at the Parksley Cemetery.

The child’s mother thanked the community for its prayers and assistance.

“That has been the smile in this whole process,” she said. “Everyone has lifted a lot of weight off our shoulders.”

Moore

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she would like for more people to know about the victim and witness assistance program.

Northampton County has a similar program that also ensures the benefits of the state’s Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act are available to residents.

The offices can provide information and help with protective orders, confidentiality, preparing impact statements, or acquiring the services of an interpreter.

“I want people to know that this program exists,” said Moore, whose career has seen her work with all types of crime victims and sit in court to explain to the families the process.

More than two decades ago, she even traveled with police officers and prosecutors to witness the last person from the Eastern Shore of Virginia ever executed by the state.

Her reason for wanting to attend the macabre scene? To learn more about processes she may have to explain to victims.

But Moore, who stands 5’11” and has a warm but authoritative bearing, never imagined she would be the victim of a disease that has taken her hair and sapped her energy.

She overcame breast cancer in 2018, but the cancer reappeared in 2024, spreading to her bones, lymph nodes, liver, and more.

The mother of two adult children credits her long-term partner, Billy Bower, and her friends for their help and support during her treatment.

She has made a lot of friends over the years. Moore, who was born and raised near Philadelphia, always came to Virginia’s Eastern Shore to visit her great-grandparents on Chincoteague Island.

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■ And other rights that can be explained by victim and witness advocates in both counties.

After high school, she moved to Chincoteague and became a dispatcher for the town’s police department.

In the 1990s, she was a state police dispatcher in Melfa for six years, a job she figured she would always have.

When the state consolidated its dispatchers in 1997 and stopped dispatching from Melfa, Moore was hired by

former Commonwealth’s Attorney Gary Agar as Accomack’s first victim witness program director.

“I knew virtually nothing about the court system and how things worked,” she said.

Through experience, questions, and training — Moore advocates for victim and witness advocacy training programs — she learned the job.

“I would go to court with him every time he went to court,” Moore said of Agar. “I needed to understand the processes.”

One of the hardest processes for crime victims to understand is how state sentencing guidelines work, she said.

While the state code sets maximum penalties for misdemeanor and felony convictions, judges must follow sentencing guidelines that are more lenient.

“It’s very difficult to explain to victims how sentencing guidelines work,” she said. “I have a very difficult time with sentencing guidelines.”

Making her job easier, however, has been her office’s new location in the Accawmacke Office Park.

The victim witness assistance office is located in the same building as the commonwealth’s attorney’s office.

The new office, which she has occupied for three years, includes plenty of room for the office’s part-time employee and has a conference room where interactions can be held confidentially.

On a recent day, Moore was juggling her work duties with a doctor’s appointment.

Moore spoke to a visitor at her office before leaving for an appointment with a doctor on her cancer prognosis.

But she said working in the victim witness assistance office means being on call whenever necessary.

“Crime does not have a schedule,” she said.

Back to school driving tips are announced

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■ Plan ahead to avoid rushing and the temptation to speed

■ Enter directions into your vehicle’s navigational system before driving.

Cost of middle and high school project balloons to \$108M

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Northampton middle and high school renovation project now is estimated to cost \$108 million, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors heard at a meeting Tuesday, Aug. 11

The cost is now \$27 million more than the winning bid of \$81.3 million, which was awarded in late 2023.

Supervisors also heard the remaining funding on hand for the project is expected to run out in late March 2027, leaving the county to consider options for funding the school's completion.

As of right now, the estimated best case for completion of the project is in late October 2027.

Davenport and Company, the county's longtime financial consultant, recommended during the meeting that

the board of supervisors take out a \$30 million line of credit to complete the project, even though the county only needs an estimated \$19.3 million to finish construction.

"It's there if you need it, but hopefully you won't have to use all of it until later, when the project is drawing down, and then you'll be closer to being able to permanently pay it off," said Courtney Rogers, of Davenport and Company.

Davenport and Company recommended the county take out a line of credit rather than a loan in case not all of the \$30 million is used — the county would only have to pay interest on what it borrows.

A line of credit also allows the county the flexibility to pay back the borrowed money three to five years after the issuance of the line while only paying interest.

There is currently \$10.5 million in

savings between the county and the school system for the project, which is still being evaluated for how it can best be used.

If all of the county's available fund balance were to be depleted, the county would still come up \$12.5 million short of the \$108 million figure.

Part of why the project is costing more than expected is because of \$10 million worth of renovations to the Career and Technical Education building, which was built in 1976 and was not included in the \$81 million winning bid in order to lower the cost of the original bid.

In all \$3.2 million worth of grants were acquired for the CTE building, bringing its overall cost to \$6.8 million.

"We're trying to save the taxpayer dollar," said board vice chairman Oliver Bennett.

John Chandler, the county's finance

director, said he was available for questions on the matter.

"I think tonight we're all in the education business and we hope that the public is educated as well as they would like to be and if they're not, please reach out and let us know and we'll try to help in any way we can," he said.

At the beginning of the meeting, the board of supervisors met in a legally approved closed session.

According to the meeting agenda, the board consulted with the county attorney in closed session "regarding probable litigation regarding a construction project, where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the county's litigating posture."

It was not revealed after the closed session what county construction project might prompt probable litigation.

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Farming's second season: Between promise and payoff

As July gives way to August, the excitement of planting season has long been replaced by a more measured reality. Farmers have entered what might be called the second season of agriculture — the stretch between promise and payoff.

Every weather forecast is scrutinized. Every rain cloud is welcomed — or dreaded, depending on what came the week before. Farmers walk fields searching for any sign that the crop is not living up to its potential and weighing their options on how to address it.

Much of what happens over the next several weeks will determine whether this season becomes a success story or another lesson in agriculture's enduring unpredictability.

No other profession depends so heavily on factors beyond one's control. A late frost and an early drought have already tortured numerous farmers up and down the East Coast.

Add volatile commodity prices, shifting export markets, uncertain trade policy, rising interest rates, and continually increasing input costs, and today's farmers face challenges that extend well beyond the farm gate.

Yet opportunities remain. Markets can change quickly. Favorable weather during grain fill can rebound yields. Long term, new technologies — from precision agriculture and crop protection products to improved genetics and data-driven management — continue helping producers make better decisions with fewer resources. Strong consumer demand for food, renewable fuels, and agricultural products reminds us that what happens in rural America matters far beyond county lines.

The weeks ahead will require careful management. One timely decision can preserve profit, and one missed opportunity can narrow already thin margins.

Between now and harvest lies the period where hope meets hard work — and where another chapter in agriculture's timeless story will be written, one field at a time.

— *The Delmarva Farmer*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A idea to spread around the names at Wallops

To the editor:

Here are some thoughts regarding the naming of the Wallops Flight Facility.

I think it is a great idea to recognize Tom Young, an Eastern Shore native who had a distinguished career with NASA.

I also think we need to honor Bob Krieger, the first director of the Wallops Flight Facility, who served for 33 years and whose leadership and vision helped make Wallops what it is today.

And I think it is important to retain the name Wallops. It is our only barrier island that still bears the name of the original patent holder. John Wallop patented the island in the 1670s.

How about naming the mainland base the A. Thomas Young Mainland Flight Fa-

cility. The island becomes the Wallops Island Space Portal, and the new bridge currently under construction becomes the Robert L. Krieger Memorial Bridge?

Curtis Badger
Melfa

Birdsnest speeding should be addressed

To the editor:

A lot of us in Birdsnest are excited about the coming changes to our community.

Particularly I'm speaking of those on the northbound side of the highway from the convenience center to the stop sign

on Birdsnest Drive.

Not only are we looking forward to the new rail trail but also the renovation of the old Birdsnest school, where there are plans for an inn, restaurant, boutique, and available retail space.

And speaking of the school, when it was in operation, Birdsnest Drive had a speed limit of 35 mph, which makes sense in a school zone and residential area with children playing, people strolling their babies, people walking their dogs, and a lot of traffic in and out of the convenience center.

Nowadays, Birdsnest Drive has no posted speed limit at all, and some of the fastest vehicles

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Why naming island launch facility for Young is recommended

BY DAVID LUMGAIR
Guest columnist

Recent community discussions regarding the Accomack County Board of Supervisors’ resolution about the NASA Wallops Flight Facility have understandably generated questions. On behalf of members of the Accomack County Economic Development Authority, we want to clarify what has actually been proposed, why it matters, and how it can benefit our community. First and most importantly: Wallops is not being renamed, erased, or replaced.

What is being proposed

The main base remains Wallops. The main campus, including the airfield, offices, labs, hangars, and standard workforce facilities, will continue to be known as NASA Wallops Flight Facility. The proposal applies only to Wallops Island: The recommendation applies specifically to the space launch facility located on Wallops Island where rocket launches take place.

The county cannot rename federal property. The board of supervisors has simply adopted a resolution to recommend a name change to federal authorities. The ultimate decision rests entirely with the federal government. In short: Wallops will still be Wallops.

Good for economic growth

While Wallops supports a wide array of aviation, defense, and scientific missions, the aerospace market has become intensely competitive. Communities nationwide are spending billions to build spaceport infrastructure. Accomack County already has a world-class launch facility — we just need to make sure the world knows it. ■ Clear identity: A potential investor or employer hearing “flight facility” often thinks solely of aircraft. Rebranding the launch facility on the island explicitly highlights our space-launch capabilities, putting Accomack County at the forefront of the commercial space market. ■ Local opportunity: Growing our

aerospace sector brings high-paying jobs, subcontracting opportunities for local businesses, increased demand for skilled trades, and career paths for our local youth. ■ Honoring an Eastern Shore legend: The proposed name for the Wallops Island launch facility would honor Wachapreague native A. Thomas “Tom” Young, one of the most distinguished figures in American aerospace history.

Career highlights

Young’s career highlights include: ■ NASA leadership: Directed the Lunar Orbiter program (which chose Apollo landing sites), led the Viking Mars lander program, served as director of NASA’s Planetary Program, and served as director of NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center (during which Wallops was brought under Goddard’s umbrella in 1981). ■ Industry executive: Served as president and chief operating officer of Martin Marietta and executive vice president of Lockheed Martin — companies with deep, historic ties to defense and aerospace operations at

Wallops Island. Good for county We respect that community members have deep sentimental ties to local landmarks. However, we believe this proposal good for Accomack County because it: ■ Preserves the historic Wallops identity on the main facility. ■ Highlights our region’s high-tech space launch capabilities to prospective employers. ■ Honors an accomplished Eastern Shore native who helped shape America’s space program. We encourage open dialogue, but it should begin with the facts: NASA Wallops Flight Facility remains Wallops Flight Facility. The EDA’s believes this will only enhance the standing of the launch facility and having a local name to tie to it tells generations to come that you can grow up in a little Eastern Shore town and have an impact on the world — and maybe even things outside of it. ■ *The writer is chairman of the Accomack County Economic Development Authority.*

Letters

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flying past our houses. You have to wonder why some people travel at such a high rate of speed? The answer is simple — because they can. I’ve written to the county on more than one occasion and gotten no replies. What do we have to do?

Felicity Stokes
Birdsnest

Northampton zoning coverage left out details

To the editor: I attended Northampton County’s community learning night Wednesday, Aug. 5, regarding the town edge zoning text amendment. The Eastern Shore Post’s coverage left out important details that should have been reported. First of all, questions from citizens were not read as submitted. Rather, they were edited by County Administrator Matt Spuck. Besides this obvious lack of respect for citizens, many questions had their context and intent deleted. Your paper also did not mention

that the meeting was prematurely halted before all questions from citizens were asked. The excuse given by the county administrator was that it “had been a long day for staff.” Surely your reporter could have reported this quote and the collective disappointment from members of the audience who had taken time from their busy day to attend the meeting. In fact, your article did not choose to quote any of the questions asked by citizens. Many important questions were asked, yet your paper ignored them. It did, however, choose to quote county talking points freely. In addition, your reporter could have questioned Spuck on why he took it upon himself to alter the process of the meeting? Why did he serve as the gatekeeper for citizen questions? Or still, why did the county administrator seek to provide for such limited public debate around town edge revisions? Since this zoning change could increase density 250 to 300% around Cape Charles, Cheriton, Eastville, Nassawadox, and Exmore, we need a transparent government and a newspaper that will provide balanced reporting.

Lynn Allison
Birdsnest

We are all Jimmy Bloxom. And apparently, we are all not good enough.

This is part of why it hurts that Jimmy Bloxom, Chincoteague Combined School's part-time athletic director for the last nine years, is not being considered for the school's full-time athletic director position:

It is because a lot of us — maybe even you — are just like Bloxom.

And if he is not good enough, not dedicated enough, not active enough, and not qualified enough, neither are we.

That is what Accomack County's school board and educational leadership are telling you right now, right this minute, while wagging a finger in your face.

They're telling you Jimmy Bloxom-style dedication and Eastern Shore-style commitment are not good enough.

And because Bloxom represents what we all should aspire to be and do, apparently we are all not good enough.

They are telling you that working years for chicken feed, in your hometown, for the high school from which you graduated, and investing your life in every kid at the expense of your own career is not good enough.

They are telling you that the work you have done on the Eastern Shore — all of the late nights, early mornings, effort only God himself sees and knows about, and money out of your own pocket — is not good enough.

You think I am wrong?

I am right and you know it.

In part, this is who is telling Bloxom and the rest of us that we are not good enough: Career-building educational leadership vagabonds, globetrotting the country, updating their resumes, and making personnel decisions in places where they never intend to put down roots.

Bloxom has community pride and deep community knowledge in his hometown. Many of us have the same. Apparently, those qualities are not



Ted Shockley

good enough for the educational leadership vagabonds.

(Do even half of these leaders and managers and change agents who come to work on the Eastern Shore of Virginia ever pay a dime of real estate taxes in the

Eastern Shore municipalities in which they are employed?)

Generations of us have made due with a low salary and paid too much for housing to gladly stay on the Eastern Shore, immerse ourselves in these communities, treat everyone's kids like our own, and participate in every fundraiser.

Our reward? Seeing these children we have known from birth excel because of the coaches and teachers and principals and athletic directors we also have known from birth.

So dissing Bloxom is dissing us — and dissing our reward for working so hard, for so long, in a land so very wonderful and very complicated.

If you are not offended — for Bloxom, for Chincoteague, for Accomack County, for yourself — you are not paying attention.

Why this is different

Why is Bloxom's situation different from every other head-scratching, mystifying personnel decision local school systems have made?

It is hard to find a similar situation with these astonishing facts:

Bloxom personally was asked to be Chincoteague's athletic director nine years ago. He was paid \$3,000 then. He was paid \$7,500 this year.

This is an embarrassing pittance for the amount of effort, love, dedication, and leadership Bloxom

provided.

Then he applied for the full-time job and knew he was qualified because the initial posting did not require a bachelor's degree.

Suddenly, the job required a bachelor's degree — after Bloxom applied and expressed his interest in the position with Chincoteague Combined School's new principal.

The school system called it an "administrative error."

You just can't make up stuff like this.

Another "administrative error" would be if Bloxom is not hired for the position.

In truth, these educational honchos earn too much money to keep making "administrative errors."

Understand that all of this should not be taken as a criticism of any other applicants for the position.

But if you exhumed Abraham Freaking Lincoln, dusted him off, breathed life into his breathless body, and assigned him an Accomack County Public Schools email account, even the noble and talented 16th U.S. president would not be as capable and qualified for the role of Chincoteague Combined School athletic director as Bloxom.

How to fix it

Here is what the Accomack County School Board can do to fix the Chincoteague Combined School athletic director issue and stand up for what is right, fair, student-centric, and community-minded.

If they follow this process, the school board can save face, save everyone's time, and make everyone happy.

First, when the Tuesday, Aug. 18, meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., one of the school board members should make a motion to amend the agenda to immediately vote on the personnel list. Don't make everyone in the audience wait around for this.

If the school board is considerate of attendees' time, the motion will pass. We will see.

There likely will be a large crowd in attendance, and most will be there to support — and speak on behalf of — Jimmy Bloxom, the nine-year Chincoteague athletic director who was not interviewed for the position when the job was changed from a part-time to a full-time job.

Second, someone on the school board should make a motion to approve the personnel list except for the position of Chincoteague Combined School athletic director.

If the school board is interested in doing the right thing, the motion will pass. We will see.

Third, someone on the school board should make a motion to reopen interviews for the position of Chincoteague athletic director based on the original job description advertised — which did not require a bachelor's degree.

If the school board is interested in serving voters who elected them, the motion will pass. We will see.

Last, someone on the school board should make a motion to hold a special meeting next week to vote on an athletic director for Chincoteague Combined School, after the new round of interviews.

It is that easy, the way I see it.

The members of the school board do not need to say an additional word in the process. The school board and all of the school system administrators cannot speak about personnel matters anyway.

Let their actions and votes speak for them.

We will see if the members of the school board do the right thing.

Or if they subscribe to the crazy notion that Bloxom — and all of us, by extension — are simply not good enough.

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

EXMORE

Lewis announces write-in candidacy for mayor

Thomas R. Lewis, the current vice mayor of Exmore and a longtime member of the Exmore Town Council, has announced his write-in candidacy to be the next mayor of Exmore.

The longtime current mayor, Doug Greer, did not file for re-election and nobody met the filing deadline for the Exmore mayoral election.

Lewis has served on the town council for more than a decade and has been the vice mayor during that time.

He has lived in Exmore since 1989 and formerly worked for the Exmore Police Department and the Northampton County Sheriff's Office.



Thomas R. Lewis

He now is employed by Pep-Up.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Early voting begins Sept. 18.

There have been 12 mayors in the history of Exmore.

Greer was first elected as town mayor in 2014.

Exmore's town council candidates include two incumbents, Claudia Andrews and Byron Heaster, and two newcomers, Stephanie Lilliston and Bradley Lowery.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, August 14

■ **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.

■ **PULLED PORK SALE:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Melfa Volunteer Fire Company, 28328 Hatton St., Melfa. The fire company is hosting a pulled pork sale. The cost of a sandwich is \$9, a pint of pork will be \$14, a quart will be \$22, and a pulled pork plate with coleslaw, baked beans, chips, and a drink will be \$14. Dine in and take out are available.

■ **CRAFTS:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. There will be a variety of crafts available during the Adult Crafternoon.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 1 to 2 p.m., South Beach at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Learn to net invertebrates and fish found at the beach.

■ **HIKE:** 3 to 4 p.m., Picnic Shelter 1 at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. During the Life and Times of Kiptopeke Hike visitors can learn about the park's history, geological context, and biological variety.

■ **STREET FAIR:** From 5 to 8 p.m., Second Friday will be held in downtown Onancock. The Southern Fog Band will perform live on North Street and shops and galleries will have extended hours.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 p.m., Cape Charles Mini Golf, 2100 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Bridgetown Sounds performs live.

■ **CAMPFIRE:** 6 to 7 p.m., Campground Amphitheater at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Visitors can hear a nature presentation, touch real specimens, and roast marshmallows.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles. Diego Maldonado per-

Best bets

■ **Saturday, Aug. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m.** Shore History is hosting its annual Crab Crackin' at Ker Place. Tickets are \$75 and include steamed crabs, clams, oysters, barbecue, and sweet corn. Paul Pesco and Friends will provide live music. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/kk72z7e> for tickets.

■ **Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 7 to 8 p.m.** the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance will host a children's music and movement concert.

forms live. There will be a cash bar.

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

■ **OWL PROWL:** 7 p.m., Cape Charles Natural Area Preserve, 301 Patrick Henry Ave., Cape Charles. Enjoy a sunset over the Chesapeake Bay before walking back through the preserve and observing nocturnal wildlife. To register call 757-331-1300.

■ **MUSICAL:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The North Street Playhouse presents "Once Upon A One More Time," a musical based on the music of Britney Spears. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for all others. To purchase tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Saturday, August 15

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 6 to 10 a.m., Sunset Beach Bar and Grill parking lot, Cape Charles. Birders can join Baxter Beamer during Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory's morning flight count, an official count that measures migratory bird diversity and abundance. No registration is required.

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

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

■ **COMMEMORATION:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastville Courthouse Green, Eastville. Eastville is commemorating the day the Declaration of Independence was originally read on the courthouse green in 1776. At noon Traci Johnson, clerk of the court, will read the Declaration of Independence on the steps of the 1731 courthouse. Other historic buildings on the courthouse green will be open for viewing. There will also be music, food, and activities.

■ **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.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Picnic Shelter 2 at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Park rangers will share a nature-themed book and a related touch table.

■ **BOAT DOCKING:** Gates open at 11 a.m., competition starts at 1:30 p.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Pocomoke City. The annual Pocomoke Boat Docking returns. Practice runs begin at 12:30 p.m. and the main event kicks off at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for children age 12 and under, and free for children age 3 and under.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 1 to 2 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Fishing Pier, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. During this beginner-friendly lesson visitors can learn to catch and handle blue crabs. The cost is \$2 per person.

■ **CRAFT:** 3 to 4 p.m., Picnic Shelter 2 at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Attendees can complete an all-ages craft.

■ **CRAB FEAST:** 4 to 8 p.m., Ker Place, Onancock. Shore History is hosting its annual Crab Crackin' at Ker Place. There will be steamed crabs, clams, oysters, barbecue, and sweet corn. Live music will be provided by Paul Pesco and Friends. Tickets are \$75. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/kk72z7e> for tickets.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Vaux Hall, 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa. Boy Wells and the Originals perform live.

■ **LINE DANCING:** 5 to 8 p.m., Chincoteague Pony Center, 6417 Carriage Drive, Chincoteague. The center is hosting line dancing. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. Melinda and the Speakeasies perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., The Great

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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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Machipongo Clam Shack, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox. The Myrtles perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. The Bright Roads perform live.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Robert Reed Waterfront Downtown Park, Chincoteague. The Island Boy Band performs live. Bring a chair or blanket.

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

■ **MUSICAL:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The North Street Playhouse presents "Once Upon A One More Time," a musical based on the music of Britney Spears. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for all others. To purchase tickets visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Sunday, August 16

■ **SCREENING:** 1 p.m., Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Eastern Shore Community Services Board is screening "Screenagers Under the Influence." It examines teenagers' relationship to vaping, drugs, and alcohol in the digital age.

■ **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 North Street Playhouse presents "Once Upon A One More Time," a musical based on the music of Britney Spears. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for all others. 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, August 17

■ **HEALTH SCREENING:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastville Community Health Center, 17068 Lankford Highway, Eastville. Sentara is bringing its mobile mammography unit to Eastville. To preregister call 757-785-4138. Walk-ins are also welcome. Patients should bring photo identification and an insurance card.

■ **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.

■ **INFORMATION SESSION:** 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Melfa. At Do You Know: A Community Informational Discussion, community members can discuss topics that impact their lives and civic participation. This is not a political debate. Topics will include Medicare prescription drug changes, the SAVE act, Virginia voter registration, and voting rights restoration. To register email bh0859666@gmail.com or text or call 757-710-8835.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 6:30 p.m., Cheriton Baptist Church, 21291 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The church is hosting a sermon series called "Love Lifted Me." Lynn Hardway will be the guest pastor. Nursery will be provided. To RSVP call 757-635-1519.

Tuesday, August 18

■ **COFFEE TALK:** 10 a.m. to noon, Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. During Coffee Talk attendees will try and solve a Sherlock Holmes-themed mystery, the Calamity at Callamis, by working together and finding clues.

■ **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. August's meeting will cover nutrition.

■ **SUPPORT GROUP:** 1 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Women Supporting Women will meet for survivors of breast cancer.

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

■ **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.

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The Island Readers Book Club will meet to discuss "We of the Never Never," by Jeannie Gunn. All are welcome.

Wednesday, August 19

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 1 to 2 p.m., South Beach at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Learn to net invertebrates and fish found at the beach.

■ **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 Memory Cafe will meet for social engagement for caregivers and those living with brain changes.

■ **CRAFT:** 3 to 4 p.m., Picnic Shelter 2 at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Attendees can complete an all-ages craft.

■ **CLINIC:** 5 to 7 p.m., David Landsberger Family YMCA, Chincoteague. The Y is hosting a pickleball clinic. The cost is \$15 for Y members and \$25 for nonmembers. To register email ehannon@ymcachesapeake.org

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, 4158 Seaside Road, Exmore. The church

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will provide a free hot meal every Wednesday, along with a food distribution for those in need.

■ **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.

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

■ **LECTURE:** Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., event runs from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is hosting Bunker Talk about menhaden and why they are important for the Chesapeake Bay and how to help protect them.

■ **CHILDRENS CONCERT:** 7 to 8 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The alliance is hosting a free music and movement concert. Young children and their families are encouraged to sing and dance along.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 8 to 11 p.m., E and O Pub, Cape Charles. Brandon Bower performs live.

Thursday, August 20

■ **HEALTH SCREENING:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastville Community Health Center, 17068 Lankford Highway, Eastville. Sentara is bringing its mobile mammography unit to Eastville. To preregister call 757-785-4138. Walk-ins are also welcome. Patients should bring photo identification and an insurance card.

■ **CROCHET AND KNIT CLUB:** 11 a.m. to noon, Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Crocheters and knitters of all skill levels can bring a project to work on in the company of others.

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

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

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The Romance Book Club is meeting for tea, cookies, and discussion about this month's

Eastern Shore class reunions

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selections. The titles for August are "The Severn Year Slip," by Ashley Poston; "Do Your Worst," by Rosie Danan; "Lady Like," by Mackenzie Lee; and "My Killer Vacation," by Tessa Bailey.

■ **CHILDRENS PROGRAM:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Children can learn to make a paper brontosaurus.

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

Friday, August 21

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Shotgun start at 1 p.m., Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, Melfa. The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Shore Fest golf tournament. The cost is \$150 per person and includes greens fees, a cart, lunch on the course, beverages, and an awards reception. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/pkucs9wk>

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 1 to 2 p.m., South Beach at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Learn to net invertebrates and fish found at the beach.

■ **HIKE:** 3 to 4 p.m., Picnic Shelter 1 at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. During the Life and Times of Kiptopeke Hike visitors can learn about the park's history, geological context, and biological variety.

■ **SUB SALE:** 5 to 8 p.m., Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company, 15312 Bayside Drive, Bloxom. The fire company is hosting a sub sale. A 12-inch cold-cut sub is \$12 and a

12-inch cheesesteak is \$14. Subs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To order in advance call 757-709-8138 by Thursday, Aug. 20.

■ **CAMPFIRE:** 6 to 7 p.m., Campground Amphitheater at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Visitors can hear a nature presentation, touch real specimens, and roast marshmallows.

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** 6 to 8 p.m., UVA Coastal Research Center, 6364 Cliffs Road, Cape Charles. The Shore Strong Showcase and Open House will host a display of photographs and information provided by community members that is designed to preserve the past and inspire future conservation and protection. Refreshments will be provided.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles. Melinda and the Speakeasies perform live. There will be a cash bar.

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

■ **DINNER CRUISE:** 6:30 p.m., 2246 Curtis Merritt Harbor Drive, Chincoteague. The Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague is hosting a dinner cruise aboard a tiki boat. Tickets include dinner and a sunset cruise. Complimentary water, tea, and sodas will be provided. Guests may bring their own beverages. To reserve a seat visit <https://tinyurl.com/3tvpzky9>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Chris English performs live. Tickets are \$20. Call 757-710-8718 for reservations.

Saturday, August 22

■ **FESTIVAL:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Samuel Outlaw Blacksmith Shop Museum, 5 Boundary St., Onancock. The annual Shoebox Lunch Festival celebrates the culinary and industrial history of Virginia's Eastern Shore. The event will kick off with a 5K at 8 a.m. There will be a ribbon cutting for the newly-renovated blacksmith shop, as well as tours and live demonstrations. There will also be live music and local speakers. Shoebox lunches will be available for \$20 and can be ordered

at <https://tinyurl.com/yujhn2sj>

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

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

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague. A fundraiser is being hosted at the church. There will be a silent auction, a bake sale, and a luncheon. The lunch is \$8 per person and includes barbecue, coleslaw, chips, and a drink. Lunch tickets are available at the church or H&H Pharmacy.

■ **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.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Picnic Shelter 2 at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Park rangers will share a nature-themed book and a related touch table.

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

■ **CHILDRENS PROGRAM:** 1 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. The Maryland Science Center is visiting the museum for What's the Matter. During this program children will learn about the states of matter and chemical reactions. After the show families can check out the Maryland Science Center's Traveling Science Program.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 1 to 2 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park Fishing Pier, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. During this beginner-friendly lesson visitors can learn to catch and handle blue crabs. The cost is \$2 per person.

■ **CAR SHOW:** Registration opens at 2 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The fire company is hosting its annual Frank "Sonny" Etz Memorial Car Show. There will be food trucks, music, and raffles.

■ **CRAFT:** 3 to 4 p.m., Picnic Shelter 2 at Kiptopeke State Park, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive,

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Cape Charles. Attendees can complete an all-ages craft.

■ **ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** 4 to 6 p.m., Eastern Shore Railway Museum, Parksley. The museum is hosting an ice cream social. There will be music, sprinklers, free ice cream, and a time capsule opening at 3:30 p.m.

■ **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. The United States Air Force Band performs live as part of the Concerts in the Park series.

■ **TRIVIA:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., trivia begins at 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Local actors and musicians will perform scenes and songs from movies. Guess the movie correctly and win a prize. Beer, wine, and sodas will be available for purchase. The suggested donation is \$5.

Sunday, August 23

■ **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, August 24

■ **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.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 6:30 p.m., Cheriton Baptist Church, 21291 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The church is hosting a sermon series called "Love Lifted Me." John Burr will be the guest pastor. Nursery will be provided. To RSVP call 757-635-1519.

Tuesday, August 25

■ **FAREWELL PARTY:** 10 a.m. to noon, Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. Harriet, who served as a librarian for many years, is leaving and a farewell party is being hosted. Light refreshments will be served.

■ **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.

Wednesday, August 26

■ **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.

■ **HEALTH SCREENING:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastville Community Health Center, 17068 Lankford Highway, Eastville. Sentara is bringing its mobile mammography unit to Eastville. To preregister call 757-785-4138. Walk-ins are also welcome. Patients should bring photo identification and an insurance card.

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■ **CRAFTING:** 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincote-

ague. Crafters can bring handheld projects and work on them in the company of others.

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

■ **CLINIC:** 5 to 7 p.m., David Landsberger Family YMCA, Chincoteague. The Y is hosting a pickleball clinic. The cost is \$15 for Y members and \$25 for nonmembers. To register email ehannon@ymcachesapeake.org

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 p.m., Historic Onancock School Pavilion, Onancock. The Deloreans performs live. Bring a chair or blanket. Leashed pets are allowed. There will be a cash bar.

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Anthony Monte

Mr. Anthony Grant Monte, 40, of Virginia Beach, passed away on July 27, 2026.

A memorial service was held at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Great Neck Chapel, 1264 Great Neck Road North, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 on Friday, July 31, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Matt Ruckel officiating. Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home provided memorial service arrangements, and the Cremation Society of Virginia handled cremation services.



Mr. Monte

Anthony was born in New Jersey on Oct. 2, 1985. His loving parents, Craig and Karen Hudson, raised him on the Eastern Shore. He graduated from Northampton High School in 2003.

In October 2019, Anthony began working at Lockheed Martin, one of his favorite and most rewarding employments. He was a range technician supporting naval special warfare at Fort Story. He continually expanded his knowledge through numerous professional certifications and specialized training. Due to debilitating health issues, Anthony medically retired with the hopes of one day returning to the mission and his fellow men in the field.

Throughout Anthony's life, he was known for his dedication to service, a strong work ethic, and a steadfast commitment to protecting others. His career spanned more than two decades in law enforcement, security, and military support, where he earned the respect of colleagues and those he served. His commitment to service, professionalism, and protecting others was evident throughout every stage of his career and remained one of the defining characteristics of his life.

Anthony not only had a dedication to his job but also a deep love for God, country, and family. He liked spending time with his friends sharing his life ex-

periences. He enjoyed the unmistakable sound of a powerful engine and would frequently turn oil changes into car buying experiences, which brought joy and a smile to his face. He loved going camping with family and spending time around the campfire at Cherrystone Family Campground in Cape Charles.

He had a special bond with animals and children. They seemed drawn to his playful spirit and captivated by his attentiveness. He attended Big House Church and recently had become involved in the youth ministry by providing a secure and safe place for teens to grow in their faith. In his free time, he enjoyed a protein-packed meal at Texas Roadhouse.

Whether it was laughing with friends around a table filled with food or watching his wife enjoy game night with their friends, Anthony's love for his wife and their devotion to each other was evident in the way they looked at each other. Much of Anthony's time was spent in the company of his loving and devoted wife, Shannon Knowlton. For six and a half years, Anthony and Shannon shared life as they maneuvered around his health issues while cherishing every moment together. From vacationing in Florida and Myrtle Beach to riding to the oceanfront and watching the sun set to holding tightly to each other for a selfie, they enjoyed their time together.

Besides his wife, Anthony is survived by his beloved parents, Karen and Craig Hudson; his grandmothers, Jacquelin Grant and Gloria Hudson; his siblings, Jackie Ranson (Justin), April Comstock (Ross), Aaron Hudson (Joy), and Heather Frisby (Bubba); his cherished nieces and nephews, Chelsea, Matthew, Kylie, Natalie, Scarlett, Elliott, Lani, Landon, and Ina; his aunts and uncles, Gale and Keith Billings, Krista Jones and Woody Morton, and Kelley and Roy Williams; and his cousins, Ryan (Kimberly), Will, Zachary, Brooke, and Trey. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Nancy Rose (Gary); his father-in-law, Keith Knowlton; his brother-in-law, Brandon Knowlton (Stephanie); and his nieces and nephews, Tristan, Lina, Selah, Judah,

and MJ. He has numerous extended family members who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Al Grant and Tommy Hudson; his great-aunt, Joan Kopp; his great-uncle, Al Klaips; his aunt, Susan Kellam; his uncle, Donnie Kellam; and his brother-in-law, Travis Knowlton.

It is preferred that expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to Navy SEAL Foundation at www.navysealfoundation.org and/or Wounded Warrior Project at support.woundedwarriorproject.org

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the caring medical team of the ICU at Virginia Beach General Hospital.

Kitty Grant

Mrs. Catherine "Kitty" Sparrow Grant, 97, of New Church, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

Born on Sept. 9, 1928, Kitty was the youngest of nine children of the late Francis Douglas Smith and Henrietta Ella Williams



Mrs. Grant

Smith. Throughout her life, she was known for her kind heart, unwavering faith, and genuine love for others.

Kitty dedicated many years of service as a bookkeeper with Accomack County Public Schools. She began her career at Atlantic High School and, following its closure, transferred to Arcadia High School, where she remained until her retirement. Her warm smile brightened the halls each day, and both her coworkers and the students looked forward to seeing her. She was always willing to lend a helping hand, often reaching into her own pocket to assist a child in need.

After retiring from the school system, Kitty and her family owned and operated the New Church Market for several years.

A devoted member of Bethel Baptist Church in Bloxom, Kitty remained a faithful servant of the Lord throughout her life and lived each day with compassion, generosity, and grace.

In addition to her parents and siblings, Kitty was predeceased by her first husband, Clifton Arnold Sparrow; her second husband, Donald Ellis Grant; her daughter, Karen S. Windsor; her son, C.A. Sparrow; and her son-in-law, Brian Hansen.

She leaves to cherish her memory her grandchildren and their families, Stephanie Hansen and her son, Cody, of New Church, Stacey Sparrow, of Pocomoke City, and Sherry Westmoreland, of Georgia; her son-in-law, Robert Windsor, of New Church; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

Services will be conducted from the graveside at the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Bloxom on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Joey Anthony officiating.

Contributions in Kitty's memory may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Joyce Shannahan

Mrs. Joyce Richardson Shannahan, 83, passed away peacefully on Aug. 6, 2026 in her home at Commonwealth Senior Living in Salisbury, Md. Her devoted husband of 46 years, Duke, was by her side.

Joyce was born to Herman Francis Richardson and Mary Teresa Richardson (née Fisher) on Sept. 29, 1942, in Washington, D.C., during America's first year in World War II.

Joyce often shared memories of her childhood and recalled walking past the U.S. Capitol building on her way to school. Joyce attended high school at Immaculate Conception Academy in Washington, D.C.

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Shortly after high school, Joyce became a young 19-year-old bride when she married Kenneth Ernest Moore,



Mrs. Shannahan

and within a year she became a young mother. Joyce was very proud of her three sons and their families. Her sons are Edward Kenneth Moore (Kay Thompson Moore), Michael Richard Moore (Mary Moore), and Kenneth Brian Moore (Kali Sakai), who preceded her in death in 2021.

Joyce married the love of her life, Duke Shannahan, in 1980. They started a beautiful life together in a stately brick house, 917, occupying a full city block in Salisbury. Very much like the Brady Bunch, they each brought three children from previous marriages, and together, they embarked on many new adventures. Joyce leaves behind Duke's children, Susan Alford (Mike Alford), DJ Shannahan (Cindy Shannahan), and Kelly Shannahan (Tracy Shannahan).

From the roots put down in their Salisbury home, the family tree flourished. Joyce and Duke were blessed with 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, all of whom she adored.

The Moore grandchildren and great-grandchildren include Buddy Ardis and his sons, Chase and Connor; Renee Moore and her sons, Landon and Ethan; Corey Moore (Corey Reeves Moore) and their daughter, Natalie; Erin Moore (Pete Hargett) and their son, Briggs; Sidney Moore; and Calvin Moore.

The Shannahan grandchildren and great-grandchildren include Jessica Shannahan and her son, Damon; Lindsay Alford (Nikhil Parsad); Kelsey Esposito (Anthony Esposito) and their children Carter, Lily, and Mae; Zach Alford (Mary Alford); Ryan Shannahan; and Sam Shannahan.

Joyce also had two brothers. She is

survived by her younger brother, John "Jack" Richardson (Christine Murphy Richardson), of Richmond. Her older brother, Robert "Bob" Richardson preceded her in death in 2002.

When Joyce and Duke found themselves as empty nesters, the sprawling house in Salisbury was no longer needed, and they decided it was time for a change. A quiet life by the water beckoned to Joyce and Duke. In 2003, they moved to Onancock, a 1950s-esque Eastern Shore hamlet. From there, they played real estate hop-scotch, jumping from house to house, finally landing at their idyllic little cottage on Onancock Creek. It was there that they spent some of the best years of their lives, surrounded by the natural beauty of God's creation along the water. They often welcomed family and friends to visit them in their beloved cottage. Joyce found such joy in opening her home to her loved ones, and she was the consummate holiday hostess.

Joyce led a full and wonderful life, surrounded by her beloved family and countless friends. She will be dearly missed.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Holloway Funeral Home, Salisbury. A funeral service followed at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial was in Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury.

Joyce loved flowers, so they are welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to Coastal Hospice, www.coastalhospice.org

Arrangements were in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.hollowayfh.com

Tom Savage

Mr. Tom Savage, 89, passed away peacefully at his home on Nov. 5, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born on July 2, 1936, in Newark, N.J., grew up in the Panama Canal Zone and in Onancock, and finally settled in Hampton.

After receiving his Land Surveyor Class B License, he founded Thomas J. Savage Jr. – Surveyor and Land Planner and provided professional design services throughout the peninsula

until his retirement in 2019. Tom was a sought-after surveyor for both residential and commercial development and was extremely knowledgeable regarding land transactions throughout Hampton, Poquoson, and Newport News.

Tom was a community leader and served the City of Hampton for more than 30 years in leadership roles on both the planning commission and the board of zoning appeals.

He was a trustee of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, served on the vestry for many years, and later attended St. John's Episcopal Church. Tom was a past member of the Virginia Association of Surveyors and had been active in the Hampton Exchange Club and the Aqua Cat Club.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Price-Savage; his children, T.J. Savage (Maureen), Rebecca Savage Francese (Joseph), and Melissa Savage; his grandchildren, Margaret, Zachary (Sarah Grace), Jennifer, Gabriella, Isabella (Joseph Santos), and Luciano; his great-grandchildren, Silas and Iris; and his bonus children, Douglas Price, David Price (Pam), and Donald Price (Debbie).

Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Joan "Jo" Cherrix Savage; his sister, Joan Harlow; and his parents, Thomas "Doc" Savage Sr. and Sofia Frances Savage (née Casarico).

Tom will be remembered for his sense of humor, love of travel, tanning by the pool, jigsaw puzzles, cards, and Freecell — but mostly for his integrity and the lasting impact he made on his family, friends, community, and profession.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Parklawn-Wood Funeral Home, 2551 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton, VA 23666. A private inurnment was held in December 2025 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, hrfoodbank.org



Mr. Savage

Bobby Bledsoe

Mr. Bobby Wendall Bledsoe, 91, of Clarksville, Tenn., formerly of McLean, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026.

Born March 31, 1935, in Ohley, W.Va., he was the beloved son of Earl Edward Bledsoe and Ruth Wallace Bledsoe.

After high school, Bobby served his country in the U.S. Army for six years. During that time, he met the love of his life and future wife, Dimity Ruth Windsor. The two were happily married for 59 years until her passing in 2022. They are surely reunited once again and walking the streets of gold hand in hand.

Always a hard worker, Bobby was proud to provide for his family as a talented electrician. Bobby and Dimity raised their daughter, Sheila, with love and respect. Their lessons will be cherished for generations to come.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Sheila Bledsoe England and her husband, Jeffrey, of Clarksville; his sister-in-law, Mary Thom Windsor Cullen, of Painter; his grandchildren, Tyler Matthew England (Miranda) and Corey Scott England; his great-grandchildren, Aubrey Nichole England and Addilyn Grace England; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by sister-in-law, Marion White Windsor; and his brothers-in-law, Virginious Milton "Jinks" Windsor and Winter C. Cullen III.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Charlene Harris officiating. Interment will follow in the Mount Holly Cemetery.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.



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Mark Bishop

The Eastern Shore lost a true native son on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026.

Mr. Mark Bishop, 50, passed away peacefully in Virginia Beach, surrounded by his friends.

Mark was a beloved son, brother, nephew, father, uncle, and cousin, and he was one of the most loyal friends anyone could have. A kind and gentle soul to everyone he met, Mark loved to be with friends sharing good times and spending quality time with his son and stepson.

Mark is survived by his son, Beau, and stepson, Guy Hall, both from Hawaii; his mother and father, Ann and Eddie Bishop; his sister, Leslie Pruitt Parks; his niece, Rachel Pruitt; and his great-niece, Sadie White, all of Pungoteague; his uncle, Donnie Bishop, of Virginia Beach; and his niece and nephew from Salisbury, Md., Beth Wilson and Doug Wilson.

Mark rose through the ranks to become a highly respected tug captain at The Vane Brothers Company in Baltimore, where he began his career in 1999 and worked for 27 years. Mark quickly earned a reputation amongst his colleagues and subordinates as being highly competent, honest to a fault, and fair to all who worked under his command.

Mark had a gentle, unassuming demeanor and big shoulders that enabled him to overcome the trials of life without bitterness or loss of warmth. He was a strong, solid rock that everyone could count on in trying times. Tested and calm, you knew you were in good hands when Mark had the watch.

Mark had lived in Virginia Beach since 1999, but he never washed the Eastern Shore mud from between his toes, and he cherished the friends and family who still call it home.

He will be sorely missed by all.

A celebration of life was held at Holloman Brown Funeral Home, 3445 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456, on Aug. 9 at 1 p.m.

John Crowson

Surrounded by his family, **Mr. John Fulton Crowson Jr.**, lovingly known as “Skip” to family and friends and “Pop Pop” to his grandsons, passed away early Monday morning, July 27, at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.



Mr. Crowson

John's life was one defined by love, loyalty, service, and an extraordinary ability to see the good in people.

Born in Lowell, Mass., John was the son of John Fulton Crowson Sr. and Alma Ruth Crowson (née Norton). He grew up in Petersham, Mass., and graduated from R.C. Mahar Regional High School in 1966. He continued his education at Plymouth State College and Fitchburg State University.

Long before the Eastern Shore became his home, it had captured his heart.

As a young boy, John traveled to Parksley and fell in love with the Eastern Shore. Even then, he decided that someday he wanted to return, drive a blue car, and become a teacher and coach there.

And that is exactly what he did.

John devoted nearly four decades of his life to education, teaching and coaching in New Hampshire and on Virginia's Eastern Shore. To generations of students and athletes, he was more than a teacher or coach. He was an encourager, a mentor, and someone who believed in people — sometimes before they believed in themselves.

Teaching was not simply John's profession. It was part of who he was.

But the greatest love of John's life was his family.

He fell in love with Martha, whom he met at church, and together they built a marriage that spanned 55 years. Through all of life's seasons, John remained a devoted husband, father, and provider whose family was at the center of his world.

He was the loving father of Shannon

Crowson and Kristin Aigner, father-in-law to Kristin's husband, Joseph, and the deeply loved Pop Pop of Liam and Kullen.

To his grandsons, he was far more than a grandfather. He was Pop Pop — a source of love, laughter, stories, encouragement, and memories that will remain with them throughout their lives.

John was also a devoted brother to his two dear sisters, Patty Crowson of Athol, Mass., and Jeannie Suggs and her husband, Gilbert, of Climax, N.C. He was a beloved uncle to Keith Suggs, Kim Suggs Dunn, and Macy Clark.

John was predeceased by his parents, John Fulton Crowson Sr. and Alma Ruth Crowson (née Norton).

Throughout his life, John remained a Boy Scout at heart and an enthusiastic — and unapologetically devoted — fan of the Boston Celtics, Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, and Boston Bruins.

Those who knew John will remember something even greater than the places he lived, the teams he coached, or the subjects he taught.

They will remember the way he treated people.

John had a remarkable ability to see the good in others. He was generous with what he had and would quite literally give someone the shirt off his back. He believed in helping people. He believed in giving people a chance. And he left countless lives better simply because he had been part of them.

His family hopes John knew just how deeply he was loved, how greatly he was respected, and how many lives were changed because he was here.

A teacher. A coach. A husband. A father. A brother. An uncle. And, perhaps most treasured of all, a Pop Pop.

John Fulton Crowson Jr. built his life around the people he loved and the community he chose as his home. His absence leaves an immeasurable void in the hearts of those who loved him, but the lessons he taught, the kindness he gave, the family he built, and the lives he touched will carry his memory forward.

He will be loved, remembered, and missed beyond measure.

Services are pending and will be announced when scheduled.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Joe Bernard

Mr. Joe Edward Bernard, 89, of Greenbush, passed away Saturday, Aug. 8, 2026.

Born Nov. 4, 1936, in Saxis and raised in Mears, he was the son of the late Joseph Elias Bernard and Myrtle Knight Bernard.



Mr. Bernard

Joe was a graduate of Parksley High School and proudly served in the U.S. Army National Guard, attaining the rank of sergeant at the time of his discharge.

A lifelong farmer, Joe devoted more than 50 years to agriculture, serving as farm manager for Byrd Foods throughout his career. His dedication to farming was a defining part of his life and legacy.

Joe was a member of Modest Town Baptist Church. He had a deep appreciation for antique cars and tractors and enjoyed sharing that passion with others. He was a member of both the Eastern Shore Cruisers and Crab Town Cruisers and attended annual events held by the Peninsula Tractor Organization, where he enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship of fellow enthusiasts.

Joe is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Eleanor Smith Bernard; his children, Edward “Allen” Bernard and his wife, Denise, of Assawoman, JoEllen Ayres and her husband, Carl, of Modest Town, Joseph “Paul” Bernard and his wife, Rebekah, of Parksley, and Richard Bernard and his wife, Jessica, of Melfa; his brother, James Alfred Bernard, of Guilford; his grandchildren, Devon Hickman (Justin), Harris Phillips (Martha), Joseph Bernard, Erin Sharrow (Rick), Hannah Leonetti (Brad), Cassie Wagner (Trystan), Nikki Zavala (Rudy), Shane Bernard (Alex), Bailey Bernard (Courtney), Landry Bernard (Jarrett), and Brooke Budd; his great-grandchildren, Cylas, Brielle, Ember, Cassidy, Harper, Owen, Levi, Noah, Rowyn, Abbi, Bri, Jazmin, Kaitlyn, Madelyn, Elias, Scarlett, Atticus, Atlas, and

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Artemis. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Nina Sue McKinney.

The family extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Tia and Trower Bell, Eastern Shore Ambulance Service, the staff on C Wing at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center, Riverside Shore Hospice, and Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Cody Ramsey officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joe's memory may be made to Modest Town Baptist Church, c/o Cara Rolander, P.O. Box 105, Modest Town, VA 23412; to Eastern Shore Cruisers, c/o Chester Jackson, P.O. Box 366, Parksley, VA 23421; or to Peninsula Tractor Organization, 8104 Sunset Cove Drive, Exmore, VA 23350, <http://www.peninsulatractor.org/support/>

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Mary Carter

Mrs. Mary Ellen Flanagan Carter, 89, peacefully passed away in 2026, leaving behind a legacy of learning, creativity, compassion, and love for her family.

Born in Chicago, Mary was the daughter of the late Timothy Martin Flanagan and Bridget Therese O'Neill Flanagan, a native of County Mayo, Ireland. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Kevin Bechtloff, and her sister, Margaret Flanagan.

She is survived by her daughter, Therese "Tracy" Bechtloff Lovell and her husband, Dave, of Melfa; her son, Mark Bechtloff and his wife, Angela

Renee, of Norfolk; her sister, Rita Flanagan Barrett and her husband, Thomas, of Chicago; her grandchildren, Joshua Bechtloff, Jennifer Lovell, Sarah Lovell, Bridget Bechtloff, and Britney Bechtloff; her niece, Kathleen Barrett Mount and her husband, Josh; her nephew, Timothy Barrett and his wife, Holly; along with three great-nieces, two great-nephews, several extended family members, and many dear friends.

Mary's life took her from her hometown of Chicago to Granada Hills, Calif., then to Norfolk before she eventually made her home on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

A lifelong believer in the value of education, she earned her master's degree from Old Dominion University at the age of 50, an accomplishment that reflected her determination and love of learning.

For 30 years, Mary dedicated herself to Norfolk Public Schools as a reading specialist, helping countless students develop the confidence and skills that would serve them throughout their lives. She believed that reading opened doors to endless possibilities, and she inspired a lifelong love of books in those she taught.

An avid reader herself, Mary affectionately referred to bookstores as her "candy shops," always eager to discover another great read. She had a deep interest in politics and civil rights and enjoyed thoughtful conversations about the world around her. Her love of music was equally diverse — she had a special place in her heart for Irish folk music and the timeless songs of American singer-songwriters such as Harry Chapin and Simon & Garfunkel.

Blessed with many artistic talents, Mary found joy in painting, sketching, calligraphy, knitting, needlepoint, and macramé. Whether creating something beautiful by hand or sharing a favorite book or song, she brought warmth, curiosity, and creativity to those around her.

Mary was also a devoted animal lover and cherished the companionship of her beloved tuxedo cat, Tuck, who brought her great comfort and happiness.

Mary Ellen Flanagan Carter will be remembered for her intelligence,

kindness, artistic spirit, unwavering dedication to education, and the love she shared with her family and friends. Her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched, both in the classroom and beyond.

Services for Mary will be held at Church of the Ascension, Saturday, Aug. 29, at 4 p.m., at the garden columbarium, 4853 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home of Exmore.

Beverley McMath

Mrs. Beverley Broache McMath passed away at her home in Onley on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026.

Funeral services will be held at Onley United Methodist Church on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. James Canody officiating. Interment will follow at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.



Mrs. McMath

Contributions in Bev's memory may be made to Onley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418, <https://www.onleyumc.org/donate>

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Bev's full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Eastern Shore Post.

Obituaries in the Post

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GOLF

Stokes' eagle leads Nandua

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, sophomore Kaiden Stokes tallied a rare eagle to lead Nandua to a sweep of Northampton and Chincoteague at Captains Cove.

Stokes also was the day's medalist, shooting a 41 in the nine-hole event (par 36). His eagle came on the par-5, 410-yard fourth hole. He drove a 2-iron 260 yards, then used a 7-iron to reach the green, and sunk a 20-foot putt for the eagle.

Nandua coach Paul Hughes said he believes Stokes is the only Warrior to get an eagle in his five years as coach. Nandua finished with 180 team points, followed by Northampton (202) and Chincoteague (225).

Top-four scorers for each team were: **Nandua:** Kaiden Stokes (41), Jack Turner (45), Preston Parks (47), and Liam Wallace (47); **Northampton:** Brayden Brown (49), Jason Kim (49), Walter Rahma (51), and Henry Watson (53); **Chincoteague:** Micah Bennicoff (49), Cash Littleton (54), Travis Jillard (60), and Cesar Diaz (62).



COURTESY PHOTO

Nandua sophomore Kaiden Stokes (left) celebrates Tuesday's eagle at Captains Cove with Warrior coach Paul Hughes.

and Liam Wallace (47); **Northampton:** Brayden Brown (49), Jason Kim (49), Walter Rahma (51), and Henry Watson (53); **Chincoteague:** Micah Bennicoff (49), Cash Littleton (54), Travis Jillard (60), and Cesar Diaz (62).

Warriors sweep

On Thursday, Aug. 6, Nandua swept Northampton and Chincoteague in a nine-hole match at Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club. The Warriors won with 172 points, followed by the Yellow Jackets (196) and Ponies (211).

Top-four scorers for each team were: **Nandua:** Kaiden Stokes (41), Preston Parks (41), Jack Turner (43), and Liam Wallace (47); **Northampton:** Hayden Seay (46), Logan Partin (47), Henry Watson (51), and Walter Ramah (52); **Chincoteague:** Owen Bloxom (52), Cash Littleton (52), Micah Bennicoff (53), and Travis Jillard (54).

High School Sports Schedule Aug. 18 to Aug. 21

TUESDAY, 8/18

Golf

Arcadia, Nandua, Northampton at Chincoteague, 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 8/19

Volleyball

Chincoteague at Wicomico, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, 8/20

Golf

Arcadia, Chincoteague, Nandua at Northampton, 1 p.m.

Volleyball

Arcadia at James M. Bennett, 4 p.m.

Broadwater at Norfolk Academy, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, 8/21

Volleyball

Laurel at Nandua, 1 p.m.

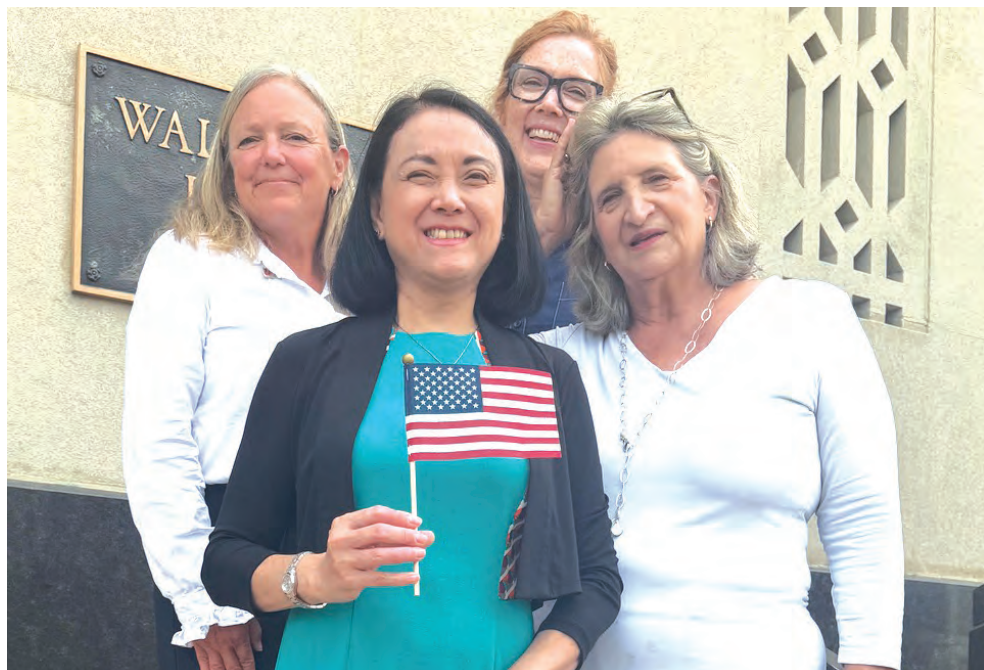
*Schedule was accurate at press time
but is always subject to change.*

ESY&CC HOLDS YOUTH BEGINNER GOLF CAMP



COURTESY PHOTO

A golf camp for beginning golfers ages 12 to 19 was held at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club from Aug. 3 to 7. Members of the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club golf camp included, front row, from left, Winter Ford, Taj Hamill, Annie Willis, Blaine Hemphill, and Rowan Bridges. In the back row are ESY&CC teaching pro Jay Williams, Charlie Chareas, Xavier Hemphill, Benjamin Byrd, Caroline Holt, and general manager Joe Hewitt.



COURTESY PHOTO

The two Eastern Shore of Virginia chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens at the Walter E. Hoffman Courthouse in Norfolk on July 21. Pictured from left are Page Beary, vice regent of the Northampton County chapter; a new citizen from China; Jane Mannock, first vice regent of the Eastern Shore chapter; and Julie Badger, regent of the Northampton County chapter.

Local DAR chapters host naturalization ceremony

The two Eastern Shore of Virginia chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens at the U.S. District Court in Norfolk on July 21.

The Northampton County Chapter and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter welcomed 30 new American citizens from 27 countries. Chapter members distributed U.S. flags, pins, and civic literature.

Presiding over the ceremony was U.S. District Judge Douglas E. Miller, USMJ. The Introduction and Certification of Candidates was done by Assistant U.S. Attorney Virginia Van Valkenburg.

Jane Mannock, first vice regent of the Eastern Shore chapter, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Page Beary, vice regent of the Northampton County chapter, led the recitation of the

American's Creed.

Julie Badger, regent of the Northampton County chapter, delivered the welcoming address and introduced guest speaker India Meissel, a visiting scholar in the Department of Leadership and American Studies at Christopher Newport University. Meissel gave an inspirational speech titled "What Is an American?"

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-political service organization that promotes historic preservation, education and patriotism. Membership is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in securing American independence during the Revolutionary War.

For more information about DAR, visit www.dar.org



COURTESY PHOTO

Jim McDaniel, president of the nonprofit Friends of Kiptopeke State Park, stands with the newly donated Sand Rider beach wheelchair at the park's beach on the Chesapeake Bay.

Nonprofit donates Sand Rider beach wheelchair

Friends of Kiptopeke State Park has donated a Sand Rider beach wheelchair to Kiptopeke State Park, helping make the park's Chesapeake Bay beach more accessible for visitors with mobility challenges.

The specialized beach wheelchair is designed to travel over sand, allowing guests who use wheelchairs or who have difficulty walking on soft surfaces to get closer to the shoreline and enjoy the beach experience with family and friends.

"This donation reflects our commitment to helping more people experience the beauty of the bay," said Jim McDaniel, president of Friends of Kiptopeke State Park. "We are grateful to our members, volunteers, and supporters, whose generosity made this possible."

Kiptopeke State Park, located near

Cape Charles, offers recreational access to the Chesapeake Bay, a swimming beach, fishing pier, boat ramp, picnic areas, camping, cabins, trails, birding opportunities, and seasonal educational programs focused on natural history and bay ecology.

The Sand Rider beach wheelchair will be available for visitor use through the park. Guests interested in using the chair should contact the park office for availability, instructions, and any safety procedures.

Friends of Kiptopeke State Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit volunteer organization that supports conservation, volunteer service, education, and visitor experiences at the park. The group welcomes community members who want to help preserve and enhance one of the Eastern Shore's most visited outdoor destinations.

Oak Hall man sentenced for crimes against officers

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

A 53-year-old Oak Hall man required four professional sign language interpreters to plead guilty to two counts of assaulting a law enforcement officer, obstruction, and attempting to enter a police vehicle.

Deandria Marcus Brown is deaf and cannot speak for himself. According to one of the professional interpreters, Brown required extra interpreters because he uses a nonstandard sign language. Two of them signed with him in his sign language to translate what was being said in court into American Sign Language, and it was then translated by the others into spoken English.

On the morning of Aug. 20, 2025, Brown was at Four Corner Plaza near the Book Bin wearing only a hospital gown. He had a wound on his arm and was screaming and waving his arms. A deputy who was in the area stopped to help. Brown's mother was with him.

She told the officer she was trying to get him into her car.

"The defendant assumed a fighting stance, and the deputy had to push him away," said Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan. He ran back toward the deputy and assaulted him. He then tried to get into the officer's police car.

A second deputy soon arrived and was also assaulted while attempting to subdue Brown. After a struggle, the deputies were able to wrestle Brown to the ground and place him under arrest.

He was sentenced to three years with all but one year suspended for the two assaults on police officers, 12 months for obstruction, and 12 months for attempting to enter a police vehicle. The sentences were to run concurrently. Because he had been in jail since the incident occurred, he was to be released.

Brown will be on supervised probation for two years and is required to be on good behavior for three years. Morgan described Brown as "a model inmate" who is "not a bad person."

Virginia localities receive drought disaster designation

An additional 40 Virginia localities have received drought disaster designations by United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins.

This addition now provides all Virginia counties with a USDA disaster designation for the current drought. A total of 125 localities in the commonwealth have been designated as drought disaster areas in 2026.

Farmers in the primary designated counties of Caroline, Culpeper, Essex, Fauquier, Gloucester, Hanover, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Madison, Mathews, Middlesex, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Page, Rappahannock, Richmond, and Spotsylvania are eligible to be considered for cer-

tain assistance from the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Farmers in Clarke, Dickenson, Henrico, James City, New Kent, Warren, Wise, York counties, and the cities of Buena Vista, Covington, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Manassas, Manassas Park, Radford, Roanoke, Salem, and Virginia Beach are also eligible for FSA drought emergency assistance, as they are contiguous to primary drought designated localities.

Drought disaster assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible localities have eight months from the date of disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans.

For more information on available assistance programs and the application process, please visit the Virginia FSA State Office website at www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Virginia

ALL registration opens Aug. 15

Registration opens on Saturday, Aug. 15, for the Academy for Lifetime Learning's fall semester classes. There are some new, exciting classes, and some popular classes are being offered again. Some classes fill up fast, so don't wait.

Peggy Swan's classes seem to fill up immediately, so if you are interested in learning "un peu français" without having to learn grammar or conjugate any verbs, you had better move quickly.

The same with MaryKay Mulligan's cooking adventures — her classes are beloved by local culinary enthusiasts and fill up quickly. This semester, her students will be learning about rice. They will be cooking and tasting many different varieties and will make both a sweet and a savory rice dish.

Everyone seems to be in a group playing mahjong these days. Do you wish you knew how? Would you like to learn something new and make new friends? Don't be afraid others will know more than you do. Mahjong for Beginners is for complete novices.

If you are more interested in doing something outdoors, sign up for Birding on the Historic Onancock School Nature Trail and do leisurely walks while learning about resident and migrating birds in the area.

If you would like to learn about fishing, local fisherman Ken Shultz will be offering a one-session class on ESVA Sportfishing.

Are you mystified about artificial

intelligence and wondering how it might fit into your life? There will be two separate classes in AI, each with a different instructor.

Getting Started with AI explores how someone can use AI to save time, spark ideas, and simplify daily tasks, with no technical background needed. Another class called AI Without the Overwhelm will explore the history of AI, give demonstrations of its use, and show you how to protect yourself from AI scams.

Do you own a drone? Thinking about getting one? Introduction to Drones will tell you what to think about when planning to buy one, the requirements to be a licensed drone pilot, and where you can and cannot fly them.

These are just a few of the exciting courses available for ALL's fall semester. For a \$30 registration fee you can take as many courses as fit into your schedule.

Go to www.allesva.org starting on Aug. 15 to see the full list of fall classes.

The Academy for Lifetime Learning is an all-volunteer organization of individuals who share their interests and experience to provide a rich and varied menu of courses.

Money collected from registration fees, other than a small amount used to pay expenses of the organization, is given each year in scholarships to help Eastern Shore high school graduates continue their education.

Morning Flight program hosted at Sunset Beach

Join Baxter Beamer on Saturday, Aug. 15, to view migrating birds during Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory's Morning Flight Count.

Morning Flight is an official count that documents migratory bird diversity and abundance throughout fall migration. Sunset Beach can offer close-up views of migrating songbirds as well as waterbirds migrating in the bay.

Participants are welcome to join anytime between 6 and 10 a.m. Email info@birdingeasternshore.org if you have any questions.

The program is free, and the public is invited to attend. Always be prepared for ticks, the sun, mosquitoes, and the weather.

Participants will join Beamer at the open gravel area between the parking lot at the end of Wise Point Lane and Sunset Beach Bar and Grille.

Learn more about Morning Flight at www.birdingeasternshore.org

Exmore Baptist to host 9/11 survivor on anniversary of attacks

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Stanley Praitnath has described for audiences his experience on Sept. 11, 2001, when he was on the 81st floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center when it was attacked by terrorists.



Stanley Praitnath

Next month, on the 25th anniversary of the attacks, he will be on the Eastern Shore to share how he survived the ordeal.

Exmore Baptist Church will be hosting Praitnath during a service of remembrance for those who lost their lives and gave their lives trying to help others on that day.

When you go

WHAT: Appearance and address by Stanley Praitnath, who was on the 81st floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City when it was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001.

WHEN AND WHERE: Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at Exmore Baptist Church.

Admission is free.
QUESTIONS: Call church office at 757-442-9491.

Nearly 3,000 people died in New York City, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania during the attacks.

“We’re viewing this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” said the Rev. Jonathan Carpenter, of Exmore Baptist Church, of Praitnath’s appearance on the Eastern Shore.

Praitnath is one of just 18 survivors from the 81st floor and higher floors.

He served as the assistant vice president of Fuji Bank Limited at the time of the attacks, and his office was in the South Tower.

Praitnath was also present at the World Trade Center for the 1993 terrorist attack, in which a van bomb was detonated underneath the north tower.

Carpenter said the church is fortunate to have Praitnath come and speak.

For the 25th anniversary of the attacks, Praitnath had a lot of options on where to be, but he will be on the Eastern Shore.

“If you’re old enough, you remember where you were or what you were doing. For those younger, it’s important we teach them the sacrifices and heroic acts from that day,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter said the church is asking current first responders to come in uniform. They will be receiving a gift during the service.

The service will take place in the church’s outreach center on Friday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m.

The church is anticipating a large crowd. If the outreach center is filled to capacity, the event also will be livestreamed in the sanctuary for as many people to see as possible.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. for the event, and the church is planning extra parking locations.

Carpenter said if there are any questions about the event, call the church office at 757-442-9491.

“We’re really excited — we just hope it is a great evening for the community,” he said.

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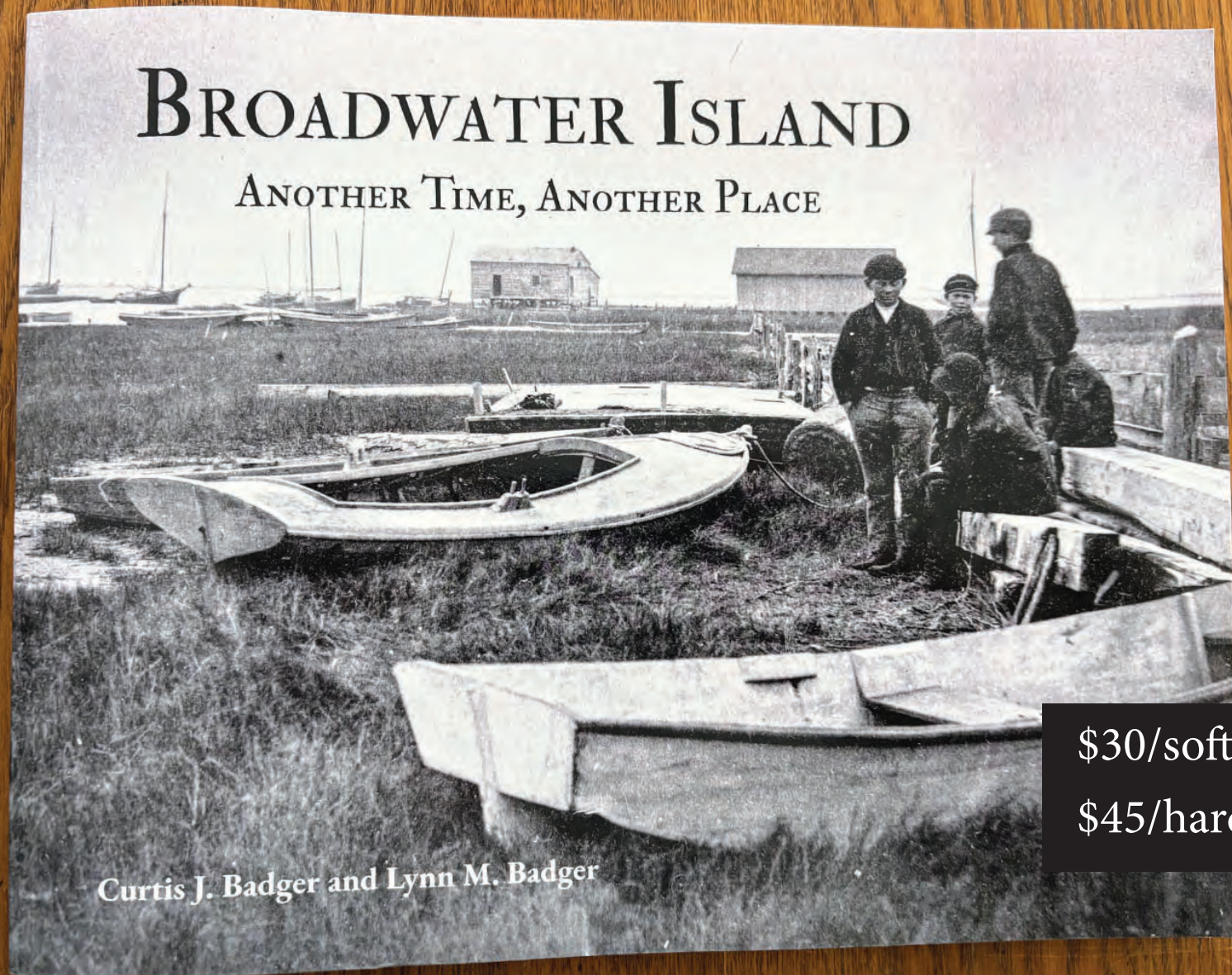
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A Timeless New Look at the Eastern Shore's Past

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

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

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

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

Visit the website at www.saltwatermedia.com. Copies also are available at local book retailers.

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

Semiquincentennial summer continues Saturday in Eastville

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

It is one of the local links to the birth of a nation: 250 years ago this week, a copy of the Declaration of Independence finally arrived in Eastville — more than a month after being signed — and was read aloud by the clerk of the court on the steps of the old clerk’s office.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, Eastville will re-enact the event by having current clerk of the circuit court, Traci Johnson, read the Declaration aloud on the steps of the old clerk’s office at noon.

Also in attendance at the Declaration 250 event will be the Daughters of the American Revolution, who will provide snacks and refreshments, and the Eastville Fire Company, who will also serve food.

“It’s important for people to know that Eastville is a central part of his-



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIMMY SHOCKLEY
The historic courthouse, at right, and the clerk’s office, at left, are featured components of the courthouse green in Eastville.

tory for the Eastern Shore,” said Diane Crockett, of the Eastville Town Council, who coordinated much of the event.

The event, which will take place on the historic courthouse green in East-

ville from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will also have multiple musical acts, including Tidewater Pipes and Drums, singer Alvy Powell, and the Northampton High School band.

All of the nearby historical buildings will be open for tours, including the 1750 clerk’s office, the 1814 debtor’s prison, and the 1907 jail.

In addition, the 1899 county courthouse will be open for visitors, allowing attendees to view the museum inside.

Crockett also said attendees are encouraged to visit local businesses in downtown Eastville.

The Declaration of Independence was read from door of the 1731 courthouse on Aug. 13, 1776.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF EASTVILLE FISCAL YEAR 2026/27 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Public Hearing will be held **Monday, August 24, 2026 at 6:00pm** at the Eastville Community Center. The Town Council will be soliciting public comments via email or in person during the meeting. If you wish to comment and have your voice heard and cannot attend, please email **info@townofeastville.com** with your comments. Comments received will be read at the meeting.

Proposed 2026/27 Budget

REVENUE:	
Real-Estate Taxes	\$20,000.00
Property Taxes	\$11,500.00
Other Taxes	\$91,800.00
Public Safety	\$480,000.00
Grants	\$15,000.00
Bank Franchise Tax	\$20,000.00
Water Income	\$126,592.00
Misc Revenue	\$300,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,064,892.00
EXPENSES:	
Administrative Expenses	\$326,000.00
Public Safety	\$300,000.00
Water Expenses	\$126,592.00
Debt Services	\$92,000.00
Community Services	\$2,000.00
Grants Disbursed	\$15,000.00
Contingancy	\$203,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,064,892.00

The Proposed Fiscal Year 26/27 budget for the Town of Eastville is balanced and is a true representation of anticipated revenues and expenses for the Town. Projected amounts are based on previous year’s actual costs and revenues for the Town. A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Town Office, or you may email **info@townofeastville.com** if you would like a copy.

Town of Accomac Public Notice

The Town Council of the Town of Accomac will conduct a Public Hearing beginning at **7:00 P.M. on Tuesday August 25, 2026**, at the Accomac Town Office, 23367 Front St., Accomac, VA for the purpose of receiving comments from the members of the public concerning the proposed town budget for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2027. The following is a synopsis of the proposed budget for the fiscal year.

Estimated Revenue and other Sources for Year Ending August 31, 2027		Proposed Expenditures for the Year Ending August 31,2027	
Real Estate Tax	\$80,000.00	Waste Removal	\$48,000.00
Other Local Tax	\$50,600.00	Electric	\$11,000.00
Grant Revenue	\$19,600.00	General Government	\$20,005.00
Interest Income	\$4,800.00	Grants Expense	\$16,700.00
Ditch Clean-Out		Ditch Clean-Out	\$20,000.00
Reimbursement	\$20,000.00	Salaries and per diem	\$16,250.00
<u>Building Permits</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	Nuisance Properties	\$9,500.00
Totals	\$175,200.00	Replenishing Reserve Savings	\$21,745.00
		<u>Legal</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
		Totals	\$175,200.00

Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tax Levy:

Real Estate Tax will remain at \$0.17/\$100 value • No increase in meals tax
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**The Regularly Scheduled Town Council Meeting
will immediately follow the Public Hearing.**

EXMORE

Town to begin effort to join Virginia Main Street program

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Exmore Town Manager Pam Ward said she has been thinking for a while about how to entice traffic from U.S. Route 13 to visit the downtown area.

Ward said during the Monday, Aug. 10., town council meeting that she has been speaking with Kyle Meyer, a program administrator for Virginia Main Street, about the application process for Exmore.

The council approved the resolution to begin the application process for becoming a part of Virginia Main Street.

Virginia Main Street is a part of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and aims to revitalize communities, mainly downtowns, in a way that is sustainable.

Currently, Cape Charles and Onancock are the only two other Eastern Shore towns that are part of the

program.

Ward has also worked recently to get new signage for both ends of town to help lure motorists off the highway.

“I’m trying to find ways to get more traffic into town,” Ward said.

Town edge zoning

Ken Dufty, a Northampton County resident and Exmore business owner, spoke at the meeting about Northampton County’s proposed town edge zoning text amendment.

Dufty has long opposed the ordinance, citing many factors he believes will cause irreversible damage to Exmore and the Eastern Shore.

He said Exmore has the standing to take the county to court over the matter, which he believes could cause increased property taxes, gentrification, overdevelopment, and much more.

“Exmore, as we know it, will be no

more,” he warned.

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors would have to approve the zoning text amendment, which would allow greater residential density in town edge districts.

Trash pickup issue

Exmore has been having issues recently with people leaving non-town-issued trash cans on curbs on trash pickup days, Ward said.

Many residents were leaving trash that would not fit in their town-owned can in a bag on the ground nearby — or putting it in a trash can that wasn’t issued by the town.

“It’s costing more and more,” Ward said, later saying that if they were to continue taking trash that was not in a town-issued can, the town would have to raise taxes.

The town had been taking the extra

trash but has stopped doing so.

If there’s a trash bag on the ground next to the town-issued can, the trash disposal workers will dump the can and leave the bag, Ward said.

Exmore allows residents to have multiple trash cans. Additional cans are \$10 per month.

Inoperable vehicles

Exmore’s code enforcement official, Zach Higbee, said the town is going to start enforcing a rule that prohibits inoperable vehicles from being in public view.

Higbee said these inoperable vehicles, including recreational vehicles, are defined as those with out-of-date registration or no registration.

The town will give the offender 30 days to fix the issue or further measures will be taken by the town, Higbee said.

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At meeting, speakers critical of town edge zoning plan

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Even after Northampton County's Aug. 5 "public learning night" for the town edge residential zoning amendment, positive responses from the public remain few and far between.

Nine people spoke at the Tuesday Aug. 11 meeting of the Northampton Board of Supervisors, and all presented reasons why they do not approve of the proposed ordinance.

"It's really going to be a long-lasting decision that will impact our community forever," said David Kabler, of Machipongo.

Kabler said he fears Northampton County and the Eastern Shore becoming a present-day Virginia Beach, the population of which has exploded in his lifetime, he said.

Kabler and others at the meeting urged supervisors to send the pro-

posed ordinance back to the planning commission for further review.

Many felt the proposal and development of the ordinance was rushed. Many have brought up that the county should have asked towns about their needs instead of proposing an ordinance allowing higher density housing around them and not in them.

One of the main concerns shared among speakers is that there is not enough language in the ordinance to prevent developers from building more expensive housing — of which they say the Eastern Shore has a surplus — and not true workforce housing, of which it needs more.

Multiple speakers also argued that town edge zoning was only meant to be used and should only be used if towns run out of capacity within their limits.

Citizens have pointed out abandoned homes and vacant lots within towns that they think should be filled

prior to allowing development on town edges.

Concerns were also raised about the state of the Eastern Shore's sole-source aquifer, gentrification, loss of agricultural land to build housing, and population growth without seeing any percentage increase of affordable housing in the county.

"The whole point of town edge zoning was to provide a "relief valve" for infill development of the towns, not to compete with the towns," Kabler said.

The amendment would allow for owners of town edge zoned land to have it changed to allow higher density.

County officials said it is a mechanism to improve housing affordability.

Late pastor honored

Northampton County Supervisor Ernest Smith presented a resolution to honor the Rev. Charles Mapp, the

longtime pastor of African Baptist Church in Cheriton.

Mapp served as pastor at Herbert Baptist Church in Wachapreague and Antioch Baptist Church in Birdnest, but in 1961 he began as pastor at African Baptist Church, where he stayed for 50 years.

He also was a math and science teacher in Accomack County for 32 years and a past president of the Northampton County NAACP.

Mapp also earned a degree of fame as a pitcher in the Negro Leagues of professional baseball.

The proclamation described Mapp as, "a respected spiritual leader whose ministry reached beyond the walls of the church, providing guidance, comfort, encouragement, and hope to generations of families throughout Northampton County, the Eastern Shore, and beyond."

He died June 26, 2011.



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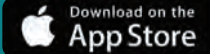
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A dedication will be held at the Whitesville Elementary School on Aug. 14. Last week's edition of the Eastern Shore Post included an incorrect photograph.

COURTESY
PHOTO

Whitesville marker dedication today

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources announced that a state historical marker approved by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources will be dedicated in Accomack County for Whitesville Elementary School, a 20th-century school built for Black children during racial segregation in Virginia's public schools.

The dedication will be held Friday, Aug. 14, at noon, at the site of the marker, 23459 Leslie Trent Road in Parksley.

A brief dedication program will take place before the marker's unveiling.

Whitesville Elementary School was built in 1925 to serve the children of Whitesville, an African American community in Accomack County that developed alongside the town of Parksley in the 1880s.

The school was built with \$1,700 from the Black community and \$4,150 in public funds.

A contribution of \$900 for the

school's construction came from the Julius Rosenwald Fund, a school-building campaign in the rural South established in 1917 and inspired by a partnership between Rosenwald, the president of Sears, Roebuck, and Co., and Booker T. Washington, the founding principal of Tuskegee Institute.

The Rosenwald Fund helped build an estimated 5,000 schools for Black students across the South by leveraging local spending.

Whitesville Elementary School closed in 1964. Accomack County Public Schools desegregated in 1970.

The Virginia Board of Historic Resources, which is authorized to designate new state historical markers, approved the manufacture and installation of the Whitesville Elementary School historical marker in June 2025. The marker's sponsor, the International Brotherhood of Yahshua's Disciples for the Finishing Work, Inc.

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Health Department warns of fecal matter in beach waters

There was an advisory posted Aug. 12 for the Cape Charles public beach by the Northampton County Health Department because of high levels of fecal matter in the water.

Beach water samples collected on Aug. 11 by the Virginia Department of Health showed that bacteria levels in the water exceeded the state water quality standards.

Signs have been posted at the beach warning swimmers. The signs say that swimming at the Cape Charles beach is not recommended until further notice.

Recreational waters are monitored for bacteria using indicator organisms. Enterococci is the indicator of choice for estuarine and marine waters. “The coastal waters of Virginia are generally very clean, and we test them frequently to confirm this,” said Eastern Shore Health District Director Jon Richardson.



FILE PHOTO

An advisory warning of fecal matter in the water has been posted at Cape Charles beach.

“On the occasions when waters do fail to meet the standards, we need to protect public health by letting residents and visitors know,” he said.

Health officials will continue testing the site, and they will remove the

signs and notify the public again when the bacteria levels decrease to levels that meet the standard.

Environmental health officials sample the Cape Charles public beach on a weekly basis during the swimming season from late May to early September.

Enterococci are a group of organisms used to determine the extent of fecal contamination of recreational waters. While they do not cause illness, scientific studies indicate that their presence is closely correlated to the presence of other disease-causing organisms.

People swimming or playing in waters with bacteria levels higher than the standard have an increased risk of developing gastrointestinal illness.

“We encourage the public to protect their health by following this advisory,” said Richardson. “Typically, an advisory of this nature is temporary and will be withdrawn once the bacteria levels have returned to a safe level.”

For additional information on beach advisories, contact the Northampton County Health Department at 757-414-6252.

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New Ravenna releases new mosaic, ‘Koi Pond’

New Ravenna recently announced the launch of “Koi Pond.”

This newest mosaic is a work of art that celebrates the quiet elegance of nature through exceptional craftsmanship.

Inspired by the peaceful movement of koi gliding beneath blooming water lilies, “Koi Pond” captures a tranquil moment in exquisite detail.

Graceful koi, floating lily pads, delicate blossoms, and hidden turtles emerge from richly layered waters, inviting viewers to discover something new with every glance.

Handcrafted by New Ravenna’s artisans in Exmore, this mosaic is composed of thousands of individually hand-nipped tesserae.

Every element is carefully shaped and assembled to create remarkable depth, movement, and texture, showcasing the artistry that has defined New Ravenna for more than three decades.

“At New Ravenna, our goal is to show that mosaics are more than a decorative surface — they are a true art form,” said Cean Irminger, lead designer on “Koi Pond.” “In that spirit I wanted to create a piece which showcased the technical and creative skill of the artists, the amazing breadth of natural stone, and the ability of art to evoke emotion. My hope is that our “Koi Pond” will give viewers the same sense of peace, respite, and joy in the beauty of nature as its inspiration, albeit with much less upkeep.”

For more than 30 years, New Ravenna has been creating handcrafted mosaics that combine artistry, innovation, and exceptional craftsmanship.

Designed and manufactured in Exmore, each mosaic is individually handcrafted by skilled artisans using natural stone and jewel glass.

New Ravenna’s collections have become a hallmark of luxury interiors, offering architects, designers, and homeowners timeless works of art for residential and commercial spaces around the world.



COURTESY PHOTO

Exmore-based New Ravenna has released a new line of mosaics called “Koi Pond” designed by Cean Irminger.



COURTESY PHOTO

“Koi Pond” is inspired by the peaceful movement of koi gliding beneath blooming water lilies.

VIMS to hold Marine Life Day

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science’s Eastern Shore Laboratory will host its 13th annual Marine Life Day on Saturday, Sept. 19.

The event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. in the Seawater Laboratory located at 39 Atlantic Ave., Wachapreague.

The community is invited to come out and experience a fun and educational day exploring marine life found on Virginia’s Eastern Shore.

The event will showcase marine science research being conducted at the Eastern Shore Laboratory and in the local waters and will highlight work that

appeals to visitors of all ages and localities.

Guests will have the opportunity to interact with a variety of marine organisms in touch tanks and live displays, study creatures under microscopes, learn about marine science through activities and crafts, and discuss current research projects with scientists from various fields of study.

This event is free. To register for the event, visit www.vims.edu/mld

For more information, contact Meadow Noonan at jmnoonan@vims.edu or 757-787-8106.

ESCADV launches support groups

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence recently launched new support groups for survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

These groups are being offered to provide a safe, confidential, and supportive environment where survivors can connect with others who understand their experiences and begin or continue their healing journey.

Survivors of abuse often suffer in silence, believing they are alone in their experiences.

The reality is that many individuals throughout the Eastern Shore community have been impacted by sexual violence,

intimate partner violence, stalking, or other forms of abuse.

Support groups offer survivors an opportunity to find connection, encouragement, and validation among others who have faced similar challenges.

The new support groups will be facilitated by trained advocates and will focus on creating an atmosphere of safety, respect, and confidentiality. Participants are never pressured to share more than they are comfortable sharing.

For more information about support group schedules, locations, and eligibility, contact 757-787-1329 or smariner@escadv.org.

Crab recipe contest open

Anyone with a crab dish that steals the spotlight has a chance to shine by submitting a Maryland blue crab recipe for the 62nd Annual Crab Cooking Contest at the National Hard Crab Derby on Sept. 4 at Somerset Intermediate School in Westover, Md.

Entrants will compete for plaques

and cash prizes of \$50 to \$100 in four categories: appetizers, crab cakes, main dishes, and soups/salads.

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The entry deadline is Aug. 28.

Migratory Bird Day event planned

The Friends of Kiptopeke State Park and the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory have announced plans for their upcoming World Migratory Bird Day at Kiptopeke State Park on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kiptopeke State Park.

Celebrated during the peak of the autumn avian migration along the Atlantic Flyway, this community event is designed to connect nature enthusiasts, families, and conservationists with the region’s incredible biodiversity.

The tip of the Delmarva Peninsula serves as a critical bottleneck and vital resting stop for hundreds of migrating bird species.

Attendees can expect a full day of outdoor activities, including expert-guided bird walks, specialized talks about birds, youth-focused educational activities, and a charity raffle featuring premium outdoor gear.

All of the proceeds generated from the festival will directly fund public land conservation, wildlife research, and infrastructure projects within Kiptopeke State Park.

“Mid-October offers some of the most spectacular wildlife viewing of the year on Virginia’s Eastern Shore,” said Jim McDaniel, president of the Friends of Kiptopeke State Park. “Whether you are a seasoned birder hoping to spot migrating raptors at the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory Hawkwatch platform or a family looking to experience the

park in a new way, this collaborative festival offers a unique chance to celebrate and protect our local public lands.”

The festival is open to the public, and birders of all experience levels are welcome.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own binoculars, though a limited number of gear loaners will be available for beginners on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the event schedule, registration details, or to learn how to support the park, visit the park’s website and follow updates on social media.

The Friends of Kiptopeke State Park is a registered nonprofit citizen support organization whose mission is to enhance the community through recreation, education, advocacy, and land conservation.

The organization identifies and promotes activities to conserve, enhance, and interpret the cultural and historic resources of Kiptopeke State Park.

The Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting wildlife through field research, habitat conservation, and public education.

For decades, the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory has conducted vital migratory bird monitoring — including raptor, songbird, and waterbird counts — at the southern tip of the Delmarva Peninsula.

Onancock to hold Second Friday Aug. 14

The Onancock Business and Civic Association will hold its monthly Second Friday on Aug. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The North Street Market will hold a wine tasting from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Southern Fog Band will perform live at the Blarney Stone Pub.

Second Friday is a year-round,

free event sponsored by the Onancock Business and Civic Association and participating businesses.

The Onancock Business and Civic Association members are businesses, nonprofits, and residents who collaborate on projects and events to enhance the quality of life in Onancock.

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Requires high school diploma or GED, and one (1) year of related experience. Experience as a building inspector is desired. Provides customer service to the public pertaining to building permits. The position is responsible for performing building inspections and reviewing construction plans.

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

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. **Position open until filled.**

WHOLESALE NURSERY SHIPPING COORDINATOR /CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Wholesale nursery in Accomack County, VA, looking for an individual to be responsible for coordinating shipping our trees and shrubs. Job involves working with trucking companies and brokers, customers, and our shipping department to schedule and manage all tractor-trailer deliveries.

During non-shipping months, the job will include data entry of orders and inventory management. Applicant must have good communication skills and be able to manage their time independently. Strong computer skills using Microsoft Office are required.

This is a full-time job based near Melfa, VA, with benefits including health insurance, life insurance, paid holidays and vacation, and profit sharing plan. EEO.

Submit resume to rrinaca@esnursery.com

MAINTENANCE WORKER III (ELECTRICAL, HVAC, PLUMBING)

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker III. The primary duty of this position is to maintain County facilities and equipment with an emphasis on electrical, HVAC, and plumbing work.

This position requires a valid driver's license, a high school diploma or GED, and at least two years of electrical, HVAC, and plumbing experience. The position will be responsible for a variety of work, including, but not limited to, minor to moderate mechanical, plumbing, and electrical maintenance, repairs and new installations, and coordinating with and overseeing contractors.

Pay Range: \$41,739.48 to \$63,611.10 per year

Starting pay will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Applications may be obtained from the county website at <https://tinyurl.com/yeyuurrm> or in person at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347.

Please submit completed county application to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347. Position will be open until filled.

Northampton County is an EOE.

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Volleyball Activities Coordinator
Seasonal Position | Open Until Filled
Starting Salary: \$18.77 - \$24.41/hr. (based on experience)

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a part-time Volleyball Activities Coordinator in the Parks and Recreation Department.

The purpose of the position is to manage all volleyball league programs at Sawmill Park and/or other locations where the Parks and Recreation division conducts sports-related programs. Employees in this classification perform administrative work. Responsibilities include the planning, preparation, and processing of reports, forms, correspondence, and event schedules that will go along with these programs; and ensuring the locations are ready for scheduled events. Schedule will be no more than 29 hours per week.

Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or GED, supplemented by one (1) to three (3) years of experience in event planning, management, or related field; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience; proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite. **Preferred qualifications:** Sports league or sports event planning experience; Certified in first-aid and CPR; Bilingual capabilities a plus.

Satisfactory completion of a background check, medical exam including drug screening, and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. DMV records check will be performed annually thereafter. Electronic applications are preferred, but paper versions will be accepted. **The position is open until filled, with the review of applications beginning on Thursday, September 3, 2026.** Additional details may be found online: <https://www.accomack.gov/Jobs.aspx>

Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.



How about a \$1,000 Sign on Bonus?*

STAR Transit is hiring PT CDL Drivers for a local passenger service. New higher ROP \$19/hr. Steady income, PTO & paid holidays. CDL w/ Passenger Endorsement is preferred, but training may be provided to obtain CDL. Good DMV Record is a must! **Questions: Contact Bill @ 757-787-8322. Apply: Star Transit, 21250 Cooperative Way, Tasley, VA.**

EOE M/F/D/V

*Sign-On Bonus not applicable to former employees separated within the last year.

JAIL DEPUTY EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL JAIL

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays.

Qualifications: Over the age of 21 and must have high school diploma or GED

Minimum Salary: \$47,721

Benefits include: VRS Retirement, Annual Leave, Sick Leave, Paid Holidays, and Health Insurance

Applications may be obtained from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347, or online at <https://tinyurl.com/5n6epayy>

Apply in person at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail.
Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted

**MILLWRIGHTS -
PIPE FITTERS/WELDERS
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INC., SNOW HILL, MD.
Call 410-632-1346 or
443-783-4125.

HVAC/R HELPER - Entry level position. Must have dependable transportation & good driving record. 410-279-0901.

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

LUBE & OIL TECH - Immediate opening. 757-787-4633.

Pets

**CHOCOLATE AND TAN
MINI DACHSHUNDS** - Born July 30. 2 male, 2 female. Call 757-678-0104 for more details.

FREE CAT - Fluffy, male, tiger-striped kitten. Indoor cat. Vaccinated by vet. Free to a good home. Call 757-894-8034. Leave voicemail.

BELLA

Looking to rehome a cute, 7-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, Bella. She prefers a quieter rural or suburban environment.

Bella has some minor skin allergies in summer. Moderate reactivity on a leash. Anxious in unfamiliar places. Leery of strangers but warms up quickly.

Bella would do best being the only pet in a home. She does not do well with small children.

If interested, send an email to fsams456@gmail.com.

Boats, Etc.

LOADMASTER BOAT TRAILER - New and used. 757-588-1950. No calls after 7 p.m.

21' SAN JUAN SAILBOAT - From 1970s. Comes with sails & motor. FREE. Contact Sophie at 304-421-2374 or sschwar3@gmail.com

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



ELECTRIC CANOE
14' mahogany, cypress, white cedar custom by master boat builder Douglas Little. Perfect for exploring your creek in total silence, no paddling! Chincoteague Island. To see, call Paul, 914-589-5015. Like new. **\$4,500.**



55' ALL ALUMINUM EX USN BOAT

This is a different and fun boat, a real head turner.

\$75K AS IS

LOCATION:
Cape Charles, VA

CONTACT:
kevinriese1@yahoo.com

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2016 LUND SSV16 W/ GALVANIZED TRAILER, DEPTH FINDER, NEW 40HP SUZUKI (UNDER 20 HRS) \$11,700 CALL 757-442-3609

Boats (cont.)



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



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

Mobile Homes

READY TO MOVE INTO!!! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Partially Furnished. Call for more details 302-846-9100.

Rentals - Houses

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

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

DUPLEX LOG HOME - Quiet setting in Melfa area. 1BR, 1BA, Kit., LR. 1-yr. lease. Sec. dep. \$975/mo. Call for application: 757-999-3437 & 610-639-2815.

ROOM FOR RENT - With full bathroom. 300 Sq. Ft. \$600/mo. Melfa. Call Bob for details: 757-943-8114.

Cars, Trucks, ATVs, RVs, Parts

2012 INTERNATIONAL PROSTAR - 450hp, 10 speed manual, many upgrades, 487k miles, ready to work, \$15k OBO call 757-302-3222.

2021 PACE ENCLOSED TRAILER - 8.5' x 20'. Car carrier-rated. 7,000 lb. capacity. Has only 3,500 miles of use during move. Back ramp & side door. Asking \$8,000. Painter area. 631-774-3739.



2009 SUBURBAN Z71
Leather interior; 3 rows of seats; 1 owner.
\$8,995
757-709-8271



SALVAGE: 2016 MERCEDES BENZ E350
4 MATIC, 4D SDN, black, 82k miles, fully loaded. DAMAGE: Right front fender and passenger side of vehicle. \$2,200 OBO. Call 757-678-2725.

Real Estate

WE BUY LAND!!! Call Clayton Homes for more information. 302-846-9100.

WE BUY USED HOMES AND OFFER TRADE-IN VALUE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE! For more info call 302-846-9100.

FOR SALE - 1 BR, 1 BA, 4-room home. Less than a quarter-acre lot. Exmore. \$69,000. Text 223-307-5288.

OPEN HOUSE - Sat., Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 22298 Northam Drive, Accomac. 4 BR, 3 full bath, 2,700 sq. ft. on 1.39 acres. 302-528-7451.

Motorcycles, Scooters, Etc.

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



1999 WHIZZER MOTORBIKE
2,000 miles, new w/w tires, battery, many chrome extras. \$1,500. Chincoteague. Call or text Ron at 610-213-2803.

Farm & Lawn Equipment

1953 ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE 600 FORD TRACTOR - \$3,500. 442-7507.

Irrigation

HARD HOSE - WATER winch. 900+ ft. of 3-inch hose. \$6,500 OBO. Call/text 757-709-8084.

Feed & Seed

HORSE HAY for sale and **STRAW** for sale. Call 757-894-7564.

Yard Sale

YARD SALE - Sat., Aug. 15. 8 am-2pm. Occohannock Neck Rd., near Exmore stoplight. New & old items, bedding, clothes, shoes, & more.



The deadline for placing obituaries and ads is noon on Wednesday.

Misc. For Sale

CUSTOM FRAMING EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Everything needed to custom frame - \$4,500. Logan Platinum Edge Mat Cutter Model 855, Fletcher Heavy Duty Plate/Glass Cutting Machine Model 755, Logan ProJoiner Model F300-2, 20+ joined decor moulding frames (various sizes and finishes), 30+ decor moulding chopped frames (various sizes and finishes), 30+ glass sheets (various sizes), 50+ 32" x 40" acid-free mats in 50+ colors (Crescent and Bainbridge), 18+ 32" x 40" foam core sheets, Arrow Electric Stapler, Scotch ATG 752 Tape Gun, custom framing supplies, 6'8" x 4' worktable, 6'8" x 3' worktable. Call (717) 870-0526.



Misc. for Sale



3-PIECE BASSET DRESSERS \$800 757-656-8986



GENERAC GAS GENERATOR GP-7500E

Lists @ \$5,699. Asking \$4,500. Used once. Call Bob @ 484-888-9881.

Place an Ad

WANT TO PLACE AN AD? Contact Ryan at the Post. A 5-line ad like this one costs only \$15. Call 757-789-7678. ryan@easternshorepost.com

Services

DIVORCE uncontested \$525 + \$89 costs. Contested divorces also handled. **WILLS** \$295. Hablo español. Hilton Oliver, Attorney. 757-490-0126. hilton@hiltonoliverattorneyva.com

SIMPSON TREE & BOBCAT SERVICE

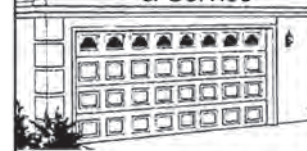
Tree trimming, removal and stump grinding. Call 757-710-8477. FREE ESTIMATES. We accept credit cards.

INVESTOR - Looking to sell your business? Local investor with an honest, discreet, and flexible approach. Call/text at 757-710-0777.

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Legal Ads

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., Accomack, 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.

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Town of Cape Charles is inviting bids for the third phase of the Harbor Boardwalk Reconstruction.

Bids will be received in the Town Hall, 412 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310, or via email to bob.panek@capecharles.org, until 11:00 AM local prevailing time on September 21, 2026, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

An Invitation for Bid package may be obtained on the Town website, www.capecharles.org, under *Bid Opportunities*. It also may be picked up at the Town Hall.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities and informalities in any bid. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened.

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.

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**NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING
GROUND APPLICATION**

Ryan Hatcher (2026034) has applied for approximately 1.71 acres of oyster planting ground in Nandua Creek situated in Accomack County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-37.113 / W75-51.9816

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2026034): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Shellfish Management Division at 757-247-2226.

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

Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-481

vs.

EARLINE F. GIBSON
PRISCILLA F. JASMINE
JAMES N. FISHER
The heirs and devisees of
JAMES HENRY FISHER
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax parcels 06900A0000097B0 and 07900A0000062D0.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Earline F. Gibson, Priscilla F. Jasmine, James N. Fisher, and the heirs of James Henry Fisher appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before September 17, 2026.

Enter this 17th day of July, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
757-898-7000

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-653

vs.

RAYMOND W. VINNIE, 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 11700A000004600.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Vanessa Dickerson, Leander Dickerson Jr., and Raymond W. Vinnie, if living, or if deceased, the heirs of Raymond W. Vinnie appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before September 17, 2026.

Enter this 17th day of July, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
757-898-7000



TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2026–2027 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Onancock Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment regarding proposed amendments to the Town's adopted Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget.

The proposed amendments would appropriate \$50,415.16 for the Onancock Winter Farmers Market improvement project, including \$31,943.33 in Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services AFID grant funds, \$16,804.83 in Onancock Market matching funds, and \$1,667.00 in previously designated ARPA/façade grant funds. No additional local General Fund or tax-supported revenues are proposed for the project.

The amendments would also appropriate \$349,236.23 in available Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development grant funds for the Northeast Revitalization Project. Together, the amendments would increase the total FY 2026–2027 budget by \$399,651.39. Both projects have previously been approved by Town Council.

The public hearing will be held as on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Onancock Town Hall Chambers, 15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417.

All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments regarding the proposed budget amendments. Written comments may also be emailed to Debbie Caton at debbie.caton@onancock.com before the public hearing.

Additional information regarding the proposed amendments is available for public review at Town Hall during regular business hours and will be included in the Town Council meeting packet.



TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Onancock Planning Commission and Onancock Town Council will hold a joint public hearing to receive public comment regarding an application submitted by Jeffrey Barrett for a Special Use Permit to operate a short-term rental, also referred to as a homestay, at 19 North Street in the Town of Onancock.

The property is zoned R-1 and is identified as Parcel No. 85A2-A-21, County Parcel ID 085A2A000002100.

The joint public hearing will be held on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Onancock Town Hall Chambers, 15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417.

All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments regarding the application. Written comments may also be emailed to Debbie Caton at debbie.caton@onancock.com before the public hearing.

A copy of the application and related materials are available for public review at Town Hall during regular business hours and will be included in the Town Council meeting packet.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY
THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-648

vs.

JOAN C. IRWIN, 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 031B10300027800.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Russell D. Callaway III and the heirs of Russell D. Callaway Jr. appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before October 2, 2026.

Enter this 4th day of August, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
757-898-7000

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. JJ015171-04-00
Accomack County Juvenile
and Domestic Relations District Court
23371 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Ladjina Charles

The object of this suit is:
TO TERMINATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS
OF UNKNOWN FATHER

It is ordered that Unknown Father appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before September 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

08/12/2026
Roland C. Leighton, Clerk

NOTICE OF JOINT WORK SESSION

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A JOINT WORK SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026, AT 5:30 PM AT THE EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA REGIONAL LIBRARY AND HERITAGE CENTER, LOCATED AT 24313 BENNETT STREET, PARKSLEY, VIRGINIA.

This is the first of four joint work sessions to review progress of the County's Comprehensive Plan update. The County's consultant, The Berkley Group, will provide an overview of the following draft chapters: 1) Community Engagement Findings; 2) Proposed Comprehensive Plan Structure; and 3) Plan Vision and Guiding Principles.

The public is encouraged to attend.

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

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.aldridgepite.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.aldridgepite.com

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. JJ015171-03-00
Accomack County Juvenile
and Domestic Relations District Court
23371 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Ladjina Charles
The object of this suit is:
TO TERMINATE THE PARENTAL RIGHTS
OF UNKNOWN MOTHER

It is ordered that Unknown Mother appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before September 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

08/12/2026
Roland C. Leighton, Clerk

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The object of this suit is:
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OF CHRISWOLD CHARLES

It is ordered that Chriswold Charles appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before September 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

08/12/2026
Roland C. Leighton, Clerk



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chincoteague Town Council will conduct a public hearing commencing at 7PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, in Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments concerning a proposed Short-Term Rental ordinance.

The full content of the proposed ordinance may be viewed at the Town office and on the Town's website www.chincoteague-va.gov

Written comments may be submitted to the Town Manager until 5PM on September 8, 2026, at the above physical address or to mtolbert@chincoteague-va.gov.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
vs.
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-645

The heirs and devisees of RACHAEL GUNTER, 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 109A0A000003600.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Bernice Gunther and the heirs of Rachael Gunter appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before September 22, 2026.

Enter this 22nd day of July, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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**FORECLOSURE SALE
OF REAL ESTATE IN CAPTAIN'S COVE
September 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM
To be held at the Marina Club in
Captain's Cove Subdivision, 3323 Dock
Court, Greenbackville, VA 23356**

The following properties will be auctioned:

Section/Lot:1-0517, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100051700
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:1-0698, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100069800
Assessed Value: \$2,500.00

Section/Lot:1-1070, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100107000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:1-1245, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A10100124500
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0126, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100012600
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0127, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100012700
Assessed Value: \$394,300.00

Section/Lot:2-0242, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100024200
Assessed Value: \$16,000.00

Section/Lot:2-0280, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A20100028000
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

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Tax Map No. 005A30100171300
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

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Tax Map No. 005A30100171800
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:3-1768, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A30100176800
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:4-1926, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100192600
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2016, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100201600
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2028, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100202800
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2119, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100211900
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2120, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100212000
Assessed Value: \$392,100.00

Section/Lot:4-2121, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100212100
Assessed Value: \$202,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2172, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100217200
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2206, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100220600
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2317, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100231700
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2341, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100234100
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:4-2345, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40100234500
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:5-0049, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A40300004900
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:5-2463, Captain's Cove
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Tax Map No. 005A50100002600
Assessed Value: \$179,000.00

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Tax Map No. 005A50100008600
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

Section/Lot:11-0113, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50100011300
Assessed Value: \$10,000.00

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Tax Map No. 005A70200006900
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

Section/Lot:12-0131, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A70200013100
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

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Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

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Tax Map No. 005A70100004400
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Section/Lot:18-0128, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A90100012800
Assessed Value: \$900.00

TERMS: Minimum Bids will be announced prior to the start of the auction on the date of sale. Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information, including but not limited to the Minimum Bid. Successful bidder will be required to deposit with Trustee a deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to the lesser of \$5,000 or 10% of successful bid in cash or certified funds at time of sale, with the closing to occur within thirty days of the date of said sale. Written one-price bids will be accepted for any of the properties pursuant to the terms set forth in Va. Code § 55.1-1833. There is no warranty relating to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition. Property is being sold pursuant to Va. Code § 55.1-1833, and title will be conveyed pursuant to statute and subject to all liens or encumbrances as provided in said statute. All information for review by appointment only. Notwithstanding the Minimum Bids announced at the time of sale, the Trustee reserves the right to accept and/or reject all offers. Time is of the essence. Other conditions may be announced at the sale.

TRUSTEE: Pender & Coward, P.C.,
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Email: capcove@pendercoward.com

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026, AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. VAR-000100-2026 – Tyler Watkinson – 1469 Ellis Street, Greenbackville

The applicant requests a variance of 6' from the 15' side setback requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-83(a). The applicant proposes to construct an addition to the side of the dwelling that is 9.6' from the side property line. The approximately .25-acre site is located at 1469 Ellis Street in Greenbackville, at the intersection with School Street, and is Tax Parcel #5B-A-42. The parcel is zoned Residential and is partially located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (4BFE).

B. SUSE-000135-2026 – The Towers, LLC, & Celco Partnership – 28100 Block of Littleton Road, Nelsonia

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(26) for antennas and towers over 100' in height. The applicant proposes to construct a 199' tower in the Agricultural district. The approximately 141-acre site is located at the 28100 block of Littleton Road near Nelsonia, approximately 2,000' east of its intersection with Lankford Highway, and is on Tax Parcel #69-A-104. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

C. SUSE-000136-2026 – The Towers, LLC, & Celco Partnership – 12200 Block of Bethel Church Road, Hallwood

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(26) for antennas and towers over 100' in height. The applicant proposes to construct a 199' tower in the Agricultural district. The approximately 31-acre site is located at the 12200 block of Bethel Church Road near Hallwood, approximately 1,000' south of its intersection with Main Street, and is on Tax Parcel #54-A-209. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

D. VAR-000128-2026 – Roxanne Stephens – 8263 Atlantic Road, Wallops Island

The applicant requests variances of 4.4 acres and 3.47

acres from the 5-acre area requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-55(a). Further, the applicant requests a variance of 150' from the 150' frontage requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-57. Further, the applicant requests variances of 49.03' and 44' from the 50' front setback requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-56. The applicant proposes to subdivide an existing parcel into two parcels. The approximately 2.14-acre site is located at 8263 Atlantic Road near Wallops Island, approximately 450' south of its intersection with Chincoteague Road, and is Tax Parcel #28C2-A-2. The parcel is zoned Agricultural.

E. VAR-000125-2026 – Jeff Matthews – 9511 Atlantic Road, Atlantic

The applicant requests a variance of 31' from the 150' frontage requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-57. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 4.45 acres and 4.17 acres from the 5-acre requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-55. The applicant proposes to subdivide an existing parcel into two parcels. The approximately 1.38-acre site is located at 9511 Atlantic Road near Atlantic, approximately 300' north of its intersection with Nocks Landing Road, and is Tax Parcel #42-A-108A. The parcel is zoned Residential and Agricultural.

F. SUSE-000124-2026 – James M. Beach – 8005 Hickman Farm Road, Wallops Island

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(12) for any use of land and/or any permanent or temporary location of any type of building or facility thereon which is not specifically permitted within this chapter. The applicant proposes to use the land as a recreation and agritourism business. The approximately 33.22-acre site is located at 8005 Hickman Farm Road near Wallops Island, approximately 600' north of its intersection with Chincoteague Road, and is on Tax Parcel #28A-A-24. The parcel is zoned Residential and General Business with the full scope of the project being located in the Residential District.

G. SUSE-000119-2026 – Khaleel Thajudeen – 35495 Walter Street, Quinby

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(12) for any use of land and/or any permanent or temporary location of any type of building or

facility thereon which is not specifically permitted within this chapter. The applicant proposes to use the land as a community garden with leased beds. The approximately .50-acre site is located at 35495 Walter Street near Quinby, approximately 50' south of its intersection with Crockett Street, and is on Tax Parcels #121B-2-1 and #121B-2-2. The parcel is zoned Residential.

H. SUSE-000113-2026 – David Chin – 9300 Block of Scarborough Neck Road, Craddockville

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(27) for a use of land not specifically listed as a use permitted by right or by special exception-special use in the agricultural district regulations, which is clearly similar and compatible with the uses listed therein. The applicant proposes to construct an accessory structure without a primary structure. The approximately 3.32-acre site is located at the 9300 Block of Scarborough Neck Road near Craddockville, approximately 400' east of its intersection with Ortle Lane and is on Tax Parcel #116-2-C. The parcel is zoned Agricultural and is partially located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (4BFE).

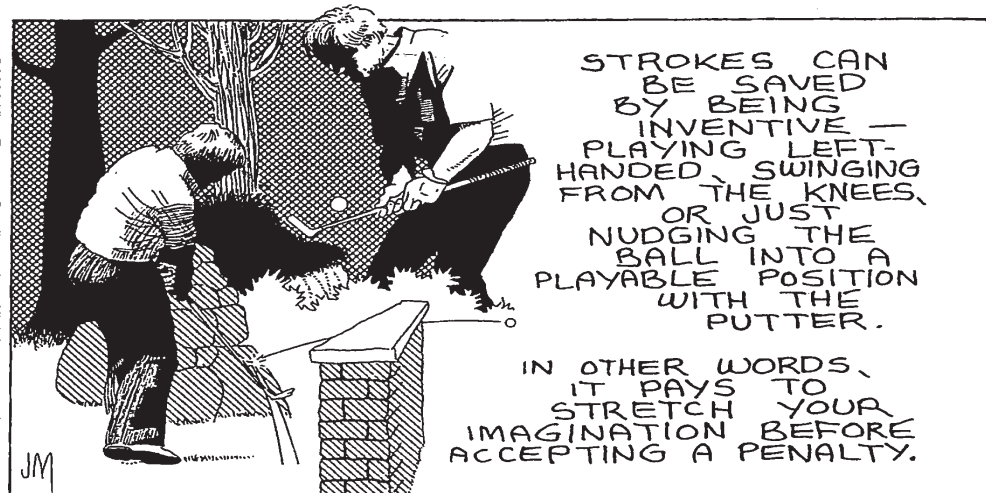
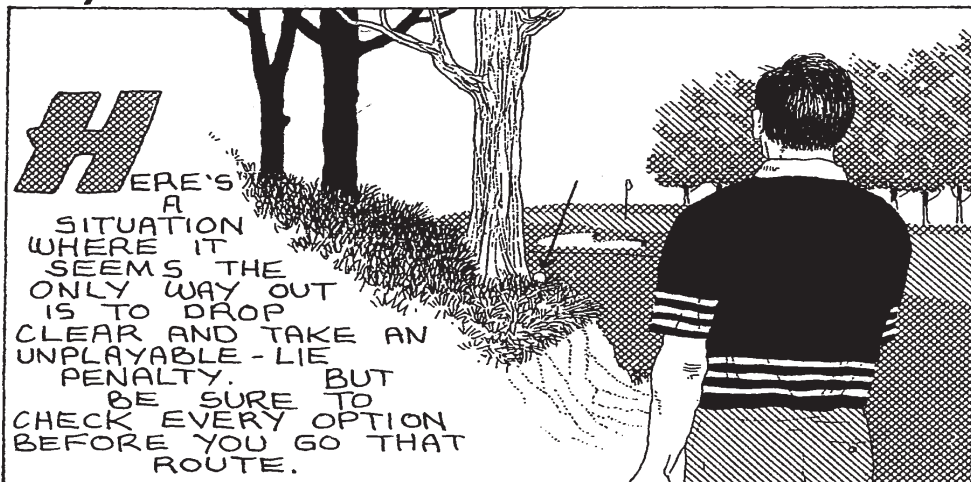
I. SUSE-000134-2026 – Edward Myers – 32000 Block of Scarlet Drive, Wallops Island

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(27) for a use of land not specifically listed as a use permitted by right or by special exception-special use in the agricultural district regulations, which is clearly similar and compatible with the uses listed therein. The applicant has placed multiple accessory structures without a primary structure. The approximately 3.44-acre site is located at the 32000 Block of Scarlet Drive near Wallops Island, approximately 400' west of its intersection with Azalea Lane, and is on Tax Parcel #28-3-16. The parcel is zoned Agricultural. This is an after the fact application.

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

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Accomack Property Transfers

■ From Larry Barshinger
To William H. Knaub Jr.
Lot 313, unit 3, sheet 5, Trail's End, Horntown
For \$35,000

■ From Jo Ellen Ayres and Carl Ayres
To Dawn Welzenbach and Ronald Welzenbach
2.4 acres in Bloxom
For \$38,500

■ From James Stevens
To Samantha Voss and John Damien Waldner
33061 Taylors Cove Road, New Church
For \$218,000

■ From Manuela Ferreiras
To Magdalena Bonilla Parra and Conrado Lopez Diaz
Lot in Winterville
For \$20,000

■ From Joseph Walter
To Janet Lee Coffey Hollinger, Ferris Paige Hollinger, and Trace Daniel Hollinger
12 Justis St., Onancock
For \$350,000

■ From Inlet View Properties Inc.
To Alexander Araya Alfaro
Lot 69, Bunker Hill Road, Chincoteague
For \$60,000

■ From Julie Sanday and Eric Sanday
To Nancie Oleynik and Ronald Oleynik
5108 Wildcat Lane, Chincoteague
For \$1.3 million

■ From Joanna Rachel Season and Adam Jacob Season
To Jamie Hobor and Jason Hobor
12148 Atlantic Road, Temperanceville
For \$491,100

■ From Crystal Rantz
To Tre 1st, LLC
Property on Ambulance Road, Oak Hall
For \$5,000

■ From Patricia Feiser Eastman
To Jordan Planzer and Steven Planzer
5105 Richardson St., Chincoteague
For \$482,813

■ From Jean Davis
To Kathy Jo Davis and Billy Davis Jr.
Property near Locustville Road, Onley
For \$85,000

■ From Annalise Daul
To Susan Perkins
25 Hill St., Onancock
For \$225,005

■ From Carlos Lopez
To Hollie Johnson and Richard James Johnson
30181 Temperanceville Road, Temperanceville
For \$362,000

■ From Frances Lee Boender
To Barbara Smith and Bruce John Smith
Lot 54, Ocean Breeze, Chincoteague
For \$85,000

■ From Deborah Davis Wharton and Gerald Austin Wharton Sr.
To Lapont Estates, LLC
17310 Hopeton Road, Parksley
For \$120,000

■ From The 2011 RK Caruthers Trust
To Kimberly Whann and Robert Whann Jr.
5417 Hibiscus Drive, Chincoteague
For \$900,000

■ From David Hinton
To Kevin Michael Gurecki
21 acres in Guilford
For \$140,000

■ From Juliane Brown-Flood, Wilfred Nicholas Brown, and Nathan Flood
To Heavin Properties, LLC
4411 Eastwinds, Chincoteague
For \$263,500

■ From the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
To Shannon Loftus and James Austen
2244 Mayflower Drive, Greenbackville
For \$225,000

■ From Barbara Satchell
To Latanya Cropper and Kevin Cropper Sr.
27463 Nelsonia Road, Bloxom
For \$5,000

■ From Onancock Property Holdings LLC
To Tami Jo Mazzariello and Rhiannon Vaniese Mazzariello
23 Market St., Onancock
For \$320,000

■ From Doris Gelbman
To Jean-Francois Guignard and Patricia Guignard
22 Johnson St., Onancock
For \$286,000

■ From Morgan Paese and Matthew Casaletto
To Vicki Brown Anderson
6175 Ocean Blvd., Chincoteague
For \$449,000

■ From Alexandra Butts and Alex Butts
To Ashley Shrieves and Wade Shrieves Jr.
Lot 13, Wallops Mill Pond Drive, New Church
For \$45,000

■ From Anthony Pioli
To Danielle Caraco and Sunny Caraco
14322 Mears Station Road, Bloxom
For \$9,700

■ From Kristan Allman and William Allman
To Mary Gerni and David Gerni
3749 Willow St., Chincoteague
For \$315,000

■ From Crystal Harris
To Debra Burgan and Brittany Michael
Lot 54, unit 3, sheet 3, Trail's End, Horntown
For \$24,000

■ From Bethany Mason and Geoffrey Mason
To Chelsea Read and Duane Read
27209 Saxis Road, Temperanceville
For \$330,000

■ From Shuckers Tump, LLC
To Kathleen Theresa Hogan Shreves
6345 Clark St., Chincoteague
For \$395,000

■ From Shaleen Anderson
To Lindsay Baker and Seth Baker
7214 Fiddler Bay Lane, Chincoteague
For \$505,000

■ From LBG Group, Inc.
To Deborah Hynes and John Hynes
Lot in Belle Haven Cemetery
For \$2,000

Northampton Property Transfers

■ From Brian Fox and Shane Fox, et al.
To CMH Homes, Inc.
Lot 5, Pine Meadow, Wardtown
For \$24,000

■ From Andrew Klein and Priya Narahari
To Pegasus Properties, LLC
Lot B-107 Bayside Villages, Cape Charles
For \$140,000

■ From Cynthia Diggs
To Amy Davis
Lot 131, Vaucluse Shores, Machipongo
For \$39,000

■ From Jeanette Orzo and Linda Sartori
To Danny Bjortvedt
Lot 53, Bay Creek, phase B, Cape Charles
\$580,000

■ From Susan Jones and Bruce D. Jones Jr.
To Wellington Neck II, LLC
Tract B near Franktown
For \$750,000

■ From FGW Properties LLC
To Rhonda Palmer and Troy D. Palmer
Lot on north side of Holly Circle, Exmore
For \$195,000

■ From Barbara Ann Harmon and Arthur Tyrone Harmon
To Tyjuana Harmon and Rodney Harmon
Parcel T2 in Machipongo
For \$3,000

■ From Shore Holdings, LLC
To McCaskill Holdings, Inc.
Lot in Hare Valley, Exmore
For \$165,000

■ From Virginia Builders, LLC
To Alexander Lewis Tomlinson
Lot 92, Tower Hill, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$430,000

■ From Joanne Hunt
To Taewon Jonathan Kim
Bagwell lot, Solitude Farm, Wilsonia Neck
For \$670,000

■ From Heather Brady
To John Michael Warren
Lot 7, Hideaway Cove, Jamesville
For \$57,500

■ From Anne Bagwell Courtney
To Elizabeth Oden and James Peck
Tract A near Weirwood
For \$120,000

■ From the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
To Manazia Spady
Lot 7, Mason subdivision, Exmore
For \$172,500

■ NKM Properties, LLC
To Windmill Building Corporation
Lot 148, Parcel F, Kings Bay, Kings Creek, Cape Charles
For \$70,000

■ From Virginia C. Long and David L. Long
To Rouge River Farms, Inc.
74.75 acres near Cheapside, 102.85 acres at Capeville, and 97 acres at Capeville
For \$3.25 million

■ From Tiffany Ahlquist and Travis Ahlquist
To Anne Rendell
Lot 23, Bay Harbour Club, Eastville District
For \$565,000

Accomack indictments

■ Patti Marie Shea, 33, of Tangier, was indicted on two charges of forgery, two charges of uttering, and one charge of obtaining money by false pretense. Shea was also indicted on a charge of grand larceny. Additionally, Shea was charged with assault and battery of a law enforcement officer.

■ Tyler Malik Bynum, no date of birth or place of residence given, was indicted on maliciously shooting at an occupied

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vehicle, use of a firearm in the commission of a malicious shooting, shooting from a vehicle, malicious wounding, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

■ Jaheim Christian Alexander, 24, of Hubert, N.C., was indicted on charges of felony eluding and felony property destruction.

■ Skylor Dupree Crippen, no date of birth or place of residence given, was indicted on one charge of first degree murder, one charge of second degree murder, six counts of use of a firearm, two counts of attempted malicious wounding to EMS personnel, three counts of malicious wounding, two counts of assault to EMS personnel, 10 counts of malicious shooting in an occupied building, and one count of trespassing.

■ Joshua K. Bowen, 31, of Accomac, was indicted on a charge of assault and battery of a law enforcement officer.

■ Timothy Ray Buzgierski, 46, of New Church, was indicted on charges of grand larceny and selling or distributing stolen property.

■ Tyler Malik Bynum, 20, of Accomac, was indicted on three counts of election fraud and attempting to cause bodily injury to an Accomack County Sheriff's Office K-9.

■ Jennifer M. Carpenter, 34, of Mears, was indicted for possession of lisdexamphetamine, a schedule II drug, and abuse and neglect of a child.

■ Martinis Drummond, 46, of Onancock, was indicted for possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

■ Matthew J. Elliott, 58, of Chincoteague, was indicted for possession of cocaine.

■ James Thomas Fisher, 31, of Bloxom, was indicted for possession of methamphetamine.

■ Dustin Earl Godwin, 39, of Onancock, was indicted for possession of cocaine.

■ Ebelindo Gonzalez-Morales, 25, of Greenbush, was indicted on a charge of felony eluding.

■ Sampson Elliott Hodge, Jr., 58, of Dunn, N.C., was indicted on two counts of assault and battery of a law enforcement officer.

■ Malcolm Demont James, 39, of Atlantic, was indicted on two counts of credit card larceny.

■ Lamonte Demitrius Johnson, 32, currently held in the Accomack County Jail, was indicted on a charge of malicious wounding.

■ Malik Lee Jones, 19, of Accomac, was indicted on a charge of giving a false report to a law enforcement official.

■ Terrence Richard Justice Jr., 23, of Parksley, was indicted on a charge of burglary.

■ Amber Nicole Leager, 26, of Seaford, Del., was indicted on charges of malicious wounding and the abuse and neglect of a child.

■ Daniel Mercado Mariano Jr., 50, of Tangier, was indicted on a charge of grand larceny.

■ Thomas Ryan McCready, 49, of Temperanceville, was indicted on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of psilocyn, possession of amphetamine, and prisoner in possession of a chemical unlawfully received.

■ Christopher James Muller, 40, of Parksley, was indicted on a charge of sodomy.

■ Carleton Jake Nelson, 31, of Onancock, was indicted on a charge of possession of cocaine.

■ Nathaniel Alexander Parkerson, 24, of Melfa, was indicted for possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

■ Jean Kesnel Philistin, 40, of Bloxom, was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third offense in 10 years.

■ Elizabeth Ashby Pruitt, 47, of Tangier, was indicted on a charge of possession of cocaine.

■ Carlton Edward Robbins, 24, of Seaford, Del., was indicted on charges of malicious wounding and the abuse and neglect of a child.

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Eastern Shore Tide Chart — Week of August 14, 2026							
Location	Fri Aug 14	Sat Aug 15	Sun Aug 16	Mon Aug 17	Tue Aug 18	Wed Aug 19	Thu Aug 20
SEASIDE							
Assateague Beach	H 9:52 am L 4:15 pm	H 10:39 am L 5:06 pm	H 11:26 am L 5:56 pm	H 12:12 pm L 6:48 pm	L 6:56 am H 12:59 pm	L 7:41 am H 1:51 pm	L 8:30 am H 2:48 pm
Chincoteague Channel	H 9:52 am L 4:12 pm	H 10:40 am L 5:01 pm	H 11:26 am L 5:51 pm	H 12:13 pm L 6:41 pm	L 6:47 am H 1:02 pm	L 7:35 am H 1:54 pm	L 8:27 am H 2:49 pm
Gargatha Neck	H 10:48 am L 4:54 pm	H 11:35 am L 5:45 pm	H 12:22 pm L 6:35 pm	L 6:51 am H 1:08 pm	L 7:35 am H 1:55 pm	L 8:20 am H 2:47 pm	L 9:09 am H 3:44 pm
Folly Creek	H 10:41 am L 4:39 pm	H 11:28 am L 5:30 pm	H 12:15 pm L 6:20 pm	L 6:36 am H 1:01 pm	L 7:20 am H 1:48 pm	L 8:05 am H 2:40 pm	L 8:54 am H 3:37 pm
Wachapreague	H 10:26 am L 4:26 pm	H 11:13 am L 5:14 pm	H 11:58 am L 6:02 pm	H 12:43 pm L 6:53 pm	L 6:58 am H 1:28 pm	L 7:44 am H 2:14 pm	L 8:32 am H 3:04 pm
Quinby Inlet	H 9:52 am L 3:54 pm	H 10:39 am L 4:45 pm	H 11:26 am L 5:35 pm	H 12:12 pm L 6:27 pm	L 6:35 am H 12:59 pm	L 7:20 am H 1:51 pm	L 8:09 am H 2:48 pm
Machipongo	H 10:22 am L 4:23 pm	H 11:09 am L 5:14 pm	H 11:56 am L 6:04 pm	H 12:42 pm L 6:56 pm	L 7:04 am H 1:29 pm	L 7:49 am H 2:21 pm	L 8:38 am H 3:18 pm
BAYSIDE							
Tangier Sound Light	L 8:02 am H 1:59 pm	L 8:45 am H 2:45 pm	L 9:28 am H 3:30 pm	L 10:12 am H 4:16 pm	L 10:57 am H 5:05 pm	L 11:46 am H 5:59 pm	L 12:38 pm H 6:59 pm
Muddy Creek	L 8:48 am H 2:25 pm	L 9:29 am H 3:11 pm	L 10:10 am H 3:56 pm	L 10:52 am H 4:42 pm	L 11:36 am H 5:27 pm	L 12:21 pm H 6:13 pm	H 6:23 am L 1:10 pm
Guard Shore	L 8:44 am H 2:17 pm	L 9:25 am H 3:03 pm	L 10:06 am H 3:48 pm	L 10:48 am H 4:34 pm	L 11:32 am H 5:19 pm	L 12:17 pm H 6:05 pm	L 1:06 pm H 6:57 pm
Chesconessex Creek	L 7:56 am H 1:52 pm	L 8:37 am H 2:38 pm	L 9:18 am H 3:23 pm	L 10:00 am H 4:09 pm	L 10:44 am H 4:54 pm	L 11:29 am H 5:40 pm	L 12:18 pm H 6:32 pm
Onancock Creek	L 8:16 am H 2:06 pm	L 8:57 am H 2:52 pm	L 9:38 am H 3:37 pm	L 10:20 am H 4:23 pm	L 11:04 am H 5:08 pm	L 11:49 am H 5:54 pm	L 12:38 pm H 6:46 pm
Pungoteague Creek	L 7:30 am H 1:22 pm	L 8:11 am H 2:08 pm	L 8:52 am H 2:53 pm	L 9:34 am H 3:39 pm	L 10:18 am H 4:24 pm	L 11:03 am H 5:10 pm	L 11:52 am H 6:02 pm
Nassawadox	H 12:08 pm L 6:11 pm	L 6:33 am H 12:53 pm	L 7:14 am H 1:38 pm	L 7:54 am H 2:23 pm	L 8:35 am H 3:10 pm	L 9:19 am H 3:59 pm	L 10:08 am H 4:54 pm
Occhohannock Creek	H 12:31 pm L 6:59 pm	L 7:24 am H 1:20 pm	L 8:05 am H 2:06 pm	L 8:47 am H 2:50 pm	L 9:33 am H 3:36 pm	L 10:24 am H 4:27 pm	L 11:19 am H 5:23 pm
Cape Charles	H 10:56 am L 5:17 pm	H 11:42 am L 6:07 pm	H 12:27 pm L 6:59 pm	L 7:04 am H 1:13 pm	L 7:48 am H 1:58 pm	L 8:33 am H 2:44 pm	L 9:22 am H 3:36 pm
Kiptopeke Beach	H 10:34 am L 4:45 pm	H 11:21 am L 5:35 pm	H 12:08 pm L 6:28 pm	L 6:33 am H 12:53 pm	L 7:17 am H 1:38 pm	L 8:03 am H 2:24 pm	L 8:52 am H 3:18 pm

Numbers in red indicate tide height above 4 feet and possible flooding.

Source: NOAA CO-OPS Tide Predictions. Nassawadox from fishingreminder.com. Times shown generally between 7 am–7 pm. Tide accuracy not guaranteed.

PASTIMES

MAGIC MAZE A FOUR-LETTER WORD IN THE MIDDLE

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SRQP NMBLJIEHFBE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: PROTECTION FOR THE HANDS

- Appeared Cadillac Clamps Orange
Apprentice Chairs Climbs Placed
Brainchild Charms Comforting Sliced
Brooms Chosen Fabled

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Last week's answers

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KINETICS SHINED RIVAL
INSTANTS LADDELLIVERS
IDA FOPS ALERT
REDD DIVERS LAMBS SAG
OPER ERA OATBAR DIKE
BICEPS RUDDRAMATIZES
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

"OH, GO ON!"

- ACROSS
1 Classic candy with a white, gooey center
9 "Don't — step further!"
12 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be
15 What food is in a food fight
19 First-aid plant
20 Cyber-address
21 More lethal
23 Musical ensemble that likes taunting its audiences?
25 Brainstorming question
26 IRS form info
27 War horses
28 Identify the star of "The Godfather"?
30 Taint
31 Peripheral
33 Pistol, in slang
34 Speed of corporate employees?
39 Alexis I., e.g.
41 Move a little
45 Think ahead
46 Whale locale
47 Two-ply cotton twill fabric?
50 Outfielder Judge
52 French for "weapon"
55 — -la-la
56 Sacred vows
57 Horse with color patches on one-fourth of its body?
60 Great delight
63 German conjunction
64 — polloi
65 Ike's inits.
66 Yasser of Palestine
67 Popular crafts website
69 Publicity video made by 12th graders?
72 "Chiquitita" pop group
76 Pupils' places
78 Galloped
79 Daiquiri liquor
81 Lil Durk or Lil Jon's music
82 Brief, tight shorts
85 Marx brother with extreme views?
88 Mammal with striped legs
89 — Paulo
91 Apple core bit
92 Olympic prize
93 Beatles drummer participating in a bout?
97 Tell tall tales
99 Big shopping center
100 "— From Muskogee"
101 "Puffball" director
102 Stringed instrument played by people in jail?
106 Water, in Vichy
107 — salts (bath supply)
109 Pewter metal
110 Moola earned by singer Jones?
115 Adds to a film, as music
118 Response to "Are you?"
121 Boa of South America
122 Small dance club?
125 Some chewy candies
126 RV hookup org.
127 Countertenor
128 Linear, briefly
129 Colorant
130 Many an heir
131 Most strict
DOWN
1 Antislip items
2 Bar brews
3 Bank offering
4 The, in Caen
5 Egg capsule
6 Middles, in London
7 Compulsion
8 Speed
9 Gets clogged with icky stuff
10 Celestial ball
11 Without help
12 Certain Dutch cheese
13 Dakar's land
14 Uncover
15 "Paper Lion" star Alan
16 Outward appearance
17 Honey wine
18 Roughly
22 Inside dope
24 Former Laker Lamar
29 Pianist Schnabel
30 Small-time
32 Beatrix Potter's "The Tale of Mr. —"
34 Not reflecting light
35 Display boldly
36 Units of capacitance
37 Most weepy
38 Sheriff Wyatt
40 Fast-food pizza chain
41 California mountain
42 A Jackson 5 brother
43 With a sharp image, briefly
44 Pinkish-red
48 Prefix with laryngology
49 Club in a Barry Manilow hit, for short
51 — degree
53 Longish skirts
54 Prefix with skeleton or spore
58 Lab slide dye
59 On — firma
61 Hobby with call letters
62 Into a state of conflict
66 Golfer Palmer, informally
68 Rebel like Abbie Hoffman or Jerry Rubin
70 Moniker of a loch monster
71 Paw parts
73 Of a wedding woman
74 Lauren of "The Fan"
75 Delphi deity
77 Parade ruiner
80 Roman 1,900
82 Drifting sort
83 "Enough, I get it!"
84 Cabbie's car
85 Hitter Maris, for short
86 Toon pics
87 Macho sorts
90 Make furious
94 Fine- — wood
95 In the form of a circle
96 Photo —
98 Authorize
103 Dennis of hoops fame
104 "It's my turn"
105 Remnant of a burned coal
106 Kingdom given to Esau
108 Some skin scars
110 Mexican treat
111 — even keel
112 Filly's mother
113 Jack fish
114 Simplify
116 Comic thuds
117 "Shoo!"
118 Oahu, e.g.
119 Deeds
120 Irrelevant
123 Tic-tac-toe victory
124 Swimmer Thorpe

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