Cape Charles jolted by manhunt, escape

BY STEFANIE IACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

Out-of-towners usually are in a hurry to get to Cape Charles for a relaxing retreat. But the visitor who barreled into town Tuesday, Aug. 29, didn't come for a vacation — and was in a hurry to leave.

A high-speed chase that began in Eastville

ended with the suspect's sport utility vehicle crashing into a tree in Cape Charles' bucolic Central Park while pursued by a town officer's police car.

The driver jumped from the car, ran off, and evaded a search by dogs, drones, and a cadre of police agencies into the early morning hours.

The suspect then apparently helped himself

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Bob Panek, project manager for the town of Cape Charles, holds debris from a car pursued by police that struck a tree in town.

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A.J. Verderame, a field manager with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, hoists a float cage filled with bags of farm-raised oysters near Cape Charles. Hamish Small, also with VIMS, looks on. For several years, an unexplained die-off of farm-raised oysters has perplexed scientists. See story on pages 22 and 23.

REGIONAL

Local schools to start without enough teachers

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

With schools opening Tuesday, Sept. 5, Accomack and Northampton counties still had 14 teacher vacancies to fill.

As of Monday, Aug. 28, Accomack County's school system was working to fill seven teacher vacancies in its 11 schools. Northampton's system had seven teacher positions open in its four schools.

Last year, the two school systems had 19 teaching vacancies to fill less than two weeks before students arrived.

"We're doing a little bit better than

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Accomack's Parent University is Sept. 9

Parents of students enrolled in Accomack County Public Schools are invited to participate in a Parent University on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley.

Admission is free.

The school is located at 24501 Parksley Road.

The event presents an opportunity for parents to connect with

school leaders and community partners to explore and learn about current trends and topics related to youth.

Spanish and Haitian Creole interpretation will be provided. Child care also will be provided.

Attendees will have the opportunity to attend four sessions out of the 10 sessions offered.

There will be a complimentary lunch, and the Book Mobile will be onsite for children to select two free books to take home.

Door prizes also will be given away during the event.

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Paul

Muhly

Muhly seeks third term as Accomack supervisor

Paul Muhly, a two-term member of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors representing District 4, has filed for

re-election in the Nov. 7 election.

"I have a record that voters may consider as I ask for their vote," he said.

Muhly said he worked to bring the new Eastern Shore Regional Library and Heritage Center to Parksley.

He served on the project's steering

committee with two other members. The committee was tasked with the responsibility of the review and approval of the final design for the library project.

"I think it turned out just fine. Be your own judge and please pay the new library a visit," he said.

Muhly said he worked with the Virginia Department of Transportation in securing a contract to repair the collapsing 14 culverts on the Saxis causeway, State Route 695.

"I voted for the long overdue increase in salaries for our county firemedics. I spoke up and supported the personal property tax relief ordinance for active volunteer fire company members," he said.

For three years, Muhly said he encouraged Accomack County Public Schools to include a high school emergency medical technician program in its curriculum.

Muhly said the program started in January. "Two students have successfully completed the course this year and hopefully more will take this elective in the fall," he said.

Muhly said he has "long supported" a clean up of the Whitesville area next to Parksley. "A partnership between the county and the gallant ladies from the Davis

Center was worked out to remove derelict housing and cleanup of overgrown lots," he

"Real progress has been made and is continuing. This is an excellent example of government and private enterprise working together to improve a neighborhood."

"During orientation when first elected, we were told that although we represented a designated district, we were responsible for the welfare and good governance of the entire county," he said. "I always try and remember that goal."

"I would like to thank the voters of District 4 for their support during my first two terms and respectfully ask for their votes again on election day, Nov. 7."

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State issues drought watch

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has issued a drought watch advisory for 13 counties, including Accomack and Northampton counties.

Several factors have contributed to the current drought watch and warning advisories in the affected regions.

Groundwater levels are currently below the 5th percentile in the Shenandoah region, below the 10th percentile in Northern Virginia and York-James, and below the 25th percentile on the Eastern Shore.

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Paul Pesco will perform with Geoff Daking, Seth Glassman, Kinny Landrum, and Connor Antico.

On Friday, Sept. 8, drummer Bernard Purdie will perform.

Doors open at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Tickets are available at The Book Bin in Onley and Rayfield's Pharmacy locations in Cape Charles and Nassawadox.

The Do-Drop Inn is located at 8204 Bayford Road, Weirwood. Call 757-442-2139.

Parks and recreation sets volleyball league

Accomack County Parks and Recre-

ation will be accepting registration for its 2023 Women's Volleyball League.

The Women's Volleyball League games will be starting on Monday, Sept. 18, at Arcadia Middle School, located at 29485 Horsey Road, Oak Hall.

Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting at 6:15 p.m.

A meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5:30 p.m., at the Parks and Recreation office located at 24401 Joynes Neck Road, Accomac, for those interested in registering a team.

Call 757-787-3900 or 757-824-0314.

Town of Accomac sets paper-shredding

The town of Accomac will be having a free paper-shredding event on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. until noon.

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Talia Custis Taylor announces for Accomack Circuit Court Clerk

Talia Custis Taylor, 45, has announced her candidacy for Accomack County Clerk of Circuit Court. Taylor resides in Accomack County with her husband, Bobby Taylor, and their three children.

Talia is the daughter of Milton and Angie Custis of Pungoteague and Terri and John Wesley Bloxom of Chincoteauge.

Taylor graduated from Nandua High School in 1996. She started her career path in local banking and then became the finance director for Midway Automotive.

For the last nine years, she has worked as a senior loan officer for Cornerstone Home Lending in Onley.

Taylor's experience working with real estate offices, attorneys, and title companies gives her an insight into the transactions that happen daily in the clerk's office, she said.



Talia Custis Taylor

Taylor has been a member of the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the auxiliary's Hospital Ball committee, co-chairing the event for two years.

Taylor and her husband have been active with their children's activities, including being members of the school's PTA and involved in dance, base-

ball, gymnastics, and street hockey.

"In every position I've held, service to the public has been paramount. I am asking the voters of Accomack County to place their trust in me for this all-important office, and I promise to deliver the highest level of service possible," said Taylor.

Educators tour Eastern Shore

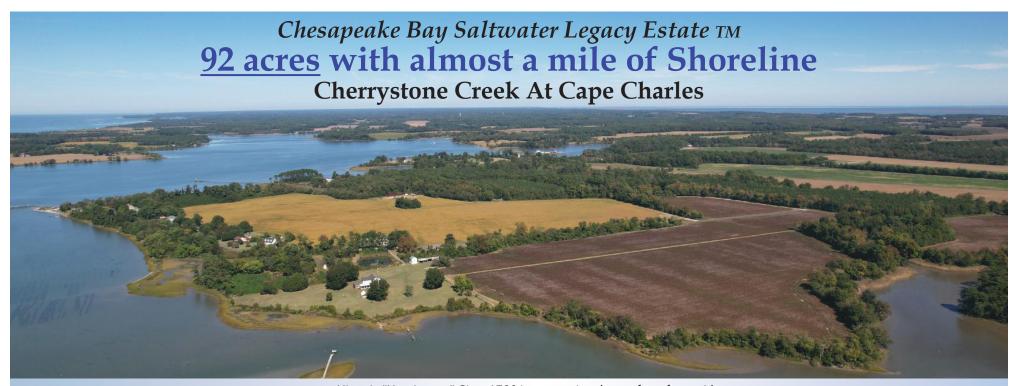
A tour bus full of educators recently traversed Virginia's Eastern Shore, where the area's agricultural and natural resources yielded inspiring ideas to take back to classrooms.

Hosted by Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom on Aug. 8, the inaugural traveling workshop included stops at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Wachapreague, the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Painter, and Shore Breeze Farms in Cape Charles.

"The vision of this tour was to provide educators with information about agriculture in their community," said Tammy Maxey, Virginia AITC's executive director. "The seafood industry, vegetable operations, and hydroponic agriculture are significant to the southeastern part of the state."

Participants toured VIMS' facilities to learn about Virginia's robust aquaculture production — Virginia is No.1 on the Atlantic coast in seafood landings — and how oysters and other bivalves help clean the Chesapeake Bay's waterways. Presentations at the Eastern Shore AREC's field plots provided an overview of the area's crop cultivation along with examples of weed science, plant pathology, and entomology studies.

"Providing educators with firsthand experiences with agriculture increases their personal knowledge and gives them a point of reference as they share information with their students during the coming year," Maxey explained.



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THE PAPER'S POSITION

Future of hospital property prompts key discussion

Arguably the most important issue on the Eastern Shore of Virginia right now is a shortage of housing stock for all income levels.

Housing for middle-income earners like teachers, first responders, and healthcare workers — sometimes called workforce housing — is so scarce that it is crippling job recruitment for our schools, businesses, and more.

A good community conversation is needed on the subject. And that's exactly what happened on Wednesday, Aug. 23, in Nassawadox during a meeting about the future of the former hospital property.

Northampton's county administrator said the property needs to be redeveloped or it will become a dumping ground. And the property qualified for a state grant that paid for a site study by an urban planner.

The site study showed what the property could become — imagine 100 to 150 housing units, senior living, green areas, and more. Such residential development could spur commercial development.

We're glad there was a robust turnout for the meeting. And some of the questions asked were excellent. Some wondered who is going to provide police protection for a community at the former hospital site.

Some were concerned about the density of a planned community at the site. But large-lot subdivisions are a waste of space and a relic of the past. Smart zoning concentrates housing in a smaller footprint.

We hope school board members, business owners, and large-scale employers become proponents and supporters of more housing for middle-income earners.

The hospital property isn't for sale and no formal plans for it have been made. But its possibility for housing is a conversation worth having — and repeating.

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LETTERS

Examine candidates in Nov. 7 election

To the editor:

Gov. Glenn Youngkin was elected in large measure due to his stance on parental rights, and as governor he has tried to reverse the movement by school boards to indoctrinate children with gender ideologies.

Sadly, policies emanating from Richmond are not enough to stop the die-hard ideologues from attacking our children. Several Northern Virginia school boards have already declared their intention to thwart the governor's orders.

A far more disturbing situation has developed in our neighbor to the north, Maryland.

There a judge has ruled against parents being allowed to exempt their children from being taught ideologies about gender that are antithetical to their values as Christians or Muslims.

This means that in Montgomery County the only way

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to prevent children from being indoctrinated in public schools is to home-school or send them to private school.

Unfortunately, this is out of reach for many families.

This can happen in Accomack County and our best defense is to elect school board candidates who will fight for the right of children to be children, without being subjected to a radical school board or administration who consider parents to be obstacles to their indoctrination.

It is clear that we cannot rely on Richmond or the courts to protect our children. We must do it ourselves.

A new Accomack School Board will be elected on Nov. 7.

It is imperative for every voter to carefully examine the record of incumbent candidates and challengers alike and vote responsibly for those who will protect our children from radicalism.

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The annual meeting of the Mediocre and Bad Students Club

To those high-achieving, book bag-carrying, pencil-sharp students teachers tout and principals praise, this note isn't for you. So go hang your wash on some-

one else's line.



Ted Shockley

I am now holding the annual meeting of the Eastern Shore Mediocre and Bad Students Club, of which I am president, and honor roll students are not invited.

Admission to the club is open to students in Accomack or Northampton counties who had a report card or classroom actions that made their mamas cry, their daddies curse, or their teachers quit.

Most of us don't take pride in our club membership. We

just learned too late that hunches and prayers aren't good test-taking strategies.

We have excuses. Some of us ended up in classes we didn't really care about. Some of us never really went to class at all.

After school, some of us were too busy piddling to

fool with homework. We didn't like chemistry but we really liked to piddle.

It is no sin to be a member of the Eastern Shore Mediocre and Poor Students Club. But it is shameful to be a lifetime member, like I am.

Here are some tips on how even a dummy like me can do better in school and climb out of our club:

■ Just show up. A lot of people do not understand the many advantages incurred by just being there — at school, work, the ballgame, anything.

As I always say, 70% of the secret to life is just showing up. The other 60% percent is math.

■ Take advantage of the first month or so of class. A bare, first-day-of-school gradebook is your friend there are no bad grades in it.

And the first month or so of class is usually the easiest — most of the material is review.

So load that gradebook with plenty of good grades to start the year. It will help balance out the bad grades you get when the material becomes harder.

■ Do your homework. Some classes count homework as a big part of your final grade.

That's good because any numbskull can scribble out some homework answers.

You could fail every test but submit all of the home-

work and other assignments, and you stand a good chance of getting a "C" for your final grade.

Remember: There are no "As" or "Bs" in the word "success." But there are two "Cs."

■ Look attentive. Teachers notice who is paying attention, and who isn't.

By looking attentive, the teachers might think you are paying attention and following along.

This can help in two ways: By paying attention, you might learn something. But even if you don't learn anything, the teachers will think you are active and engaged, which could benefit you.

■ Ask for help after class. Of course, if you are like me, you need all the help you can get.

But asking for help will make it look like you want to improve. It will make you look dedicated. Teachers appreciate stuff like that.

So fellow members of the Mediocre and Bad Students Club — follow those rules. Go to school every day. Start strong. Do your homework. Look attentive. Ask for help. You might fail every test. But you'll probably pass the class based on your perceived effort.

If not, I'll see you at next year's club meeting. The writer is editor of the Eastern Shore Post. Reach him at editor@easternshorepost.com



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- MEETING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6:30 p.m., Atlantic Shores Christian School at Broadwater Academy.

Saturday, September 2

- BENEFIT YARD SALE, 8 a.m. to noon, Teaguer's Yard Sale, with proceeds to benefit the Island Theatre Annex. Yard sale will be held at 5030 Chicken City Road, Chincoteague. Donated items can be dropped off between 7 and 8 a.m.
- BIRD CLUB: 8 a.m., the Eastern Shore Bird Club will have a guided trip to the Chincoteague Island Nature Trail. Expert birders Gary and Helen Smith will lead the tour of one of the most accessible and productive birding spots on Chincoteague Island. The program is free and the public is invited to attend. There are no restroom facilities at this location. Always be prepared for ticks, mosquitoes, and the weather. For more information contact Gary or Helen Smith at 803-292-6883.
- FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to noon, The Onancock Market, an open-air farmers and artisans market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Visit www.onancockmarket.com
- FARMERS, ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. Fresh local seafood, produce, and a wide array of arts and crafts. Live music, free admission and parking. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org
- FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m, Farmers Market at the Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles.

Best bets...

- Enjoy a tasty fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 1, from 2 to 5 p.m., as Oak Grove United Methodist Church will be selling chicken salad by the pint. The cost is \$10 per pint. To place early orders or for questions, call 757-710-4920 or 757-787-1508. The church is located at 30053 Seaside Road, Melfa.
- Bring a lawn chair or blanket for free live music on Saturday, Sept. 2. At 6 p.m., the Music at the Dock series at the Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague, features CAISO (Caribbean American International Steel Orchestra). At 7 p.m., crowd favorite The English Channel plays at Cape Charles Central Park.
- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- GIVEAWAY: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., there will be a free back-to-school giveaway at Arcadia High School. There will be free school supplies and backpacks. It is presented by Mentoring our Men. Call 443-493-0049.
- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 2 p.m., Christchurch School at Broadwater Academy.
- LIVE MUSIC: 6 p.m., Music at the Dock at the Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Chincoteague, featuring CAISO (Caribbean American International Steel Orchestra), the hottest steel drum band in the Washington-Baltimore area.
- LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., The English Channel at Cape Charles Central Park.

Monday. September 4

- YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, www.islandcommunityhouse.org
- GAME DAY: 1 to 4 p.m., game day at the Island Theatre annex, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague, sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization. Info: 757-702-2170, www.chincoteagueislandarts.com

■ BINGO: Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

Tuesday, September 5

- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- CRAFT GROUP: 1 to 3 p.m., Hooks & Needles craft group at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.
- BINGO: Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.
- MEETING: 9 to 10 a.m., Chincoteague Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

Wednesday, September 6

- YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, www.islandcommunityhouse.org
- FARMERS, ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. Fresh local seafood, produce, and a wide array of arts and crafts. Live music by Ron Cole. Free admission and parking. Visit www.

chincoteagueca.org

- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.
- OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Problems with overeating, undereating, bulemia, or binge eating? Meets at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Get meeting info by calling 757-999-6771 or 302-362-5886.
- ACTIVITY: 1 to 3 p.m., Sit and Stitch program at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunity-house.org, www.islandcommunityhouse.org
- HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY: 3:30 p.m., girls and boys teams from Arcadia, Chincoteague, and Nandua high schools at Northampton High School.
- WINE WEDNESDAY: 5 to 7 p.m., Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. Wine, art, shopping.
- ACTIVITY: 6 to 8 p.m., chess club at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@islandcommunityhouse.org, www.islandcommunityhouse.org
- BINGO: Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

Thursday, September 7

■ CHILDREN'S EVENT: 10 a.m., "Tales 4 Tots" at the Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. Stories, crafts, snacks, and stretching for children up to age 5. Free and open to all. Children must be accompanied by adult.

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Be included

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

Entertainment

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- SENIOR EXERCISE: 10 a.m., Community senior exercise program, Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.
- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- TECH HELP: Noon to 1 p.m., the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Seaside Road, Nassawadox. Staff an help with computers or other personal electronic devices. Library staff cannot assit with hardware repairs or replacements.
- FARMERS MARKET: noon to 5 p.m., Snow Hill Farmers Market in the municipal parking lot on West Green Street. Fresh local produce, baked goods, locally roasted coffee, and artisanal items.
- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Chincoteague High School at Southampton
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 7 p.m., Northampton High School at Lancaster High School.

Friday, September 8

- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- LIBRARY OPENING: 3 to 5 p.m., the Eastern Shore Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, will have its ribbon cutting. There will be guest speakers, food, and games.
- STREET PARTY: 5 to 8 p.m., "Strawberry Jam," Strawberry Street party in Cape Charles. Cash bar, free live music.
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 5:30 p.m., Chincoteaguer High School at Worcester Preparatory School.
- MEETING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.
- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 6 p.m., Nandua High School at Snow Hill High
- HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: 6 p.m., Nandua High School at Holly Grove Christian School.
- HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: 7 p.m., Surry County High School at Northampton High School.

Saturday, September 9

■ SAXIS EVENT: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saxis Town Wide Yard Sale, Sammy Marshall

- Memorial Car and Truck Show, Saxis Island Museum Open House. Events all over town.
- PAPER SHREDING: 9 a.m. until noon, the town of Accomac will be having a free paper-shredding event at the Accomac Town Office, 23367 Front St., Accomac. The machine will not shred metal three-ring binders. All wire must be removed from notebooks.
- FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to noon. The Onancock Market, an open-air farmers and artisans market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Visit www.onancockmarket.com
- FARMERS, ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. Fresh local seafood, produce, and a wide array of arts and crafts. Live music, free admission and parking. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org
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- POKER RUN: 11 a.m., the Chincoteague Police Department will be holding its 19th annual Poker Run. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m. at Rommel's Harley-Davidson Delmarva at 2410 N. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, Md. The last bike out is at 11 a.m. The block party in downtown Chincoteague will include music by the band Front Page News. There will be a 3 p.m. live auction with local decoys, gift certificates, pieces of artwork, and more. Registration is \$35 per person and includes food, a T-shirt, a 2023 pin, the poker hand, and door prizes. People who would like to donate door prizes or have questions should call 757-336-3155.

Monday. September 11

- YOGA: 8 to 9 a.m., yoga at the Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Info: 757-336-1992, info@ islandcommunityhouse.org, www.islandcommunityhouse.org
- GAME DAY: 1 to 4 p.m., game day at the Island Theatre annex, 4074 Main St., Chincoteague, sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organzation. Info: 757-702-2170, www.chincoteagueislandarts.com
- BINGO: Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

Tuesday, September 12

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

- CRAFT GROUP: 1 to 3 p.m., Hooks & Needles craft group at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.
- BINGO: Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.
- MEETING: 9 to 10 a.m., Chincoteague Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

Wednesday, September 13

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Thursday, September 14

- CHILDREN'S EVENT: 10 a.m., "Tales 4 Tots" at the Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. Stories, crafts, snacks, and stretching for children up to age 5. Free and open to all. Children must be accompanied by adult.
- SENIOR EXERCISE: 10 a.m., Community senior exercise program, Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.
- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Mar-

ket, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.

- FARMERS MARKET: noon to 5 p.m., Snow Hill Farmers Market in the municipal parking lot on West Green Street. Fresh local produce, baked goods, locally roasted coffee, and artisanal items.
- BEDTIME STORYTIME: 6 p.m., the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Seaside Road, Nassawadox, will have Bedtime Storytime. Stuffed animals and pajamas are welcome. Snack provided.
- HISTORICAL LECTURE: 6 p.m., the Eastern Shore Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, will host guest lecturer Dennis Custis, whose talk is entitled "Shore Books."

Friday, September 15

- FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave. Parksley.
- HOT DOG BENEFIT: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., hot dog cart at No Limits Eastern Shore, 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley. No Limits Eastern Shore is a private nonprofit brain injury services provider.
- MEETING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

Saturday, September 16

- FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to noon, The Onancock Market, an open-air farmers and artisans market, 22 Market St., Onancock. Visit www.onancockmarket.com
- CLEAN UP DAY: 9 a.m. to noon, the Chincoteague branch of Taylor Bank is having a community clean-up with prizes, part of a larger effort by the bank to clean up the Delmarva Peninsula. Teams will compete for prizes as they pick up the most solid waste. Contact the Chincoteague Island Taylor Bank locaiton at 757-336-6622 for more information.
- FARMERS, ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. Fresh local seafood, produce, and a wide array of arts and crafts. Live music, free admission and parking. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org
- FARMERS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers Market at the Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles.
- HOMETOWN HEROES STORYTIME: 10 a.m., the Eastern Shore Regonal Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, will host firefighter Bill Baird.

OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Louis Birch Jr.

Mr. Louis Thomas Birch Jr., 81, also known as Tommy to his friends and family in Virginia and Lou to everyone in South Carolina, passed away Aug. 23, 2023.

A native of Chincoteague, son of the late Louis Thomas and Jean Elizabeth



Mr. Birch

Savage Birch, he was employed with Blue Cross Blue Shield for 34years, retired from Geico in 2009, and was a member Springwell Church.

Mr. Birch had

several different passions and hobbies which included boating, duck hunting, target shooting, flying small planes, and riding motorcycles, as well as traveling and seeing different parts of the world.

Surviving are his wife, Betsy Simmers Birch of the home; a son, Craig Thomas Birch (wife Kelli), of Port Orange, Fla.; a granddaughter, Bailey Marie Birch; and a sister, Susan Smith, of Chincoteague.

Memorials may be made to Greener Pastures Animal Sanctuary, 924 Social Island Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202 or Springwell Church, 4369 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, SC 29687.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

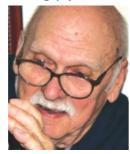
Albert Tyree Jr.

Mr. Albert P. Tyree Jr., 88, of Bloxom, husband of the late Maureen Hogan Tyree, passed away on Aug. 23, 2023, in Bloxom.

Born on Nov. 14, 1934, in Norfolk, he was the son of the late Albert P. Tyree Sr. and the late Mary Olivia Mansfield. After graduating from Maury High School, Albert went on to proudly serve in the U.S. Marine Corps as an aviation

electrician. He then worked as a corrections officer for the state of New York.

An avid photographer and grower of plants, Albert was a man who loved finding joy in the little things in life.



Mr. Tyree

Whether it was a trip to see the planes or trains go by or finding the uniqueness in bugs, he always found a way to seek out adventure and admire creation. Albert loved collecting

things, often going to auctions, even if it was to out-bid his own son. He enjoyed the beach, space, and all things nature. A true optimist, Albert loved people and loved life to the fullest.

Albert is survived by his children, Thomas J. Tyree (Imelda), of Mappsville, Margaret M. Peggy Haviland (John), of Nelsonia, David J. Tyree (Marilyn), of Amenia, N.Y., and Jean M. Mason (Gene), of Mappsville.

He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Leland JR Mason (Barbara), of Laurel, Miss., Amy Carey (Mark), of Pocomoke City, Md., Amanda Tyree, of Jacksonville, N.C., Preston J. Whalen, of Wassaic, N.Y., Jessica Moore (Larry), of Millerton, N.Y., Heather Tyree (Adam), of Gainesville, Va., Rachael Tyree, of Guyton, Ga., Cory Mason, of Burke, Va., Stephanie Tyree, of Amenia, N.Y., and Tyler Mason, of Mappsville; his great-grandchildren, Hunter, Cole, Taylor, Alyssa, Mason, Iris, Isabelle, and Hannah; and a great-greatgrandchild, River; his nephew, Donald Mackay; and cousin, Joseph Marshall.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Maureen Hogan Tyree.

A memorial service was held on Monday, Aug. 28, at 11 a.m. from the Tyree Family Cemetery, 30306 Northam Lane, Bloxom, VA 23308, with the Rev. John Cullop officiating.

Should friends desire, memorial con-

tributions may be made to the US Marine Corps Museum, Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, 1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle, VA 22172

Arrangements were by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Danny Rasmussen

Mr. Danny C. Rasmussen Sr., 77, husband of Patricia Sue "Grandma" Rasmussen and a resident of Capeville. passed away Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1945, in Nassawadox, to the late Elroy C. Rasmussen and the late Maggie Delena Brown



Mr. Rasmussen

Stevens and his stepfather, Grover Stevens. After high school joined Danny the U.S. Army, serving as a mechanic before returning home and joining the

railroad, where he worked for 30 years.

In the 1980s Danny was a firefighter and president of Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 56. Danny had a passion for wood carving, and despite losing his left arm one day while working on the railroad, he continued that passion. Many of his decoys can be found all around the Shore.

He loved to garden and always had plenty of tomatoes. He also enjoyed spending time with Johnathan, his grandson, on their shared hobbies. If you couldn't find him, he was probably in the barn with his son, Elroy, working on one of their many projects they did together.

Danny is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia Sue "Grandma" Rasmussen, to whom he was married for 58 years; grandson, Johnathan Talbott, who was just like a son to him; children,

Elroy Rasmussen and his wife, Beth, Teresa Sellers and her husband, Robert, and Danny Rasmussen Jr. and his wife, Jessica; grandchildren, Cathleen Parker and her husband, Josh, Tyler Rasmussen, Jennifer Rasmussen and her fiancé, Dan, Benjamin Talbott and his wife, Jessalin, Danny Rasmussen III, Ivory Sellers, and Christopher Rasmussen; great-grandchildren, Jaxon Parker, Adriana Day, Danny J. Rasmussen, McKensiy Rasmussen, McKayla Rasmussen, and McKenna Rasmussen; siblings, Sharon Barber, Tommy Rasmussen, and Kathleen Stevens; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family memorial was held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, in Cape Charles. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to The American Legion Post 56, P.O. Box 357, Cheriton, VA 23316; Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 427, Cape Charles, VA 23310; or Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 41, Cheriton, VA 23316.

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

Arrangements were made Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

Harriet Brockenbrough

Mrs. Harriet Scott Brockenbrough, 94, widow of Benjamin Willard Brockenbrough Jr., a resident of Covenant Woods in Mechanicsville, passed away on June 26, 2023, at Covenant Woods.

Born July 30, 1928, at Chatham Farm in Bridgetown, she was the daughter of the late James Holland Scott and the late Sara Temple Segar Scott. After graduating from Mary Washington College in 1949, she moved to Richmond, where she taught chemistry for five years at the old Glen Allen High School and Hermitage High School in Henrico County. She substituted for many years at Lee-Davis High School in Hanover County.

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Mrs. Brockenbrough enjoyed designing and sewing festival flags, knitting, her book club, volunteering, and extensive travel with her husband.

She was a long-time member of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, where she organized and directed the Food Pantry, networking with other churches in the Ginter Park area before moving to St. Paul's Church at Hanover Courthouse.

She was a volunteer for 25 years at Virginia Rehabilitation for the Blind and Vision Impaired and a found-



Mrs. Brockenbrough

ing member and treasurer of their Volunteer Council. On moving to Covenant Woods, she continued to enjoy volunteering and served on several committees as well as the Resident

Council. As a member of the Conservation Taskforce, she was active in establishing the recycling program in 2008. She especially enjoyed semi-annual "sleepovers" with five special friends on Virginia's Eastern Shore, all 1945 graduates of Northampton High School.

Survivors include four sons, Benjamin W. Brockenbrough III (Robin), of Montpelier, Dr. James Scott Brockenbrough (Dr. Jennifer Shook), of Tucson, Ariz., Allan Brockenbrough II (Paula), of Elmont, and Thomas W. Brockenbrough; and a sister-in-law, Jean Tankard Scott, of Onancock. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Eamon, of Melbourne, Australia, and Emily, of Lisbon, Portugal; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her loving husband of 54 years and her parents, Mrs. Brockenbrough was predeceased by her sister, Martha Scott Rogers; brother, James Holland Scott Jr.; and brothers-inlaw, Spencer McMath Rogers, Allan Brockenbrough, and Henry W. Brockenbrough.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Church in Hanover Courthouse on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow the service at Hanover Tavern. A graveside service will be conducted Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, at 2 p.m., at Hungar's Episcopal Church in Machipongo, with the Rev. Janet Wheelock officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Hanover Habitat for Humanity, 9161B Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116, or to St. Paul's Church, P.O. Box 441, Hanover, VA 23069.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Walter Anthony Jr.

On Aug. 25, 2023, Mr. Walter Leon Anthony Jr. passed peacefully in his home with his beloved wife, Margaret "Peggy" Louise Kohler Anthony, at



Mr. Anthony

his side. Walter's memory lives on with his family and friends while the strength of his love transcends lifetimes.

Walter was born to the late Henrietta Kath-

erine Selmon Hengeli and the late Walter Leon Anthony Sr. on Jan. 9, 1937, in Trenton, N.J. Growing up, Walter often landed the lead parts in his school plays and operettas and loved playing soccer and running track alongside his friends.

His dutifulness led him to become captain of his elementary school safety patrol, to be granted citizenship awards, and to join the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in high school on July 1, 1956.

But with his love for art and design, he studied at the Trenton Junior College School of Industrial Arts and dreamed of becoming a draftsman. It wasn't long before he reached this goal while working at the RCA as a design specialist, eventually contributing to momentous projects such as the Hubble Space Telescope and Apollo missions. In 1959 Walter met his future wife, Peggy, when he escorted her on

a blind date to her senior prom. They quickly fell in love, marrying just over a year later at St. Mary's Cathedral in Trenton, N.J., on Oct. 29, 1960.

Walter was a family man to the core, and alongside Peggy, raised their three children in his childhood home on William Street. Through years of camping trips, beach vacations, Boy Scouts, soapbox derbies, and school musicals, Walter was filled with pride and joy as he watched his sons and daughter grow up.

After their children were grown, married, and starting to build families of their own, Walter and Peggy relocated to Virginia, where they settled in the close-knit community of Captains Cove. There they spent time crafting, golfing, fishing, and going to Burger Night with their many new friends, including Mike and Robin Lawson, Dave and Sandy Amos, and Paul and Mary Beth Margeson.

Walter was known by all for his wide smile, his love of chocolate chip cookies and cherry vanilla ice cream, his jokes and playful rule-breaking, the beautifully handcrafted furniture and art he made, and most of all for the immensity of his love for his wife Peggy. They were best friends — inseparable companions always up for a new adventure, even after Walter was diagnosed with Parkinson's.

Walter's resolve and perseverance in never letting Parkinson's get in the way of his life or his ability to be there for his loved ones was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Walter's presence was grand, beautiful, comforting, and unforgettable. He lit up every room he entered, leaving an endless trail of laughter and smiles everywhere he went.

Walter was predeceased by his father Walter Leon Anthony Sr., his mother, Henrietta Katherine Selmon Hengeli, his stepfather, Joseph Hengeli, and his sister, Mary Frances Anthony Potter.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Louise Kohler Anthony; his three children, William Walter Anthony and wife, Patricia, Terri-Ann Anthony Chiu and husband,

William, and Walter Leon Anthony III and wife, Rose; his cousin, Dotti Rittenberry and husband, Kevin; his grandchildren, Jeffrey, Jill, Anthony, Walter, Katherine, Isabelle, Vincenzo, and Victoria; his nieces and nephews, Karen Edwards, Linda Potter, Vincent Russo, Ronald "Bud" Russo, Richard Russo, and Robert Russo; several grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grand-bunnies, a great-grand cat, and a great-grand-dog.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, at 11 a.m., at the Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1913 Old Virginia Road, Pocomoke City, Md., followed by a reception in the church hall.

A burial will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, at 10 a.m., at Greenwood Cemetery, 1800 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, N.J., followed by a reception.

A Celebration of Life will follow in January 2024 with details to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations are made in Walter's memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaeljfox.org

Rose Moore

A service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Rose Moore will be held at Onley United Methodist Church on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, at 11 a.m., with the



Mrs. Moore

Rev. James Canody officiating.

Should friends desire, contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation,

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Highway, Melfa, VA 23410, https://es.vccs.edu/about/escc-foundation/donate/; or to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Suite 800, Miami,

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Memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

FL 33131, https://parkinson.org

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Cape Charles

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to another vehicle — its doors were unlocked and its keys inside — and slipped away on one of the two roads out of town, unnoticed by officers.

He remained on the lam at press time Thursday. Three passengers were briefly detained by police and released.

In a remarkable series of social media posts, Cape Charles Mayor Adam Charney alerted residents in the wake of the dinnertime incident as the suspect apparently hoofed it around town.

Charney's Facebook posts, urgent and succinct, were a jolting interruption to the tree-lined resort town's quaint image of family beach outings and restored Victorian homes.

"Please go inside and lock your doors," he wrote at around 7 p.m., reporting that a black male in a white tank top "was part of a crime scene in Central Park and he is on foot."

It was later discovered that the car that skidded into the tree in Central Park had been stolen from New Jersey.

'Saved lives'

The chase began began around 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, when East-ville police attempted to stop the black SUV speeding southbound through their jurisdiction at 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Eastville police pursued the vehicle after it failed to stop. Cape Charles police were notified as the vehicle approached Stone Road, leading west into town from U.S. Route 13.

Cape Charles police pursued the SUV as it entered town and continued west on Mason Avenue — the town's main commercial thoroughfare.

The vehicle turned right on Peach Street and charged into Central Park at its south end.

A Cape Charles police officer



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIM RITCH

Cape Charles homeowners Maureen Manning, left, and June Pearlberg, walk on Thursday, Aug. 30, between the Central Park gazebo and a tree, at left, that was hit during a high-speed chase.

used his vehicle to force the SUV into a tree in the park, ending the pursuit.

The police officer, the driver of the SUV, and the SUV's three passengers were uninjured.

"This officer's quick reaction very likely saved lives," stated a Town of Cape Charles press release.

Immediately following the crash, the driver jumped out of the vehicle and dashed away.

A search of the Cape Charles historic district ensued and lasted until the early morning of Wednesday, Aug. 30.

The Cape Charles Police Department was assisted by the Eastville Police Department, the Northampton County and Accomack County sheriffs' offices, and Virginia State Police.

Mayor's messages

But it was Charney, the mayor, who won the day with his live posting about the incident on Facebook just before 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Then, about 20 minutes later, Charney reported from the scene that a police dog and drones were being used in the search for the suspect.

"Just to be clear, so that there is no panic setting in, there have been no shootings whatsoever," he wrote.

At approximately 9 p.m., Charney stated that residents should remain indoors while the search continued, and any unusual activity should be reported to Cape Charles police or 911.

He called it a "manhunt."

The mayor declined to be interviewed on Wednesday, Aug. 30, while the investigation was ongoing.

Early that morning, a vehicle had been reported stolen in Cape Charles. The vehicle had been left unlocked, with the keys inside.

Police believe the suspect left town in the stolen vehicle.

The Town of Cape Charles notified residents at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday that the search had ended and they could resume normal activity.

Residents also were advised via press release not to share unverified information, and anyone who witnessed the incident should report to the Cape Charles police department.

Teacher shortage

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last year," said Amber Johnson, human resources assistant at Northampton County Public Schools.

"The schools are being very creative" when it comes to filling teacher vacancies, said Accomack County Public Schools superintendent Rhonda Hall.

Both counties budgeted an average raise of 7% over last year for full-time staff, according to their financial officers. For Accomack County, the starting salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree is \$48,000. In Northampton, teacher salaries start at \$47,098.

In Accomack schools, retired teachers are serving as long-term substitute teachers, Hall said.

Some teachers have taken on extra instructional time in return for more compensation, she said.

"They give up their planning (blocks). That helps us to compensate for not having an English teacher or a math teacher," she said.

Accomack has continued to hire staff from Jamaica, Columbia, the Philippines, and other countries through organizations that vet international instructors, helping to fill classrooms, Hall said.

The school system was still interviewing applicants to fill its remaining openings Monday, Aug. 28.

Northampton County offers incentives such as recruitment bonuses to help attract teachers, Johnson said.

The school system is creating a ride-share program for teachers living in Hampton Roads and has a shared housing guide to help teachers looking for affordable accommodation, she said.

In addition to teachers, both school systems continue to seek bus drivers for the 2023-2024 school year.

"We have the announcement that stays out there for bus drivers," Hall said, adding that Accomack schools hired some drivers this summer.

The county is continuing to use tiered bus runs to help address the shortage in drivers, she said, but added, "we could use more."

"At any school, you're always going to have these recurring things that are hard to fill," Johnson said, naming bus drivers and speech pathologists as examples.

"We are just glad to be able to fill our class-rooms," Hall said.

Visit https://accomack.tedk12.com/hire/Index.aspx to view Accomack County school vacancies for teachers and other positions.

Visit https://www.ncpsk12.com/page/hr to see openings at Northampton County schools.

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- Capt. E's Hurricane Grill Food Truck opens 10:00 am with jumbo wings, crabbie fries, clam fritters, fried shrimp basket, house smoked brisket, and crabbie flounder bites. Restaurant opens at 11:00 AM with regular menu.
- Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and will be sold at the Saxis Island Museum, Captain E's, Sunset Café and Sherrye's Snack Shack. You may also purchase raffle tickets on-line at: www.saxisislandmuseum.com.



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Chamber staff will select the top five entries based on adherence to

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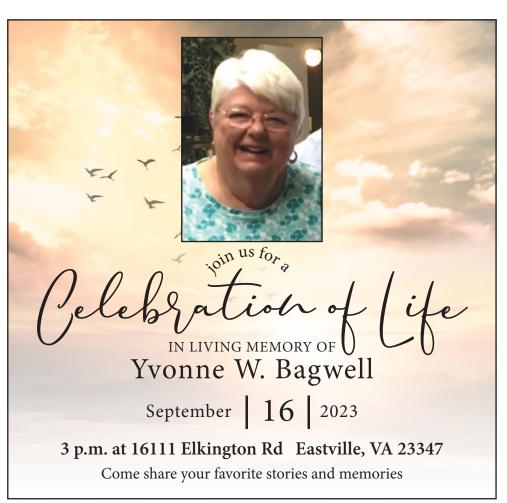
Local community leaders will then be asked to pick a winner from these finalists.

The winner will be announced on Sept. 29.

The selected image will be featured on the front of the 2024 Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass.

Grab cameras, visit the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, and start capturing memories.

For contest rules and entry form, visit chincoteaguechamber.com





Northampton County Government September 2023 Upcoming Events

September 4: County Offices Closed for Labor Day. The Landfill and Waste Collection sites will be OPEN

September 5: First Day of School for NCPS students

September 5: Planning Commission Work Session 3 PM

September 6: Parks Advisory Committee 5 PM

September 12: Board of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM

September 19: ESVA Groundwater Committee Meeting 10 AM Melfa

September 19: Economic Development Authority Meeting 4 PM

September 19: Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM

September 26: Board of Supervisors Work Session 5 PM

Job Openings

EMS

Emergency Medical Services Provider (Intermediate or Paramedic preferred)

911

Regional Radio System Manager

Planning, Permitting & Enforcement:

Building Inspector Planner/Community Redevelopment Specialist

NCSO:

Jail Deputy
Law Enforcement Officers
Animal Control Officer

Public Works:

Custodian
Water/Wastewater Operator

Voter Registration

Important Dates for the November 7, 2023 General Election

- Sept 22: Absentee Voting begins
- Oct 16: Last Day to register to vote before election
- Oct 27: Last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you
- Oct 28: Office open for Saturday voting 9 am to 5pm
- Nov 4: Office open for Saturday voting. Last day to vote absentee 9am to 5pm

Boards and Commissions Openings

- Economic Development Authority of Northampton County & Towns
- A-N PDC Coastal Resilience & Sustainability Planning Committee

Parks and Recreation

- Men's Basketball League
 Ages 16 and up
 Registration until September 8
- Men's Softball League
 Ages 16 and up
 Registration until September 8
- Youth Flag Football begins
 September 16. Co-ed Ages 4-13
 Registration until September 8.

Reminders:

- Separate GLASS from the normal recycling stream. GLASS ONLY containers are available for the disposal of glass at the Waste Collection Centers.
- The Northampton County Offices will be closed September 4, 2023 for Labor Day. The Landfill and Waste Collection Centers will be open for normal hours.

For more detailed information visit the website: www.co.northampton.va.us 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347 757-678-0440

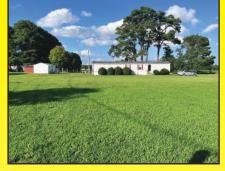
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\$10K speaker for teacher opening draws criticism for message, allegations

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

The speaker at Accomack County Public Schools' Opening Day program sparked controversy among some teachers attending the school year's kick-off event.

Luvelle Brown, the Ithaca, N.Y., City School District superintendent and a member of the Ithaca College Board of Trustees, delivered the welcoming address to teachers at the event on Thursday, Aug. 24.

Brown has been an educator since 1997, but more recently sparked controversy when Ithaca community members called for him to resign after he allegedly injured his son and misused his power as superintendent, according to published news reports.

Accomack County School Superintendent Rhonda Hall said the allegations against Brown are "unfounded" and that the school district chose him because "he came highly recommended ... (and) vetted through an organization" the school system uses to reserve presenters, called RocketPD.

Local school board candidate Connie Burford said nine teachers



Rhonda Hall

contacted her after Brown's speech to share their disappointment with his message.

"I did not hear his speech. I heard what they had to say about it," Burford said. "He knew what he was saying was offensive."

Opening Day is the school system's division-wide kickoff to the school year for teach-

Speakers address Accomack County educators during the annual event. Past speakers include Adolph Brown, known for his "Unconscious Bias, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion" addresses, and representatives from the Ron Clark Academy, Hall said.

Many of their talks center on diversity, including Brown's, she said.

"Some of the teachers ... Googled him during his opening session and they found out that there was a CPS (Child Protective Services) allegation against him," Hall said. "If they-

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Speaker

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looked at the article, they would see that it was unfounded."

"This is the way that some of the teachers felt like they wanted to let out some of their frustrations, maybe, because of some of the things that he said," Hall added.

The Accomack school district booked Brown to speak in February through RocketPD, an organization that helps schools coordinate virtual and in-person courses and sessions, she said.

His three sessions at the Aug. 24 event cost \$10,000, "which is very comparable to other speakers with his credentials and credibility," Hall said.

"He was highly recommended by the organization and he was a presenter who had spoken about diversity and making sure that teachers work with all kids and that they acknowledge diversity," Hall said.

Allegations against Luvelle Brown date back to February 2020, when Child Protective Services began an investigation into an injury his 8-yearold son sustained that Feb. 23, when Brown was picking his two children up from his ex-wife, who initiated

divorce proceedings in 2013.

The case was dismissed, but in February 2021, more than 120 Ithaca community members signed a letter to the president of the Ithaca City School District Board of Education outlining Brown's alleged abuses of power and calling for an investigation into the superintendent and the board of education, according to an April 2022 article in The Ithacan.

Despite the allegations, Brown has been praised for his work as superintendent, receiving the Dr. Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award from the School Superintendents Association in 2022.

Brown holds a doctoral degree in education leadership from the University of Virginia. He had served in Virginia's Albemarle County Public Schools in the superintendent's cabinet prior to moving to Ithaca's school district.

"All kids come from a different story and that's what the speakers usually talk about" during Opening Day, Hall said.

But Burford said one teacher described Brown's break-out sessions as "awful" and "demoralizing."

"With all the options that we have out there, we could've done a much better job," she said of the choice of speaker for the event.

Prostate cancer screening slated for Sept. 18

Riverside Urology Specialists will offer a free and private prostate cancer screening on Monday, Sept. 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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A mystery in the oysters

Scientists probe unexplained die-off of farm-raised oysters in the Chesapeake Bay

BY JEREMY COX

Bay Journal News Service

For several years, an unexplained die-off of farmraised oysters from the Chesapeake Bay to the Gulf of Mexico has perplexed industry members and the scientific community.

What they do know: The bivalves tend to die between May and early July. Most of the victims are market-size oysters or nearly there. And it mainly lays waste to triploid oysters, the type favored by farmers — and many diners, whether they realize it or not — for their faster growth and higher meat quality.

Researchers with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science are trying to uncover the cause before it seriously disrupts the state's burgeoning \$60 million oyster aquaculture sector.

Responding to the industry's growing calls for answers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has awarded \$300,000 to the institution to sift through clues turned up by fresh field surveys and lab experiments.

"There's a lot about oysters we don't know yet," said Bruce Vogt, president of Big Island Aquaculture, an oyster farm based in a creek near the mouth of Virginia's York River. He estimated that he loses 30-40% of his triploids annually to the mysterious die-off. "It's critical we get an understanding of this."

Between 2013 and 2018, the number of active oyster farms in Virginia more than doubled, from 60 to 134, according to newly released U.S. Department of Agriculture data.

The businesses lease plots of the bottom of the Bay and tidal rivers from the state, typically raising the oysters in cages or in bags on floating racks until they're ready to be harvested.

Supporters say the industry's benefits extend beyond pure economics. They point to research showing how the bivalves filter out nutrients and silt, the two main drivers of water-quality declines in the Bay.

The phenomenon was first reported in 2012. Most aquaculture operations reported die-offs for around 30% of their oyster stock, but some in the lower end



JEREMY COX PHOTO

A.J. Verderame, top right, a field manager with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, meticulously counts oysters on a boat in the Chesapeake Bay near Cape Charles. His fellow researchers were, clockwise from Verderame, Leslie Youtsey, Hannah Brown, and Hamish Small.

of the Chesapeake saw losses of 50–85%.

Such die-offs aren't out of the ordinary for oysters, said Hamish Small, who is heading the VIMS study.

The bottom dwellers are known to succumb in large numbers to insults such as diseases, toxic algae blooms, sudden drops in dissolved oxygen, and too much or not enough salt in the water.

"Much like us, they're constantly dealing with stress of some sort," Small said.

But the die-offs that began in 2012 were different, he explained. Growers couldn't connect it to any of the typical causes. VIMS researchers were

similarly confounded when they conducted their own analysis of oyster health at five sites in the Virginia portion of the Bay in 2014–15. Nothing fit.

The Chesapeake region isn't alone. Significant losses at oyster farms in the Gulf of Mexico have also sparked extensive research efforts, with few answers to show for it.

VIMS is no stranger to triploids. In fact, their existence can be traced to the work of now-retired VIMS researcher Stan Allen, who first selectively bred oysters to have three sets of chromosomes instead of two (hence the "tri" in triploid).

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Oysters

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The innovation rendered the bivalves sterile, tamping down concerns that they might overpower native oysters. And with reproduction removed from the equation, triploids were free to spend most of their energy on growth, resulting in more meat inside the shell.

Today, the extra-chromosome invertebrates are the backbone of the aquaculture industry, representing about nine out of 10 oysters in the farmed marketplace, Small said.

There is no evidence that surviving triploids present any danger to people who consume them, experts say.

To get to the bottom of what's behind the die-offs, Small and his team are casting a wide net. They plan to dig deeper than the 2014–15 study, "looking under the hood of the gene expression" for clues, said fellow VIMS researcher Ryan Carnegie.

The lab work will test one of the leading theories: that something has gone awry with the oysters' genetic lines. Triploids are typically produced at hatcheries from bivalves bred and reared especially for the task of making more oysters.

If the research indeed uncovers a hitch in the code, then researchers could use those findings to build up greater resistance in the breeding program, Small said.

Perhaps something in the environment is tripping those genetic switches. The only way to truly know that, Small said, is to observe oysters growing on real-life, tidewater farms.

So, since March, VIMS researchers have been raising their own oysters at two locations: Big Island on the Bay's Western Shore and Cherrystone Aqua-Farms on the Eastern Shore.

"Comin' in hot!" A.J. Verderame, a field manager, called out as he dumped a bag of oysters onto a table perched on the deck of a small workboat, making a noise like dozens of dice being rolled at once.

He was joined by Small and two fellow researchers, Hannah Brown and Leslie Youtsey. Each had their own task: slicing up samples of oyster meat, measuring shell widths, gathering water salinity and temperature readings, counting live and dead oysters. (The dead are often slightly open or, if still shut, make a hollow sound when tapped against a hard surface.)

The oysters are reared in mesh bags enclosed in floating cages, just beneath the water's surface. In the beginning, each bag contained 250 oysters. During a midsummer visit by the researchers to Cherrystone, some of the bags had lost a couple dozen or so besides those culled for lab work.

In other words, it was shaping up to be another typical season on a Virginia oyster farm. But, of course, the study's goal is to improve on that.

The writer is a Bay Journal staff writer based in Maryland. You can reach him at jcox@bayjournal.com.





JEREMY COX PHOTOS

Above, Hamish Small of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science is the lead researcher in a study that aims to shed light on a mysterious annual die-off of farm-grown oysters in the Chesapeake Bay. At left, Leslie Youtsey, a researcher with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, shucks an oyster.

SPORTS

Eastern Shore Post

Cobia fishing has been challenging

Cobia continue to exhibit symptoms of lockjaw when it comes to



Bill Hall taking a bait or lure. With the cobia season closing on Sept. 15, time is growing short for the fish to exhibit their traditional feeding binge to fatten up for their late-summer migration prior to the season's end.

Upper Shore

Captain Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, was promoting the trophy red drum fishery going on in the lower and middle Chesapeake Bay, saying that the majority of the action has been occurring from Watts Island south to Cape Charles.

However, a good number of reds have come from the vicinity of the target ships off Tangier, as well as the area around Buoy 72 above the Maryland state line. Fifteen to 30 feet seem to be the most productive fishing depths.

Action in the bay's shallow waters is yet to take off, but Spanish mackerel schools continue to prowl the mid-bay channel edges.

On the seaside, flounder continue to provide decent action inside the inlet on the flood tide, as well as over the ocean wrecks.

Further offshore, black sea bass action has picked up on the deep water wrecks, while trollers working the waters around the Washington and Norfolk canyons have had success with tuna, mahi mahi, and bill-fish.



PHOTO COURTESY GREG HARMAN

Gray triggerfish are a late summer tropical visitor that can be found swimming above lower bay and oceanic rock piles and wrecks. They will eagerly attack small baits of squid, clam, cut bait, or bloodworm-flavored artificial baits.

Wachapreague

Captain Lindsay Paul, of the charter vessel Almost Persuaded, phoned in saying that the flounder fishing out of Wachapreague continues to hold steady, with some anglers continuing to catch their limits of fish.

The best action continues to occur near the top of the tide when the water is at its clearest. Live minnows fished in tandem with Berkley Gulps continue to be the productive bait combinations.

The ocean wrecks are still producing flounder and black sea bass, as well as some gray triggerfish and small mahi mahi in the mix. Blue water trollers are finding some yellowfin tuna, with the occasional billfish and mahi mahi, while deep

droppers are doing well with catches of tilefish.

Lower Shore

Dan Bell, at Oceans East — Eastern Shore, told me that there are plenty of cobia being seen cruising the surface, but the bite remains very slow. Areas that are still holding cobia include the pilings of the

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Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, the lower bay and inshore ocean buoys, and the Inner Middle Grounds all the way up to Plantation Creek.

Dan said that he remains hopeful that the bite will pick up before the season comes to a close, but as of now, it remains a "challenge."

The sheepshead bite has turned back on, with some fish in the citation size range, as well as medium-sized black drum being caught around some of the bridge-tunnel pilings and around the rocks of the third island. The third island is also producing tautog in increasing numbers and size.

The evening red drum bite remains productive from 9-Foot Shoal up to the Cell. The late summer speckled trout run is in its early beginnings in Hungars and Plantation creeks, but most of the fish have been on the small side. Look for the influx of larger fish as the water temperatures begin to fall.

Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle in Cape Charles, confirmed that the cobia action has slowed "considerably." He has heard reports that the number of cobia have been on the decrease, and the majority of fish seen have not been interested in taking a piece of bait or lure.

Big red drum are still being caught and released on cut bait in the evenings along the channel edge from Buoy 42 down to Buoy 36.

Jeb said flounder and triggerfish are being pulled from the offshore

wrecks. He expects to see increasing numbers of speckled trout and puppy drum along the lower shore bayside creeks and in the seaside grass beds and shell piles. Catches on the lower shore fishing piers have consisted mainly of ribbonfish and spot.

The writer was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Saltwater Master Angler status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. He has won numerous Virginia Press Association awards for his columns

Ladies Invitational golf tourney benefits ESCADV

The Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club Ladies Invitational was held Tuesday, Aug. 22, with 44 golfers coming from many miles away and many making it an annual affair.

Sponsored by the Ladies Golf Association at the club, proceeds go to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Barbara Murphy, a co-chairman of the event along with Peaches Dodge, thanked the staff of the ESY&CC, who held the awards ceremony in the clubhouse.

Shelley Strain, director of the ESCADV for the past seven years, spoke briefly about services provided by the group, whose mission is to provide support and empowerment to victims of domestic and sexual abuse and to provide programs that increase awareness and prevention in the community.

Dodge, a longtime director of ESCADV, said the organization has expanded its services and resources tremendously in recent years and thanked the local sponsors who have supported the tournament.

Gigi Smith and Andi Grant, from the Virginia Beach National Golf Club, won first place gross with a 71.

Susan Daugherty and Laura Dibbern, from Nutters Crossing in Salisbury, Md., were first place net winners with a 59.

Mary Beth Huneke, of Richmond, and April

Dampier, of Chester, Va., placed second in the gross division with a 76. Joy Cimburke and Sandy Lee were third gross with a 76, based on a tiebreaker. Cimburke hails from The Crossings Golf Club in Richmond, and Lee is from Mill Quarter Plantation, Powhatan, Va.

Earning second place in the the net division were Jennifer Frieman and Laurie Haugh with a 59, based on a tiebreaker. The ESY&CC's own Barbara Murphy and Susan Duer were third, also with a 59.

Margie Byrd, of the ESY&CC, won closest to the pin on hole 13 with a shot that stopped 13 feet, 5 inches from the pin.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Gigi Smith, left, and Andi Grant, center, were first place winners in the gross division at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club with a 71. Ladies Invitational co-chairman Barbara Murphy is pictured at right.



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Margie Byrd, of the ESY&CC, won closest to the pin on hole 13 during the Ladies Invitational golf tournament held on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club.

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Vikings nip homestanding Ponies

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Vikings traveled to Chincoteague Friday, Aug. 25, and defeated the Ponies, 26-24.

Broadwater got its offense started when quarterback Logan Hickman connected with Rufus Abbott for a 70-yard touchdown. Jacob Seltzer ran in for the 2-point conversion to make the score, 8-0.

Later, Broadwater's Eli Destro returned a kickoff 65 yards for a touchdown.

Hickman connected with Abbott for two more touchdown passes.

Hickman went 13 for 21, passing for 266 yards and three touchdowns.

For Chincoteague, Jordan Harper threw for 106 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 101 yards and two touchdowns.

Johnathan Holloway had 76 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Jake Harper had 66 yards receiving.

Garrett Daisey and Izid Tountas had four tackles each for Chincoteague. Broadwater defensive stars included Luke Duer, John Lewis, Quinn Ames, Caleb McIntyre, Luke Young, and Olsen





EASTERN SHORE POST/ TED SHOCKLEY

Above, Luke Young, left, and Luke Duer corral a Pony ball carrrier. At left, Chincoteague quarterback Jordan Harper is chased by Broadwater's Quinn Ames.

September is National Honey Month

September marks National Honey Month, and Virginia's buzzing beekeeping industry offers plenty to celebrate.

From early spring until the final harvest in September each year, Virginia honeybees produce around 250,000 pounds of honey from roughly 7,000 colonies. More than \$2 million worth of honey is produced statewide, according to 2022 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Honey is made from collected nectar stored in a honeybee hive's wax comb cells. Adopting the flavor of its nectar source, popular Virginia honey varieties include basswood, buckwheat, clover, locust, thistle, and wildflower.

In addition to offering a uniquely sweet flavor, honey has been used for medicinal purposes for millennia due to its antimicrobial properties, according to Margaret Couvillon, assistant professor of pollinator biology and ecology at Virginia Tech.

Applications for this year's Beehive Distribution Program will be accepted Aug. 28 through Sept. 12. An online application and PDF for mail submissions is available on Aug. 28 on the VDACS website.



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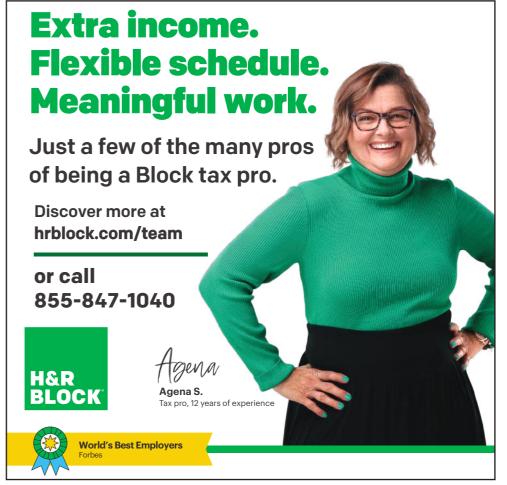


The Accomack County Parks and Recreation co-ed softball league defending Champs "Family" won the regular season with a 12-2 record. Tamika Colona was the coach and the sponsor was Derrick Colona Pressure Washing.



The co-ed softball league tournament champion was Davis Heating and Cooling. They lost early in the 3rd round but fought hard to defeat Family in the championship. The coach was Addison Matthews.





Cooperative holds 83rd annual meeting

BY JAY DIEM

A&N Electric Cooperative

A&N Electric Cooperative held its 83rd Annual Meeting at its Tasley headquarters on Thursday, Aug. 24. The meeting was broadcast live on WESR for co-op members who were not able to attend in person.

At the meeting, cooperative members elected three of their peers to serve on its board of directors.

More than 1,800 cooperative members participated in this year's election of directors, either in person or through designated proxy. The election process was overseen and certified by the cooperative's Credentials and Elections Committee, which is independent of the board.

In District 1, Gregory L. Duncan was elected. This district covers the northern areas of Accomack County, from Parksley's northern border to the Maryland state line, and includes Tangier and Smith islands.

In District 2, Keith Colonna was elected. This district covers the areas between Melfa in the south and Parksley in the north.

In District 3, W.E. "Ted" Shockley III was re-elected. This district covers the area just north of Nassawadox in the south to just above Melfa in the north.

All three candidates were unopposed and will serve three-year terms per the cooperative's bylaws.

In addition to the election of directors, the cooperative provided its members reports on its end-ofyear financial status, updates on the cooperative and what's ahead for the future of the co-op.

Chairman's report

Addison Nottingham, chairman of A&N Electric Cooperative's Board, welcomed co-op members in attendance and those listening at home



JAY DIEM PHOTO

Addison Nottingham, chairman of A&N Electric Cooperative's Board, welcomes co-op members in attendance and those listening at home through WESR's live broadcast during the annual meeting on Thursday, Aug. 24.

through WESR's live broadcast.

He reminded members of the cooperative's tornado response one year ago.

Last August, a waterspout came ashore on Smith Island, Md., damaging homes and breaking several electric utility poles. Cooperative personnel on nearby Tangier Island were able to respond within an hour, isolate the damage and restore power to the majority of the island with a generator located there.

"Our team on the islands jumped into action immediately after the storm and were able to isolate damage and get parts of the islands back on while more help arrived to make necessary repairs," said Nottingham.

He applauded cooperative employees for working safely and announced that the cooperative had surpassed two consecutive years with no losttime accidents.

He highlighted the cooperative's most recent Gaff-N-Go Lineman Rodeo team participants and the Gaff-N-Grill team, which won first place overall and two third place awards at the event held in the spring.

Nottingham announced that the board recently voted to return \$2.57 million in capital credits to the membership. Nearly all members receive capital credits in the form of a bill credit, which was applied in July.

In total, the cooperative has retired more than \$33 million in capital credits to its membership.

Nottingham also highlighted local youth programs, including two recent winners of the Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives Scholarship fund recipients and the cooperative's continued support of the Cooperative Youth Tour program, which sponsored three local youth delegates for a week-long trip to Washington D.C. in June.

Nottingham, who also serves on the Members Helping Members Board, reported the nonprofit raised more than \$71,000 and was able to assist 283 cooperative members with paying their electric service bills in 2022.

President's report

President and CEO Butch Williamson acknowledged the many challenges that the cooperative is faced with but reiterated its commitment to reliable, responsive and efficient service at the lowest possible price.

Williamson touched on the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have caused supply and

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Cooperative

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demand strains and material delays and placed increased pressure on material costs.

Those rising costs have also affected energy prices.

"Most utility energy costs alone, within the region, have seen increases of as much as 50% or more," Williamson said. "Fortunately, as a member of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, we saw much lower increases. A&N was shielded with hedging strategies that softened our costs to the 15-25% range. That is the value of being a member of ODEC."

He happily reported that as of Aug. 1 and for the remainder of the year, energy prices are forecast to decrease.

Williamson discussed recent upgrades through the cooperative's Advance Metering Infrastructure and other system improvements which have led to quicker response and restoration times. He also highlighted the cooperative's perpetual task of managing trees and vegetation growth near power lines, which helps reduce blinks and outages.

"Hundreds of miles of right of way were maintained and hundreds of trees were removed that had the potential to cause issues," Williamson said. "Maintaining over 2,500 miles of line here on the Shore is a never-ending mission that we take very seriously."

He also highlighted the cooperative's annual commitment to Arbor Day through a member appreciation event, which was held this past spring at the cooperative's head-quarters. The event saw hundreds of co-op members attend and take home seedlings to plant. The cooperative will also be present at the upcoming Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair in October.

Turning to local renewable initiatives, Williamson announced that the Cooperative Sunshare program was

recently fully approved by the State Corporation Commission and that it is now available to residential and small commercial members.

Williamson also announced the need to restructure rates to more accurately reflect the rising cost of service.

"This reallocation of revenue within the current rates is needed to coincide with our standard fixed allocated costs," Williamson said. "This change will assist in stabilizing the revenue by reducing the charge on the kilowatt hour charge and adding it to a fixed monthly access charge."

The proposed rate adjustment will result in a decrease or an increase to a standard, monthly residential bill depending on how much energy is used in a given month.

In general, the more electricity used, the more the overall bill will decrease when compared to the rates currently in effect. The cooperative anticipates that more than two-thirds of the membership should see a decrease in their overall, monthly

bill as a result of the proposed rate adjustment, which will not take effect until Jan. 1, 2024.

The cooperative will be provided more information on this proposed rate adjustment in upcoming editions of Cooperative Living Magazine, the cooperative's website <u>anec.com</u> and local media outlets.

"A&N has a lot going on to make sure we make sound decisions, meet your needs, while providing affordable electric service," Williamson said. "As always, we welcome your calls or stop-by to discuss your concerns or how we can help."

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the board held officer elections, reelecting Addison Nottingham as its chairman, Christopher Bott as its vice chairman, and Ralph Dodd as the board's secretary/treasurer.

Learn more about the cooperative's programs and initiatives highlighted at the Annual Meeting at anec.com



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ONANCOCK MURAL



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Curtis Goldstein paints an 88-by-10-foot mural on the side of The North Street Playhouse at 34 Market St. in Onancock on Thursday, Aug. 24. The Ohio-based artist's design celebrates the Eastern Shore's legacy of theater.



EASTERN SHORE POST/CLARA VAUGHN

The mural features North Street Playhouse performers, including Teri Betz, shown in front of Historic Onancock School.



EASTERN SHORE POST/CLARA VAUGHN

Artist Curtis Goldstein expected to finish major work on the project this week. The mural is a project by Onancock Main Street, the nonprofit group that applied for grants to fund three murals in downtown Onancock.



EASTERN SHORE POST/CLARA VAUGHN

The new mural celebrates the Eastern Shore's performing arts history with images depicting the James Adams Floating Theatre, which traveled the waters of the Chesapeake Bay from 1914 to 1941, and the Ursa Major and Ursa Minor constellations, a reference to "Ye Bear and Ye Cubbe," believed to be the first play performed in the United States at an Accomack County tavern.

Schools start without after-school program

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

Northampton County Public Schools will open this month without an after-school child care program in place, but school officials continue to work to make the program a reality.

The school division chose to move forward with the YMCA of South Hampton Roads, which runs several YMCA locations in Hampton Roads and on the Eastern Shore.

The after-school childcare program is intended for children ages 4 to 12 at Occohannock and Kiptopeke elementary schools.

School division leaders are aiming for the program to include instructional and social-emotional learning opportunities.

The cost to families per child is anticipated to be \$75 a week for YMCA members and \$100 a week for nonmembers. An income-based YMCA discount program could reduce the cost to \$40 a week for members and \$60 a week for nonmembers.

However, YMCA leaders had noted that the organization would be unable to subsidize the program due to reduced membership since the COVID-19 pandemic, and they asked if Northampton schools could guarantee a minimum participation level.

The school division distributed a survey in June to gauge parent interest in the program.

Around 100 parents answered the survey with "mixed interest," according to a July report, but only five applications for the after-school program were received by the Aug. 7 deadline.

Northampton County Public Schools Chief Financial Officer Brook Thomas said on Aug. 24, "We had pushed it ... through almost every method imaginable," including the ClassTag parent-teacher communication app, Facebook, and a local newspaper.

The YMCA refunded all of the application fees it had received, and YMCA leaders discussed next steps with Thomas and Superintendent Lisa Martin.

The YMCA will resume the process of assisting

Northampton schools in obtaining a license for the after-school child care program and approval by the department of social services.

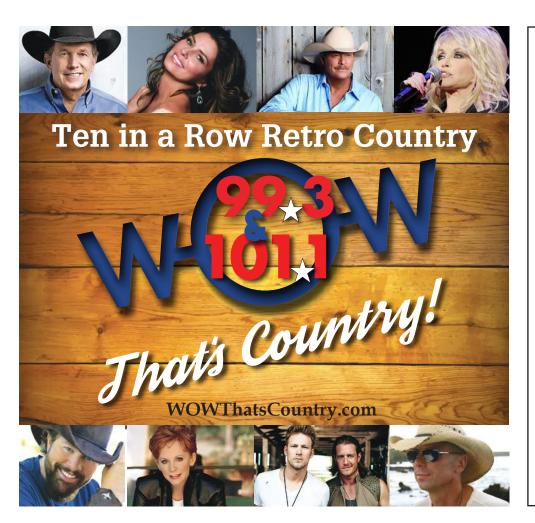
Social services then can share information about the possible after-school program with the families it serves.

Social services can cover the cost of the program for qualifying families, and "that might be a good way to get some more interest," Thomas said.

The YMCA will develop a waiting list to keep track of program interest, and YMCA representatives will attend Northampton school events such as open house and back-to-school night to promote the program, Thomas added.

The school division will pursue a federal 21st Century Learning grant that would help offset program costs for parents.

Thomas said the initial lack of parental interest in the program was "a little disappointing, but we have a really good path forward ... and we're just all going to keep moving in that direction until we can make it happen."



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Open-air painting event returns to island

BY CAROL VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

An outdoor painting event that annually attracts dozens of artists to Chincoteague is celebrating its 20th year.

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance's 20th annual Plein Air Art Event will be Sept. 2 to 9.

Fifty-five artist slots — the maximum the show venue at the Chincoteague Community Center will hold — filled up within minutes of registration opening in June.

During the weeklong event, Chincoteague residents and visitors likely will spot artists, working in various media, painting scenes around Chincoteague and Assateague islands.

"Plein air painting is about leaving the four walls of your studio behind and experiencing painting and drawing in the landscape," according to the Artists Network website.

"En plein air," in French means "in the open air."

The method goes back for centuries "but was truly made into an art form by the French Impressionists" according to the website.

Impressionists' desire to capture the changing qualities of light, along with the creation of more easily transportable paints and easels, led to the increased popularity of the practice.

The Chincoteague event features artists from the Eastern Shore and beyond — including New Jersey and Texas — painting outdoors throughout the week, with the results on display and for sale to the public at the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague, on Saturday evening, Sept. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

"The show itself on Saturday evening is always very lively," said Madeleine Adamson, CCA board member and treasurer.

By 6 p.m., opening time, a line typically has formed outside the doors, according to Adamson.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Nancy West paints in a recent Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Plein Air art event.

"They want to get first dibs on the painting that they like," she said.

The show, in addition to the opportunity to view and purchase artwork, includes free refreshments and a cash bar. Admission is free and open to the public.

"The paintings that (the artists) bring to the show have to have been done that week, on site," Adamson said.

Chincoteague artist Nancy West spearheaded the first plein air show on the island in 2003, the same year the CCA was organized.

The event began that year with a small number of artists showing their work in a motel conference room.

It grew over the years into one of the premiere art shows in the region, according to Adamson.

"There are artists who come back

year after year after year; they love what they have available to paint," she said, noting more than 200 artists are on the organization's mailing list for the event.

In addition to the Sept. 9 show, a "quick draw" event Thursday, Sept. 7, at Robert Reed Waterfront Park is open to participation by all local artists, including those not registered for the plein air week and show.

West heads up the quick draw event.

Registration for the quick draw event opens at 12:30 p.m. that day and costs \$5.

Participants will have two hours, from 1 to 3 p.m., to paint scenes in the park vicinity.

"You have to stay in hearing range of the conch shell that (West) blows"

to signal the event's end, Adamson said.

"It's really interesting to see what the artists choose to paint, because you have the water there, and you have the downtown with its small buildings. You get a real mixture of what people decide is interesting to them — and that they can do in two hours," she said.

At 3 p.m., called back by West, participants will bring their paintings to a central gathering spot at the park's pavilion, where they will be judged and also for sale.

Prizes will be awarded: \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

Information about the plein air event is at $\frac{https://tinyurl.}{com/5x43598t}$

Meador celebrates 100th birthday in style

Lillian Nock Meador, of Savageville, turned 100 years old on Aug. 24.

This milestone was celebrated at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomac on Aug. 19.

Family and friends gathered from many states, including Georgia and Texas, to celebrate with her.

Meador received many accolades including a congratulatory plaque from her church, presented by the Rev. Justin Nick of Gaskins Chapel A.M.E. Church in Savageville.

She also received commendations from the White House, signed by President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden, U.S. Sens. Tim Kaine and Mark R. Warner, state Sen. Lynwood W. Lewis Jr., and a plaque on behalf of the county of Accomack Board of Supervisors from Donald L. Hart Jr., Supervisor, Election District 8.

Meador was born in Melfa on Aug.



Lillian **Nock Meador**

24, 1923. She is the voungest and only survivor of seven children born to the late Filmore and Laura Nock.

She graduated from Mary N. Smith High School in 1940 and went on to pursue a career in cosmetology in New York City.

She has had the pleasure of traveling to many countries and U.S. territories, and she was even baptized in the Jordan River.

After retirement, she returned to the Eastern Shore and made her home in the same area where she lived before she left. When asked what she thinks of this milestone, she will tell you that she has had a good life and that she is thankful to God for allowing her to do and see so much in her lifetime with so many new horizons each day.

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At No Limits, hot dogs from a frank server

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

The sky was blue, the breeze was pleasant, and the hot dogs were beef.

The hot dog cart was shiny. The music blaring from a speaker was from the 1980s.

A song by the band Chicago called "You're the Inspiration" played as CL Brown pulled out a bun.

Brown, who legally changed his name several years ago to "CL," with no periods, used tongs to place a hot dog in the bun crease.

"I'll have regular customers. I will have their order all ready," said Brown, who was staffing the No Limits Eastern Shore hot dog cart on Friday, Aug. 25.

"They will say, 'You have a good memory.' Well, sometimes I do and sometimes I don't."

Brown put sauerkraut on a hot dog and handed it to a customer as Bruce Hornsby's song, "The Way It Is," played on the speaker.

Then he talked a bit about how he came to No Limits, a nonprofit in Tasley that helps adult survivors of brain injuries with day support and other programs.

No Limits serves $50\ \mathrm{survivors}$ of brain injuries each year.

On June 23, 1990, Brown was severely injured while riding in the back seat of a vehicle involved in a head-on collision on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

He usually rode in the front seat but someone else already was sitting there, so he climbed in the back.

The front-seat passenger died. Brown almost did. "I had to learn how to walk, talk, everything, all over again," he said.

The COVID-19 pandemic paused operation of the hot dog cart, which was funded by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation. Now it is open one Friday a month.

"This is our first year getting it back," said Rachel Evans, the No Limits executive director.

She said of Brown, "He does really well with it."

He was equally complimentary: "I love No Limits," he said.

A vehicle pulled into the No Limits parking lot at 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley.

Two customers walked up and placed an order.

Brown pulled out his tongs, grabbed a bun, and bobbed his head as the song "Forever Young," by

bobbed his head as the song "Forever Young," by Rod Stewart, played on the speaker.





EASTERN SHORE POST/TED SHOCKLEY

CL Brown holds two hot dogs with mustard at the No Limits hot dog cart in Tasley on Aug. 25. At left, Brown prepares a hot dog for a customer. The hot dog cart is open one day per month.

Academy for Lifetime Learning announces local fall classes

Summer is winding down, schools are opening, and the Academy for Lifetime Learning is ready with an exciting new fall schedule of courses.

There are no limits for sign-ups for a one-time enrollment fee of \$25.

Go to the website <u>www.allesva.</u> org to find out the dates, times and locations of the classes that interest you.

Read and discuss short stories with the Bite Size Book Club. Learn Beginning Knitting or have Fun with Watercolor. Take Control of your Digital Camera or learn about Music and Art from the Baroque.

If you have thought about Starting a Small Business but don't know where to begin, there are two classes with the information you need.

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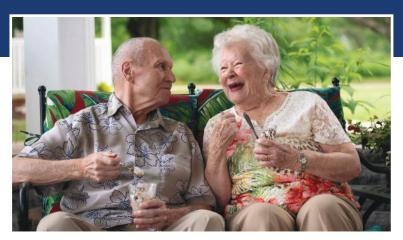
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The Academy for Lifetime Learning is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization with members who share a love of learning. It uses the funds raised by the membership fee to offer scholarships to graduates of Eastern Shore high schools every year.



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Town names members to development team

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

The Onancock Town Council appointed board members to its new Economic Development Authority during its meeting on Monday, Aug. 28.

New EDA members are Joy Marino, Jeff Vernimb, Jake Dillon, Rosemary Paparo, Steve Johnsen, Bill Chandler, and Katie Schwab.

The group has combined experience in real estate, civic organizations, local government, law, insurance, and financial institutions.

"We were very lucky," Onancock's Town Manager Matt Spuck said of the pool of applicants.

The Onancock Town Council voted June 26 to create a town Economic Development Authority with a near-term purpose to serve as a pass-through body for funding a state grant awarded to Onancock to renovate the Lilliston building at 51 Market St.

In the future, the EDA "opens us up for additional funding avenues to stimulate the businesses in Onancock," Spuck said.

"That gives us some exciting opportunities," he said.

The EDA is a subdivision of Onancock and will report to Onancock's town council. When reviewing applicants for the EDA board, town council members looked for a group with a broad base of experience, Spuck said.

The town council put out a call for volunteers for the seven-member board of the EDA on its website and received nine applications. Up to three town council members can serve on the board.

Kasey Grier, a town resident, spoke during public comment to express concerns "about the methodology used in the creation" of the new authority.

"Putting the application on the town website is not sufficient for recruiting people who can speak for underrepresented constituencies," she said, naming east Market Street and minority business owners and "youthful entrepreneurs" as examples.

"It has the potential to be such a powerful tool for addressing issues associated with the economic life of the town," Grier said of the EDA.

The EDA's first steps will be to write its bylaws, and then review any federal opportunities, Spuck said. He said the group will likely meet quarterly or as needed.

Needle felting at Book Bin Book sale in Cape Charles

On Sunday, Sept. 10, from 1 to 4 p.m., JoAnn Stratakos will hold a needle felting workshop creating individual Sidney the Snail and his mushroom home structures at the Book Bin, Four Corner Plaza, Onley.

The \$70 registration fee includes all supplies.

Prepay reservations at 757-787-7866.

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library will be holding its final monthly summer book sale to benefit the library.

The sale will be held, weather permitting, on the side of the library located at 201 Mason Ave. in Cape Charles and will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Performance pavilion becomes zoning puzzle

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

The Onancock Town Council plans to enforce guidelines for a performance pavilion in town using a special use permit process.

The move to add new language to the town's zoning code comes after the Onancock Planning Commission voted 4-1 to recommended no changes to the language during its meeting on Monday, Aug. 7.

"The purpose of a performance venue is to perform. It is not a special use," the planning commission wrote in a letter penned to the town council Aug. 15.

But the town's attorney, Eric Gregory, said Onancock's town council is not required to follow the planning commission's advice.

"The planning commission's recommendation is just that: a recommendation," he said during the town council meeting Monday, Aug. 28.

The performance pavilion is a project by Friends of Onancock School, which operates the nonprofit Historic Onancock School on College Avenue.

FOS obtained the necessary permits and received a vote of support from the town council before starting construction on the pavilion in November, but paused work after neighbors expressed concerns about issues ranging from traffic and crowd control to noise, alcohol sales, and potential vandalism of the venue.

The Onancock Town Council has met several times to discuss proposed guidelines to manage future performances at the stage, ranging from what time of day to allow concerts to the number of performances permitted per season and security, alcohol, and parking guidelines.

By right or by permit?

The town attorney's "strong suggestion" is to use a special use permit to enforce those guidelines, said Town Manager Matt Spuck during a special pavilion meeting in May.

That process would require FOS to submit an application for a special use permit from Onancock, triggering a series of official procedures that would involve at least two public hearings by Onancock's planning commission and town council, Spuck said during the meeting.

But the Onancock Planning Commission said

What it means

- Onancock's planning commission recommended that the town's performance pavilion doesn't need a special use permit a ruling that would speed along construction of the pavilion and bring concerts to town sooner.
- The Onancock Town Council unanimously rejected that recommendation because if the performance pavilion is a by-right use, the town does not "have any real control over a given use or way to impose conditions on those uses," the town attorney said.
- Public hearings to correct an administrative deletion in the zoning ordinance will be held. The hearings would lead to allowing a special use permit for the pavilion.
- The performance pavilion obtained the necessary permits and received a vote of support from the town council before starting construction in November, but paused work after neighbors expressed concerns about issues ranging from traffic and crowd control to noise, alcohol sales, and potential vandalism of the venue.

an ordinance the town council adopted in 2008 "alone allows for the Friends of Onancock School to build the facility and use it for performances."

FOS began leasing the HOS property in 2007. The next year, the Onancock Town Council created the Cultural, Recreational and Community Facilities zoning district to distinguish the property from the town's Parks and Open Spaces District. HOS is the only property in the district.

Uses allowed in the district include "facilities for cultural, recreational, social and community uses such as, but not limited to, practice, performance and display of the visual and performing arts, educational activities, recreation and physical fitness activities, meetings, conferences and other community or social gatherings," according to the ordinance.

However, that section of the town's code was erroneously excluded when the document was digitized two years ago on Municode, Spuck said.

"Anything that was not included in that newly created book no longer exists as an ordinance," he said, because the zoning ordinance was adopted as-written, leading to the town council's consideration of how to re-codify the section of Onancock's guiding document.

Hearings upcoming

To include that section of the code again, Onancock's planning commission and town council plan to hold two separate public hearings, when they will hear comments on the proposed changes.

With the public hearings the pavilion project may be able to move forward by November, Gregory said, though special meetings could speed up that process.

"Given all the concerns with the FOS plans and the events in the pavilion ... I would suggest that you consider a version of the ordinance that would impose a special use permit provision," Gregory said.

"If you just make it a by-right use as the 2008 ordinance would do, then you don't have any real control over a given use or way to impose conditions upon those uses," he said.

Eight residents commented on the pavilion during the public comment section of the town council's meeting.

"The Friends of Onancock School has faithfully executed the trust you placed in them for 16 years. Changing the rules at this point would be unjust," said Janet Rochester of the proposed changes.

Others agreed with the proposed addition of special use permit provisions to the town's code.

"A special use permit is in order," said Gregory Felthousen.

"Please come together and make this work," said Margie Labadie, an artist at HOS.

The full language of the Cultural, Recreational and Community Facilities Zoning ordinance is available on page 40 of the Town of Onancock's Zoning Ordinance.

Visit $\underline{\text{https://tinyurl.com/bdhw9yz9}}$ to read the ordinance.

Visit https://library.municode.com/va/onan-cock/codes/code_of_ordinances to see Onancock's code adopted in 2021, which is missing the district that was located between sections on the town's Parks and Open Spaces and Historical District Overlay districts, under Chapter 38, Zoning.



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Onancock to apply for industrial grant to renovate downtown

Property at 20 Market St. targeted for improvements

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

Onancock is poised to apply for another \$1 million loan to renovate a downtown business.

In a 4-2 vote, the town council supported a resolution that allows the town to apply for an Industrial Revitalization Fund loan for improvements at 20 Market St.

Mayor Fletcher Fosque refrained from voting on the issue, as he and his wife Janet Fosque own the property.

"This is a one-time opportunity," said council member Cindy Holdren during the town council's Aug. 28 meeting.

The resolution comes on the heels of a \$64,000 planning grant that provides the blueprint for improvements to be achieved if the town receives the IRF funds, Town Manager Matt Spuck said. The application is due Oct. 27.

If the town is awarded the \$1 million loan, it would become part of a revolving loan fund that "would come back to the town with each loan payment," Spuck said.

"Those dollars can then be loaned out to another local businessperson," he said.

"These revolving funds help the town in perpetuity," Spuck said. "That's why I'm a big fan of these revolving loan funds.

"Not only do they help the building that's in front of us. They help buildings down the road and we get to keep that money for a long, long time — as long as we continue to have buildings that need help."

Council member Joy Marino agreed "this is a great way to fill empty

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Matt Spuck, town manager Town of Onancock

buildings downtown," but added that she would like to ask Onancock's newly appointed Economic Development Authority board members about the project before giving the green light for the application.

"Let's get their opinion. That's their purpose — is to spearhead economic development," she said.

But postponing work on the IRF application could make it less competitive, Spuck said.

"Because these are extensive applications, it takes weeks and weeks" to complete them, he said. "If we were to wait, we would lose the opportunity to prepare an adequate application."

The IRF received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act, which assisted with economic recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's going away after this year," Spuck said of the ARPA funding. "We'll have to get it (the IRF application) in to this cycle, if you so choose."

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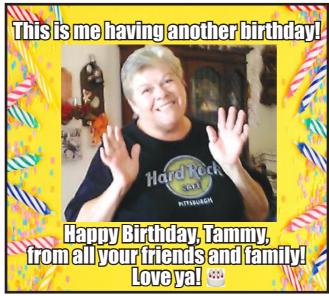
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Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or GED and five (5) years of directly related work experience in public safety with experience in managing, operating, and maintaining a two-way radio communications radio system, microwave, electronic systems and 9-1-1 technology systems; any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities above is acceptable. Professional certifications/achievements, such as, but not limited to, NENA Emergency Number Professional certification, or APCO Registered Public Safety Leader certification, or others, may be beneficial to this position. This position is subject to a background investigation and drug screening.

Interested individuals are requested to submit a cover letter and resume with salary expectations and professional references to the Director of the 9-1-1 Center by email at iflournoy@co.northampton.va.us or by mail to P.O. Box 337, Accomac, VA 23301, or at the 9-1-1 Center, 23201 Front Street, Accomac, VA 23301.

The position description and position recruitment profile (with additional details on the hiring process and anticipated hiring range) can be found at the 9-1-1 Commission's website at www.esva911.org Any inquiries about this position should be directed to: Jeffrey Flournoy, 9-1-1 Director, at iflournoy@co.northampton.va.us or at 757-787-0909. The ESVA 9-1-1 Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.

Director of Human Resources

Category: Management

Location: ESRH Corporate Office 20280 Market Street

Onancock, VA 23417

Type: Full-time

Job Summary:

The Director of Human Resources is responsible for developing and executing human resource strategy in support of the overall business plan and strategic direction of the organization, specifically in the areas of succession planning, talent management, change management, organizational and performance management, training and development, and compensation. The Director of Human Resources provides strategic leadership by articulating HR needs and plans to the senior leadership team, and the board of directors.

Qualifications / Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Human Resources or related field required. Master's degree preferred. 5 years HR management or related experience preferred.
- SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) or SHRM Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) certification preferred.
- 5 years of HR management preferred.
- Advanced knowledge of recruitment, benefits administration, performance management, compensation and wage structure, EEO reporting and knowledge of state and federal employment laws.
- Must be a visionary with supervisory and administrative experience, mature judgment, good leadership, interpersonal, communication and computer skills.
- Ability to delegate responsibilities and create a climate of teamwork and accountability.



To APPLY:

View full job description by scanning the QR code or visit https://employees.esrh.org/Careers then click Corporate Office, Onancock, VA > Administration > Director of Human Resources.



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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR:

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

Qualifications: Over the age of 21 and have obtained a high school diploma or GED.

Applications may be obtained from the Northampton County Sheriff's Office located at 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347 or the County's website.

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Requires valid Virginia Driver's License.

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Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements and application form at https://tinyurl.com/bdcb8hst or an application can be obtained through the Human Resources office. Please submit completed county application form to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road. Position is open until filled. Northampton County is an EOE.

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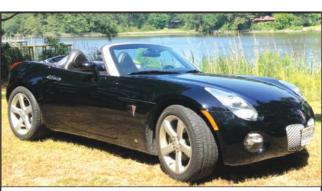
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF VACANT DEVELOPED OR UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY TO CUT GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER FOREIGN GROWTH"

Due to changes in the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the purpose of this amendment is to allow for enforcement of the ordinance on occupied as well as vacant property, including agriculturally-zoned land of one acre or less if such property is used for residential purposes.

This proposed ordinance is available for review at the County Administrator's office, Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours. Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing to express their views.

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Charles Kolakowski, County Administrator

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. 23CL000641-00 Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

WARREN, JR., RICHARD A. v. WARREN, CAROL G.

The object of this suit is: TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that CAROL G. WARREN appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before OCTOBER 18, 2023.

August 17, 2023 Samuel H. Cooper Jr., Clerk

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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 AUCTION OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

19540 Deerfoot Road, Melfa, Virginia 23410 ACCOMACK COUNTY TAX MAP #: 11200A0000014C3

Pursuant to an Order of the Accomack County Circuit Court entered on August 4, 2023, in Accomack County Circuit Court case #23CL025, the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction, subject to any and all terms and conditions contained in said Order, to the highest bidder:

IN FRONT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY IN ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 9:30 A.M.

the following tract of valuable real estate, to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, being "PARCEL 'A-3'", containing Six Acres, more or less (6 A. \pm), near Keller, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, shown on a certain sketch, which is attached a Deed dated January 2, 2002 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia as Instrument Number 200200483 and reference to said sketch is hereby made for a more particular description of the real estate hereby conveyed.

TOGETHER WITH all rights, easements, buildings, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

SUBJECT TO valid recorded easements, covenants, reservations and restrictions in the chain of title to the property hereby conveyed, which have not expired or otherwise become ineffective.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR TO COLLECT A DEBT.

TERMS

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be required in cash on the date of sale with liberty to the purchaser to pay as much more in cash on that day as he might desire. The balance not so paid in cash to be evidenced by the note of the purchaser, payable fifteen (15) days from date with interest at 9% from date of sale, and with personal security should the undersigned Special Commissioner require it. Title to the premises to be retained as additional security until the full amount of the purchase price has been paid. Bidders may be required to offer proof of a satisfactory financial condition prior to Special Commissioner's acceptance of their bid.

The property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the time bid off; possession to be given on the day of sale, and real estate taxes for the year 2023 and prior thereto to be paid by the Purchaser. Property is sold in its "AS IS, WHERE IS" condition, with no warranties as to title or any other condition, physical or otherwise.

Upon payment in full of the purchase price the purchaser to be entitled to a deed for said property upon same properly prepared at his/her expense conveying said property with SPECIAL WARRANTY of title and tendered to the undersigned Special Commissioner for execution.

For further information apply to the undersigned Special Commissioner.

Given under my hand this the 25th day of August, 2023.

JOHN P. CUSTIS, Esq., Special Commissioner 25020 Shore Parkway, Suite 2A Onley, VA 23418 757-302-4131

Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the withdrawal of ground water in Northampton County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 1, 2023 to October 2, 2023

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Sun Cherrystone RV LLC; 27777 Franklin Road, Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48034; GW0080100

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Cherrystone Campground; 1511 Townfield Drive, Cape Charles, VA 23310

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Sun Cherrystone RV LLC has applied for a new permit for a groundwater withdrawal to serve a recreational campground and its facilities. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 11,800,000 gallons per year and 3,340,000 gallons per month from the Middle Yorktown-Eastover aquifer and Lower Yorktown-Eastover aquifer. The ground water withdrawal will support a recreational campground and its facilities. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Yorktown-Eastover aquifer and Lower Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on a map that can be viewed at https://tinyurl.com/3ems7mkb

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

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Eric Seavey; Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA, 23218; Phone: 804-754-6250; E-mail: eric.seavey@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: 804-698-4178 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.

Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE 31675 BOSTON RD, PUNGOTEAGUE, VA 23422

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 1999, in the original principal amount of \$59,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, in Book 0793 at Page 00496 as Instrument No. 990001416 The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on October 13, 2023, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE AT BOSTON, PUNGOTEAGUE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS BEING ON THE WEST BY STATE ROUTE NO. 178 FOR A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET; ON THE SOUTH BY THE LAND OF GEORGE BAILEY AND MAG-GIE BAILEY, HIS WIFE FOR A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET; ON THE EAST BY OTHER LANDS OF THE PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART FOR A DISTANCE OF 165 FEET; AND ON THE NORTH BY A PROPOSED 50-FOOT ROAD BE-TWEEN THIS LAND AND THE LAND OF JAMES DEN NIS. SUBJECT TO AN UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED A & N ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, DATED AUGUST 10, 1988 AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE. DEED BOOK 549, PAGE 659. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgager, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com

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7003 Lankford Hwy., Oak Hall,
Accomack County, Virginia 23416
The above establishment is applying to the
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY
for a Retail Off Premises Beer and Wine license

Peter Barnett, President 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.

to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Exmore, Virginia (the "Town") will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Meeting Room of the J. Guy Lawson Municipal Building, 3305 Main Street, Exmore, Virginia, 23350.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comment on a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$7,000,000 principal amount of general obligation and utility revenue bonds of the Town (the "Bonds") which is expected to be sold to the Virginia Resources Authority as Administrator of the Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund as a combination of principal repayment and principal forgiveness loans. The proposed use for which more than ten percent of the proceeds of the Bonds are expected to be used is to finance, along with other funds, capital costs to improve the Town's sewer system and related expenses along with costs of issuance.

A copy of the full text of the resolution is on file in the office of the Town Manager, J. Guy Lawson Municipal Building, 3305 Main Street, Exmore, Virginia, 23350 and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

TOWN COUNCIL, TOWN OF EXMORE, VIRGINIA



PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VA September 18, 2023

The Planning Commission for the Town of Onancock, VA will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm, to solicit public comments regarding Chapter 38, Article VIIIA: Cultural, Recreational, and Community Facilities District.

A copy of the ordinance is available for review on the town's website at www.onancock.com or at the town office during normal business hours. Questions or comments may be directed to Matt Spuck, Town Manager, at 757-787-3363, or via email at Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com

TRUSTEE SALE 4432 Janders Road, Tangier, VA 23440 Aka 16159 Janders Road, Tangier, VA 23440 Accomack County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$40,445.00, dated July 8, 2009, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. 200902942, in Book No. 4384, at Page 23, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, on September 28, 2023 at 11:30 AM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

On the North for a distance of Eighty-one Feet (81) by Chesapeake Island Electric Co-op Lane; on the East for a distance of Thirty-five Feet (35) by the land now or formerly of F. B. Gerald; on the South for a distance of Eighty-one Feet (81) by the land now or formerly of F. B. Gerald; and on the West for a distance of Thirty-five Feet (35) by the remainder of the tract, with any improvements thereon

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Trustee

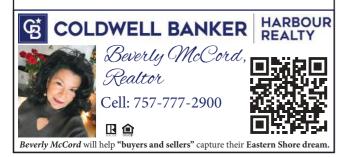
This is a communication from a debt collector. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (82871) 448 Viking Drive Suite 350 Virginia Beach, VA 23452 757-457-1460 - Call Between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.siwpc.net

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Northampton property transfers

- From West Coast Properties Group LLC
 To Little Creek Estates LLC
 3 lots in Marina Village East, Cape Charles
 For \$200.160
- From David and Judith Meade, trustees
 To Zachary Dodson and Katherine Wendell
 Lot 17, 2.24 acres, Bay Harbour Club,
 Eastville district
 For S625.000
- From Glenn and Paige Newlin To Joseph Boole Lot 1, Exmore For \$347,500
- From Matthew Froehler, successor trustee To Jeffrey and Lesley Evancho Lot B68, Bayside Village, Cape Charles For \$200.000
- From Michael and Theresa White
 To Gary and Lillian Matthaei
 Lot 4, 5.01 acres, Wilsonia Plantations, near
 Machipongo
 For \$65,500
- From West Coast Properties Group LLC To Gregory and Emily Gentry Lot 109, Marina Village East, Phase 1, Cape Charles

For \$117,000

- From Bay Creek Development LLC
 To Jon and Mary Palm, trustees
 Lot L82, Village L, Phase 1B, Cape Charles
 For \$295,000
- From Frederick Evans
 To Matthew Taylor and Brittiny Cobbs
 Lot, 2 acres, near Capeville
 For \$259.000
- From Judy Lassiter
 To Paul and Peta Fuller
 Lot in Capeville
 For \$200,000
- From Virginia Builders LLC
 To David and Deborah Golota
 Lot 6, Tower Hill, Capeville
 For \$474,900

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Eastern Shore Post!

Accomack property transfers

- From Kedrick E. Clark
 To Cindy and Francis Scullion
 2248 Captains Corridor, Captains Cove,
 Greenbackville
 For \$200,000
- From Kellam Energy Inc.
 To CNNT LLC
 6471 Lankford Highway, Oak Hall
 For \$275,000
- From Mattaponi Sand & Gravel LLC To RF Properties LLC 1.5 acres on Market and King Streets, Onancock For \$10
- From Kingdom Property Solutions LLC
 To Chad Gregory Belote
 1/2 acre on Harborton Road, Harborton
 For \$10,000
- From Judith A. and Floyd W. Byam To Danae Drake 3667 Captains Corridor, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$204.000
- From Gertrude Kay Burkindine & Julia Pope To Cindy B. and Maurice L. Dix Jr Lot 53, Unit 1, Trails End, Horntown For \$28.000
- From Jennifer E. and Roy Stewart Annis Jr.
 To Deborah A. and Alan A. Moreau
 Lot 3, Onley
 For \$30.000
- From Solveig and Donald V. Fredholm To Toni A. and Bernard J. Wright 25278 Seaside Court, Accomac For \$565,000
- From Orange Enterprises LLC To Southstar Limited Partnership 21075 Washington St., Onley For \$10
- From Orange Enterprises LLC To Southstar Limited Partnership 30100 Withams Road, Oak Hall For \$10
- From Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod To Allen Poulson 13 acres near Hallwood For \$40,000

- From Linda Lee Morgan
 To Carrie B. and Bradley K. Taylor
 9484 Atlantic Road, Atlantic
 For \$245.000
- From Cove MG LLC
 To Melissa and Patrick Moynahan
 3156 Amidship Drive, Greenbackville
 For \$245,000
- From Gene Wayne Taylor
 To Theresa Jo and David Alan Bolger
 1/2 acre on Chincoteague
 For \$12,000
- From Valerie L. and Ovela M. Clifford To Keiosha Davonne Harmanson 31304 Boston Road, Painter For \$165,000
- From Jennifer B. and Kevin B. Taylor
 To April D. and Richard W. D'Orazio
 Lot 64, Atlantic Street, Custis Neck, Accomac
 For \$30,000
- From Edith and Veronica Jaramillo To Atonio Cux Saquic 20382 Deep Creek Road, Onancock For \$83,000
- From Harry M. Bell
 To David M. Gaither
 Francis Hart Property, Onancock
 For S8.124
- From CMH Homes Inc To Shirley Bell and William Lee Northern Jr 23447 Daugherty Road, Accomac For \$248,469
- From Courtney Deana & Nicole Therese Zenz To Susan Marie and Arthur Frederic Trudel Lot 201, Oyster Bay II, Chincoteague For \$101,888.50
- From Harriet Elizabeth Diaz
 To Erika Grim-Bauder and Kenton Bauer
 4408 Eastwards, Chincoteague
 For \$285,000
- From Lindsey Daniel Harris To J. Stacey Hart 7029 Pine Drive, Chincoteague For \$150,000
- From Gregory R. and Chad G. Clemens Sr.
 To Tiffany Lukis
 Lot 117, Section 10, Octopus Road, Captains
 Cove, Greenbackville
 For \$4.000
- From Bonnie S. Waterfield To John Charles Evans 17340 Main St., Painter For \$70,000

- From Kelly Long Ahern To Marie C. Normil and Andre P. Jean 24349 Bayly's Neck Road, Accomac For \$150,000
- From Bonnie K. Hudson To Stella M. and James C. Richards 32543 Chincoteague Road, Chincoteague For \$90,000
- From N. Dale Fox
 To J. Dennis Fox
 10490 Lankford Highway, Temperanceville
 For \$40,000
- From Larry Kemp Rantz Jr, Trustee To Creek View Farms LLC 25 acres, Fairview Road, Painter For \$250,000
- From CCG Note LLC
 To Flori Ventures LLC
 4195 Captain's Corridor, Greenbackville
 For \$215,000
 From Rania M. Blake and James W. Elliott
- To Leslie Escalante and Jose del Carmen Perez Cordova 1/3 acre on Lankford Highway, New Church For \$3.000
- From Waterside Land Trust LLC
 To Raymond Dale Rivenbark
 Lot 59, Waterside Village, Painter
 For \$80,700
- From Jean and Carl C. Bacchi
 To Natalia and Maximilliano Hernandez
 Hernandez
 33307 Henderson Lane Painter

33307 Henderson Lane, Painter For \$135,000 ■ From Brenda J. Schooler

- To Seth Jonczak 24337 Maxwell St., Parksley For \$266,000
- From Jessica Mireles Zavala and James
 H. Ward III
 To Phyllis Mindurski
 23246 Courthouse Ave., Accomac
 For \$336,000
- From James Leon Watson To Eric C. Wander 36033 Bells Neck Road, Painter For \$110,000
- From Ashley A. and Ronald James McIntyre III To Charlene and Larry K. Rantz Jr 78 acres, Neal Parker Road, Withams For \$270,000

- From Cat Family LLC
 To Joseph F. Klein
 Lot 156, Unit 2, Trails End, Horntown
 For \$13,000
- From Kathryn L. and Michael K. Wolfe To Susan L. Donaldson Lot 2269, Section 4, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For S3.000
- From Jennifer A. and Lars D. Engeberg
 To Gregory J. Sousa
 37176 Clipper Court, Greenbackville
 For \$285,000
- From Michael S. Mayo
 To Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
 3192 Ridge Road, Chincoteague
 For \$20,000

From Shorevest LLC

- To Faviola Rios Acosta and Antonio Aguilar Martinez 27362 Gargatha Landing Road, Parksley For \$131.500
- From Gemcraft Homes CC LLC
 To Lisa and John Kilby
 38068 Castaway Drive, Captains Cove,
 Greenbackville
 For \$307,027
- From Dorothy B. Gross To Catarina Herrera Vasquez 23543 Saxis Road, Sanford For \$50,000
- From Jamar Darnell Hill & Corey Antwine Conquest To Scarborough Holdings LLC 26458 Redwood Road, Onancock For \$40,000
- From Harrison-Byrd Investments LLC To Charles Chandler 33214 Chamberlain Road, Painter For \$198,000
- From Lauren Denise Smythe To Josephine V. Paoletti 4095 Ridge Road, Chincoteague For \$300,000
- From Craig A. Masters
 To Richard W. Mech Jr
 Lot 212, Unit 3, Trails End, Horntown
 For \$29,000
- From Terry Rene Miller and Jeffrey E.
 Myers
 To James Henry Ward III
 23068 Stone House Road, Onley
 For \$270,000

		Friday Sept. 1		Saturday Sept. 2		Sunday Sept. 3		Monday Sept. 4		Tuesday Sept. 5		Wednesday Sept. 6		Thursday Sept. 7
Assateague Beach	H	9:37 a.m.	H	10:28 a.m.	H	11:18 a.m.	H	12:09 p.m.	H	1:01 p.m.	H	1:59 p.m.	H	3:02 p.m.
	L	4:04 p.m.	L	4:57 p.m.	L	5:52 p.m.	L	6:50 p.m.	L	6:54 a.m.	L	7:46 a.m.	L	8:42 a.m.
Chinco. Channel	H	9:39 a.m.	H	10:29 a.m.	H	11:19 a.m.	H	12:11 p.m.	H	1:04 p.m.	H	2:00 p.m.	H	3:00 p.m.
	L	4:01 p.m.	L	4:54 p.m.	L	5:46 p.m.	L	6:41 p.m.	L	6:44 a.m.	L	7:38 a.m.	L	8:36 a.m.
Gargatha Neck	H	10:33 a.m.	H	11:24 a.m.	H	12:14 p.m.	H	1:05 p.m.	H	1:57 p.m.	H	2:55 p.m.	H	3:58 p.m.
	L	4:43 p.m.	L	5:36 p.m.	L	6:31 p.m.	L	6:44 a.m.	L	7:33 a.m.	L	8:25 a.m.	L	9:21 a.m.
Folly Creek	H	10:26 a.m.	H	11:17 a.m.	H	12:07 p.m.	H	12:58 p.m.	H	1:50 p.m.	H	2:48 p.m.	H	3:51 p.m.
	L	4:28 p.m.	L	5:21 p.m.	L	6:16 p.m.	L	6:29 a.m.	L	7:18 a.m.	L	8:10 a.m.	L	9:06 a.m.
Wachapreague	H	10:12 a.m.	H	11:03 a.m.	H	11:52 a.m.	H	12:42 p.m.	H	1:32 p.m.	H	2:24 p.m.	H	3:18 p.m.
	L	4:17 p.m.	L	5:08 p.m.	L	6:01 p.m.	L	6:56 p.m.	L	6:58 a.m.	L	7:50 a.m.	L	8:43 a.m.
Quinby Inlet	H	9:37 a.m.	H	10:28 a.m.	H	11:18 a.m.	H	12:09 p.m.	H	1:01 p.m.	H	1:59 p.m.	H	3:02 p.m.
	L	3:43 p.m.	L	4:36 p.m.	L	5:31 p.m.	L	6:29 p.m.	L	6:33 a.m.	L	7:25 a.m.	L	8:21 a.m.
Machipongo	H	10:07 a.m.	H	10:58 a.m.	H	11:48 a.m.	H	12:39 p.m.	H	1:31 p.m.	H	2:29 p.m.	H	3:32 p.m.
	L	4:12 p.m.	L	5:05 p.m.	L	6:00 p.m.	L	6:58 p.m.	L	7:02 a.m.	L	7:54 a.m.	L	8:50 a.m.
Tangier Sound	H	1:43 p.m.	H	2:33 p.m.	H	3:23 p.m.	H	4:14 p.m.	H	5:10 p.m.	H	6:10 p.m.	H	6:30 a.m.
Light	L	7:44 a.m.	L	8:29 a.m.	L	9:16 a.m.	L	10:04 a.m.	L	10:55 a.m.	L	11:49 a.m.	L	12:47 p.m.
Muddy Creek	H	2:09 p.m.	H	2:58 p.m.	H	3:48 p.m.	H	4:39 p.m.	H	5:32 p.m.	H	6:29 p.m.	H	6:53 a.m.
	L	8:28 a.m.	L	9:14 a.m.	L	10:00 a.m.	L	10:47 a.m.	L	11:37 a.m.	L	12:31 p.m.	L	1:30 p.m.
Guard Shore	H	2:01 p.m.	H	2:50 p.m.	H	3:40 p.m.	H	4:31 p.m.	H	5:24 p.m.	H	6:21 p.m.	H	6:45 a.m.
	L	8:24 a.m.	L	9:10 a.m.	L	9:56 a.m.	L	10:43 a.m.	L	11:33 a.m.	L	12:27 p.m.	L	1:26 p.m.
Chescon. Creek	H	1:36 p.m.	H	2:25 p.m.	H	3:15 p.m.	H	4:06 p.m.	H	4:59 p.m.	H	5:56 p.m.	H	7:00 p.m.
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Onancock Creek	H	1:50 p.m.	H	2:39 p.m.	H	3:29 p.m.	H	4:20 p.m.	H	5:13 p.m.	H	6:10 p.m.	H	6:34 a.m.
	L	7:56 a.m.	L	8:42 a.m.	L	9:28 a.m.	L	10:15 a.m.	L	11:05 a.m.	L	11:59 a.m.	L	12:58 p.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H	1:06 p.m.	H	1:55 p.m.	H	2:45 p.m.	H	3:36 p.m.	H	4:29 p.m.	H	5:26 p.m.	H	6:30 p.m.
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Occohan. Creek	H	12:13p.m.	H	1:06 p.m.	H	1:56 p.m.	H	2:46 p.m.	H	3:37 p.m.	H	4:34 p.m.	H	5:35 p.m.
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Cape Charles	H	10:40 a.m.	H	11:29 a.m.	H	12:19 p.m.	H	1:10 p.m.	H	2:03 p.m.	H	3:00 p.m.	H	4:04 p.m.
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Kiptopeke Beach	H	10:14 a.m.	H	11:04 a.m.	H	11:54 a.m.	H	12:46 p.m.	H	1:41 p.m.	H	2:40 p.m.	H	3:46 p.m.
	L	4:32 p.m.	L	5:27 p.m.	L	6:23 p.m.	L	6:24 a.m.	L	7:13 a.m.	L	8:07 a.m.	L	9:07 a.m.

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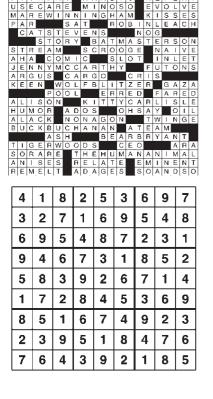
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