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HIGH-SPEED CHASE ENDS IN EXMORE



EASTERN SHORE POST/RYAN WEBB

Police officers stand on Thursday, Dec. 7, at the site of a crash in Exmore that closed U.S. Route 13. Preliminary reports were that the crash happened after a high-speed chase following a robbery. The highway was closed several hours.

RICHMOND '24

Despite 29-3 local bar vote, Bloxom mum on judgeship

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

State Delegate Robert Bloxom on Thursday, Dec. 7, declined to say whom he would support to be the Eastern Shore's next circuit judge despite a near-unanimous vote by

local attorneys against appointing retiring state Sen. Lynwood Lewis to the seat.

"I won't tell you who I voted for for president," said Bloxom, seated next to Lewis at that head table during the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce's annual

Eggs and Issues breakfast, held at the Oyster Farm in Cape Charles.

He added, "I'm not going to tell you who I'm going to vote for for that, either," Bloxom said, referring to the General Assembly's selection of the next judge.

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ACCOMACK

Woman, 24, slain in drive-by Keller shooting

Her boyfriend, 23, also hit by gunfire, in stable condition

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

A woman was fatally shot in a daylight drive-by shooting in Accomack County on Monday, Dec. 4, and police have not made an arrest.



Aaliyah Collick

Aaliyah Antonette Shakuria Collick, 24, of Painter, was pronounced dead at the scene, Accomack County Sheriff Todd Wessells said.

A 23-year-old male also was injured by gunfire in the incident, which happened at 31518 Keller Pond Road between Painter and Keller.

The male's name was not released by police.

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Parade lineups begin at 5 p.m.

There will be food vendors on Main Street before, during, and after the parade.

The judges' stand will be at the town hall. Awards will be announced

at the town park, where Santa will be available to visit with attendees.

Mary N. Smith Alumni to host holiday party

The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association is hosting a holiday party for children up to 9 years old on Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon with music, fun, goodies, and a picture with Santa Claus at the Mary N. Smith Center.

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Eastern Shore Anglers Club sets meeting

The Eastern Shore Anglers Club will be holding its monthly meeting at the Sage Diner in Onley on Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend.

Drummondtown Baptist plans candlelight service

Drummondtown Baptist Church, at the corner of Front and Back streets in Accomac, will be holding its annual candlelight service on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Holiday cookie sale planned on Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance will have a holiday cookie sale on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

6309 Church St., Chincoteague.

Choose from an assortment of delicious treats sold by the pound made by talented local bakers.

All proceeds go to scholarships for Chincoteague high school graduates. Visit www.chincoteagueca.org

Chincoteague library to host author Dec. 13

On Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., the Chincoteague Island library will host author Michelle Drager, the author of “Bean Unleashed: Golden Wisdom for Fetching Joy.”

This special event is free, and all are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

“Bean Unleashed: Golden Wisdom for Fetching Joy” offers lighthearted insight on living life unleashed and fetching joy as told by Bean, the therapy dog.

This is a free event, and all are invited to attend. The Chincoteague Island Library is located at 4077 Main St., Chincoteague.

National Motorist Association: Eastville is ‘policing for profit’

A report by WTKR-TV in Norfolk showed the town of Eastville raises millions annually writing speeding tickets to mostly out-of-state drivers.

The investigative report, which was posted Monday, Dec. 4, showed from July 2022 to November 2023, Eastville police officers had almost as many traffic stops as the cities of Chesapeake and Suffolk combined.

Further, 85% of Eastville police vehicle stops are of out-of-state drivers — far more than the cities of Virginia Beach, Hampton, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Chesapeake combined.

The television station’s report can be viewed at www.wtkr.com

Eastville Police Chief and Town Administrator Rob Stubbs said his department is enforcing the law and only stops vehicles “breaking those laws by a wide margin.”

Stubbs earns \$115,192 annually, the television station showed.

Stubbs said Eastville only stops drivers who are going 70 miles per hour or faster, WTKR reported.

Eastville received \$1.3 million in traffic fine revenue in 2022 and \$1.2 million in 2021, it reported.

WTKR quoted Jay Beeber, the director of policy and research for the National Motorist Association, as saying Eastville’s actions are “policing for profit.”

“Certainly, this sounds incredibly unethical, in terms of creating an entire industry around writing traffic tickets to people that are just traveling past your city,” Beeber said.



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A woman was slain and a man injured, police said, during a drive-by shooting at this home on Keller Pond Road.

Shooting

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The male was Collick's boyfriend, said Collick's mother, Delaware resident Tyniece Sheppard.

Sheppard said her daughter and her daughter's boyfriend were mistaken for another couple that recently moved into the neighborhood.

"We're very hurt," she said. "I'm crushed. It's unbelievable. I wish we knew who did it so they can be punished for this.

"She and her boyfriend were innocent bystanders. They were actually after someone else."

The Eastern Shore emergency operations center on Dec. 4 at 3:44 p.m. received a report of gunshot victims, Wessells said in a prepared release.

When they arrived at the scene, deputies found the man and deceased woman. The male was transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital and is listed in stable condition.

Sheppard said her daughter had no insurance, so she is raising money to help with funeral costs.

Mail financial assistance for Collick's services to McPherson Funeral and Cremation Services Inc., 309 North St., Milford, DE 19963.

"She hadn't even lived life yet," said Sheppard. "She was still a baby."



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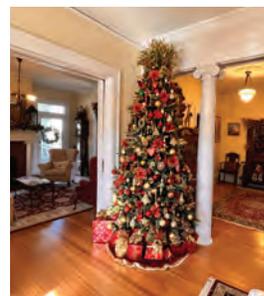




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Parksley man sentenced for assault on troopers

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

A Parksley resident with “an incredibly violent history,” according to a prosecutor, will spend three years in prison for assaulting two state police troopers and damaging a patrol car.

Roderick Ra’shad Savage, 29, was sentenced to five years, with two suspended, for assault and battery and five years, with four suspended, for the destruction of property.

Savage will be on supervised probation for five years.

The officers were investigating a collision with a utility pole on Fisher Road, testimony in Accomack County Circuit Court showed.

Savage struck the utility pole and drove away.

Police were able to locate him by following a debris trail that led to his residence, said Assistant

Commonwealth’s Attorney William Fox.

When they arrived and asked about the accident, Savage became very combative.

Fox said the officer told him to go back into his house “seven or eight times,” but he refused to comply.

He came up to their car in an aggressive manner and damaged it, Fox said.

When one of the troopers attempted to place him under arrest and handcuff him, he began hitting her.

“Both officers were struck numerous times,” Fox said.

In court, he recounted Savage’s criminal history, which includes shooting at a vehicle and attempted robbery.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III described the incident as “a very, very serious offense.”

Menhaden documentary to be shown Dec. 19

William McKeever’s documentary about the Chesapeake Bay and the menhaden industrial reduction fish-

ery will be shown at the Exmore Town Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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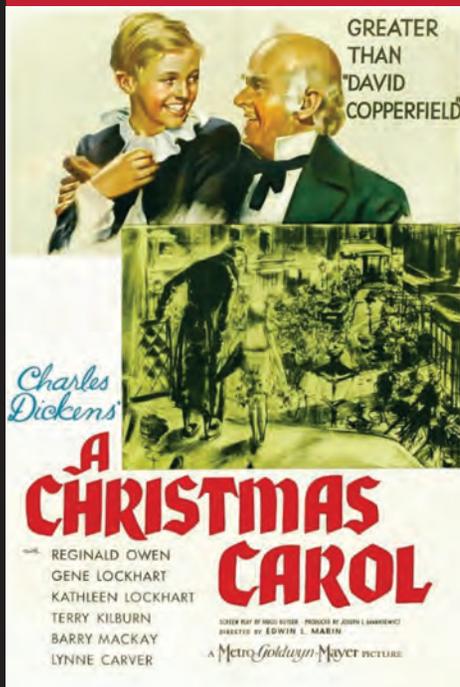


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Parksley man sentenced for sex assault of girl, 6

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN

Eastern Shore Post

A Parksley man will spend 10 years in prison for the aggravated sexual battery of a 6-year-old girl.

Jairon Fredy Morales, 22, was charged after the girl reported what happened with the man she called her "uncle."

She was visiting his home a few doors away from hers to play with his infant, testimony in Accomack County Circuit Court showed.

She said she went into the bedroom where the baby was on a bed.

She said Morales came into the room and removed her pants.

He then took off his own pants and

made her touch him.

The child said it felt bad and she began screaming, according to court testimony.

She said Morales stopped and told her not to tell anyone. She did tell her family, who called police.

The child was taken to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk for a forensic interview.

Morales was convicted in August.

Judge W. Revell Lewis III sentenced Morales to 20 years in prison with 10 years suspended.

He will be on probation for five years and must be on good behavior for 10 years.

Morales will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release.



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Public sewer initiatives exciting for our area

We should be celebrating on the Eastern Shore right now about the new sewer systems being installed. You might think that's an odd reason to celebrate, but it is not. These initiatives are a long time coming. They are immeasurably valuable.

New businesses in these areas will not need to build their own expensive septic systems. Existing businesses in these areas will not need to worry about their old septic systems failing. Restaurants with limited seating capacity — due to their own limited septic systems — can draw larger crowds of customers.

On Chincoteague Island, the town worked hard to transfer the Sunset Bay community's sewage treatment assets to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. There are plans to expand the sewer system, which will help attract and expand businesses, among other benefits.

On the mainland, a \$36 million project funded by the sanitation district will bring sewer service along the Route 13 corridor between Nassawadox and Accomac, connecting to towns including Exmore, Melfa, Onley, and Nassawadox.

In Wachapreague, a sewer line will connect town businesses to a new line heading to the Onancock wastewater treatment plant.

This critical infrastructure will not only help with business recruitment — it also will help with housing initiatives. Developers, like businesses, don't want to be in the sewer business. These public sewer initiatives — and the professionals guiding them — are critical to providing more housing.

This is an exciting time — we thank those who have designed and coordinated these worthwhile efforts.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jackson's Christmas scene 'true holiday gift'

To the editor:

Thank you to the Eastern Shore Post for the story about Chester Jackson's winter wonderland ("Chester Jackson, the Shore's own jolly old elf," Dec. 1).

My daughter, grandchildren, and I went to see it. The extent Chester has gone to in displaying a large part of his vintage, nostalgic, and endearing Christmas collection was mind-blowing.

It was a true holiday gift that he so generously shared with the community.

It was a perfect time also for me to personally thank him for all the years he has donated his time and talents as an auctioneer for a very long list of nonprofits here on the Eastern Shore.

For decades, he has been the man everyone turned to for help with very worthy fundraisers.

His talent and craft as an auctioneer represent an era dying quickly. As with so ma-

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ny things in life, it is evolving away from the human touch and turning into a digital format.

Chester's winter wonderland enhanced our joy of the season.

Thelma Peterson
Machipongo

Jon Poulson's legacy will live on

To the editor:

The good deeds and court wins of the late Eastern Shore attorney Jon Poulson live on.

Over the years, his ethical, well-thought-out preparation and persuasive delivery saved countless clients' careers, reputations, and finances.

Jon was one of those people I never formally met — no introduction was necessary; I always knew him.

I first witnessed the young lawyer's trial tactics decades ago, when I participated as a student in a high school mock court trial.

Later, he served as Accomack County Commonwealth's Attorney and won the vast majority of his trials. Tough in court, Jon also had a strong compassionate side.

I had the privilege to work for and with Jon, mainly on civil cases. His high level of intelligence was only matched by his keen wit. He relent-

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Fighting with myself about the Eastville speeding tickets

NEW TACTIC TED: It is obvious that the speeding tickets issued by the Eastville town police officers aren't working.

If the tickets and millions of dollars in fines they generated were working, we would actually see a reduction in speeding.



Ted Shockley

But there's no reduction. Every year, it is same thing — plenty of tickets, plenty of money, plenty of speeders.

If Eastville's officials and police were serious about improving highway safety, they would try a different approach — one that actually reduced speeding.

TICKET 'EM TED: Yawn. It must be a slow news day. If you don't exceed the speed limit, you don't get a ticket. It's simple.

NEW TACTIC TED: It's not

simple at all, Mr. Law & Order.

Everything about Eastville's stretch of Route 13 is built for speed.

The road is ramrod straight and looks like a drag strip, or an airport runway. It was poorly conceived.

The highway there actually feels like it is designed for high speeds — the roadbed is smooth and wide, and the route is straight.

Modern vehicles are designed to be effortless and fast. You almost have to force yourself to go slow.

TICKET 'EM TED: Baloney. Set your cruise control. Don't overthink this, Einstein.

NEW TACTIC TED: If the solution were that easy, there wouldn't be a problem with speeding in Eastville.

But there is a problem. People keep speeding.

The speeds are unsafe. And writing tickets isn't slowing anything down.

Further, writing tickets just addresses a symptom of the problem. How do we fix the actual problem?

TICKET 'EM TED: I see where this is going. But you never studied traffic engineering.

You have no authority to lecture me — or anyone else — on roadway design or community planning.

NEW TACTIC TED: I'm not talking about re-engineering the road.

That would be inconvenient and expensive — two things Eastern Shore people hate.

But I would start with more signage — big signs south and north of Eastville warning of intensive speed patrolling and reiterating the speed limit.

TICKET 'EM TED: They probably won't pay attention to the signs.

NEW TACTIC TED: I've been reading about "traffic-calming" strategies — rumble strips, speed bumps, narrower roads at intersections, traffic circles, and the like.

Maybe Eastville should try some traffic-calming strategies to reduce speeds.

Remember, the point isn't for police to give speeding tickets. The point is to make the road safer by reducing speed.

TICKET 'EM TED: Honestly, traffic calming works better in towns and residential areas.

Onancock, for example, with its frequent police sirens, seems to have a downtown speeding problem.

That would be a great place for some traffic calming

initiatives.

NEW TACTIC TED: I would like to see a traffic signal installed at the southern intersection of Route 13 and Courthouse Road.

Not only would it slow down highway traffic, it would help truck traffic access the grain elevator during high-traffic summer months.

TICKET 'EM TED: Believe me, we do not need more stoplights.

NEW TACTIC TED: You know the best speed control device on the Eastern Shore? It isn't the threat of a speeding ticket.

TICKET 'EM TED: Then what is it?

NEW TACTIC TED: It is the threat of hitting a deer. Seeing the huge circles of blood on the highway — where vehicles have collided with deer — always make me slow down.

Maybe the Eastville Police Department can put up massive signs warning motorists about deer.

The signs could encourage slower, safer driving by telling motorists that deer have taken over the Eastern Shore.

That way, we could have a system of speed enforcement that focuses more on what is preventative than what is punitive.

TICKET 'EM TED: There are too many roadside signs now. We don't need more.

We just need people to obey the posted speed limits.

If they exceed the speed, they will be issued a ticket.

NEW TACTIC TED: But until leaders in Eastville do something to slow speeds other than issue tickets, they'll continue to look like town coffers are more important than promoting safety.

That's a bad look.

Letters

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lessly teased people he liked. I share no stories because they are too personal.

Jon dearly loved his family, wife Shirley, grown children, and grandchildren. He also cared deeply for animals. The Eastern Shore SPCA was Jon's charity of choice.

I daresay the Eastern Shore of Virginia has never known a more astute trial lawyer. And it never will.

Emily Grey
Onancock

Another gay marriage refused in Northampton

To the editor:

In reference to former Northampton County marriage celebrant Mable Owens' refusal to perform a same-sex marriage, my spouse and I had the same situation happen in 2016.

We came to the Eastern Shore to get married and have our quick honeymoon getaway in Cape Charles.

Just like them, we went in to the courthouse and were completely devastated when told the person who performs marriages would not marry us.

She explained Owens would refuse us based on Owens' personal beliefs.

We said she couldn't deny us the right to marry. The county official said we would have to have another officiant to perform the ceremony because the one who works for them will not.

As I sat there crying, trying to process this devastation of the start to our future, the county official called us back up to the counter.

She quietly said she knew someone who might be available on short notice to come and perform the service.

She called this wonderful human being, Elizabeth "Ellie" Gordon, who was there within the hour with a written set of beautiful words.

Another person at the courthouse simply to go through some files even sweetly said had she known we were going to be

there, she would have arranged to have people there to sing to the new couple.

They saved our day. Owens nearly ruined it.

We have never forgotten it and whenever people ask about the day we were married, we have to relive that horrible, devastating hour before our vows.

I'm angry now, knowing that this was illegal, for I would certainly have done more than write a letter to the county sharing our horrific experience (no, we never received a response from the county with so much as an apology.)

Michelle and Joy Gooden
Spotsylvania

ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

Friday, December 8

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

■ **BENEFIT DINNER:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue will hold a lunch and dinner fundraiser at the fire hall, 28328 Hatton St., Melfa. The menu is meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll, and a drink for \$12, eat in or takeout. Desserts will be available.

■ **FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE MUSEUM:** 5 to 7 p.m., the Cape Charles Museum will be open during Festival Fridays. Capt. Andy Dunton will read “Eastern Shore Night Before Christmas” and there will be light refreshments. Kids can write and mail letters to Santa, and receive Kindness Certificates and Spirit of Christmas Medals. Children’s Crafts will be held by volunteer and author Nan Carlton. There will be visits by Santa and Elves and gift shopping in Museum Shop.

■ **EVENT:** 5 to 8 p.m., Christmas Tree Village at the Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. Enjoy a collection of Christmas trees decorated by area businesses and individuals in the legacy pavilion. The event is free to the public but visitors can purchase holiday tokens that can be used to vote for their favorite tree.

■ **FESTIVE FRIDAYS:** 5 to 8 p.m., Festive Fridays Winter Wonderland in the Cape Charles shopping district. Enjoy Santa and Mrs. Claus, a petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, and more. Shops and restaurants will be open late.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Tidewater Bluegrass Revival at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

■ **ART STROLL:** 5 to 8 p.m., Second Friday Art Stroll in downtown Onancock.

■ **DINNER AND SHOW:** 7 p.m., “Blue Dog Christmas” at the Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke City, Md. \$65 for dinner and the show; \$25 for the show. Purchase tickets at www.marvatheater.com

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7:30 p.m., “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.” at the North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. \$15 tickets are available at www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Best bets...

■ **On Friday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.,** the Cape Charles Museum will be open during Festival Fridays. Capt. Andy Dunton will read “Eastern Shore Night Before Christmas” and there will be light refreshments. Kids can write and mail letters to Santa, and receive Kindness Certificates and Spirit of Christmas Medals. Children’s Crafts will be held by volunteer and author Nan Carlton. There will be visits by Santa and Elves and gift shopping.

■ **On Saturday, Dec. 9, the annual Exmore Christmas Parade** sponsored by the Community Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., Exmore, will take place at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 9

■ **ARTISAN MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Holiday Artisan Market at Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. Artists, vendors, authors, and entrepreneurs.

■ **SANTA:** 11 a.m., Santa arrives by boat at the Onancock Wharf.

■ **SANTA:** 1 to 5 p.m., Belle Haven United Methodist Church, 35446 Belle Haven Road, Belle Haven, will have a bake sale and photos with Santa.

■ **HOMES TOUR:** 1 to 5 p.m., Christmas Homes Tour. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased the day of the event, which will be held rain or shine, at the Historic Onancock School and each of the homes on the tour. The tour includes homes at 2 South St., 5 North St., 4 Crockett Ave., and 5 Kerr St. Sponsored by the Onancock Business and Civic Association.

■ **COOKIE TRAIL:** 2 to 5 p.m., The Historic Cape Charles Cookie Trail will have homes and participating bed-and-breakfast inns in the Cape Charles Historic District inviting visitors to tour their homes to enjoy the architecture and festive decorations and share a seasonal snack. Participants should register at the Almata Café in the Hotel Cape Charles, 235 Mason Ave., pick up a map, and visit as many homes as they would like along the trail. The Northampton Hotel is a stop on the tour and will sell a specialty cocktail for the event. The entry

fee for this event is the contribution of a nonperishable food item that will be donated to the Eastern Shore Food Pantry and Food Bank. Ornaments, produced by Sunday Table Company in Richmond, will be on sale with proceeds benefiting the Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Department. Cash donations are also welcome.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 2:30 p.m., “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.” at the North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. \$15 tickets are available at www.northstreetplayhouse.org

■ **TOOL MANIA:** The Cape Charles Volunteer Fire Co. will hold its 17th annual Tool Mania on Dec. 9 from 3 to 9 p.m. at the fire hall in Cape Charles. Tickets are \$25 each for adults, \$10 for children aged 4 to 12, and \$3 for children 3 and under. Children’s tickets are not included in the raffle. Drawings will be held every 10 minutes. There will be additional raffles, silent auctions, and door prizes. Beer will be sold and there will be free refreshments and food. The grand prize package is a Stihl battery-operated push mower and a Stihl battery-operated string trimmer. Winners do not have to be present to win but the ticket stub will be needed to claim prizes.

■ **EVENT:** 5 to 8 p.m., Christmas Tree Village at the Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. Enjoy a collection of Christmas trees decorated by

area businesses and individuals in the legacy pavilion. The event is free to the public but visitors can purchase holiday tokens that can be used to vote for their favorite tree.

■ **PARADE:** 6 p.m., the annual Exmore Christmas Parade sponsored by the Community Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., Exmore. Rain date is Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m.

■ **HOLIDAY DINNER:** 6 to 8 p.m., Ker Place in Onancock, catered by Mallards at the Wharf. Historic home and museum will be decorated. Drinks are included in the cost of the \$125 ticket. Please call 757-787-8012 or email marketing@shorehistory.org for more information.

■ **DINNER AND SHOW:** 7 p.m., “Blue Dog Christmas” at the Mar-Va Theater, Pocomoke City, Md. \$65 for dinner and the show; \$25 for the show. Purchase tickets at www.marvatheater.com

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7:30 p.m., “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.” at the North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. \$15 tickets are available at www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Sunday, December 10

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., open mic and jam session open to local musicians each Sunday at Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Free admission.

■ **HOLIDAY EVENT:** 1 to 4 p.m., American Legion Post 56 in Cheriton will hold its third annual Holiday Sip and Shop. There will be a variety of local artists and vendors. The event is open to the public. Food and

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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.

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beverages will be available for purchase and there will also be a raffle held during the event.

■ **FREE MOVIE:** 2:30 p.m., “Polar Express” at the Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Free showing including a drink and popcorn. Presented by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center.

■ **PARADE:** 5 p.m., Onancock Christmas Parade, Market Street. Lineup is on College Avenue.

Monday, December 11

■ **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.

■ **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, December 12

■ **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.

Wednesday, December 13

■ **LUNCHEON:** Noon, Pocomoke Chamber of Commerce luncheon and Christmas party at The Christmas Sweet, 129 Market St., Pocomoke City. Door prizes, business meeting, \$15 buffet lunch. RSVP at 410-957-1919 by Dec. 11.

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

Thursday, December 14

■ **OPEN HOUSE:** 3 to 7 p.m., The Nature Conservancy’s Holiday Open House at Brownsville will be held at 11369 Brownsville Road, Nassawadox. Tour historic Brownsville House, visit with Nature Conservancy staff and volunteers, and warm up with apple cider and holiday treats. The event is free and open to the public. For questions, please call 442-3049 or email mvanclief@tnc.org.

■ **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** 5:30 p.m., The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital’s 40th annual Festival of Lights will celebrate the holidays with a traditional

in-person gathering under the canopy in front of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. Names of loved ones being honored or memorialized by light purchasers will be presented digitally both in person and on Facebook on December 14th.

The recognition may be shared digitally with loved ones near and far and may be accessed for months to come. Lights can be purchased in any quantity for \$10 each, and there are opportunities to purchase larger ads as well. To participate, look for a post on Riverside Shore Memorial’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/riversideshorememorial, or call 757-302-2140. Credit card purchases are available for a light, ad, or ornament online at <https://donatenow.net/workfor-good.org/festivaloflights>

■ **INTERNATIONAL FILM:** 7 p.m., Onancock International Films presents “Roise and Frank,” at the Roseland Theatre in Onancock. Sponsored by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center.

Friday, December 15

■ **FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE MUSEUM:** 5 to 7 p.m., the Cape Charles Museum will be open during Festival Fridays. Capt. Andy Dunton will read “Eastern Shore Night Before Christmas” and there will be light refreshments. Kids can write and mail letters to Santa, and receive Kindness Certificates and Spirit of Christmas Medals. Children’s Crafts will be held by volunteer and author Nan Carlton. There will be visits by Santa and Elves and gift shopping in Museum Shop.

■ **FESTIVE FRIDAYS:** 5 to 8 p.m., Festive Fridays Winter Wonderland in the Cape Charles shopping district. Enjoy Santa and Mrs. Claus, a petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, and more. Shops and restaurants will be open late.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Neil Young Tribute at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Saturday, December 16

■ **GREENS, GIFTS SALE:** 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Woman’s Club of Accomack County will be holding its 20th Annual Greens, Gifts, and Goodies sale at 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley. Fresh holiday arrangements, wreaths, swags, fresh and frozen foods, cakes, cookies, candy, soups, jewelry, and raffles will be available. Additional local vendors will also be in attendance.

■ **TRAINS:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Santa’s Train Wonderland, Delmarva Discovery Museum,

2 Market St., Pocomoke City. Enjoy the train displays and a visit from Santa.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7:30 p.m., Virginia Symphony presents Holiday Brass at Historic Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. \$30 for adults; \$15 for students. Visit artsentercapecharles.com

Sunday, December 17

■ **TRAINS:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Santa’s Train Wonderland, Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City. Enjoy the train displays and a visit from Santa. Santa will arrive by boat on the dock of Cypress Park.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., open mic and jam session open to local musicians each Sunday at Cape Charles Brewing Company, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Free admission.

Monday, December 18

■ **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.

■ **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, December 19

■ **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.

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7:30 p.m., “An Italian Christmas with Gerry Gennarelli,” at Historic Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. \$30 for adults; \$15 for students. Visit artsentercapecharles.com

Friday, December 22

■ **FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE MUSEUM:** 5 to 7 p.m., the Cape Charles Museum will be open during Festival Fridays. Capt. Andy Dunton will read “Eastern Shore Night Before Christmas” and there will be light refreshments. Kids can write and mail letters to Santa, and receive Kindness Certificates and Spirit of Christmas Medals. Children’s

Crafts will be held by volunteer and author Nan Carlton. There will be visits by Santa and Elves and gift shopping in Museum Shop.

■ **FESTIVE FRIDAYS:** 5 to 8 p.m., Festive Fridays Winter Wonderland in the Cape Charles shopping district. Enjoy Santa and Ms. Claus, a petting zoo, horse-drawn carriage rides, and more. Shops and restaurants will be open late.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 5 to 8 p.m., Allen and Emma Philpot at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Sunday, December 31

■ **CELEBRATION:** 5 to 6 p.m., Snow Hill Family New Year’s Eve Celebration at the old fire hall, 212 W. Green St. Free hot dog dinner and games.

■ **BALL:** 6 p.m., Delegate’s Ball at the Chincoteague Community Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague, sponsored by Del. Robert Bloxom. There will be a dinner buffet, open bar, and a New Year countdown. Cost is \$200 per couple. Tickets at www.eventbrite.com

■ **NEW YEAR’S EVE:** 9 to 10 p.m., Cape Charles New Year’s Eve celebration including the “Dropping of the Crab Pot.” Held at Mason Avenue across from the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

■ **NEW YEAR’S EVE:** 11 p.m., Pony Island Horseshoe Drop and Costume Promenade, Robert Reed Downtown Park, 4083 Main St., Chincoteague Island. The Pony Island Horseshoe Drop is an end-of-year celebration that culminates in a promenade of crazy costumes just before the countdown to the stroke of midnight. That’s when the lighted horseshoe drops just in time to ring in the New Year.

Monday, January 1

■ **POLAR PLUNGE:** 1:24 p.m., New Year’s Day Polar Plunge at Assateague Beach. Dress up, dress silly, no fee. For more information, visit <https://www.chincoteaguechristmas.com/plunge.html>

Saturday, January 6

■ **WINTER FOOD SALE:** 8 to 10 a.m. Onley United Methodist Church, 25642 E. Main St., Onley. The Soroptimist Club of Accomack County is holding a Winter Frozen Food and Bake Sale. Items may include frozen casseroles, soups, chili, taco soup, Brunswick stew, pimento cheese, a variety of baked goods and more.

OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Katherine Jacob

Mrs. Katherine Cherrie Jacob, an amazing daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, was born on June 21, 1931, to the late Alfred Moses and Estella Spady Moses. She departed this life on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023. A celebration of life service was held Dec. 2, 2023, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Capeville with the Rev. K.F. Jones, M.Div., Pastor, officiating.

Peter Leontieff

Mr. Peter Mark “Pete” Leontieff, 66, husband of Brenda Marshall Leontieff and a 28-year resident of the Capeville community, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at Sentara Princess Anne Hospital in Virginia Beach.

A native of California, he was the son of Pete Michael Leontieff, of



Mr. Leontieff

Onancock, and the late Linda Lephew Leontieff. He was known as Mr. Fixit, had a courageous smile, and was always helping anyone in need. Even in

his passing he was able to provide sight to two grateful people by being an eye donor. He loved making sure the birds were fed, was an excellent cook, enjoyed bonfires with Yuengling Light, and liked listening to music while tinkering on his projects. Being barefoot and shirtless was his thing, and he was loved by many.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by three children, Corinne Leontieff (Brandon), of Hampstead, N.C., Ryan Leontieff (Jamie), of Middletown, Ohio, and Janele Frymier, of Beulaville, N.C.; three brothers and sisters, Andy Leontieff (Debbie), of Carmel, N.Y., David Leontieff (Elizabeth) of Austin, Texas, and Donna Leontieff, of Accomac; and four grand-

children, Wyatt, Palmer, Jazmin, and Sean.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Doughty Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Lewis officiating. Family will join friends at the funeral home Friday evening from 4 to 6 p.m.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Linda Thornton

Mrs. Linda Dereng Thornton, 75, of Melfa, passed away Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, surrounded by her family and the love of her life, her husband, Kenneth “Kenny” Dale Thornton. Linda was born in Newport News, on June 10, 1948, the youngest daughter and middle child of Virginia Witt Dereng and Durwood Adolph Dereng.

From the very start, her kind, sweet personality was evident — her sister gave her the nickname “Angel Sister” because she was always well-behaved, a little shy, and willing to help anyone — human or animal — that she saw in distress. She even rescued dragonflies from cobwebs.

She grew up in 1950s America and developed all of the best qualities associated with that era: she valued her family above all else, never complained, loved reading, and gave freely to charities she held dear. When she was a young girl, Linda was a tomboy and loved cars. Her true passion was developed alongside her dad.

From the age of 4, she started playing music. It didn’t take her long to learn to read music and experiment with different instruments. Linda could play the piano, harp, cello, violin, and just about anything you put in front of her. Over the years, she played in many churches on the Shore and was often asked to perform at weddings. On one such occasion, she was accompanied on vocals by one of the Statler Brothers.

Scorchy Tawes, orchestral musician and legendary Delmarva reporter and storyteller, produced a piece on Durwood and Linda in 1992. At age 31, Durwood had lost his hand in an accident. He was disheartened because he loved playing the violin. That



Mrs. Thornton

is until his sweet angel daughter, Linda, gave him hope and encouragement to pick up the bow with his hook and accompany her as she played the piano. She inspired him to overcome his adversity and turn it into a strength, and together they played classical and gospel music for the rest of his days. That was “Puddin’ Face” (Kenny’s nickname for her) in a nutshell; she took the time and effort and invested in people to make the world a better place.

Linda moved to the Eastern Shore with her family when she was a girl. Her dad started a job at NASA Wallops Flight Facility and she started school in Accomack County, graduating from Parksley High School on June 6, 1966.

Always a worker, she began working as a bank teller at age 16, eventually moving to head teller. Later in life, she worked for social services. It was during that time that she met the man who would become her destiny, Kenny Thornton, or “Puddin’ Head,” as she liked to call him.

Anyone who knew Kenny and Linda knew that where you saw one, you were guaranteed to see the other. They were a package deal. But Linda made Kenny work for her courtship in the beginning. After asking three or four times, she finally agreed to a date. She put on her signature Cover Girl lipstick, and he dressed up to take the girl of his dreams out on the town, and the rest was history. Pret-

ty soon, the two were engaged and the modern-day Brady Bunch — he with his girls and she with hers — brought together the two families.

Puddin’ Head and her Puddin’ Face were married on Valentine’s Day 33 years ago. She dressed all five girls in her favorite color, red, and they joined their parents as bridesmaids and flower girls.

In 1994 she and Kenny opened Thornton Services and served the community in all of their HVAC needs. Many of their combined family and spouses have worked with them over the years. She loved all of her employees and like the mother hen she was, took them in under her wing. The employees loved Miss Linda right back. She and Kenny, aka “The Big Cheese” as she liked to call him at Thornton Services, worked side-by-side but never forgot to take time for the things they loved.

One of those things was a weekly trip to the movie theater every Sunday. Linda got a big tub of buttered popcorn and Puddin’ Head got the SnowCaps, and together they shared a soda. They traveled and loved family vacations. They drove to Vermont to watch the leaves change in the fall and visit the bridges. They took the kids and grandkids camping, on a Disney Cruise, and visits to Busch Gardens. They loved boating in the Chesapeake Bay. Together they saw the Grand Canyon, Bahamas, Niagara Falls, Mexico, Germany, and the West Coast. They loved adventures and they loved each other.

She was so proud of her daughters and grandchildren. MomMom Linda brought her love of music to the grandkids at an early age. To this day, they all still know the words to the songs she would sing to them. There’s no doubt that “Here Kitty Kitty, what does the kitty say? Meow Meow,” will reverberate in the living rooms of her loved ones for generations to come.

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Linda is survived by her husband, Kenny Thornton; children, Traci and J. Mapp, Kelly and C.W. Savage, of Painter, Paula Lee, of Salisbury, Md., April and Jamie Woods, of Parkesley, and Heather and E.J. Powers, of Painter; sisters, Holly Swift, of Mears, and Janet Kirchner, of Norfolk; brothers, David Dereng, of Onley, and Eric Dereng (Tess), of Carson City, Nev.; grandchildren, Chad Savage (Carolina), Cassady Mills (Joey), Carolin Aigner (Dustin), Kaitlan Woods, Stella Lee, Jacob Lee, Joe Mapp, Keagan Powers, and Lydia June Mapp; great-grandchildren, Carver, Colt, and Caliann Savage, and Casey and Emma Aigner; several nieces and nephews; and her work family and friends.

Linda was predeceased by her parents, Virginia and Durwood Dereng; brother, Durwood Adolph Dereng Jr.; brothers-in-law, Sam Swift and Dave Kirchner; and sister-in-law, Vickie Dereng.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parkesley Funeral Home on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Glenda Turlington officiating. Interment followed in the Wachapreague Cemetery. A reception was held at the Island House Restaurant in Wachapreague.

Contributions in Linda's memory may be made to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence, payable to: ESCADV, P.O. Box 3, Onancock, VA 23417, www.escadv.org or to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418 www.shorespca.com

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

Arrangements were by the Williams-Parkesley Funeral Home.

Bobby Thomas

Mr. Robert Brooks Thomas II, better known as Bobby, 73, and a resident of Belle Haven, passed away Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at his residence. A native of Exmore, he was the son of the late Robert Brooks Thomas and the late Betty Marsh Thomas. He was retired director of security for Bay

Creek and a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, Exmore Moose Lodge 683, and Onancock Elks Lodge 1766.

He is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Brook Thomas, of Belle Haven, and Emily Marsh Thomas, of Belle Haven; four grandchildren, Jaden Elizabeth Thomas, of Norfolk, Alanna Kaye Thomas, of Belle Haven, Cooper Brookston Thomas, of Belle Haven, and Jaxon Reed Thomas, of Belle Haven; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special companion, Patty Driscoll.

He was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Kaye Thomas Tankard and his stepmother, Mildred Reed Thomas.

Bobby had many nicknames: Fat Rat, Boss Hogg, Bobby T, Bobby B, Superhero, Daddy Pops, Da-Daddy, and probably his favorite, "Deet Deet," which was given to him by his grandsons. He was a loving father, grandfather, and friend who always had a smile and a positive word to share. He had a wonderful sense of humor – if he was in the room, a good time was guaranteed. His advice to all was to choose to be kind, but don't take no mess.

A graveside service will be conducted Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Franktown Cemetery with Mr. Barry Downing officiating. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Friends of Northampton County Parks and Recreation, c/o Pam Ames, P.O. Box 847, Eastville, VA 23347.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Sharon Kool

Mrs. Sharon Kay Kool, 84, of Melba, passed away on Oct. 24, 2023, surrounded by family at her home.

She was born on April 1, 1939, in Muskegon, Mich. Sharon is survived by her beloved husband, John Kool; and their children, Renae (Dick) Feyrer, Kristi (Jim) Harris, Cassie (Keith) Saagman, Ross (Kim) Kool; and son-



Mr. Thomas

in-law, Todd Mangum.

She was a loving sister to Ron (Mary) Boes. Sharon was also a cherished grandmother to 16 grandchildren and great-grandmother to 23 great-grandchildren. She also was cherished by her caretakers, Sandra and Dickie Bagwell.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, J.B. and Thelma Boes; and her daughter, Amy Kool Mangum.

Sharon loved traveling in her motorhome and boat and loved spending time on the water with her husband, especially in the Bahamas. She loved music and loved to sing hymns and praise her Lord and Savior.

Sharon will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for her family. She never met a stranger and was a friend to everyone. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service is planned in Sharon's honor on June 15, 2024, in Norfolk.

Online condolences may be shared with Sharon's family during this difficult time at www.keithmatthewsfuneralhome.com

Professional services were provided by Keith Matthews Funeral Home, Norfolk.

Priscilla Richmond

Mrs. Priscilla (Ora) King Richmond, age 83, formerly of Latrobe, Pa., went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023. She was active in Ex-

more Baptist Church and a member of the Eastern Shore Emmaus community.

Priscilla was a prayer warrior, avid reader, writer of poetry, and had a special place in her heart for children. Throughout the course of her lifetime, she served the local community as a pastor's wife, a teacher, and she held several positions within government, most recently as an on-site disaster specialist for FEMA, along with being a devoted mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Arlean (Kennedy) King; her husband, the Rev. George E. Richmond in 1983; and eight brothers and sisters.

Priscilla is survived by three children, Dorcas, of Cape Charles, Daniel (Jeanette), of Boonsboro, Md., and LaDonna (Angela), of Sharpsburg, Md. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Ian, Haisley, Aven, Kailey, Tahlia Shea, and Andrew; and nine brothers and sisters.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. at Exmore Baptist Church, 11624 Occohannock Neck Road, Exmore, VA. Please, in lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to either Eastern Shore Emmaus, P.O. Box 91, Franktown, VA 23354 or to Exmore Baptist Church children's program, 11624 Occohannock Road, Exmore, VA 23350.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.



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Northampton Middle School announced its award winners for November. Pictured from left are Landon Willke, grade 7, who received the Above and Beyond Award sponsored by NCEF; Carter Fox, grade 7, and Santino Seckers, grade 8, who both earned the Perfect Attendance HORN award sponsored by Megan Clayton and the Exmore Moose Lodge; and Ceanni Kellam, grade 7, and Nitrice Lewis, grade 8, who both earned the No Referral award. Any community members willing to sponsor these awards can contact Principal Justin Wheeler at Northampton Middle School.

KIPTOPEKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Keta Satchell, middle, was recognized as Kiptopeke Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. On the left is Assistant Principal Shaneta Pretlow, and Principal Ron Yoriko is on the right. Satchell teaches fourth grade at Kiptopeke.

Broadwater hoopers defeat Chincoteague

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Lady Vikings basketball team hosted the Chincoteague Ponies on Wednesday, Nov. 29, and defeated them 35-31. The Lady Vikings built a 15-13 lead going into halftime. A strong third quarter for the Ponies gave them the 27-22 lead going into the fourth quarter. A defensive stand by the Lady Vikings in the fourth quarter held the Ponies to four points. The Vikings managed to score 13 points in the final quarter to secure the 35-31 victory.

The Lady Vikings were led on the night by Leah Smith with 22 points, 10 rebounds, two assists, four steals, and three blocks. Tatum Watson and Kacey Ford contributed four points each for the Vikings.

The Lady Ponies were led on the night by Olivia Mason with 16 points. Alex McComb contributed eight points for the Ponies.

The Broadwater boys basketball team also hosted the Chincoteague Ponies on Nov. 29, and defeated the Ponies 58-54. A back-and-forth first quarter ended with the Ponies up 16-13 on the home-standing Vikings. The second quarter was tight, with the Ponies edging the Vikings 14-13. The Ponies entered halftime leading 30-26 over the Vikings.

Chincoteague scored early in the third quarter to extend the lead to six. The Vikings managed to cut the Ponies' lead to three going into the fourth quarter. In a high-scoring fourth quarter, the Vikings outscored the Ponies 20-13 and took the lead. The Vikings led by two with seconds remaining when the Ponies fouled Grayson Ross. Two made free throws by Ross extended the lead to four, capturing the 58-54 victory for the Vikings.

Broadwater's Rufus Abbott led the Vikings on the night with 15 points, eight rebounds, two assists, and three steals. Grayson Ross contributed with 13 points, and Noah Pruitt contributed with 12. Quinn Ames had nine points, and Logan Hickman contributed seven.

Chincoteague was led on the night by Jake Harper with 23 points, six rebounds, five assists, and five steals. Jordan Harper scored 15 points, and Austin Adams had 9.

Cemetery Road rebuild finally begins

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Construction is underway on Cemetery Road and Lee Street in and around Belle Haven.

The project has been decades in the making and will improve the turtleback road while adding paved, 4-foot-wide shoulders to the Lee Street section in Accomack County.

Crews began work this week and construction should finish in spring of 2025, said Virginia Department of Transportation Senior Communications Specialist Tim Kelley.

“The construction work is definitely a welcomed sight,” said Accomack Supervisor Reneta Major.

“It just means only good things for Belle Haven and Occohannock Neck,” said Northampton Supervisor Betsy Mapp.

The Route 602 project spans both counties on Virginia’s Eastern Shore and improving the road has long been a priority for local elected leaders.

Accomack County applied for its portion of the project during VDOT’s fiscal year 2018 SMART SCALE cycle — which is one way that projects are added to VDOT’s list of Six-Year Improvement Plan projects.

With Northampton County’s portion of Cemetery Road funded by a mix of federal, state, and county funds, VDOT combined work on the road into one project, Kelley said.

In Northampton County, improvements will be along 1.2 miles of Cemetery Road, from its intersection with Occohannock Neck Road to the Accomack County line. The project will restore



VDOT PHOTO

A Virginia Department of Transportation employee posts a sign warning of road work on Cemetery Road.

pavement and flatten the road, Kelley said.

Accomack County’s section is just over a half-mile long, from the Northampton County line to Lee Street’s intersection with Belle Haven Road, and will restore pavement while addressing width, curvature, and drainage deficiencies, as well as adding paved 4-foot-wide shoulders, he said.

“This project is designed to extend the life of the road, and removal of the ‘turtleback’ cross slopes will improve driving conditions for motorists,” he said.

“The paved shoulders on the Belle Haven portion will accommodate pedestrians and bi-

cyclists, as well as make the roadway safer for motorists,” said Kelley.

The \$7.4 million project includes work from preliminary engineering to right-of-way, utilities, and construction, he said. VDOT awarded Branscome, Inc., \$5.5 million in October for construction, Kelley said.

Drivers can expect lane closures with flaggers present throughout construction.

As early as January, the road will close during major construction phases and drivers will be rerouted to U.S. Route 13, Kelley said. There will be message boards to update drivers on the road’s status and any detours, he said.

Access to private property and the two cemeteries along the route will not be impacted, Kelley said.

VDOT has several other major transportation projects coming up on the Eastern Shore, including the Eastern Shore Rail to Trail, which will build a bike and hike path between Nassawadox and Onley along the former railroad corridor and parallel to Stone Road in Cape Charles; improvements to the Daugherty Road-U.S. Route 13 intersection near Tasley; and replacing Shields Bridge Road over Occohannock Creek, Kelley said.

All of these projects are in the design phase or design will start soon, he said.

■ Visit www.virginiadot.org/travel/511.asp or dial 511 for traffic information from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

■ Visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/route_602_cemetery_road-lee_street_improvements.asp to learn more about the Cemetery Road and Lee Street improvement project.

Shelton Alley Farm is state Clean Water Farm winner

Shelton Alley Farm of Northampton County is one of nine Virginia farms to have received special recognition as grand winners of the 2023 Clean Water Farm Awards for demonstrating exceptional commitment to practices that protect the soil and water.

The awards recognize farmers or farm owners doing exceptional work to protect soil and water resources. One winner is selected from each of Virginia’s major river basins.

Alley’s background in construction and current role as soil and wildlife conservationist play a vital

part in his farming journey.

Alley’s dedication to the environment is evident in his innovative farming and conservation practices, according to the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District, which nominated him.

“We celebrate and appreciate these award recipients, who are truly dedicated to sustainable farming and serve as role models for others across the commonwealth,” said Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Travis Voyles.

“Their commitment to improve the health of Virginia’s river basins by implementing best man-

agement practices is inspiring, and future generations will benefit from their stewardship of the land and natural resources.”

Awards were presented Dec. 4 during the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District’s annual meeting in Norfolk.

The winning farm owners, producers, or operators employ technologies and best management practices that improve water quality. Efforts include keeping livestock out of streams and rivers, planting cover crops, instituting rotational grazing, and adding vegetative buffers along waterways.



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CHINCOTEAGUE



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At the last council meeting, the town of Chincoteague recognized three of its citizens for their longevity in serving their community. Bob (93 years old) and Nancy (90) Conklin, above, with Vice Mayor Christopher Bott, and Herb Jester (91 years old), below with Bott, were presented with proclamations from the town. Bob and Nancy have owned and operated several businesses in town including the Seashell Motel and Mr. Chocolate (now Island Creamery) and Nancy served as a councilwoman for the town. Herb founded the Sunrise Motel with his wife Shirley and is also famous for creating and building the world famous Jester-Craft Scow.





SUBMITTED PHOTO

Recently the town of Chincoteague recognized island resident George Bowden who turned 91 years old and has been a longtime island volunteer with the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. and member of Union Baptist Church. Presenting is Mayor Arthur Leonard.

Onancock student shines for Salisbury University

For the first time, Salisbury University students will share their scholarship during the poster session at the Middle States Commission on Higher Education's annual conference, including one from Onancock.

SU's five student representatives were among 80 selected from MSCHE's 32 member institutions. They and their poster topics include:

Rochelle Brown, psychology and biology major from Onancock, "Exploration and Knowledge of Qualitative Research" (faculty mentor: Dr. Yuki Okubo, psychology);

Saya Fernandes, psychology major from Hamden, Conn., "Gaining Insights on Race Through Qualitative Research" (faculty mentor: Dr. Yuki Okubo);

Joanna Pratt, psychology and sociology major from Timmonium, Md., "My Learning of Qualitative Research on Marginalized Popu-

lations" (faculty mentor: Dr. Yuki Okubo)

Elizabeth Wash, biology major from Waldorf, Md., "Accessible Public Restroom in Downtown Salisbury" (faculty mentor: Ryan Weaver, Interdisciplinary Studies);

Luke Zolenski, mathematics major from Berlin, Md., "Visualization of Sound" (faculty mentor: Dr. Donald Spickler, Mathematical Sciences; research partner: Kyle Tranfaglia)

The conference was held Dec. 4 to 6, in Philadelphia. This year's theme is "Setting the Standard: Transformation Through Accreditation." The students' attendance is sponsored by SU's Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity.

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WHEREAS, the Cape Charles Town Council Resolution 20180726A, adopted on the 26th day of July 2018, set the time of the regular meetings of the Cape Charles Town Council at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the work schedules for Council members working out of town; and

WHEREAS, prior to this change, the Cape Charles Town Council Resolution 20100812B, adopted on the 12th day of August 2010, set the time of the regular meetings of the Cape Charles Town Council at 6:00 p.m. in an effort to increase participation from the Town's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Charles Town Council and Planning Commission have increased the frequency of joint meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Charles Planning Commission meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, at the October 24, 2023 Town Council and Planning Commission Joint Work Session, a general consensus was reached to move the start time of all Town Council meetings to 6:00 p.m. for consistency with the Planning Commission meetings and to shorten the work day for the Mayor, Town Council, staff, and the Cape Charles citizens; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Cape Charles, Virginia, as required by § 15.2-1416 of the Code of Virginia, that effective immediately, the Cape Charles Town Council Regular Meetings will be held on the third Thursdays of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the

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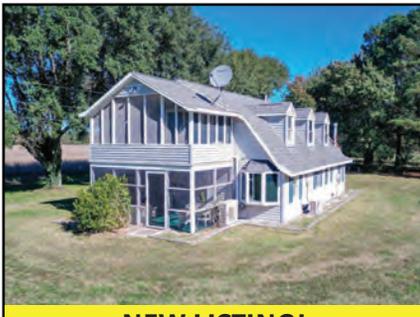


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EXMORE

Council unleashes new dog control law in tether tussle

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

The Exmore Town Council on Monday, Dec. 4, unanimously passed an ordinance that requires a dog to be leashed outside its owner's property, even if the dog appears to be under control.

"Every civilized town's got a leash law," said Town Manager Robert Duer before the vote on Monday night.

The passing of the ordinance concluded a controversy that began last summer after a resident complained to police about a stranger's dog that had defecated on her lawn on two occasions.

The dog was identified as "Miss Kevin," a female black Labrador that belongs to Exmore resident Lauren Schultis, who lives on Main Street and had walked her dog off leash there, without neighbors objecting, numerous times over the last two years.

Following the complaints about Kevin, on Aug. 24, Police Chief Angelo DiMartino ticketed Schultis for allowing her dog to run at large, that is, "not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control."

At the time of the incident, a violation of Exmore's ordinance on dogs running at large was a Class 4 misdemeanor subject to a fine of not less than \$25 but not more than \$250.

Not wanting a misdemeanor conviction on her record, Schultis hired an attorney and contested the ticket in court.

She won because the town's ordinance exceeded state law and her case was dismissed.

According to Virginia Code, the owner of a dog running at large is subject not to a fine of up to \$250 but a civil penalty of up to \$100, and a locality cannot impose a penalty greater than that prescribed in state code.

Following the incident, DiMartino proposed replacing the animal-control ordinance with a leash law and replacing the criminal penalty with a civil penalty.

Schultis disagreed with his proposal.

"The leash law that DiMartino's proposing isn't protecting the public. It serves his goal of winning an argument with me," she contended.

She argued that having control over a dog is more important than having the animal on a leash.

No leash law could have prevented the incident DiMartino had previously described in which a dog on its owner's property had grabbed a child by the leg, pulled him from his mother's arms, and dragged him across the ground, Schultis said.

She submitted an alternative to the leash law at Monday night's public hearing on the matter.

Schultis suggested that Exmore retain the ordinance that allowed dogs to be walked off-leash and bring it into compliance with state code, including setting the consequence for a violation as a civil penalty of up to \$100.

She noted that Northampton County doesn't have a leash law but a control-based animal ordinance.

However, the town council did not discuss Schultis' proposal. A motion was made to adopt the ordinance that DiMartino had proposed, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

The police chief later explained why he believes the leash law is necessary.

"It's about safety. ... Who makes the decision on what dog is safe to walk next to a person?" DiMartino said.

Any dog could appear to be under its owner's immediate control "until something triggers the dog to run off," he pointed out.

Furthermore, "immediate control" is vague and open to interpretation,

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BICYCLIST HIT IN EXMORE



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIM RITCH

First responders survey the scene on Main Street in Exmore on Wednesday, Dec. 6, after a vehicle collided with a bicyclist. The vehicle's right-side mirror is in the roadway, near the bicycle. The bicyclist, whose name was not immediately available, was transported to the hospital.

Leash

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DiMartino said.

"I've witnessed very well-trained ... police K-9s make mistakes," said the police chief, who once witnessed an Accomack County sheriff's deputy

K-9 bite its handler.

"It wasn't personal," DiMartino said of the decision on the leash law that prompted Schultis' objection.

"She's right; she walked the dog around for a long time, and it was usually next to her, and we never had any complaints, but once we start getting complaints, then we've got to" respond, he said.

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CHINCOTEAGUE

Court clears way for town to move forward on sewer

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Chincoteague is poised to give Sunset Bay's sewage treatment facility to a regional wastewater service provider, opening the door for more downtown businesses to hook up to a public sewer system.

A circuit court judge on Nov. 11 signed an eminent domain order allowing the town to acquire the Sunset Bay facility in a deal that cleared it of all covenants and restrictions.

The move opened the door for the Hampton Roads Sanitation District to take over the property and its operations — slated to take place by the end of the year, said Chincoteague Town Manager Mike Tolbert.

"The downtown area is very limited because a lot of the properties are built really close to the property line," he said. "They really don't have any land area to develop sewage" treatment facilities.

"This will give them a viable option to expand their business and give us a way to have some other types of businesses that we don't already have downtown," Tolbert said.

Chincoteague and the Sunset Bay Homeowners Association reached an agreement for the town to pay \$150,000 to the HOA for the lot and easements, which it took by eminent domain.

Now that the case has moved through Accomack Circuit Court, Chincoteague plans to transfer the facility to HRSD.

The move brings the regional wastewater service provider to the island and opens new opportunities for businesses along Main Street and Maddox Boulevard to hook up to a public sewer system.

In addition to Sunset Bay's condominiums, five or six businesses

are already connected to the sewage treatment facility, Tolbert said — and that number stands to grow.

The two sewage treatment plants there can treat around 39,500 gallons of wastewater per day, but permits allow an additional capacity of about 37,000 gallons, said HRSD Director of Water Technology and Research Charles Bott.

The group could pursue permits for treating up to 340,000 gallons of wastewater each day, Bott said, adding that any expansion would take place in stages over time.

Because Sunset Bay's two treatment plants need upgrades, Chincoteague is also choosing a contractor to design a sewer collection system to update the facility.

A committee of Tolbert, Chincoteague Public Works Director Wes Parks, and Town Councilmember Ellen Richardson interviewed three firms Nov. 13, Tolbert said.

They negotiated with their top choice and expect to have a recommendation this week on whether to hire that firm, he said.

The firm will have nine months to design a collection system for Main Street and Maddox Boulevard before the construction project goes out to bid, Tolbert said.

Chincoteague will fund up to \$250,000 of the upgrades using its American Rescue Plan Act funds. Federal rules require localities to commit those funds by the end of 2024 and spend them by the end of 2026, Tolbert said.

"Next year this time, we'll have a contractor on board to actually start the work," he said.

"That schedule is certainly very doable," he said. "We're on track."

HRSD will cover any additional costs to upgrade the Sunset Bay plants, Tolbert said.

Town's EMS providers, police officers get raises

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Chincoteague's emergency medical services and police department workers will receive pay raises, retroactive to Dec. 1.

The vote by the Chincoteague Town Council Monday, Dec. 4, to commit \$352,351 to EMS and police pay comes after a recent Accomack County study examining employee wages and planned salary boosts for over 100 county staff.

"We have to stay competitive with what the folks in the neighborhood are doing ... because that's who we're competing with for employees," said Chincoteague Town Manager Mike Tolbert.

"The atmosphere as far as employment is concerned, especially with those two specialties, is very competitive," he said.

Chincoteague's EMS and police departments have around 35 full- and part-time workers who will all receive raises, Tolbert said.

The change comes after he met with leaders from the Chincoteague Police Department and the town's director of emergency services.

"We went through personnel and

compared our personnel ... to the same type of person from the county and saw what they would stand to make at the county," Tolbert said.

"This increase in both departments doesn't quite get us to what the county's paying, but it does get us very close," he said.

Raises will come from Chincoteague's public safety reserve, which is made up of the 1% transient occupancy tax raise Chincoteague added in January 2021, Tolbert said.

The town council voted to replenish \$75,000 of that reserve with expected revenue from the cigarette tax Chincoteague enacted this year.

The town plans to look at raises for other types of employees in next year's budget, Tolbert said.

"I'm very glad that council could give this raise to the departments and hopefully, looking down the line, to help out other departments," said Councilmember Denise Bowden.

"I can't say enough about all of our town employees," she said.

"People don't do stuff for pats on the back, but it's nice to give it to them," said Councilmember Gene Taylor.

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BAY CREEK

Development continues amid leader's conviction

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

Development of the Bay Creek residential and golf community in Cape Charles continues unimpeded in spite of the federal criminal conviction of the founder of the company that currently owns and manages the private community and resort.

Jack Fisher, founder of Preserve Communities, and his business partner, James Sinnott, were convicted in a Georgia federal court in September of crimes related to selling clients more than \$1.3 billion in illegal tax deductions and profiting millions.

On June 8, while the case against the business partners was ongoing, a deed of trust, or loan, of \$7.5 million was made to Bay Creek Development, a limited liability company.

The guarantors of the loan — the individuals responsible to ensure that the \$7.5 million debt is paid — are Fisher, Sinnott, and Robert Masters, president of Bay Creek Development.

The insolvency or inability to pay debts, bankruptcy, or death of any of the guarantors must be reported to the lender, according to the deed of trust.

Properties worth millions of dollars are at stake. A total of 23 parcels in Bay Creek, some with improvements, were used as collateral for the loan.

The parcels, about 325 acres, have a total assessed value of nearly \$10 million, according to Northampton County public records.

The trustee who is holding the assets is attorney John P. Custis.

The lender, the beneficiary of the deed of trust, is Spruce Bay Creek, a Georgia limited liability company headed by John “Jack” Bixler.

If Bay Creek Development defaults on its loan, the 325 acres and improvements become the property of Spruce Bay Creek.

But that is unlikely, as the debt is being paid as expected. Since June, about \$4 million of the \$7.5 million has been repaid, Masters said.

The borrowed money is being used to fund development in Bay Creek: 58 lots in Bayside Village, Phase II; 65 lots in Muirfield Village, Phase II; and upgrades to the pro shop at the Bay Creek resort.

The purpose of Bay Creek Development is to build infrastructure including roads and water, sewer, and electrical service on its lots to prepare them for sale and home construction.

For every lot sold, 35% of the proceeds are applied to the repayment of the \$7.5 million loan.

Masters is also the president of Bay Creek Resort, the limited liability company that owns the club in Bay Creek.

Preserve Communities, the company founded by Fisher, owns a percentage of both Bay Creek Development and Bay Creek Resort.

However, neither Fisher nor Sinnott — who are awaiting sentencing — have an ownership interest in any of those companies, Masters noted.

Oak Grove church selling chicken salad

Oak Grove United Methodist Church is selling chicken salad by the

pint on Friday, Dec. 15, between 2 and 5 p.m. at the church, located at 30053 Seaside Road, Melfa.

The cost is \$10 per pint.

For questions or to place orders, call 757-710-4920 or 757-787-1508.

ACCOMACK COUNTY INDICTMENTS

A grand jury meeting in Accomack on Monday, Dec. 4, handed down the following indictments:

■ Jacen Alexander Horne, age unlisted, of Bloxom, carnal knowledge of a child age 13-15, sexual intercourse through use of the victim's mental incapacity or physical helplessness, and rape on May 12, 2023.

■ Terrence Anthony Nelson, age unlisted, of Greenbackville, sexual battery and rape of a child under age 13 on May 4, 2023.

■ David Richard Williams II, age unlisted, of Salisbury, Md., four counts of sexual abuse of a child under age 13; one count of forcible sodomy; one count of performing sexual intercourse with lascivious intent on a child under age 15; one count of performing sexual intercourse on a child under age 15; and one misdemeanor count of indecent

exposure between May 24, 2019 and Oct. 21, 2021.

■ Corbin Kenji Drummond Jr., 43, of Accomack, two counts of malicious wounding and one count of assault and battery on Oct. 4, 2023.

■ Markeice Obryant Harmon, 38, of Painter, possession of a firearm after having been convicted of a felony; possession of ammunition after having been convicted of a felony; and concealed carry of a weapon after having been convicted of a felony on Aug. 10, 2023.

■ James Waylon Widgeon, 32, of Willis Wharf, unlawfully entering a Virginia Department of Forestry building with intent to commit a felony and theft of property worth at least \$1,000 on June 25, 2023.

■ Raymond Norman Golt Jr., 58, of Accomack, possession of a firearm after having been convicted of

a felony on Oct. 2, 2023.

■ Tara Dawn Bonniwell, 43, of Melfa, malicious attempting to wound; destruction of property worth at least \$1,000; and failure to stop at the scene of a traffic accident and provide identifying information in an accident causing over \$1,000 in damage on July 30, 2023.

■ Andres Angel Santiago, 34, of LaBelle, Fla., possession of cocaine on July 22, 2023.

■ Reginald Levant Chavous, 27, of Onley, assault and battery of a law enforcement officer and unlawfully entering Wal-Mart in Onley after being forbidden to do so on July 23, 2023.

■ Cheyenne T. Gobel, 29, of Onancock, breaking and entering, stealing a firearm, and use of a firearm in an attempted burglary on Sept. 18, 2023.

■ James Patrick Berry, 40, of Atlantic, possession of cocaine on Aug. 28, 2023.

■ Jaylen Edward Rogers, 23, of Greenbush, failure to stop at a traffic stop and endangering a law enforcement officer or vehicle on June 8, 2023.

■ Roxanne Lynnette Means, 39, of Exmore, strangulation, malicious wounding, and robbery using physical force on July 2, 2023.

■ Kevin Parks Lewis, 25, of Greenbush, strangulation causing bodily injury on July 2, 2023.

■ Samantha C. Donovan, 26, of Parksley, possession of cocaine on Aug. 7, 2023.

■ Noelle Lee Addock, 38, of Crisfield, Md., possession of Bromazepam, a Schedule I substance, on April 28, 2023.

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Audit of state voting machines shows no issues

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

A second check of Virginia's election results showed machines accurately tallied votes.

The Virginia Department of Elections randomly chose a statewide legislative race to audit after the Nov. 7 election, as required by the Code of Virginia.

This year, Senate District 20, which includes the Eastern Shore and parts of Virginia Beach and Norfolk, was chosen for the risk-limiting audit.

"The RLA successfully confirmed that the winner of Senate District 20, Senator-elect William DeSteph, did in fact get the most votes in the race," said Virginia Department of Elections External Affairs Manager Andrea Gaines.

"The ... votes for Virginia Senate District 20, as well as the ... votes for the rest of the Commonwealth were approved and signed by the SBE (State Board of Elections) at the December 4, 2023 meeting," Gaines said.

Virginia began requiring risk-limiting audits in 2018 to ensure polling machines produce the same results as hand-counted ballots.

In 2022, state law changed to require the audits occur before the State Board of Elections officially certifies election results.

The audit is part of a month-or-longer process that follows elections when electoral boards, voter registrars, and their staff count votes, certify election outcomes, and conduct risk-limiting audits.

State law outlines the steps officials must take during the audits, including hand-counting a random sample of ballots.

In the Senate 20th District, 724 ballots from across Accomack and

Northampton counties, Virginia Beach, and Norfolk were counted in that random sample, Gaines said.

Audit results must show a chance of 10% or less that an error in the outcome of the election would have gone undetected. If this risk limit is not met, a larger sample of ballots must be hand-counted.

Gaines said the risk limit was met in the first round of the Senate 20th District audit, so workers did not need to pull additional sample ballots for hand-counting.

Virginia also requires risk-limiting audits use a large enough sample of ballots to ensure results are statistically significant – meaning close races require a larger sample.

In the Senate 20th District, over 64,000 voters cast ballots in the race between DeSteph, a Republican, and his Democratic challenger Victoria A. Luevanos. DeSteph won with almost 57% of votes.

Since Virginia began using risk-limiting audits, no audits have found errors that changed the outcome of an election, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

The state's 2020 election audit found just a 0.00000065117% chance the state's voting system could have yielded an inaccurate outcome in the presidential race that saw Joe Biden elected.

Local officials pulled 1,372 ballots from across the state to measure statistical confidence in the results reported in that race.

Next year, all localities will participate in Virginia's statewide risk-limiting audit, either for the presidential or U.S. Senate race, Gaines said.

A select group of localities will conduct an additional risk-limiting audit for a randomly selected U.S. House of Representatives race, she said.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Chincoteague Island Library is on Main Street.

Library receives donation from BLBB Charitable

The Chincoteague Island Library recently received a generous donation from BLBB Charitable on behalf of Dean and Maria Karrash.

BLBB Charitable is the giving arm of BLB&B Advisors located in Montgomeryville, Pa.

The BLBB Charitable donation to the Chincoteague Island Library is in keeping with its mission to help people discover their potential through education and leadership opportunities.

According to Paul Miller, president of the Chincoteague Island

Library Board of Directors, "This generous donation will help the library maintain our facility and provide programs to residents and the visitors to the island."

The Chincoteague Island Library is open to serve the community year-round Monday through Saturday. For specific information about the Chincoteague Island Library, hours of operation, and services, visit the Chincoteague Island Library Facebook page or www.chincoteagueislandlibrary.com

Audit

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Visit law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title24.2/chapter6/section24.2-671.2 to read the Code of Virginia section on risk-limiting audits.

See past audit results at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/results-reports/election-security/rla/>



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Judgeship

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Also during the breakfast, Lewis said — in response to a question — that he was not promised a judgeship or favoritism by the General Assembly in exchange for retiring, rather than running against fellow state Sen. Bill DeSteph.

Lewis, a Democrat, and DeSteph, a Republican, both sitting state senators, were included in the same senate district during the last statewide redistricting.

The Eastern Shore Bar Association voted Nov. 8 to recommend to the General Assembly that local General District Court Judge Gordon Vincent be the next circuit judge.

Vincent, who has been an Eastern Shore general district court judge for 17 years, defeated Lewis in the vote among local attorneys, 29-3.

Bloxom, speaking at the chamber

meeting, said the General Assembly is not bound by the local bar association's vote.

"We will take into advisement what the local bar says," said Bloxom, but he added the General Assembly is "under no obligation" to pick the local bar association's choice.'

Lewis, a 20-year General Assembly member, said at an October bar association meeting that his reputation of working with colleagues regardless of political party would give him "widespread bipartisan support" in the judicial selection process.

Vincent said his years of experience as a judge with criminal trials, procedure, and evidence would serve him well because of the Eastern Shore circuit court's heavy docket of criminal cases.

The General Assembly session begins Jan. 10, 2024.

A circuit judge vacancy has been created by the Dec. 31 retirement of W. Revell Lewis III.

FOODBANK DONATION



Eastern Shore Rural Health System Inc. collected change for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28. A total of \$1,500.43 was donated to the Foodbank of the Eastern Shore Nov. 30. Pictured from left are Rural Health Chief Quality Officer Jessica Bonniwell, Foodbank Operation Staff member Kassandra Smith and Rural Health Outreach Coordinator Juan Gomez.

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Site Country:	United States
AWS Site Registration No.	AWS-000655
Audit Date:	29/January-01/February/2024
Audit Format:	On-site
Audit Level:	Core
Audit Scope:	Single Site
Audit Type:	Initial certification

An audit is scheduled on **29/January/2024-01/February/2024**. This audit is to be conducted **On-site** due to **initial certification**.

In line with the AWS Certification Requirements, the stakeholders are invited to provide their comments on the site undergoing an AWS Audit.

Members of the public may submit comments up to and including date of the audit. Alternatively, if you would like to speak with the Audit Team, please contact the Lead Auditor to arrange an interview via video or phone.

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:

To arrange an interview and/or submit written comments, please contact the Lead Auditor. You can submit your comments by:

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Name of Audit Company:	Water Stewardship Assurance Services (WSAS)
CAB Website	https://watersas.org
Lead Auditor Name	Mark Carroll
Lead Auditor email:	mark.carroll.flo.cert@gmail.com

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HOHLT HONORED BY RURITANS



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The Pungoteague Ruritan Club recently awarded Herman Hohlt a plaque recognizing his 50 consecutive years of perfect attendance as well as his service to the club. Hohlt served over 40 years as the secretary, a short term as treasurer, and one year as president. He has also been active in the Delmarva District Cabinet as a Zone Governor and District Governor in 2005, visiting all 43 clubs on Delmarva that year. He is pictured with his wife of 49 years, Laurice. She was a loyal supporter of his Ruritan service and worked with him on various fundraising projects for the Pungoteague club. They attended several Ruritan national conventions following his retirement in 2000 from the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, where he headed the commercial vegetable crop division.



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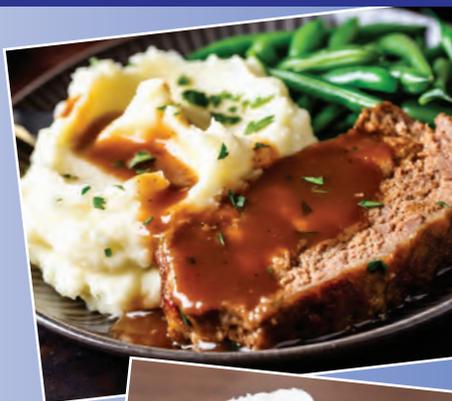
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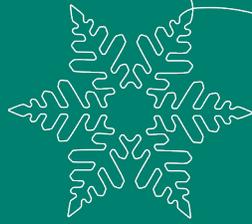
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GUEST SPEAKER



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Ace Seybolt, left, local entrepreneur and real estate broker, was the speaker recently at the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association meeting at the Island House in Wachapreague. He spoke about ethics in the real estate business. At right is George Bryan, vice president of the ESCBA, which meets monthly to promote ethical decisions and Christian principles in all business dealings.

The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company will be accepting forms to apply for 2024 Ambulance Insurance. The cost is \$96.00 per year and covers everyone in the household that is claimed on the applicants income taxes.

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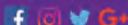
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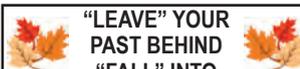
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This position provides support for the WIC Supplemental Food Program. Obtains health and diet information from clients. Independently schedules WIC appointments, maintains WIC records, compiles WIC reports, secures and verifies information needed for WIC income eligibility determination. Instructs clients about program guidelines and assists with WIC draft distribution. For detailed job information or to apply, visit <https://jobs.virginia.gov/> Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by December 18, 2023 at 11:55 p.m. EEO.



OFFICE SERVICES SPECIALIST Position #05079

This position provides office support for clinical and administrative programs at the Accomack County Health Department. Duties include registration and follow-up of clinic patients, with typical assignments in maternity, immunization, and/or family planning programs. For detailed job information and to apply, visit <https://jobs.virginia.gov/> Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by December 18, 2023 at 11:55 p.m. EEO.



Personnel Analyst (Human Resource Analyst) Position #ES026

The Virginia Department of Health, Eastern Shore Health District, is seeking an experienced human resources professional to serve as its Human Resource Analyst. The position performs human resources functions, including employee relations, recruitment, compensation, benefits, and transactions in support of the Accomack and Northampton County Health Departments. For detailed job information or to apply, visit <https://jobs.virginia.gov/> VDH accepts only online applications; apply by December 20, 2023 at 11:55 p.m. EEO.

Help Wanted



Smalls Smokehouse Restaurant in Cape Charles is seeking a **General Manager**.

General Manager Requirements

- 5 years management experience
- Background in Hospitality or Hospitality Degree
- Knowledge of restaurant operations and regulations
- Food Managers Certified (VDH)
- Knowledge of general knife skills and food preparation
- Competent at bartending and or ABC Manager Certified
- Computer skills and exceptional customer service skills
- Ability to work flexible schedule
- Additional expectations discussed during interview
- Resume required – confidentiality respected

Contact: John Small – small393@msn.com



VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
EASTERN SHORE AGRICULTURAL
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VIRGINIA TECH.

Open Positions at The Experiment Station

Assistant Farm Manager (Job #527895)

This position provides direct support and assistance to the Agricultural Farm Manager for managerial oversight of farm operations at Virginia Tech's Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC) in Painter, VA. Full-time position with benefits. Apply online at: <https://tinyurl.com/ya9yaap3>

Applied Entomology Extension Specialist (Job #527694)

We are seeking an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Applied Entomology. The incumbent will focus on crops significant to Virginia's agricultural economy and important to the Eastern Shore (potato, tomato, snap bean, broccoli, corn, soybean, wheat, and others). This is a 9-month, tenure track faculty position (50% research and 50% Extension). Applicants are required to hold a PhD in entomology or a closely related discipline. Apply online at: <https://tinyurl.com/4ud3ekad>

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1989 27' Regal Commodore
Need 3-axle trailer to move. Will make a good house boat; sleeps 6; 1/2 bath and kitchen. Must see to appreciate. Call (757) 470-8385.

Rentals - Residential

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Gallery back with star inlay. Satinwood banding and escutcheon on drawer. One long drawer and two side drawers. Arched apron and tapered and reeded legs. Circa 1820.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet and conduct public hearings on Tuesday, December 19, 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 review the following application to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Minor SUP 2023-07: Elisa Jones is applying for a minor special use permit to keep small livestock on her property. The property is zoned ES/R-CDRR (Existing Subdivision/Residential-Community Development Rural Residential). The property is located at 17588 McCotter Lane, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 68-11-34 & 68-11-36.

The application will be 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://tinyurl.com/5n98xx3k>

Anyone wishing to comment on the above item is invited to attend the meeting 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 December 19, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

Handicapped assistance available: Please telephone (757) 678-0440 at least 48 hours in advance.

Town of Cape Charles

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appeal of Historic District Review Board (HDRB) Decision

The Cape Charles Town Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comment on the following:

A. An application from Gerry Forbes and Barrett Cree appealing the decision from the Historic District Review Board dated November 27, 2023 denying their application requesting an extension for the Fence Certificate of Appropriateness at 114 Pine Street which expired on July 21, 2022. Said appeal is authorized pursuant to Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance Section 8.33. The property is located in the Residential-1 (R-1) Zoning District and in the Historic District Overlay.

The Town Council will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the appeals application. The application and supporting documentation are available for public review on our website at www.capecharles.org under Agendas & Minutes/Town Council. Please contact Town Planner/Zoning Administrator Katie Nunez at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with 2013 Virginia Code Title 15.2 - COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS, Chapter 54.1 - Virginia Wireless Service Authorities Act, Section 15.2-5431.25 - Rates and Charges, on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 2PM, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority ("ESVBA") will hold a public hearing concerning proposed rates and charges for the use of ESVBA services at its offices located at 4174 Lankford Highway, Exmore VA 23350. Copies of the proposed rate structure can be obtained from the ESVBA during normal business hours.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

IN RE: ESTATE OF PETER J. GERRY, DECEASED
ESTATE FILE #220000352
SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION

It appearing that a report of the accounts of John P. Custis, Esq., Administrator of the Estate of Peter J. Gerry, deceased, of the debts and demands against his Estate has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification of the Administrator.

On the motion of the Administrator C.T.A., it is hereby ORDERED that the creditors of and all others interested in the Estate of Peter J. Gerry do show cause, if any they can, on the 20th day of December, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in Accomack, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Peter J. Gerry, deceased, to the decedent's distributees without requiring refunding bonds.

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Accomack, Virginia.

ENTER: This 29th day of November, 2023

W. Revell Lewis,

Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA

I ask for this:

John P. Custis, Esq., Bar #77861
Administrator C.T.A. of the Estate of Peter J. Gerry
25020 Shore Parkway, Suite 2A
Onley, VA 23418

Notice of Taking Proof of Debts and Demands of the Estate of Robert Ison Mapp, Sr.

Pursuant to § 64.2-550 of the Code of Virginia (1950) and at the request of Thomas J. Mapp, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Robert Ison Mapp, Sr., deceased, I have fixed the 20th day of December, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. as the time, and my office at 16418 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against said decedent, Robert Ison Mapp, Sr., or his estate.

Given under my hand this 5th day of December, 2023.

John W. Wescoat
Assistant Commissioner of Accounts
Northampton County, Virginia

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Wilsonia Property Owners Association (VMRC #2023-2054) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to replace and extend an existing boat ramp and to construct a new 10-foot by 20-foot floating dock serving property (TM #38C1-1-A) adjacent to Wilsonia Harbor Way situated along Hungars Creek in Northampton County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2023-2054) 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.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 24335 Savannah Road, Hallwood, VA 23359

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated March 30, 2009 and recorded at Instrument Number 200901271 in the Clerk's Office for the Accomack County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$94,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301.

January 12, 2024 at 3:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate on the road leading from Hallwood to Sanford in Atlantic Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia containing 2.14 acres, more or less, as shown on a certain plat of survey captioned "Location Survey for Haig & Jill Evans-Kavaldjian," made by John H Plummer & Associates, Inc , dated October 22, 2003 and attached hereto and to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the property conveyed herein, said parcel being bounded generally as follows: On the North, by the land formerly of Melvin L. and Clarence W. Lewis, on the East, by the land now or formerly of Reina Parks, on the South, by State Route No. 692 (Savannah Road), and on the West, by the land formerly of Melvin L. and Clarence W. Lewis.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Northampton, Virginia entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the Northampton County Circuit Courthouse, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347 at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

PARCEL 1: ALLEN S. BAKER (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 0077B-02-BLK-00 000002
ON NU LANE

PARCEL 2: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAY CREEK, L.L.C.
MAP NO. 00090-09-BLK-00 000025
LOT 25, PLANTATION POINTE; TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES
WATERFRONT LOT

PARCEL 3: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAY CREEK, L.L.C.
MAP NO. 083A1-16-BLK-00 000025
LOT 25, PHASE III, MARINA VILLAGE EAST;
TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES
WATERFRONT LOT

PARCEL 4: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs BAY CREEK, L.L.C.
MAP NO. 083A1-16-BLK-00 000028
LOT 28, PHASE III, MARINA VILLAGE EAST;
TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES
WATERFRONT LOT

PARCEL 5: MARTHA OLITHA SMITH BROOKS (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 0112D-01-BLK-00 000002D
ON GEORGES LANE

PARCEL 6: HATTIE BYRD (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 00077-0A-BLK-00 0000104
ON PAT TOWN ROAD

PARCEL 7: NEVISIONS COLLINS (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 00029-0A-BLK-00 0000046
OFF CHURCH NECK ROAD

PARCEL 8: MYRTLE CHANDLER (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 00010-0A-BLK-00 000116B
OFF COUNTY LINE ROAD

PARCEL 9: LOU CLIFFORD (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 00009-0A-BLK-00 000092A
ON TB ROAD

PARCEL 10: SYLVESTER COLES (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 0040B-09-BLK-00 000046A
ON PARALLEL ROAD

PARCEL 11: SERENA S. HARMON (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NOS. 00059-0A-BLK-00 000007A
00059-0A-BLK-00 000007B
ON SEASIDE ROAD

PARCEL 12: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs NICHOLAS A. HORAK
MAP NO. 038A1-01-BLK-00 0000160
ON HERON DRIVE AND CHURCH NECK ROAD

PARCEL 13: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs NICHOLAS A. HORAK
MAP NO. 038A1-01-BLK-00 0000161
ON CHURCH NECK ROAD

PARCEL 14: ROGER MAPP (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 00030-0A-BLK-00 0000046
ON JOHNSONTOWN ROAD

PARCEL 15: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs WILLIAM JAMES PARKS
MAP NO. 010A3-04-BLK-0B 0000006
3516 MAIN STREET; TOWN OF EXMORE

PARCEL 16: KATE T. SMAW (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 0091B-0A-BLK-00 0000055
23102 MILDREDS LANE

PARCEL 17: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs CLEMENT A. SMITH
MAP NO. 0040B-0A-BLK-00 0000023
ON TREHERNEVILLE DRIVE

PARCEL 18: MAGGIE C. SPADY (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 00085-0A-BLK-00 0000041
ON RAYMOND LANE

PARCEL 19: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY vs JOSEPHINE MARIE STOUT
MAP NO. 00013-0A-BLK-00 0000031
5203 SALT WORKS ROAD

PARCEL 20: ROBERT BURKE WILLIAMS (NON-JUDICIAL SALE)
MAP NO. 010A2-0A-BLK-00 0000040
OFF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE; TOWN OF EXMORE

The terms of sale require a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days. Additional terms will be announced at the sale. Each sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.

JAMES W. ELLIOTT
Special Commissioner
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MAOIN LLC, Trading as

The Onancock Taphouse, 8 North St., Onancock,
Accomack County, Virginia 23417

The above establishment is applying to the
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY
for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application -
Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed On
and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture
alcoholic beverages.

William V. Morgan Jr., Owner 100%

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Public Notice

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Va., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following matter.

Zoning Text Amendment 2023-05: The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County is proposing a Zoning Text Amendment to revise the sections which pertain to Short Term Rentals in the 2000 and 2016 Zoning Ordinances.

The application is on file and open to public inspection in the County Administrator's Office located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA. Anyone wishing to comment on the above item is invited to attend the meeting and make their comments known.

Handicapped assistance available: Please telephone (757) 678-0440, extension 516 at least 48 hours in advance.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL23000914-00
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA 23301

RUARK, JOSEPH S.
v. RUARK, BETHANN L.

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

It is ORDERED that BETHANN L. RUARK appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before JANUARY 24, 2024.

November 21, 2023
Tracey R. Murdoch, Deputy Clerk

Legal Ads

Invitation to Bid County of Northampton, Virginia

INSTALL GENERATOR AT NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The County of Northampton, Virginia is accepting sealed bids for the installation of an owner supplied 300 kW generator at the Northampton County Courthouse located at 5229 The Hornes in Eastville, VA. Sealed bids may be submitted either as a physical hard copy or electronically through eVA, the Virginia Department of General Services central electronic procurement website. Faxed or emailed proposals are not acceptable. Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, Thursday, December 21, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter. Physical bids received after the assigned time will not be accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The work is described, in general, as the removal of an existing 100 kW diesel-fired generator with automatic transfer switch (ATS) and the addition of a new 300 kW diesel-fired, engine-driven generator set with a service entrance rated ATS. The new generator set and ATS will be provided by the county.

Contractors can obtain copies of the complete bid documents from either of the following sources:

- Northampton County Website
<https://tinyurl.com/4bmj9hew>
- eVA Virginia Procurement Website
<https://eva.virginia.gov/>
- Chris Thomas, Director of Public Works
Phone: (757) 678 - 3377
Email: cthomas@co.northampton.va.us

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the bidding.

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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

RAS TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC

Plaintiffs
CASE NO. CL23000327-00

v.

THE ESTATE OF MYRTIS AMES, *et al.*

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Plaintiff's Order of Publication into Court it is on this 9th day of Nov. 2023, hereby

ORDERED that The Estate of Myrtis Ames and Any Unknown Heirs of Myrtis Ames be served by the Publication in this Interpleader Action pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-317; and it is further

ORDERED that such Order of Publication shall be published in the Virginia newspaper, Eastern Shore Post, once a week for four consecutive weeks; and

ORDERED that upon completion of such publication, the clerk shall file a certificate in the papers of the case that the requirements of this section have been complied with, and

ORDERED that if The Estate of Myrtis Ames and Any Unknown Heirs of Myrtis Ames fail to appear and protect their interests on or before the date of 10th day of January, 2024; which shall be no sooner than 50 days after entry of the Order of Publication, then The Estate of Myrtis Ames and Any Unknown Heirs of Myrtis Ames shall be in default and a judgement may be entered upon request by Plaintiff.

ENTER: This 9th day of November, 2023
Traci Johnson,
Circuit Court for Northampton County, VA

I ask for this:
THOMAS J. GARTNER, Esquire
(VA Bar # 79340)
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Phone: (470) 321-7112 x52149
Fax: (404) 393-1425
tgartner@raslg.com
Counsel for Plaintiff

EDIBLE PICASSO,
Trading as

Edible Picasso, Co., 10 Strawberry St., Cape Charles,
Northampton County, Virginia 23310

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Invitation For Bids # 749 - REBID Fuel Farm Containment Expansion Accomack County Airport

This project includes installation of miscellaneous erosion control measures, the removal of the existing security fence, relocation of an existing light pole and light fixture, tying into the existing fuel farm grounding system, locating and tying into the existing electrical circuits, installation of 2" PVC conduits and junction boxes for electrical circuits, site excavation, installation of aggregate base course, installation of **6" thick concrete containment slab** for fuel truck parking and tying into the existing fuel farm containment area for drainage. The project also includes the installation of security fence and post and seeding and mulching all disturbed areas.

Sealed bids, subject to the conditions herein, will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday January 11, 2024 at the Accomack County Finance Office 23392 Front Street, Accomack, Virginia 23301. Immediately thereafter, bids received by the due date and time shall be opened and publicly read aloud via "Zoom" meeting for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work associated with: **Fuel Farm Containment Expansion.** Interested persons wishing to join the live bid opening should contact Stephanie Woods at swoods@co.accomack.va.us to receive the Zoom meeting instructions at least one day prior to the date set for opening of bids.

A non-mandatory Prebid Conference will be held at 11:00am on Thursday December 21, 2023 at the Accomack County Airport, 29194 Parkway North, Melfa, VA 23410. **Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to have a qualified representative at this Prebid Conference.**

Bid Forms, Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are on file at the Airport and may be obtained from Talbert & Bright, 10105 Krause Road, Suite 100, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, upon the non-refundable payment of \$100.00. Plans will be available on Monday, December 11, 2023. Contact Talbert & Bright at 804-768-6878.

Bid Documents may also be obtained in electronic .pdf format, free of charge, through direct electronic transfer. Requests for bid documents in electronic format may be made by submitting an e-mail request to Carolyn Phillips (cphillips@tbiric.com). Bidders requesting electronic format bid documents must provide a contact name, name of firm they represent with mailing address, and an e-mail address for receipt of electronic files. Companies requesting electronic transfer will receive an e-mail link for direct downloading from Talbert & Bright's Secure Folder System.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, a deposit of cash or by a certified check payable to the Treasurer of Accomack County and drawn on a bank or trust company authorized to do business in the State of Virginia, for an amount equal to 5% of the total base bid, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the required Contract will be executed and the required Performance Bond and Payment Bond furnished within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of formal award of Contract.

Envelopes containing proposals must be sealed and delivered to the above indicated location. Envelopes are to be clearly marked as follows: **SEALED BID FOR: IFB # 749 (REBID) – Fuel Farm Containment Expansion.**

The County of Accomack intends to award the entire project; however, the award of this contract is contingent upon the availability of local and state funds. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Read back issues of the Post on our website at easternshorepost.com/archives/

Legal Ads

NOTICE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On January 8, 2024, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the County of Accomack, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes:

Abrams, Wendy M.	093D00400010300
Allen, Emma Susan	075A0A000006300
Ayres, Albert L., Marsha P. & Garland R.	120A0A000001000
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Heppding, Gene & Mary J.	085B00100002100
Hollern, Andrew R.	005A40300248000
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Lamb, Robin J.	075D00101000100
Marshall, Robert C.	06800A000016700
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American Farm Bureau advocacy affected by court system

The American court system is “incredibly important” for agricultural advocacy.

That was the message from Travis Cushman during a workshop titled “Courts and Ports: A Look at Legal and Economic Issues Facing Amer-

ican Agriculture.” Cushman, deputy general counsel for American Farm Bureau Federation, spoke Nov. 28 during the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation 2023 Annual Convention in Virginia Beach.

Although the court system is intended to focus on the law, “people are trying to change policy through the courts,” Cushman remarked. He said AFBF is doing the same.

When a case called Sack-

ett v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that challenged the EPA's authority over waters of the U.S. rose to the Supreme Court last year, AFBF decided to get on board. It established a group of 14 national agricultural organizations and coordinated with 20 state Farm Bureau organizations to file a strategically focused set of friend-of-the-court briefs.

The state Farm Bureau brief was cited in the final court decision in favor of the plaintiffs, who said the EPA was overreaching in its control of private waterways. In May of this year, all nine justices agreed that the EPA's definition of waters of the U.S. was invalid and needed to be amended.

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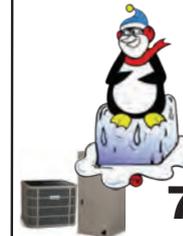
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- Virginia Mae Cerceo, 57, and Richard Robert Wyatt, 50, both of Chesapeake
- Laura Elizabeth Bowles, 38, and Joel Kenneth Hackney, 41, both of Newport News
- Susan Margaret Taylor, 60, of Montross, and Joe Christopher Walker, 51, of Hallwood
- Logan Summer Holland, 26, and Justin Michael Terry, 32, both of Chincoteague
- Jessica Nichole Harrison, 27, and Evan James Youngberg, 25, both of Chincoteague
- Adriana Rodriguez Maldonado, 24, and Romario Isidro Escalante, 25, both of Onancock
- Nickole Byrd Turpin, 47, and Glenn Darryl Turpin, 64, both of Oak Hall

Northampton property transfers

- From Jackson Lancaster To Daniel, Carolyn, Thomas, and Katherine Bluestein Lot 600, 406 Randolph Avenue, Cape Charles For \$515,000
- From Terry Industries Inc. To Philip Day and Nita Moyers-Day Lot 77, Bay Creek, Phase K, Cape Charles For \$716,906.50
- From Virginia Builders LLC To Courtney and Walter Howard IV Lot 14, Tower Hill, Cape Charles For \$540,550
- From Sue Fountain To Barbershopswag Barber & Beauty Institute LLC Lot on highway in Exmore For \$100,000
- From Paul Abbott To Michael Fairtrace Lot 6, Emily Smith's Estate For \$7,000

Accomack property transfers

- From Wanda J. and Henry E. Johnson To CMH Homes Inc. Lot 14, Cherry Valley Estates, Hallwood For \$20,000

- From Allyson E. and Daniel V. Wilson To Kiely L. and John P. Holcomb 3275 Starboard St., Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$300,000
- From Nicholas C. Barry To Barbara L. and Petrina Ann Kløver Lot 33, unit 3, Trails End, Horntown For \$44,100
- From SPCJ LLC To Patricia Martin and Timothy James Hauler 15224 Pebble Drive, Onancock For \$625,000
- From Darlene R. and John R. Zacharias To Linda H. and Brian J. Pruitt 52 acres on Prospect Neck, Onancock For \$185,000
- From William N. Skomski Sr. To Wilbur Bowden Lot 224, Section 2, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$16,000
- From UB Properties Inc. To Losiane and Ernest Augustin 10405 Jones St., Temperanceville For \$122,500
- From Mae Lynn Lazenby To CD Hall Inc. 2188 Spinnaker St., Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$75,000
- From Luz del Carmen Flores Vazquez and Valerio Montalvo Jimenez To CMH Homes Inc. Lot 6, Pungoteague Road For \$25,000
- From CCG Note LLC To Nicole Zang-Taylor and Jonathan Taylor Lot 17, Section 9, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$7,500
- From Williams One LLC To Wellington Investment LLC 24133 Adelaide St., Parksley For \$130,000
- From Linda A. and William C. Davis To James D. Skweres Jr. 4 acres on Sign Post Road, New Church For \$12,000
- From Montrose D. Hinmon-Jackson To CMH Homes Inc. 75-by-150-foot lot on County Road, Withams For \$20,884
- From Charlotte D. and Cynthia P. Nicholls To Sharon A. Barnes, trustee Property near Onley For \$25,000

- From Robert J. Bove To Tracy L. and Donald M. Campbell Lot 3, Unit 3, Trails End, Horntown For \$17,000
- From Charlotte J. Shifrin To Mark R. Berry 7237 Mason Drive, Chincoteague For \$100,000
- From Earleen and Donald Bunting To Robert L. Kitchens Lot 108, Section 7, Captains Corridor, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$6,000
- From Susan M. and Robert O. Dattner To CMH Homes Inc. 25341 Guildford Road, Bloxom For \$20,000
- From Betty Rae Miller To Karen M. and Mark S. Evangelisti Property on Clark Street, Chincoteague For \$340,000

- From Onley Industrial LLC To Sharon A. Barnes, trustee Property off Pennsylvania Avenue, Onley For \$50,000
- From Larisa R. and John W. Murphy, trustees To Allison W. and Matthew T. Dewitt Lot 5, Wise's Point, Onancock For \$147,000
- From Lunn Estate Properties LLC To Deborah M. and Howard C. Wessells II 7.2 acres on Route 13 bypass, Accomac For \$25,000
- From Vickie L. and Jerry W. Jacoby To Jerry A. Fletcher and Steven R. Shaner Lot 466, Unit 2, Trails End, Horntown For \$56,500
- From Sheila A. and Jerry W. Sink To Paul Imburgia Lot 33, Seaview Street, Accomac For \$42,500



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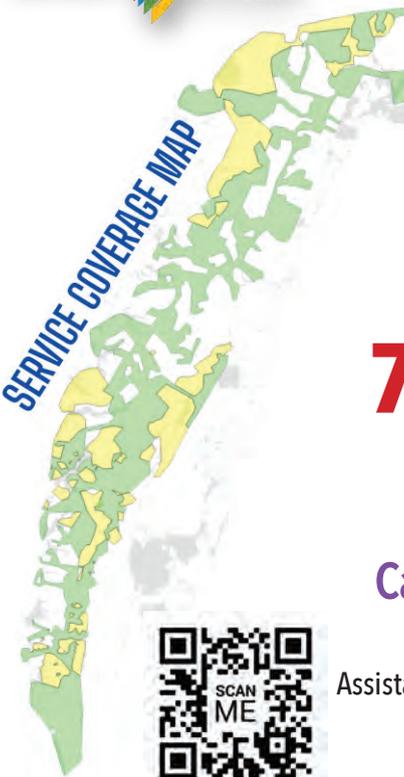
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Assateague Beach	H L	4:25 p.m. 10:37 a.m.	H L	5:11 p.m. 11:29 a.m.	H L	5:56 p.m. 12:19 p.m.	H L	6:41 p.m. 1:06 p.m.	H L	7:11 a.m. 1:53 p.m.	H L	7:58 a.m. 2:40 p.m.	H L	8:46 a.m. 3:28 p.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	4:31 p.m. 10:42 a.m.	H L	5:18 p.m. 11:32 a.m.	H L	6:03 p.m. 12:20 p.m.	H L	6:47 p.m. 1:06 p.m.	H L	7:15 a.m. 1:51 p.m.	H L	8:01 a.m. 2:37 p.m.	H L	8:48 a.m. 3:23 p.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	5:21 p.m. 11:16 a.m.	H L	6:07 p.m. 12:08 p.m.	H L	6:52 p.m. 12:58 p.m.	H L	7:21 a.m. 1:45 p.m.	H L	8:07 a.m. 2:32 p.m.	H L	8:54 a.m. 3:19 p.m.	H L	9:42 a.m. 4:07 p.m.
Folly Creek	H L	5:14 p.m. 11:01 a.m.	H L	6:00 p.m. 11:53 a.m.	H L	6:45 p.m. 12:43 p.m.	H L	7:14 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	H L	8:00 a.m. 2:17 p.m.	H L	8:47 a.m. 3:04 p.m.	H L	9:35 a.m. 3:52 p.m.
Wachapreague	H L	4:47 p.m. 10:40 a.m.	H L	5:35 p.m. 11:33 a.m.	H L	6:21 p.m. 12:24 p.m.	H L	6:56 a.m. 1:14 p.m.	H L	7:45 a.m. 2:02 p.m.	H L	8:36 a.m. 2:49 p.m.	H L	9:26 a.m. 3:36 p.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	4:25 p.m. 10:16 a.m.	H L	5:11 p.m. 11:08 a.m.	H L	5:56 p.m. 11:58 a.m.	H L	6:41 p.m. 12:45 p.m.	H L	7:11 a.m. 1:32 p.m.	H L	7:58 a.m. 2:19 p.m.	H L	8:46 a.m. 3:07 p.m.
Machipongo	H L	4:55 p.m. 10:45 a.m.	H L	5:41 p.m. 11:37 a.m.	H L	6:26 p.m. 12:27 p.m.	H L	6:55 a.m. 1:14 p.m.	H L	7:41 a.m. 2:01 p.m.	H L	8:28 a.m. 2:48 p.m.	H L	9:16 a.m. 3:36 p.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	8:17 a.m. 2:51 p.m.	H L	9:01 a.m. 3:41 p.m.	H L	9:44 a.m. 4:28 p.m.	H L	10:26 a.m. 5:12 p.m.	H L	11:10 a.m. 5:56 p.m.	H L	11:55 a.m. 6:42 p.m.	H L	12:42 p.m. 6:15 a.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	8:36 a.m. 3:29 p.m.	H L	9:22 a.m. 4:17 p.m.	H L	10:05 a.m. 5:02 p.m.	H L	10:48 a.m. 5:46 p.m.	H L	11:32 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	H L	12:17 p.m. 6:19 a.m.	H L	1:04 p.m. 7:07 a.m.
Guard Shore	H L	8:28 a.m. 3:25 p.m.	H L	9:14 a.m. 4:13 p.m.	H L	9:57 a.m. 4:58 p.m.	H L	10:40 a.m. 5:42 p.m.	H L	11:24 a.m. 6:27 p.m.	H L	12:09 p.m. 7:13 p.m.	H L	12:56 p.m. 7:03 a.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	8:03 a.m. 2:37 p.m.	H L	8:49 a.m. 3:25 p.m.	H L	9:32 a.m. 4:10 p.m.	H L	10:15 a.m. 4:54 p.m.	H L	10:59 a.m. 5:39 p.m.	H L	11:44 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 7:12 p.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	8:17 a.m. 2:57 p.m.	H L	9:03 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	H L	9:46 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	H L	10:29 a.m. 5:14 p.m.	H L	11:13 a.m. 5:59 p.m.	H L	11:58 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	H L	12:45 p.m. 6:35 a.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H L	7:33 a.m. 2:11 p.m.	H L	8:19 a.m. 2:59 p.m.	H L	9:02 a.m. 3:44 p.m.	H L	9:45 a.m. 4:28 p.m.	H L	10:29 a.m. 5:13 p.m.	H L	11:14 a.m. 5:59 p.m.	H L	12:01 p.m. 6:46 p.m.
Nassawadox	H L	6:24 p.m. 12:30 p.m.	H L	7:00 a.m. 1:21 p.m.	H L	7:45 a.m. 2:09 p.m.	H L	8:30 a.m. 2:56 p.m.	H L	9:15 a.m. 3:42 p.m.	H L	10:01 a.m. 4:29 p.m.	H L	10:48 a.m. 5:16 p.m.
Occhohan. Creek	H L	6:47 a.m. 1:37 p.m.	H L	7:36 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	H L	8:20 a.m. 3:16 p.m.	H L	9:02 a.m. 3:58 p.m.	H L	9:44 a.m. 4:41 p.m.	H L	10:29 a.m. 5:23 p.m.	H L	11:18 a.m. 6:07 p.m.
Cape Charles	H L	5:14 p.m. 11:41 a.m.	H L	6:03 p.m. 12:29 p.m.	H L	6:36 a.m. 1:14 p.m.	H L	7:19 a.m. 1:58 p.m.	H L	8:03 a.m. 2:43 p.m.	H L	8:48 a.m. 3:29 p.m.	H L	9:35 a.m. 4:16 p.m.
Kiptopeke Beach	H L	4:55 p.m. 11:09 a.m.	H L	5:42 p.m. 11:58 a.m.	H L	6:28 p.m. 12:43 p.m.	H L	6:55 a.m. 1:28 p.m.	H L	7:38 a.m. 2:12 p.m.	H L	8:22 a.m. 2:58 p.m.	H L	9:09 a.m. 3:45 p.m.

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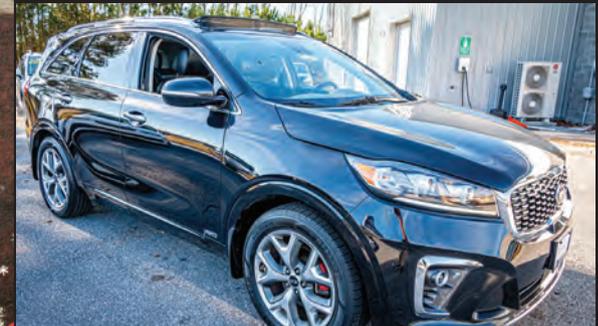
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