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Cabarrus, NAACP leader, won't seek new term

Chapter's officer election scheduled for Nov. 16

BY CAROL VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Jane G. Cabarrus, the longtime president of the Northampton County Branch of the NAACP, announced that she will not be a candidate for another term as president in the organization's upcoming election, slated for Nov. 16.

Cabarrus, who has experienced a health setback recently, said in an interview last week that she needs to focus on healing for now.

Still, she wants Eastern Shore residents to know she does not intend to stop being involved in initiatives for the betterment of the community.

She said, "I am a life member of the NAACP and plan to continue working toward the goals we have to build community unity. I will continue being a bridge builder."

Cabarrus thanked the community for its ongoing support of annual events

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Jane Cabarrus, the longtime president of the Northampton County NAACP, stands next to an image of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Cabarrus said she will not seek the organization's presidency in next month's election.

ACCOMACK

School board won't rescind mistaken pay increase

Salary scale OK'd in Aug. contained 'some errors'

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Accomack County School Board will not retract a large pay increase for school guidance counselors that had been mistakenly approved as part of a new salary scale the school superintendent later said was incorrectly tabulated and contained errors.

School counselors and reading specialists were approved Aug. 25 to be on a salary scale that pays them \$65,464 annually for step 1 employees, \$13,000 more than the school system apparently intended, according to school board documents.

As part of the large increase, guidance counselors and reading specialists on the 15th salary step were approved by the school board to earn \$84,353, \$21,000 more than teachers in the same salary step.

In the new scale, 10-year guidance counselors and reading specialists get paid more than 30-year teachers while working only five more days each year than teachers. The counselors and specialists have 205-day contracts while teachers have 200-day contracts.

In the aftermath, school Superintendent Gennifer Miller said "some errors were identified within the scale that require correction" and said updated contracts would be issued "once

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Rayfield critical of circuit judge and bank during forum

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The man challenging Northampton County Treasurer Kristin Willis in the Nov. 3 election complained to an audience at a candidate forum that a circuit judge gave him only a cursory interview for the post earlier this year.

Circuit Judge Lynwood Lewis Jr. appointed Willis to replace Cynthia Bradford effective March 1, after Bradford retired from the office.

Nolan Rayfield, who is challenging Willis in the election, had also submitted his name to be considered for the appointment and was interviewed by the judge earlier this year.

During an Oct. 14 candidate forum hosted by the Cape Charles Historic District Civic League, Rayfield was frank about a closed-door talk with a sitting judge.

“He gave me like five minutes to tell him about myself and then he asked

me one question, and that was how I was related to my cousin. I don’t really know how that’s relevant,” Rayfield said at the forum, which was video recorded and posted online.

“When I went and met with him, it was pretty clear that his mind had already been made (up),” Rayfield said.

It was an uncommon moment — a candidate for an elected office on the Eastern Shore of Virginia being publicly critical of a sitting judge.

Lewis’ office did not respond to a request from the Eastern Shore Post for comment.

After the candidate forum Rayfield walked back an incorrect comment he had made. He had said that Taylor Bank, which recently opened a brand-new bank branch in Cape Charles, is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The bank has been insured by the FDIC since Jan. 1, 1934, said M. Dean Lewis, the bank’s chief executive and

president, in an Oct. 19 letter issued in the wake of Rayfield’s comment.

Lewis wrote that his letter was “to correct misinformation recently presented in a public forum.”

In a Facebook post, Rayfield apologized for the mistake and said he had been incorrect during the forum.

Rayfield also questioned at the forum the business practices of Taylor Bank, saying “they use their customers’ funds for their own financing activities,” including “advertising” and “payroll.” Rayfield works for Atlantic Union Bank.

At the end of the meeting an attendee asked Rayfield if he was “driving business to your bank by saying that Taylor Bank’s cheating people out of their money by using it for their own use.”

“I’m not, but I’m not opening up any personal accounts there myself,” Rayfield responded.

In the letter, Taylor Bank defended

its banking methods.

“Taylor Bank operates under a traditional community banking model, using customer deposits solely for lawful banking activities, including funding loans in communities it serves and maintaining appropriate liquidity, in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements,” Lewis wrote.

Rayfield said he was concerned that Northampton County has accounts with PNC Bank, which is closing its Eastville branch. He said he had not heard that the county had transferred its accounts to a different bank.

Willis said while her office does bank with PNC through a treasury management system, all of the deposits are remote.

“That has nothing to do with a bank branch,” she said.

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‘Classroom destruction and aggression toward adults’

Parent tells school board that superintendent rejected plan to help child anxious about continual class rumpus

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

A parent said the superintendent of Accomack County Public Schools nixed a plan to ease the anxiety his first-grade son feels in a Pungoteague Elementary School classroom rife with “frightening behavioral incidents.”

Matt Hoffman, who lives near Mel-fa, is a 20-year educator and is the as-sistant principal of Pocomoke Elemen-tary School. He told the Accomack County School Board during an Oct. 20 meeting that his 7-year-old son’s school environment this year includes “classroom destruction and aggression toward adults.”

The environment has upset his child, who has been disgnosed by a doc-

tor with anxiety because of the class-room experience, Hoffman said. The physician also recommended the child not attend school for the time being.

Hoffman said a meeting with school officials yielded a temporary solu-tion: The child would stay mornings in the nearby classroom of his mother, a teacher, and spend afternoons in his normal classroom with the “teacher he loves,” as he put it.

But he said Accomack school Super-intendent Gennifer Miller would not allow the arrangement to take place.

“The superintendent stated she was not negotiating and this was no longer an option in any way,” Hoffman told the school board.

Subsequently, the child has not at-tended school in two weeks, he said.

The school board did not address Hoffman’s concerns during the meet-ing. None of the school board members spoke after he finished speaking. Mill-er, seated nearby, also did not speak to the issue.

Miller did not respond to an email seeking comment by press time.

Miller apparently did not respond to follow-up inquiries by Hoffman.

“We asked for (the) reasoning sev-eral times (and) never received a re-sponse,” he said. He said he also asked Miller for any school policies that would preclude the classroom arrange-ment, but Miller never responded.

He said the superintendent “chose not to attend” the meeting the school had concerning the child’s anxiety.

Hoffman said the child feared for his own safety in the classroom. He said his son asked for advice on what he should do if he is threatened by the classroom chaos.

“No 7-year-old should have to wor-ry about protecting himself in a first-grade classroom,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman described his son as “easy-going” and said one of his son’s best friends is a child with Down syndrome. The child’s “kindhearted and compas-sionate” way even earned him an op-portunity to attend a field day for spe-cial education students.

“My easygoing little boy has now been diagnosed with anxiety,” he said.

Hoffman’s appearance before the school board took place during Nation-al Bullying Prevention Month. Miller wrote about the month in her monthly newsletter, posted online.

“At Accomack County Public Schools, we are committed to creating positive school environments where kindness, inclusion, and respect are part of our everyday culture,” she wrote.

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ESCC Chess Club Hosts Halloween Tournament

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The tournament is not just for ESCC Chess Club members, but for any chess enthusiasts who would like to compete. This is a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) tournament of three rounds with G60d5 time controls. It will be in the Quad Format with three rounds total. The actual number of quads will depend on the number of entries.

First place for each quad will win \$50.00 and 2nd place, \$25.00. If necessary, the Swiss Format will add a 3rd place prize of \$10.00. With the tournament being held on Halloween, judges will determine the best costume for an additional prize of \$50.00.



The ESCC Chess Club Halloween Tournament is open to all players on 10/31!

Since this is a USCF tournament, USCF membership is required. For interested players who are not already members, registration can be completed at new.uschess.org. Affordable membership rates are available by age, family, group, etc. This is separate from the tournament registration which can be completed by emailing cduffman@es.vccs.edu or execdir@easternshorechess.org.

The tournament entrance fee for players is \$15.00 for the chess playing public, and \$10.00 for ESCC students, faculty, and staff, plus ALL players under the age of 18. Payment is cash only and due at check-in beginning at 8:30am. Late tournament registration will be possible at the door for an additional \$10.00.

Round 1 will start promptly at 9:30am, Round 2 at 1:00pm, and Round 3 at 3:30pm. There will be a lunch break from 11:45am-12:50pm. Options for lunch include a food truck on campus or players may elect to leave for lunch with local options. The Halloween costume prize will also be awarded during the lunch break.

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend but are asked to be respectful of the competition and the concentration of players. Information on the ESCC Melfa Monarchs Chess Club and club merchandise will be available at the tournament. The Melfa Monarchs meet every Wednesday in the ESCC Student Lounge from 12pm to 1pm and 4pm to 5pm. The Monarchs welcome everyone for friendly and competitive games and fellowship. If you are new to chess, there are mentors available.

As a sidenote, the club is excited to share that they are working with ESCC alumna, Kelly Flores, owner and operator of the popular "Mama Judith" Food Truck in Exmore. Plans are underway for future collaborations with Mama Judith supporting club fundraisers and promoting membership. Kelly's younger brother, Christian, competed and won quite a few matches in the USCF tournament last spring looks forward to competing in this Halloween Tournament.

For additional information on the tournament or the club, please email Christina Duffman, ESCC Club Sponsor, at cduffman@es.vccs.edu.

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Jane Cabarrus, the longtime president of the Northampton County NAACP, stands with the late Oliver W. Hill, an African American attorney and civil rights activist. Hill was the lead attorney for the Virginia State Conference of the National NAACP and is best known for his involvement in Brown v. Board of Education, the landmark Supreme Court decision that ended segregation in schools.

COURTESY PHOTO



Cabarrus

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including the Community Unity celebration in Northampton County, held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day; June-teenth; and Earth Day, among others.

She was the first, and to date the only, woman to be elected president of the Northampton Branch, NAACP, which was chartered in 1958.

Cabarrus also currently is Region 1 Director for the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP. The region includes Northampton and Accomack counties.

The recipient of numerous local,

state, and national awards, Cabarrus over the years has spearheaded many outreach efforts, including in the areas of crime, drug, gang, and violence prevention; healthcare; race relations; get-out-the-vote; housing; and education.

Among those honors was the National NAACP Thalheimer's Award for Outstanding Achievement, given her for uncovering third-world conditions in Bayview.

Cabarrus is the daughter of the late Lloyd and Annie Giddens, of Weirwood, and is the youngest of their seven children. She is the mother of one daughter, Tracy, a son-in-law, George, and one grandson, Levin.

She has dedicated her life to serv-

ing the Shore community.

The Northampton County Branch NAACP will hold its 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.

Cabarrus, despite her current health challenge, continues to think about her community and its future.

She urged NAACP and community members to continue "our tradition of bridge building, because none of us are free until all of us are free."

School

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those corrections are approved" by the school board.

But the issue left the school board in a conundrum — rescind the salary increase and send the message that not even pay raises can be trusted within the school system, or let the mistakenly approved pay increase stand and create a wide salary gulf between teachers and specialists.

The school board essentially voted to let the increases stand when it defeated a motion to approve a salary scale that apparently would have set a lower pay scale for the specialists. Only school board member Janet Martin Turner voted in favor of rescinding the raise.

School board member Glenn Neal abstained from the vote but did not specify a reason why. Neal's wife is a guidance counselor at Chincoteague Elementary School.

School board members did not specify how the board will adjust its fiscal year budget to accommodate the pay increase.

Miller did not comment.

The vote came after hearing from a dozen people — many of them school guidance counselors — who supported keeping the higher salaries.

The vote came at the end of a four-hour meeting that left school board members visibly exasperated.

"Finally the board agreed on something," said Malcolm White, a school board member. "Hopefully, the next meeting we'll be out of here earlier."

Speakers detailed the rigorous certification requirements of guidance counselors and the myriad duties they have at schools.

"I truly believe our school counselors deserve to be recognized and compensated appropriately," said Amy Bundick, the department head in the school system's high school nurse aide program.

Barbara Parker, a counselor at Nandua High School, told the school board that a counselor's duties "extend far beyond meeting with students" and even involve state testing responsibilities.



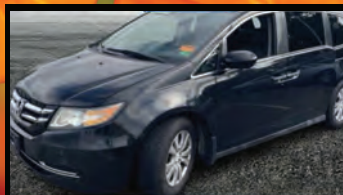
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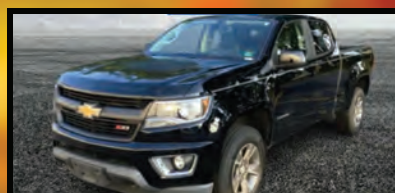
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Strange votes by Bennett, Mapp, Smith on deer issue

Truly three of the strangest votes in recent memory by members of the Northampton Board of Supervisors were cast on Tuesday, Oct. 13, when Supervisors Oliver Bennett, Betsy Mapp, and Ernest Smith voted against a motion to have the state evaluate the need for a longer deer hunting season in the county.

That they did not explain their dissenting votes is even stranger and equally surprising.

Bennett, Mapp, and Smith voted against a plan to have the state study the county's deer population and make recommendations on controlling it. They apparently weren't interested in becoming more informed on an issue of legitimate public safety and economic concern.

State officials said there are too many deer on the Eastern Shore and that the harvest needs to be increased. Asking the state to further evaluate longer antlerless hunting seasons would cost the county no money and would not bind the county to a decision.

Voting against obtaining better information and more knowledge so that informed decisions can be made is an abysmal look for an elected official. It is a dereliction of duty and a disservice to the public.

It begs so many questions: How frequently do Bennett, Mapp, and Smith dismiss an effort to gain more information on a critical subject? Are they simply incurious, or are they afraid of what more study may yield?

Were they just not paying attention?

There have been so many vehicle crashes involving deer in the county — including fatal crashes. Deer damage contributes to crop losses. There are programs available and proven ways to thin the herd to appropriate levels.

The next time your vehicle smashes into a deer on a dark Northampton County roadway, or the next time your grain was harvested by deer before it was harvested by a combine, you know who to thank.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appreciates Manna Cafe story — and a chance to support it

To the editor:

Thank you for the wonderful article about Manna Cafe CI celebrating its 10th year of serving food, fellowship, and love in the Oct. 16 edition of the Eastern Shore Post.

There is a super fun way for readers to support Manna's good work.

Join us for the annual Homes for the Holidays Tour Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Chincoteague Island. It is the same day as the Chincoteague Christmas Parade.

All proceeds support Manna. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Sundial Books, Hollyhocks on Main Street on Chincoteague, or at the door the day of the tour, which begins at Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St.

Guest columns and letters

The Eastern Shore Post welcomes your letters and guest columns. Letters and columns must include a phone number and a town of residence for verification.

Send letters to editor@easternshorepost.com.

I hope to see you there.

Cindy Shogan
Chincoteague

'Republicans and Christians must turn out' for election

To the editor:

Republicans and Christians must turn out for this midterm election.

I am always disheartened after each election by the number of Christian and Republican voters who choose not to vote.

During a presidential elec-

tion, Accomack County is lucky if 50% of Republican voters take the time to cast a ballot. In off-year elections, turnout is typically below 5%.

Many of these voters also identify as Christian. Like me, I'm sure many believe we are one nation under God.

I believe God commands us to be good stewards of our blessings, and living in this country is truly one of the greatest blessings every American citizen enjoys.

Voting is a gift of liberty that billions of people around the world will never experience freely and fairly. Voting is a

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Life, death, and U.S. Route 13, which needs improvements

BY CURTIS BADGER
Guest columnist

When George McMath asked for recommendations recently on making the Eastern Shore “an even better place in which to live,” he received a surprising 274 suggestions.

Not surprisingly, many of the suggestions dealt with local roads, especially U.S. Route 13.

The highway is the transportation backbone of the peninsula, moving everything from local farm equipment to 18-wheelers heading for Maine or Florida.

Route 13 is crowded and dangerous, especially during the busy summer tourist season, and chances are it will become even more so in the coming years.

Things are happening within our regional transportation system that will have a direct effect on our stretch

of Route 13.

In New Kent County, between Richmond and Williamsburg, Interstate 64 is being widened from four lanes to six.

In Hampton Roads, the bridge-tunnel, considered a bottleneck for generations, will soon open two new tunnels and wider bridges and highways to access them.

Closer to home, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel will open a new tunnel of its own. All three projects are slated to be completed in 2027, according to the respective websites.

Some of the traffic heading east in the I-64 system will terminate in Tidewater, but during summer more will head south to the Outer Banks, and an increasing number of cars will be traveling north as vacationers discover the Eastern Shore.

The new ocean beach at Assateague National Seashore will open in the

summer of 2027, and accommodations will come at a premium on nearby Chincoteague Island.

Cape Charles will continue its impressive trajectory of growth, and bayfront communities such as Onancock will lure visitors with a cornucopia of restaurants and shops.

And what about Route 13, which during the summer season resembles an interstate highway running through a residential neighborhood?

The highway was widened when the bridge-tunnel opened in 1964, and some towns were bypassed and others were not.

The highway looped around Onley, Exmore, and several other communities, but it took a deep breath and squeezed through Painter, Keller, Melfa, Nelsonia, Temperanceville, and New Church.

One local resident was not joking

when he quipped that he could “sit on the front steps of the house and spit watermelon seeds at the cars from New Jersey.”

While interstate highways are limited access, Route 13 has countless private driveways without turn lanes, sidewalks with pedestrians a few feet from fast-moving traffic, and post offices and businesses with limited parking and unsafe access.

In Painter a year or so ago, a southbound lane was closed when a home collapsed and debris fell on the highway.

Of the 274 suggestions Mr. McMath received to make the Eastern Shore a better place to live, none could be more important than improving Route 13. It is a matter of life and death.

■ *The writer is an author who lives near Melfa.*

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sacred privilege that should never be taken lightly and should always be exercised.

I understand the frustration we sometimes feel with our elected leaders.

But as citizens we were granted the right of self-governance by our founders.

It is incumbent upon us to take responsibility and engage in the process, no matter how messy it may seem.

We must take the time to inform ourselves on the issues of the day before entering the voting booth.

As American citizens, if we do not exercise our privilege to vote, we leave the governing of our country to people who do not share our values.

Sam Sellard
Melfa

Supports Jen Kiggans for U.S. House in Nov. 3 election

To the editor:

As a nurse and a retired military flight nurse, I support Jen Kiggans. She is a geriatric nurse practitioner who has treated seniors in Virginia Beach and Norfolk.

As our congresswoman, Kiggans has focused on practical access and affordability rather than sweeping structural overhauls.

She has supported expansion of Medicare coverage, virtual care, and mental-health resources, and she has co-led bipartisan efforts (including the Common Ground 2025 framework) to extend premium tax-credit relief for working families.

She has repeatedly stated that she will protect Social Security and Medicare for current and near-term beneficiaries and has opposed Medicare for

All, which would inevitably lead to a lower standard of care and prolonged wait periods for non-emergency medical treatment.

Elaine Luria campaign’s central attack — that Kiggans “lied” about healthcare by voting for Medicaid reforms or by not permanently extending every ACA credit — overlooks both the fiscal context and her actual votes.

The largest Medicaid changes were part of broader spending packages that also delivered tax relief and border funding. Kiggans has continued to advocate for primary-care access and cost reductions for prescription drugs.

A nurse who is knowledgeable about the ins and outs of medical claims and reimbursement and an individual who has worked in long-term care is unlikely to treat seniors’ benefits casually. Her record shows targeted improvements, not the dismantling claimed by her opponents.

Virginia Schneider
Bloxom

‘Every vote matters in this election. Let’s make our voices heard’

To the editor:

A recent visit to Monticello reminded me of how 13 distinct colonies came together to form a new government built on the idea that people should have a voice in how they are governed. Achieving that unity required difficult compromises.

Our system depends on citizens staying informed, researching the issues, and voting for representatives who will serve the common good. Members of Congress hold positions of public trust and are elected to represent the people. We must vote to support our federal government.

If we do not support candidates who uphold the U.S. Constitution, we risk losing the country we grew up in.

Voting is a fundamental way we
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Column critical of town edge gave ‘misleading impression’

BY PAUL GROSSMAN
Guest columnist

The Oct. 12 Eastern Shore Post guest column by Ken Dufty, “Water Resources Cannot Keep Pace with Development,” presented an incomplete account of comments I made during a presentation to Cape Charles residents concerning the proposed town edge zoning amendment, prior to its latest revision.

During that presentation, I explained that approximately 478 acres of existing and potential town edge land lie between Cape Charles and U.S. Route 13.

Because apartment density has become a major concern among opponents of the amendment, I illustrated that applying the originally proposed maximum of 20 apartments per acre would produce a theoretical figure exceeding 9,000 dwelling units. The revised amendment has since reduced that density to 10 apartments per acre.

What the columnist omitted was my explanation of why this calculation is unrealistic.

Much of the acreage includes existing subdivisions, commercial properties, conservation land, Agricultural and Forestal District acreage, the

cemetery, and parcels smaller than five acres. Existing homes further limit development opportunities.

My conclusion was that actual development potential is substantially below the theoretical maximum, with market demand ultimately influencing the number and types of homes built, including single-family homes, multifamily dwellings, and apartments.

Presenting the theoretical figure without these qualifications gives readers a misleading impression.

The columnist also suggested that the state Department of Environmental Quality had determined Cape Charles lacked sufficient groundwater to meet its existing permitted withdrawals and that the town might seek water from the Eastville area if its two Keck wells were not approved.

DEQ’s October 2024 groundwater permit and accompanying fact sheet tell a more complete story.

Both Keck wells are listed as authorized withdrawal wells in the permit, although their connection and operation remain subject to applicable requirements.

Cape Charles requested an increase from 63.2 million gallons annually to 107.1 million gallons to accom-

modate projected growth. DEQ did not approve the increase because of observed and modeled increases in chloride concentrations, raising legitimate concerns about saltwater intrusion.

DEQ did not conclude in its permit decision that Cape Charles was unable to withdraw its existing permitted allocation. However, DEQ’s fact sheet also acknowledges that existing withdrawal limits may not be appropriate during current peak-demand periods and are unlikely to accommodate projected demand over the permit term. These are legitimate concerns that must be addressed as the town plans for future growth.

Importantly, DEQ established a possible path for reconsideration.

Following the connection of the Keck wells, if chloride levels in Tower Well 1 and monitoring well MW 640 demonstrate stable trends over two years while approximately 95% of withdrawals come from the Keck wells, the utility may discuss a permit modification with DEQ.

Virginia American Water expects the Keck wells, which draw from the upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer, to be connected in spring 2027, providing a source of water expected to be cleaner.

In an Oct. 8, 2026, letter to the town council, Virginia American Water clarified that chloride levels reported in its annual drinking water quality reports differ from measurements taken at individual groundwater wells.

Its monitoring confirms that elevated chloride concentrations remain a legitimate concern, particularly at Tower Well 1. These findings deserve careful attention, not exaggeration or dismissal.

Finally, opposition to the town edge amendment is entirely appropriate. However, depicting a 20-story apartment building in an advertisement when the proposed ordinance limits building heights to 35 feet is misleading.

Residents deserve an informed debate based on accurate facts, realistic development assumptions, and a complete presentation of the evidence — not selective figures or exaggerated illustrations.

That standard should apply to everyone participating in this discussion, including me.

■ *The writer is a member of the Cape Charles Town Council and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee.*

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exercise our civic responsibility. Every registered voter needs to participate. Please make your voice heard, and encourage others to do the same.

If you or someone you know needs to register or update voter information, the deadline is Friday, Oct. 23.

After this date, voters may still register starting Saturday, Oct. 24, and vote via provisional ballot. You can verify your status or register online at the Virginia Voter Information website.

Every vote matters in this election. Let’s make our voices heard.

Debbe Kitzmiller
Greenbackville

Jen Kiggans always votes ‘in lockstep’ with President Trump

To the editor:
Kiggans has voted 100% in lockstep with President Donald Trump and supported Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill, which cut nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.

Congressman Robert Garcia stated during a congressional appearance on Sept. 14 that Trump as president is \$2 billion richer just this last year.

Trump’s son had a wedding paid by rich Russians and oligarchs close to Putin.

Trump’s son-in-law Jared Kushner, who got \$2 billion from his investment firm with the Saudis, is also doing diplomacy in the Middle East.

It is obvious that Trump and his administration are not loyal to the United States’ interests or to the American people.

Their interests are to line their own pockets. As they say, follow the money and it will lead you to the truth of

corrupt people’s intentions.

Is this the America we can be proud of and support? Kiggans thinks so. Vote for Luria on Nov. 3 if you want a change in Washington.

Alice Peterson
Atlantic

Kiggans is ducking Eastern Shore voters — vote Elaine Luria

To the editor:
Jen Kiggans has been playing “Where’s Waldo?” with the Eastern
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Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23 to 30, is about drug prevention

BY KARRIE PHILLIPS
Guest columnist

The Red Ribbon Campaign was inspired by the death of Enrique S. Camerena, who joined the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in 1974 and devoted his career to working to stop drug abuse.

The Red Ribbon Campaign first started after Camerena was kidnapped and killed, likely by the drug cartels he was working to stop from bringing drugs into the United States.

To honor his death, Red Ribbon Week — Oct. 23 to 31 — was started to serve as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage drug prevention.

Our Youth Coalition is coming together to promote Red Ribbon Week.

The Youth Coalition is a committee of the Community Partners of the Eastern Shore.

Community Partners is a larger coalition of service providers on the Eastern Shore that partner to meet the needs of the Eastern Shore Community.

The Youth Coalition builds awareness on topics such as youth substance use prevention, and youth problem gaming and gambling prevention.

We also build leadership and advocacy skills while doing fun activities in a safe environment. Our goal is to empower young people to lead change, make healthy choices, and shape local efforts in our community.

For Red Ribbon Week, the Youth Coalition is doing many things. The theme of Red Ribbon Week this year is “Be a Hero! Stay Drug Free.”

First, we are making superhero posters talking about the Red Ribbon Campaign and its mission to encourage kids to make smart choices about drug use.

Another project we are doing for Red Ribbon Week is a collaboration with the Eastern Shore Public Library in Parkesley on Oct. 27 for its annual Story Time and Candy Parade event.

This event starts at 6 p.m. and will feature a superhero story time followed by a candy parade around the library.

Youth Coalition will be there for craft time; we will be making Red Ribbon bracelets with all the children.

We will also have an informational table about Red Ribbon Week and a pledge station where children can sign the pledge to live drug free and healthy lives.

Parents can sign a pledge, too. They can pledge to help support kids in staying away from drugs and living a drug-free lifestyle. Come on out — we hope to see you there.

For more information on the Community Partners of the Eastern Shore, or Youth Coalition, please visit www.cpesva.org

For more information on Red Ribbon Week, visit www.redribbon.org

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use, the Eastern Shore Community Services Board offers comprehensive substance use outpatient and case management services. Visit its website at www.escsb.org for support.

■ *The writer is a senior prevention specialist with the Eastern Shore Community Services Board.*

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Shore this campaign season . . . except that Waldo can always eventually be found. Kiggans? Nope.

The only Kiggans sightings on the Shore have been at closed-door, under-the-radar, invitation-only, highly vetted events — where “highly vetted” really means that if you’re not a diehard Republican, you are not allowed. And she hasn’t held a town hall out here — or maybe anywhere?

— in at least a year.

Additionally, she’s dodging reporters, refusing to hold town halls, and avoiding a debate with Elaine Luria, her opponent for District 2’s representative in the U.S. House.

One can only ask why? Why won’t Kiggans meet with constituents . . . unless they’re walking completely in step with her as she does with Trump, voting with the president almost 100% of the time? What is she afraid of?

When a constituent contacts her office with a concern, Kiggans’ team often replies with a canned email response, which usually doesn’t directly

address the question asked. And all of her correspondence ends with these words:

“My first priority as your Member of Congress is to represent you to the best of my ability. Hearing about what is most important to you and your family helps me ensure your government is putting you and our community first.”

I call baloney. Kiggans doesn’t attempt to “hear” anyone at all — unless they’re wearing a MAGA hat and/or are a committed GOP voter.

Luria has visited the Shore and mingled with voters at least eight

times since June, often visiting two to three towns in a single day. All were open events, including people from all walks of life, of all political stripes. Kiggans has been to the Shore about half that many times, and again, usually in closed-door events.

Do we want a representative in Congress who listens to the people? Or one who constantly avoids us?

The choice is clear. Vote for Elaine Luria.

Beth Temple
Onancock

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, this 22nd day of September, 2026, that the regular meeting of the Board, scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**, commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers of the County Administration Building, **16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia**, be changed to **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**, commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers of the County Administration Building, **16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following the above adjustment, the date, time and place of the regular meeting of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors shall revert to the 2nd Tuesday of each month, commencing at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the County, **16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia**



ACCOMACK COUNTY LAND USE REVALIDATION REMINDER

The Accomack County Assessment Office would like to notify taxpayers that the Revalidation forms for the **LAND USE TAX RELIEF PROGRAM** have been mailed out.

The Revalidation forms and fees, if any, must be postmarked on or before **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026**. A \$100 late filing fee will be charged to any Revalidation that is received later than November 2, 2026, and before December 31, 2026.

NO REVALIDATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2026.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, October 23

■ **CONFERENCE:** Check-in opens at 8 a.m., conference runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., University of Maryland Eastern Shore Student Services Center, 30617 College Backbone Road, Princess Anne. The university's extension center is hosting its annual Small Farms Conference. This year's theme is "Building Strong Farms Together." To learn more visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc8364b4>

■ **LECTURE:** 9 to 10 a.m., Virginia Cooperative Extension Northampton County, 7247 Young St., Machipongo. The extension is hosting a Perk up and Learn Coffee Hour on the subject of invasive plant control. There will also be a demonstration on manual removal techniques and safe, effective herbicide application.

■ **NATURE PROGRAM:** 10 a.m., Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Bateman Visitors Center, Chincoteague. The Eastern Shore Master Naturalists are hosting an autumn native plant hunt. Attendees can explore native plants, late season blossoms, seed pods, and foliage. There will also be a contest to see who can spot the most wildlife. Attendees should expect a 1-mile walk and dress for the weather. The rain date is Oct. 24 at 10 a.m.

■ **AUTHOR TALK:** Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Tony Picardi will read from his book "Readings From Saving Democracy: Told by Cindi Camponotus, Ambassador to Humanity."

■ **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.

■ **COMEDY:** 5 to 7 p.m., Island Community

Best bets

■ **On Friday, Oct. 23, Saturday, Oct. 24, and Sunday, Oct. 25,** the Town of Onancock will hold a variety of Halloween festivities including a haunted house, a Halloween parade, and a coven of witches paddling Onancock Creek. See the calendar for more information.

■ **On Saturday, Oct. 24, at 5 p.m.,** an oyster roast benefiting Special Olympics will be held at Scott Farms in Townsend. Vinyl Headlights will provide live music and the menu includes oysters, clams, and barbecue. Tickets are \$85 at the door.

House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Cast Iron Productions presents "Awkward Un-Silences," a comedy night. Call 757-336-1993 for more information.

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 5 to 8 p.m., Hallie Whealton Smith Island Nature Trail, Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Elementary School PTA is hosting a pumpkin tour. Participants can vote on their favorite decorated pumpkin. Food and baked goods will be available for purchase. Costumes are encouraged.

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 5 to 9 p.m., Pocomoke Community Garden, 327 Clarke Ave., Pocomoke City. During the Great Pumpkin Showcase community members can show off their Jack-o-lanterns. There will also be food, music, and vendors.

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Exmore Town Park there will be a spooky story swap. The community is invited to bring a lawn chair and listen to others spin a yarn or share their own tales of ghostly happenings, old family legends, and hauntings. Halloween costumes are encouraged.

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

lery, Cape Charles. The Stingrays performs live. There will be a cash bar.

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 6 to 8 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse is hosting a haunted house. The cost is \$10 at the door.

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

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 7 to 9 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The fire company is hosting a haunted corn field. The cost is \$10 for adults. The cost is \$5 for children age 3 to 15.

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 7 to 10 p.m., New Church Volunteer Fire Company, 4264 Firehouse St., New Church. The fire company is hosting a haunted forest filled with thrills and chills. Concessions will be available. Tickets are \$7.

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

■ **CONCERT:** 7:30 p.m., Market Street Methodist Church, Onancock. The Orches-

tra of the Eastern Shore is presenting "The Evolution of Mozart." Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Saturday, October 24

■ **YARD SALE:** 7 a.m. to noon, Independent Pilgrim Church, Route 316, Parklsey. The church is hosting a yard and bake sale. The rain date is Oct. 31.

■ **BIKE TOUR:** From 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the Between the Waters Bike Tour will offer cyclists four routes to choose from to explore the Eastern Shore of Virginia. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/3x698h74>

■ **YARD SALE:** Starting at 8 a.m., the Town of Onley is hosting a communitywide yard sale. To have a property added to the participating locations call 757-787-3985.

■ **CONFERENCE:** Check-in opens at 8 a.m., conference runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., University of Maryland Eastern Shore Student Services Center, 30617 College Backbone Road, Princess Anne. The university's extension center is hosting its annual Small Farms Conference. This year's theme is "Building Strong Farms Together." To learn more visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc8364b4>

■ **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** 8 to 10 a.m., Red Bank Baptist Church, Marionville. The church is hosting a pancake breakfast. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and orange juice. The requested donation is \$10 for adults. A \$5 donation is requested for children ages 5 to 12. Children under age 5 are free.

■ **YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to noon, Onley United Methodist Church, Onley. The church is hosting an indoor yard sale.

■ **ANNIVERSARY:** 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Jaxon's, 18509 Dunne Ave., Parksley. Jaxon's is celebrating its 70th anniversary. They will have giveaways and refreshments.

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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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- **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.
- **PUMPKIN CARVING:** From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., The community is invited to carve pumpkins at the Onancock Town Square. The pumpkins will be lit and displayed in the square through Halloween.
- **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.
- **SOUP SALE:** 11 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The Island Community House will be selling 12-ounce bowls of minestrone soup with garlic bread, oyster crackers, and a drink for \$12. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yz25v995> to place order. Eat in and takeout are available.
- **AUTHOR TALK:** 11 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to hear Tom Angleberger read from the new graphic novel in his "Dino Poet" series. Angleberger will then show the children how to create their own dino poet drawings. Copies of the "Dino Poet" graphic novels will be available for purchase and for Angleberger to sign.
- **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Northampton Fire and Rescue, 10239 Pine Ave., Nassawadox. The fire company is hosting a trunk or treat. There will also be a touch-a-truck display, hot dogs and hamburgers, and desserts.
- **CLEAN UP:** 1:30 to 4 p.m., Cape Charles Central Park, Cape Charles. Citi-

zens for Central Park is hosting a fall clean-up. Tasks will include tree trimming, replacing plaques on benches and tables, cleaning and painting streetlights, weeding, and more. Attendees should bring gloves, water, and garden tools.

- **ANNIVERSARY:** 2 p.m., The Davis Center, 25351 Parks St., Parksley. The center is celebrating its five-year anniversary. There will be food, storytelling, community building, and line dancing lessons.
- **NATURE PROGRAM:** 2 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter One, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. During this special Halloween program attendees can learn about animal skeletons at a spooky touch table.
- **PUMPKIN PAINTING:** 2 to 4 p.m., Kiptopeke State Park, Picnic Shelter One, 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles. Attendees can paint a mini pumpkin for Halloween. The cost is \$2 per pumpkin.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 to 7 p.m., Cape Charles Mini Golf, Cape Charles. Bridgetown Sounds performs live.
- **DINNER:** 4 to 8 p.m., Chatham Vineyards, 9232 Chatham Road, Machipongo. The vineyard is hosting A South you Never Ate, a dinner curated by 10 Eastern Shore

- chefs alongside local producers and historians. The dinner is meant to celebrate the foodways of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Tickets include a progressive dinner of at least 20 small plates, oysters on the half shell, an open bar, and a signature cocktail. Tickets are \$175. To purchase visit <https://tinyurl.com/yz3rhutr>
- **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER:** Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner served at 6 p.m., Chincoteague Fire Company, 5052 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague. The museum is hosting an interactive pirate-themed murder mystery dinner. The cost is \$65 per person or \$500 for a table of eight. Tickets include an oyster bar, a Caribbean-inspired buffet dinner, a cash bar, a silent auction, and the murder mystery. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/58j89wbz>
- **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 5 to 9 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse is hosting a haunted house. The cost is \$10 at the door.
- **OYSTER ROAST:** 5 p.m. to midnight, Scott Farms, 4301 Townsend Drive, Cape Charles. Scott Farms is hosting its annual Gradershed Bash to benefit Special Olympics. There will be live music by Vinyl Headlights. The menu includes oysters,

- clams, and barbecue. Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. Tickets are available at Ocean East: Townsend and Rayfield's Pharmacy in Cape Charles and Nassawadox.
- **PARADE:** 6 p.m., Downtown Onancock. The annual Onancock Halloween Parade will bring a cacophony band, a zombie flash mob, costumed pets and marchers, and decorated golf carts to downtown. Lineup is at 5 p.m. in the Queen Street parking lot.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Great Machipongo Clam Shack, Nassawadox. Karen Hatch performs live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Margot and Valerie perform live.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., The Listening Room, 33 Market St., Onancock. SALTS performs live. Tickets are \$15. To reserve a seat call 757-710-8718.
- **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.
- **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 7 to 9 p.m.,

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Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The fire company is hosting a haunted corn field. The cost is \$10 for adults. The cost is \$5 for children age 3 to 15.

■ HALLOWEEN EVENT: 7 to 10 p.m., New Church Volunteer Fire Company, 4264 Firehouse St., New Church. The fire company is hosting a haunted forest filled with thrills and chills. Concessions will be available. Tickets are \$7.

■ HALLOWEEN EVENT: 7:30 to 10 p.m., Exmore Moose Lodge, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven. The lodge is hosting a Haunted Corn Maze. The entrance fee is \$5 cash.

Sunday, October 25

■ FISHING: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Curtis Merritt Harbor, Chincoteague. Harbormaster Merritt will teach children of all ages to fish at this free event. Children should bring a fishing rod. Bait and guidance will be provided.

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 10:30 a.m., Unitarian Universalists of the Eastern Shore, 15421 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven. The church is hosting Many Voices, One Vibration, a exploration of what it means to belong together in a pluralistic spiritual community.

■ 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.

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 2 p.m., St. John's Baptist Church, 2 Church St., Onancock. The church is celebrating its 142nd anniversary. Special guests will include Bishop David Sabbatino and the Foundations of Faith choir. Hope Community Choir will provide special music. A dinner will follow in the fellowship hall.

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 3 p.m., Herbert Baptist Church, 32300 Bradford's Neck Road, Wachapreague. The church is hosting a Men and Women's Day. Couples are encouraged to wear shades of pink. The guest speakers will be Deacon David Guy of the House of Refuge Deliverance Center, in Onley, and Sister Tiara Guy of Snead's Memorial Methodist Church, in Keller.

■ SPECIAL SERVICE: 3 p.m., Gospel Temple, 18150 Gospel Temple Road, Keller. The church is hosting Female Voic-

es of Praise.

■ HALLOWEEN EVENT: From 3 to 5 p.m., kayakers can dress up and paddle Onancock Creek during the Halloween Paddle.

■ CONCERT: 4 p.m., Hungars Episcopal Church, Bridgetown. The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore is presenting "The Evolution of Mozart." Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

■ FESTIVAL: 4 to 6 p.m., Church by the Beach, 5252 Woodland Drive, Chincoteague. The church is hosting a Fall Festival. There will be face painting, bounce houses, a petting zoo, games, a dunk tank, and food for sale.

■ AUCTION: Preview begins at 4:30 p.m., potluck dinner at 5 p.m., auction begins at 6 p.m., Smith's Chapel Methodist Church, Quinby. The church is hosting its annual auction.

■ BIKE RIDE: Meet up at 6:40 p.m., ride starts at 7 p.m., Cape Charles Love Sign, Cape Charles. A leisurely 5-mile bike ride is planned in Cape Charles on the Hunter's Moon. Costumes and decorated bikes are encouraged. All ages are welcome.

Monday, October 26

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

■ WRITERS EVENT: 6 p.m., the Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. During Meet the Writers local authors will share their work. Speakers include Jojo Chaddic, Rose Wachowski, Denise Lynn, Helen Putre, and Steve Borgess. Tickets are \$7. Call 757-710-8718 to reserve a seat.

Tuesday, October 27

■ STORYTIME: 10:30 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Children ages 2 and under can join the Wiggle Worms Storytime for songs, movement, educational toys, books, and resources for parents.

■ STORYTIME: 11 a.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, Cape Charles. Children ages 3 to 5 can join Little Sprouts Storytime for songs, stories, movement, activities, and crafts.

■ 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 bookmark or paint a

pumpkin on smooth stones.

■ 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 Lorcana, or any other trading card game.

■ LECTURE: 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. During the Tuesday Night Lecture Series, Laurie Walton will discuss quilts of the Underground Railroad. 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.

■ COSTUME PARADE: 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Children can wear their Halloween costumes to trick-or-treat around the library and hear a story.

Wednesday, October 28

■ 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.

■ HOMESCHOOL GATHERING: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Occohannock on the Bay Camp, 9403 Camp Lane, Belle Haven. During the Fall Homeschool Day children and families can gather to play and connect. The playground and jumping pillow will be open. There will also be field games, gaga ball, crafts, and hayrides. The camp will provide sloppy joes and each family is asked to bring a side to share. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdhyr3s5>

■ 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.

■ CONCERT: 3 p.m., Cokesbury Cultural Center, Onancock. Lee Jordan-Anders is offering a lecture and recital featuring three sonatas from the classical era. This program is free.

■ 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.

■ WOMENS EVENT: 5 to 8 p.m., Moonrise Jewelry, 325 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Moonrise is celebrating National Women's Small Business Month with a free event that will feature networking and refreshments.

■ ART CLASS: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The alliance is hosting Weaving and Wine. Beginner weavers will learn fundamentals and work on a cardboard loom. More advanced weavers will practice skills and learn new techniques. Everyone will go home with a small mug rug. The cost is \$30. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/2a7fw9az>

Thursday, October 29

■ PUZZLE RACE: 6 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Solo puzzlers or teams of two can compete to see which team can put together a 500-piece puzzle the fastest. The winning team will receive a prize and all teams can take their puzzle home. The cost is \$25 per team. Pizza will be provided. To register call 757-336-1993.

■ FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting a screening of "The Nightmare Before Christmas." There will be free popcorn.

■ DANCE LESSONS: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock. 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 30

■ 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.

■ PARADE: Participant line up at 4 p.m., parade begins at 4:30 p.m., Parksley Volunteer

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Fire Company, Parksley. Parksley is hosting a Halloween Parade. Entries can include bikes, scooters, fourwheelers, grass cutters, golf carts, walkers with or without leashed pets, and horse and buggies.

■ **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.

■ **CLAM FRITTER DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Johnsons United Methodist Church, 11175 Bayside Road, Machipongo. The church is hosting an all-you-can-eat clam fritter dinner and bake sale. The cost is \$18 for adults. The cost for children age 7 and over is \$12. Children under age 7 eat for free. The menu includes clam fritters, two sides, dessert, and drinks. There will also be hot dogs and chips.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Vaux Hall Farm, Melfa. Boy Wells performs live. Food will be available for purchase.

■ **HAUNTED HOUSE:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. Haunted Hallways will bring thrills and chills, as well as music, treats, and activities to the center, courtesy of the Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The cost is \$3 for Boys and Girls Club members, \$6 for children who are not members, and \$10 for adults. Costumes are encouraged.

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

■ **STORY SWAP:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m., storytelling starts at 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The alliance is hosting its monthly story swap. This month's theme is ghost stories and spooky tales. This is a free event. There will be a cash bar.

■ **GALA:** 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Chincoteague Community Center, Chincoteague. The Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence is hosting a Halloween masquerade ball. There will be a magician, a DJ, food and drinks, games, and a costume contest. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/38ztc5sw>

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 7 to 9 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton. The fire company is hosting a haunted corn field. The cost is \$10 for adults. The cost is \$5 for children age 3 to 15.

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 7 to 10 p.m., New Church Volunteer Fire Company, 4264 Firehouse St., New Church. The fire company is hosting a haunted forest filled with thrills and chills. Concessions will be available. Tickets are \$7.

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

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 9 p.m., The Pearl, 7452 East Side Road, Chincoteague. The Pearl is hosting a Halloween party. Risky Business will perform live from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and there will be a costume contest with prizes.

Saturday, October 31

■ **BIRDING FIELD TRIP:** 8 a.m., Edward S. Brinkley Nature Preserve, 20001 Seaside Road, Cape Charles. Birding Eastern Shore is hosting a field trip. Joette Borzik and Randy Reed will lead a walk through a diversity of habitats. Halloween costumes, including bird costumes, are welcome. Birders should be prepared for ticks, the sun, mosquitoes, and weather. To register email vabirdmom@gmail.com.

■ **CHESS TOURNAMENT:** 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Building Great Hall, Melfa. The community college is hosting a quad-format chess tournament. United States Chess Federation membership is required. The cost to register is \$10 for community college students, faculty, staff, and anyone under age 18. All others are \$15. Cash only. To register, email Christina Duffman at cduffman@es.vccs.edu

■ **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.

■ **GIRLS EMPOWERMENT:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Woman's Club of Accomack County, Onley. The Soroptomists are hosting a Girls Empowerment Day. This event is geared towards girls age 15 to 18. The event will include financial counseling, interview skill and resume preparation, information on mental health and wellness for teen girls, mindfulness and yoga activities, empowerment activities, prizes, and lunch. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/bp658z76>

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alex Hubb Field, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Spooky Spectacle will feature trick-or-treating, pumpkin decorating, an apple relay race, cornhole, games, prizes, a parade for people and pets, and a costume contest at 11 a.m. Costumes are

encouraged.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown. The church is hosting an art and food festival. Artists and artisans will be displaying their work, there will be a food sale and lunch will be available for purchase.

■ **CAR SHOW:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The firehouse is hosting a car show and open house. There will be a children's Halloween costume contest, a trunk or treat, face painting, and information about the fire company.

■ **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.

■ **GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Registration 11:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m., shotgun start 12:30 p.m., Great Hope Golf Course, 8380 Crisfield Highway, Westover. The Delmarva Discovery Museum is hosting a golf tournament. The cost is \$100 per person for teams of four, which includes greens fees, a cart, free range balls, and lunch. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/5x67apvf>

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 1 to 3 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market

St., Pocomoke City. Children can dress up in the Halloween costume and trick-or-treat at the museum. Paid admission is required.

■ **FESTIVAL:** 2:30 to 8:30 p.m., Adams United Methodist Church, 25352 Lee Mont Road, Parksley. The church is hosting a Harvest Festival. There will be hayrides, vendors, bounce houses, games, food, a cake walk, and a cornhole contest.

■ **ART SHOW:** 3 p.m., Local-ish Art, Cape Charles. A community Halloween art show called Shadows and Strokes is being held at Local-ish Art. Art from all skill levels and ages is welcome. There is a \$10 entry fee per art piece submitted. Visit the gallery for more information.

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** 4 to 7 p.m., Main Street, Chincoteague. Children can dress up in their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treat at Main Street businesses.

■ **HALLOWEEN EVENT:** A trunk-or-treat is being held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parksley Town Square. Those who wish to participate can decorate their trunk and set up at 4 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 1



To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS QUESTION 1

Present Law

Currently, the Virginia Constitution does not explicitly provide to its citizens a right to reproductive freedom nor does it explicitly protect or prohibit certain kinds of health care procedures or decisions.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would add to the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights the fundamental right to make and carry out decisions about a person's own reproductive care with only certain, specific exceptions. The proposed amendment specifically allows the state government to pass laws to regulate abortion care in the third trimester of pregnancy, but requires any such law to allow for abortion care when it is medically needed to protect the life and health of the pregnant person or because the fetus is not viable.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 11-A. Fundamental right to reproductive freedom.

That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable.

The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on such individual's own exercise of this fundamental right or such individual's own actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent.

For the purposes of this section, a state interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose of maintaining or improving the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making.

This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of the section.

PUBLIC NOTICE



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 3

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS QUESTION 3

Present Law

Virginia's Constitution currently provides that a person who is convicted of any felony loses the right to vote for the rest of their life unless the Governor of Virginia takes administrative action to restore that specific person's right to vote. This is the only means of getting back the right to vote after a felony conviction.

The current constitutional provision also imposes a broad restriction, while using outdated terminology, on voting by persons found to be incapacitated. A person who is determined by a court to be incapacitated, regardless of the kind of incapacity, loses the right to vote, and only a court can restore the person's right to vote later.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment enshrines in the Constitution the fundamental right of all qualified persons in the Commonwealth to vote. Two exceptions to this right are for persons who are serving a sentence of incarceration for a felony conviction and persons who are determined by a court to not understand the act of voting. Such right cannot otherwise be restricted by laws.

Under the proposed amendment, a person who is convicted of a felony loses the right to vote during their period of incarceration. Once released from incarceration, the person gets back the right to vote without needing to apply for restoration by the Governor.

The proposed amendment also requires a specific finding by a court that a person does not understand the act of voting in order for that person's right to vote to be taken away.

With the right to vote, a person also has the right to be a juror, the right to be elected to an office, and the right to be a notary public.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE II.

FRANCHISE AND OFFICERS.

Section 1. Qualifications of voters.

(a) In elections by the people, the qualifications of voters shall be as follows: Each voter shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be eighteen years of age, shall fulfill the residence requirements set forth in this section subsection (b), and shall be registered to vote pursuant to this article. Every person who meets these qualifications shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, and such right shall not be abridged by law, except that:

(1) No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be qualified entitled to vote unless his civil rights have been restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority, during any period of incarceration for such felony conviction, but every such person, upon release from incarceration for that felony conviction and without further action required of him, shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote; and

As prescribed by law, no (2) No person who has been adjudicated to be mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting shall be qualified entitled to vote during such period of incapacity until his competency capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law.

(b) The residence requirements shall be that each voter shall be a resident of the Commonwealth and of the precinct where he votes. Residence, for all purposes of qualification to vote, requires both domicile and a place of abode. The General Assembly may provide for persons who are employed overseas, and their spouses and dependents residing with them, and who are qualified to vote except for relinquishing their place of abode in the Commonwealth while overseas, to vote in the Commonwealth subject to conditions and time limits defined by law. The General Assembly may provide for persons who are qualified to vote except for having moved their residence from one precinct to another within the Commonwealth to continue to vote in a former precinct subject to conditions and time limits defined by law. The General Assembly may also provide, in elections for President and Vice President of the United States, alternatives to registration for new residents of the Commonwealth.

(c) Any person who will be qualified with respect to age to vote at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also to vote in any intervening primary or special election.

OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Darlene Cherrix

Mrs. Darlene Mae Collins Cherrix, age 81, of Temperanceville, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026, at her home in Chincoteague with her loving family at her side.

Born on April 3, 1945, in Nassawadox, she was one of 12 children born to the late Arella Brittingham Collins and John E. Collins.

Her beauty held high standards inside and out. Intelligent as well as talented, she had many friends and was an active member of the church.

Her early years consisted of surviving, but later she got to enjoy being surrounded by more love and family than she could ever imagine. She had many hobbies that kept her busy, like crochet class, singing with the choir in church on a Sunday morning, and spending quality time with family. Other than being a mother, her proudest achievement was earning her beautician's license, which she kept until her passing.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Arella Brittingham Collins; her father, John E. Collins; her sisters, Almeta Fleetwood, Kathryn Williams, Betty Lang, and Peggy Troutman; and her brothers, Johnny, Wade, and Bobby Dale Collins.

She is survived by her two children: her daughter, Kimberly Hill and her son-in-law, Phillip, and her son, David Cherrix; one granddaughter, Arella Harris and her husband, Roger; two sisters, Beverly Meyers and Barbara Squibb; and more than several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services took place at Union Baptist Church in Chincoteague on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m., with

the Rev. Kevin Eley officiating. There was a visitation one hour prior to the funeral services.

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home on Chincoteague Island. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Beverly Dennison

Mrs. Beverly Sue Dennison, 67, a resident of Parksley, passed away Monday, Oct. 12, 2026, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

An Eastern Shore native, she was the daughter of the late Leonard Ernest Horner Jr. and the late Agnes Doughty Killough.

Beverly enjoyed music, dancing, swimming, crocheting, animals, and going to church. She also liked joking with friends, shopping, and going out to eat with her special friend, Mary, but most of all she loved spending time with her grandkids.

She is survived by her son, Matthew Dennison and his wife, Erica Moncrief Dennison; and two grandchildren, Eli Dennison and Max Dennison.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Emily Sue Dennison; and her sister, Lisa Horner Lattimore.

Services will be private.

The family would like to thank Riverside Shore Hospice, Shore Transport, DaVita, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, and Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley. "The A-Wing team did a fantastic job taking care of Mom, and the entire facility staff made her feel like she was at home."

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Patricia Wehner

Mrs. Patricia Ann Wehner, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on Oct. 12, 2026, at the age of 91.

Patricia was a woman who enjoyed staying active and making the most of



Mrs. Wehner

life. She was a member of both St. Andrew's Church on Chincoteague Island and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed golfing, going for walks, and participating in aerobics, always keeping herself busy with the activities she loved. She also had a passion for gardening and took pleasure in tending to her plants and flowers.

One of Patricia's greatest joys was cooking. She loved experimenting with recipes and adding her own special touches to dishes from her favorite "Southern Living" cookbooks. Her quiche with bacon and cheese was a favorite, and she especially enjoyed Italian food and sweet treats, including ice cream, cookies, and brownies. Her love of cooking and sharing good food was one of the many ways she brought joy to those around her.

Above all, Patricia cherished her family and the special role she held as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her family will remember her for her many interests, her love of life, and the memories they shared together.

Patricia is survived by her daughter, Joanne Pantaleo (Robert); her stepson, Christopher Wehner (Marilyn); her grandson, Travis Seward; her great-grandchildren, Xander Seward, Axel Seward, and Delores Wehner; and her sister, Carol Haggerty.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carroll and Mary Doetzer; her first love, Joseph Seeberger; her last love, Charles Wehner; her son, Paul Seeberger; her daughter, Patti Seward; her grandson, Benjamin Seward; and her

brother, William Doetzer.

Family and friends are invited to a Mass being held in Patricia's memory at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Chincoteague on Friday, Oct. 23, at noon.

Patricia will be dearly missed by her family and all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her memory will live on through the love she shared and the many special moments she leaves behind.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew's Church by visiting <https://www.standrewci.com/giving.html>

George Ames

It is with heavy hearts that his family announces the passing of **Mr. George Francis Ames**, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who peacefully transitioned from this life on Oct. 13 in Chesapeake.

Born on March 30, 1940, in Townsend, George was a cornerstone of his community, cherished by all who

had the pleasure of knowing him.

George was the youngest of six siblings born to Liston and Olivia Ames. He was lovingly raised by his beloved sister, Irene Gunter, whom he cherished dearly. He was affectionately known as "Nookie" and "Boss Man."

In 1958, he married the love of his life, Annie Marie Ames, who predeceased him. Together, they shared 35 wonderful years and created a family filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. They enjoyed being together and working on home projects, traveling, dancing, and visiting family.

A celebration of George's life will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at noon at First Baptist Capeville, 25283 Charles M. Lankford Jr. Memorial Highway, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Gray's Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

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Obituaries

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Donald Blair

Mr. Donald R. Blair, 84, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Sept. 28, 2026.

Donald was the son of Alice Ferris Blair and Milton Edward Blair. He was a native of Norfolk and was retired from Ford Motor Company.



Mr. Blair

Donald served his country honorably as a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Donald was

predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Joan Blair; their son, Christen Ray Blair; and their daughter-in-law, Angie Blair.

Donald is survived by his son, Edward H. Blair; his daughter, Ginger Blair VanBuskirk and her husband, Stephen VanBuskirk; and two grandchildren, Elton VanBuskirk and Vanessa VanBuskirk.

A memorial service for Donald and his daughter-in-law, Angie Blair, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Cape Charles Cemetery in Cape Charles. Pastor Paul Oh will be officiating the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore in Donald's memory.

Condolences may be made at www.LovingFuneralHome.com

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Willie Moore, right, from the Sons of the American Legion Post 159, presents Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company President Alex Tucker a check for \$10,000 in support of the fire company's ongoing fundraising efforts for a new ladder truck.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 2

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election



BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS QUESTION 2

Present Law

Marriages, civil unions, and other legal relationships with the same rights, benefits, and effects of marriage between persons of the same sex or gender are prohibited under Virginia's Constitution. This prohibition is no longer enforceable as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* in 2015, but the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender remains in the state's Constitution. If the Supreme Court were to overturn its previous decision, that prohibition would be enforceable again.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment removes the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender from the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights. It is replaced with the fundamental right to marry, requiring the state to recognize and treat equally under the law any lawful marriage between two adult persons, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of either person. The proposed amendment prohibits the state from denying a marriage license to two adult persons because of their sex, gender, or race.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 15-A. Marriage.

~~That only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions~~ marriage is one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness.

~~This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage~~ deny the issuance of a marriage license to two adult persons seeking a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such persons. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall recognize any lawful marriage between two adult persons and treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons.

Angling action heats up as waters cool

As I anticipate the better fishing action will migrate southward from the Upper Tangier Sound and Chincoteague when the waters cool, my reporting will begin in the far south and flow into some of the

red hot action farther north.

Tyler Nestor, of Oceans East — Eastern Shore, reported again that small speckled trout, the first-year juveniles, were abundant with a few larger ones mixed in.



Don McGavock

He said big croaker and blowfish are around the ships and Kiptopeke pier and are being caught on Fishbites and shrimp on hi-lo rigs.

Nestor said flounder are being caught on bucktails and Berkley Gulp. He also reported small stripers being caught at night at Kiptopeke on minnows, cut mullet, and paddletail plastics.

Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait and Tackle, confirmed the abundance of small specks. He mentioned that he continues to get reports of good catches of flounder and sea bass offshore at the windmills.

I can personally report that Hunting Creek in the middle Chesapeake is producing 18- to 20-inch stripers. I used both Mirrorlures and small X-Rap lures.

Capt. Matt Abell, of Sea Hawk Sports Center, found some better stripers in the Upper Tangier Sound using topwater spook-style lures.

Abell said that black perch were also around and were caught not only on bloodworms and peelers, but also on light jigheads with the 2-inch curly-



COURTESY PHOTO

Mildred Ritter shows off the 47-inch red drum she landed off Chincoteague.

tails tipped with bloodworms. Abell commented that the relatively lightweight black perch were a ton of fun to catch and were very good to eat.

According to Abell, the seaside continued to have "some real action in the suds, sea bass and tog on the wrecks, and a few nice flounder inside the inlet." He reported that flounder fishing has been good around drains and structures like pilings and docks while drifting minnows and silver-sides or jigging Gulps.

Capt. George Guthridge III, of G3 Outdoor Adventures, got out to

the ocean wrecks on Tuesday, Oct. 13, with Jeff Price and James Stacey. The bite must have been good because they got their combined limit of sea bass, put 34 trigger fish in the box, and tagged an additional nine triggers.

Capt. Guthridge also recently fished the relatively calm waters of Chincoteague Bay and caught and "tagged young-of-the-year speckled trout as a volunteer for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program."

If you want to learn about the

VMRC program or want to become a tagging volunteer or you need to learn how to report the tagged fish you catch, go to the VMRC website and find the VGFTP, the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program.

You can learn how to participate in the science of fish conservation and find a simple, quick way to report the tagged fish you have caught.

Jimmy Vasiliou, of Capt. Steve's Bait and Tackle, reported that the

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COURTESY PHOTO

Capt. George Guthridge III, of G3 Outdoor Adventures, poses with his 200th tagged speckled trout.

Fishing

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end of the week saw several people getting their limit on flounder.

Vasiliou also reported that Mildred Ritter landed a 47-inch red drum Monday morning.

I texted Ritter the next morning while she was having breakfast to get the details on her catch. She said, “I used a frozen chunk of kingfish. The surf was angry, so I was chucking out 12-ounce lead. I found a deep pocket and chunked it

in — very close to the beach — wind wasn’t letting it go too far. Once she hooked up, it was the best fight — took me for a walk. I measured her with my rod. She was such a beauty. Of course, I kissed her.

“I was the only crazy one out there fishing this nor’easter, and this really nice man doing his morning workout named Alan took the picture. He even held my rod out of the water while I released the fish. It was a very cool moment.”

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.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

CROSS-COUNTRY

Jackets sweep meet

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, Nandua's Chloe Bacchi won the girls race and Arcadia's Gage Ross won the boys event in a cross-country tri-meet at Arcadia. Still, Northampton swept the boys and girls team titles over both the Warriors and Firebirds.

Bacchi won the girls race in 24:27, but Northampton racers placed second, third, and fourth to rack up the points — Scarlett Gallimore (2nd, 24:44), Renniah Rono (3rd, 25:26), and Sophie Tayloe (4th, 26:30). The Yellow Jackets finished with 27 team points, followed by the Warriors (30) and the Firebirds (81).

In the boys division, Ross completed the course in 18:45, 11 seconds ahead of Nandua's Danny Martinez-Chavez. But the Yellow Jackets had five of the top 10 finishers to take the team title with 28 points, followed by Arcadia (55) and Nandua (71).

Top-five finishers for each team earned points:

GIRLS — Northampton: Scarlett Gallimore (2nd, 24:44), Renniah Rono (3rd, 25:26), Sophie Tayloe (4th, 26:30), Izabella Rodriguez (6th, 28:42), and Eymi Escalante (12th, 34:23); **Nandua:** Chloe Bacchi (1st, 24:27), Mariana Morales-Escante (5th, 28:40), Grace Byelich (7th, 30:06), Briseida Martinez (8th, 31:17), and Kenna Lopez-Perez (9th, 31:59); **Arcadia:** Evely Morales (11th, 32:14), Abigail Richardson (16th, 42:42), Kimberlin Perez (17th, 43:17), Daniella Larreinaga (18th, 43:34), and Ashley Vasquez (19th, 44:32).

BOYS — Northampton: Santino Seckers (3rd, 19:35), Jayden Talbott (4th, 20:31), Carter Fox (6th, 21:04), Jacob Duffman (7th, 21:06), and Hudson Taylor (8th, 21:26); **Arcadia:** Gage Ross (1st, 18:45), Jhaffer Hernandez (12th, 22:35), Ezequiel Enriquez (13th, 22:37), Shabi Perez (14th, 22:53), and Reynaldo Juarez (15th, 23:08); **Nandua:** Danny Martinez-Chaves (2nd, 18:56), Josiah Wharton (5th,

20:51), Kevin Gutierrez (19th, 24:06), Erik Perez-Vicente (22nd, 24:21), and Aiden Eberts (23rd, 24:39).

FOOTBALL

C'teague 60, SH Academy 0

On Friday, Oct. 16, Camaury Davis only ran the ball eight times, but he had a total of 293 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Ponies past visiting Southampton Academy in 8-man football.

Also for Chincoteague (4-3), JDarius Davis threw for 86 yards and two touchdowns, one to Braedyn Ayres and one to Makoa Busquets. Also, Micah Bennicoff and Jakai Simon each ran for a score.

Defensively, the Ponies were led by Mikah Busquets (23 tackles, four for loss), Makoa Busquets (14 tackles), Simon (13 tackles, four for loss), and Cain Jagow (11 tackles), while Travis Johnson had an interception.

N'hampton 27, W. Point 12

On Friday, Oct. 16, Antoine White ran for 134 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Yellow Jackets to a win at West Point.

Lucas Kindt ran for 30 yards and a score, and Jacoby Williams ran for 33 yards as Northampton (2-3) had more than 200 yards rushing.

Top defensive players included Palmer Hubbard (14 tackles), Joshua Morgan (seven tackles), Justin Suarez (seven tackles), Kindt (six tackles), TraQuan Coston (six tackles), Williams (four tackles, one for loss), Rodrigo Panuco (three tackles, two for loss), and White (three tackles, one interception).

Kent County 42, Nandua 7

On Monday, Oct. 19, the Warriors (1-6) lost to visiting Kent County in a game postponed from earlier this season.

The Warriors had 119 total yards, led by Juelz Snead's 89 yards rushing and a touchdown.

Nandua's top tacklers were Ober-to Jean (seven tackles), Amio Destine (seven), Jared Phillips (five),

Benjamin Bonniwell (five), and Snead (five).

W'moreland 30, Arcadia 15

On Monday, Oct. 19, the Firebirds (3-4) lost to visiting Westmoreland in a game postponed from earlier this season.

Arcadia led, 15-14, after the first quarter but couldn't find the end zone again.

Na'Kahi Wilson led Arcadia on offense (75 yards rushing, one touchdown) and defense (10 tackles, one for loss).

Quarterback Carson Wallace ran for a score but had two passes picked off. Other defensive leaders included Jayden Henderson (10 tackles, 1.5 for loss), Alexander Taylor (nine tackles, 0.5 for loss), and Malachi Palmer (six tackles).

BSH 44, Broadwater 0

On Friday, Oct. 16, the Vikings were shut out at Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot in an 8-man game.

Broadwater did not report any stats.

Col. Rich. 30, Nandua 0

On Thursday, Oct. 15, the Warriors could not find the end zone in a loss at Colonel Richardson.

Juelz Snead rushed for 99 yards, and Zion Smith ran for 55 to lead the Nandua offense.

Smith also led the Warrior defense with five tackles and three fumble recoveries.

Other defensive leaders included Amio Destine (seven tackles), Snead (six tackles), and Oberto Jean (six tackles), while Isaac Parker had an interception.

VOLLEYBALL

Atlantic Shores 3, BA 0

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, the Vikings lost to the homestanding Seahawks, 22-25, 18-25, 18-25.

Broadwater was led by Caroline Caison (20 assists, 12 digs), Miranda Smith (six kills, six digs), Tatum Watson (five kills, eight digs), Hayden Cornish (four kills, four blocks), Rylee Hall (five kills,

13 digs), and Emmalene Trower (10 digs).

Nandua 3, Chincoteague 0

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, Emmalee Blake's 25 assists and four digs led the Warriors at Chincoteague, 25-18, 25-19, 27-25.

Jordyn Daley added three aces for Nandua.

Chincoteague's leaders included Marley Kinard (five kills), Amaya Griffin (three kills, three aces), Gracie Royall (three kills), and Abby Dosch (seven assists).

Northampton 3, Arcadia 0

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, KeAsia Doughty and Tegan Gerber had six aces each to lead the Jackets at Arcadia, 25-12, 25-14, 25-17.

Other top Northampton performers included Brelyn Coates (five aces, six assists), Kylie Vergara (three aces, four kills, four digs), Lillian Scott (four kills, three digs), Ruby Buck (three kills), Ashley Zodun (three kills), Dani Fonseca (seven assists), and Cassiddy Mahaffee (six digs).

Arcadia's top players were Kinsley Palmer (three kills), Sa'Miyah McKyer (three aces), Hayden Fosque (three aces, four blocks, four digs), Janiyah Taylor (five aces, three kills, three blocks, eight digs), Carly-Rae Vermeal (20 digs, four aces), Iris Snead (four blocks, five digs, three kills), Jaden Clark (13 digs), Turaja Giddens (nine digs), Julie Winans (six digs), and Daniela Larreinaga (10 digs).

Windsor 3, Northampton 1

On Monday, Oct. 19, the Jackets fell to visiting Windsor, 18-25, 25-23, 17-25, 22-25.

Top performers for Northampton included Lillian Scott (nine kills, three aces, six digs), Sophia Cantwell (six kills, three aces, five digs), Grace Smith (three kills, six digs), Kylie Vergara (four aces, six digs, six assists), and Brelyn Coates (11 assists, five digs).

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Roundup

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Broadwater 3, Nandua 0

On Monday, Oct. 19, Tatum Watson's 12 kills and 12 digs led the Vikings at Nandua, 25-11, 25-16, 25-10.

Other top scorers for BA included Caroline Caison (23 assists, 14 digs, five aces, three kills), Rylee Hall (five kills, five aces, 18 digs), Miranda Smith (five kills), Hayden Cornish (four kills), and Emmalene Trower (five aces, 16 digs).

Nandua's leaders included Emmalee Blake (17 assists), Ikerya Byrd (eight assists), Jordyn Daley (seven assists), and Nahkiya Whaley (three blocks, three digs).

StoneBridge 3, BA 0

On Friday, Oct. 16, the Vikings were shut out by visiting StoneBridge, 18-25, 16-25, 15-25.

Top performers for Broadwater included Miranda Smith (three kills, four blocks), Tatum Watson (four kills, seven digs), Caroline Caison (13 assists, 13 digs), and Mariah Moore (four kills, five digs).

Mathews 3, Northampton 0

On Friday, Oct. 16, the Yellow Jackets fell to visiting Mathews, 15-25, 16-25, 14-25.

Northampton's leaders were Lilian Scott (five kills, four digs), KeAsia Doughty (four kills, five digs), Tegan Gerber (three kills), Grace Smith (10 digs), Brelyn Coates (10 assists, three digs), and Sophia Cantwell (10 digs).

Chincoteague 3, Arcadia 1

On Thursday, Oct. 15, Marley Kinard's six kills and 10 aces led the Ponies over the visiting Firebirds, 28-26, 23-25, 25-14, 25-18.

Other leaders for Chincoteague included Amaya Griffin (five kills, four aces) and Ginny Sawyer (three kills, three aces).

Top players for Arcadia included Kinsley Palmer (five aces), Sa'Miyah McKyer (three aces), Hayden Fosque (six aces, four blocks, four kills, 10 digs), Janiyah Taylor (nine aces, six kills, five blocks, 12 digs, five assists), Carly-Rae

Vermeal (31 digs, five assists, 10 aces), Iris Snead (four blocks, 10 digs, five kills), Jaden Clark (18 digs, four kills, three blocks), Turaja Giddens (11 digs), and Julie Winans (10 digs).

Atlantic Shores 3, BA 2

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, the Vikings won the first two sets but then dropped three straight in a tough loss to the visiting Seahawks, 25-21, 25-22, 22-25, 17-25, 12-15.

Top scorers for Broadwater included Tatum Watson (five kills, three aces, 12 digs), Miranda Smith (five kills, six blocks), Rylee Hall (five kills, five aces, 16 digs), Hayden Cornish (five kills), Caroline Caison (24 digs, 19 assists, three kills, three aces), and Emmalene Trower (15 digs, six assists).

GOLF

HG 192, S'bury School 252

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, Will Donovan shot a school-record 40 over nine holes to lead Holly Grove Christian School to the win at Eagle's Landing Golf Course in Berlin, Md.

Other scorers for Holly Grove, which finished the season at 5-1, were Will Dize (45), Levin Brittingham (46), and Bradley Chatham (47).

BOYS SOCCER

Holly Grove's season ends

On Monday, Oct. 19, Holly Grove Christian School's boys soccer team's run came to an end in the Delaware Valley Christian Athletic Conference (DVCAC) semifinals, with a 5-1 loss at Salisbury Christian.

Parker Benton scored the lone goal for the Eagles (5-9), while Luke Bromley had 12 saves.

On Thursday, Oct. 15, Benton, Liam Maulik, and Bobby Smith each scored a goal to lead the Eagles to a 3-0 win over visiting Greenwood Mennonite in the DVCAC quarterfinals. Roni Varjas added an assist, and Bromley had eight saves.

FIELD HOCKEY

D'marva Christian 2, HG 1

On Thursday, Oct. 15, the Eagles fell, 2-1, to the visiting Royals.

BETA ALPHA PI ZETA MARKS DECADE OF SERVICE



COURTESY PHOTO

The Beta Alpha Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., was recognized for a decade of service at the Oct. 13 regular meeting of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors. The Beta Alpha Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., marked 10 years of dedicated service to the Northampton County community. Established on Oct. 16, 2016, this chapter has consistently upheld the core principles of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood, which are the foundations of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE OCT. 23 TO OCT. 30

FRIDAY, 10/23

Football

Nandua at Arcadia, 6 p.m.
Snow Hill at Northampton, 7 p.m.
Broadwater at Rappahannock County, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, 10/26

Volleyball

Northampton at King & Queen Central, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10/27

Volleyball

Arcadia at Hopewell, 5:30 p.m.
Broadwater Academy at Nandua, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/29

Boys & Girls Cross-Country

Broadwater Academy at Norfolk Academy, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 10/30

Football

Arcadia at Northampton, 7 p.m.
West Point at Nandua, 6 p.m.

Volleyball

Mathews at Arcadia, 6:30 p.m.

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

‘This team is like family to me’

Arcadia’s volleyball squad has lost 48 straight games — but players found something more meaningful than wins

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

Vince Lombardi was wrong. The legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers allegedly once said, “Winning isn’t everything; it’s the only thing.”

The young ladies on Arcadia High School’s volleyball team would beg to differ.

Many of them have been playing together for years and they love each other like family. The seniors are already talking about staying in touch with teammates after graduation, still almost eight months away.

Jaden Clark wells up just thinking about it.

“Over the past four or five years I’ve been playing with these girls, I’ve made friendships that will last,” she says, her voice cracking. “This team is like family to me.”

Such feelings are not unusual for high school seniors, particularly athletes who have shared the unique bond of being teammates.

But for Arcadia’s volleyball players, those emotions carry even more gravitas, given their situation: They haven’t won a game in more than two years.

Heading into Thursday night’s contest against Nandua, the Firebirds had lost 48 straight games.

Their last win came on Aug. 27, 2024, the first game of that season. They lost the next 16 straight, then went 0-16 last year, and were 0-16 this year heading into the game against the rival Warriors.

But this is where they prove Lombardi wrong. These girls are finding true joy on the journey.

“I try to keep a positive attitude through it all,” says senior co-captain Janiyah Taylor. “We know we can do better, but we also know we’re not doing anything bad. Sometimes it just came down to a simple mistake.



Jaden Clark, Janiyah Taylor, and Sa'Miyah McKyer and their teammates have lost 48 straight volleyball games. So why are they all smiles? “Winning a game doesn’t matter as much to me as it does being part of the team,” Clark said.

“I try to stay positive, too,” adds junior co-captain Sa'Miyah McKyer. She admits that sometimes the losses “get in my head, but I just look to my teammates or my coach, and they’ll tell me I’m not doing anything wrong. And honestly, it helps. I just have to believe in myself.”

Their coach, Jabrea White, is in

her fourth year at the helm, so she’s been along for the ride the whole time. And she’s their biggest cheerleader, a vocal encourager from the sidelines.

“I call out their names to get them to look at me,” she says. “And I’ll let them know, hey, you’re fine, you’re doing good.”

White says her goals for the team are simply to improve a little each game, “but even in the losses, I want them to gain self-confidence. I don’t want them to lose their self-esteem.

“I try to get them to see the good in everything, even in a loss. There can still be victory in a loss. Team sports are always great for that — building friendships, building bonds with each other, that’s my main focus.

“I tell them at the beginning of each season, we’re all a family, and y’all are like my adopted daughters for the next three months. That’s how I want them to feel.”

When White senses the team getting down, she reaches into her psychological bag of tricks to lift them up. Each player has her own “love language,” but one particular tactic always works: She tells them to say “Mitsubishi” three times real fast.

“You can’t say ‘Mitsubishi’ without smiling,” White says. Clark, McKyer, and Taylor all nod in agreement, chuckling.

Still, the girls can’t help but wonder what might have been. They finished first in the Eastern Shore District in 2023 and just assumed the wins would keep coming.

“It’s taken a little toll on me,” Taylor admits. “We’ve had the pieces in place, but we just couldn’t get it to work.”

Clark agrees that the losses have been hard, but she is quick to note that no one has quit: “We all keep coming back every year.”

“Even though we haven’t won,” Clark continues, “we still have our laughs and giggles. Winning a game doesn’t matter as much to me as it does being part of the team.

“When we make mistakes, we just laugh them off. That’s what helps me find joy. The losses aren’t taking away the fun. We’re all still playing a game that we love.”

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Man offers free counseling to get required hours

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Jeff Gosda moved to the Eastern Shore three years ago from Portland, Ore., because he wanted to get away from city life and live close to the water.

Gosda, who now calls Eastville home, thinks he is here to stay, but the reason is deeper than just proximity to the coast and small-town living.

Gosda has a longstanding interest and background in helping others, having worked jobs from teaching English as a Second Language to helping former convicts and their families adjust to life outside of prison.

Now, in this new chapter, Gosda is a student intern in counseling. He also is earning a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling Adams State

To inquire

To inquire about free counseling sessions with Jeff Gosda, contact him at Obsidian Counseling and Wellness Center in Norfolk at 757-995-1833.

Gosda accepts without hesitation people of all backgrounds and walks of life for completely free counseling.

University.

"I really wanted to help people and work with them," he said.

Since moving to the Eastern Shore, Gosda has come to love how tightly knit it is and how important connections among people are here. It is a community he very much wants to be a part of and contribute to.

Gosda said he understands that op-

tions for counseling and therapy on the Eastern Shore are limited. He said while they do exist, there are often long wait times.

Gosda currently is a student intern in counseling at Obsidian Counseling and Wellness Center in Norfolk, and he needs 600 unpaid hours of experience in counseling for his degree, so he is reaching out to Eastern Shore residents for help — in exchange for his help.

Gosda accepts without hesitation people of all backgrounds and walks of life for completely free counseling through him and Obsidian Counseling and Wellness Center.

Gosda hopes to one day open his own counseling office on the Eastern Shore.

He has always wanted to help people in difficult situations, which was cemented for him when he worked for

Phoenix Rising Transitions in Oregon. There, he worked in a prison with inmates who were soon to be released.

During this time he helped people whose families had completely abandoned them rebuild their lives — sometimes he would see the people he worked with out in public.

Former inmates, now with families and homes of their own, thanked Gosda for helping them through tough times and said thinking of the work Gosda did with them kept them on the right path.

"That was incredibly powerful for me," Gosda said.

Gosda will now offer his help and expertise in a different format and on a different coast, but his services are still available to anyone who needs them.

"I figure, maybe this is why I ended up here," Gosda said about finding his purpose on the Eastern Shore.

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Ideas sought for Davis Center at anniversary event

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Davis Center in Whitesville, near Parksley, is celebrating its five-year anniversary Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m.

The event, which is free to attend, will celebrate the anniversary and provide a forum to offer ideas and discussion of how to improve the community center and keep it operating well into the future, said Aya Ofunniyin, executive director and board chair of the Davis Center.

The Davis Center, named after Ofunniyin’s grandfather Willie “Bill” Davis Sr., opened in 2021 to offer services to children and adults living in and around Whitesville. Davis once owned the building.

The Davis Center, which operates entirely on donations, hosts Eastern Shore organizations for meetings, senior game days, and more, and it is

Anniversary

The Davis Center’s five-year anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, beginning at 2 p.m., at the facility, located at 23531 Parks St., Whitesville, near Parksley.

able to be booked for private events. The historic building also now contains a library with a curated collection of books by Black authors.

Ofunniyin said the building was built in the 1950s by her grandfather, Davis, for her grandmother to operate a restaurant in.

Later, Davis operated a pool hall in the building, and then it sat vacant for years until Davis’ granddaugh-



COURTESY PHOTO

The fifth anniversary of the Davis Center will be held Saturday, Oct. 24.

ters restored it for use as a community center.

The building used to be one of many businesses in Whitesville, which included a movie theater, a grocery store, a school, a dance hall, and more during segregated times.

Now the building that houses the Davis Center is one of the only ones still standing from then.

In order to keep the Davis Center going, organizers ask attendees to bring their ideas for what the Davis Center could offer.



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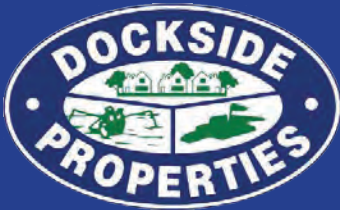


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Bring your spooky story to Oct. 23 Exmore event

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Do you think you have a spooky story worthy of an audience?

You'll want to grab a lawn chair and a blanket and head to the Exmore Town Park on the night of Friday, Oct. 23.

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the park, there will be a haunted story hour for spooky stories to be told and heard.

The event is being set up by Exmore resident Amanda Lowery, who wanted to set up an event to get people in the spirit of Halloween, but also bring them together.

"I think stories are a unifying thing," she said, before recalling an

experience she had when she was in college.

During a fall break, she and some other students opted to not go home.

Those who stayed ended up sitting in a circle in the dorm telling stories, some real, some not so real.

Lowery is chasing a campfire stories-type vibe at the gathering, which is open to everyone to attend, to listen, and tell stories.

Two vendors have shown interest in attending the event, and plenty of sweets will be available.

With Halloween about a week away, you might want to make sure your costume is ready and that your scary stories are, too. Just make sure they are both child-friendly if you attend.

Naomi Makemie hosting pre-election service

Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church in Onancock will host "Gathering in Hope: A Pre-Election Service of Unity" on Monday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m.

It will be a special service of quiet reflection, prayer, and music. It is open to everyone no matter their political affiliation, background, or perspective.

The church is located at 89 Market St., Onancock.

WasteWatchers essay contest is open

WasteWatchers of the Eastern Shore invites all students, kindergarten through 12th grade, to participate in its annual essay contest.

Participants will write a 30-second radio ad on the prompt for the appropriate grade level.

AI submissions will not be accepted. Submissions should end with "I'm (your name) and I'm a Waste Watcher."

The prompt for grades K-5 is: "What do you do to reduce, reuse, or recycle plastic bags?"

The prompt for grades 6-12 is: "What do you do to reduce, reuse, or recycle plastic bags? What suggestions do you have to eliminate the bags?"

To participate, write your grade, name, and phone or email across the top. Send your submission to WasteWatchers.ESVA@gmail.com before Oct. 31.

Sisters of the Heart Pow Wow set for Nov. 14-15

The Sisters of the Heart Pow Wow will be held on Nov. 14 and 15 at 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City

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CHINCOTEAGUE

Library hosting author talk

Holiday concert scheduled

PARKSLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971 HOLDS REUNION



COURTESY PHOTO

The Parksley High School Class of 1971 held its 55th reunion. Pictured from left are Sheila Shrieves, Debbie Belote, Kathy Crowson, C. W. Godwin, Mickey Annis Wright, Ruth Ann Drummond Nickerson, Ellen Justis Hudgins, Bonnie Parks McJilton, Ann Walker Rolander, Teresa West Smith, Emily Lewis Routzong, Steve Young, and Frank Russell II.

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Chincoteague graduate featured in publication

Dale Spilker, a graduate of Chincoteague Combined School, is featured in the Virginia School Boards Association’s 2026 Products of Public Education publication.

This special publication celebrates the students and alumni of Virginia’s public schools and highlights the many ways public education helps prepare individuals to make meaningful contributions to their communities, the commonwealth, and beyond.

Spilker is featured in the publication for demonstrating the impact career and technical education can have on students who may not initially see their own potential.

Through mentorships, hands-on learning, and opportunity, public education helped shape Spilker, who once struggled academically, into an educator dedicated to helping others find confidence, purpose, and success.

Originally, welding was simply a second-choice program. At the time, his interest in the trade came from wanting to build skateboarding obstacles for himself and his friends. However, once Spilker entered the welding classroom, he met his welding instructor, who immediately

saw potential in him that he had never recognized in himself.

“We are incredibly grateful for Mr. Spilker and the impact he has made as a true homegrown educator,” said Gennifer Miller, superintendent of Accomack County Public Schools. “His success reflects not only his passion for welding and technical education, but also his deep commitment to helping students discover their potential and become the very best versions of themselves. Whether he is teaching skills in the welding classroom or offering guidance that shapes character, confidence, and work ethic, Mr. Spilker inspires students to succeed both in and out of the classroom. He is a tremendous asset to our school division and a wonderful example of the lasting difference a dedicated teacher can make in the lives of students and the community he calls home.”

The Products of Public Education publication showcases individuals from public school divisions across Virginia who demonstrate the lasting impact of public education. Spilker is one of 14 people featured in this year’s publication.

Orchestra names new conductor

The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore announced Alexander Chen as the new conductor for the 2026/2027 concert season. Chen, a Taiwanese-American conductor and cellist, brings a wealth of skill, professional experience, and passion to his work.

He has a steadfast belief in music’s ability to inspire, connect, and build community across generations.

Chen currently serves as the assistant conductor of the Augusta Symphony in Georgia and is a regular presence at the Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

An active educator, Chen serves as orchestra director at Batten University, where he leads the growing orchestral program.

He is also a sought-after guest at institutions such as Old Dominion University, The Governor’s School for the Arts, Bay Youth Orchestra, and Peninsula Youth Orchestra.

Town of Belle Haven, Virginia

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RESTRICTION ON KEEPING OF INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES ON RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND THE REMOVAL OF SUCH VEHICLES

Public hearing will be on November 3rd, 2026, at 7PM at the ESO Arts Center

WHEREAS, pursuant to 15.2-904 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and the general police powers of the Town to abate nuisances and protect the public health, safety, and welfare a Town may adopt an ordinance to provide for the removal of inoperable motor vehicles, etc. on residential or commercial property.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent the accumulation of inoperable motor vehicles which constitute a public nuisance, create health and safety hazards, diminish property values, and contribute to neighborhood blight.

2. Definitions

“Inoperable motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, as defined in 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, which:

- (a) Is not in operating condition; or
- (b) Does not display valid license plates; or
- (c) Does not display a valid inspection decal or displays an inspection decal expired for more than sixty (60) days; or
- (d) Has been partially or totally disassembled for a period exceeding sixty (60) days.

3. Prohibition

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or permit the keeping of any inoperable motor vehicle on any property zoned or used for residential or commercial purposes within the Town, unless such vehicle is:

- (a) Kept within a fully enclosed building; or
- (b) Shielded or screened from public view by means of fencing, vegetation, or other approved screening.

4. Exceptions

This ordinance shall not apply to:

- (a) Licensed businesses lawfully engaged in the sale, storage, or repair of motor vehicles;
- (b) One (1) additional inoperable motor vehicle being actively restored or repaired, provided it is screened from view.

5. Notice of Violation

Upon determination that a violation exists, the Town shall provide written notice to:

- (a) The owner of the property; and
- (b) The owner of the vehicle, if reasonably ascertainable.

Such notice shall:

- (a) Identify the nature of the violation;
- (b) Specify corrective action required;
- (c) Provide not less than fifteen (15) days to remedy the violation; and
- (d) Inform the recipient of the right to request an administrative review.

6. Administrative Review

Any person receiving notice may request, in writing within ten (10) days, an administrative hearing before the Town or its designated agent.

No removal action shall be taken until the time to request a hearing has expired or, if a hearing is requested, until a determination has been issued.

7. Removal of Vehicle

If the violation is not corrected within the time provided, and after compliance with Section 7, the Town may enter upon the property and remove the inoperable motor vehicle.

Such entry shall be limited to that reasonably necessary to effect removal.

8. Disposition of Vehicle

Any vehicle removed pursuant to this ordinance shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable provisions of state law governing abandoned or junk vehicles.

9. Recovery of Costs

The reasonable costs incurred by the Town in the removal and disposition of any vehicle may be recovered from:

- (a) The owner of the vehicle; and/or
- (b) The owner of the property.

Such costs shall constitute a civil charge owed to the Town. In the event such costs remain unpaid, they may be collected in the same manner as local taxes are collected, as permitted by applicable law.

10. Lien

Any unpaid costs assessed against the owner of the property from which the vehicle was removed shall constitute a lien against such property.

11. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

12. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.



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Shore History awarded VA250 grant

Virginia Humanities, the state's humanities council, announced \$165,844 in additional VA250 grants to 19 non-profit cultural organizations, including Shore History.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society was awarded \$9,995 for a two-day living history event at Ker Place in Onancock.

The event brought Revolutionary-era Virginia history to life through reenactments, historic interpreters, demonstrations, and hands-on educational activities.

The Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission was established by the General Assembly in 2020 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the independence of the United States.

The story of America's founding didn't end on July 4, 1776. VA250 reflects the next chapter of this commemoration, telling the story of how independence was fought for and ultimately won, while reminding Americans of Virginia's central role in building our nation.

"By understanding our past, we better understand who we are and the responsibilities we share in shaping our nation's future," said Carly Fiorina, national honorary chair of the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission.

In total, more than 84 museums, libraries, historic sites, and cultural organizations received VA250 grants from Virginia Humanities over four grant cycles between 2023 and 2026.

NORTHAMPTON

Lecture planned at Caserta Farm

The Northampton Historic Preservation Society is hosting a Lecture on the Lawn by David Scott at Caserta Farm in Eastville.

In addition to the history and reconstruction of Caserta, Scott will discuss the other historic homes on Old Town Neck — Oak Grove, Westover, and Pembroke — as well as the significance of Old Town Neck to the town of Eastville and Northampton County.

Attendees should bring a lawn chair to enjoy the lecture in comfort.

Following the lecture, the Northampton Historic Preservation Society will hold its annual meeting to report on activities and the organization's financial position. There will also be a vote on the slate of officers and directors for 2027. Only society members will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

Light refreshments will be served, including Brunswick stew

by Amy Brandt, along with wine and cheese. The cost is \$25 per person.

All attendees at the lecture are invited to enjoy the refreshments and to attend the meeting.

There will be a silent auction throughout the afternoon featuring a two-volume set of "Virginia's Eastern Shore" by Ralph T. Whitelaw and other desirable items.

To attend the meeting and enjoy the refreshments, purchase a tickets by Oct. 30 at <https://tinyurl.com/54khbauw>

Attendees may attend just the lecture. The suggested donation is \$10.

Caserta Farm is located on Caserta Drive in Eastville.

Directions to the house are as follows: At the north end of Business Route 13 in Eastville, take Old Town Neck Drive for 1 mile to Caserta Drive on the right. Follow Caserta Drive to Caserta House.

TRAVIS SPEAKS TO CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN



COURTESY PHOTO

Butch Travis, right, accepts a gift for being the speaker at the recent Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association meeting from association President Rhudy Naylor, left. Travis has coached at various levels, including high school, middle school, recreational league, travel, and Little League teams for the past 56 years. He spoke on the need for Christian men to be active in their faith and live it every day.

Chincoteague museum now seeking photos

The Museum of Chincoteague Island is calling for entries for its Chincoteague Today photo wall. The community can submit original, high quality 2026 JPG photographs for the 2027 Chincoteague Today exhibit to Staff@museumofci.org by Dec. 15.

Photos should highlight Chincoteague's culture, traditions, and heritage. All amateur photographers are welcome. Photos must have been taken on Chincoteague or the Virginia side of Assateague Island.

ESCC to hold chess tournament

The Eastern Shore Community College Chess Club is hosting a Halloween chess tournament on Oct. 31.

The tournament will be held in the Great Hall of the Workforce Development Center. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

Registration for the event closes at 10 p.m. on Oct. 30. To register email Christina Duffman at cduffman@es.vccs.edu or Ralph Lopez at execdir@easternshorechess.org.

Membership in the United States Chess Federation is required. Membership can be applied for at new.uschess.org

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

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

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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.**

FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a full-time custodian. The primary duty of this position is to clean and maintain County-owned facilities. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Requires high school diploma, GED or vocational training, and a valid Virginia driver's license.

Pay Range: \$32,776 - \$44,746 per year

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements, and application form, or an application can be obtained through the Human Resources office.

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

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Help Wanted

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Solid Waste Facility Manager I or II
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What You'll Do

In this dynamic role, you'll combine technical expertise with hands-on fieldwork and administrative responsibilities. Key duties include:

- Ensuring compliance with environmental and health regulations
- Providing technical guidance and regulatory support
- Assisting with environmental inspections and groundwater remediation
- Conducting staff training on regulator and operational requirements
- Supporting landfill permitting, billing, and receipt processing
- Managing landfill leachate operations, including the operation and maintenance of the County's Leachate Treatment Facility

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma or GED
- Five (5) to nine (9) years' previous experience and/or training that includes heavy equipment operation, maintenance, repair, and managing solid waste operations
- Equivalent combination of education, training, and experience

Preferred Qualifications

- Associate degree or higher and/or vocational/technical certification in maintenance and repair, medium or heavy equipment operation
- Ten (10) or more years of previous experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience
- Or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience
- Waste Management Facility Operator License (Class I & II)

Employment Requirements

- Satisfactory completion of a background check
- Medical exam including drug screening
- DMV records checks are required prior to employment and annually thereafter.

Apply Now!

The job description is available for review. Electronic applications are preferred, but paper applications are accepted if complete. **The position is open until filled with the review of applications beginning on Thursday, October 29, 2026.**

For questions, or to request accommodation, please contact: Human Resources, 757-787-5705 or AskHR@co.accomack.va.us

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ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Regulatory Compliance Technician
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What You'll Do

In this dynamic role, you'll combine technical expertise with hands-on fieldwork and administrative responsibilities. Key duties include:

- Ensuring compliance with environmental and health regulations
- Providing technical guidance and regulatory support
- Assisting with environmental inspections and groundwater remediation
- Conducting staff training on regulator and operational requirements
- Supporting landfill permitting, billing, and receipt processing
- Managing landfill leachate operations, including the operation and maintenance of the County's Leachate Treatment Facility

Minimum Qualifications

- Associate degree in a technical field such as environmental science, wastewater treatment, chemistry, biology, or a related discipline
- One to four (1 to 4) years of experience in industrial wastewater operations
- Equivalent combination of education, training, and experience

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in environmental science, wastewater treatment, chemistry, biology, or a related field
- Five (5) or more years of experience in industrial wastewater operations
- Equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
- Current Wastewater Works Operator License (Class 4)
- Waste Management Facility Operator License (Class I & II)

Employment Requirements

- Satisfactory completion of a background check
- Medical exam including drug screening
- DMV records checks are required prior to employment and annually thereafter.

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What You'll Do

In this role, you'll work individually while driving trucks and heavy equipment while also working as a team to ensure tasks complete and deadlines are met. Key duties include:

- Driving a variety of trucks such as roll-off trucks, tractor/trailer trucks, and dump trucks
- Operating a variety of heavy equipment, such as loaders, excavators, and dozers, portable power equipment, and hand tools
- Employees in this classification perform skilled and manual work.

Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED; supplemented by one (1) to two (2) years' previous experience and/or training involving the operation of heavy automotive equipment
- An equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.
- Possession of a Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement.

Apply Now!

The job description is available for review. Electronic applications are preferred, but paper applications can be obtained from the County's website at <http://www.co.accomack.va.us> and will be accepted if complete. **The position is open until filled with the review of applications beginning on Thursday, October 29, 2026.**

For questions, or to request accommodation, please contact: Human Resources, 757-787-5705 or AskHR@co.accomack.va.us

Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.



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

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

EOE M/F/D/V

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

Help Wanted

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Accountant for Financial Software Projects
Full-Time with benefits | Open Until Filled
Salary: \$55,804 to \$72,545 (based on experience)

Do you have a passion for numbers and financial software projects, particularly ERP systems? Accomack County is seeking a detail-oriented Accountant for Financial Software Projects to play a key role in the successful implementation of its new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. This position combines hands-on financial analysis with financial software implementation, requiring strong accounting expertise, analytical skills, and attention to detail to support a smooth system transition.

What You'll Do

In this dynamic role, you'll combine technical expertise with a hands-on role in financial projects and administrative responsibilities. Key duties include:

- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies and internal financial controls
- Planning, coordinating and overseeing financial projects
- Ensuring successful implementation of the County's Enterprise Resource Planning System
- Collaborating with internal and external departments, vendors, consultants, and stakeholders
- Reviewing financial transactions, processes, and internal controls
- Promoting compliance, accuracy, accountability, and operational efficiency

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or related field
- Equivalent combination of education, training, and experience
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, particularly Excel, including pivot table, formulas, and advanced features

Preferred Qualifications

- Two (2) or more years' experience with local government budgeting and regulatory requirements
- Experience with ERP systems
- Understanding of comprehensive budget preparation, audits, and financial presentations

Employment Requirements

- Satisfactory completion of a background check and drug screening

Apply Now!

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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.

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HELP WANTED

CASE MANAGER

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nolimitsbraininjuryservices.com/employment-now-hiring/

MAINTENANCE WORKER III (ELECTRICAL, HVAC, PLUMBING)

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

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

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

Starting pay will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

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

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

Northampton County is an EOE.

TOWN OF ONLEY CHIEF OF POLICE

The Town of Onley Police Department has an immediate opening for a Chief of Police. The successful candidate should be DCJS-certified. This is a full-time position with a full benefits package. Salary range for the position is \$68,000 - \$72,000.

A complete job description and application are available at www.townofonley.org

Applications and resumes should be addressed to Jamye Salazar, Town Manager, 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA 23418.

The Town of Onley is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



By Lucie Winborne

* The origin of the phrase "to put someone on hold" was Alexander Graham Bell handing his telephone to his partner, Mr. Watson, and saying, "Here, hold."

* There are 86 LEGO bricks for every person on Earth.

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Boats (cont.)



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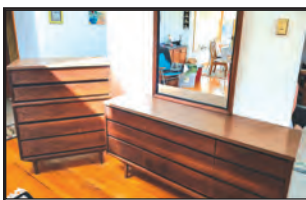
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Legal Ads

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Derek and Kathleen Fairchild (VMRC #2026-1622) are requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct 64 linear feet of new bulkhead, a maximum of two feet channelward of the existing, and to construct a 30-foot long by 10-foot wide stone breakwater adjacent to property serving 3401 Blackbeard Road situated along Chincoteague Bay in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2026-1622) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>

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

Legal Ads

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

TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPEAL OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DECISION

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public
hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the
Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive
public comment on the following:

A. Application from Jimmie Darden appealing a decision
from the Zoning Administrator dated August 12, 2026,
which provided a Zoning Determination concerning 610
& 612 Peach Street that stated:

i. This letter is provided pursuant to Town Code Section
32-104(e)(3) to explain the basis for the Town's denial
of your Short-Term Rental (STR) applications.

The applicant is seeking to operate two short-term
rentals.

Said appeal application is authorized pursuant to
Cape Charles Town Code Section 32-43. This property
is located in the Residential – 1 (R-1) Zoning District.

B. Application from Andrew Wilkins Sears and Jacqueline
Lee Sears appealing a decision from the Zoning
Administrator dated September 15, 2026, which
provided a Zoning Determination concerning 520
Strawberry Street that stated:

i. The Zoning Administrator has denied this Application
for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation
of two 8' x 8' (64 square feet) accessory structures and
the placement of loose gravel. The decision was based
on the Cape Charles Town Code Sections 32-71(e), 32-
91(e)(6), and 32-189.

The applicant is seeking to install two accessory
structures and loose gravel on the lot.

Said appeal application is authorized pursuant to
Cape Charles Town Code Section 32-43. This property
is located in the Residential – 1 (R-1) Zoning District.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting immediately
following the public hearing to consider the applications. The
applicants and supporting documentation are available for
public review on our website at www.capecharles.org

Please contact the Town Manager and Interim Zoning
Administrator, Rick Keuroglian, at 757-331-3259 x12
or by email at townmanager@capecharles.org if you have
questions or need additional information. If you plan to
attend and need special assistance, please contact the
Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 12, 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. 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.

B. 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.

C. CUSE-000149-2026 Town of Chincoteague Municipal
Well Field

Request for a Conditional Use Permit under Section 106-
54(6) of the Accomack County Code for the installation
of a public water facility on tax map parcels 28-A-73B &
25-5-1 to 6. The site contains 31.89 acres and is located
approximately 600 feet east of the intersection of
Chincoteague and Wallops Neck Roads. The use will be
controlled by the zoning ordinance regulations. The 2018
Comprehensive Plan recommends Agricultural.

D. Certain proposed amendments to Chapter 78 of the
Accomack County Code, entitled "Subdivisions," by
amending section 78-13 thereof, and making any necessary
or correlating amendments thereto, to change the criteria
under which unapproved divisions of land may be validated
by eliminating the requirement for a subdivision plat to be
submitted to and approved by the County.

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
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PARKING LOT RESTORATION AND RESEALING – CAPE CHARLES DOCKS

The Town of Cape Charles, Virginia, is soliciting sealed
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Cape Charles Docks.

Sealed bids will be received at Town Hall, 412 Tazewell
Avenue, Cape Charles, Virginia 23310, until **2:00 PM
local prevailing time on Monday, November 16, 2026**,
at which time all bids received will be publicly opened
and read aloud.

An Invitation for Bids (IFB) package may be obtained
from the Town's website at www.capecharles.org under
Bid Opportunities or picked up in person at Town Hall.

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any bid, as permitted by applicable law. Bids received after
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TOWN OF ONLEY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/BIDS FROM LICENSED & INSURED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

The Town of Onley is seeking proposals/bids from
responsible licensed and insured solid waste collection
companies to perform garbage pickup for the Town of
Onley, Virginia.

A bid package can be picked up from the Onley Town
Office, 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA. Sealed
proposals/ bids will be accepted at the Onley Town Office,
25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA, or by mail at P.O.
Box 622, Onley, VA 23418 until Monday, November 2,
2026, at 5 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Jamye Salazar at
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, to consider and to hear public comments on two cases.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with site visits to the affected properties in the order in which the cases are listed below. The Board will reconvene at or around 10:15 AM that same morning in Board Chambers in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting public hearings.

APPEAL 2026-01: Derrick & Penelope Kinsey have appealed the County's Zoning Administrator's decision rendered on August 10, 2026, revoking the principal structure's nonconforming use status to operate as an Oyster Watchhouse because of discontinued use for more than two years. No credible counterevidence was submitted. The property is located at 19489 Robin Hood Road, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 75-3-B2.

BUFFER EXCEPTION 2026-02: Thomas Fouracre & Susan Bennett are applying for a buffer exception. They are constructing a 20-foot x 24-foot one-story addition to an existing Single-Family Residence. The applicants are requesting approximately 480 square-foot area of encroachment into the buffer. The property is located at 6508 Broadwater Circle, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 85A-3-55.

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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

PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 23, 2026, to November 23, 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:
Oak Hall Shopping Center; Southeast Corner of Hwy 13 & Route 175, Oak Hall, VA 23416; VA0090875

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Oak Hall Shopping Center has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Oak Hall Shopping Center. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 0.10 million gallons per day into a water body. The sludge will be disposed of by City of Pocomoke WWTP. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage in the Unnamed Tributary to Tunnels Mill Branch to Bullbegger Creek in Accomack County in the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic, and Small Coastal watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: flow, bacteria, organic matter, physical and chemical properties, and solids.

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, fax, 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 and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses, or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and if there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Bradley Phelps; Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462, Phone: (757) 945-1293; Email: Bradley.phelps@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.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. JJ015171-04-00
Accomack County Juvenile
and Domestic Relations District Court
23371 Front St., Accomack, 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
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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the County of Northampton (VMRC #2026-1725) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to dredge approximately 32,000 cubic yards of submerged bottom material via mechanical means within Nassawadox Creek to achieve a maximum depth of minus eight (-8) feet mean low water and to place sandy dredge material channelward of mean low water adjacent to Tangier Island situated on the Chesapeake Bay in Northampton and Accomack counties.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2026-1725) 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.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026, AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. SUSE-000154-2026 and APPL-000175-2026 – Albert and Julie Cicioni – 15145 Russell Drive, East Point

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(12) for any use of land and/or any permanent or temporary location of any type of building or facility thereon which is not specifically permitted within this chapter. The applicant intends to place an accessory structure on the property without a primary structure. Further, the applicant is requesting an exception to the Chesapeake Preservation Area Buffer pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-389 to place an accessory structure 10 feet inside the buffer for 160 square feet of encroachment. The approximately .20-acre site is located at 15145 Russell Drive, East Point, approximately 100 feet east of its intersection with Bayview Street and is tax parcel #83B-2-D-3. The property is zoned Residential, is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (6BFE, 8BFE) and is located in a Resource Protection Area.

B. SUSE-000164-2026 – Marks Farms LLC – 24100 Block of John Cane Road, Parksley

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14) for travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation or storage of chattels. The applicant has placed a travel trailer on the property

that he wishes to use while constructing a residence. The approximately 62-acre site is located at the 24100 block of John Cane Road near Parksley, approximately 3,000' east of its intersection with Greenbush Road and is tax parcel 78-2-B. The property is zoned agricultural. The property is located in a Resource Protection Area. This is an after-the-fact application.

C. SUSE-000176-2026 – Marks Farms LLC – 24100 Block of John Cane Road, Parksley

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(27) for a use of land not specifically listed as a use permitted by right or by special exception-special use in the agricultural district regulations, which is clearly similar and compatible with the uses listed therein. The applicant has multiple accessory structures without a primary structure. The approximately 62-acre site is located at the 24100 block of John Cane Road near Parksley, approximately 3,000' east of its intersection with Greenbush Road and is tax parcel 78-2-B. The property is zoned agricultural. The property is located in a Resource Protection Area. This is an after-the-fact application.

D. SUSE-000167-2026 – Pony Pines Farm LLC – 12042 Atlantic Road, Atlantic

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(1) for recreational facilities, including main and accessory buildings and parking areas. Further, the applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(2) for camping facilities, including travel trailer camps, a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(9) for a retail store, a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(10) for a restaurant and a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(20) for hotels, motels, and tourist homes. The applicant intends to operate a recreational facility with a camping facility, retail store,

tourist homes, and concessions. The approximately 40-acre site is located at 12042 Atlantic Road near Atlantic at the intersection with Wallops Island Drive and is tax parcels 42-A-57 and 42-A-58. The property is zoned Agricultural.

E. SUSE-000171-2026 – Amanda Heinbaugh – 32020 Lankford Highway, Painter

The applicant requests a special use permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14) for travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation or storage of chattels. The applicant is proposing to temporarily live in an RV while the dwelling finishes construction. The approximately 1-acre site is located at 32020 Lankford Highway near Parksley approximately 3,500' north of its intersection with Keller Pond Road and is tax parcel 111-1-C1. The property is zoned Agricultural.

F. VAR-000179-2026 – Hampton Roads Sanitation District – 23656 North Street, Onancock

The applicant requests a variance of 26' from the 50' front setback requirement pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-56. The applicant proposes to place two accessory structures that encroach into the front setback. The approximately 7-acre site is located at 23656 North Street near Onancock, approximately 633' south of its intersection with Hermitage Road and is tax parcel 85-2-5. The property is zoned agricultural, is located in a resource protection area, and is located in a special flood hazard area (6BFE).

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

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



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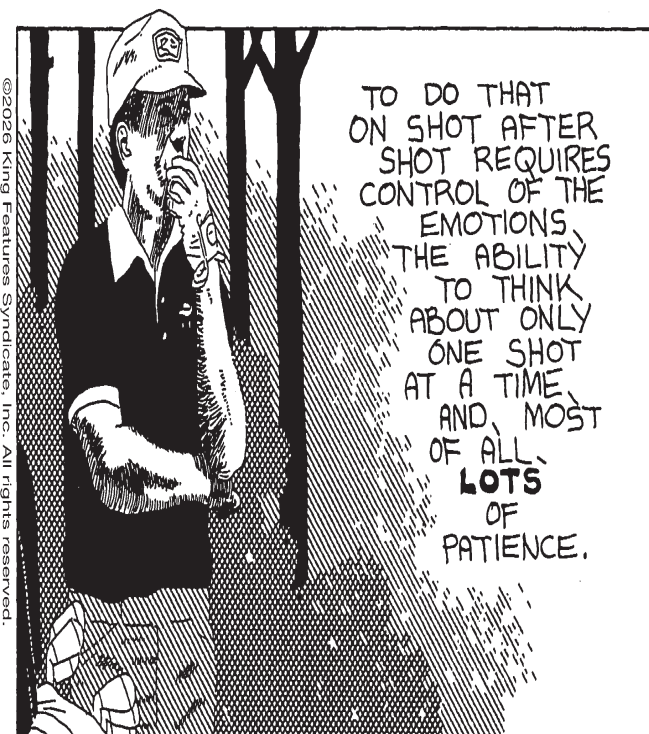
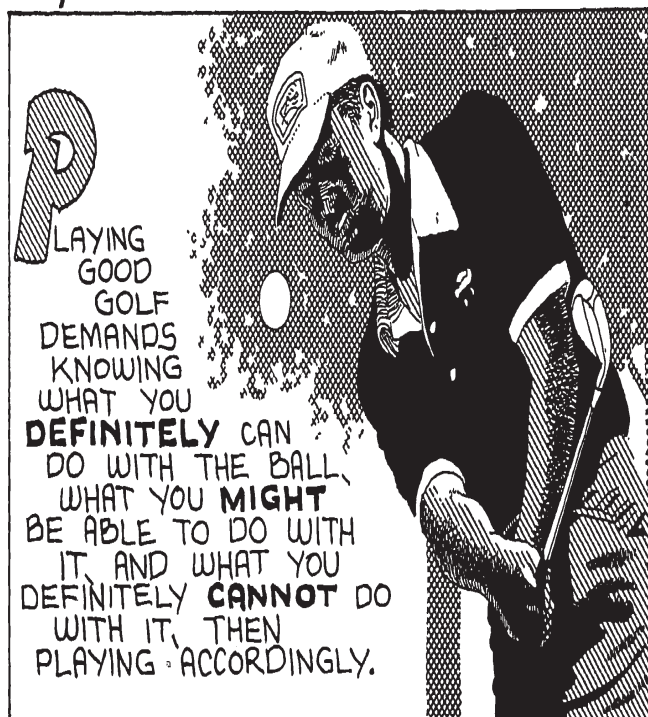
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- Tazewell Avenue and Bay Avenue
- Madison Avenue and Bay Avenue

Sealed bids will be received at Town Hall, 412 Tazewell Avenue, Cape Charles, Virginia 23310, until 11:00 AM local prevailing time on Monday, November 16, 2026, at which time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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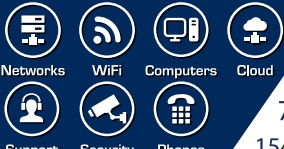
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For \$440,000

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To Steven Edwards
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To David Carrithers
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To Michael See and Melinda See
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Lot J in the Town of Cape Charles
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Location	Fri Oct 23	Sat Oct 24	Sun Oct 25	Mon Oct 26	Tue Oct 27	Wed Oct 28	Thu Oct 29
SEASIDE							
Assateague Beach	L 12:47 pm H 6:41 pm	H 7:05 am L 1:36 pm	H 7:49 am L 2:25 pm	H 8:34 am L 3:13 pm	H 9:21 am L 4:02 pm	H 10:11 am L 4:53 pm	H 11:03 am L 5:48 pm
Chincoteague Channel	L 12:51 pm H 6:48 pm	H 7:08 am L 1:38 pm	H 7:52 am L 2:24 pm	H 8:37 am L 3:10 pm	H 9:24 am L 3:58 pm	H 10:13 am L 4:48 pm	H 11:06 am L 5:41 pm
Gargatha Neck	H 7:17 am L 1:26 pm	H 8:01 am L 2:15 pm	H 8:45 am L 3:04 pm	H 9:30 am L 3:52 pm	H 10:17 am L 4:41 pm	H 11:07 am L 5:32 pm	H 11:59 am L 6:27 pm
Folly Creek	H 7:10 am L 1:11 pm	H 7:54 am L 2:00 pm	H 8:38 am L 2:49 pm	H 9:23 am L 3:37 pm	H 10:10 am L 4:26 pm	H 11:00 am L 5:17 pm	H 11:52 am L 6:12 pm
Wachapreague	H 6:44 am L 12:53 pm	H 7:30 am L 1:45 pm	H 8:17 am L 2:36 pm	H 9:07 am L 3:25 pm	H 9:57 am L 4:14 pm	H 10:48 am L 5:03 pm	H 11:41 am L 5:56 pm
Quinby Inlet	L 12:26 pm H 6:41 pm	H 7:05 am L 1:15 pm	H 7:49 am L 2:04 pm	H 8:34 am L 2:52 pm	H 9:21 am L 3:41 pm	H 10:11 am L 4:32 pm	H 11:03 am L 5:27 pm
Machipongo	H 6:51 am L 12:55 pm	H 7:35 am L 1:44 pm	H 8:19 am L 2:33 pm	H 9:04 am L 3:21 pm	H 9:51 am L 4:10 pm	H 10:41 am L 5:01 pm	H 11:33 am L 5:56 pm
BAYSIDE							
Tangier Sound Light	H 10:23 am L 4:55 pm	H 11:06 am L 5:41 pm	H 11:49 am L 6:26 pm	L 6:20 am H 12:34 pm	L 7:01 am H 1:20 pm	L 7:46 am H 2:10 pm	L 8:36 am H 3:02 pm
Muddy Creek	H 10:46 am L 5:36 pm	H 11:30 am L 6:24 pm	L 6:25 am H 12:14 pm	L 7:08 am H 12:59 pm	L 7:52 am H 1:45 pm	L 8:37 am H 2:33 pm	L 9:26 am H 3:25 pm
Guard Shore	H 10:38 am L 5:32 pm	H 11:22 am L 6:20 pm	L 6:21 am H 12:06 pm	L 7:04 am H 12:51 pm	L 7:48 am H 1:37 pm	L 8:33 am H 2:25 pm	L 9:22 am H 3:17 pm
Chesconessex Creek	H 10:13 am L 4:44 pm	H 10:57 am L 5:32 pm	H 11:41 am L 6:20 pm	L 6:16 am H 12:26 pm	L 7:00 am H 1:12 pm	L 7:45 am H 2:00 pm	L 8:34 am H 2:52 pm
Onancock Creek	H 10:27 am L 5:04 pm	H 11:11 am L 5:52 pm	H 11:55 am L 6:40 pm	L 6:36 am H 12:40 pm	L 7:20 am H 1:26 pm	L 8:05 am H 2:14 pm	L 8:54 am H 3:06 pm
Pungoteague Creek	H 9:43 am L 4:18 pm	H 10:27 am L 5:06 pm	H 11:11 am L 5:54 pm	H 11:56 am L 6:40 pm	L 6:34 am H 12:42 pm	L 7:19 am H 1:30 pm	L 8:08 am H 2:22 pm
Nassawadox	H 8:26 am L 2:37 pm	H 9:11 am L 3:26 pm	H 9:54 am L 4:13 pm	H 10:39 am L 5:01 pm	H 11:25 am L 5:50 pm	H 12:14 pm L 6:41 pm	L 6:29 am H 1:05 pm
Occohannock Creek	H 9:00 am L 3:43 pm	H 9:43 am L 4:28 pm	H 10:25 am L 5:11 pm	H 11:08 am L 5:56 pm	H 11:55 am L 6:41 pm	L 6:25 am H 12:46 pm	L 7:14 am H 1:37 pm
Cape Charles	H 7:17 am L 1:48 pm	H 8:01 am L 2:36 pm	H 8:45 am L 3:24 pm	H 9:30 am L 4:10 pm	H 10:16 am L 4:57 pm	H 11:04 am L 5:46 pm	H 11:56 am L 6:41 pm
Kiptopeke Beach	H 6:53 am L 1:10 pm	H 7:34 am L 2:00 pm	H 8:17 am L 2:49 pm	H 9:01 am L 3:36 pm	H 9:47 am L 4:24 pm	H 10:36 am L 5:15 pm	H 11:29 am L 6:12 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: **Tangles of Silken Threads**

- Chainsaw
Fangs
Fearful
Ghoulish
- Goblin
Haunted
Levitation
Macabre
- Medium
Occult
Poltergeist
Possessed
- Seance
Specter
Zombie

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Last week's answers

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

TITLEHOLDERS

- ACROSS
1 Perp's excuse
6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
19 "Cheers!" in Spain
20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival
- 46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimp, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt ingredient
66 Succotash
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
74 Sick-dog link
75 Levy
76 Conical-bore woodwind
77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "Butterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"
- 91 Morning TV's Kelly
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier dlogs
97 Free-for- (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With
119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs
- 128 1980s Dodge
129 Quickness
130 Catnaps, e.g.
- DOWN
1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar
- 26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With
107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"
- 70 Fish eggs
71 Become irate
72 "That's for sure!"
73 — and void
79 — Lingus
81 California wines, in brief
82 — sapiens
83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
84 Circle relative
85 Irritate
90 Replay mode, for short
92 Defamed in print
93 Causing to wear down
94 Raincoat fabric
95 Srs., last year
96 Ancient Egyptian king
98 Toy racer
101 Actress Suvari
102 In the habit of
103 Regions, weatherwise
104 For a bit
108 Camera brand
111 Morays, e.g.
112 IRS guy, e.g.
113 Half: Prefix
114 Chair part
115 Hawaiian goose
116 — of March
117 Following
118 Mardi —
120 Chair part

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