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ACCOMACK

Parksley slams door on 'permanent' food trucks

Decision could impact Haitian food trailer in town

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

Parksley has set strict guidelines for food trucks in town but will check with an attorney before enforcing the rules on a Haitian food trailer operating within town limits.

The town council during its meeting Monday, Oct. 9, passed an ordinance allowing mobile food vendors to sell their fare in Parksley only during special events such as festivals that the town council has approved or sponsored.

The rules require each vendor to get a permit from the town at a cost of \$30 per event and allow food trucks to operate in the town's main parking lot or the town park.

The ordinance went into effect immediately after it was signed.

"We're not against food trucks, folks. We're against permanent food trucks," said Mayor Frank Russell.

Debate over how to manage food trucks in Parksley began a few months after a mobile food vendor opened on Bennett Street, operated by the owners of Eben-Ezer Variety Market, near the new Eastern Shore Public Library.

The town had no ordinance

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These are planned inspections that will involve a slow-moving helicopter flying over the transmission lines. The inspections should not affect electrical service. The inspections will cover transmission lines from Oak Hall to Chincoteague, Oak Hall to Tasley, and Tasley to Exmore.

Artificial intelligence is topic of talk

Science and Philosophy Seminar of the Eastern Shore of Virginia has scheduled a seminar, "Writing in the Age of Artificial Intelligence." Author David Poyer will be the speaker.

The free, 90-minute seminar will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, in Room 148 of the academic building

of Eastern Shore Community College. Poyer's latest book is the result of an investigation of the various new AI writing programs.

Poyer, who lives on the Eastern Shore, is the author of nearly 50 books with major publishers and taught creative writing at the university level for 16 years.

Accomack Republicans to meet Oct. 16

The Accomack Republican Party will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Sage Diner in Onley.

Northampton NAACP sets Freedom Fund event

The Northampton County Branch NAACP will hold its Freedom Fund and Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m. at Giddens' Do Drop Inn in Weirwood. Tickets are \$50.

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57105: Lakefront building lot in The Colony section of the custom home community of Bay Creek.

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AT THE AG FAIR

Brad Ashby, of Marionville, drives a tractor with his son, Brayden, at the Eastern Shore Agricultural Fair on Saturday, Oct. 7, in Machipongo. The event, sponsored by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, included hay rides, the Peninsula Tractor Organization's antique tractor pull, an antique tractor parade, and a children's pedal tractor competition. Activities with a nod to the Shore's watermen included wader relay races, with divisions for men, women, and youth, and an oyster shucking contest.

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Cooper, retiring court clerk, takes blame for messy audit

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Retiring Accomack County Circuit Court Clerk Samuel Cooper is accepting the blame for a state audit of his office that showed “numerous deficiencies” in bookkeeping and billing totaling tens of thousands of dollars. Cooper is retiring effective Dec. 31 after four decades in the elected position. An election for his replacement is Nov. 7.

The audit cited “numerous deficiencies involving internal control and its operation across multiple areas that have led or could lead to noncompliance with laws and regulations, the loss of assets or revenues, or otherwise compromise the Clerk’s fiscal accountability,” during the period from Jan. 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. Audit Director for Local Govern-

ment and Judicial Systems at the state’s Auditor of Public Accounts office Laurie Hicks said is it “not uncommon” to have similar results in audits of circuit court clerks. “What is unusual about the findings in the most current Accomack County Circuit Court audit report is the number of findings and the number of years several of the findings have been repeated,” she said. Cooper in an interview Oct. 10 acknowledged the issues the audit cites and said he is in the process of correcting billing errors and reconciling accounts. “I’m responsible for that which is and that which is not done. I take full responsibility for it,” he said. “These issues that were cited in this most recent audit are probably 10 days away from being corrected because I cannot let the new person come in and

have this issue,” he said. “When they come in, these books are going to be right,” Cooper said of the next circuit court clerk. In a letter to Cooper and Accomack County Board of Supervisors Chair Robert Crockett dated July 18, 2023, Staci Henshaw, Virginia’s auditor of public accounts, cited “matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management’s attention.” Her report details those matters, including: ■ Cooper did not submit claims to the Virginia Department of Taxation to collect unpaid court fines and costs totaling \$32,759. ■ Cooper and his staff did not correctly bill and collect court costs in 17 of 40 cases examined. In 12 cases, the clerk’s office did not charge defendants a total of \$4,925 in court costs.

In five cases, it overcharged defendants a total of \$1,227 in court costs. ■ Cooper failed to properly manage and report trust fund accounts, including depositing trust funds of \$311,492 in a bank that is not a qualified depository, as defined by the Code of Virginia; not accurately posting interest in the financial accounting system to individual trust fund accounts; not investing five trust funds totaling \$107,501 within 60 days of the initial court order as required by the Code of Virginia; and not filing an annual trust fund report with the court by the deadline for fiscal year 2022. ■ Cooper had not established a procedure for ordering and obtaining DNA samples, which the Code of Virginia requires when defendants are convicted of felony charges and certain misdemeanors. (Continued on page 7)

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Audit

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■ Cooper failed to keep copies of two of nine voided receipts examined and to document the reason for the voided receipts.

■ Cooper had not reconciled the operating account since 2014.

The Clerk of Circuit Court has over 800 duties, the report says. These range from serving as the keeper of court records, deeds, and marriage licenses to handling administrative matters for the court and acting as an authority to probate wills, grant administration of estates, and appoint guardians.

Cooper attributed the audit's findings to focusing on other duties of his office.

"It's because I did not give it proper attention," he said.

"We have a lot of other processes going on in the office," he said. "The day-to-day stuff — a lot of it is addressing the public's needs. I've focused a lot of

time on that."

Hicks said the report was released last month, and Cooper noted the timing of the audit circulating coincides with the upcoming election.

"I understand the motivation for citing these things," he said, "but I am not the candidate."

Hicks said state auditors conduct turnover audits when a new circuit court clerk takes office and they plan to visit the Accomack office at the end of December or beginning of January, when they will review the findings in the most recent report with the new clerk and make recommendations.

"As a constitutional officer, the clerk is responsible for developing and implementing corrective action" for any remaining issues, she said.

■ *Audit reports can be found on the APA's website at https://www.apa.virginia.gov/APA_Reports/Reports.aspx*

■ *Visit <https://www.apa.virginia.gov/reports/AccomackCoCC2023.pdf> to read the most recent audit report on Accomack's circuit court clerk.*

Tickets remain for Swine & Wine dinner and dance

Tickets still remain for the 2023 Swine & Wine dinner and dance benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia - Eastern Shore Club on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The Swine & Wine will be held at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomack.

Held from 5 to 9 p.m., Swine & Wine will feature roast pig and chicken plus wine and other beverages. This year the Down 'n Outs Band will provide the music for enjoyment and dancing. A silent auction will feature Eastern Shore art, golfing trips, fishing gear, and many other items.

Swine & Wine is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Boys & Girls Club. Through this event and other local support the Eastern Shore Club is able to provide services to students in grades K-12.

All club members receive programming that focuses on three priority outcomes — academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. The club meets at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center each weekday after school and all day in the summer. The club has a 100% graduation rate among its members.

Sponsorships are available for Swine & Wine that will help the club meet its mission. A \$2,000 Whole Hog sponsorship includes 10 tickets to the event. A \$1,000 Suckling Pig Sponsor receives eight tickets. A \$500 Spiral Ham Sponsor receives four tickets, and a \$250 Rack of Ribs Sponsor gets two tickets.

Tickets to the event are \$50 and \$40 for young adults 30 years and younger. For information on sponsorships or to purchase tickets, email Sam Norton at srmni@icloud.com or 757-589-6187 or go to www.bgcseva.org/eastern-shore and select Events and then Swine & Wine 2023.



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- ✓ \$1 million to create a permanent boundary line between Maryland and Virginia with an oyster reef
- ✓ Personal property exemption bill for solar farms, with 2020 yearly tax revenue in Accomack County equaling \$1 million
- ✓ Sales tax on Internet sales legislation
- ✓ \$25 million for Hampton Roads Sanitation District
- ✓ Allowed a 1 percent sales tax addition for school construction in Northampton County
- ✓ Directed VIMS to conduct the inlet study around Chincoteague Inlet

Parksley

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governing food trucks at the time, said Town Clerk Lauren Lewis.

All mobile food units must get a permit from the Virginia Department of Health, for which they re-apply annually, according to Health Director for the Eastern Shore District Jon Richardson.

Officials from the health department conduct regular inspections, which are “relatively similar to the ones that we conduct at a restaurant,” he said.

A health department inspector visited Parksley’s food truck July 17 and found evidence that the truck had disposed of mop water outside of the food truck on the ground, and of grease-laden water in buckets that appeared to overflow onto the ground, Richardson said.

The Health Department visited July 24 and confirmed the issues had been fixed, he said.

The Parksley Town Council held a public hearing Sept. 11 on proposed rules to manage mobile food vendors in town.

No residents spoke about the food truck ordi-

nance during the hearing, but town council members were divided on the proposed guidelines.

“We’re targeting one business type, which I think is wrong,” council member Sam Welch said during that meeting.

“It’s not that we don’t want food trucks. We want to be able to control the food trucks,” said council member Ricky Taylor.

Russell agreed this week: “We’re not saying ‘No food trucks.’ We’re saying we want food trucks for festivals and special events.”

Despite a Sept. 19 Facebook post that drew almost 100 comments, no residents spoke about the food truck ordinance before it passed during Monday’s town council meeting.

“I find it amazing how many people are Facebook warriors,” said town council member Mark Layne.

Parksley had received several letters by email opposing the ordinance, but all but one were sent anonymously, so the town could only confirm one resident had sent a letter, Lewis said.

Regarding the fate of Parksley’s existing food truck, Parksley officials will meet with the town’s attorney before taking any action to enforce the new rules, she said.

■ *Read the new Ordinance Governing the Use of Mobile Food Truck Units on Parksley’s website at <https://tinyurl.com/2544a7m4>*

SILENT AUCTION ITEM



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David Turner of Turner Sculpture presents a bronze sculpture to Brooke Williams, a Special Olympics athlete. The sculpture is one of many items available at the silent auction during the Grader Shed Bash to benefit Special Olympics on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Scott Farms in Townsend.



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Christ Church, Eastville, plans bazaar Oct. 14

Christ Church, Eastville, will hold its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Baked goods, jams and jellies, crafts, and local farm vegetables will be for sale in the church Parish House located behind the church.

A lunch of your choice of four 1/2 cup portions with a drink will be available for \$4. Choices will be taco soup,

sausage tortellini soup, chicken tetrazzini, and chicken sweet potato corn chowder, which will also be available for sale at the food table to take home.

Onancock exhibit opens Oct. 21

The Onancock High School Memorabilia Exhibit grand opening reception will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the former school, located at 6 College Ave.

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Candidates to appear at Chincoteague Center

The Chincoteague Center will be sponsoring a question-and-answer session for the candidates in the Nov. 7 election on Wednesday, Oct. 25., at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, and after arriving, will have the opportunity to write questions they wish the candidates to answer.

Chincoteague Mayor Arthur Leonard will be the moderator.

Candidates for three seats will be participating in this event:

■ Accomack County Clerk of Circuit Court candidates Talia Custis Taylor and Cedrick Cooper

■ Accomack County District 1 School Board candidates Connie Burford and Jesse Speidel

■ Accomack County Board of Supervisors candidate Billy J. Tarr, an incumbent running unopposed.

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In Accomack County, registered voters can cast early ballots at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections at 24387 Joynes Neck Road, in Accomac, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In Northampton County, residents can vote early at the Voter Registration office at 16404 Courthouse Road, in Eastville, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Both counties' voter registration offices will be open Saturdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, for early voting during the same hours — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Accomack County and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Northampton.

Residents must register to vote before Monday, Oct. 16, to use a regular ballot. Those who register Oct. 16 through Election Day, Nov. 7, can vote using a provisional ballot, which the electoral board reviews to determine if the vote can be counted.

Voters can also cast ballots by mail. To request a mail-in ballot, visit <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> or call the county's voter registration office. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Oct. 27.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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GUEST COLUMN

The Rev. Wallace Smith was wise counselor

BY GRAYSON CHESSE

Guest columnist

This year northern Accomack County lost a very important person.

The Rev. Wallace Smith was a pastor in the area for decades.

He followed the teaching of Jesus as closely as anyone I ever met.

To me he was a mentor and wise counselor. I cherish the hours we spent talking in my shop.

He always gave me wise advice and insight into any problem I had.

He loved the loveless, fed the hungry, and found shelter for the homeless. When fair-weather friends turned their backs on him, he forgave them.

No matter how hard the times were for him, when you

asked him how he was, the answer always was, "Super great."

I have heard folks refer to him as "old timey." They confuse "old timey" with "timeless."

The Rev. Smith preached the timeless truths that are

always relevant.

Honors and fame meant nothing to the Rev. Smith. It was preaching the Word and helping those in need that were important to him.

It was an honor to have him as a friend and mentor.

The writer lives in Jenkins Bridge.

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Updating the Eastern Shore Racial Relations Scorecard

It is probably time to update the Eastern Shore Racial Relations Scorecard, a running tally I keep of real and perceived offenses.



Ted Shockley

Some folks use their spare time watching “The Price is Right” on television, or posting photos on social media of beer-fueled boating trips.

But during some of my spare time, I fret and wring my hands while taking note of

the Eastern Shore’s misadventures in racial relations. And I celebrate our community triumphs.

For example, 2019 was an odd year in Eastern Shore racial relations because the sitting governor, an Eastern Shore native, was alleged to have appeared in blackface in a medical-school yearbook.

We had a much stronger year in lo-

cal racial relations in 2020 after many of us — in Exmore, in Accomac, and on Chincoteague — marched for unity in the wake of the horrible George Floyd murder in Minnesota.

Last year was challenging after a local kid publicized on social media a hand-drawn poster for his homecoming date that read, “If I was Black I would be picking cotton. But I’m White so I’m picking you.”

Some people get squeamish when racial relations are discussed, crawl under their desks after the first whiff, and would rather have a colonoscopy than speak of it.

But I think even a clumsy conversation about racial relations promotes understanding and reconciliation.

And because the Eastern Shore is increasingly multicultural, we all need to be understanding and respectful of backgrounds and heritages different from our own.

One of the more eye-opening comments I’ve heard this year pertained to Bay Creek, the massive Cape Charles community.

Cape Charles police officers had been called because an unfamiliar

Black teen had been seen driving a golf cart. Two cars responded and pulled the cart to the side of Bay Creek Parkway.

The Black youth wasn’t found to have broken the law. He was just seen in a gated, affluent community, as if young, Black folks were an inherent threat in such a place.

The larger question is, how do we help people understand that it is not a crime to be young and Black in public?

There has been plenty of howling and gnashing of teeth after a video circulated of Cedrick Cooper, a candidate for the office of Accomack County Circuit Court Clerk, speaking Sept. 17 at Gaskins Chapel AME Church in Onancock.

Cooper, a Black man speaking to a Black audience, said, “Especially when we stick together, they fear us.”

I telephoned Cooper and asked him who “they” and “us” were, because it seemed he was saying White people fear Black people, especially given the context of the previous remarks.

(That fear apparently does indeed exist among some in gated, affluent communities, but I’m trying to fix

that.)

I’m pretty open-minded, but the comment bothered me. I’m a White guy and I fear some White people much more than I fear any Black person.

Cooper said his comment, “They fear us,” was not racially based. He said “they” are the people who don’t want him to win the election. The “us,” he said, was him.

“A lot of people in this community have been against me running for this office,” he said. “The reception that I’ve gotten is not what I’ve anticipated.”

Of course, cold receptions happen to many candidates. Running for office requires a thick skin.

Regardless of what Cooper meant, he created a perception he said he didn’t intend. Managing perceptions is the essence of campaigning.

The larger question is, how do we encourage candidates to draw inclusive circles around us all instead of drawing lines that divide us?

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

GUEST COLUMN

Recognizing October as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month

BY KARRIE PHILLIPS

Guest columnist

October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month.

In 2021, more than 100,000 people in the United States died from drug overdoses.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration Office also conducted a study that found that 8% of those ages 12 to 17 have drunk alcohol in the past month, and 13.8% had used an illicit drug in the past year.

There has never been a greater time or need for substance use prevention services.

Prevention starts with our youth, as one day they will be adults in our

communities.

Study after study has shown that the earlier a youth uses substances, the greater their lifetime risk for misuse and addiction.

Our brains do not stop fully developing until our mid- to late-20’s.

This means the key areas of the brain used for rational decision making and problem solving are still growing and developing during young adulthood, making them susceptible to damage.

There are many risk factors that could play a part in why someone may use substances for the first time.

These factors range from adverse childhood experiences like sexual abuse or malnourishment to having an adult in the household who uses substances.

Peer pressure and bullying are also factors for young people and substance use.

According to the Centers for Disease Control’s research on Adverse Childhood Experiences, what is predictable in young people and adults alike is also preventable.

Prevention services can help to tip the scales toward resilience in young people and can help build protective factors.

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board Office of Prevention Services has substance abuse prevention specialists who educate people and promote positive coping skills through various programming here on the Eastern Shore.

This includes a social-emotional learning curriculum called “Al’s Pals”

delivered to preschool-aged children to promote healthy and strong habits as well as the basis for coping skills and substance abuse prevention at an age-appropriate level.

ESCSB’s prevention department also provides substance use prevention services to high school-aged children through a teen resiliency project that teaches healthy habits and SMART goals.

For more information about any services the Eastern Shore Community Services Board offers to the community or for information about same day mental health access, visit www.escsb.org. Remember, what is predictable is preventable.

The writer is a substance abuse prevention specialist with the Eastern Shore Community Services Board.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, October 13

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

■ **MEETING:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

Saturday, October 14

■ **FALL SALE:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Woman's Club of Accomack County will be having its fall yard sale on Saturday, at 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley. It will be held rain or shine. There will be toys, jewelry, seasonal clothing, household items, gardening items, soups, and baked goods.

■ **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

■ **FALL BAZAAR:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ Church, Eastville, will hold its annual Fall Bazaar. Baked goods, jams/jellies, crafts, and local farm vegetables will be for sale in the church Parish House located behind the church. A lunch of your choice of four 1/2 cup portions with a drink will be available for \$4. Choices will be taco soup, sausage tortellini soup, chicken tetrazzini, and chicken sweet potato corn chowder, which will also be available for sale at the food table to take home.

■ **YARD SALE:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Jesus and Women Ministry group at Cape Charles Baptist Church will have a fundraising yard sale on the church grounds, 501 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. The funds collected will be used to support a new Good News Club in Northampton County. Good News Clubs is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship where children, with their parents' permission, can learn about the gospel of Jesus Christ. The yard sale will feature a variety of items such as used furniture

Best bets...

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■ **On Sunday, October 15, at 2 p.m., the Northampton Historic Preservation Society will present a Lecture on the Lawn at the site of the Arlington House. The lecture will cover the excavation of the site and the history of the Custis family who lived there. The guest speaker is Nicholas M. Luccketti.**

(small items), kitchenware, tools, outdoor equipment, sports equipment, books and more. Call 804-677-6068 with questions.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farmers Market at the Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley

■ **COLONIAL DAMES:** 11 a.m., The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century will meet at Painter-Garrison Methodist Church. Dr. David Scott will be the speaker. If anyone would like to join the Colonial Dames, Teresa Smith is the Eastern Shore Chapter Registrar and will assist in completing membership applications. Email her at tsmith6228@comcast.net

■ **MUD BOG:** 12:30 p.m., Old Fashioned Mud Hop at 20305 Greenbush Road, Greenbush. Admission is \$20 and children 10 and younger are free.

■ **MUD BOG:** 1 to 4 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair Mud Bog, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Visit t.hegreatpocomokefair.org

■ **BENEFIT DINNER:** 6 to 11 p.m., Shrimp Feast Shrimpalooza to benefit the Delmarva Discovery Museum, Pocomoke City. Event features a cash bar, live music by Front Page News, a silent auction, and a 50-50 raffle. Event will be held at the Pocomoke Elks Lodge, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City. Tickets are

\$50 each and can be purchased by calling 410-957-9933.

Sunday, October 15

■ **LECTURE ON THE LAWN:** 2 p.m., the Northampton Historic Preservation Society will present a Lecture on the Lawn at the site of the Arlington House. The lecture will cover the excavation of the site and the history of the Custis family who lived there. The guest speaker is Nicholas M. Luccketti, principal archaeologist for the James River Institute for Archaeology Inc.

Monday, October 16

■ **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, October 17

■ **MEETING:** 9 to 10 a.m., Chincoteague Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St.,

Chincoteague.

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

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

■ **FREE DINNER:** 6:30 p.m., Cheriton Baptist Church will have a free community chili dinner. The event is open to everyone.

Wednesday, October 18

■ **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, bulimia, 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@islandcommunityhouse.org, www.islandcommunityhouse.org

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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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■ **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, October 19

■ **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 Market, 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.

■ **FUNDRAISER:** 5 p.m., the Eastern Shore Literacy Council's Spell-Rite "Bee for Literacy" will be held at the Eastern Shore Community College Great Hall. There will be a social hour, silent auction, buffet dinner, and a spelling bee competition with six local teams. Tickets are available to purchase at www.shoreliteracy.org with proceeds benefitting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Friday, October 20

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

■ **MEETING:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

Saturday, October 21

■ **YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to noon, St. James Episcopal Church, 23395 Drummondtown Road, Accomac, is having an indoor yard sale in the parish house, located behind the church. Baked goods, frozen soup, housewares, a set of china and much more will be for sale.

■ **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

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■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farmers Market at the Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

■ **CAR SHOW:** 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be an auto show on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Exmore Town Park, 3398 Main St., Exmore. Registration is from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

■ **OYSTER ROAST:** 5 p.m. to midnight, oyster roast to benefit Special Olympics at Scott Farms, 4301 Townsend Drive. Tickets are \$55 in advance or \$65 at the door and available at Ocean East Townsend and Rayfields Pharmacy locations in Nassawadox and Cape Charles. \$20 beer and liquor wristbands will be available. There will be live music, a silent auction, and more.

Monday, October 23

■ **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, October 24

■ **MEETING:** 9 to 10 a.m., Chincoteague Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

■ **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.

Wednesday, October 25

■ **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.chincoteagueuca.org

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■ **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.

■ **PRESENTATION:** 7 to 8 p.m., Dr. David Scott of the Northampton Historic Preservation Society will give a presentation "Old Houses of Northampton County," inside the Cape Charles Museum. Admission is \$5 or free with new or renewed membership paid for at the door.

Thursday, October 26

■ **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 Market, 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.

Friday, October 27

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

■ **MEETING:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Serenity Hour Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

Saturday, October 28

■ **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.chincoteagueuca.org

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Farmers Market at the Oyster Farm, 500 Marina Village Circle, Cape Charles.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

Monday, October 30

■ **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, October 31

■ **MEETING:** 9 to 10 a.m., Chincoteague Al-Anon Family Group, Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague.

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

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OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Robert Hatfield

Mr. Robert Allen "Bob" Hatfield passed away Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at his home in New Church. Born April 28, 1953, in Annapolis, Md., he was the son of Anna Mae Hatfield of Pasadena, Md., and the late Ray Arthur Hatfield.

Following high school, Bob honorably served his country in the U.S. Army. After a lifetime of hard work as an HVAC technician, Bob and his wife, Barbara, retired and moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to enjoy a little peace in the countryside.

Bob loved the outdoors and any kind of fishing or hunting. His love of the outdoors may have something to do with him being a sixth-generation member of the legendary Hatfields (as in the Hatfields and McCoys).

Bob is survived by his wife of 39 years, Barbara Meldrom Hatfield; son, Eric Christopher Hatfield (Gina), of Greensboro, Md.; brother, Ronnie Hatfield (Kelly), of Severn, Md.; sisters, Robin Harp (Jerry), of Swanee, Ga., and Rose Skiratko (George), of Pasadena; grandsons, Woodrow "Woody"



Mr. Hatfield

Locklear III (Magin), of Pocomoke City, Md., whom Bob thought of and raised as a son, and Tyler Hatfield of Greensboro; great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Abbott, Dakotah Locklear, and Crew Locklear; and niece and nephews, Vanessa Hatfield, Ronnie Hatfield Jr., Keith Wolf, and Niel Skiratko.

The family will gather privately to celebrate and honor Bob's life. Should friends desire, contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the New Church Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 218, New Church, VA 23415.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Vivian White

Mrs. Vivian Pamela White, 70, beloved daughter of the late Pauline Pitts White and the late Roy Pinkett Jr. was born on June 11, 1953, in Salisbury, Md. She departed this life on Sept. 27, 2023, at her residence in Portsmouth.

"Pam," as she was affectionately known, was educated in the Accomack County Public School system. She graduated from Parksley



Mrs. White

High School in 1971. She attended college at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

As a child, she attended Dea's Chapel United Methodist Church in Horntown. She later relocated to Stamford, Conn., where she met and married Bobby Garrett.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, from Shiloh Baptist Church, Atlantic, with Dr. Bobby officiating. Interment was in the Dea's Chapel cemetery.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories her sons, J-Von Garrett and Chad D-Von Garrett; stepson, Darry Garrett; five sisters, Robbin "Vickie" White-Handy, Kimberly White, Jacqueline White, Romanada Pinkett-Green, and Ruby Pinkett-Bishop; two brothers, Deacon Morris "Pat" Handy and Pastor Bobby White; two aunts, Mabel L. Green and Martha J. Tull; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Arrangements were by the Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac.

Wayne Bradford

Mr. Walter Wayne Bradford, 72, husband of Judy Campbell Bradford and a resident of Exmore, passed away Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, at his residence.

A native of Hadlock, he was the son of the late Walter Lee Bradford and the late Monnie Custis Bradford.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, retired sheriff for Northampton County, and a member of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by a daughter, Katie Lynne Bradford, of Exmore; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Sara Beth Bradford; and a sister, Barbara Parker.

A graveside service with sheriff's department honors was conducted



Mr. Bradford

Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Belle Haven Cemetery with the Rev. Rob Kelly officiating. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Eastern Shore SPCA Inc., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418 or Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Carrie Brown

Mrs. Carrie Jane Brown, 87, of Chincoteague Island, passed away in her home on Oct. 7, 2023.

She was born on Chincoteague Island on May 26, 1936, to the late Robert and Daisey (Jester) Holston.

Jane worked as a nurse for Hartley Hall in Pocomoke City, Md., where she retired.

She loved to cook and spend time with family, especially the children, making sundaes. She loved to travel with Mike and Bev. Jane was also a member of Union Baptist Church.

Jane is survived by her son, Charles Michael Hardin, of Chincoteague Island; daughter, Lorie Terry (Micheal), of Chincoteague Island; grandchildren, Carrie White (Chris), of Fredericksburg, Brian Wuelzer, of Chincoteague Island, and Justin Terry, of Chincoteague Island; four great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Lee Holston Jr. (Barbara); special friend, Linda Bailey (Gary), of Wallops Island; as well as several nieces and nephews.



Mrs. Brown

Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Salyer Funeral Home Inc., Chincoteague Island.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., Chincoteague Island, with Pastor Maurice Enright officiating.

Burial will take place in the Mechanics Cemetery, Chincoteague Island. Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made to Riverside Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418.

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., Chincoteague Island. Online condolences can be given at www.salyerfh.com

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Barbara Luehning

Mrs. Barbara Fleming Luehning, 84, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at her home in Onancock. Born July 10, 1939, in Des Moines, Iowa, she was the only child of the late Roger and Jeanne Fleming.

Following high school, Barbara continued her education at Hofstra College



in Hempstead, N.Y., where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree. She then attained her postgraduate master's degree in education from Columbia

Mrs. Luehning Teachers College in New York City and ultimately earned a doctorate of education (law) from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Throughout her life, Barbara's career choices centered around her love for the arts and her passion for education. In 1961 she began working as an interior designer in Boston, and in 1964 moved to Bryan, Texas, to begin her journey in shaping young minds as a teacher at Anson Jones Junior High School.

In 1967 she transferred to Horseheads Middle School, Horseheads, N.Y. until 1970, when she accepted a position as head of the fine arts department at Moravian Academy, Bethlehem, Pa. After nearly a decade at Moravian, she returned to New York as assistant headmaster for Darrow School in New Lebanon.

In 1982 she relocated to the Delmarva peninsula, serving as principal at Seaford High School, Seaford, Del., and in 1984 she began working in the art department at Chincoteague High School, where she remained until retirement.

Though she didn't have children of her own, Barbara was a foster parent for many years. Barbara was a very bright and intuitive person with a broad range of interests and accomplishments. Her devotion to teaching was palpable and extended to a wide variety of subjects within and outside of the visual arts in which she specialized.

Her philosophy, made succinct, was "You do not know what good is until you have experienced it," and she took many groups to far cities and countries to see and examine the good stuff.

To honor her wishes, no public service will be held.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Linda Gardner

Mrs. Linda Hughes Gardner, of Southside Chesconessex, passed away Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at the place she loved the best, her home with her husband and partner of 51 years, Howard Lee Gardner Jr.



Mrs. Gardner of Magnolia, Del.; beloved grandson, Wayne Hemphill, of Melfa; niece, Vickie Parker, and husband, Darrell, of Southside Chesconessex; great-nieces and great-nephews, Preston Bradford III, Dyllon Bradford, and De'Anna Bradford; several cousins; and many friends up and down the Shore.

She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Barbara Ann Lauer.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, from the chapel of the

Williams-Onancock Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Jefferson officiating.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Maxine Rasmussen

Mrs. Maxine Rae (Young) Rasmussen, 81, exited this life on Oct. 7, 2023, at her home in Cape Charles, after a short battle with bladder cancer. She was born on Aug. 27, 1942, to the late Max and Irene Young.

Left to carry on her memory are Harold, her husband of 60 years, and



Mrs. Rasmussen her cat, Domino. She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Julie Head (David); and grandchildren, Christopher Head (Taylor), Sarah Floyd (Jake), Erica Zimmerman (Zachary), and Angela Head (Mark). She was also able to meet her first great-grandchild, Harold Russell Floyd, several days before she passed. She was preceded in death by her son, Stephen.

She was a devoted mother and spent many years supporting her children in their many activities. She spent many hours on the family dairy farm and running Julie around with her cattle showing. Stephen was an avid motorcycle racer, and she was able to take several trips around the U.S. with him on the race circuit.

Once her children were raised, she returned to school and became an English and history teacher. She went on to become a principal of the Peterson Center for Alternative Education in Turlock, Calif., where she worked with at-risk and troubled students.

When she retired from education, they sold the family dairy farm and

moved to Cape Charles to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. She loved taking an active role in the many activities of her grandchildren and being surrounded by her family. She was a fixture at her grandchildren's sporting events and schools and was known for almost always bringing cookies. Family time was important, and it was always special for her when everyone was together. Tri-tip was the favorite at family get-togethers.

She believed in giving back to the community and served with the Northampton County Public School Foundation before running for the Northampton County School Board. She finished out her time on the school board as the board chair.

She and Harold enjoyed traveling with friends and family. They enjoyed cruising and took the family on a number of family trips to Europe, the Caribbean, and Alaska. The one rule was that everybody had to be present for dinner in the dining room. There was always a lot of fun and laughter at these meals.

Her daughter will miss their daily phone calls, monthly pedicures, and trips to the theater. Her grandchildren will also miss their many phone calls, her active interest in their daily lives, and lunches at Rayfield's.

The family celebrated her life by spending her final days together at her home. At her request, remembrances may be made to the Northampton YMCA Adopt-A-Teen Summer Program, 22257 Parsons Circle, Cape Charles, VA 23310; or Friends of Animal Control Eastern Shore, 28167 Killmontown Road, Melfa, VA 23410.

A public celebration of life will be held on Nov. 18, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Parish House of Hungars Episcopal Church.

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

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

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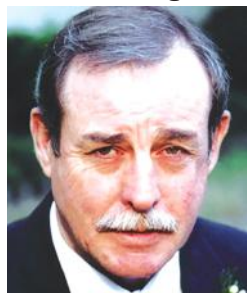
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Virgil Watson III

Mr. Virgil Ellison Watson III departed this life on Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, the day after his 78th birthday. He was born on Sept. 28, 1945, in Nassawadox, to the late Columbia E. Scott Watson and the late Virgil E. Watson Jr.

Virgil was a Vietnam veteran and proud native Eastern Shoreman. He loved studying Eastern Shore history and his family's genealogy, which is probably why he enjoyed his role as owner and broker of Hawksnest Realty so much. It gave him the opportunity to see many of the Shore's historic treasures and to share them with others.

Those who knew him best probably remember seeing him astride his horse on



Mr. Watson

a local trail ride, sharing produce from his garden, or talking about local real estate. There were very few adventures that Virgil passed up. Whether it

was a massive undertaking of hauling

Chincoteague ponies across the country to California or simply sleeping under the stars in the mountains, Virgil was ready for the experience. He was especially proud of his role as a father and grandfather to his children and grandchildren, who will miss him immeasurably.

Left to cherish Virgil's memory are his daughters, Beth Fox (husband James), of Johns Island, S.C. and Mary Rotkowski (husband Tom), of Summerville, S.C.; and grandchildren, Anna, Benjamin, and Emmett Fox, and Avery Rotkowski; along with several family members and friends on the Eastern Shore.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Williams-Onancock Funeral Home located at 94 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417.

Arrangements are by Simplicity Lowcountry Cremation & Burial Services in Ladson, S.C. and Williams Funeral Home in Onancock.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



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Members of the local Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. donated over 40 book bags and 68 school supply items to support Mr. Randall's backpack drive. Mr. Randall has been holding the backpack and school supply drive for over 13 years. Pi Epsilon Omega is a proud supporter of the annual event and applauds Mr. Randall and the Edward Jones team on their collection of 251 backpacks and school supplies for this school year. The drive benefits students in Northampton and Accomack counties. Pictured are Willie Randall and Dianne Davis.

Survey aims to combat digital divide among Virginia communities

A new statewide survey is working to bridge the digital divide among Virginia communities and offer all residents the necessary tools for learning, employment, and other essential services.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Office of Broadband recently announced the launch of a statewide survey to gather data that will help develop the Virginia Digital Opportunity Plan.

Digital opportunity is when all individuals and communities have

the information technology needed for full participation in today's society, democracy, and economy, according to the National Digital Inclusion Alliance.

The Virginia Digital Opportunity Plan will enable Virginians and eligible entities to apply for federal broadband funding from the Digital Equity Capacity Grant program. Grants will be used to improve the affordability of internet services in Virginia, increase digital literacy programming and resources, and fund unique programs that address

the digital divide beyond access to physical broadband infrastructure.

Virginians are encouraged to complete the 10-minute survey to help the Virginia broadband office ensure that residents have access to affordable, reliable, high-speed internet — a persisting problem in rural America.

For more information on rural broadband and its impact on American agriculture and communities, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yw87b64e>

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Q&A with incumbent Ron Wolff and challenger Roger DeGeorges

1. What is your definition of an effective member of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors?

RON WOLFF: I feel the most important role as a member of the board of supervisors is the ability to listen, but also to hear, the concerns of constituents of your district and the county as a whole. You must realize that you are only one of nine members of the board and you must work together to get things done for the betterment of the entire county. An effective board member knows that compromise is an effective tool to ensure that things get done. An astute board member knows that we will not always agree on issues but always work towards a positive outcome that will benefit and be the best for the citizens of the county. The most effective role of a board member is to do your homework, be knowledgeable of the issues that you are presented with, and be prepared to speak either for or against the issue based on fact.

ROGER DEGEORGES: An effective supervisor must be the primary representative of the needs of his or her constituents in making county decisions. A supervisor must be transparent about both positive and negative consequences of any county decision to those constituents. The sledgehammer form of governance I have seen here is contrary to democracy. Holding a public hearing or asking for citizen input on an issue that has already been pre-determined by the board of supervisors is neither honest nor acting in the best interests of constituents.

2. Wallops-associated businesses and employees have the option of locating in nearby Worcester County, Md. What will you do to ensure they locate in Accomack County?

ROGER DEGEORGES: People prefer to live close to work. One reason cited for moving to Maryland is better schools. We must do all we can to strengthen our schools and emphasize both academics and recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers in order to attract young families. We must encourage businesses to locate to Accomack County so services,

Biographical information submitted by candidates



Ron Wolff

NAME: Ron Wolff
AGE: 71
MILITARY/EDUCATION: Graduate of Northwestern High, Baltimore, Md., 1970; associate's degree from Baltimore Community College, 1972; bachelor's degree in history and education from the University of Maryland, College Park, 1975.



Roger DeGeorges

NAME: Roger DeGeorges
AGE: 70
MILITARY/EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in business and marketing

shopping, entertainment, and social experiences are convenient. The county needs to be expedient in offering potential businesses incentives to come here. We must continue expansion of our infrastructure to support housing and business. We must create affordable housing opportunities or, perhaps, work toward tax breaks to entice first-time home buyers. We must stress the beauty of our county and the many natural resources we have to offer.

RON WOLFF: This is a multifaceted question that Accomack County has been dealing with for many years. The perception of poor quality schools and teachers is always the answer as to why many people want to locate to nearby Maryland. We have a lack of affordable housing and infrastructure in the northern part of the county that is needed to provide a good quality of life that many people looking to locate here expect. We also lack the child care that many young families with both parents

working are looking for. That's not to say that Worcester County can satisfy all those needs, but sometimes it boils down to choice. I will say that Accomack County is addressing many of those concerns. The Hampton Roads Sanitation District sewer project, with the backbone of its main line running along the railroad corridor on Route 13, will allow developers to build knowing that the most expensive part of development, which is providing sewer, will now not be an issue. The Eastern Shore Broadband Authority, with its infrastructure buildout planned to provide high-speed internet service to the entire Shore, is another example of how Accomack County is closing the gap of concerns that the Wallops complex of businesses and potential employees have. It is also important to mention that the real estate tax rate in Accomack County is almost 38 cents lower than in Worcester County.

3. There is not enough workforce housing in Accomack County. What will you do to increase it?

RON WOLFF: The housing inventory in Accomack County is insufficient. As I mentioned above, I feel a big part of the solution will be the HRSD sewer project that will run from Nassawadox north to the town of Accomac, along with the purchase of the Onancock sewage treatment plant. We have taken steps in our comprehensive plan and zoning to provide different types of housing projects that could increase our inventory of housing in the county. These plans include not only single-family homes, but also multi-family homes, townhomes, and cluster development located around already existing towns.

ROGER DEGEORGES: The housing issue in Accomack is not new, and it is problematic because so much of the county is vacation and seasonal housing or land dedicated to farming. The proper mix of housing (apartments vs. single-family homes) must be determined. Practical locations for housing with access to jobs and services must be identified. Public-private partnerships to create affordable housing have been used successfully elsewhere. For example, there are many lots available in Captains Cove that could be developed into affordable single-family

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housing without unnecessary modification of existing zoning. There are empty motels, businesses, and warehouses in the county that could be converted into affordable rental units. In any case, efforts to improve the water and sewer infrastructure must continue to be a priority.

4. Accomack County's inmates sweltered during the hottest summer on record in the Accomack County Jail, where they do not even have classroom space for educational programming. Do members of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors have a moral responsibility to ensure more humane conditions for Accomack inmates by advocating for their incarceration in the regional jail in Eastville, which has air conditioning and classrooms?

ROGER DEGEORGES: Humane treatment of prisoners is necessary. It is our duty to treat others as we wish to be treated. When space is available or conditions in our facility become questionable, we must be able to utilize the Eastern Shore Regional

Jail, which was funded by both Accomack and Northampton counties. Perhaps the Accomack jail should be used only for short-term incarceration. This might mean a shift in the personnel and budget of both counties. In cases where the regional jail cannot accommodate Accomack prisoners due to overcrowding, the issue of air conditioning might be solved by renting or borrowing FEMA-style temporary air conditioning units.

RON WOLFF: The Accomack County Jail is operated by the Accomack County Sheriff, who is elected by the citizens of the county. The sheriff, as clerk of the court, the treasurer, and the commissioner of the revenue are all constitutional officers and do not fall under the control of the board of supervisors, although the board of supervisors does provide funding for all of those offices. If the sheriff presented in his budget request to the board of supervisors for upgrades to the county jail to include air conditioning and classroom space, I would support his request.

5. How can Accomack County encourage others from a wider range of demographic backgrounds to become involved in local government?

RON WOLFF: As a 20-year member of the board of supervisors, we are always looking for citizens to fill positions on our many boards, committees, and commissions. As we look to our citizens to fill these positions, we find it very difficult to even get citizens to

apply. In my travels around the county, I run into many interesting citizens from all walks of life who have varied skills. Many have moved here as they have retired from successful careers around the country and the world, with great job experiences that they could bring to the table. We also have many citizens who have lived here all their lives, who have the background, history, and knowledge that could play an active role in their communities to make this a better place to live.

ROGER DEGEORGES: It appears to me that there is a great diversity of people who are engaged in Accomack County local government. It is our responsibility to continue to reach out to many groups and to welcome others to work with leadership at all levels. We need to create more avenues for conversation that encompass all constituents. Greater inclusion of those of diverse backgrounds at all points of discussion and decision in the county will lead to greater satisfaction of all residents.

6. Name one problem in Accomack County for which your experience and skill set make you a perfect candidate to champion a solution?

ROGER DEGEORGES: One problem in Accomack County is that local government has forgotten to listen to the people and begun to assume it knows best. I live with these decisions. I am aware of how policy and decisions have negative effects, for example, the substantial one-year increase in property tax

assessment. I have managed multiple work crews in the field, and I learned how to address multiple concurrent issues and prioritize solutions. Problems that can be solved quickly should be solved quickly. More complex problems demand longer-term solutions based on cooperation, compromise, and budget. My management experience and my understanding of fiscal issues as both a business owner and a citizen make me a perfect candidate to see all sides of an issue.

RON WOLFF: The one problem that we in Accomack County face that I feel I have already had an impact on is trash. As chairman of the solid waste committee, I, along with the support of the board of supervisors, had a vision to do away with the many greenbox sites we had and replaced them with the convenience centers located throughout the county that have made a great impact to our citizens. By providing these convenience centers, citizens can deposit household waste, construction debris, appliances, recycle waste, and offer items for put or take. This has had a significant impact on a rural county like ours. But we still have a ways to go. Our biggest problem we face is our roadside litter issue. The solid waste committee and I have worked with the schools to try to educate the public about litter and recycling. The court system has allowed probationers to pick up roadside litter for community service hours and the sheriff's department to issue summons for litter violations. Even with all these tools at our disposal, our roads are still an eyesore. I would ask all citizens to become a candidate to champion a solution to end roadside litter.

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Q&A with incumbent Paul Muhly and challenger Jeffrey A. Parks Sr.

1. What is your definition of an effective member of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors?

PAUL MUHLY: Engaged, open-minded and willing to listen.

JEFFREY PARKS: Effective members approach their roles as more than just a vote about an issue brought before the Accomack County Board of Supervisors. Members have a duty to the residents of their district and the county to articulate the needs of their district and offer solutions to the board while working towards a common vision. Effective members build and develop plans so members can work together to come to a consensus while respecting diverse groups and various levels of government. Successful board members effectively use their knowledge, experience, and leadership to bring resources to bear from local, state, and federal governments. Effective members need to focus on unleashing the power of the private sector to set the conditions for balanced economic growth.

2. Wallops-associated businesses and employees have the option of locating in nearby Worcester County, Md. What will you do to ensure they locate in Accomack County?

JEFFREY PARKS: It is important to realize that “Wallops-associated business and employees” cannot be directed or forced to live anywhere. They have the same options of anyone else in the United States, so the question is, how do we make Accomack County the more desirable choice and how can we communicate effectively with businesses and employees? First, we need leaders who have pride and positive strategic vision for Accomack County. I will work to prioritize our spending on areas such as infrastructure, good education, and responsive government, which will make us more competitive and a more attractive place to live and work. Our county must be responsive to new opportunities to win new businesses and residents. Improving our standard

Biographical information submitted by candidates



Paul Muhly



Jeffrey A. Parks Sr.

NAME: Paul Muhly

AGE: 84

MILITARY/EDUCATION: New York State High School Regents Diploma, Brighton High School, Rochester, N.Y. U.S. Army, 1957 to 1962.

NAME: Jeffrey A. Parks Sr.

AGE: 59

MILITARY/EDUCATION: Graduate of Broadwater Academy, double-major in history and political science and commissioned U.S. Army ROTC at East Carolina University; master's degree in political science at University of Richmond. Retired Army combat veteran and Afghanistan Task Force commander with 24 years of combined experience.

of living and service options, and instilling confidence in our government will make us more competitive and restore pride in the county. Currently, our high personal property taxes, low education scores, and limited choices in health care and housing availability work against us. The long-term answer is to improve and expand our infrastructure, schools, and medical system.

PAUL MUHLY: Most NASA / Wallops employees live in Maryland because of the underperforming (perceived) Accomack County school system.

3. There is not enough workforce housing in Accomack County. What will you do to increase it?

PAUL MUHLY: The county owns the old Whisper-

ing Pines property in Tasley, a perfect location for a housing project. Market it!

JEFFREY PARKS: The Urban Land Institute defines workforce housing as affordable housing for households earning between 60 and 120% of area median income, or AMI. The 4th District's AMI is \$51,000. Workforce housing attempts to categorize housing for workers that include professions such as small business owners, police officers, firefighters, teachers, and health care workers. Accomack County's role is to set the conditions that foster the successful development and profitability of middle-class and workforce housing. Board members should look for ways to lower taxes to encourage construction and provide an effective and efficient system that maintains building codes and safe housing standards that are adhered to without extended delays. Accomack County has been slower to resolve building and zoning issues and this is unacceptable. We must be responsive and have adequate affordable housing to be competitive with other jurisdictions, whether it be for Wallops-based businesses or the poultry plants.

4. Accomack County's inmates sweltered during the hottest summer on record in the Accomack County Jail, where they do not even have classroom space for educational programming. Do members of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors have a moral responsibility to ensure more humane conditions for Accomack inmates by advocating for their incarceration in the regional jail in Eastville, which has air conditioning and classrooms?

JEFFREY PARKS: The department of corrections inspects county jails on a 3-year basis. My understanding is that the Accomack Jail has scored high in all areas consistently. The budget priorities for the jail should be safety and security of correctional staff and inmates while continuing to meet applicable department

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of corrections standards. There is no mandate in the code of Virginia requiring air conditioning or classrooms for inmates. Those incarcerated in the jail are not the only county residents of Accomack that live and work without air conditioning.

PAUL MUHLY: Suck it up, buttercup. If you try and live your life by the Ten Commandments, you won't be there in the first place. If you are arrested for trespassing on Capitol grounds in Washington D.C., you get put in solitary confinement. How humane is that?

5. How can Accomack County encourage others from a wider range of demographic backgrounds to become involved in local government?

PAUL MUHLY: This is not the responsibility of the county government; the burden falls on the local citizen. The door is always open to all.

JEFFREY PARKS: I am a proud Accomack County native. The reason I decided to run for local office is because I am proud to be from the Eastern Shore of Virginia. I want to share my pride with everyone and encourage others to take risks by getting involved in our local government. I believe the environments that motivate people to get involved in local government are those that provide in-depth knowledge of government and civics. Accomack County leaders should by example, encourage the ability to clearly and calmly communicate, and instill self-confidence and risk taking. Most importantly, I believe we should reward and honor problem solvers and effective decision makers publicly.

Representatives in local government are obligated to be objective and represent all citizens, regardless of the demographic. I believe the public education system is not currently effectively developing the skills and confidence or the motivation to serve the community. I believe we should focus public education on traditional learning objectives with parental oversight in our schools. Schools should be instructing civics and encouraging civic pride in our communities and country as well as pride in themselves and their family units.

6. Name one problem in Accomack County for which your experience and skill set make you a perfect candidate to champion a solution?

JEFFREY PARKS: According to the FEMA National Risk Index, Accomack County has a 97% risk profile in Virginia, which means that the residents of Accomack County are some of the most vulnerable to natural disasters in the Commonwealth. Yet, we need more equipment, staffing, training, and programs to better prepare the county for disasters. Together with my over 20 years of military experience, I bring 20-plus years of emergency response and disaster planning experience to Accomack County. My years of experience with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and as a senior planner for FEMA will enable me to help the county government and residents improve resilience and preparedness planning. I will leverage my years of experience coordinating with state, local, and federal organizations in emergency services by coordinating, training, equipping, and planning Accomack County. My expertise includes shelter planning and operations, logistics, aerial evacuation, and search and rescue.

PAUL MUHLY: This is a question that I have no answer for.

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Q&A with incumbent Harrison W. Phillips III and challenger Calvin L. Washington Sr.

1. What is your definition of an effective member of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors?

HARRISON PHILLIPS: An effective supervisor should be accessible to all citizens of the county and be ready and willing to help in any way that is needed. A good working relationship with local, state, and federal representatives and departments is crucial since many issues raised to supervisors are not under the direct control of the board of supervisors. I am personally available to all citizens on a daily basis at Jaxon's Hardware. It is very important to respond to every citizen's concerns and questions even if you cannot always provide them with the answers they would prefer.

CALVIN WASHINGTON: An effective member of the board of supervisors is one who garners the public's trust and whose stewardship consistently exemplifies the highest level of conduct. Effective board members adhere to the code of ethics and rules of procedures prescribed thereto and listen to and respond appropriately, within the scope of their duties and responsibilities, to the needs and requests of the citizens.

2. Wallops-associated businesses and employees have the option of locating in nearby Worcester County, Md. What will you do to ensure they locate in Accomack County?

CALVIN WASHINGTON: Where a person decides to live is a matter of personal preference and is predicated on a litany of factors, including but not limited to housing availability. Everyone knows what is important to him or her and their family. Given the aforementioned, developing incentives to influence Wallops employees to reside in Accomack County would be a challenge.

HARRISON PHILLIPS: The number one thing we need to do is improve our public schools. COVID-19 set children's education back tremendously. We need to do everything possible to bring these children back up to pre-COVID levels and beyond. The most important piece to improving our schools is teacher

Biographical information submitted by candidates



Harrison W. Phillips III

NAME: Harrison W. Phillips III
AGE: 41
MILITARY/EDUCATION: 2000 graduate of Arcadia High School. Holds a degree in computer electronics technology from ECPI University in Virginia Beach



Calvin L. Washington Sr.

NAME: Calvin L. Washington Sr.
AGE: 60
MILITARY/EDUCATION: Arcadia High School class of 1981

retention. I have always been a big supporter of our teachers and will continue doing everything I can to help them. I have gone to Richmond several times to help successfully lobby the General Assembly for additional state funding to help us compete with salaries offered in neighboring Maryland. Another important thing that we need is more workforce housing, which will be addressed in the next question.

3. There is not enough workforce housing in Accomack County. What will you do to increase it?

HARRISON PHILLIPS: Last year the board of supervisors approved a townhouse project in northern Accomack County that will help to alleviate the problem once the project moves forward. While that single project will not be enough to help the entire county, I am currently working with county staff and a developer on

a potential project to bring more workforce housing to my district. Even if both projects are successfully completed, we still need to continue looking for other sites in the county for this type of housing. Upon completion of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District sewage project, there will be more opportunity for housing of all types in the central to southern parts of the county.

CALVIN WASHINGTON: The housing issue is a multi-faceted issue that needs a multi-faceted approach to its resolution. It cannot be resolved by a single individual; it's going to take a group of knowledgeable individuals coming together to fix the housing issue. Along with the board of supervisors, which has access to information about state and federal resources, the county needs investors, builders, contractors, and the community to work collaboratively and on a sustained basis in order to resolve this problem.

4. Accomack County's inmates sweltered during the hottest summer on record in the Accomack County Jail, where they do not even have classroom space for educational programming. Do members of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors have a moral responsibility to ensure more humane conditions for Accomack inmates by advocating for their incarceration in the regional jail in Eastville, which has air conditioning and classrooms?

CALVIN WASHINGTON: I believe that, as citizens of Accomack County, we all have a moral responsibility to ensure that inmates are not subjected to cruel and inhumane conditions while being incarcerated in the county jail. However, within the prescribed scope of the official duties and responsibilities of the board of supervisors, addressing this issue appears to be outside the board's parameters.

HARRISON PHILLIPS: The county jail falls under the control of the sheriff, not the supervisors. The

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jail has never had a severe medical issue related to heat. Air conditioning is not required by the state and the jail has maintained outstanding Department of Corrections inspections over the last 10-plus years. The sheriff has installed multiple commercial fans in every block and the windows are opened during the summer. If the DOC or sheriff consider it necessary to install air conditioning in the jail, then the board of supervisors will be approached, and we will do what is necessary to make it happen.

5. How can Accomack County encourage others from a wider range of demographic backgrounds to become involved in local government?

HARRISON PHILLIPS: It is very important that all backgrounds are represented in every form of government. One thing that I personally do, along with my fellow supervisors, is make appointments to our various boards and commissions that represent a wide range of demographic backgrounds. I encourage anyone that is interested in serving the community to go to the county's website and fill out an application for appointment to a public body. There is a list of all board-appointed bodies on the website.

CALVIN WASHINGTON: It is felt that as the demographic tapestry of Accomack County increasingly expands, it is even more imperative that we understand that everyone has a voice. This means that everyone must be allowed to be heard and have their issues addressed. We must understand as well as come to this realization or a broader swath of the Accomack County citizenry from all demographic backgrounds will not have the motivation to participate in local government. We need to form a multicultural collaboration — when two or more groups

or organizations, each comprised of members from different cultural and/or demographic backgrounds, come together and learn how to resolve conflict and understand different perspectives. In addition, this type of collaboration serves to help individuals and groups understand how disagreements could be resolved. We also need to allow people to be candid — in other words, allow them to be open and honest when expressing their feelings and perspectives and assume positive intent. This will break down reluctance and the fear factor. Also, this has the potential to encourage and instill motivation in citizens from a broader range of demographics to get involved in local government.

6. Name one problem in Accomack County for which your experience and skill set make you a perfect candidate to champion a solution?

CALVIN WASHINGTON: The housing shortage is a problem that I feel that I can help reduce. My managerial skills combined with my ability to allocate monies and seek out and leverage resources and understand processes and procedures and budgets — as well as my expertise in problem-solving and team-building — make me the ideal champion for such an issue as this.

HARRISON PHILLIPS: The budget is the most important issue that the board of supervisors deals with every year. My business experience is the most important skill set that I bring to the board. I deal with every aspect of the business at my other job on a daily basis — most importantly the budget. I have learned to keep a close eye on revenues and expenses, and that has prepared me to do the same with the taxpayers' money as a member of the board of supervisors. I am very conscientious with how every dollar of taxpayer money is spent and will continue to be if the residents of District 5 will allow me to represent them for four more years.



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Q&A with Cedrick Cooper and Talia Custis Taylor

1. Please explain the job of Accomack County Clerk of Circuit Court and why you are running.

CEDRICK COOPER: The clerk's office serves as the administrative arm of the circuit court. There are over 800 duties that are assigned by the Code of Virginia. The primary responsibilities include maintaining all records of the circuit court, recording land deeds, issuing marriage licenses, and probate. The reason that I've decided to pursue this position is to continue to provide exceptional service to the residents of Accomack County. I've been fortunate to grow up in this office since I was 7 years old. I've witnessed the impact that this office has on the community. The service extends beyond just the court system. I feel that my educational background, career experiences, and community involvement have prepared me to be effective and efficient in this position.

TALIA CUSTIS TAYLOR: The clerk is responsible for more than 800 duties, including recording deeds; probating wills, which is a quasi-judicial function; issuing marriage licenses, oaths, and concealed handgun permits; administering civil and criminal cases; attending court hearings; preparing court orders; and managing jurors and issuing summonses. I am running because I want to take care of the people of Accomack County. Public service is what I grew up wanting to do and what I have done my whole life. Being clerk allows me to continue my dream while helping the community with all their lives' most important documents.

2. Will you be involved in any other business or entrepreneurial activities while you hold the job of circuit court clerk? If so, what will you be doing?

TALIA TAYLOR CUSTIS: No, the clerk's office will be my only responsibility and my main focus.

CEDRICK COOPER: I do not foresee anything in the near future.

Biographical information submitted by candidates



Cedrick Cooper

NAME: Cedrick Lamar Cooper

AGE: 47

MILITARY/EDUCATION: Associate's degree in mortuary science, Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, Atlanta, Ga.; bachelor's degree in accounting (Cum Laude) from Wilmington University, New Castle, Del.; master's degree in accounting, Wilmington University



Talia Custis Taylor

NAME: Talia Custis Taylor

AGE: 45

MILITARY/EDUCATION: Nandua High School class of 1996. On-the-job training throughout career including extended training in banking and finance

3. Accomack County is becoming more diverse and multicultural, with growing populations of Haitian and Hispanic people, among others. Under your leadership, how will the circuit court clerk's office accommodate people from non-English linguistic backgrounds?

CEDRICK COOPER: The county currently has translators to service all linguistic backgrounds. I would continue to utilize those services to effectively accommodate all customers of the clerk's office. I would also be open to hiring qualified candidates from those multicultural backgrounds if positions were to become available.

TALIA CUSTIS TAYLOR: In my current position, we work with Hispanic and Haitian families all the

time. When there is a language barrier, we bring in an interpreter to help with the process. I would do the same in the clerk's office. When elected, and when there is a job opening in the office, I would love to look for a bilingual employee.

4. What initiatives have you been involved in to help Accomack County and the Eastern Shore of Virginia?

TALIA CUSTIS TAYLOR: I am not sure I would say these are initiatives, but more of giving back to the community. I have been on the Hospital Auxiliary Ball Committee for seven years. I am the PTA treasurer for my children's school. I am on the ESAR affiliate committee. I have also volunteered at Central Accomack Little League and ESO Art Center's ballet class. I have always been committed to giving back to our community where I can.

CEDRICK COOPER: I started a youth basketball program for kids in Accomack and Northampton counties along with a few other members of the community. We had kids from ages 8 to 18 years old. We participated in tournaments all over the country. We would carry our participants on college tours. Our program assisted with getting kids enrolled into college. We also participated in community projects such as Operation Blessings, which was a food drive to help the less fortunate on the Shore. As a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., I've participated in youth mentor programs in elementary and high schools in Accomack and Northampton counties. The programs were called Ties with Guys, Stepping for Success, and Kappa Guide Right.

5. Name one problem for which your experience and skill set make you a perfect candidate to champion a solution.

CEDRICK COOPER: One of my personal strengths is that I'm a people person. This asset has given me the ability to resolve numerous conflicts between individuals and/or groups. I'm capable of listening to both sides and providing an unbiased opinion that is beneficial to all parties involved. I am often

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Clerk of court

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consulted to assist individuals in my personal and professional life.

TALIA CUSTIS TAYLOR: It has recently been brought to my attention that the public audits of the Circuit Court Clerk's office fell way short of the standard established by the auditor of public accounts. With my banking and financial background, I will be able to keep the accounts up to date and ensure they are reconciled monthly. It will be my goal to have a flawless audit the first year in office.

6. The Accomack County Circuit Court Clerk is a position of community leadership. You will have opportunities to advocate for initiatives geared toward improving our community. How will you use your community standing to help our community?

TALIA CUSTIS TAYLOR: Being a community leader is a position of trust. My first priority will be smoothly transitioning into the Clerk's Office and taking care to earn the trust of all the staff in hopes they all remain onboard with me. Secondly, I will reconcile the public fund accounts placed in my trust by securing the finances and working with the Auditor of Public Accounts during my incoming audit. Beyond these two most important items, it will be my joy and honor to fill roles that the folks of the county desire me to be a part of. Additionally, I will work with my fellow constitutional officers, the Virginia Court Clerk's Association, senators, and delegates in advocating for the citizens of our glorious county with annual legislative issues that may arise. There will be no shortage of ways I will integrate my resources and leadership abilities in the county I love so dearly, and I humbly ask for your vote this election.

CEDRICK COOPER: I would continue to build strong relationships with the community. This would give me the opportunity to identify many of the major community issues. It is imperative to build trust to gain the respect of the people. When a problem is presented to you, even if you don't have the answer yourself, try to help them find someone that can help. Going the extra mile can have a lifelong lasting impact.

Spaghetti dinner will be held

The New Hope United Methodist Church Charge will have a spaghetti Dinner at the pavilion, located on Hacks Neck Road across from Evergreen United Methodist Church, on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert, and drinks are being offered for a donation.

Pancake breakfast set for Keller

Mears Memorial United Methodist Church will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Pancakes, eggs, bacon, and juice will be offered for \$10.

The church is located on Second Street in Keller.

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SPORTS

Eastern Shore Post

Speckled trout fishing takes center stage

The early portion of the Virginia Chesapeake Bay striped bass season began as somewhat of a disappointment as the opening days of the season



Bill Hall

were plagued by rough weather and dirty water.

The shallow water striped bass fishery has improved along with the weather, with anglers finding success on fresh peeler and soft crab baits in the evenings, as

well as casting artificials in the early morning and late afternoons, particularly on a running tide.

Anglers are allowed a 1-fish possession limit, and the fish must measure between 20 and 28 inches in length. The season remains open through December 31.

Upper Shore

Captain Matt Abell, of the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reports that speckled trout, puppy drum, and striped bass action has dominated the action in the shallow waters of the southern portion of Tangier Sound down to the Pocomoke Sound.

Anglers are finding fish along creek mouths, marshes, and grass beds using peeler crab and soft crab baits, as well as casting hard plastics, or fishing soft plastics under popping corks.

Anglers fishing deeper water structures have been encountering sheepshead and even some late season black drum on the bottom and schools of bluefish patrolling the upper sections of the water column.



PHOTO COURTESY CAPTAIN BAILEY'S BAIT & TACKLE

Erik Hague landed this 5-pound, 3-ounce speckled trout while fishing with Captain Clinton Lessard off the lower Shore.

Chincoteague

Jimmy Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait and Tackle, called in to tell me that flounder catches were being made

by anglers fishing from the docks of the Curtis Merritt Harbor, as well as inside Chincoteague Bay.

Some of the boats targeting kingfish (whiting) near the Chincoteague Inlet

were catching 40 or more fish per trip, with fish measuring 14 inches in length.

Gray triggerfish and sheepshead up to 7 pounds have been caught over the inshore oceanic wrecks.

Offshore vessels chunking in the Washington Canyon have been catching up to six yellowfin tuna per trip.

Jimmy added that the big subject of conversation at the shop has been the recent appearance of the pink flamingo that has taken up temporary residence off the island.

Wachapreague

Captain Lindsay Paul, aboard the Almost Persuaded, told me that he was "glad to see some better weather!"

Following a stretch of rough weather, he found the flounder bite was still going on near the inlet, particularly in the clear water during the flood tide. Berkley Gulp with live minnows or silversides remain some of the most consistent bait offerings.

Small croakers are being caught in the same waters. A few speckled trout and puppy drum catches have come from along the marshy banks.

The ocean wrecks are producing a nice class of black sea bass, as well as a few flounder. Anglers trolling the offshore canyons are finding yellowfin tuna and mahi mahi. Deep dropping for tilefish remains productive, with some fish large enough to earn citation catch awards.

Lower Shore

Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, reported that speckled trout fishing has taken center stage over the last week. Dedicated trout anglers are reporting good numbers of fish in the 18- to 20-inch class, with a few larger fish encountered.

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Fishing

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Mirrorlures and soft plastics have been the most often cited baits.

Scattered schools of puppy drum have been roaming in the creeks and along the bayside beaches from Cape Charles to Hungars Creek. Popping corks fished with soft plastics have been successful puppy drum baits.

A few schoolie-sized striped bass have been reported feeding inside the lower bayside creeks during the evenings.

Sheepshead and flounder catches have come from around the structures of the Cell and the Cabbage Patch.

Flounder catches have come on cut bait, while sheepshead have been hitting chunks of crab.

Catches of spot and ribbonfish have dominated the action on the lower bay piers.

Dan Bell, at Oceans East — Eastern Shore, said that there is a good speckled trout bite occurring from Fisherman Island up to Hungars Creek.

He added that puppy drum fishing on the lower seaside “has really picked up.”

Sheepshead action was described as great around the third island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Large-sized sheepshead have also been landed around the Concrete Ships and the Kiptopeke State Park pier.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Lady Vikings go 1-2; Arnold and Smith shine

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Academy Lady Vikings’ volleyball team hosted the Lady Patriots of Portsmouth Christian on Monday, Oct. 2. Broadwater defeated the Patriots by a score of 3-0 (25-12, 25-19, 25-16).

Katie Arnold led the Lady Vikings on the night with seven kills and two digs. Leah Smith had six kills, three aces, two blocks, six digs, and eight receptions. Junior Emma Caison had four kills, four aces, one block, six digs, and eight receptions. Ramsey Revelle contributed with one kill, eight aces, 12 digs, and 11 receptions. Allison LeCato had two kills, five aces, and 16 assists.

The Lady Vikings returned to action on Tuesday, Oct. 3, hosting the Minutemen of Denbigh Baptist. Broadwater fell to the visitors 0-3 (18-25, 21-25, 20-25).

The Lady Vikings were led by Smith with 11 kills, five blocks, 10 digs, and 11 receptions. Revelle had 23 digs and 13 receptions for the Vikings. Caison had two kills, one ace, one block, six digs and nine receptions. LeCato had two kills, two aces, one block, six digs, and 14 assists.

The Lady Viking netters returned to the court on Friday, Oct. 6, hosting the Warriors of Hampton Christian Academy. Broadwater fell to the Warriors 0-3 (23-25, 15-25, 21-25).

Smith again led the Vikings with nine kills, one ace, six digs, and 15 receptions. LeCato had four kills, three aces, and 16 assists. Revelle had one ace, 12 digs, and 11 receptions.

Free community dinner slated for Tuesday, Oct. 17

Cheriton Baptist Church, 21291 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton, VA 23316, will have a free community chili dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to everyone.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Vikings hand Kenston Forest its first loss

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Vikings’ football team hosted Kenston Forest School on Saturday, Oct. 7, and won over the undefeated Cavaliers 48-18.

Senior Rufus Abbott returned an interception early in the first quarter to go up 6-0. Quarterback Logan Hickman handed the ball off to John Lewis for the two-point conversion to lead 8-0. Hickman found Abbott later in the first quarter for a 15-yard touchdown reception. The Vikings led the visiting Cavaliers 14-12 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Abbott had a 30-yard punt return for a touchdown. Hickman connected with Lewis for a 70-yard touchdown. Hickman found Abbott for the two-point conversion. The Vikings closed out the first half with a 35-yard touchdown on a quarterback keeper by Hickman. The Vikings led Kenston Forest 34-18 at half-time.

The Vikings opened up the third quarter with a pass from Hickman to Abbott for a 25-yard touchdown reception. Hickman connected with Quinn Ames in the end zone for the two-point conversion. The Vikings finished the third quarter leading 42-18.

In the final quarter, Hickman connected once again with Abbott for a 20-

yard touchdown reception to capture the 48-18 victory over the Cavaliers.

Jacob Seltzer had 11 carries for 83 yards.

Lewis had four carries for 18 yards, a two-point conversion, and a 70-yard touchdown reception.

Steven Ye had five carries for 26 yards. Hickman went 9 for 17, passing for 202 yards, four touchdowns, and one interception.

Hickman had eight carries for 89 yards and a 35-yard quarterback keeper touchdown.

Abbott had five receptions for 66 yards, five touchdowns, and a two-point conversion.

Ames had three receptions for 66 yards and a two-point conversion.

Caleb McIntyre had eight tackles, one assist, and a fumble recovery.

Luke Young had six tackles and three assist tackles.

Defensive stars also included Olsen Pruitt, Luke Duer, and Ye.

A defensive highlight for the Vikings was Rufus Abbott’s five tackles, four interceptions, and a pick-six touchdown.

Ames had four deflections, three tackles, and three assist tackles.

The Viking defense did not allow Kenston to score past the middle of the second quarter. The Vikings enter a bye week and will be on the road Thursday, Oct. 19, at Southampton Academy for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

Oyster roast to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation set for Saturday, Nov. 18

“Eastern Shore Polar Bears: This One’s For Tate” is sponsoring its second annual oyster roast on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo.

All proceeds will go directly to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

Only 200 tickets will be sold for this event. Purchase tickets in advance

at Bailey’s Bait & Tackle, Quail Cove Farms, OBS Eastville, the Barrier Islands Center, or text 757-693-1182 to make arrangements to pay electronically.

There will be live music, all-you-can-eat steamed clams and roasted oysters, barbecue, a silent auction, and raffles.

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Arcadians defeat Washington High

Arcadia's football team moved to 5-2 on the season on Friday, Oct. 6 in a win over Washington High School of Princess Anne, Md., 23-8.

Bradley Hall completed all eight of his passes for 143 yards and a touchdown.

He also ran 14 times for 88 yards.

Rico Bugg rushed eight times for 93 yards and caught four passes for 81 yards.

Jacob Hall had 12 rushes for 76 yards and Brandon Harmon rushed 10 times for 79 yards.

Arcadia will next play at Nandua at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20.

Northampton gridders defeat King & Queen

Northampton High School's football team evened its record at 3-3 on Friday, Oct. 6, defeating King & Queen High School on the road, 21-7.

Jeremiah White had a 36-yard touchdown run and rushed six times for 101 yards on the game for the Yellow Jackets.

Tywayne Sebastian had a 61-yard interception return for a touchdown and Khaidn Davis had a 60-yard touchdown run to pace Northampton.

Defensively, Elijah Hope had six tackles and one forced fumble and Gibson Hubbard had five tackles for Northampton.

Accomack school day ends early Oct. 18

Accomack County Public Schools will dismiss two hours early on Wednesday, Oct. 18, for a teacher workday.

School will resume at normal times on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Va. Shore students graduate from Wor-Wic

The following students from Acco-

Sports results

The Eastern Shore Post wants your high school sports results. The Post also wants team photos (with names) of district championship teams. Send information and photos to editor@easternshorepost.com.

Northampton will host Portsmouth Christian on Friday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m.

Nandua footballers fall to Portsmouth

The Nandua High School Warriors dropped a tight game on Friday, Oct. 6, against Portsmouth Christian School, falling 28-26.

Nandua will host Colonel Richardson High School of American Corner, Md., on Friday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m.

Covenant defeats Chincoteague

Chincoteague High School's eight-man football team could not keep up with Covenant School of Charlottesville on Saturday, Oct. 7, falling 41-12.

The Ponies will host undefeated Virginia Episcopal School on Friday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m.

mack County recently completed studies at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, Md.

From Chincoteague: Madison C. Murphy, AA, General Studies; and William P. Reed III, CT, Emergency Medical Services.

From Greenbackville: Alonzo Davis, CT, Criminal Justice.

From Greenbush: Tiffiney Dennis, CT, Criminal Justice.

From Tangier: Pamela Taylor Pruitt, CT, Criminal Justice.

One golfer shoots two holes-in-one on same day

BY JIM RITCH
Eastern Shore Post

A Bay Creek member and resident, Rusty Gates, defied odds in the millions to one and scored two holes-in-one during a single day of golf on Friday, Oct. 6.

Word spread so quickly after the second hole-in-one that “you could hear people yelling on the course, ‘He got another one!’” Gates said.

The first hole-in-one came during a practice round for a member-guest tournament. Joining in his foursome was Gates’ guest, Mike Moore, a Cape Charles homeowner; member Jon Thornbrugh, of Chesterfield, Va.; and his guest, Kyle Richards, also of Chesterfield.

The foursome, which had “an average age of 70,” he said, played from



Rusty Gates

was Gates’ first at Bay Creek and came after a 24-year drought. His first hole-in-one had been in 1999 at a course in Richmond.

The foursome finished their round and stopped at the course tavern for a short celebration.

Then they returned to the course for a par-3 tournament.

the gold or “senior” tees.

At the seventh hole of Bay Creek’s Palmer course, Gates teed off 151 yards away from the pin using an eight iron.

“We all saw (the ball) appear to go in the hole,” he said.

The hole-in-one was Gates’ first at Bay Creek and came after a 24-year drought. His first hole-in-one had been in 1999 at a course in Richmond.

The foursome finished their round and stopped at the course tavern for a short celebration.

Then they returned to the course for a par-3 tournament.

Although all the long holes in this nine-hole shootout were shortened, Gates’ second hole-in-one came on a legitimate par-3 hole, and he teed off from the regular, gold tee position.

As he lined up, the flag on the hole, the fourth hole on the Palmer course, stood in its farthest front position, just 76 yards away, he said.

He swung a sand wedge “just trying to get the ball on the green,” and the ball rolled into the hole, he said.

The odds of two holes-in-one in a single day are infinitesimally small but hard to calculate.

An Internet search indicated that the chances of two holes-in-one in a single, 18-hole round would be one in 57 million, he said.

However, he played 27 holes that day.

Even without the statistics, his lucky streak was apparent and the lure of extending it later sent Gates shopping for a Powerball ticket, which now has a possible winning amount of over \$1.7 billion.

Will we ever know if he wins it? He says, no.

His holes-in-one taught a lesson that notoriety comes with a cost.

For Gates, that cost on Friday was two bar tabs for about \$500.

When not golfing, Gates volunteers as president of Northampton Social Ministry, which provides emergency funds for persons in need.

An attorney, he also serves as court-appointed “guardian ad litem” for disadvantaged people.

He resides at Bay Creek with his wife, Avis.



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‘It’s not every day that you get to restore a whole ecosystem’

Local effort continues as part of the world’s largest seagrass rebuild project

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Scientists spent last week planting millions of seeds to replenish underwater grasses absent from the Eastern Shore’s seaside shallows for decades.

The effort is part of the world’s largest seagrass restoration project, which is expanding north after success bringing back thousands of acres of eelgrass in the Shore’s southern coastal bays.

“It’s not every day that you get to restore a whole ecosystem,” said Chris Patrick, director of the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring and Restoration Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

“We’re collecting a lot of data from the get-go, so the hope is that we’ll get a much richer and fuller picture of how this changes over time,” he said of the new restoration site offshore from Wachapreague.

Vital habitat

The four-year project in and around Burtons Bay is funded by a \$2.25 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality’s Coastal Zone Management Program.

VIMS is partnering with The Nature Conservancy on the project.

It aims to build on the success of seagrass restoration in other seaside shallows and collect before-and-after data that provide a clearer picture of how underwater grasses affect marine life and the surrounding environment.

Eelgrass provides crucial habitat for small fish, crabs, and bay scallops



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Marine scientist Erin Stehr spreads eelgrass seeds in Burtons Bay, near Wachapreague, on Friday, Oct. 6.

that use the underwater meadows as nurseries to hide from predators.

But around 1930, seagrass wasting disease rapidly spread and killed about 99% of eelgrass across the Atlantic Ocean, Patrick said.

Most areas recovered their underwater grasses within a few decades as circulating waters carried remaining seeds there, but Virginia’s coastal bays remained isolated, he said.

“Conventional knowledge was

eelgrass wouldn’t grow here, but a chance event near Wreck Island (offshore from Oyster) proved that wrong,” Patrick said.

“It took 70 years for that to occur naturally,” he said.

An environmental success

Seagrass restoration projects are not typically successful, Patrick said, “because whatever conditions led to

the seagrass not being successful haven’t been fixed.”

“Here’s a case where everything goes really well,” he said of the Eastern Shore’s restoration work. “That’s made the project overall the most successful seagrass restoration in the world.”

In the Shore’s southern coastal bays, scientists and volunteers have planted around 600 acres of eelgrass,

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Seagrass restoration

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Patrick said.

That has spread to around 9,500 acres of the underwater habitat in areas such as South Bay, Cobb Bay, and Hog Island Bay.

“It’s a pretty staggering success,” Patrick said, attributing that in part to the lack of development nearby that can pollute waterways and make it harder for eelgrass to grow.

Water from the southern bays does not circulate through Burtons Bay, however, leading to the recent effort to restore eelgrass in the shallows near Cedar and Parramore islands.

Vital habitat

Restoring seagrass beds has several benefits, Patrick said.

The meadows provide habitat that helps small fish survive and space where food for crustaceans, snails, and other invertebrates can land. Those animals, in turn, provide meals for larger fish and stock for fisheries.

Seagrass also improves water clarity and can slow shoreline erosion as the beds trap sediment, Patrick said.

To track how seagrass impacts the coastal bays, scientists have set up monitoring stations and are conducting monthly samples with trawl and longline surveys, he said.

After planting 80 acres with 8 million seeds last week, they will monitor the sites until it is time to plant eelgrass again next fall to see which areas have the most success.

As the habitat is restored, Director of the VIMS Eastern Shore Laboratory Richard Snyder and his team plan to release at least 6 million bay scallops into the coastal bays as part of a project aimed at restoring the shellfish that once supported a multi-million dollar industry in Virginia.

That effort could start as early as next spring, if seagrass beds grow to support scallops, Patrick said.

“We didn’t know what we were capable of when we started that project” in the Shore’s southern coastal bays, he said.

With the new effort in Burtons Bay “we can get a before, during, and after snapshot that hasn’t really been done before,” he said.

VIMS will have a water quality monitoring station that provides real-time data from Burtons Bay accessible to the public starting later this month, Snyder said.

■ Visit <https://www.vims.edu/esl/research/water-quality/index.php> to see VIMS’s water quality monitoring stations.



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Marine scientists Lauren Alvaro, left, and Erin Stehr prepare eelgrass seeds to be spread in Burtons Bay, offshore from Wachapreague, on Friday, Oct. 6.



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CLARA VAUGHN

Eelgrass seeds are seen before scientists with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and The Nature Conservancy spread them in Burtons Bay, offshore from Wachapreague.

Stodghill named United Way fundraising chair

Maggie Molera Stodghill has been named chairman of the 2023 United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore fundraising campaign.

Since 1991, the United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore has raised over \$8 million.

These funds are used to improve the quality of the life for residents of the Eastern Shore.

Sponsorships from businesses and individuals are essentials in keeping the cost of the campaign to a minimum.

The Eastern Shore’s United Way has only one part-time employee and donated office space. Volunteers are a large part of the United Way.

Sam Norton, president of the United Way of Virginia’s Eastern



Maggie Stodghill

Shore Board of Directors, said, “Investing in the United Way is a great way for our community to impact the youngest to the oldest among us by funding much-needed programs. Most importantly, this would not be possible if not for kind donations made to the United Way from across the Shore. The community makes this happen.”

Stodghill’s professional career has consisted of medical billing, catering, and sales and marketing.

After the birth of her first son,

she and a good friend worked together to reopen the Montessori school in Franktown. They sought to provide the opportunity to experience the same educational start she and her sisters had experienced.

The Montessori Children’s House of Franktown is still one of her most meaningful accomplishments and joys.

“I am technically a ‘come here’ because our family moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia when I was 4 years old,” she said.

“My father was a physician at Shore Memorial Hospital for over 30 years and my mother has been active in many local volunteer organizations, theater, real estate, and teaching. I grew up on a working horse farm on Nas-

sawadox Creek, where my parents raised Arabian horses for most of my younger years. My childhood was spent making forts on the farm, crabbing off the dock, playing sports, and spending a lot of time at the Trawler Dinner Theater.”

Stodghill said she looks forward to bringing her energy to help the agencies on the Shore and the programs they provide. Stodghill and her husband, Chris, and their three boys live near Melfa.

If anyone would like to make a positive impact on the quality of life of the residents of the Eastern Shore, please send a tax-deductible donation to United Way of Virginia’s Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 605, Onley, VA 23418 or go to www.esunitedway.org



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COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT

With over 800 duties assigned to the role by the Code of Virginia, the Clerk of the Circuit Court has many important responsibilities. Thus, it is critical for the Clerk to provide the proper oversight and training for staff and to exhibit the appropriate tone at the top related to the importance of internal controls over the court's operations, which we found to be inadequate during this audit. We noted numerous deficiencies involving internal control and its operation across multiple areas that have led or could lead to noncompliance with laws and regulations, the loss of assets or revenues, or otherwise compromise the Clerk's fiscal accountability.

Properly Bill and Collect Court Costs

Repeat: Yes (first issued in 2010 as Properly Record Criminal Costs)

The Clerk and his staff did not properly bill and collect court costs. In 17 of 40 cases tested (43%), we noted the following errors.

- The Clerk did not charge defendants in 12 cases a total of \$4,925 in court costs.
- For five cases, the Clerk overcharged defendants a total of \$1,227 in court costs.

The Clerk should correct the specific cases noted above, seek additional training in the billing and collection of court costs, and establish a system of review to minimize the likelihood of billing errors going undetected. In all cases, the Clerk should bill and collect court costs in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

Request Tax Set-Off Refunds

Repeat: Yes (first issued in 2018 as Participate in the Tax Set-Off Debt Collection Program)

The Clerk did not submit claims to the Virginia Department of Taxation (Taxation) for tax setoff of refunds for delinquent court costs and fines totaling \$32,759, resulting in a loss of revenue to the Commonwealth and locality. Section 58.1-521 of the Code of Virginia requires that all courts use the tax set-off program to collect unpaid fines and costs. Courts must submit claims for setoff of tax refunds through Taxation's automated accounting system. The Clerk should use the tax refund set-off process to maximize collections as required by the Code of Virginia.

Reconcile Bank Accounts

Repeat: Yes (first issued 2015)

The Clerk has not reconciled the operating account since June 2014. In addition, the total of the individual investment account balances in the Clerk's automated financial system does not agree with the aggregate balance reported on the savings account bank statement. Timely and complete reconciliations are an essential internal control. Allowing reconciling items to go unresolved can lead to errors and irregularities going undetected and can increase the risk

of loss of funds. The Clerk should immediately reconcile all bank accounts and, going forward, should reconcile the bank accounts upon receipt of the bank statements and record corrections and adjustments to the financial system timely.

Properly Manage and Report Trust Funds

Repeat: Yes (first issued in 2020 as Improve Financial Management)

The Clerk does not properly manage and report trust fund accounts as required by the Code of Virginia and the Financial Accounting System User's Guide. We noted the following:

- The Clerk has deposited trust funds totaling \$311,492 in a bank that is not a qualified depository, as defined by § 2.2-4400 of the Code of Virginia.
- The Clerk did not accurately post interest in the financial accounting system to individual trust fund accounts, resulting in incorrect account balances.
- The Clerk did not invest five trust funds totaling \$107,501 within 60 days of the initial court order as required by § 8.01-600 of the Code of Virginia.
- The Clerk did not file an annual trust fund report with the court by the October 1st deadline for fiscal year 2022. We noted the Clerk filed the report eighteen days late.

The Clerk should immediately resolve the conditions noted above and, going forward, should only deposit trust funds in a qualified depository; accurately record activity in the financial system; receipt, invest, and disburse trust funds as required; and file the annual trust fund report with the court each year as required by the Code of Virginia.

Monitor and Disburse Liabilities

Repeat: Yes (first issued in 2016 as Monitor and Disburse Restitution)

The Clerk does not adequately monitor and disburse liabilities. On June 30, 2022, the Clerk was holding a total of \$112,638 related to inactive accounts dating as far back as 1998. Our audit identified 19 additional accounts, totaling \$10,631, the Clerk should have disbursed or escheated. The Clerk should review all liability accounts he is currently holding and disburse, escheat, or otherwise resolve the accounts as appropriate. Going forward, the Clerk should monitor and disburse liabilities monthly as recommended by the Financial Accounting System User's Guide.

Update Individual Receivable Accounts Status

Repeat: Yes (first issued in 2022)

The Clerk does not monitor and correct accounts listed on the Individual Account Status Report. Currently, there are four credit balance accounts dating back to 2012 and more than 50 payable accounts, including bonds and refunds. Additionally, there are two cases listed as 'under review' dating back to 2018 for which no collection efforts are in place. The Clerk should review the accounts on this report and take appropriate action on each account.

Review Daily Financial Reports

Repeat: Yes (first issued in 2017)

The Clerk does not consistently review the daily financial reports, which summarize all accounting transactions made each day. A deputy clerk prepares the daily financial reports for collections and deposits, which the Clerk occasionally reviews. However, it is clear the Clerk does not review other reports since we noted defendant accounts needing corrective action have remained on the reports for several years and ledger imbalance 'warnings' existed during the audit period. Currently the liability sub ledger does not reconcile to the general ledger with a difference of \$154,132. If the Clerk had properly reviewed the financial reports, he would have identified these conditions and the fact that the financial system rejected a \$1,717 journal entry, which remained uncorrected for over a year. The Clerk should review all financial reports daily and consider training additional staff to assist him with this task.

Improve Procedures over Receipting Errors

Repeat: Yes (first issued in 2022 as Retain Voided Receipts)

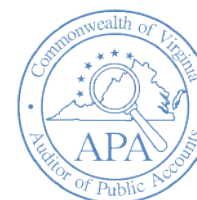
For two of nine voided receipts tested (22%), the Clerk did not retain all copies of the receipt and did not document the reason for any of the voids. The Clerk should closely monitor and control voided transactions as they pose an increased risk for fraudulent activity. The Clerk should not void receipts without maintaining all copies of the receipt and other supporting documentation and should provide training to staff to ensure they perform appropriate journal entries rather than unnecessarily voiding receipts.

Prepare Orders for Obtaining DNA Samples

Repeat: No

The Clerk has not established a procedure for ordering and obtaining DNA samples. When defendants are convicted of felony charges or certain misdemeanors, the Code of Virginia requires the Clerk to determine if a DNA sample is already on file with the Commonwealth's DNA data bank and, if it is not, prepare an order to have the DNA sample withdrawn by the local sheriff's office and charge the applicable fee. Although the Clerk is charging the fee, he is not preparing the order for withdrawing the blood samples. The Clerk should prepare the necessary court orders for obtaining DNA samples as required by § 19.2-310.2 of the Code of Virginia.

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Housing conference speaker details lay of the land

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

African-American families owned 19 million acres nationwide in 1920, but a century later, 98% of those assets have been lost.

“Talk to your kids. The most important thing about all of this is communication,” said Ebonie Alexander, executive director of the Black Family Land Trust, at the 2023 Eastern Shore Housing Summit on Friday, Sept. 29, at the Historic Onancock School.

She spoke about keeping family-owned property in the family and the misfortune of “people who have sold their legacy, who sold their ancestry.”

Family members must clearly communicate their wishes about how their assets should be distributed after they die, and they must put the legal means in place to protect those assets, or they

risk the loss of generational wealth.

Land and other assets are jeopardized when they become “heirs’ property,” meaning the property is passed down from one generation to another without a will, through a will that doesn’t undergo the legal process of probate, or through a “junk will” that isn’t legally binding, Alexander said.

Heirs’ property is owned in common by all the blood heirs of the deceased property owner.

Preserving family ownership of a property becomes increasingly difficult as the number of heirs increases, decreasing the likelihood that family members will agree to not sell their interests to third parties.

Parties who may be interested in the decedent’s property include unknown heirs, the state, lenders, taxing authorities and lien holders, investors, developers, speculators, condemners, courts, attorneys, and title companies.

Never buy property without title insurance and update wills every three years, Alexander advised.

Making a will is one way to break the cycle of heirs’ property, but few Black families do that. About 64% of White families have wills compared to only 24% of Black families.

Another way to prevent heirs’ property is to create a family limited liability company or family land trust.

A family limited liability company simplifies the transfer of business

assets to the next generation and can provide tax benefits. A family land trust ensures assets are managed on behalf of its beneficiaries and follows the trustees’ wishes.

Another option is title consolidation, in which one or more heirs buys out the other heirs’ interests in the property.

Other strategies to keep property in the family include subdividing, mortgaging, leasing, or developing the property.

Family land also can be monetized by harvesting timber or developing an agricultural enterprise on the property. The family can receive development credits for the property or place it in a conservation easement.

Heirs’ property

Alexander also provided an overview of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act adopted by the Virginia General Assembly in 2020.

The act was passed to address the problem of heirs’ property in Virginia and to treat heirs equitably.

When two or more heirs are entitled to an interest in real property, they are called tenants in common.

This is a common type of property ownership, but it is unstable and can lead to the loss of generational wealth. Any of the tenants in common can file a lawsuit called a partition action to force a sale of the property to an outside party.

The UHPA in Virginia was designed to discourage the forced sale of heirs’ property. The UHPA ensures that if a forced sale occurs, all of the heirs get their fair share of the proceeds.

UPHPA requirements include:

■ A court-ordered, independent appraisal of the heirs’ property

■ The right of first refusal for any co-tenants, meaning one or more heirs can buy out another’s interest in the property in lieu of a forced sale

■ Court-ordered partition in-kind when it is equitable, meaning the property is physically divided amongst the heirs instead of being sold

■ The court’s consideration of the heirs’ sentimental attachment to the property and its ancestral value

■ Listing the property on the open market for its appraised value if it is to be sold.

But the best way to preserve family land, according to Alexander, is for older family members to pass on the family’s “land ethic” – how to value and respect the land – to the younger generations.

“For people who live on generational land – it doesn’t make any difference if you’re Black, White, pink, blue, or green – if you live on generational land, you have a connection to that land,” Alexander said.

■ For more information on the Black Family Land Trust and preserving family ownership of generational property, visit www.bflt.org

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LIONS CLUB DONATES

The Onancock Area Lions Club donated body wash, deodorant, door hangings, word search books, socks, lap blankets, and other items to the residents at Shore Health & Rehab Center in Parksley. Pictured from left are Essence Milbourne, CNA; Chris Sample, floor tech; Kayla Colonna, life enrichment director, and Ernie Swisher, Lions Club president.

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\$1M state award helps former school renovation

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

Tevya Griffin, who lives in Williamsburg but is from Northampton County, was visiting her grandmother, the late Annette Marie Williams, in 2009.

They went for a drive in Cape Charles and passed the former elementary school over “the hump” — the local nickname for the overpass that was built to cross the former railroad that ran through town.

Griffin’s grandmother told her the story of the building that was used as an eel-packing plant that closed in the 1970s and previously was an elementary school for Black children during segregation.

The story captured Griffin, who wanted to learn more about the school’s history. Her grandmother helped her reach out to alumni who would later become members of the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative.

Today the school is being restored and transformed into a community center that, within its first 10 years, is expected to create around 30 new jobs per year and have an economic impact of \$26 million, an economic analysis shows.

The restoration is aided by \$1 million from Gov. Glenn Youngkin through a state industrial revitalization fund. The award was announced in August.

Combined with previously obtained grants and other funding, the Cape Charles Elementary School project needs an additional \$600,000 to be fully funded. These funds can be obtained through two

\$300,000 no-interest bridge loans.

The community center could employ up to four full-time and 10 part-time workers as its managers, administrators, program coordinators, and maintenance and support staff, according to the analysis.

The center will house a museum with the potential to generate around 10 jobs for local artisans to make and sell traditional products, crafts, and souvenirs.

The former school’s 120-seat auditorium and other rooms will be available to rent for private events.

The restoration group estimates about 15 events will be held annually, which would support other jobs and generate event revenue and tax income.

The community center will have a commercial kitchen that is expected to support five to 10 jobs annually.

The workforce development center and business incubator is expected to make the biggest impact, annually preparing 20 to 50 skilled workers for jobs with higher wages.

Eastern Shore Community College and the Hampton Roads Workforce Council will collaborate to provide certificate programs at the community center.

The two entities also will provide mentorships for entrepreneurs to increase the number of startup businesses in Northampton County, which has been in decline since 2019.

It is the continuation of a project with roots in a casual conversation between a grandmother and granddaughter.



Tevya Griffin stands in front of the Cape Charles Rosenwald School in a 2020 photo.

School makes state register

Among five places listed in September in the Virginia Landmarks Register are a Cape Charles school built for Black children during the Jim Crow era of segregation in Virginia.

The Commonwealth’s Board of Historic Resources approved the Virginia Landmarks Register listings during its quarterly public meeting in Danville.

The VLR is the commonwealth’s official list of places of historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural significance.

Built in 1929, the Cape Charles Rosenwald School in Northampton County was one of thousands of schools constructed using the Julius Rosenwald Fund for African American students during the Jim Crow era of segregation in Virginia’s public education system.

As was typical of schools for Black

children during segregation, grades were combined in classrooms at the Cape Charles school, with each teacher instructing students of two grade levels simultaneously.

Constructed of brick and stone, the school features banks of large windows to provide ample natural light and ventilation. The school’s interior remains largely intact. The building initially had no plumbing. There was a toilet and a water pump on the grounds. The auditorium was used for morning devotions, plays, and community meetings and presentations.

Cooking and woodworking classes took place in the industrial room, which was later converted into a lunchroom and, then, into a bathroom.

Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration, Inc., bought the property in 2018.

Beginning beekeeping class is offered

Beginning beekeeping will be offered on two Saturdays, Nov. 4 and 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Nao-mi Makemie Presbyterian Church, 89 Market St., Onancock.

The \$50 registration fee includes materials, a three-month membership to the Beekeepers Guild of the Eastern Shore, a textbook, and a continental breakfast and light snacks. Participants are asked to bring their own bag lunches.

Participants will get basic information on beekeeping and how to get started. All participants will be assigned a mentor.

Art and Food Festival planned for Oct. 28

The Art and Food Festival sponsored by the United Women of Franktown Church will be held Saturday,

Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Franktown Methodist Church.

There will be local artists and vendors, baked goods, frozen foods, pimento cheese, cheese balls, chicken salad, and soups. Lunch will be available.

Cape Charles Museum plans oyster roast

Cape Charles Historical Society & Museum's annual oyster roast fundraiser will be held Saturday, Nov. 25.

The oyster roast on the museum grounds will include live music by Ghost Town Union from 4 to 8 p.m. Food will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Live auction details to be announced. There will be a live auction that includes a couple of decoys donated by Tommy O'Connor.

The menu includes roasted oysters, raw oysters, fried chicken, and clam chowder. Accompaniments include potato salad, bean salad, desserts, tea, and soda. Beer and wine will be available by purchasing a \$20 wristband.

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Pictured from left are Mary Margaret Browning, DAR Chapter Co-Chaplain and Nandua Middle School librarian; Nandua Middle history and civic teachers Jordan Alleyne, Christine Bisson, Jenifer Wootten, and Laura Wallace; Nandua Middle Principal SuCora Owens; and DAR Regent, Sarah Bingman. Absent is Nandua Middle teacher Kyle Williams.

DAR celebrates Constitution Week

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution observed Constitution Week from Sept. 17 to 23 in a variety of ways.

The chapter gave each Accomack County middle school history and civics teacher a copy of the book, “What Is the Constitution?” to add to their classroom libraries.

It is hoped that this book will help in the teaching and understanding of the Constitution.

The Chapter also sponsored a table at the Onancock Market where copies of the Constitution, American flags, Constitution-themed pencils, Constitution coloring sheets and crayons, and hand bells were given to adults and children.

Each of the Accomack County schools and the Eastern Shore Community College were given a Con-

stitution poster to display.

Churches in Accomack County were sent letters asking the churches and their members to ring bells at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17, in observance of the signing of the Constitution.

Several businesses with electric signs along Route 13 displayed Constitution messages, and a Constitution display was at the Eastern Shore Regional Public Library.

Each day during the week WESR aired facts about the Constitution. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded to preserve the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence.

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

AEDs to be installed around Shore

The Eastern Shore Health District announces the placement of 23 outdoor automated external defibrillators in public spaces across the Eastern Shore, increasing access to this life-saving tool in the case of sudden cardiac arrest.

This is one of the largest community outdoor AED installation projects in the country.

The AEDs are housed in SaveStation cabinets that allow for 24/7 remote monitoring to ensure they are always ready for rescue. The AED requires no training to use and will provide audio instructions.

In honor of World Restart a Heart Day, Monday, Oct. 16, the Eastern Shore Health District, with the Towns of Chincoteague and Exmore, will be hosting ribbon-cutting ceremonies in Chincoteague and Exmore.



Steve Walker



Jameille Bond

Bond, Walker win raffle

Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha recently held a basket raffle and the winners were Steve Walker and Jameille Bond.

Both won baskets worth \$400 in gift cards for the purchase of a \$5 raffle ticket.

The proceeds will go toward a scholarship fund and other chapter initiatives.

Anyone interested in making a monetary donation can contact Marie Billie at 757-894-8280. The group is seeking corporate partners and foundation donations.



SOROPTIMIST CLUB'S NEW MEMBERS

Three new members recently joined the Soroptimist International Club of Accomack County. Pictured from left are Region Governor Roxanne Aaron; new member Elsie Mackie, of Parksley; new member Tiffany Bloom, of Pungoteague; new member Kay Laird, of Belle Haven; and Soroptimist member Lois Evans.

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Monitoring the bluebird boxes

BY BOB EIDAM
Guest columnist

Bob Toner approaches the bluebird box, not knowing if it is empty, contains bluebird chicks, or holds a predator.

After gently knocking on the side of the box, he carefully opens it to reveal a nest with five small bluebird eggs.

He calls this out to Peter Fisher, who updates a logbook with the finding.

It is early morning on the Bluebird Nesting Box Trail located at The Nature Conservancy's Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve Brownsville.

The team of three volunteers rise with the sun one day per week during the nesting season (March through August) to examine each of the boxes located along the trail.

Toner is the most experienced participant, having answered TNC's call for volunteers six years ago.

Over this time Toner has checked these 16 boxes over 1,500 times. Toner, and Peter and Maggie Long, are trained Virginia Master Naturalists who volunteer their time and expertise to a number of beneficial projects.

Their work is part of a larger effort to protect and support the vi-

'When you find a healthy brood of bluebird chicks, it's a small victory for nature. It inspires us to keep working towards a future where these birds can flourish.'

Peter Long,
Bluebird Nesting
Box volunteer

brant avian community.

Local conservationists and bird enthusiasts are monitoring bluebird boxes on the Eastern Shore.

These small nesting boxes play a crucial role in providing safe havens for the beloved bluebirds, helping to stabilize their populations while offering a thrilling glimpse into the fascinating world of these feathered creatures.

Bluebirds, renowned for their blue plumage, melodious songs, and gentle nature, have faced several challenges over the years.

Habitat loss, competition for nesting sites, and environmental changes have all contributed to their decline.

The process of monitoring bluebird boxes emerged as a vital aspect of the overall conservation strategy.

Regular check-ups on the boxes ensure their proper maintenance, detect any signs of issues, and offer valuable insights into the health of the bluebird population.

Maggie Long, a seasoned bird-watcher, emphasizes the significance of monitoring bluebird boxes: "These boxes provide a much-needed boost to the bluebird population, but we need to be proactive in safeguarding their nests. Monitoring allows us to track the number of successful hatchings, identify potential threats, and understand the overall breeding success."

"It's a rewarding experience," says Peter Long, a dedicated volunteer with a passion for avian conservation.

"When you find a healthy brood of bluebird chicks, it's a small victory for nature. It inspires us to keep working towards a future where these birds can flourish."

Their work isn't done when they

leave the reserve: The findings for each box are entered into TNC's Permanent Bluebird Nesting Box Log Book.

A summary email is sent to TNC Preserve and Education Manager Jenny Miller to alert her of the update.

"This data provides us with a window into the productivity of bluebirds, as well as chickadees and tree swallows, over the breeding season. Data that is collected can give us insight into their successes and failures and help guide management for these native cavity nesters," Miller says.

"The volunteer time that Bob, Peter, and Maggie provide is invaluable not only to the birds they are monitoring but to TNC as well."

Monitoring bluebird boxes aids in the conservation of bluebirds and serves as a reminder of the positive impact that individuals and communities can have on preserving local biodiversity. Nurturing these nesting sites contributes to the broader efforts of protecting and conserving the natural heritage of our region.

■ For more information about the Eastern Shore Master Naturalist program see the Eastern Shore Virginia Master Naturalist website at <https://masternaturalistesva.com>.

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For more information, email rjan-drejco@gmail.com.

Youth Sportsfest shooting event set for Oct. 14

NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Inc. will host the Brownells/NRA Youth Sportsfest on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 30516 Chincoteague Road, Oak Hall, starting at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until about 3:30 p.m.

Due to the number of participants in this annual event, parking will be along Chincoteague Road in front of

Food Lion, with free shuttle transport provided to and from the range itself.

This event is free for all girls and boys from ages 8 to 18. Safety equipment and ammunition will be provided. Lunch and soft drinks are free to the whole family. Junior and senior prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Participants can just show up and check in.

The rain date is Oct. 21. For further information and directions email tjonesy@verizon.net, or call Terry Jones at 757-709-2401.

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We're Hiring: Health Educator

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Type:

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

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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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Building Inspector

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

Requires high school diploma or GED, supplemented by one year of experience in building construction. Experience as a building inspector is desired.

Requires valid Virginia Driver's License.

Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$34,819 to \$56,285.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions, requirements and county's application form <https://tinyurl.com/bdcb8hst> Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347. Position open until filled.

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Nutritionist Supervisor Senior Position #04006

The Eastern Shore Health District is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as Nutritionist Supervisor Senior. The position supervises all nutritional programs and supporting staff within the WIC Supplemental Food Program. Must meet requirements for use of title Dietitian/Nutritionist as authorized by Code of VA 54.1-2731. Extensive knowledge of the WIC program and its policies and procedures required. For detailed job information or to apply, visit <https://jobs.virginia.gov/> Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by October 19, 2023. EEO.

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

Starting salary range for this position is \$32,382 to \$61,338 depending on experience and qualifications. 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 and cover letter to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road. This position is open until filled. Northampton County is an EOE.

Cheriton Town Manager

The Town of Cheriton is accepting applications for the Town Manager position. The full-time position attends Town Council, Planning Commission, and other Board Meetings as necessary.

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Requires high school diploma or GED and experience in administrative support, bookkeeping, and office operations. Experience in a municipal environment is a plus, as is the equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience with QuickBooks is preferred.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and education. The salary range is \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The position is open until filled, and the first review of applications is on November 1, 2023.

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PARCEL 1: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. FANNIE MAE AYERS

MAP NO. 111A3A000001300 ON MAPPSBURG ROAD; TOWN OF PAINTER

PARCEL 2: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MARY EMILY DOUGHTY

MAP NO. 11900A000004300; 35044 LANKFORD HIGHWAY

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MAP NO. 11900A000004400 ON LANKFORD HIGHWAY

PARCEL 4: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. STEWART W. GAMBRILL, JR.

MAP NO. 029A20500013900; LOT 139, UNIT 3, SHEET 5, CHINCOTEAGUE BAY TRAILS END

PARCEL 5: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. CORRINE M. HENRY

MAP NO. 092A0A000002400; 18504 GASKINS ROAD

PARCEL 6: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. HAZEL LIVESAY

MAP NO. 069A0A000013000; 15323 PARKS STREET; TOWN OF BLOXOM

PARCEL 7: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MARY JANE LUKASIK

MAP NO. 119A0A000002400; 35570 BELLE HAVEN ROAD; TOWN OF BELLE HAVEN

PARCEL 8: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MEDARDO PONCE MARTINEZ

MAP NO. 062A1A000020700; 16334 MAIN RIDGE ROAD; TOWN OF TANGIER

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MAP NO. 093B00300000100; 27281 TEXACO TOWN ROAD

PARCEL 10: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RKL MORTGAGE CORPORATION

MAP NO. 022B1A000001300; 20481 SAXIS ROAD; TOWN OF SAXIS

PARCEL 11: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. KYLE T. SATTERFIELD

MAP NO. 029A20100014100; LOT 141, UNIT 2, SHEET 2, CHINCOTEAGUE BAY TRAILS END

PARCEL 12: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. CAROL A. TOWNSEND

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The object of this suit is:
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It is ORDERED that DONYS JOSE MURILLO ESPINALES appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before NOVEMBER 15, 2023.

September 19, 2023
Samuel H. Cooper Jr., Clerk

Town of Onley Notice of Public Hearing

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Onley, Virginia will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023, at the Onley Town Office located at 25308 Lankford Hwy., Onley, VA for the purpose of receiving comments from members of the public concerning proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in reference to Temporary Signage, Feather Flags, Pennants, and Commercial Real Estate Signage. The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Mayor and Council will immediately follow, and they will vote on approval of these amendments for adoption. A copy of the proposed amendments is available for public inspection at the Onley Town Office, 25308 Lankford Hwy., Onley, VA, Monday through Friday from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Accomack County Wetlands Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of a Public Hearing that will be held in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, 23292 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia at 10AM, Thursday, October 26, 2023 on the wetlands applications of:

Todd Koch- VMRC# 2023-0572

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project, which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction, is the proposed installation of a new bulkhead 2 feet seaward of the existing bulkhead, located on Chincoteague Island, VA 23336, tax map#(s) 30A3-A-30.

All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to be heard or to present written statements. Applications are on file and may be examined in the Office of the Environmental Programs in Accomack, Virginia. Handicapped assistance is available. Please call (757) 787-5728.

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Radu Paul Caciula, Owner

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.

TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES

Town Council – Public Hearing

The Cape Charles Town Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive comment on the following requests:

A Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA) 2023-03 application from Cherrystone Investments, LLC to rezone Tax Map #90-A-1A6 from General Business/Light Industrial (GBI H-1) to Harbor District pursuant to Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance §§ 2.7.2 and 3.9.

The application is available for public review on our website at www.capecharles.org under Agendas and Minutes/ Town Council. Please contact the Planning Department at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Carlton Mason (VMRC #2023-1815) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install three (3) boat slips, a 5-foot by 30-foot access pier, and an alternating batter board wave brake system adjacent to property (TM# 30-A-3) located on Marsh Island Drive situated along the Chincoteague Channel in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2023-1815) at <https://tinyurl.com/bdtmf38d> We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

TRUSTEE SALE

18286 Woodland Ave., Parksley, VA 23421
Accomack County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of **\$181,818.00**, dated **November 16, 2021** recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Accomack County, Virginia**, in Document No. **210006272**, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the **Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack**, on **November 16, 2023 at 11:30 AM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Commencing at the intersection of the Northwestern side of Woodland Avenue and the Southwestern side of Chadbourne Street Extended; then running along the Northwestern side of Woodland Avenue in a Southwesterly direction a distance of one hundred twenty feet (120 ft.), more or less, to a certain iron stob situate on the line between the lot herein conveyed and the land now or formerly owned by W. L. Wessells and J. B. Wessells, then turning and running in a straight line in a Northwesterly direction along the line between the lot herein conveyed and the lot now or formerly owned by W. L. Wessells and J. B. Wessells, a distance of thirty-seven feet (37 ft.), more or less, to a certain pine as shown on said plat of the Town of Parksley, of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Accomack County, Virginia, in Plat Book 6, at Page 82; thence North forty-three degrees thirty minutes West (N 43° 30' W) a distance of eighty-three and five tenths feet (83.5 ft.) to a certain pine as shown on said plat; then turning and running in a straight line in a Northeasterly direction along the line between the lot herein conveyed and the lands now or formerly of the Parksley Land and Improvement Company, a distance of fifty feet (50 ft.) more or less, to the Southwestern side of Chadbourne Street Extended; then turning and running along the Southwestern side of Chadbourne Street Extended in a Southeasterly direction a distance of one hundred twenty-five feet (125 ft.), more or less, to the Northwest side of Woodland Avenue, the point of beginning, 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., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (86138)

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ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Accomack, VA, with public hearings to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or present written comments on the following matter(s) beginning at 6:30 p.m.:

1. Conduct Public Hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget to include an appropriation of the Airport Federal funding in the amount of \$924,140.

A brief synopsis of the proposed amendments to the County of Accomack's budget for Fiscal Year 2024 was ordered published by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on September 20, 2023. A summary of the budget amendment is listed below.

Source of funds		Airport Fund	
		Use of funds	
Federal Airport Improvement Grant	\$ 924,140	Runway 21 Turnaround - construction	\$ 924,140
Total	\$ 924,140	Total	\$ 924,140

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Chairman, Accomack County Board of Supervisors

Michael T. Mason, CPA

County Administrator

2. Conduct Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance relating to bonds on specific contracts, to reduce the amount of performance and payment bonds for an indefinite delivery or quantity contract.

An ordinance is needed to allow the County to reduce the amount of performance and payment bonds for an indefinite delivery or quantity contract, such as a job order contract, to an amount less than the sum of all tasks performed under the contract. Any reduced bond amount must be approved by the County Administrator or his designee and must be in an amount sufficient to ensure the performance of all work orders under the contract and the payment of all subcontractors, and costs for materials, and labor.

3. Conduct Public Hearing to consider dedicating land owned by Accomack County (Tax Map # 86A1-A-11) on Front Street in the Town of Accomack to Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) for use as a pump station, as well as the granting of an easement for access and maintenance purposes.

Any citizen wishing to view documents, submit a comment, having questions, or needing special assistance for the disabled may contact the County Administrator's Office by contacting:

Jessica Hargis: (757) 787-5700 / 824-5444 or
administration@co.accomack.va.us

County's electronic Board Agenda at:
<https://go.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public>

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Public Notice

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and conduct public hearings for the following applications to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

ZTA 2023-03: The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County is proposing a Zoning Text Amendment to revise the sections which pertain to Signs in the 2000 and 2016 Zoning Ordinances.

ZTA 2023-04: The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County is proposing a Zoning Text Amendment to revise the sections which pertain to Lighting in the 2000 and 2016 Zoning Ordinances.

The applications, as well as the full text of the proposed amendments, are on file and open to public inspection in the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA, and can be viewed electronically at:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/va/northco/Board.nsf/Public>

Anyone wishing to comment on the above items is invited to attend the public hearing and make their comments known. Written comments can be submitted to the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement, P.O. Box 538, Eastville, VA 23347, and via email to olivia.bennett@co.northampton.va.us for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.

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RATE SCHEDULE (AMENDED) • Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

1. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT CHARGE** – All customers except those in the Small Communities
Consumption based accounts with water meters per 100 cubic feet* \$7.60
Minimum charge per day – metered customers \$0.30
Flat rate accounts (single family residential) per day \$2.00

2. **SMALL COMMUNITIES RATES** – (Small Communities include King William, Middlesex, Urbanna, Surry, West Point, and the communities of Virginia's Eastern Shore.)

Community	Total Wastewater Treatment and Collection Rate Per 1,000 gallons	Flat Rate Per day
Small Communities (except King William)	\$16.08	\$2.21
King William	16.31	2.24

Community	Wastewater Treatment Rate Per 1,000 gallons	Flat Rate Per day
Small Communities	\$10.16	\$2.00

Metered customers minimum charge per day \$0.30
Unmetered customers – Single Family Residential (Flat Rate per day) \$2.21
Unmetered customers – (Other than Single Family Residential) shall be billed a flat rate based on Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU).

Service	Cost per ERU Per day
Treatment and Collections	\$2.21
Treatment Only	2.00

Mathews residential customers – billed a flat rate based on an Equivalent Residential water Usage (ERU) of 12,000 gallons per quarter.

Mathews commercial, government and professional customers - billed based on ERU schedule of fractions or multiples by customer category.

Community	Per 1,000 gallons	ERU Usage Rate
Mathews	\$16.08	\$2.21

Lawnes Point subdivision of Isle of Wight County metered customers - billed Isle of Wight Public Utilities published Sewer Rate in addition to the Wastewater Treatment Rate listed in the aforementioned section 1.

3. **TOWN WHOLESALE TREATMENT RATE** – Incorporated towns with population less than 2,000
Consumption per 1,000 gallons \$3.55

4. **HIGH STRENGTH OR UNUSUAL WASTE SURCHARGE**

Type	In Excess of	Per mg/L per 100 Cubic Feet*	Per 100 pounds
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	297 mg/L [^]	0.000185	\$ 2.96
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	282 mg/L [^]	0.000612	9.80
Total Phosphorus (TP)	7 mg/L [^]	0.009258	148.30
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	57 mg/L [^]	0.002784	44.59

Other Unusual wastes may be assigned a special rate.

[^] Domestic Quality Wastewater

5. **NUTRIENT CREDITS**

Type	Asset Charge (\$/pound/year)	Operational Charge (\$/pound)
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$8.39	\$0.1274
Total Phosphorus (TP)	58.55	1.0226
Total Nitrogen (TN)	13.49	0.2897

6. **HAULED WASTEWATER** (Indirect discharge/tank truck waste)

Type	Per gallon
Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)	\$0.3517
Other approved hauled wastes	\$0.1812

7. **VOLUME BASED FACILITY CHARGE**

Water Meter Size	Facility Charge	Water Meter Size	Facility Charge
5/8-Inch	\$2,420	6-Inch	\$456,620
3/4-Inch	\$4,210	8-Inch	\$889,185
1-Inch	\$7,410	10-Inch	\$1,491,070
1 1/2-Inch	\$18,395	12-Inch	\$2,274,730
2-Inch	\$35,825	14-Inch	\$3,251,050
3-Inch	\$91,665	16-Inch	\$4,429,645
4-Inch	\$178,485		

8. **SERVICE FEES**

Access Card Replacement	\$25
Account Documentation Fee	\$10 per account per 12-month period
Advance Service Fee	Based on previous 12-month billing
Damaged Lock Fee	\$100
Damaged Meter/Antenna Fee	\$250 plus cost of meter and/or antenna
Delinquency and Restoration Fee	\$15 plus cost imposed by water supplier, if applicable
Inaccessible Meter Fee	\$50
Late Payment Fee	1.5% per month
Meter (Deduction) Fee	\$2.00 per meter per month
Meter Reading Fee	\$75
Meter Removal Fee	Based on the charge imposed by water supplier
Returned Payment Fee	\$25
Service Restoration Fee	\$100

*100 Cubic Feet = approximately 748 gallons

Additional information is available at: www.hrsd.com/finance or by calling 757.460.2261

Sports Trivia

by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Carlester Crumpler and his brother Alge both played tight end in the NFL. Who had more career touchdown receptions between the two?

2. What golfer won the 1958 PGA Championship and was also the captain of the U.S. Ryder Cup team in 1977?

3. Walt Jocketty served as general manager of what Major League Baseball team from 1994-2007?

4. Before entering the NBA Draft in 2008, Kevin Love played one season of basketball for what college team?

5. The NFL's Man of the Year Award for philanthropy and community service is named in honor of what Pro Football Hall of Famer?

Answers

1. Alge, with 39 (Carlester had four)
2. Dow Finsterwald
3. St. Louis Cardinals
4. The UCLA Bruins
5. Walter Payton

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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 13, 2023 to November 13, 2023

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

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Long Grain & Livestock/David Long; 25160 Lankford Hwy, Cape Charles, VA 23310; GW0060601

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Midwood Farm; 28166 Lankford Hwy, Cape Charles, VA 23310

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Long Grain and Livestock/David Long has applied for reissuance of a permit for an agricultural farm. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 10,000,000 gallons per year and 3,000,000 gallons per month from the Columbia and Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifers. The ground water withdrawal will support irrigation for the production of row crops. 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/2m853p9v>

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, e-mail, 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: Emily Erard-Stone; DEQ Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-914-3860; E-mail: emily.erard-stone@deq.virginia.gov The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above {by appointment} or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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■ Alexandra Noelle Cipriano, 33, and Benjamin Joseph Nowlan, 33, both of Melfa
■ Megan Elizabeth Cessna, 22, of Clearville, Pa., and Devin Michael Shumaker, 23, of Everett, Pa.
■ McKensy Leigh Lavin, 25, and Francis Edward McManus Jr., 30, both of Millsboro, Del.
■ Leticia Hortencia Perez Chavez, 29, and Jacobo Moises Lopez Velasquez, 25, both of Accomac
■ Deondre Michael Jones, 30, and Anna Slater Pastan Cohen, 29, both of Washington, D.C.

Northampton property transfers

■ From Cali and Ryan Bono
To Jessica Ryan
Lot, 1.387 acres, near Hare Valley
For \$290,000

■ From Kathleen Tucker
To Duers Landing LLC
Lot on Parting Creek Road, Willis Wharf
For \$1
■ From Patricia and Woodford Daves Jr.
To Baker and Baker Holdings LLC
Tract B, 1 acre, near Cedar Grove, Capeville
For \$347,000
■ From Malcolm and Kim Vanderploeg
To Gary and Julie Wagner
Lot 1-A, 1.728 acres, Wilsonia Neck
For \$152,500
■ From Stephen Handy and Claudine Pierce
To Elfriede Noonan and Stephen Niemerski
Lots 2 and 3, Sea Cottage Addition, Cape Charles
For \$925,000
■ From John and Linda Schulz
To Leslie and Lindsay Aun, Michael McClain, and Terrance Kubat
Lot 441, Tazewell Ave, and 5.3 foot strip of land, Cape Charles
For \$810,000
■ From Clearview Homes VA LLC
To Sharon Davis
Lots 1 and 2, Exmore
For \$256,500
■ From Preserve Homes & Neighborhoods VA LLC
To Lisa Lunger
Lot 27B, The Fairways, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$530,949.21
■ From Andrea Hilton
To Smith Beach LLC
Lot in Wardtown, near Exmore
For \$23,000
■ From Guy Doughy
To R.G. Bolling Enterprises LLC
2 parcels in Exmore
For \$1,400,000

Accomack property transfers

■ From Anne M. Kemp
To Stephanie C. and Brent E. Bundick
5155 Winder Lane, Chincoteague
For \$950,000
■ From Sybille A. Jobin
To Anna Louise Verderame
6261 Post Office St., Chincoteague
For \$292,000

■ From Patricia B. Poore
To Doris M. and Kurt P. Ponting Sr.
37359 Doubloon Drive, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$295,000
■ From Lana M. Maloney and Lana M. Jarrett
To Tammy L. and Mark W. Rust
Lot 38, Corbin Hall Lane, Horntown
For \$45,000
■ From Patriot House 1776 LLC
To Michelle W. Prosser
6527 Rosedale Drive, Chincoteague
For \$258,000
■ From Gemcraft Homes LLC
To Krittawat Menprasert and Penphicha Umphol
37752 Broadside Drive, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$364,289
■ From Monica P. and Melbourne Monroe Baughman Jr.
To Choice Land Investors LLC
1 acre on Locustville Road, Onley
For \$7,252.33
■ From Nancy Lee Adams
To Bic Investments Inc.
Lot 2, Bunker Hill, Chincoteague
For \$200,000
■ From Amanda Jane and Corey M. Dean
To Amy L. and Frank O. Copestick IV
2218 Captains Corridor, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$289,000
■ From Jobe T. Schuck
To Sharon A. Barnes, trustee
30344 Bobtown Road, Pungoteague
For \$240,000
■ From Julie L. Mills and Thomas D. Smith
To Sharon A. Barnes
12 Powellton Ave., Wachapreague
For \$275,000
■ From Deborah W. Stevens
To Patriot House 1776 LLC
6248 Sharpley St., Chincoteague
For \$275,000
■ From Jennifer Warren and Larry Jay Giddens Jr.
To Sharon A. Barnes, trustee
35416 Belle Haven Road, Belle Haven
For \$325,000

■ From Christina R. and David L. Bilger
To Tiffany D. and Thomas Scott Ralph
Lot 1260, Section 1, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$28,500
■ From Choice Land Investors LLC
To Cheryl Ghant and Kevin Eaton
1 acre on Locustville Road, Onley
For \$15,997
■ From Virginia B. and David H. Gomer
To William Klaas Hoen
Lot 1, Terrapin Station Road, Belle Haven
For \$79,000
■ From Sandra K. and Cecilio Balmoria
To Alison and James Scott Quillian
23329 Back St., Accomac
For \$380,000
■ From Nadine B. Estes
To A. Thomas Young
54 acres on Poplar Cove Road, Onancock
For \$210,000
■ From Abel Jaramillo
To Sharon A. Barnes, trustee
19421 Main St., Melfa
For \$285,000
■ From Margaret and John Day
To Leslie Ann Geiger
Lot 574, Unit 1, Trails End, Horntown
For \$39,500
■ From Barbara Goffigon Cox, trustee
To Jennifer Lee Donnell
33470 Craddockville Road, Craddockville
For \$212,000
■ From Kathleen M. and Charles E. Roe Jr.
To Aneold Joseph
142 Market St., Onancock
For \$259,900
■ From Deborah G. Morgan
To Jill Elizabeth Jackson
Lot 1007, Section 1, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$90,000
■ From Racing Moon LLC
To Corra Lynn and Kevin Scott Liddle Jr.
32362 Lancy Drive, Atlantic
For \$376,000
■ From Susan T. Maida
To Teaguer Properties LLC
3138 Ridge Road, Chincoteague
For \$300,000
■ From Charlotte Virginia Graham and Paul Justin Kolhoff
To Kristen and Shannon Brandt
Lot 219, Pension Street, Chincoteague
For \$90,000

■ From Elaine Brooke Mears and Hunter Gurel
To Genwealth Estates LLC
6085 Lankford Highway, Oak Hall
For \$50,000
■ From Carolyn E. Chandler
To Marie Dieutane Abe and Jean T. Sagesse
18478 Staunton Ave., Parksley
For \$239,000
■ From Linda Y. Buckingham
To Freddie Davis III
31008 Nocks Landing Road, Atlantic
For \$55,000
■ From James F. Moore, trustee
To Antonya and Charles Fitzgerald
34146 Bradfords Neck Road, Quinby
For \$450,000
■ From Uldine P. Williams
To William A. Baals and Joseph L. Ficchi
25349 Greenwood Drive, Onley
For \$412,000
■ From Jill G. and Michael R. Williams
To Kelsey Allyson Bisker and John Collins Lewis
31618 Nandua Drive, Painter
For \$330,000
■ From Dianne L. and Warren E. Fairbanks
To Kimberly Kay and William Frederick Lubking IV
Lot 15, Section II, Schooner Bay, Onancock
For \$92,000
■ From Michelle Denton Blake
To Wheatley Farside Farm LLC
64 acres on Pungoteague Road, Pungoteague
For \$212,150
■ From Patrick M. Lopez
To Patrick A. Black
Lot 6A, Redwood Road, Onancock
For \$35,000
■ From First Financial Bank
To Hungry and Humble LLC
12497 Atlantic Road, Temperanceville
For \$300,000
■ From Heidi A. and Eric Scott Johnson
To Judith D. Corridon
50 Kerr St., Onancock
For \$365,000
■ From High Tide Properties LLC
To Kimberly K. and John A. Murphy
7919 East Side Road, Chincoteague
For \$559,000

TIDE TABLE

Seaside

Bayside

		<u>Friday</u> Oct. 13		<u>Saturday</u> Oct. 14		<u>Sunday</u> Oct. 15		<u>Monday</u> Oct. 16		<u>Tuesday</u> Oct. 17		<u>Wednesday</u> Oct. 18		<u>Thursday</u> Oct. 19
Assateague Beach	H L	7:47 a.m. 2:15 p.m.	H L	8:25 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	H L	9:04 a.m. 3:34 p.m.	H L	9:42 a.m. 4:15 p.m.	H L	10:23 a.m. 4:59 p.m.	H L	11:06 a.m. 5:47 p.m.	H L	11:53 a.m. 6:40 p.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	7:48 a.m. 2:14 p.m.	H L	8:27 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	H L	9:04 a.m. 3:34 p.m.	H L	9:42 a.m. 4:14 p.m.	H L	10:21 a.m. 4:56 p.m.	H L	11:05 a.m. 5:42 p.m.	H L	11:54 a.m. 6:34 p.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	8:43 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	H L	9:21 a.m. 3:33 p.m.	H L	10:00 a.m. 4:13 p.m.	H L	10:38 a.m. 4:54 p.m.	H L	11:19 a.m. 5:38 p.m.	H L	12:02 p.m. 6:26 p.m.	H L	12:49 p.m. 6:16 a.m.
Folly Creek	H L	8:36 a.m. 2:39 p.m.	H L	9:14 a.m. 3:18 p.m.	H L	9:53 a.m. 3:58 p.m.	H L	10:31 a.m. 4:39 p.m.	H L	11:12 a.m. 5:23 p.m.	H L	11:55 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	H L	12:42 p.m. 7:04 p.m.
Wachapreague	H L	8:09 a.m. 2:19 p.m.	H L	8:53 a.m. 3:03 p.m.	H L	9:35 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	H L	10:16 a.m. 4:26 p.m.	H L	10:56 a.m. 5:07 p.m.	H L	11:37 a.m. 5:53 p.m.	H L	12:24 p.m. 6:46 p.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	7:47 a.m. 1:54 p.m.	H L	8:25 a.m. 2:33 p.m.	H L	9:04 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	H L	9:42 a.m. 3:54 p.m.	H L	10:23 a.m. 4:38 p.m.	H L	11:06 a.m. 5:26 p.m.	H L	11:53 a.m. 6:19 p.m.
Machipongo	H L	8:17 a.m. 2:23 p.m.	H L	8:55 a.m. 3:02 p.m.	H L	9:34 a.m. 3:42 p.m.	H L	10:12 a.m. 4:23 p.m.	H L	10:53 a.m. 5:07 p.m.	H L	11:36 a.m. 5:55 p.m.	H L	12:23 p.m. 6:48 p.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	11:50 a.m. 6:18 p.m.	H L	12:24 p.m. 6:55 p.m.	H L	12:58 p.m. 6:56 a.m.	H L	1:35 p.m. 7:25 a.m.	H L	2:16 p.m. 7:57 a.m.	H L	3:00 p.m. 8:36 a.m.	H L	3:51 p.m. 9:23 a.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	12:20p.m. 6:34 a.m.	H L	12:54 p.m. 7:05 a.m.	H L	1:28 p.m. 7:38 a.m.	H L	2:02 p.m. 8:11 a.m.	H L	2:39 p.m. 8:48 a.m.	H L	3:20 p.m. 9:27 a.m.	H L	4:05 p.m. 10:12 a.m.
Guard Shore	H L	12:12p.m. 6:59 p.m.	H L	12:46 p.m. 7:01 a.m.	H L	1:20 p.m. 7:34 a.m.	H L	1:54 p.m. 8:07 a.m.	H L	2:31 p.m. 8:44 a.m.	H L	3:12 p.m. 9:23 a.m.	H L	3:57 p.m. 10:08 a.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	11:47 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	H L	12:21 p.m. 6:47 p.m.	H L	12:55 p.m. 6:46 a.m.	H L	1:29 p.m. 7:19 a.m.	H L	2:06 p.m. 7:56 a.m.	H L	2:47 p.m. 8:35 a.m.	H L	3:32 p.m. 9:20 a.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	12:01p.m. 6:31 p.m.	H L	12:35 p.m. 6:33 a.m.	H L	1:09 p.m. 7:06 a.m.	H L	1:43 p.m. 7:39 a.m.	H L	2:20 p.m. 8:16 a.m.	H L	3:01 p.m. 8:55 a.m.	H L	3:46 p.m. 9:40 a.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H L	11:17 a.m. 5:45 p.m.	H L	11:51 a.m. 6:21 p.m.	H L	12:25 p.m. 6:58 p.m.	H L	12:59 p.m. 6:53 a.m.	H L	1:36 p.m. 7:30 a.m.	H L	2:17 p.m. 8:09 a.m.	H L	3:02 p.m. 8:54 a.m.
Nassawadox	H L	9:59 a.m. 4:07 p.m.	H L	10:34 a.m. 4:46 p.m.	H L	11:08 a.m. 5:25 p.m.	H L	11:43 a.m. 6:04 p.m.	H L	12:21 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	H L	1:02 p.m. 6:30 a.m.	H L	1:48 p.m. 7:13 a.m.
Occhohan. Creek	H L	10:26 a.m. 5:10 p.m.	H L	11:01 a.m. 5:48 p.m.	H L	11:37 a.m. 6:24 p.m.	H L	12:17 p.m. 7:01 p.m.	H L	12:59 p.m. 6:45 a.m.	H L	1:43 p.m. 7:23 a.m.	H L	2:30 p.m. 8:06 a.m.
Cape Charles	H L	8:51 a.m. 3:15 p.m.	H L	9:25 a.m. 3:51 p.m.	H L	9:59 a.m. 4:28 p.m.	H L	10:33 a.m. 5:07 p.m.	H L	11:10 a.m. 5:48 p.m.	H L	11:51 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	H L	12:36 p.m. 6:24 a.m.
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: MEDAL FOR BEING WOUNDED

- Artichoke
Artificial
Bleeding
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- Broken
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Cold
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- From the
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- Jarvik
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Last week's answers

OSHA ARFARF DOTHEWAVE
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Super Crossword

POTENT
POULTRY

ACROSS

- 1 Durable, lustrous fabric for table linen
7 Babysits, e.g.
12 Heavy burden
16 Machines connected to mice
19 Person expressing viewpoints
20 Do some igniting
22 Syrup source
23 Beginning of a riddle
25 Even a hint of
26 Not so bright
27 Old sporty Pontiac
28 The Palm Treo was one, in brief
29 Arctic home
31 Riddle, part 2
39 "— qué?" ("Why?," to Juanita)
40 Tofu base
41 Contest involving balancing on a floating log
42 Lead-in to bad news
45 "— girl!"
47 Fortunetellers
49 U.S. pres. during the Gulf War
53 Riddle, part 3
57 Austrian "a"
58 Hidden valley
59 "— From Muskogee"
60 "Incredible" superhero
61 Bert's Muppet pal
63 "— darn tootin'!"
64 Broad smile
65 Foal's father
66 Mini-carpet
68 Riddle, part 4
72 Woman with will power?
74 Deteriorates
75 Dahls' Morse counterparts
76 Pet treater
79 "Tomorrow" musical
80 — d'oeuvres
81 Peru's capital
82 "Gotta go!"
83 Muscle jerk
84 Riddle, part 5
89 Tree of Life's garden
91 Boffo reviews
92 Funnywomen Schumer and Poehler
93 Has a go at
94 Have a loan from
96 Lead-in to puncture or pressure
97 Class for U.S. immigrants
98 End of the riddle
107 Put back to 0, perhaps
108 NASA "yes"
109 Tolkien meanie
110 Rom- — (film genre)
112 Aussie avian
113 Riddle's answer
121 Diana Ross musical, with "The"
122 Relaxes, informally
123 Shoelace hole
124 Disco — (guy on "The Simpsons")
125 "Yes, yes!" in Yucatán

DOWN

- 1 Op-ed columnist Maureen
2 Green garden pest
3 Marlins' city
4 House pest
5 Stitch up
6 Food chain
7 Letter-shaped opening in a machine shop
8 LAX abbr.
9 Certain caucus reply
10 Visit briefly
11 Reading room
12 Two — kind
13 Not a one
14 Website ID
15 Frozen floating brine
16 Church song
17 Tippy craft
18 Observe slyly
21 Put — on (limit)
24 Broadway's Hagen
30 Mapmaker's sci.
32 Home to Barcelona
33 Driver's alert
34 Lauder of perfume
35 Chomsky of linguistics
36 Vacuum cleaner company
37 Actress Petty
38 Rick's love in "Casablanca"
42 Azalea of rap
43 Manicurist's tool
44 From the time that
45 Guitarist Chet
46 Entity
47 Rejects with disdain
48 Trapped morays
50 Much-married English king
51 Nintendo console that debuted in 2012
52 Rare blood type, in brief
54 Pierces Japanese massage technique
56 Ogling looks
62 Old washcloth
64 Say "hi" to
65 Cutoffs, e.g.
66 Hostility
67 Affix a new label to
69 Hexa- halved
70 Recurrent theme
71 Benefit spiritually
72 Dislike a lot
73 "National Velvet" novelist Bagnold
77 Roof's edge
78 Feet have five
80 Widespread destruction
81 Primate of Madagascar
82 Keyboard command for "paste"
85 Rich rocks
86 Vatican's denom.

- 87 Go quickly
88 Stilted-sounding reply to "Who's there?"
90 G flat, for one
95 — hat (Broom-Hilda costume part)
96 Beginning of a classic JFK quote
97 Artist working on glass
98 Pub offerings
99 Send in, as payment
100 Japanese truck maker
101 "Mighty" trees
102 Yule songs
103 9-Down and 119-Down are opposite ones
104 Bit of a circle
105 GI tract bacterium
106 Tender spots
111 Fictitious tale
114 "Bali —"
115 Officeholders
116 Hi-tech film effects
117 Dove's noise
118 Cobra type
119 Certain caucus reply
120 — Aviv-Yafo

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