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Workers from Selby Sign Company of Pocomoke City begin the process of replacing the manual letterboard at the Island Theatre on Chincoteague Island with a digital marquee.

Marquee attraction: Theater sign goes digital

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

A historic facade is receiving a contemporary feature.

Onlookers gathered Wednesday, Oct. 7, on Chincoteague Island as the historic Island Theatre received

a digital marquee to replace the old manual letterboard. The project will be completed in the coming days.

Selby Sign Company of Pocomoke City installed the new digital equipment as an appreciative and rapt crowd watched. The iconic structure holding the marquee was preserved.

The Island Theatre was built in the 1940s and has been a staple of Main Street and Chincoteague Island.

Chincoteague Island Arts Organization, or CIAO, has worked to keep the theater operating and a hub for activity. CIAO officials said the upgrade has been praised.

NORTHAMPTON

Golf cart safety push yields results in Cape Charles

Town also cracks down on cart parking violations

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Cape Charles' summer emphasis on golf cart safety yielded a number of tickets for traffic infractions and even more opportunities for education, the town's police chief said.

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"Once people start seeing them be enforced, they think a little more," town Police Chief Jim Pruitt said of traffic laws surrounding golf carts.

Cape Charles is known as a place to relax and unwind — but in recent years, many have treated the laws surrounding the use of golf carts within the town in a similarly loose fashion.

Pruitt said in June that the enforcement of traffic laws pertaining to golf carts would be increased. He said the result was a lot more people adhering to the laws.

The crackdown came after police wrote tickets to golf cart operators for a plethora of offenses in the last few years — unsecured children, underage drivers, driving outside of town limits, driving with open alcoholic beverages, and others.

Pruitt said the most common ticket written to golf cart operators this

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Pocomoke man dies in motorcycle crash

A Worcester County man was fatally injured this week when his motorcycle apparently collided with a vehicle.

Treyquan Johnson, 26, of Pocomoke City, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

The incident happened on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6 a.m., police said.

It took place on Old Virginia Road, which roughly runs parallel to U.S. Route 13 south of Pocomoke City before intersecting with the highway.

The driver of the vehicle was treated at the scene. Police said impairment was not a factor in the crash, according to a preliminary investigation.

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First-ever restaurant week begins

The town of Onancock is featuring its eateries during its first-ever restaurant week.

The week, which begins Friday, Oct. 9, will run through Oct. 17.

It pairs local chefs' creativity with special menus at discounted prices.

Organizers are encouraging diners to take advantage of the offerings to visit a new spot they have always wanted to try or revisit a favorite restaurant to sample new tastes.

They said autumn also is the perfect time of year to visit Onancock, stroll its historic streets, and shop in locally owned stores.

"Onancock's restaurants were eager to embrace the concept of a special week to showcase the fabulous food we have in our town," said Cindy Mackey, of Onancock Main Street, which is producing the event.

"There is an incredible breadth and depth of culinary talent concentrated

in our small town, and we're excited to share it with more people."

These seven participating restaurants are cooking up special two-course lunch and three-course dinner menus that focus on the best of Virginia's Eastern Shore:

■ Bizzotto's Gallery Café, at 41 Market St.

■ Bread & Butter, at 46 King St.

■ KuchiSabishii, at 145 Market St.

■ Mallards at the Wharf, at 2 Market St.

■ Market Street Grill, at 151 Market St.

■ Maurice, at 145 Market St.

■ The Blarney Stone Pub, at 10 North St.

Diners can view more information, including special menus, by visiting ExperienceOnancock.com/rw26

Reservations are encouraged.

Onancock Restaurant Week is sponsored by One Presidential Mort-

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OMS, part of the Virginia Main Street Program, is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization that works to develop and sustain Onancock's historic downtown.

OMS has supported high-impact downtown revitalization projects such as assessing the renovation of vacant commercial buildings, murals to enhance the downtown district, free façade design for businesses, tourism advertising, and marketing support for businesses.

To read more about OMS or donate, go to OnancockMainStreet.org

Northampton NAACP election set for Nov. 16

The Northampton County Branch NAACP will hold its Branch Election on Monday, Nov. 16, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Voting will be conducted electronically via ElectionBuddy.

Members in good standing and eligible to vote will receive an electronic ballot with instructions for casting their vote during the designated election period.

Foster care open house slated

Accomack County Social Services will host a foster care open house on Thursday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. It will be held at 22554 Center Parkway, Accomac. Call 757-787-5507 for information.



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Saxis Town Council votes to limit short-term rentals

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

The concern about vacation rentals on Saxis Island intensified during a recent Thanksgiving holiday. Two elderly women booked a short-term rental. In all, 18 people showed up.

“They put the dining room table and chairs in the front yard and had Thanksgiving dinner,” said Saxis Mayor Denise Drewer.

There have been complaints of late-night parties, early-morning trespassing, and indiscreet public urination involving the occupants of Saxis’ short-term rentals.

But the process of regulating the rentals in the town of Saxis, a Chesapeake Bay community with a working harbor and a population of 152, has been balky.

The town council enacted an ordinance restricting the rentals but never advertised the new law or advertised a public hearing.

After the town council hired an attorney to ask a judge to prohibit property owner Todd Ellison from running a short-term rental, Ellison sued the town. In Ellison’s counterclaim, he said the original ordinances were void, “arbitrary and capricious.”

On Monday, Oct. 5, the town council approved a new short-term rental ordinance after advertising the change and holding the public hearing, as required by the state code.

In all, about 40 people attended the meeting, which was held in council chambers at the town fire hall. One resident arrived by bicycle. Another arrived in a golf cart. One woman held what looked like a newborn baby. Another spoke and then left, saying she needed to get her children to bed. A man was washing his car in front of the fire house as attendees arrived.

“I think it’s the largest turnout we’ve ever had for a meeting,” said Lee Miles, the vice mayor.

The new ordinance caps at 10 the number of short-term rentals — commonly called Airbnbs or VRBOs — the town can have at one time.



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Saxis town councilman Bryan Shreaves, right, follows along on Monday, Oct. 5, while councilwoman Denise Chance reads the town’s new ordinance regulating short-term rentals and Mayor Denise Drewer listens.

The ordinance stipulates that non-resident owners of short-term rentals must live within a 50-mile radius of town. It prohibits large parties, weddings, or “commercial gatherings” at short-term rental properties.

Speakers at the public hearing feared Saxis’ closely knit fellowship and neighborly charm would be eroded with a plethora of short-term rentals.

“We don’t want to end up like a little Chincoteague, Ocean City, Cape Charles,” said Aubrey Justice. “Let’s keep Saxis, Saxis.”

Town council members said they tried to be fair to people’s property rights but also wanted to curtail problems.

“We had to come up with a solution,” said Denise Chance, a town councilwoman.

The room erupted in applause after

the ordinance was passed.

Ellison, whose counterclaim against the town has yet to be heard in Accomack Circuit Court, wrote a letter to be included with public hearing comments.

The letter questioned why the town chose a maximum of 10 short-term rentals, how they will be selected, and the 50-mile residency requirement.

In Ellison’s counterclaim against the town, his Virginia Beach-based attorney, Joseph V. Sherman, said Saxis’ “ordinances operate to take and damage property rights without payment of just compensation.”

“Even if properly passed, the ordinances are unconstitutional,” Sherman wrote in the complaint. He wrote that “they do not serve a compelling government interest.”

During a pause after the ordinance passed, Drewer talked about

the front-yard Thanksgiving — and the reason she owns a number of the town’s short-term rentals.

She said she has owned rental properties for more than 30 years — buying Saxis homes in poor repair and then renovating and renting them.

Within the last decade, she began renting the homes for short stays after Saxis natives who had moved away contacted her for availability so their families could enjoy some time back home.

Drewer abstained from the short-term rental discussion and even turned over the meeting to the vice mayor, acknowledging it would be “a conflict of interest” for her to participate.

As some attendees left the meeting, they complimented Drewer’s work rehabilitating homes and thanked her.

Eastville trims police force as town looks to future

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

It was a typical and expected Eastville scene: On Wednesday, Oct. 7, shortly before 11 a.m., a town police officer pulled over a highway driver for a traffic infraction.

In recent months, however, nothing about Eastville has been typical or expected.

A town once flush with cash from traffic fines suddenly was short on money. The town's manager and clerk/treasurer left, and their jobs have not been filled. Northampton County stepped in and paid its former county administrator for several weeks of work to untangle town problems.

Eastville has been in regional and state news in recent years for its high revenue gained from police tickets, its workforce turnover, and a town police officer who pleaded guilty to federal charges after he gambled away \$831,000 he borrowed from friends including a former town mayor and a councilwoman.

From the ashes, Eastville's government has labored to reset itself, councilwoman Diane Crockett said.

"We're working to get it strong again, where it needs to be," Crockett said of the town.

Part of that has been paring down town expenses.

Eastville once had six police officers for a town of fewer than 300 people. Crockett said there are now three officers employed by the town.

The town has a \$230,000 offer from Eastville Baptist Church to purchase the town community center, a former furniture store at 17202 Courthouse Road.

Two black Chevrolet sport utility vehicles equipped for law enforcement use are parked in front of the community center and are for sale.

Elected officials like Crockett, who is running for mayor, have been tending to day-to-day town matters.

She and others have been handling tasks once handled by the town



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Eastville town police officer Bryan Satchell writes a ticket to a motorist on Wednesday, Oct. 7. The town has reduced its police force from six officers to three.

manager.

"Town council is doing all the work as volunteers," she said.

The town's adopted fiscal budget includes an estimated \$480,000 in police revenues. Last year's budgeted police revenues were \$1.67 million — and \$1.5 million the previous year.

"That's a definite reason why the (budgeted) income was less," said Crockett of the reduced police force.

Eastville was criticized in 2023 by the Institute for Justice, a nonprofit public-interest law firm in Northern Virginia, for "policing for profit."

The Virginia Mercury, an online newspaper, reported in 2019 that Eastville received a bigger portion of its municipal budget — 72% in total — from speeding tickets than anywhere else in Virginia.

Still, the question of where the

town's revenue from previous years' went looms large.

"We are still searching to find out what happened to that big, old nest egg everybody said we had," Crockett said.

She said she could not address further questions about financial issues.

Minutes from an Aug. 31 town council meeting show a closed session permitted by the state code included two "guest speakers" with long careers in the banking industry — John Burdiss, a Northampton County attorney, and Julie Badger, of Melfa.

Minutes from municipal meetings never include information from closed sessions, but Eastville's draft minutes from the meeting briefly touch on the content of Burdiss' and Badger's talk.

"Mr. Burdiss explained that they

were not auditors but investigators," the minutes state, adding, "They were quite interesting."

The minutes do not say what Burdiss and Badger were investigating.

Still, on a recent day, there was the palpable sense that the worst was over and Eastville was bouncing back.

The police officer who pulled the driver, Bryan Satchell, smiled and chatted with a reporter who took a photograph of him. Crockett was forthcoming with information and answered questions freely during three phone calls with a reporter over two days. Customers at a downtown cafe dined outside under blue skies on a crisp fall day. A historic town with a recently troubled past seemed to be actively solving its problems and inviting a brighter future, one interaction at a time.

Home is where the start is

First-time homebuyers class Oct. 13-14 is a chance to move in on info about moving in

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Does checking out the real estate listings make you want to check out?

Do you shudder at the idea of owning something with shutters? Are you floored at the prices of flooring?

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The Eastern Shore Association of Realtors will be hosting a program called the First-Time Homebuyer Class, which is held through Virginia Housing, to educate people on all steps of the process of purchasing a home.

The free, two-night program will be held at the Eastern Shore Association of Realtors office, at 25020 Shore Parkway in Onley, on Oct. 13 and 14 from 5 to 9 p.m. each day.

"The homebuying process can be scary, especially for those at the very beginning of their home ownership journey," said ESAR President Nikki McGoldrick, who said she hopes participants will find the process easier and less intimidating after the class.

The program, which began around 1996, will focus on an array of subjects like working with a real estate agent, home inspections, managing debt, and much more. It will cover everything from the first steps in home buying to maintaining the home in the

future.

The classes will be taught by people with experience in the process on the Eastern Shore, like real estate agents, lenders, and title agents.

ESAR hosted the same class in April, which had a good enough turnout to warrant holding a second one this year.

Both nights of the program, dinner will be offered to attendees prior to the start of the classes.

Those who complete the class will receive a certificate, good for two years, verifying their completion, which is needed to obtain a home loan through Virginia Housing.

Those interested in attending need to register online at <https://bit.ly/ESARBuyAHome>

Designer bag bingo Nov. 1

The Accomack-Northampton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. invites the community to an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and prizes at its Designer Bag Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 1, at the MNS Cultural & Enrichment Center, 24457 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac.

Doors will open at 2 p.m., with bingo games beginning promptly at 3 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to play for beautiful designer bags while supporting a worthy cause. Concessions and raffles will also be available throughout the afternoon and will be cash only.

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Cape Charles

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summer — other than parking tickets — was people driving outside of the designated 25 mile-per-hour zone.

Golf carts are only allowed on roads where the speed limit is 25 or lower.

Pruitt said the second most common ticket written was for unsecured children under one year of age.

He said golf carts require child seats for young children — just like other vehicles — and that some people instead opt to hold young kids while driving or as a passenger, which is illegal.

Pruitt said that this practice has lessened since the laws have started being more closely enforced.

"I saw a lot of carts with rear-facing child seats this year," he said.

From May through August this year the town also recorded 229 parking violations by golf carts, Pruitt

said. He said many offenses were corrected without being recorded as tickets.

He said officers issued warnings to those improperly parked on the beachfront for a month prior to issuing parking tickets.

Pruitt said the warnings were mainly issued to those squeezing golf carts into spots between cars perpendicular to the flow of traffic.

These warnings were made so they were visible to others passing by in golf carts, in order to discourage others thinking of doing the same.

Overall, the higher level of enforcement helped and fewer tickets began to be issued because there were fewer offenders.

From June through August of this year, Pruitt heard of no reports of a golf cart driver holding a child less than one year old with one hand and driving with the other.

"That really bothered me," he said of such offenders.



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Golf cart enforcement is critical for public safety

The takeaway from the Cape Charles summer season is that horrible things can happen even amid the good vibes and frivolity of a vacation town. On Aug. 20, a 41-year-old man was fatally injured when he was hit by lightning at the beachfront. On July 3, a sewer malfunction coated parts of several streets in wastewater slurry before the big Independence Day parade.

So we are glad to see the results of a Cape Charles police emphasis on golf cart safety that began this summer. Too many times, we have seen golf carts overloaded with young children — some who are young enough to require car seats. The carefree vacation mindset sometimes can lead people to imbibe while they drive a golf cart. And then there is the issue of careless, inconsiderate parking of golf carts, which drivers try to wedge in small spaces at the beachfront.

Additionally, there is the rogue golf cart driver who attempts to drive with one hand while holding a baby in the other. We shudder to think of the consequences of dropping the child.

Tactfully explaining to vacationers on golf carts the dangers of breaking the law is no small feat. Town leaders and police rightfully want visitors to enjoy their time on vacation in a fun, beachfront town. But town authorities also have an obligation to ensure the safety of everyone.

We hope a summer of heightened enforcement continues in the years to come. Preventing a tragedy is critically important.

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In the Oct. 2 edition of the Eastern Shore Post, an article about Epworth United Methodist Church's community meals program incorrectly stated that Matt Sexauer and Anna Cruz are married. They are not.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sign the petition to bring improvements to Accomack jail

To the editor:

I really have to applaud the residents for speaking out about the Accomack County Jail.

I've heard stories for years about the conditions in there, and quite honestly, I had to wonder if these awful stories were true, or were they being exaggerated.

It just seemed so hard to believe that a jail in this day and time could operate with such inhumane conditions.

That's what I thought until I had conversations with some former inmates.

The people I spoke with had, no doubt, made some very poor decisions that landed them in jail.

But neither one I spoke with could be referred to as a violent criminal.

A man probably in his 30s

said the jail was very overcrowded, leaving some to sleep on the floor, back to back in close proximity, due to the lack of space.

There was also the matter of poor plumbing and toilets that would barely flush — the smell reportedly was overwhelming.

This man went on to say that the jail reminded him of the old Wild West with peeling paint and a rusty old shower. Who could possibly make this stuff up?

Then there was a woman (also a former inmate) who said she was in a room with 10 beds all taken up with other women, while six others slept on the

floor.

As if these conditions weren't bad enough, these inmates agreed the worst of it all was that there is no air conditioning in the middle of a hot summer.

I'll never forget what this woman inmate said to me that day — that Accomack was not satisfied with just punishing people, they wanted to torture you.

What could possibly be said to justify this facility?

Please sign the petition for better funding and improving conditions at Accomack County Jail.

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Letters

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type in “Accomack County Jail.” Sign the petition online and voice your opinion if you feel no human being should be treated this way.

Felicity Stokes
Birdsnest

Will be voting against all three state constitutional amendments

To the editor:

Voters in Virginia must interpret three proposed amendment questions on the current ballot. The questions are very misleading.

Question 1 suggests it is about “reproductive freedom.” The fine print in the amendment removes safeguards for women and minors.

It allows “every individual” to seek reproductive freedom, meaning abortion and other reproductive-altering procedures can be done without parental consent.

It protects the abortion industry from prosecution, making it difficult to hold providers accountable and to prevent exploiting women for profit.

It allows one physician instead of three to decide an abortion is needed in the third trimester.

As a Christian and a mother, I do not want to protect a highly profitable abortion industry when we could be helping women in ways that would keep the need for abortions to a minimum and save more babies.

Question 2 is supposed to remove the ban on same-sex marriage by amending the current state law that stipulates marriage is between a man and a woman.

The amendment could state “two consenting adults may marry.” However, it includes “regardless of sex, gender or race.”

Separating sex and gender requires us to know if there is a difference between the two. Laws should not be written without legal definitions of the terms used.

The potential legal claims that this

enshrines could permit boys to invade girls-only spaces and compete in women’s sports. Gender ideology being forced on society is something many voters do not agree with.

Question 3 is not about a fundamental right.

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are inalienable rights granted from a higher authority. The right to vote is a privilege.

When released from incarceration, felons should demonstrate over a period of time they are no longer a risk to society. Restoring voting rights should be based on demonstrable reform, not an automatic constitutional right.

Consider God’s word and how it guided America’s Founding Fathers when they established the governing principles of our nation.

John Adams said, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

Jo Procter
Melfa

Feels Kiggans does not defend members of the military

To the editor:

Jen Kiggans, who currently represents the 2nd Congressional District in the House of Representatives, is always touting the fact that she’s a Navy veteran and military spouse and mother.

She serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. She believes that a big part of her job as a congresswoman is to be a champion for those who currently and previously served in the military.

Unfortunately, she’s been cowardly and silent as the Trump administration — and the Department of Defense under the grossly incompetent Pete Hegseth — has made a series of unethical, illegal, and dangerous decisions.

Most recently, as well-documented stories broke about the deplorable conditions on the USS Abraham Lincoln, Kiggans’ response was typical

MAGA: To call it “fake news.”

But about 200 Lincoln family members shared worries about mental health and the risk of self-harm, and indeed, several sailors attempted to jump overboard.

Did Kiggans insist on better conditions and an investigation? No, not a peep.

Other times Kiggans didn’t speak up for the military she claims to support include:

■ When the U.S. launched an illegal and unnecessary war against Iran without mandatory congressional approval. (In June, she voted against a war powers resolution that would have limited the administration’s ability to wage war without congressional consent.)

■ When our military, relying on outdated intelligence, destroyed an elementary school in Iran, killing 150 people, including 120 children.

■ When the U.S. launched an illegal invasion of Venezuela without congressional approval.

■ When the Pentagon asked for an insane \$1.1 trillion in defense spending, driving our national debt to a record \$40 trillion. (Her website says she’s committed to “reduce executive branch overspending.”)

■ When Trump called fallen U.S. service members “suckers” and “losers.”

This is just a small sampling of the times that Kiggans has refused to speak out against this rogue administration. She is a coward who won’t stand up for what’s right.

But we can do something about that on Nov. 3: Vote for Elaine Luria, also a veteran — but a fearless one with the courage to do the right thing.

Henley Sandidge
Onancock

‘We need Elaine Luria back in Congress to restart the momentum’

To the editor:

We need Elaine Luria back in Congress to restart the momentum she created during her last tenure.

It wasn’t so long ago that the Eastern Shore of Virginia wasn’t includ-

ed in many map portrayals. But in his roles in the Virginia legislature and as governor, Ralph Northam got us on the map.

Lynwood Lewis and Rob Bloxom also brought help from the General Assembly. When she served us for the four years 2019-2022, Luria kept federal government help coming.

In one of my jobs, we handed out “DWYSYWD” plaques that said, “Did What You Said You Would Do.” Elaine should get a slew of those for her four years.

She found ways to help us and then delivered. I crossed paths with several of her initiatives in volunteer work I was involved with:

■ She found substantial funding to help in the building of the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s new shelter in Onancock.

■ The huge grant she got the Shore for a new radio system has put us at the leading edge for seamless, coordinated communication for our emergency personnel, which has proven to be a huge asset.

■ Following our getting the Hampton Roads Sanitation District to build a sewage collection artery along U.S. Route 13, Bloxom initiated funding to connect Exmore and Wachapreague to that artery. Elaine then stepped in when escalated costs threatened to stall the project. Her federal emergency cash injection got the local town connections across the finish line.

■ Getting broadband to cover most areas on the Shore has been critical for our personal, business, and educational needs.

That list goes on and on. But things have slid on the Shore since Kiggans became our representative.

Most of what has been delivered here in the last four years is from what Elaine got started.

I don’t see much in terms of anything actually being started with federal money in the last four years for the Shore. We need Elaine to get needed projects started again and regain momentum.

We also need her to bring sanity back to Washington, where so many important programs have been

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canceled and dangerous excursions undertaken, all of which Kiggans has supported, without question.

Please vote Elaine back in, the earlier the better. Things haven't been the same without Elaine.

Eric Dodge
Onancock

Will be voting against second question in November election

To the editor:

Sometimes things aren't quite as simple as they're made to sound — as in the case for Amendment 2 on the ballot for the November election.

I believe we need to slow down, read the actual language, and look carefully at what we're being asked to put into our Virginia Constitution as law.

You may hear Question 2 described simply as a "gay marriage" amendment. However, the actual amendment is much more than that. It would change Virginia's Constitution to say that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race.

There is no need to specify sex, gender, or race. Simply removing the existing language of marriage between a man and a woman was the only change needed. Adding the word "gender," which cannot be clearly defined, opens up gray areas for gender identity to be used in other aspects such as schools and sports.

To me, putting something permanently in our Constitution deserves careful thought and a close look at the exact wording—not just the way it is being presented.

I believe we should be asking questions, looking up and reading the amendment for ourselves, and thinking about the long-term implications before we vote.

For me, that's voting no on Question 2.

Amy Kay Hines
Accomac

Kiggans' votes have imperiled healthcare

To the editor:

The old saying is, "Actions speak louder than words." This is especially true in the case of Rep. Jen Kiggans. She may say one thing, but she votes the opposite way. (And she votes with Trump almost 100% of the time.)

On June 24, 2025, Kiggans joined 15 other members of Congress in signing a letter to Senate Majority Leader John Thune and House Speaker Mike Johnson that read in part, "Protecting Medicaid is essential for the vulnerable constituents we were elected to represent. Therefore, we cannot support a final bill that threatens access to coverage or jeopardizes the stability of our hospitals and providers."

And yet two weeks later, she voted yes on H.R. 1, the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OBBB), which slashes \$1 trillion in Medicaid spending through 2034, including \$1.8 to \$2.6 billion per year in Virginia beginning in 2028. More than 300,000 Virginians are at risk of losing their Medicaid coverage.

On Dec. 16, 2025, Kiggans submitted an amendment to extend Affordable Healthcare Care Act tax credits to the House Rules Committee, saying, "Nearly 33,000 people in my district rely on this tax credit to have access to healthcare."

If extending those credits truly mattered to Kiggans, she should not have voted for the OBBB six months earlier, which rescinded those tax credits on Dec. 31, 2025. As a result, premiums soared. Almost 100,000 Virginians have lost their ACA insurance because they can no longer afford it.

The Medicaid cuts hit rural healthcare systems particularly hard. About 13 of Virginia's 26 rural hospitals are in danger of closing, and the cuts so far in Virginia have resulted in the closure of an urgent care, two primary care clinics, eight school-based clinics, and the discontinuation of OBGYN services at a community hospital.

It's still unknown how the cuts will affect Eastern Shore Rural Health or Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Our community will do all we can to protect those services, but funding is essential, and it may be more than we can afford.

Kiggans repeatedly touts being a nurse practitioner, implying she supports healthcare bills, but her votes are taking healthcare away from hard-working Virginians, including here on the Eastern Shore.

She's also taking food away from our most vulnerable neighbors, since the OBBB included severe cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. That's more than 7,500 people across our two counties. Reducing those benefits put an additional strain on the already stressed lower-income families.

Strategically, the elected Republicans planned for many of these funding cuts to take place after the midterms. Will we once again hear cries of "I didn't vote for this" when it will be too late?

Do not make that mistake again. In her previous term as our representative, Elaine Luria's actions in Congress helped our community, and I believe she will provide again.

Early voting is going on now. Vote for Elaine Luria.

Melody Copper
Machipongo

Vote your conscience, not your party, in the upcoming election

To the editor:

I sincerely implore every voting person to please consider the dire consequences of this upcoming November election.

During the course of the almost two years of this administration, extraordinary power has been shifting from the electorate to the executive body of our government.

We the people, through the representatives we vote for, have been ceding our power, the bedrock of democracy, to one individual.

Not just the current person in that office, but every future president will have unprecedented power and thereby destroy the whole point of the United States of America.

We are at a critical crossroad in the essential existence of this country.

This is not a partisan plea from "one of those lefty liberals." This is a plea from a "fellow citizen of the United States" to grab back the reins of the people's power.

I truly believe it will be the only chance, for possibly decades to come, to put back the checks and balances of our government.

Our vote is our power. This is an all-hands-on-deck emergency.

This administration is not draining the swamp but increasing the participation in it by manipulation of the Department of Justice and the firing of the watchdogs, the inspectors general.

This administration continues to count on the goodwill of the electorate to believe their promises and claims when they have broken three of their biggest promises — to "reduce inflation on day one" (increased); "stop the war in Ukraine on day one" (no sincere engagement of protecting our ally); and, "no new wars or foreign engagements" (pre-emptive strike on Iran, creating fuel prices soaring globally).

This administration is being enabled to disregard laws and promises by the "blank check" provided by the current members of the Republican Congress.

People are in crisis in this country as the rich get filthy rich and the poor get the rug pulled out from under them.

And do I even have to mention the amount of our tax dollars going into the effort to "whitewash" America through this misguided and inhumane immigration purge?

Does anybody in the world, besides this administration, really believe that climate change is a hoax?

Time to man up and put on your big girl panties if you truly care about this democratic experiment called the United States. Please, vote your conscience, not your party.

Peg Snowden Volk
Cheriton

DAR dedicates marker to General John Cropper

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a grave marker honoring Revolutionary War hero General John Cropper during a ceremony held on the grounds of Bowman’s Folly, the historic Accomack County estate long associated with the Cropper family.

The dedication preceded the Shore History, the Eastern Shore Virginia Historical Society, lecture event.

The marker, donated by a DAR member who is also a descendant of General Cropper, recognizes Cropper’s military service and sacrifices during the American Revolution. Guests were invited to gather at the family grave site be-

fore the afternoon history program, where the marker was formally unveiled.

Following the dedication, guests assembled on the lawn of Bowman’s Folly for a lecture presented by local historians Dennis Custis and Dr. David Scott, who recounted Cropper’s distinguished career as a Continental Army officer, defender of Virginia’s coastline, and influential statesman in the early years of the Commonwealth and the United States.

The program highlighted Cropper’s deep ties to the Eastern Shore and his role in shaping regional and state history.

The DAR marker dedication and accompanying lecture offered attendees a rare look into both the personal legacy of Gen-

eral Cropper and the broader heritage of the Eastern Shore. The event underscored the enduring local pride in Cropper’s contributions and the importance of preserving Revolutionary War history for America’s 250th commemorations.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded to preserve the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership.

To learn more about the work of today’s DAR, visit www.dar.org



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Pictured from left are Carol Vincent, chapter treasurer; Lynn Badger, chapter secretary; Laura Kerbin; Sarah Bingman, regent; Melissa Evans; and Mindy Nickel, chapter co-chaplain.

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Winners announced from 10th Eastern Shore Ag Fair

The 10th Annual Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair brought more than 1,000 people together on Saturday, Oct. 3, for a day celebrating agriculture, community, friendly competition, and the traditions that make the Eastern Shore of Virginia special.

Free and open to the public, the Agricultural Fair once again served as one of the Eastern Shore's signature fall events.

Despite the threat of rain, the weather cooperated and allowed families, exhibitors, competitors, agricultural organizations, and community members to enjoy a full day of activities.

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce extended its appreciation to Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Peninsula Tractor Organization, the Eastern Shore Ag Fair Planning Committee, sponsors, volunteers, exhibitors, competitors, and everyone who attended for helping make the fair's 10th anniversary a success.

For a decade, the Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair has provided an opportunity to celebrate the region's agricultural heritage while bringing neighbors together and introducing younger generations to the people, traditions, and industries that continue to shape the Eastern Shore.

A highlight of this year's event was the wide variety of competitions, ranging from skillet throwing and wader racing to baking, photography, agricultural exhibits, decorated sweet potatoes, floral arrangements, and the always-impressive giant pumpkin competition.

Competition winners

Skillet Throwing: Youth 13–18 — Ellis Dukes, Elsie Irminger, and Adrian Perez; Youth 5–12 — Ellis Dukes, Sunny Jardine, and Rolan Rono; Youth 5 and Under — Jeb Barham, Austin Cohen, and Katy Parks; Women — Isabell Reynolds, Allison Nicholson, and Chloe Johnson; Men — Jesse Queck, Spencer Parks, and Lee



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Parnell Satchell drives an antique tractor at the 10th annual Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair in Machipongo.

Robbins.

Wader Racing: Jase Charnock, Ellis Dukes, and Sunny Jardine.

Critterless Critter Judging: Cuddliest — Darwin Farmer, Madeline Pasarelli, and Thea Ford; Small Animal — Merrick Ford, Thea Ford, and Esmeralda Rodriguez; Large Animal — Annabell Harrington, Lochlan Ford, and Darwin MacGarvey Farmer; Craziest — Natalia Rangel, Merrick Ford, and Charlotte Harrington.

Sack Races: Youth 9–12 — Sunny

Jardine, Preslie Hart, and Annie Willis; Youth 5–8 — Natalia Rangel, and Steeton and Jaxon Parks.

Photography Competition: Adult — Bill Mytnik; Youth Middle School — Georgia Youmans; Youth Elementary School — Violet Youmans.

Baking Competition: Adult — Linda Gordon received the Fan Favorite Award for the highest overall adult score and was recognized for the No. 1 bread. Anne Mytnik received the No. 1 overall adult pie award. Category

winners included Anne Mytnik, Pecan Pie; Amaris Mazziott, Apple Pie; Robin Sexauer, Sweet Potato Biscuit; and Linda Gordon, Cornbread.

Youth Baking: Georgia Youmans received the Fan Favorite Award for the highest overall youth score and No. 1 youth pie. Bryan Youmans received the No. 1 overall youth bread award. Category winners included Hayden Morgan, Sweet Potato Pie; Georgia Youmans, Apple Pie; Violet Youmans,

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Sweet Potato Biscuit; and Bryan Youmans, Cornbread.

4-H Salted Ham Project: Josephine Haney, Esme McNair, and Hayden Morgan.

4-H Ham Record Book: Hayden Morgan, Addison Mayer, and Josephine Haney.

Decorated Sweet Potato: Lower Elementary (K-2) — Bryan Youmans, Thea Ford and Wren Small; Upper Elementary (3-5) — Violet Youmans, Lochlan Ford, and Anson Sterrett; Middle School — Hayden Morgan.

Poster Competition: Lower Elementary — Merrick Ford (Pungoteague Elementary), Colton Collins (Accawmack Elementary); Upper Elementary — Lochlan Ford.

Giant Pumpkin: Doc Brown, first place, 780 pounds; Randy Burton, second place, 155 pounds.

Soybeans: Adult — Bob Snyder, first; Mark Colson, second. Youth — George Russell, first; Bailey Sturgis,

second; William Russell, third.

Floral Arrangements: Adult — Anne Mytnik, first; Linda Gordon, second. Youth — Hayden Morgan, first.

Vegetable Baskets: Adult — Ann Mytnik, first; Youth — Hayden Morgan, first.

Celebrating ag, community

From the Chamber of Commerce: "The Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair continues to grow because of the community that supports it. From young competitors entering their first fair contest to longtime farmers, volunteers, businesses, families, and agricultural organizations, the event reflects the people and traditions that make the Eastern Shore unique.

"The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce congratulates all of the 2026 competition winners and participants and thanks everyone who helped make the 10th Annual Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair a memorable celebration."



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Hayrides were part of the fun at the 10th annual Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair held in Machipongo. Free and open to the public, the Agricultural Fair once again served as one of the Eastern Shore's signature fall events. Despite the threat of rain, the weather cooperated and allowed families, exhibitors, competitors, agricultural organizations, and community members to enjoy a full day of activities.

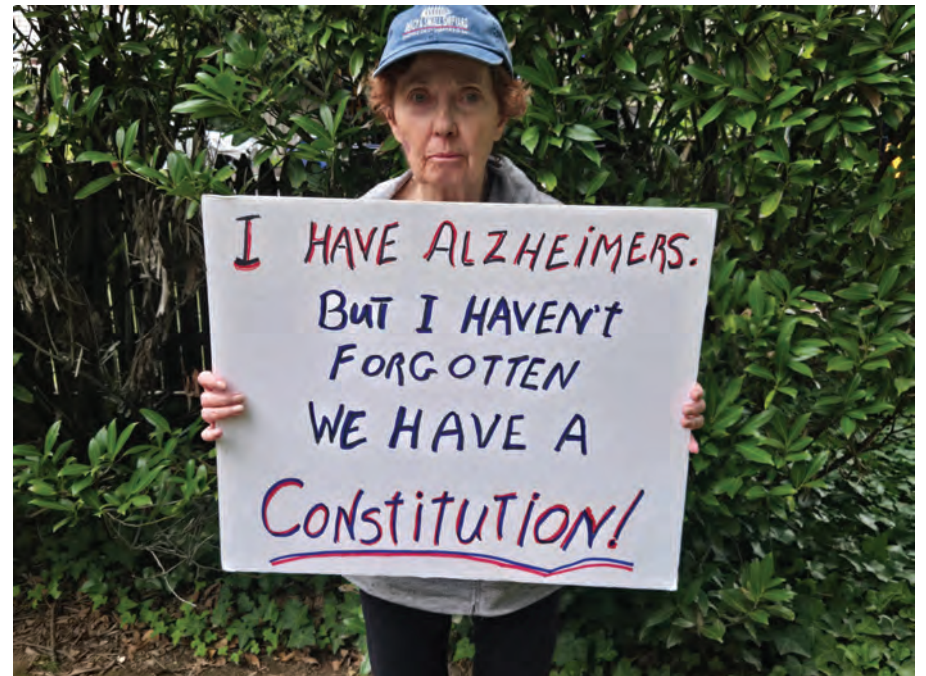
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ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, October 9

■ **MOBILE MUSEUM:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Market Street Methodist Church, Onancock. The VA250 Mobile Museum will visit Onancock. The theme of the museum is “Out of Many, One.”

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Noon tee time, Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, Melfa. The Onancock Rotary is hosting a three-club golf tournament. Two-man teams will select a putter and two other clubs. The player on the team with the better ball scores. The cost is \$150 per player. There will be prizes for first, second, and third place. To register call Adair Tyler at 757-709-2756, Courtney Nottingham at 757-710-5739, or Charmin Horton at 757-615-4335.

■ **TRAINING:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional, Parksley. The library is hosting an orientation to the MakerSpace, along with a training on how to use the library’s 3D printer. To register call the library at 757-787-

■ **HIKE:** 3 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter One, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. This hike will explore the park’s history, geological context, and biological variety.

■ **CRAFT:** 5 to 6 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter Two, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. The park is hosting an all-ages craft project.

■ **STREET FAIR:** From 4 to 8 p.m. Onancock will host its monthly Second Friday street fair. Shops and galleries will feature extended hours, restaurants will have live music and specials, and there will be live music on North Street.

■ **LECTURE:** 5:30 p.m., Ker Place, 69 Market St., Onancock. A Patrick Henry interpreter will speak on the steps at Ker Place. Music will be provided by Amper-

Best bets

■ **On Saturday, Oct. 10, ESO Arts Center, in Belle Haven, is hosting ESO Fest. Gates open at 2 p.m. Boy Wells and the Originals perform live at 2:30 p.m., followed by Grateful Jed. There will be food trucks, beer and wine, vendors, crafts, and raffles. Tickets are \$20 at the door.**

■ **On Sunday, Oct. 11, from 1 to 5 p.m., St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, in Cape Charles, is hosting its annual Oktoberfest, featuring music, authentic German food, beer and wine, children’s activities, raffles, and a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at the gate.**

sand. Refreshments will be served.

■ **AUTHOR TALK:** 6 p.m., Worcester County Public Library Pocomoke Brand, Pocomoke City. Local author Andy Nunez will discuss his book “Ghosts of the Eastern Shore.”

■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Roy Mears Hall, 5052 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague. Island Kitties is hosting bingo. The cost is \$20 for 20 games. There will also be food and raffles.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 6 p.m., Cape Charles Natural Area Preserve, 301 Patrick Henry Ave., Cape Charles. During the Friday Night Owl Prowl, nature lovers can stroll through the preserve and watch the sunset over the Chesapeake Bay before hiking back through the park while learning about night creatures and watching for owls. Call 757-331-1300 to reserve a spot.

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

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

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Chattie’s Lounge, Chincoteague. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

■ **TRIVIA:** 7:30 p.m., Quizzo with Johnny Goodtimes at El Soul, 225 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Saturday, October 10

■ **WALK:** 7:30 a.m., Eastville Community Health Center parking lot, Eastville. Jynnifer Albano will share health tips while leading a walk.

■ **YARD SALE:** 8 to 11 a.m., Crad-

dockville United Methodist Church, 33464 Boston Road, Painter. The church is hosting a yard sale. The cost for vendor spaces is \$10. Vendors must bring their own table. For more information call the church at 757-442-9659.

■ **THRIFT STORE:** 8 to 11 a.m., Smith Chapel Methodist Church, Quinby. The church will have its thrift store open.

■ **YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Woman’s Club of Accomack County, 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley. The club is hosting a yard sale. There will be jewelry, toys, gardening items, seasonal clothing, white elephant items, soups, and baked goods.

■ **FUNDRAISING WALK:** 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. The Walk to End Alzheimer’s honors families struggling with Alzheimer’s and dementia, as well as raising money for research. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/2vb35nfc>

■ **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.

■ **FALL FESTIVAL:** The annual Shriners Parade will be held at 10 a.m. on Mason Avenue in Cape Charles, followed by a fall festival at Strawberry Street and Mason Avenue. At the festival there will be craft vendors, face painting, a balloon artist, pumpkin painting, food trucks, live music by the Stingrays from noon to 2 p.m., a white boot auction at noon, 1, and 2 p.m., and live music by Chase Davidson at 2 to 4 p.m. To enter a decorated golf cart, car, or bike for the parade visit <https://tinyurl.com/4a6eksvy>

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

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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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Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company, 10071 Atlantic Road, Atlantic. The fire company is hosting an open house in honor of Fire Prevention Week. There will be K9 demonstrations, visits with Sparky the Dog, fire truck rides, food and drinks, and a touch-a-truck display.

■ **LIVING HISTORY:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ker Place, Onancock. Ker Place is hosting a living history event on the lawn. There will be Revolutionary War interpreters, open fire cooking, colonial craft demonstrations, information about indigenous history and culture, and Patrick Henry and George Mason interpreters. The VA250 Mobile Museum will also be set up at Market Street United Methodist Church. The theme of the museum is "Out of Many, One."

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tom's Cove Park, Chincoteague. The annual Chincoteague Oyster Festival returns with all-you-can-eat seafood, live music by Island Boy, raffles, and more. Tickets are \$65 per person. Children under age 5 are free. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p9vyf9x>

■ **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.

■ **BOOK SIGNING:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sundial Books, 4065 Main St., Chincoteague. Mary K. Tilghman will be launching her book "Lucky Spring." She will also be signing copies.

■ **FESTIVAL:** From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Downtown Pocomoke Fall Festival returns with a live chainsaw carving demonstration, a live performance by

Old State Line, food, vendors, hayrides, a corn pit, pumpkin painting, a petting zoo, and more. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat at participating businesses.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 1 to 2 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter Two, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Attendees can learn about fall bird migration through a bird-themed touch table.

■ **FESTIVAL:** Gates open at 2 p.m., music from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., ESO Arts Center, 15293 King St., Belle Haven. ESO Fest will feature live music by Boy Wells and the Originals and Grateful Jed, food, drinks, and vendors. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

■ **HIKE:** 3 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter One, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. This hike will explore the park's history, geological context, and biological variety.

■ **PAINTING:** 3 to 5 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, Exmore. The church is hosting Pie and Paint. Attendees can paint a fall pumpkin patch scene while enjoying pie. To RSVP visit <https://tinyurl.com/24m8ych2>

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 4 to 7:30 p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3398 Main St., Exmore. The Exmore Rotary Club is hosting its annual Soule

Arnold Oyster Roast and Clam Steam. The menu includes all-you-can-eat oysters, clams, clam chowder, and pulled pork. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$76.54 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/yhvk8w6z>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert starts at 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Guitar Renegades perform live. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for anyone age 18 and under. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org/ for tickets.

■ **CONCERT:** 7 p.m., Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. Tim and Judy Olbrych will perform with cellist Ryan Lowe. The program is called "A Pilgrim's Delight: Songs Sacred and Savage." The concert will feature 17th Century music for baroque guitar, soprano, and cello. This concert is free.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. The Storytellers perform live. Tickets are \$15. To reserve a seat call 757-710-8718.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, Chincoteague. Fil Rhythm performs live.

■ **OWL PROWL:** 7 to 8 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter One, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Search for the

eastern screech owl during a spooky evening hike.

Sunday, October 11

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 8 a.m., Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Woodland Trail parking lot, Chincoteague. A 2-hour guided hike is being held at the park. Beginning birders are welcome. Binoculars will be available. Birders should plan to walk at least a mile. Bug spray and extra water are recommended.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalists of the Eastern Shore, 15421 Merry Cate Lane, Belle Haven. Spencer Wingate will discuss T-shirt and bumper sticker theology.

■ **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.

■ **OKTOBERFEST:** 1 to 5 p.m., St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 545 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. The church is hosting its annual Oktoberfest. This family-friendly celebration will feature music, authentic food, beer and wine, childrens activities, a

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raffle, and a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online at <https://tinyurl.com/StCharlesOktoberfest2026>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 2 p.m., Vaux Hall Farm Market, 27698 Bobtown Road, Melfa. The Southern Fog Band is performing as part of a celebration for Paul Darragh. There will be an acoustic roundtable to share songs and stories. The event is also a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

■ **SPECIAL SERVICE:** 3 p.m., Adams United Methodist Church, 25352 Lee Mont Road, Parksley. The church is hosting a men's day. The guest pastor will be Markel Thomas, of Ebenezer-Snow Hill Charge.

■ **LECTURE:** 5 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock. Terry Lindvall of Batten University will give a lecture titled "Thoughts on Humor, Faith, and Joy," which asks the question "What if Stephen Colbert met C. S. Lewis?"

Monday, October 12

■ **CRAFT:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Drop in at the community center to make a laminated book mark or paint a pumpkin on smooth stones.

Tuesday, October 13

■ **VETERANS BREAKFAST:** 8:30 to 10 a.m., American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main St., Chincoteague. The legion is hosting a free breakfast for veterans and active military members. Those who bring a veteran to the event can enjoy a free breakfast as well.

■ **MEETING:** 9 a.m., Eastern Shore Community Services Administration Office, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley. The CSB will hold its monthly board meeting.

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

■ **PLAYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Cypress Park, Pocomoke City. The Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch is hosting playtime at the park. Children between ages 2 and 5 can gather to play, have fun, and meet friends.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. This storytime will celebrate 100 years of

Winnie-the-Pooh.

■ **VETERANS COMMITTEE:** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Support Committee for the Eastern Shore will meet to discuss veterans resources and needs. A light lunch will be provided. Veterans and family members are welcome.

■ **MEMORY SUPPORT GROUP:** 1 to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging, 5432 Bayside Road, Exmore. A support group is being held for those living with memory loss, caregivers, family, and friends to foster support and share resources. Light refreshments will be provided.

■ **TEEN CARD CLUB:** 3 to 5 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. Children in sixth through 12th grades can join the Next Wave Trading Club, facilitated by retired teacher Jon Adams. Children can bring their own cards or borrow starter decks from the library. Students can play Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic: The Gathering, Flesh and Blood, Disney Lorcan, or any other trading card game.

■ **TEEN CRAFT NIGHT:** 5 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teens can make their own Halloween tote bag.

■ **EXHIBIT OPENING:** 5 to 7 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. An opening is being held for the exhibit "Give me Liberty," which highlights Virginia's leading role in the American Revolution. The exhibit runs until Nov. 22.

■ **STUDENT AUDITIONS:** 5 to 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse is holding auditions for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" To participate email northstreetplayhouse@gmail.com with student name, student age, and a parent or guardian's name, email, and phone number.

■ **MEETING:** 6 p.m., American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. The post is holding its monthly meeting. All are welcome.

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. During the Tuesday Night Lecture Series, Cindy Faith will share mysteries from the museum. She will discuss some new pieces in the museum's collection, as well as old favorites. Museum members, active duty military members, and children under age 12 are free. The cost is \$10 for all others. To reserve a seat call 757-336-6117.

■ **WORKSHOP:** 7 to 8:30 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St.,

Chincoteague. Representatives of nonprofits serving Chincoteague Island are invited to "Fundraising Where Everybody Knows Everybody: A Nonprofit Workshop." Patrick Kirby of Do Good Better Consulting will dig into what fundraising looks like in small towns where donors, volunteers, and board members overlap in local organizations.

Wednesday, October 14

■ **WORKSHOP:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Center, Melfa. Nationally acclaimed development professional Patrick Kirby will lead a workshop on fundraising. There will be a board boot camp, a nonprofit funder panel, a state of the nonprofit sector update, an AI update, and an end of year readiness session. Registration is required. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/pkucs9wk>

■ **THRIFT STORE:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 18484 Wilson Ave., Parksley. The church will have its Grace's Attic Thrift Store open.

■ **TOURS:** 10 a.m. to noon, The Impact Center, 1500 Old Cape Charles Road, Cape Charles. The center will be open for docent-led tours highlighting the building's history as a Rosenwald School and its current function as a community center.

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Community members can bring in technology such as laptops, tablets, and cellphones and get help from library staff.

■ **CHILDRENS PROGRAM:** 11 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. The library is hosting its monthly S.T.E.A.M. program. Children from ages 6 to 10 can gather to learn why the leaves change color in the fall and explore the patterns from leaf rubbings.

■ **SUPPORT GROUP:** 11 a.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Peer Support Group will meet. All who have served can connect with others during this guided support group.

■ **LECTURE:** Noon to 1 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Plant ES Natives is leading a series of workshops on native plants. This week's session will cover how to get started with native plants. It will be led by Laurie Jones of Wild Ones Eastern Shore of Virginia chapter.

■ **CRAFT:** 3 p.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, Pocomoke City. Learn how to do candle wax painting. Participants will learn how to use melted

candle wax to create one-of-a-kind art. All supplies are provided. This class is geared towards children ages 12 to 18. To register call 410-957-0878.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 3 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter Two, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Attendees can learn about fall bird migration through a bird-themed touch table.

■ **YARN CLUB:** 4 to 6 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.

■ **CRAFT:** 5 to 6 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter Two, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. The park is hosting an all-ages craft project.

Thursday, October 15

■ **MEETING:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, 23372 Front St., Accomac. Representatives from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will be at the ANPDC office to discuss possible brownfields projects, which offers assistance to the owners of derelict commercial properties to remediate issues. Call 757-787-2936 or email sdudas@esvaplan.org to secure a spot.

■ **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.

■ **BOOK CLUB:** 1 p.m., Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Onancock. The Third Thursday Book Club will meet to discuss the book "Did you ever Have a Family?" by Bill Clegg.

■ **TEEN CREATIVE WRITING:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teens can gather to share their writing. This month there will be horror prompts.

■ **SOCIAL CONNECTION:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The Social Connections Group is a casual hangout for younger and older adults who need extra support, along with their caregivers. There will be light refreshments and games.

■ **AUTHOR TALK:** 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Bryan Lienesch, a mystery, thriller and horror writer, will give a talk.

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■ **ADULT CRAFT:** 6 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Adults can learn to make plastic needlework monster bookmarks. To register call 757-414-0010.

■ **REMEMBRANCE:** Registration begins at 6 p.m., event begins at 6:30 p.m. Onancock Town Square, Onancock. A ceremony is being held as part of the International Wave of Light, an annual remembrance for babies who died during pregnancy, at birth, or as an infant. There will be a welcome speech, a candle lighting, a moment of silence, a song, poem readings, and a closing speech. Refreshments will be available.

■ **DANCE LESSONS:** 6 to 7:30 p.m., The Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles. Ballroom and More on the Eastern Shore will meet for a dance lesson. All skill levels are welcome and a partner is not required. The cost is \$5.

Friday, October 16

■ **ADULT CRAFT:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Adults can make a plastic needlepoint monster bookmark.

■ **YARD SALE:** Noon to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community can shop for baked goods and treasures during the organization's yard and bake sale. Donated items will be accepted Oct. 12, 14, and 15.

■ **HIKE:** 3 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter One, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. This hike will explore the park's history, geological context, and biological variety.

■ **CRAFT:** 5 to 6 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter Two, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. The park is hosting an

all-ages craft project.

■ **TRUNK OR TREAT:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. The club is hosting a trunk or treat. There will be decorated trucks with candy, games, activities, and vendors.

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

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

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Giddens' Do Drop Inn, Weirwood. Bayside Jazz will perform during the Fall Harvest Fest. Tickets are \$25. Call 757-710-3122 for tickets. Food will be available for purchase.

■ **TRIVIA:** 7:30 p.m., Quizzo with Johnny Goodtimes at El Soul, 225 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Saturday, October 17

■ **YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to noon, Living Waters Church of God, 2226 Bypass Road, Pocomoke City. The church is hosting an indoor yard sale. Vendor spaces are \$10 for one table and two chairs. Food will be available for purchase.

■ **YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to noon, Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The community can shop for baked goods and treasures during the organization's yard and bake sale. Donated items will be accepted Oct. 12, 14, and 15.

■ **YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Drummondtown Baptist Church, 23474 Front St., Accomac. The church is hosting a yard sale. There will also be a bake sale. Tables can be rented for \$10 and items can be donated for the church to sell. For more information

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■ **CAR SHOW:** Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., show runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3398 Main St., Exmore. The 10th annual Exmore Town Park Auto Show will feature everything from classic cars, to hot rods, and trucks. There will also be food vendors on site, live music by Bluzhammer, and Djs spin-

ning tunes.

■ **YOUTH SPORTS:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Club, 30516 Chincoteague Road, Oak Hall. Youth from age 8 to 18 can participate in the Youth Sportsfest for free. Activities include shooting safety, target shooting, shotgun shooting with clay birds, and service rifle shooting. A free lunch will be provided.

■ **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.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Kegotank Elementary School, 13300 Lankford Highway, Mapps ville. The school is hosting a fall festival. there will be face painting, games, a bake sale, a pumpkin painting contest, bingo, and food available for purchase. Admission is \$5 per child, accompanying adults are free.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Painter Garrisons Methodist Church, Painter. The church is hosting a Fall Festival. There will be vendors, a livestock and garden swap, food and baked goods for sale, crafts, games, a bounce house, and free hotdogs for kids. To reserve a free vendor space text 757-709-8116.

■ **MIGRATORY BIRD DAY:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Cape Charles. On World Migratory Bird Day Kiptopeke State Park is hosting a day of activities, workshops, childrens activities, guided hikes, and tours. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/2s4hek7c> There will also be a celebration in honor of the 50th annual Hawk Watch. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/ynt88sdb>

■ **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.

■ **OPEN AUDITIONS:** 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Performers age 17 and up can audition for the upcoming season at the playhouse. Performers need to perform a 1-minute monologue and optionally 16 bars from a song of the performers choosing. To register for an audition slot email name, age, and contact information to northstreettickets@gmail.com

■ **AUTHOR TALK:** 11 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. R.M. Armbruster will be discussing his book "Torched on Chincoteague Island."

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., UVA Coastal Research Center, Oyster. The center is hosting an open house celebrating the organizations 20th anniversary. There will be a touc tank, boat rides, research demonstrations, art, meet-and-greets with scientists, exhibits, snacks, and music.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague. The Fall into the Arts Festival will bring live music, vendors, artists, and family fun to downtown Chincotegaue.

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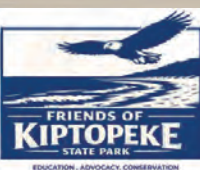


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OBITUARIES

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Nina Thornton

Mrs. Nina Marie Thornton, 77, of Oak Hall, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026.

Nina was born on March 28, 1949, in Nassawadox, to the late Lewis Kelso and Ruth Powell. She was raised on Chincoteague Island and graduated from Chincoteague High School.



Mrs. Thornton

Nina was proud of her Native American heritage. She

was of Cherokee ancestry and was a member of the Oneida Tribe from New York. Her heritage was an important part of the story of who she was and where she came from.

Faith was also a deeply important part of Nina's life. She grew up in Union Baptist Church, where she later worked in the nursery and taught children's Sunday School. She also walked on Emmaus #32, "In the Garden," an experience that held special meaning for her. After moving to Oak Hall, Nina became a member of First Baptist Church in New Church, where she treasured the fellowship, friendship, and warmth of her church family.

Nina worked as a secretary at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, and it was there that she first saw the man who would become her husband, Larry Thornton. Their first date was a basketball game at Chincoteague High School, a simple beginning to the life and family they would build together.

Nina had a creative spirit. She loved crocheting and knitting and was a prolific writer of poetry. Through her poems and handmade creations, she left behind pieces of herself that her family can continue to hold on to and treasure.

Above all, Nina's life was woven together by her faith, her family, her heritage, and the people she loved.

She is survived by her husband, Lar-

ry Thornton; her daughters, Candie O'Donnell and Sherry Sears; her sons, John Thornton and Thomas Thornton; her sister, Lois Trojack; and her brother, Bruce Kelso.

She was blessed with six grandchildren, Destinee, Joseph, Caydence, Skyler, Colleen, and Clara, as well as seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 31027 Depot St., New Church, VA 23415.

Arrangements were handled by Salyer Funeral Home in Chincoteague. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Nina's earthly journey has ended, but the faith she carried, the words she wrote, the things she created with her hands, and the love she gave to her family will remain.

She has gone home to be with Jesus.

Sallie Jacob

Ms. Sallie Addison Jacob, 101, passed peacefully to her heavenly home on March 13, 2024.

She was a devoted friend to many and a special aunt to her nieces and nephew.

Born in Cape Charles on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, she was preceded in death by her father, Lucius S. Jacob, and mother, Arinthia Goffigon Jacob, of Jacobia, and a brother, Lucius S. Jacob Jr.



Ms. Jacob

Sallie was a proud alumna of Mary Washington College. After the death of her father in 1957, her mother came to live with her in Norfolk. They had many adventures, traveling extensively both in the United States and internationally.

Sallie was an executive assistant for Texaco, working in Norfolk and Atlanta. She retired in 1980 and returned to Norfolk to begin her second

career with Sovran Bank.

She was a member of Bayview Baptist Church, DAR, and Colonial Dames.

Sallie was an active resident in Westminster Canterbury for her last 20 years. She was an avid bridge and game player and had many dear friends.

Sallie is survived by her nephew, Read Jacob (JoEllen); her nieces, Sallie Stark (Bill) and Pam McDulin (Tim); her grandnephews, her grandniece, and a dear cousin, Leigh Jonns (Chris).

The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at Westminster for their devoted care.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m., at Cape Charles Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Charles Peterson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bayside Baptist Church, 1920 Pleasure House Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Peggy Ward

Mrs. Peggy Elizabeth Dize Ward, 88, passed away peacefully on Oct. 4, 2026, in Parksley.

Born on Sept. 29, 1938, in Onley, Peggy grew up on the Eastern Shore before pursuing her calling to become a nurse. She moved to Columbia, S.C., to complete her education and earn her registered nurse degree. It was during this chapter of her life that she met John Ward, whom she married on June 29, 1963.

Peggy and John later settled in Kokomo, Ind., where they built a life together and raised their family.

Peggy worked for many years as an RN at St. Joseph Hospital. Beyond her work in nursing and raising a family, Peggy enjoyed participating in medical mission trips to Peru and Haiti to care for communities in need.

When they retired to South Caro-

lina, Peggy found immense delight in the simple beauty of life on the marsh. She enjoyed working outside in her yard and held a special place in her heart for her beloved kitties.

Peggy was preceded in death by her loving husband of 50 years, John



Mrs. Ward

Ward; her parents, Elmer Dize and Sarah Dize (née Mason); her brother, Kemmie Dize; and her son, Kenneth Ward.

She leaves behind a family that will miss

her. She is survived by her daughters, April Morgan (Joseph) and Dawn Herring (Scott); her sister-in-law, Jackie Dize; and her brother, Elmer Dize Jr. (Joan). Her spirit will live on through her grandchildren, McKayla Morgan, Avery Herring, Ben Herring, Montanna Ward, Nathan Ward, Katelyn Duncan (née Ward), Klowie Keisler (née Ward), and Willow and Mariska Ward, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Friday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Bill McClung officiating. There will be a visitation in the chapel one hour prior to the service. Interment will be private in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Columbia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Peggy's honor to Palmetto Animal League, 56 Riverwalk Blvd., Okatie, SC 29936; Shore Health & Rehab Center, 26181 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421; or Riverside Shore Palliative Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

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Douglas Gillespie

Mr. Douglas Alvin Gillespie, 80, of Bloxom, husband of the late Celestine Jeanette Gillespie, passed away on Sept. 27, 2026, in Parksley.

Born on Feb. 8, 1946, in Saltville, he was the son of the late Charles Edward Gillespie and Elsie Roberts Gillespie.

Douglas worked as an inspector for the Virginia Department of Agriculture for many years. He enjoyed fishing and gardening and grew many varieties of roses for his late wife, Celestine. Douglas had a good heart and a feisty, outspoken personality.

Douglas is survived by two daughters, Amanda Lynn Gillespie (Levin), of Bloxom, and Anna Marie Crockett (Charles), of Harborton; his grandchildren, Allen Crockett (Bailey), Sarah Crockett, Elizabeth Crockett, Philip Gillespie (Mary Elliott), Allison Gillespie, and Landon Shelton; his great-grandson, Philip Douglas "PJ" Gillespie Jr.; his brothers, Larry Gillespie, of Saltville, and David Gillespie, of North Carolina; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Celestine Jeanette Gillespie; his grandson, Walter Crockett; and his siblings, Jerry Gillespie and Brenda Gillespie.

A memorial service will be held on

Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. from the Thornton Funeral Home, with George Fulk officiating.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Robert Tull

Mr. Robert L. Tull Jr., 91, passed away on Oct. 4, 2026, at his home in Chincoteague.

Robert was the son of the late Robert L. Tull Sr. and Rachel Lunn Tull.

He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Sandra Tarr Tull; his daughter, Amy Tull Mullane; his brother, Edward Lunn Tull; his sister-in-law, Louise Tull; and his nephew Jimmy Adams.

He is survived by his children, Robert Alan Tull and Holly Jane Tull, and his sister, Gloria Tull, all of Chincoteague; his granddaughter, Anna Horseman and her fiancé, Dustin Smack, of Withams; his grandson, Joseph Paul Mullane, of Norfolk; his stepdaughter, Susan Watson (Herby), of Pocomoke City; his great-granddaughter, Amy Lynn Smack, of Withams; two step-grandchildren, Courtney Petty (Jeff), of Fredericksburg, and Andrea Chandler (Ryan), of Easton, Md; as well as six step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, Vickie Tull, Janet Mason, Tommy Fulmer, Lorie Fulmer, and Eric Fulmer.

Robert served 24 years with the Accomack County Sheriff's Office, six

years with the Chincoteague Police Department, and more than 20 years at the Eastern Correctional Institution near Princess Anne, Md.

He was an avid Virginia Tech football fan. He attended Hargrave Military School as a teenager. He took the most pride in the fact that he was a sergeant in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division while he was still a teenager.

There was a viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Salyer Funeral Home, on Chincoteague Island. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9, at Union Baptist Church on Chincoteague Island.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home on Chincoteague Island.

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Dill Wilgus

Mr. Holland "Dill" Wilgus Sr., 89, of Chincoteague Island, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Oct. 5, 2026.

He died peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Hospital.

Dill was born on Chincoteague on Oct. 12, 1936. He was the only one of his siblings to graduate from Chincoteague High School. He was a long-time member of the Union Baptist Church and president of the Anglers Sunday School Class.

His first job was with Burton's Seafood, working on the water. He also drove a tractor-trailer for many

years, lastly for Tyson Foods. His last employment was being a part owner of the Island Family Restaurant. After that, he was ready to retire.

Dill is survived by his spouse, Arlene; his daughter, Dawn Nock and her husband, Ronnie; his sons, Howard Wilgus and Robert Bash; his granddaughter, Jessica Huffman and her husband, Eric; his great-granddaughter Sabrina Huffman; his stepson, Jack Williams and his wife, Tracy; his step-granddaughter, Denise Stadler, and her husband, Phil; his step-grandson, Eric Williams and his wife, Elizabeth; and his step-grandson, Jack Williams Jr. and his wife, Shelby; along with many step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Dill was preceded in death by his parents, Grover and Nellie Wilgus; his sister, Lila Mae "Bess" Lewis; his brother, Grover "Drizzle" Wilgus; his nephew, Christopher Wilgus; and his stepson, Dennis Williams.

In his younger days, Dill loved to ride in his boat and go fishing and was a big fan of the Baltimore Orioles. He was a very kindhearted man and was devoted to his wife, Arlene.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Salyer Funeral Home on Chincoteague Island. Funeral services were held at Union Baptist Church on Chincoteague Island on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m.

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

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com



Mr. Gillespie



Mr. Tull



Mr. Wilgus



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Gosnell lands 53-inch red drum off Chincoteague

Jimmy Vasiliou, of Capt. Steve's Bait and Tackle, said anglers were having a good time on the beach this week.

A 53-inch red drum was caught on Sunday, and the tackle shop has registered four other citation reds in the last few days.

Vasiliou reported that some kingfish, snapper blues, and spot are being caught using East Coast Surf Balls and Fishbites.

He said that the inshore flounder

bite is starting off with a few nice keepers, along with a lot of throw backs.

Offshore on the wrecks, anglers caught limits of sea bass, along with some citation blueline tilefish using squid for bait.

Capt. Reed, of Reed and Reel Fishing Co. in Chincoteague, reported that the big reds had returned to the shallows on both the seaside and the bayside.

Unsurprisingly, he said the speckled trout were small. He said the flounder were "getting into their fall ways, but a lot of shorts were still around."

Capt. Reed told me that schoolie-sized rockfish had started to show up in the usual places. He was glad to report that an occasional puppy drum had been caught, and he is looking forward to better numbers this week.

In Wachapreague, Capt. Lindsay Paul, on the Almost Persuaded, reported that flounder fishing was good midweek, with some nice fish being caught. He said that most were being caught out near the old Coast Guard station.



Chuck Gosnell, of Oakland, Md., caught this 53-inch red drum on the beach at Chincoteague.

COURTESY PHOTO

The best baits were Berkley Gulp, specifically the colors Firetiger, Pink Shine, and Salmon Red, with live or frozen minnows or silversides.

He speculated that there should still be some croaker and spot around. He said the wrecks were still producing nice sea bass when the weather permitted. Capt. Paul

had nothing to report offshore due to the weather.

Kenny Louderback, of Fish Freaks Sportfishing, reported that red drum are around any structure in the lower bay, with a few black drum and sheepshead in the mix.

Louderback agreed with Capt. Paul that the spot and croaker were

still around. He lamented that speck fishing was slow and that the fish were small on the seaside. He said that, although the flounder fishing was picking up, the dirty water on the bayside was making fishing difficult.

Louderback said the wrecks and the windmills were good for sea bass and flounder.

Tyler Nestor, at Oceans East — Eastern Shore, said he heard lots of reports of 10- to 12-inch specks being caught, but there were definitely a few good ones mixed in. The better ones were being caught on Mirrolures.

Big croaker and blow toads are being caught around the concrete ships and the Kiptopeke pier using Fishbites and shrimp on hi-lo rigs.

Nestor said that tons of big bull reds were being caught at the third and fourth islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and around the concrete ships using cut mullet and crabs.

He said flounder are still here and are taking bucktails and Gulp baits. Nestor predicted the flounder would be pushing out in a couple of weeks.

I got out one day last week to prospect for stripers on Hunting Creek. After trolling the banks past high tide, I glided into some calm water just before reaching the "Notch." Some V-shaped wakes on the calm surface made me believe I was into something.

I trolled two paddletails through the target area with no results. I switched to a rod rigged with a small Rapala X-rap, and the first cast brought in a healthy, legal-sized striper. I released it and headed home. I'll be back out there this week.

The writer moved to the Eastern Shore about 20 years ago and lives on Hunting Creek near Parksley. He is an avid fisherman and a member of the ESVA Anglers Club.

Sophomores Caison and Smith lead Vikings

BY MARK MORING

Eastern Shore Post

It's not all that unusual for an underclassman to play a leading role on a high school sports team. But it's a little unique to have *two* younger players in that position.

Yet that's the case for Broadwater Academy. Two of its six starters — Caroline Caison and Miranda Smith — are sophomores who have helped pace the Vikings to an 8-3 record, including four straight wins.

Caison and Smith were also key players as freshmen a year ago, when Broadwater went 12-12 and advanced to the Division IV semi-finals of the VISAA State Tournament.

What makes them so good?

"They're both tall, athletic, and jump great," says Viking assistant coach Taylor Terry, who played collegiately at George Mason. "They're competitive and aggressive. They're driven, and they bring it."

"They're both very smart in the classroom and on the court. They love to learn, and I love coaching them. It's exciting that they're only sophomores, and I can't wait to see what they continue to do through their high school careers."

"Caroline has great court awareness," adds BA head coach Heather Hall. "She puts her teammates in good positions to hit the ball."

Indeed, the 5-foot-8 Caison, one of Broadwater's most versatile players, leads the team in assists with 226, and she now has well over 500 assists for her career. She also leads the team in service aces (41), and digs (27).

The 5-foot-10 Smith, a recipient of many of Caison's passes and a force at the net, leads the team in blocks (40) and is second in kills (58).

But it's more than just the stats. It's the court smarts, the awareness, and the ability to read one another and anticipate where the



PHOTO COURTESY DANNY GALLIVAN

Sophomores Caroline Caison (left) and Miranda Smith have led Broadwater to an 8-3 start this season.

other will be. A longtime friendship helps.

"I feel like it's easy for Miranda and me to connect on the court because we've known each other so long," Caison says. "We just know how to work together."

Smith nods in agreement. And yet their personalities on the court are different.

"Caroline is serious on the court, but at practice, sometimes she has a silly side," says Hall. "I like that about her, and she knows when to turn it on and off. She knows how to be competitive and have a good time."

"I'm very energetic, trying to hype other people up," Caison says. "And I like to talk a lot."

"Miranda's the opposite," says Hall. "She's real serious. She is hard on herself, but she will push herself. But both are good at encouraging their teammates."

Smith agrees. "My goal is to make

sure the girls know they're doing a good job. I'm like, 'That was a really good hit,' because that's what gets me going."

Hall and Taylor agree that both girls have a good shot at playing in college. Caison's game is a little more advanced since she plays year-round, including at Club 757 in Virginia Beach.

Smith, meanwhile, plays sports all year round — volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter, and softball in the spring. And she loves to surf — much like older sister Leah, a former multi-sport star at BA and now a sophomore on the track and field team at Washington and Lee. But Miranda believes volleyball is her best sport, so she will likely focus more on it in her remaining high school years.

But first things first. College is still almost three years away, but a rematch with conference rival Greenbrier Christian is coming up

next Tuesday. The Vikings are looking to avenge last month's 3-0 loss to the Gators, a defeat in which Hall says her team didn't play its best.

"We had two starters out sick, and that messes up the team chemistry," the coach says. "I felt like our heart wasn't in it, and we weren't ourselves."

"But Tuesday, it's home court advantage. We'll have our crowd here cheering us on, and we'll get the energy pumped up."

Caison and Smith are optimistic.

"In our losses, we weren't as aggressive," Smith says. "Losing to Greenbrier was our wake up call, and we feel like we've gotten better since."

"I agree about the aggression part," adds Caison. "We need to get better at getting our energy up, being faster on the court, and getting to the ball faster."

"But I think we're going to continue to do well in the rest of our games."

Jackets still trying to find their mojo

BY MARK MORING

Eastern Shore Post

There are some unusual numbers showing up with Northampton's football team these days, digits that the Yellow Jackets haven't seen in a while.

The numbers are in the wins and losses columns, where the former is usually larger than the latter. But after last Friday's 33-13 loss to visiting Middlesex, Northampton is 1-3 — two games under .500 for the first time in three years.

In their last two seasons, the Jackets went 8-3 in 2024 and 10-2 in 2025, winning the district title both years. Last November, Northampton became the first Eastern Shore District team to win a state playoff game in 30 years.

But that was a senior-dominated squad with 10 selections on the all-district offensive team and eight on the defensive team. Most of those young men graduated.

So while fans knew the Jackets entered this campaign young and inexperienced, no one could have predicted how the first two months would play out. A preseason scrimmage against Lancaster was canceled. Three games in the last four weeks have been either canceled or postponed, including Friday's originally scheduled game against King and Queen Central, which scrapped its season in September due to lack of players.

When the Jackets travel to West Point next Friday, Oct. 16, it will only be their fifth game of the season, when other Virginia teams will be playing their seventh or eighth. Northampton will play only eight games this season.

"It's hard to get momentum going," said coach and athletic director John Edney, who has been scrambling to find another game or two but to no avail. "It's definitely been a different fall, but the kids are working through it and they've practiced really well."



PHOTO COURTESY VIRGINIA LONG

Northampton's Antoine White blows past a Middlesex defender.

Last Friday against Middlesex, Northampton started strong, driving 70 yards on its first possession and scoring on Antoine White's 39-yard run.

Middlesex quickly responded with a 72-yard touchdown run by quarterback Davonte Griffin, but the Chargers missed the extra point. Advantage Jackets, 7-6.

But the Jackets ended up with four turnovers in the first half and trailed, 25-13, at the break.

Northampton had a chance to pull within five on its first possession in the third quarter, but the drive stalled at midfield.

The Chargers soon scored to make it 31-13, virtually putting the game out of reach. Middlesex's Griffin ended up with 168 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

Overall, Northampton was plagued by five turnovers and numerous missed tackles that led to long runs.

"We were stopping ourselves," said Edney. "And yeah, we've got to make tackles. We knew they were going to run the ball, and we had a game plan to try and stop it. But you know ..."

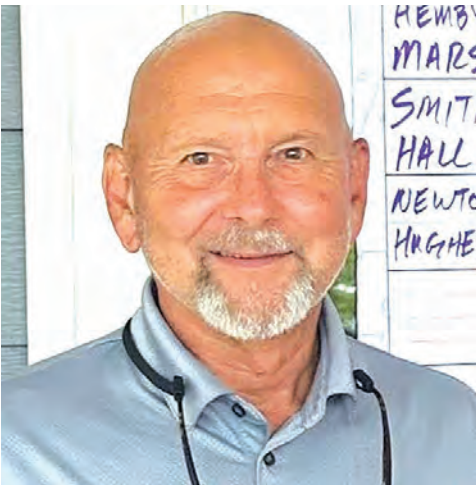
White had a great night for the Jackets, running for 134 yards and

two touchdowns, while Jonathan Brown ran for 57 yards.

Defensively, the Jackets were led by TraQuan Coston (six tackles), Joshua Morgan (five tackles), Caleb Champion (five tackles), and Palmer Hubbard (four tackles, one for loss).

Edney said team morale remains good.

"Obviously, after a loss, everybody's sad," he said. "But by the time we watch the film and see the positive things and the things we need to improve, I think we'll be fine."



COURTESY PHOTOS

Gavin Sayers and Margie Byrd (top left and top right, respectively) won the men’s and women’s club championships at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club recently. Tom Watkins and Kaiden Stokes (bottom left and right, respectively) won the senior and junior championships.

Sayers, Byrd, Watkins, Stokes ESYCC champs

Gavin Sayers and Margie Byrd recently won the men’s and women’s club championships at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club in stroke play held over two days. Sayers shot an 83 and 81 for a 164 total to best Clay Wardius’ 167 total for his first club championship. Dustin Aigner was third. He shot a tournament-best 77 on the first day but a 92 on the second day. Byrd had an 87 and an 85, finishing with 172 total strokes. Barbara

Murphy finished second with 186 total strokes. It was Byrd’s seventh women’s club championship. Tom Watkins repeated as the senior champion, shooting an 86 and a 79 (165). Mark Malbon (168) was second, and Mark Waldron (171) took third. Kaiden Stokes was the junior champion golfer. His 84 in one day of play bested his Nandua golf teammate Alex Bundick, who shot a 92.

LADY SHORES 18U SOFTBALL WINS GOLD BRACKET



PHOTO COURTESY BETTY TAYLOR

The Lady Shores 18U softball team competed in the Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament, held Oct. 3 and 4 at the Stoney Run Athletic Complex. The Lady Shores finished with a 4-1-1 record and won the gold bracket championship. Pictured from left in the front row are Amirrah Church, Ella Powell, Elana Hickman, Cassidy Hickman, Ava Webb, and Faith Stadler. In the back row are Brynna Travis, Parker Travis, Payton Taylor, Coach Butch Travis and Coach Stewart Annis. Not pictured are Madison Annis and Coach Dale Wright.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE OCT. 9 TO OCT. 16

FRIDAY, 10/9

Football

Washington at Arcadia, 6 p.m.
Brunswick Academy at Chincoteague, 6 p.m.
Nandua at Isle of Wight Academy, 7 p.m.
King & Queen Central at Northampton, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Holly Grove Christian at Salisbury Christian, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Gateway Christian at Broadwater Academy, 5:45 p.m.
Holly Grove Christian at Salisbury Christian, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, 10/12

Volleyball

James M. Bennett at Nandua, 6 p.m.
Northampton at King & Queen Central, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10/13

Field Hockey

Holly Grove Christian at Laurel, 4 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Holly Grove Christian at Faith Baptist, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Arcadia at Chincoteague, 6:30 p.m.
Greenbrier Christian at Broadwater, 5:45 p.m.
Holly Grove Christian at Faith Baptist, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/14

Boys Cross-Country

Nandua at Arcadia, 4 p.m.

Girls Cross-Country

Chincoteague, Nandua, Northampton at Arcadia, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/15

Field Hockey

Delmarva Christian at Holly Grove Christian, 3:30 p.m.

Football

Nandua at Colonel Richardson, 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Holly Grove Christian in DVCAC Quarterfinals, TBA

Volleyball

StoneBridge at Broadwater Academy, 5:45 p.m.
Holly Grove Christian in DVCAC Quarterfinals, TBA

FRIDAY, 10/16

Football

Southampton at Chincoteague, 6 p.m.
Broadwater at Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot, 7 p.m.
Northampton at West Point, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Mathews at Northampton, 7 p.m.

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

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL

BA 52, Fishburne 30

Eli Destro, the lone senior on Broadwater Academy's football team, made the most of his final home game on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Destro, a wide receiver, scored five touchdowns — four on receptions and one on a run — to lead the Vikings to their first win, a 52-30 romp over visiting Fishburne Military School in 8-man football.

Rico Remers threw the touchdown pass, while Henry Sabatini and Tony Sulemana each ran for a score.

Both teams were looking for their first win entering the game, but the host team managed to get its offense in high gear despite heavy rains. The Vikings (1-6) close out their season with two road games — at Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot on Oct. 16 and at Rappahannock County on Oct. 23.

Washington 20, Nandua 10

On Friday, Oct. 2, the Warriors dropped their fourth straight, 20-10, to visiting Washington.

Juelz Snead led Nandua's offense with 83 yards rushing, while quarterback Benjamin Bonniwell scored a touchdown on a run.

Lucas Stodghill added a 28-yard field goal for the Warriors.

Bonniwell also threw for 111 yards but was sacked three times.

Snead led Nandua's defense with 11 tackles, including two for loss. Other defensive leaders included Jared Phillips (eight tackles, one for loss), Jordan Snead (seven tackles, one for loss), Marquise Galica (six tackles, one for loss), and Ober-to Jean (six tackles).

Arcadia 28, Christian 20

On Friday, Oct. 2, Na'Kahi Wilson ran for 188 yards and two touchdowns to lead Arcadia to a come-from-behind 28-20 victory over Christian Football Club of Norfolk. (The club includes players from Norfolk Christian School and homeschoolers.)

Christian had taken a 20-8 half-time lead, but the Firebirds (2-3) scored 20 unanswered points in the second half for the win.

Carson Wallace threw for 50 yards and a touchdown, a 14-yard scoring strike to Malachi Palmer.

Arcadia's defensive leaders included Alexander Taylor (eight tackles, one fumble recovery), Aiden Moore (six tackles), Jayden Henderson (six tackles), Jacob Delgado (six tackles), and Jah'Rell Townsend (four tackles, one for loss, one fumble recovery).

GCA 42, Chincoteague 14

On Friday, Oct. 2, Chincoteague lost, 42-14, at Greenbrier Christian Academy in Chesapeake.

Chincoteague's offense was led by quarterback JDarius Davis, who threw for 115 yards and a touchdown; Braedyn Ayres, who caught the scoring pass; and Camaury Davis, who ran for 81 yards and a touchdown.

The Ponies (3-2) were led defensively by Mikah Busquets (18 tackles), Cain Jagow (14 tackles), Jakai Simon (14 tackles), Makoa Busquets (10 tackles, one interception), and Micah Bennicoff (eight tackles).

VOLLEYBALL

BA 3, Hampton Christian 0

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Tatum Watson's nine kills, three aces, and three digs led Broadwater Academy over visiting Hampton Christian, 25-6, 25-15, 25-21.

Other leaders for the Vikings included Miranda Smith (five kills, three blocks), Rylee Hall (four kills), Mariah Moore (four kills), Caroline Caison (three kills, seven aces, 26 assists), and Hayden Cornish (three kills).

Nandua 3, Arcadia 0

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Nahkiya Whaley's six aces led the Warriors at Arcadia, 25-18, 25-14, 25-18.

Other Nandua leaders included Ikerya Byrd (three aces), Jassuri Galo-Vasquez (three kills, four aces), Emmalee Blake (six aces), Josie Vasquenza (four aces), and Jazmin Zavala (three aces).

Tops for the Firebirds were Iris Snead (three kills), Janiyah Taylor (three blocks), and Hayden Fosque (three kills).

N'hampton 3, C'teague 2

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Sophia Cantwell's nine kills and seven digs led Northampton to a win at Chincoteague, 25-5, 25-21, 26-28, 15-25, 19-17.

Other leaders for the Jackets included Grace Smith (eight aces, seven digs), Tegan Gerber (nine aces, six digs), Brelyn Coates (five aces, five kills, three digs, 18 assists), Cassiddy Mahaffee (six digs), Ruby Buck (three aces, four kills), and Kylie Vergara (three kills, three digs).

Top scorers for the Ponies included Amaya Griffin (eight kills, three blocks, eight aces, three assists), Gracie Royall (three aces, five digs), Faith Stadler (three aces, three digs), Abby Dosch (three assists, four digs), and Rylee Giddings (three aces).

HGCS 3, Sts. Peter & Paul 0

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Madelyn Abell's seven kills, seven aces, five assists, and three digs led Holly Grove Christian School past Saints Peter & Paul, 25-23, 25-15, 25-19.

Other Eagles leaders included Araya Harrison (five kills, four digs), Audrey Davis (four kills, three digs), Katelyn Eby (four aces, nine digs), and Divya Maulik (three kills).

BA 3, Northampton 0

On Monday, Oct. 5, Tatum Watson's eight kills and Rylee Hall's six kills led Broadwater past visiting Northampton, 25-19, 25-18, 25-17.

Caroline Caison added eight aces, three digs, and 18 assists.

Top scorers for the Yellow Jackets were Brelyn Coates (12 assists, eight digs), Grace Smith (three kills, six digs), Sophia Cantwell (three kills, two digs), Cassiddy Mahaffee (six digs), Kylie Vergara (four aces), and Tegan Gerber (three kills, three digs).

Worc. Prep 3, C'teague 0

On Monday, Oct. 5, the Ponies were swept at Worcester Prep. Chincoteague

did not report individual stats.

HGCS 3, Cross Christian 0

On Friday, Oct. 2, Aubrey Humphreys had four aces and 13 assists to lead Holly Grove Christian to a win at The Cross Christian Academy, 25-11, 25-20, 25-17.

Other top scorers for the Eagles included Keya Patel (four kills), Audrey Davis (four kills, five aces), Katelyn Eby (three kills, seven digs), Madelyn Abell (three kills, six aces), Brynna Travis (three aces), and Lillian Hickman (four kills).

BA 3, Ports. Christian 0

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Rylee Hall had a remarkable 15 kills in a 3-0 win over visiting Portsmouth Christian, 25-18, 25-12, 25-15.

Other BA leaders were Mariah Moore (five kills, six aces), Miranda Smith (four kills), and Caroline Caison (27 assists, three digs).

Nandua 3, Chincoteague 0

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Nahkiya Whaley's two kills, three blocks, three aces, and two assists led Nandua to a 3-0 win over visiting Chincoteague, 25-16, 25-19, 25-22.

Aaliyah Lee and Emmalee Blake added three aces each for the Warriors.

Chincoteague did not report individual stats.

Seaside Christ. 3, HGCS 2

On Thursday, Oct. 1, the Eagles lost to the visiting Marlins, 20-25, 21-25, 25-15, 25-18, 12-15.

Holly Grove's leaders were Audrey Davis (12 kills, six assists), Araya Harrison (seven kills, four aces, 11 digs), Anna Leimbach (four kills, 11 digs, 18 assists), Katelyn Eby (12 digs, four aces), Madelyn Abell (four kills, three assists), and Aubrey Humphries (five assists).

Northampton 3, Arcadia 0

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Brelyn Coates had 10 aces, 16 assists, and three digs to lead the Jackets over visiting Arcadia, 25-17, 25-13, 26-24.

Other leaders for the Jackets included Grace Smith (five aces, five kills),

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Hommel wins annual photo contest

The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass Photo Contest, held in collaboration with the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, invites amateur photographers to showcase the natural beauty, wildlife, and spirit of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge through their lenses.

This year 23 qualifying entries were submitted, each capturing a unique perspective of the beloved landscapes and inhabitants of the refuge.

Chamber staff selected the top five entries based on adherence to contest guidelines and overall essence of the captured image, and a panel of community leaders carefully reviewed the submissions before selecting the final winner.

The 2027 winning photograph, titled “Hooded Merganser,” was captured by Jennie Hommel, of Arlington. The stunning image was taken along Beach Road in the gut fronting the South Herd pony viewing area. On the day Jennie captured the photograph, several ducks and wading birds were gathered in the stretch of water, including a number of hooded mergansers.

The photograph highlights that this area of the refuge offers more than an

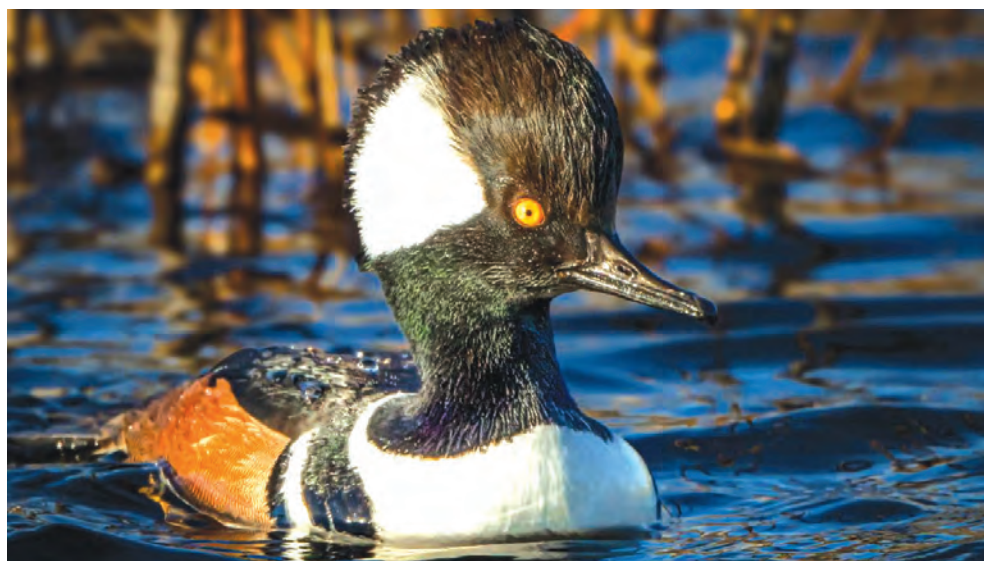
opportunity to see Chincoteague’s famous wild ponies. It is also a wonderful place to observe a variety of bird species and other wildlife, including egrets, kingfishers, and ducks.

Jennie and her husband, Brian, have been visiting Chincoteague for more than 20 years and have developed a deep appreciation for the island, its community, and its natural beauty. As avid bird and nature lovers, they enjoy exploring and observing wildlife, and photography gives them a way to capture and preserve memories of their adventures.

Their love of birds has also inspired them to collect bird decoys, making Chincoteague an especially meaningful destination for them as it is home to many talented and renowned decoy carvers.

The winning photograph will appear on the 2027 Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass, which provides visitors access to explore the refuge’s maritime forests, salt marshes, wildlife, and pristine beach throughout the year. The pass is a coveted keepsake often collected by both locals and visitors who treasure the refuge’s natural wonders.

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce and the Chincoteague National



COURTESY PHOTO

The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge 2027 Annual Pass Photo Contest winner is “Hooded Merganser,” captured by Jennie Hommel, of Arlington.

Wildlife Refuge thank everyone who participated in this year’s contest. Every submission reflected the incredible beauty and biodiversity that makes the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge so special.

Visitors are encouraged to plan their own adventures to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, whether through birdwatching, hiking, bik-

ing, boat cruises, or kayaking. Be sure to remember to bring a camera, as you never know when the perfect moment will unfold before your eyes.

Learn more about the refuge at www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague and plan your visit at www.ChincoteagueChamber.com to discover the perfect small town destination for your peaceful coastal vacation.

Roundup

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Sophia Cantwell (four kills), KeAsia Doughty (four kills), and Cassiddy Mahaffee (nine digs).

Arcadia’s top players included Carly-Rae Vermeal, Jamaya Abbott, Iris Snead, Hayden Fosque, Janiyah Taylor, and Kaylee Williams.

BA 3, Chincoteague 0

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Miranda Smith’s five kills led the Vikings over visiting Chincoteague, 25-6, 25-9, 25-21.

Other top scorers included Tatum

Watson (four kills, seven aces), Rylee Hall (four kills, four aces), Hayden Cornish (three kills), Sterling Stonestreet (three aces), and Caroline Caison (17 assists).

Chincoteague did not report individual stats.

Holly Grove 3, Arcadia 0

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Madelyn Abell’s 14 kills and six assists lifted the Eagles past visiting Arcadia, 25-18, 25-19, 25-6.

Other top scorers for Holly Grove included Anna Leimbach (four kills, 10 assists) and Araya Harrison (three kills, 11 aces).

Arcadia did not report individual stats.

CROSS-COUNTRY

BA’s Patel places 28th

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Broadwater Academy’s Aarav Patel finished 28th (20:04) in the 5,000 meters in a meet at Norfolk Academy.

GOLF

Eagles outscore Crisfield

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, William Dize shot a 44 over nine holes at the Great Hope Golf Club to lead Holly Grove Christian School to a 189-230 win over Crisfield.

Other scorers for the Eagles included Will Donovan (46), Bradley Chatham (47), and Luke Ziolkowski (48).

FIELD HOCKEY

Delmarva Christ. 4, HG 2

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Holly Grove Christian fell at Delmarva Christian.

Maci Tyler and Ryenne Nelson scored for the Eagles.

BOYS SOCCER

Sussex Tech 9, HGCS 1

On Thursday, Oct. 1, Holly Grove Christian lost to visiting Sussex Tech. 9-1.

Bobby Smith scored the goal for the Eagles.

United Way kicks off 2026 fundraising campaign

The United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore officially kicked off its 2026 campaign with a community breakfast at Market Street Methodist Church in Onancock, bringing together local businesses, community leaders, nonprofit organizations, and supporters committed to helping the people of the Eastern Shore.

The message of the morning was clear: The Eastern Shore takes care of its people.

United Way Board President Charmin Horton shared information about ALICE — Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — and what the data reveals about the financial challenges facing local families.

Nearly 50% of the population on the Eastern Shore falls into the ALICE category, meaning they are working and earning income but do not earn enough to consistently afford the basic costs of living in their communities.

"ALICE helps us see the people behind

the numbers," Horton explained. "These are our neighbors, friends, coworkers, and families. They are working, but many are still struggling to make ends meet. Understanding this reality is an important part of understanding why the work of the United Way matters."

The ALICE data looks beyond the federal poverty level to identify households that are unable to afford basic necessities such as housing, food, transportation, childcare, healthcare, and other household expenses.

Ted Shockley, 2026 campaign chair, focused on a quality that has long defined the Eastern Shore — its commitment to helping neighbors in need. "One of the things that makes the Eastern Shore special is that we take care of our people," Shockley said. "When someone needs help, this community comes together. The United Way gives us a way to continue that tradition and make sure our support

reaches the people and organizations doing the work every day."

Shockley thanked the sponsors: Avery W. Hall Insurance, Edward Jones Advisor Willie Randall, John Fiege, and Waterside Motor Inn, Chincoteague.

United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore Executive Director Dawn Taylor Byrd emphasized that the campaign is about more than raising money. "Every day, we see organizations and individuals working to make life better for people across the Eastern Shore," Byrd said. "The United Way connects those who need help with those who want to make a difference. When we come together, we can build a stronger, healthier, and more resilient Shore."

For more than three decades, Eastern Shore residents, businesses, and organizations have demonstrated their commitment to their community. Since 1991, the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore

has raised nearly \$8.9 million to support vital services and programs throughout the Shore.

The 2026 campaign invites individuals, businesses, and organizations to participate in whatever way is meaningful to them. Contributions help support local programs addressing critical needs, including education, financial stability, health, and basic needs.

All funds raised by the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore stay local unless otherwise designated. As the 2026 campaign begins, the United Way is asking the community to continue the Eastern Shore tradition of looking out for one another. Together, we can build a stronger, healthier, and more resilient Shore.

For more information about the 2026 campaign or how to support the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore, visit www.esunitedway.org

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Sorority celebrates 40 years on Eastern Shore

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter proudly celebrates 40 years of sisterhood, service, and community impact on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Under the leadership of Chapter President Lise Caldwell Hall, the chapter invites the community to join members, family, friends, and supporters for an elegant evening of celebration.

An event titled "A Pink and Black-Tie Affair: Celebrating the Past and Empowering the Future" will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 6 to 10 p.m., at Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac, VA 23301.

Tickets are \$60 per person. To purchase tickets, contact any member of Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter or call 757-894-8280.

A legacy of service

In 1984, a group of Alpha Kappa

Alpha women residing in Accomack and Northampton counties recognized the need to establish an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., chapter on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Its first organizational meeting was held on Oct. 15, 1984, at the home of Joyce T. Terry.

Following months of successful programming and community engagement, the group applied to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for chapter status. On May 24, 1986, then-Regional Director Barbara Davis officially chartered the organization as Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter, with Terry serving as the chapter's first president.

Charter members

The 15 charter members of Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter are Geraldine Barber, Sharon Brickhouse, Christine Carpenter, Vivian Dent, Bernadette Harmon, Mary Loretta Harmon, Marie Humbles, Gloria

Jackson, Mary A. Mitchell, Eula Mizzelle, Dinita Morris, Alice Rogers, Sylvia Stanley, Joyce T. Terry, and Sheila Walker.

The chapter was further strengthened in 1987 when Marie Billie, Sherry Kinsey, and Brenda Laws joined its membership.

Forty years of impact

Over the past four decades, Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter has continued to grow through membership intake, member reactivation, and transfers from undergraduate and graduate chapters across the sorority.

From its humble beginnings to the present day, Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter has made a lasting difference throughout Accomack and Northampton counties. The chapter's impact includes: awarding scholarships to local students; providing tutoring and mentoring programs; addressing food insecurity; donating school supplies; supporting local shelters;

promoting environmental stewardship through tree planting and beautification projects; delivering programs that improve the quality of life across the Eastern Shore; and joining wider community initiatives, including Relay for Life and Walk for Alzheimer's.

Since its chartering in 1986, Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter has remained dedicated to the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., by providing meaningful, sustainable, and impactful service to the communities it serves.

Past chapter presidents are Joyce T. Terry; Sylvia Stanley; Mary Harmon; Sheila Walker; Brenda Laws; Tawanda Doswell; Lise Caldwell Hall; Shavonne Ruffin; Veronica Byrd; and Trina Cooper.

As Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter commemorates 40 years of excellence, members remain committed to honoring their rich legacy while building an even brighter future of service, leadership, and sisterhood for generations to come.



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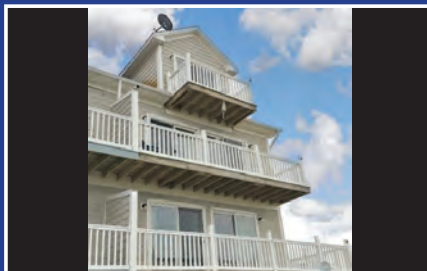
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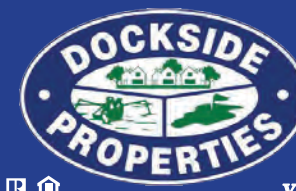
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International Archaeology Day lecture to highlight Eyreville

This October the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia is joining hundreds of archaeological organizations around the world to celebrate International Archaeology Day on Saturday, Oct. 17, with a lecture at Eyreville.

Mike Clem, an archaeologist with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, will speak about the discoveries at Eyreville during the nine years of excavations at the historic site in Eastville.

His talk will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Eyreville is believed to be the oldest colonial site excavated on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Eyreville has been occupied since 1637, according to records at the Northampton County Courthouse.

Col. William Kendall, speaker of the House of Burgesses in James-

town, purchased it in 1657 and built various dwellings.

In 1797, Kendall's descendants sold the property to William H. Eyre, and since then it has been known as Eyreville.

The brick house that stands there today was built in 1799 and added onto over the years, specifically in 1806 and again in the mid-1940s, then under the ownership of Guy L. Webster.

In 2024, Eyreville Plantation was added to both the Virginia Historic Landmarks and National Register of Historic Places.

The property is listed under all four National Register Criteria, and the period of significance is circa 1637 to 1945.

Visit eyreville.com for location information.

The Archeological Society of Virginia has an Eastern Shore Chapter

that meets regularly and hosts programs.

Its members also volunteer with professional archaeologists and educate the community about archaeology at local events.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia has had over 1,000 reported archaeological investigations, according to Virginia's Department of Historic Resources database.

Professionals from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, federal contractors, universities, and contracted professionals have only tapped the surface of the buried history of the Shore.

They are often in a race against time, with archaeological sites being destroyed by erosion, development, looters, and people not understanding they are destroying a historic site.

Archaeological sites are often

damaged by careless excavations, treasure hunters, and metal detectors, making public education an important role of the chapter.

The Northampton Historic Preservation Society has artifacts from local excavations on display at its museum in Eastville inside the Northampton County Administration Building.

One display case has artifacts from Arlington, the estate of John Custis II, on loan from Colonial Williamsburg. Shore History also has some items on display at Ker Place in Onancock.

Anyone interested in being trained as an archaeology volunteer, or with an ongoing interest in the profession, can email the Archeological Society of Virginia's Eastern Shore chapter at asvesva2015@yahoo.com for meeting and activity information.

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DAR marks Constitution Day, Bells Across America

Members of the Northampton County Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution marked Constitution Day on Sept. 17.

Bells Across America is an annual celebration of the signing of the United States Constitution.

Participants gather to ring bells, reminding us of the church bells of Philadelphia that rang out when the United States Constitution was first signed at 4 p.m. on Sept. 17, 1787.

DAR members accompanied members of Northampton County staff, Shore History, and the Northampton Historic Preservation Society to celebrate on the steps of the historic 1731 Courthouse on the Eastville Courthouse Green.

Northampton County Board member Betsy Mapp read a Northampton

County Proclamation acknowledging Constitution Day and Constitution Week.

The NSDAR is a nonprofit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Chapter member activities include civic education with programs like the Constitution Day event. The Northampton County chapter has 50 members.

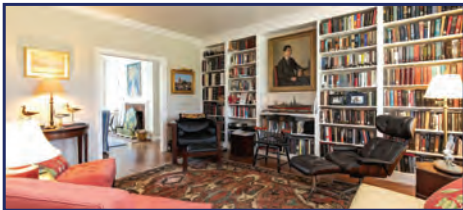
Any woman age 18 or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. For more information visit www.dar.org or email the local chapter at jbadg@verizon.net.



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Pictured from left in the front row are DAR chapter Registrar Diane Crockett and chapter Sergeant of Arms and Supervisor Betsy Mapp. In the second row are Shore History board member Jim McDaniel, chapter Treasurer Anne Barnes, and Northampton Historic Preservation Society member Jenean Hall. In the third row are chapter Vice Regent Page Beary and chapter Librarian Cara Burton. In the back is chapter Chaplain Claiborne Dickinson.

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POST 56 MAKES DONATION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS



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American Legion Post 56 donated \$1,000 to the Eastern Shore Special Olympics. Pictured from left are Nancy Wilderson, post commander, Brooke Williams, Special Olympics participant and previous gold medalist, and Howard Scott Jr., sponsor of the Grader Shed Bash on Oct. 24, held to benefit the Eastern Shore Special Olympics.

Craddockville UMC
to hold chili cookoff

The Craddockville United Methodist Church Men’s Club is hosting a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m in the church fellowship hall at 33464 Boston Road, Craddockville.

Chili will be offered first in tastings and then as an entree. The judging will be done by tasters through their donations to the chili preparers. Salads, condiments, and other food will be provided.

Proceeds from the event will go to support campers for a week at Camp Occhannock on the Bay in 2027.

The men’s club is asking students to submit a veteran’s themed photograph or a one-page essay by email to craddockvillechurch@gmail.com; one entry per student. The deadline is Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. Entries will be judged by the men’s club, and the number of awards and selection for the awards will be made during the event. For more information or to enter, email craddockvillechurch@gmail.com.



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Mary N. Smith S.T.E.A.M Day fosters hands-on learning

The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association hosted its third annual S.T.E.A.M Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 26, bringing children, families, educators, and community organizations together for a day filled with hands-on learning, exploration, and fun.

The free community event focused on science, technology, engineering, agriculture, arts, and mathematics, also known as S.T.E.A.M., and provided participants with opportunities to experience these subjects in creative and engaging ways.

Throughout the day, children and adults participated in a wide variety of interactive activities, including creating lava lamps, solving an accounting equation, searching for birds, performing mock medical procedures, painting with fish and magnets, building dinosaurs, coding, exploring 3D printing, creating footprints, planning healthy meals, learning about after-school programming, and excavating and learning about soil.

Participants also had the opportunity to step inside and experience WHRO's new Environmental Dome, which offers an immersive approach to learning about science and the environment.

The success of S.T.E.A.M. Community Day included a variety of community exhibitors such as Accomack 4-H Extension, the Accomack County Public School Book Mobile, Art with Sarah Clark, Automated Manufacturing Autonomous Systems, Earth Systems Management, Eastern Shore Regional Public Library, Eastern Shore Rural Health, Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District, Eastern Shore Vipers, Eastern Shore YMCA, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, The Nature Conservancy, University of Maryland Eastern Shore 4-H Extension, University of Maryland Eastern Shore's Department of Business, Management and Accounting, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore S.T.E.M. Mobile



COURTESY PHOTO

The third annual S.T.E.A.M. Community Day was held at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomack on Saturday, Sept. 26, offering hands-on activities, dinosaur building, community information, and immersive experiences.

Lab, Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust, and WHRO.

The Accomack County Public School Book Mobile also helped promote literacy by providing participants with two free books, allowing children to take the excitement of learning home with them.

One of the highlights of the day was the excitement on the faces of children and adults as they explored

the exhibits, asked questions, participated in activities, and discovered something new.

The Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center provides a place that fosters an environment where the physical, cultural, educational, and social needs of the community are met.

The center incorporates activities that encourage physical fitness,

mental stability, and economic security.

The center achieves these goals by joining together ideas, resources, and energy to nurture, strengthen, and support the community.

The center stimulates all participants to fulfill their roles as contributing members of a dynamic society.

Minus officially installed as ESCC president

On Friday, Oct. 2, Daryl L. Minus was officially installed as the sixth president of Eastern Shore Community College in a ceremony held at the Historic Palace Theatre in Cape Charles. The ceremony opened with remarks from Annette Gray Thomas, vice chair of the ESCC advisory board. Retired

ESCC president James Shaeffer served as marshal to lead the procession, with live music provided by Second Ending Brass Quintet. After the presentation of colors by the Arcadia High School ROTC and the Pledge of Allegiance by Daryl L. Minus Jr., the national anthem was

performed by the Northampton High School Choir, under the direction of Caroline Gibson. Bishop David Sabatino gave the invocation, followed by a welcome from ESCC Advisory Board Chair Ray Wood. The Norfolk State University Concert Choir performed “Total Praise” under the direction of Harlan Zackery.

This stunning performance was followed by greetings from ESCC faculty, staff, and students, featuring Kentrelle Walker, Susan Greer, and Cassandra Dosch, respectively. Eastern Shore Rural Health CEO Jeanette Edwards spoke on behalf of ESCC alumni. ESCC Vice President Ramzi Ockaili had the privilege of introducing Virginia Community College System Chancellor David Dore, who installed Minus as the sixth president of Eastern Shore Community College.

Minus’s vision of ESCC’s “Forward Momentum” was represented with a video presentation produced by Access U and ESCC Marketing prior to his introduction as president by Monica P. Minus and his inaugural address. Minus commented after the ceremony, “Today was an opportunity to celebrate the legacy, impact, and exciting future of our remarkable institution. I am humbled and deeply grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support and well wishes from my family and friends, the Shore community, (and) ESCC faculty, staff, and students, as well as colleagues, partners, and stakeholders from across the Shore, the Hampton Roads region, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

He added, “The work we do together to transform lives through pathways to education, opportunity, and workforce training is vital to the future of

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our communities. I am honored to be entrusted with this responsibility and grateful for the opportunity to serve.

“As we celebrate where ESCC has been and look boldly toward where we are going, I remain committed to elevating excellence, expanding opportunity, and building upon the strong foundation laid by those who came before us.”

Patty Kellam, executive director of the ESCC

Foundation and director of advancement, provided closing remarks, and guests were invited to a reception at Lemon Tree Gallery, adjacent to Palace Theatre, in celebration of the event.

A pre-inauguration event was held Thursday evening, Oct. 1, at ESCC's Workforce Development Center for special guests from the community and the Virginia Community College System. Live music was provided by the Russell Scarborough Jazz Quartet and included a special performance by Minus and his brother Eric Minus, both accomplished jazz musicians performing as Minus2.



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Eastern Shore Community College President Daryl Minus, left, and Virginia Community College System Chancellor David Dore'.

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

July 22, 2026	9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M.
September 23, 2026	9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M.
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SPECIAL EVENT

The Ready Test

Choosing Calm or Crisis



One phone call can change everything.

An unexpected hospitalization. A sudden emergency. A difficult decision no one saw coming. In those moments, families face a choice: confidence and clarity, or confusion and crisis.

Join us for The Ready Test, an interactive event designed to help seniors and their loved ones start meaningful conversations, create a plan for the future, and answer one important question: "If something happened tomorrow, would we be ready?" Every attendee will receive a complimentary Ready Kit filled with valuable planning resources to help navigate senior living with confidence.

Tuesday, October 20th, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

at Onancock Baptist Church
1 Crockett Avenue, Onancock, VA 23417

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Thought of the Week

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Announcements

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mom, not a day goes by that you don't cross my mind.
Your love, your choices, your voice, along with your
gentle spirit are memories we will forever hold close.

We wish we could see your smile,
hear your voice, and hug you once again.
Though you are no longer here beside us,
your love continues to guide us every day!

You were more than our mother —
you were our comfort and strength.
Your memories will live on in our hearts
until the day we meet again.

Forever loved, forever missed, and never forgotten.

We love you, Mom (Shirley), always and forever.

Sadly missed, lovingly remembered,
and forever cherished by your children.

Love,
Teresa and children



Happy 60th Anniversary!

*Jim and Margaret Smith
of Craddockville*

October 7, 1966

From Your Loving Family

Help Wanted

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.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS TWO FULL-TIME & ONE PART-TIME

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

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

Salary range: \$40,420 to \$61,544

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



HOW ABOUT A \$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS?*
STAR Transit is waiting for you to join our team.

STAR is a family friendly company located in Tasley, VA.
We are currently hiring a part-time **Lot Attendant** for a local
passenger service.

The position is 10-12 hrs. per week. The rate of pay is \$15.00
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position will be in charge of cleaning and washing buses.

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**To apply in person, Star Transit is located at
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Questions? Contact Bill at 757-787-8322.**

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

Help Wanted

EASTERN SHORE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (ESCIL) NOW HIRING!

Youth Transition Coordinator

Full-Time | Pay: \$19.00 per hour

Schedule: Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Requirement: Some weekends may be required for youth activities, events, and community programs.

Position Summary

The Eastern Shore Center for Independent Living (ESCIL) is seeking a caring, dependable, and motivated **Youth Transition Coordinator** to support youth and young adults with disabilities as they prepare for adulthood. The **Youth Transition Coordinator** will help youth develop independent living skills, identify resources, build self-advocacy skills, and work toward their personal goals. The position will work closely with youth, families, schools, community organizations, and other service providers.

Responsibilities

- Work with youth and young adults with disabilities to identify personal goals, needs, and available resources.
- Assist youth with developing independent living skills, including communication, decision-making, self-advocacy, and daily living skills.
- Provide transition support as youth move from school to adulthood.
- Assist youth with exploring education, employment, vocational training, and other opportunities.
- Connect youth and families with community resources and services.
- Work with schools, families, agencies, and community partners to support successful transition planning.
- Provide information and support related to disability rights, independent living, and self-advocacy.
- Conduct outreach to youth, families, schools, and community organizations.
- Plan and participate in workshops, youth activities, community events, and other transition-related programs.
- Encourage youth to make informed choices and participate in decisions about their lives and services.
- Maintain accurate and timely case notes, records, and required documentation.
- Protect consumer confidentiality and follow ESCIL policies and procedures.
- Participate in staff meetings, training, and other agency activities.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent required; associate or bachelor's degree in human services, social work, education, disability services, or a related field preferred.
- Experience working with youth, young adults, individuals with disabilities, or families preferred.
- Knowledge of independent living, disability services, youth transition planning, or community resources preferred.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Good organizational and time-management skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive information appropriately.
- Ability to advocate for and support youth in a respectful and person-centered manner.
- Reliable transportation and willingness to travel throughout Accomack and Northampton counties.

Location: 36282 Lankford Highway, Suite 13-D, Belle Haven, VA 23306

If you are passionate about helping individuals with disabilities access the services and supports they need to live independently, we encourage you to apply!

To Apply: Email resume to vaescil@gmail.com.



FINANCE MANAGER

The Town of Cape Charles is seeking a **detail-oriented, motivated Finance Manager** to join our Finance team. Reporting directly to the Town Treasurer, this position performs a variety of professional accounting and financial functions and plays an important role in maintaining accurate financial records and supporting the Town's day-to-day financial operations.

The ideal candidate is an accounting professional who enjoys working with numbers, solving problems, and working with people. The position requires strong attention to detail, discretion with confidential information, good judgment, and the ability to work independently while collaborating with the Treasurer, Town Manager, department heads, employees, auditors, vendors, and the public.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Perform general ledger accounting, journal entries, account reconciliations, and monthly and year-end closing activities.
- Assist with financial reporting, budget preparation, budget monitoring, and actual-to-budget analysis.
- Monitor revenues and expenditures and assist departments with financial questions and budget information.
- Maintain fixed asset records and assist with capital project accounting.
- Assist with the annual financial audit, including reconciliations, schedules, and supporting documentation.
- Process and reconcile Town revenues, including real estate, personal property, BPOL, harbor, permitting, planning and zoning, utility, and miscellaneous revenues.
- Assist with tax and utility account maintenance, collections, payment agreements, tax roll updates, exonerations, DMV stops and releases, and related functions.
- Assist with banking activities, deposits, ACH payments, credit card reconciliations, and related accounting entries.
- Prepare financial transactions, spreadsheets, reports, and analyses using the Town's financial management system and other software.
- Cross-train in other Finance Department functions and provide backup support for accounts payable and payroll as needed.
- Provide professional and courteous service to taxpayers, customers, employees, vendors, auditors, and members of the public.
- Provide backup coverage for the Treasurer during absences.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or a related field and at least two years of accounting experience; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Knowledge of accounting principles and practices.
- Strong attention to detail, accuracy, and analytical skills.
- Experience with Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Office.
- Experience with accounting or financial management software and the ability to learn new systems.
- Strong organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills.
- The ability to manage multiple priorities and meet deadlines.
- Excellent customer service skills and the ability to work effectively with employees, vendors, and the public.
- A commitment to confidentiality, fiscal responsibility, teamwork, and public service.

Experience in governmental accounting, municipal finance, budgeting, auditing, revenue collection, or Virginia local government is highly desirable.

WHY WORK FOR THE TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES?

This is an opportunity to join a small, professional Finance team and gain broad experience in **municipal accounting, budgeting, financial reporting, auditing, revenue administration, grants, and governmental finance**. Your work will have a direct impact on the Town and the community we serve.

Salary: \$27.12–\$29.33 per hour (\$56,404–\$61,007 annually), DOQ

Status: Full-time, non-exempt; eligible for overtime

Benefits: Generous benefits package, including Virginia Retirement System (VRS)

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a cover letter, resume, and completed Town Employment Application to:

Human Resources
Town of Cape Charles
P.O. Box 191
412 Tazewell Ave.
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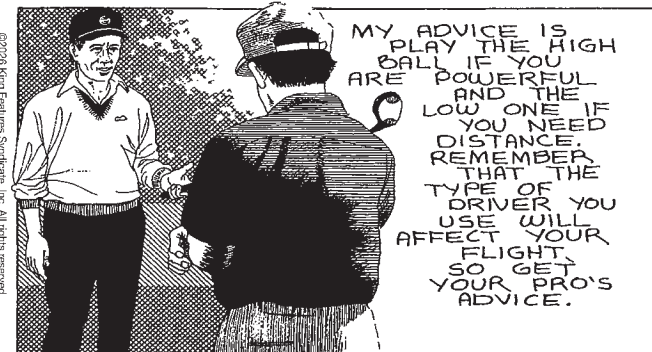
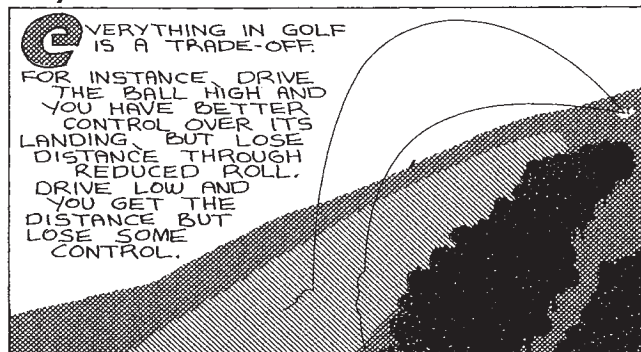
Applications may also be emailed to humanresources@capecharles.org.

Please complete a Town Application, which is available at: <https://www.capecharles.org/jobs>

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions and their starting salary ranges:

Licensed Practical Nurse

(\$45,000 - \$55,000)

Driver

(\$14/hour)

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Counselor

(\$34,000 - \$45,000)

Accounting Manager

(\$55,000 - \$75,000)

Clinician

(\$48,000 - \$55,000)

Senior Clinician

(\$55,000 - \$70,000)

Developmental Disabilities Aide

(\$14/hour; \$2.50/hour night & weekend differential)

For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB's website at www.escsb.org or contact Heather Savage at 757-656-4916 or hsavage@escsb.org with questions.



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EASTERN SHORE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (ESCIL) NOW HIRING!

Service Facilitator

Part-Time | \$15.00 per hour

Tuesday – Thursday | 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Eastern Shore Center for Independent Living (ESCIL) is seeking a caring and dependable **Service Facilitator** to assist individuals with disabilities in accessing services, resources, and supports that promote independence.

Responsibilities

- Work with consumers to identify their needs, goals, and available resources.
- Assist consumers with accessing appropriate services and support.
- Conduct consumer meetings and home visits as needed.
- Help coordinate services with healthcare providers, agencies, and community organizations.
- Follow up with consumers to ensure their needs are being addressed.
- Assist with connecting consumers to Medicaid, waiver services, transportation, housing, and other community resources.
- Maintain accurate case notes and required documentation.
- Protect consumer confidentiality and advocate for consumer needs.
- Participate in ESCIL meetings, outreach activities, and community events.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Experience working with individuals with disabilities, families, or community services preferred
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Reliable transportation and ability to travel locally throughout Accomack and Northampton counties

Location: 36282 Lankford Highway, Suite 13-D, Belle Haven, VA 23306

If you are passionate about helping individuals with disabilities access the services and supports they need to live independently, we encourage you to apply!

To Apply: Email resume to vaescil@gmail.com.

OPEN POSITION

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Building Inspector. The essential function of this position is to perform building inspections. Provides customer service and clerical duties.

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

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

Please refer to Northampton county's website at <https://tinyurl.com/yezesa6ra> for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. **Position open until filled.**

WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a full-time Water & Wastewater Operator. The primary duty of this position is to operate and maintain various county-owned water supply systems and wastewater treatment systems, including testing and reporting, as applicable.

Applicants must possess a valid Class V (or higher) Virginia Waterworks Operator License. A Class IV Waterworks License is preferred. It is also preferred that the applicant possess a valid Class III Virginia Wastewater Works Operator License. The position also requires a high school diploma or GED, a Virginia driver's license, and at least 3 years of relevant work experience.

Starting salary range for this position is \$37,292 to \$71,461, depending on experience and qualifications. Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements and application form at https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings or an application can be obtained through the Human Resources office.

Please submit completed county application form and cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road. Position is open until filled.

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



EVENING GED INSTRUCTORS EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Eastern Shore Community College's Adult Education Program is seeking qualified GED® Evening Instructors to provide in-person instruction for adult learners. Instructors will provide instruction to adult learners in an evening classroom setting, helping students strengthen academic skills and prepare to pass the GED® high school equivalency test. Additionally, the Instructors will support student persistence and progress toward post-secondary education, training, and employment.

ESCC is seeking applications for these two part-time positions. For additional details, qualifications, and the application process, please visit <https://jobs.vccs.edu/postings/101813>

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By Lucie Winborne

* Although English is the country's most widely spoken language, the United States had never designated an official language at the federal level until last year.

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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/yeyuurrn> 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.

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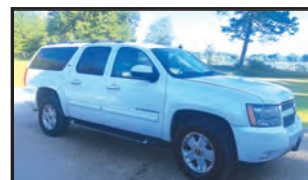
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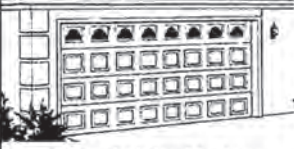
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Sports Trivia

By Ryan Berenz

1. Which Brooklyn Dodgers catcher suffered a broken neck and paralysis in a 1958 auto accident that ended his Hall of Fame career?
2. In 2012, Australia's Rhein Gibson set a Guinness World Record for the lowest 18-hole round of golf with what score?
3. Which team selected UC Berkeley quarterback Steve Bartkowski with the first overall pick in the 1975 NFL Draft?
4. In 1939, Australian tennis player Adrian Quist developed which athletic shoe that is still in production?
5. Who has two NBA record streaks - 157 (2014-16) and 268 (2018-23) - of regular-season games with a 3-point shot made?
6. Name the IndyCar driver who won the inaugural editions of the Java House Grand Prix of Arlington in Texas and the Freedom 250 Grand Prix in Washington, D.C., in 2026?

See answers below.

Answers

1. Roy Campanella
2. 55 (16 under par)
3. The Atlanta Falcons
4. The Dunlop Volley
5. Stephen Curry
6. Kyle Kirkwood

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet and conduct public hearings on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and review the following application and draft ordinance in order to develop and forward recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Minor SUP 2026-09: Tyler Nonn is applying for a minor special use permit to construct an Accessory Dwelling Unit inside an existing pole barn, a use requiring a special use permit in the Town Edge-1 (TE1) zoning district. The property is located on Old Cape Charles Road, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 84-A-66B.

Ordinance 2026-002: The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County is proposing a Zoning Text Amendment in the form of an ordinance, 2026-002, with respect to short-term rentals. The proposed ordinance will amend §§ 154.2.003 Definitions and 154.2.120 Short Term Rental of Chapter 154.2 of the Northampton County Code and distinguish between owner-occupied short-term rentals and those where the property owner is not on site, specify the zoning districts within which each type of short-term rental can be permitted, require a minor special use permit for short-term rentals where no owner is present on site, revise and expand the performance standards associated with short-term rentals, and specify enforcement standards, including reasons for revocation of a zoning clearance or special use permit for a short-term rental.

The application files and draft ordinance may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or viewed electronically at <https://co-northampton-va.community.diligentoneplatform.com/Portal/>

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

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the files may contact the County at (757) 678-0443, ext. 544.

For questions on application information, contact the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office at (757) 678-0443, ext. 545.

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 January 19, 2027, at 1:30 p.m.

09/30/2026
Roland C. Leighton, Clerk

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 January 19, 2027, at 1:30 p.m.

09/30/2026
Roland C. Leighton, Clerk

TRUSTEE'S SALE

22594 LEE MONT ROAD, PARKSLEY, VA 23421

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 13, 2004, in the original principal amount of \$70,810.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 200404658, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on November 30, 2026, at 10:45 AM, 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 IN THE TOWN OF LEEMONT, METOMPKIN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH, BY STATE ROUTE 669; ON THE EAST, BY THE LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY DINAH R. FOLINO; ON THE SOUTH, BY THE LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY KARA B. JONES; AND ON THE WEST, BY THE LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY PAIGE F. WESSELLS AND BY THE LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY TRENT P. LEWIS.**

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

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE TOWN OF BLOXOM, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
vs.
CIVIL CASE NO. 26-745

DONNA SCHMIDT-STODDARD, 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 069A0A0000072B0.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Donna Schmidt-Stoddard, Patrick Stoddard, Adele Catherine Stoddard, and the heirs of Chris David Stoddard appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before November 18, 2026.

Enter this 18th day of September, 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
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. JJ018058-02-01
Gloucester County Juvenile
and Domestic Relations District Court
7400 Justice Dr., Room 204, Gloucester, VA 23061

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* DICKERSON, JUDAH
The object of this suit is:
CUSTODY/VISITATION OF JUDAH DICKERSON; DOB: 4/25/2016

It is ORDERED that COLEMAN, COREY appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before November 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

09/16/2026
Betsy Barnett, Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL2600078900
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

TIFFANY COLLIER v. DEMETRICE COLLIER
The object of this suit is:
COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that DEMETRICE COLLIER appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before NOVEMBER 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

September 24, 2026
Jennifer Riegel, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a proposed permit that will allow the land application of treated municipal wastewater in Northampton County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 9, 2026 to November 9, 2026

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollution Abatement VPA01022, issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under the authority of pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, AND PERMIT NUMBER: Sun Cherrystone RV LLC, 27777 Franklin Rd., Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48034.

NAME AND LOCATION OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY: Cherrystone Campground, 1511 Townfield Dr., Cheriton, VA 23316.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Sun Cherrystone RV LLC has applied for the reissuance of a permit authorizing the land application of treated municipal wastewater to 7 acres of agricultural land at the site identified in the draft permit and located within Northampton County. The permit will limit the application of nutrients, pathogens, and salts to amounts that protect water quality and human health.

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PERMIT DECISION PROCEDURES: DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue a permit. Based on comments received on the draft permit, DEQ may make a final decision on the permit or hold a public hearing on the draft permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, email, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the name and postal mailing or email address of the requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The names and addresses of all persons for whom the requester is acting as a representative, which includes persons that are an unincorporated associations; 2) The reason why a public hearing is requested; 3) A brief, informal statement setting forth the factual nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of the persons for whom the requester is acting as representative in the application or tentative determination, including an explanation of how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the reissuance of the permit in question; and 4) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit in question, together with suggested revisions and alterations of those terms and conditions that the requester considers necessary to conform the permit to the intent and provisions of the basic laws of the State Water Control Board. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing; and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Jeanne Puricelli, DEQ Central Office, 1111 E. Main Street, Suite 1400, Richmond, VA 23219; Phone: 804-720-3682, Email: Jeanne.puricelli@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above. Additional information about the DEQ water permitting program with oversight of activities and facilities detailed in the project description of this notice is available at www.deq.virginia.gov/VPAnotices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:**

- A. Certain proposed amendments to Chapter 106 of the Accomack County Code entitled "Zoning," Section 106-243 thereof, to allow Battery Energy Storage Facilities (BESS) as a permitted accessory use to an approved solar project for which a conditional use permit was granted, subject to all applicable, federal, state, and local safety and fire codes and environmental regulations.
- B. Certain proposed amendments to Chapter 106 of the Accomack County Code entitled "Zoning," Articles I, III, VI, X, XVII, XVIII, and XXI thereof, to require, in an agricultural, business, commercial, institutional, industrial, or mixed-use district, a special exception/conditional use permit or siting agreement for any ground-mounted solar facility with a generating capacity of one megawatt or more that is designed to serve or serves the electricity or thermal needs of any property other than the subject property where such facility is located.
- C. **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 12, 2026:**

REZ-000188-2026 Duncan Manor: Atlantic Group and Associates, Inc.

Request to rezone from Business District and Agricultural District to Village Development District parcels 93D-4-A, 93D-4-RD00, 93D-A-2B, 93D-4-35, 93D-4-36, 93D-4-37, 93D-4-38, 93D-4-39, 93D-4-72, 93D-4-73, 93D-4-74, 93D-4-75, 93D-4-76, 93D-4-77, 93D-4-78, 93D-4-79, 93D-4-80, 93D-4-81, 93D-4-82, 93D-4-83, 93D-4-84, 93D-4-85, 93D-4-86, 93D-4-87, 93D-4-105, 93D-4-106,

93D-4-107, 93D-4-107A, 93D-4-108, 93D-4-109, 93D-4-110, 93D-4-111, 93D-4-112, 93D-4-113, and 93D-4-114. The site contains 55.45 acres and is located on the north line of Market Street between Fairgrounds Road and Duncan Manor Drive, and generally at and beyond the physical terminus of Duncan Manor Drive. The use will be controlled by the zoning ordinance regulations. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan recommends Village Development Area.

D. POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 12, 2026:

CUSE-000054-2026 Duncan Manor: Atlantic Group and Associates, Inc.

Request for a Conditional Use Permit under Section 106-534(1) of the Accomack County Code for the construction of a Commercial Mixed-Use Development with 154 residential units on parcels 93D-4-A, 93D-4-RD00, 93D-A-2B, 93D-4-35, 93D-4-36, 93D-4-37, 93D-4-38, 93D-4-39, 93D-4-72, 93D-4-73, 93D-4-74, 93D-4-75, 93D-4-76, 93D-4-77, 93D-4-78, 93D-4-79, 93D-4-80, 93D-4-81, 93D-4-82, 93D-4-83, 93D-4-84, 93D-4-85, 93D-4-86, 93D-4-87, 93D-4-105, 93D-4-106, 93D-4-107, 93D-4-107A, 93D-4-108, 93D-4-109, 93D-4-110, 93D-4-111, 93D-4-112, 93D-4-113, and 93D-4-114. The site contains 55.45 acres and is located on the north line of Market Street between Fairgrounds Road and Duncan Manor Drive and generally at and beyond the physical terminus of Duncan Manor Drive. The use will be controlled by the zoning ordinance regulations. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan recommends Village Development Area.

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

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

TOWN OF ONLEY PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETING CHANGE

The Joint Public Hearings of the Onley Town Council and Onley Planning Commission and the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Onley Town Council scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2026, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting location is the Onley Town Office located at 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA 23418.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. & Ms. Rew (VMRC #26-1154) are requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct two (2) 18-foot by 45-foot boathouse roofs adjacent to property (TM #84-23-3) located on Franconia Drive situated along Onancock Creek in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2026-1154) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>

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

NOTICE

The 2025 annual report, Form 990-PF, of La Mirage Adult Home, Inc., is available for public inspection for 180 days starting this date of publication (Oct. 9, 2026) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. J. Small, manager, may be reached at (757) 678-5488 for an appointment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Accomack County School Board will hold committee meetings on the dates listed below. The Discipline and Finance committees will meet in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Accomack County Administration Building, located at 23296 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA 23301, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Policy committee will meet at Metompkin Elementary School, located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

- Discipline Committee - Monday, October 12, 2026
- Finance Committee - Tuesday, October 13, 2026
- Policy Committee - Wednesday, October 14, 2026

The Accomack County School Board will hold its Regular Session Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at Metompkin Elementary School, located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that is proposed for reissuance and will allow the continued release of treated wastewater into a water body in Chincoteague, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 2, 2026, to November 4, 2026

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, AND PERMIT NUMBER: Hampton Roads Sanitation District; 1434 Air Rail Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23455; VA0054003

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: HRSD – Sunset Bay Utilities South Wastewater Treatment Plant; 3855 South Main Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Hampton Roads Sanitation District has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public HRSD – Sunset Bay Utilities South Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from residential areas at a rate of 0.0395 million gallons per a day into a water body. The sludge will be hauled to Pocomoke City, MD, for treatment and disposal. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage in the Chincoteague Channel in Chincoteague in the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Ocean, and Small Coastal Basins watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, nutrients, organic matter, solids, bacteria, and inorganics.

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

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Meghan Horn; DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23462; Phone: (757)705-5554; Email: TRO.VPDESPermits@deq.virginia.gov; The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF HALLWOOD ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF FORMER POLICE VEHICLE

The Town of Hallwood is accepting sealed bids regarding the sale of a 2010 Chevrolet Impala - 3.9 L; Interceptor; former police car; white; 76,000 miles; will be sold as is. The vehicle can be seen at 27438 Main St., Hallwood, VA 23359.

For more information, call (757) 894-4236.

Sealed bids may be mailed to P.O. Box 5, Hallwood, VA 23359. Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Hallwood until Friday, October 23, 2026. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a top height of 43.5 feet on a 43.5-foot-tall building at the approximate vicinity of Route 13 between Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore Virginia (8 miles from Eastern Shore), Cape Charles, Northampton County, VA 23310, Lat: [37-02-10.90], Long: [-76-04-36.098].

In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Elsie, e.boone@trileaf.com, 303 International Circle, Suite 150, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, (410) 846-2573.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301.**

Public hearings will be held at 6:00 p.m. to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or present written comments on the following matter(s):

The Accomack County Department of Social Services has requested a total of \$1,296,751 in budget amendments to reflect the award of various federal and state programs and grants. Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-2507, the proposed budget amendments exceed 1% of the County's FY27 currently adopted budget and therefore require a public hearing.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 203 – Accomac, Virginia, or <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

Handicapped Assistance available, call: (757) 787-5704.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Wetlands Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, to consider and to hear public comments on one application.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 A.M. with a site visit to the affected property. The Board will reconvene at or around 10:00 A.M. that same morning in Board Chambers in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing.

VMRC 2025-2593: Joseph Mercer has applied for a permit to construct an L-shaped bulkhead with return wall to tie into their existing bulkhead. A portion of rip rap is proposed at the southeastern corner of the new section of bulkhead. The proposed structure will consist of hot dipped galvanized hardware and marine treated timber. The property is located at 1870 Sand Hill Drive, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 104D-1-17 along the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay.

The application file may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or viewed electronically at <https://co-northampton-va.community.diligentoneplatform.com/Portal/>

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

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the file may contact the County at (757) 678-0443, ext. 544.

For questions on application information, contact the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office at (757) 678-0443, ext. 546.

Marshall Cox, Chairman
Wetlands Board

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Lot in Jamesville
For \$205,000
- From Exempli Gratia Homes, LLC
To Stacie Perdue and Robert Perdue
Lot 9, Dreams by the Water, Cape Charles
For \$895,000
- From CIM Trust 2024-R1 and US Bank Trust Company
National Association
To Kerry Ward
Lot in Machipongo
For \$70,000
- From John Hyslop III
To Donald Travis and Adriana Travis
Lot in Exmore
For \$190,000
- From Beacon at Magnolia Park, LLC
To Katrina Reed and Joseph Reed
Lot J-21A, The Villas at Magnolia Park, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$691,910
- From DSI Resources, LLC
To Stephen Rogge and Katherine Rogge
Lot 38, The Colony at Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$225,000
- From FBR, LLC
To Lori Papa and Dennis Papa
Unit 32-702, Building 23, Fairway I Condominium, Bay
Creek, Cape Charles
For \$456,900
- From KM Cash Construction Corp.
To Wanda Lyons
Lot 29, Tower Hill, Phase One, Cape Charles
For \$584,900
- From Virginia Sell Now 2024, LLC
To 5138 Cobb Station Road, LLC
Lot near Cobb Station
For \$10
- From The Skip and Janet Brock Living Trust
To John Splinter and Patricia Moran
Lot near Concord Wharf, Exmore
For \$65,000
- From R, L, and B Seaside Investments, LLC
To John McLaughlin
Lots 75 and 77, Sea Cottage, Cape Charles
For \$500,000
- From Thomas Stokes III and Frederick Stant III
To Black Duck Inn, LLC
Lot in Black Duck Point, Capeville
For \$725,000
- From CMH Homes Inc.
To Ynetta Johnson and James Johnson Jr.
Lot 1, Martins Siding, Machipongo
For \$252,000
- From Myles Lewis and Elizabeth Reid
To Charlene Dix
Lot in Town of Cheriton
For \$250,000
- From Casey Paglia
To Half Shell Ventures, LLC
Lot near Willis Wharf
For \$125,000
- From Robert Savage Jr.
To David Gomer
Lot 10, Wilsonia Neck, Machipongo
For \$135,000
- From Jennifer Ann Childers and Laura Beth Kelley
To Mark Childers and Jennifer Ann Childers
Lot 180, Vaucluse Shores, Machipongo
For \$185,000
- From Bay Creek Condo, LLC
To Patricia Mullen and Lee Moreau
Unit 35-722, Building 35, Fairways I Condominium, Bay
Creek, Cape Charles
For \$455,000
- From Preserve Homes and Neighborhoods VA, LLC
To Maria Lacher and James Lacher
Lot 28B-1, The Commons at Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$600,000
- From Jocelyn Blanchard
To James Blanchard
Two lots in the Town of Cape Charles
For \$307,725
- From Roland Bailey Jr.
Iris Omeyra Lopez Castellanos
Lot near Exmore
For \$24,000
- From Susan Thatcher
To Heather Stutzman and Leah Sacra
Lot 193, Vaucluse Shores, Machipongo
For \$462,000
- From Mark Riddle and Rosemary Riddle
To Caroline Martin and Darrell Eakes
Lot 35, Bayside Village, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$875,000
- From Tankard Shore Partners LLC
To Michael Weber and Kristine Weber
Lot near Church Point Crossroads, Nassawadox
For \$65,000
- From Gia Owens
To Harvey Yancey
Lot L74, Village L, Phase Two, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$157,250

- From Jacob Foisey and Shannon Foisey
To Joanne Vass
Multiple lots near Jamesville
For \$500,000
- From Almost Paradise, LLC
To Margie McCrady and Carl McCrady
Lot near Cedar Grove, Cape Charles
For \$675,000
- From Andrea Seeley and Mark Seeley
To GGI, LLC
Lot B-66, Bayside Village, Section Six, Cape Charles
For \$1,137,000
- From West Coast Properties Group, LLC
To Southside Investment Group, LLC
Lots 60, 61, and 62, Marina Village East, Phase Three, Bay
Creek Marina and Resort, Cape Charles
For \$210,000
- From Barbara Dillon
To Thomas Conklin
Lot 9, Peaceful Oaks, Occohannock Neck
For \$15,000
- From Beverly Stetar
To Tommie Lane
Lot 8, Block H, Belmore, Exmore
For \$125,000
- From Jacqueline Craft and Jason Craft
To Michaela Parks and Zachary Dzurko-Cook
Lot in Exmore
For \$114,000
- From Beacon at Magnolia Park, LLC
To Carrie Plasse, Deborah Plasse, Richard Plasse Jr., and
Richard Plasse
Lot J-21B, The Villas and Magnolia Park, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$706,070

Accomack Property Transfers

- From Dorothy Cropper, James Brown, and Keith Strand
To Antonio Logan
Two lots on Logan Road, Onley
For \$52,000
- From Kathy Thornes and William Thornes
To John A. Lecato Jr., trustee
20225 James Ave., Quinby
For \$250,000
- From Patty Steinberg and Roy Steinberg
To Virginia Schneider
Lot 29, phase 2, Olde Mill Pointe, New Church
For \$45,000
- From Bethany Brooks and Brandy Jo Terrell
To Alexander James Martin
25531 Shoremain Drive, Bloxom
For \$34,000
- From Michelle Ann Rust
To Roberta Morgan
30355 Boston Road, Painter
For \$255,000
- From Matthew Parker
To Benjamin Ray Beasley
West store on Boston Road, Painter
For \$32,000
- From Christina Lawrence-McArdle and Jerome McArdle
To Rachel Lebiezdinski and Michael Lebiezdinski
Lot 64, Corbin Hall, Horntown
For \$27,000
- From Tony Cameron Martin
To Francisco Hernandez Gonzalez
20316 Saxis Road, Saxis
For \$75,000
- From Kathleen McCarvey and Paul Sears
To Lisa Dalton and Dan Dalton
7205 Bunting Road, Chincoteague
For \$292,000
- From Keidi Pride and Lowell Pride
To Karen Kalinock and Bryan Sykes
Lot 1131, section 1, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$322,500
- From Brenda Presley
To Lisa Dear and Victor Mercado
Lot 461, unit 1, sheet 1, Trails End, Horntown
For \$111,900
- From Margaret Anthony, trustee
To Captains Cove Golf and Yacht Club, Inc.
Lot 54, section 15, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$10,000
- From CCG Note, LLC
To Catherine Clark Sparks and Robert Christopher Lukens
Lot 108, section 2, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$28,500
- From James Atkins
To Suzanne Cox and Andrew Cox
9370 Southwind Road, Atlantic
For \$285,000
- From Hope Derr and Scott Derr
To Anna Sawabini
Lot 291, section 2, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$375,000
- From Chad Metcalf
To Cameron McAfee
8187 Salyer Drive, Wallops Island
For \$235,000
- From Joan Godoy
To Elcira Chaves Dias and Danny Williams Martinez
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Location	Fri Oct 9	Sat Oct 10	Sun Oct 11	Mon Oct 12	Tue Oct 13	Wed Oct 14	Thu Oct 15
SEASIDE							
Assateague Beach	H 7:36 am L 2:10 pm	H 8:19 am L 2:55 pm	H 9:01 am L 3:38 pm	H 9:41 am L 4:20 pm	H 10:22 am L 5:02 pm	H 11:04 am L 5:46 pm	H 11:48 am L 6:33 pm
Chincoteague Channel	H 7:35 am L 2:00 pm	H 8:19 am L 2:46 pm	H 9:01 am L 3:30 pm	H 9:42 am L 4:13 pm	H 10:23 am L 4:55 pm	H 11:06 am L 5:39 pm	H 11:50 am L 6:26 pm
Gargatha Neck	H 8:32 am L 2:49 pm	H 9:15 am L 3:34 pm	H 9:57 am L 4:17 pm	H 10:37 am L 4:59 pm	H 11:18 am L 5:41 pm	H 12:00 pm L 6:25 pm	L 6:13 am H 12:44 pm
Folly Creek	H 8:25 am L 2:34 pm	H 9:08 am L 3:19 pm	H 9:50 am L 4:02 pm	H 10:30 am L 4:44 pm	H 11:11 am L 5:26 pm	H 11:53 am L 6:10 pm	H 12:37 pm L 6:57 pm
Wachapreague	H 7:58 am L 2:08 pm	H 8:45 am L 2:57 pm	H 9:30 am L 3:42 pm	H 10:12 am L 4:24 pm	H 10:53 am L 5:05 pm	H 11:33 am L 5:46 pm	H 12:15 pm L 6:31 pm
Quinby Inlet	H 7:36 am L 1:49 pm	H 8:19 am L 2:34 pm	H 9:01 am L 3:17 pm	H 9:41 am L 3:59 pm	H 10:22 am L 4:41 pm	H 11:04 am L 5:25 pm	H 11:48 am L 6:12 pm
Machipongo	H 8:06 am L 2:18 pm	H 8:49 am L 3:03 pm	H 9:31 am L 3:46 pm	H 10:11 am L 4:28 pm	H 10:52 am L 5:10 pm	H 11:34 am L 5:54 pm	H 12:18 pm L 6:41 pm
BAYSIDE							
Tangier Sound Light	H 11:47 am L 6:09 pm	H 12:29 pm L 6:54 pm	L 6:57 am H 1:08 pm	L 7:34 am H 1:45 pm	L 8:10 am H 2:21 pm	L 8:48 am H 3:00 pm	L 9:29 am H 3:42 pm
Muddy Creek	H 12:12 pm L 6:59 pm	L 7:07 am H 12:54 pm	L 7:45 am H 1:32 pm	L 8:20 am H 2:09 pm	L 8:54 am H 2:47 pm	L 9:28 am H 3:25 pm	L 10:07 am H 4:07 pm
Guard Shore	H 12:04 pm L 6:55 pm	L 7:03 am H 12:46 pm	L 7:41 am H 1:24 pm	L 8:16 am H 2:01 pm	L 8:50 am H 2:39 pm	L 9:24 am H 3:17 pm	L 10:03 am H 3:59 pm
Chesconessex Creek	H 11:39 am L 6:07 pm	H 12:21 pm L 6:53 pm	L 6:53 am H 12:59 pm	L 7:28 am H 1:36 pm	L 8:02 am H 2:14 pm	L 8:36 am H 2:52 pm	L 9:15 am H 3:34 pm
Onancock Creek	H 11:53 am L 6:27 pm	L 6:35 am H 12:35 pm	L 7:13 am H 1:13 pm	L 7:48 am H 1:50 pm	L 8:22 am H 2:28 pm	L 8:56 am H 3:06 pm	L 9:35 am H 3:48 pm
Pungoteague Creek	H 11:09 am L 5:41 pm	H 11:51 am L 6:27 pm	L 6:27 am H 12:29 pm	L 7:02 am H 1:06 pm	L 7:36 am H 1:44 pm	L 8:10 am H 2:22 pm	L 8:49 am H 3:04 pm
Nassawadox	H 9:53 am L 4:03 pm	H 10:35 am L 4:48 pm	H 11:16 am L 5:31 pm	H 11:54 am L 6:12 pm	H 12:32 pm L 6:53 pm	L 6:38 am H 1:10 pm	L 7:17 am H 1:50 pm
Occohannock Creek	H 10:19 am L 4:56 pm	H 11:01 am L 5:43 pm	H 11:42 am L 6:27 pm	L 6:20 am H 12:22 pm	L 6:56 am H 1:02 pm	L 7:32 am H 1:42 pm	L 8:11 am H 2:23 pm
Cape Charles	H 8:43 am L 3:11 pm	H 9:25 am L 3:57 pm	H 10:03 am L 4:38 pm	H 10:40 am L 5:18 pm	H 11:18 am L 5:57 pm	H 11:56 am L 6:39 pm	L 6:19 am H 12:38 pm
Kiptopeke Beach	H 8:20 am L 2:40 pm	H 9:02 am L 3:26 pm	H 9:41 am L 4:08 pm	H 10:19 am L 4:48 pm	H 10:56 am L 5:28 pm	H 11:36 am L 6:10 pm	H 12:18 pm L 6:57 pm

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: LARGE FLIGHTLESS BIRD

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Cobras

Crocodiles

Eagle owls
- Gerbil

Grogs

Guinea fowl

Hedgehog
- Hyena

Jackal

Mongoose

Oryx
- Ravens

Snails

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Last week's answers

ORBE RAIN GOD CHEMICAL
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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.

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Super Crossword JOURNALISTIC SET

- ACROSS

1 Principal part of a ship's rigging

9 Glucose and dextrose

15 Want greatly

20 Phrase before a memoir co-author

21 Result of iron deficiency

22 Opponent

23 Question to someone barking orders

26 Wiggly fish

27 Extinct bird

28 Swerving billiards shot

29 Teeny

30 Suspenseful NFL periods

33 CIA worker

35 PC fixer, e.g.

37 "Hey, amigo"

39 Highest price customers are amenable to paying

47 "Less filling" Miller beer

48 Prefix similar to "equi-"

49 Vaccination fluids

50 Neighbor of Monterey Park, Calif.

51 Connections
- 53 Maximum

56 Rustic hotel

58 Lean- (simple huts)

59 Time to steel oneself and power through

66 Congregated

67 Goes past the time limit

68 Cold shoulder preventer?

69 A humidifier moistens it

71 Suddenly blazing stars

73 Pungent salad veggie

77 Lhasa (small dogs)

80 Official assisting a referee

83 "Rapa- (1994 Esai Morales film)"

84 Classic Maurice Sendak book

89 Cabinet dept. focused on homes

90 "— culpa"

91 Wedge for filling a gap

92 Show fatigue reflexively

93 Mother on "Bewitched"

97 Aruba, e.g.

100 Steal from
- 102 Medicine bottle

104 Jesus' words after "My God, my God," in Matthew

109 "You bet!" in Baja

110 Favorite cereal of a "silly rabbit"

111 "I'm — loss for words"

112 Pub barrel

113 "La-la" lead-in

116 "Jay — Garage"

119 Best draft status

121 Business mag

123 Response upon hearing about an astonishing feat

130 "Aida," e.g.

131 Dogs from Japan

132 They often get mashed

133 Stopwatch button

134 Despotic ruler

135 They begin this puzzle's long answers
- 2 Fire residue

3 Figure skater Midori

4 Central point

5 Superlatively sneaky

6 University on Long Island

7 "— be an honor"

8 Put freight in

9 Less happy

10 Opens with a key

11 "Well, I'll be!"

12 Radio toggle letters

13 Actress Hayworth

14 Gives a quick greeting

15 Disney villainess De Vil

16 Chest bone

17 State boldly

18 Rose holder

19 Otherwise

24 — bene

25 "— Mio"

30 Hooting bird

31 Toward there

32 Feeling of fullness

34 Sycophantic guys

36 Bray syllable

38 Crunches tone them

40 High schooler, e.g.
- 41 Some rock band synth-sizers

42 Calc prereq

43 Subsidies

44 Caesar's final reproach

45 Bump on —

46 Unduly quick

52 Zebra feature

54 Shortly

55 Resort town near Rome

57 High degree

59 H-bomb, e.g.

60 "Lummox" author Fannie Alice

61 "A Town Like Alice" author Shute

62 Large pianos

63 Clingy wrap

64 Like a banjo's sound

65 On in years

70 Bern's river

72 Comic Rogen

74 Very shortly

75 "Smith" is the commonest one in the United States

76 Hasten

78 Resistance unit

79 Understand the point

81 Bake, as an egg

82 Brunch cocktail
- 84 "Close call!"

85 "Come again?"

86 Water swirl

87 Do laundry

88 Goalie's goal

94 Elle King's "Ex's & —"

95 Lambastes

96 Valuable trait

98 Auction unit

99 Former Volkswagen seven-seater

101 "Freedom" singer Jon

103 Shin's place

105 Soldier's steel helmet

106 Best in quality

107 Yaks, e.g.

108 Wichita site

113 Thunder god

114 Lasso, e.g.

115 Stupefies

117 Tasting of wood, as wine

118 Move a bit

120 Session with a dr., e.g.

122 — Field (Mrs. Met's home)

124 Deep anger

125 Greek vowel

126 "La-la" lead-in

127 Fight like Ali

128 Actor Ayres

129 Snaky letter

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