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NORTHAMPTON

Short-term rental backers bemoan plan

Special-use permit proposal rankles speakers at hearing

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

Northampton residents say short-term vacation rental homes do not significantly impact the availability of affordable and workforce housing in the county.

"The argument that the short-term rental industry is capitalizing on homes that would otherwise be available as affordable long-term rentals is pretty ungrounded," said Sarah Floyd, of Machipongo.

She and her husband, Jacob Floyd, who are building a one-bedroom guest house that will be used as a short-term vacation rental, spoke at a Tuesday, Dec. 12, public hearing held by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors on proposed regulations for short-term rentals.

Due to the perception that short-

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'TIS THE SEASON



From left, Becky Schmidt, Bill Schmidt, and Richard Dryden ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Walmart in Onley. Making a donation to the kettle is Zephyr Roldan. Bell ringers will be all over the Eastern Shore to get donations as Christmas approaches. See guest column, page 18.

ACCOMACK

17 candidates fined for tardy finance reports

Penalties reach \$4,100; computer software blamed

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

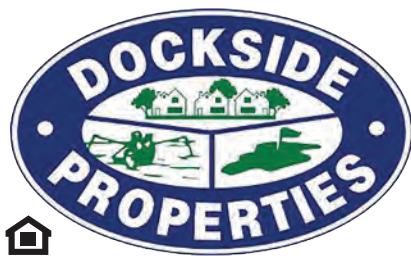
Half of Accomack County's candidates in the Nov. 7 election received fines up to \$4,100 after they were late filing state-mandated campaign finance reports.

Two of the elected officers who received the highest fines are the county's two top law-enforcement officials — Commonwealth's Attorney J. Spencer Morgan III, who received a \$3,100 fine, and Sheriff W. Todd Wessells, who received a \$2,100 fine.

Morgan said a new requirement to file reports using the state Board of Elections' electronic system, rather than traditional paper reporting, caused candidates confusion.

"Many candidates and their treasurers, myself included, found the system confusing, missing filing dates

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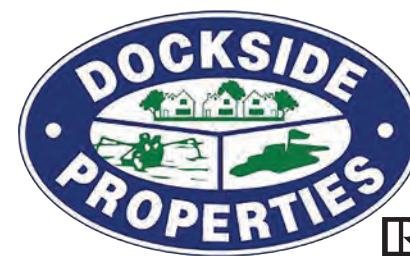
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Every playlist is 30 minutes long. The music refreshes every 30 minutes.

The musical show runs through Sunday, Dec. 31.

On Sundays through Thursdays, the show begins at 5:30 p.m. and the last show begins at 8:30 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday, the first show begins at 5:30 p.m. and the last show begins at 9:30 p.m.

There is also a drop box for letters to Santa.

Check the Facebook page "Lights on Gladding" for updates and weather cancellations.

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Men arrested after high-speed chase

Two Hampton Roads men were arrested after a string of five robberies in Northampton, Accomack, and Pocomoke City ended Thursday, Dec. 7, in a high-speed chase and crash in Exmore.

Christopher Orbeta, 28, of Chesapeake, and Brandon Gibson, 31, of Norfolk, have been charged with two counts of armed robbery in Northampton County, Sheriff David Doughty said.

Charges in Accomack County and Worcester County are pending.

The crash shut down U.S. Route 13 in Exmore for approximately six hours as police processed the scene. Traffic was rerouted through downtown Exmore.

Doughty and Accomack Sheriff Todd Wessells said in a prepared release that several armed robberies were reported to both the Northampton and Accomack County sheriff's offices on Thursday, Dec. 7.

At approximately 4:35 a.m., the Northampton County Sheriff's Office received a report of an

armed robbery at the Cape Charles Royal Farms and at approximately 5:34 a.m. a second armed robbery was reported at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Exmore.

At approximately 7:40 a.m., the Accomack County Sheriff's Office received a report of an armed robbery at the Nelsonia Corner Mart and received a report of a second armed robbery at the Temperanceville Corner Mart at 8 a.m.

Additionally, according to Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office received a report of an armed robbery at the Pocomoke Advance Auto Parts at 8:41 a.m.

In all five incidents, law enforcement units arrived on location and determined that two male individuals fitting the same description were reported to be involved and believed to be traveling in a vehicle.

Shortly thereafter, law enforcement units received a description of the vehicle involved and began patrolling all three counties, attempting to

locate the vehicle and individuals involved.

At approximately 9:04 a.m., deputies from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office observed a vehicle fitting the description from the robberies traveling southbound through the Temperanceville area.

A traffic stop was attempted and the vehicle failed to stop. The vehicle traveled in excess of 120 mph, with law enforcement pursuing with lights and siren.

The pursuit continued south on Lankford Highway and at approximately 9:11 a.m., near the Exmore Hardees, the suspect vehicle lost control, crossed over the median and collided with two other northbound vehicles.

Both suspects attempted to exit the vehicle and flee on foot but were quickly apprehended by law enforcement. The suspect driving the vehicle physically resisted arrest, and an Accomack County Sheriff's Office K-9 was deployed.



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Bank of Cheer needs donations as event nears

All donations go to help 200 recipients, who get box of food

With delivery of Bank of Cheer boxes loaded with food set to take place this week, organizers of the project are hoping for a late flurry of donations to help with the increased costs of purchasing the items needed to make Christmas a bit brighter for local families.

The Bank of Cheer is in its 64th year of operation and depends on donations from the public as volunteers come together to pack and then deliver boxes of food, which include canned foods, flour, and other staples. The recipients also typically get a ham or turkey.

Laura Trala has coordinated the Bank of Cheer for more than 20 years, but it takes a lot of help from the community to pull off, including a big assist from the Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department, the Pungoteague Ruritan Club, and other groups and volunteers.

"I'm proud to live on the Eastern Shore, especially at a time such as this, when countless individuals come together to give of their time and resources to help those less fortunate," said Trala. "I know the

Shore will come through to help us reach our goal of providing a Merry Christmas for those in need," she said.

It has become a Christmas tradition for local residents, community organizations, churches, and other groups to make a donation to Bank of Cheer.

Donors know that 100% of their donations go to help the Bank of Cheer recipients. All labor, transportation expenses, and the boxes provided by Dublin Farms for many years now are donated. The Foodbank of the Eastern Shore provides a base for packing the food and delivery.

Recipients are selected by community leaders, who confer with ministers, organizations, and employees of Social Services departments to determine the families who most need help. Please do not call Social Services or the local media as they have no input for the selection of the recipients.

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Open Letter Regarding the Care of Riverside Newborn Nursery Patients



Beginning February 4, 2024, Eastern Shore Rural Health will focus on providing pediatric care in outpatient settings, ensuring even more personalized and comprehensive healthcare for children in our community.

"It has been a long and difficult process to arrive at the decision to end our coverage of the newborn nursery at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. We are very proud of the longstanding commitment by Rural Health, Riverside Shore Memorial and the Health Department to provide care for mothers and newborns during a time when many communities lost local care," said Drs. Cathy and David Riopel, pediatricians, who have been with us for 31 years. "Our decision comes out of a need to focus our resources to support the health of the children in our community ages 0-18. We are committed to continuing to provide a high standard of pediatric care to infants, children and adolescents on the Shore. We are thankful that Riverside will continue to provide inpatient care to mothers and their newborns."

Important points:

- Currently our pediatricians take care of each baby born at Riverside Shore Memorial, within the hospital nursery, until the newborn is discharged.
- This decision was made after more than a year of discussion with Riverside leadership, internal meetings between Rural Health staff teams and the Rural Health board.
- On May 16, 2023, our staff leadership met with Riverside President and CEO Mike Dacey, M.D. and other Riverside leadership to make them aware of our inability to continue with the current coverage arrangement, and to discuss alternative staffing options.
- We consulted with several neonatal experts to explore coverage options, and ultimately hired outside temporary pediatricians to increase the number of available nursery physicians to staff the nursery.
- Two of our pediatricians are retiring from taking hospital call on Dec. 30 and there are a limited number of temporary outside pediatricians available to assist our remaining two pediatricians.
- Efforts to recruit pediatricians have been hampered in large part due to the requirement to provide hospital coverage in addition to care in the centers, which is no longer done in most communities.
- We contracted with Riverside's recruiting firm in an attempt to find pediatricians willing to do both inpatient (in hospital) and outpatient care (in our centers). We were not successful.
- Given the specialized training needed for newborns with critical needs, and the hardship it creates for recruiting and retaining enough physicians to meet the needs of the region's children, the difficult decision was made to stop nursery coverage.
- On Nov. 30, after additional discussions with Riverside leadership, we provided the 60-day written notice, required in our contract, confirming prior verbal conversations.

We care for almost 8,000 patients ages 18 and under as the Eastern Shore of Virginia's only health care provider with pediatricians. This decision prioritizes these patients AND this move aligns with discussions held with Riverside regarding allowing both organizations to do what they do best. We will focus on outpatient primary care medicine at our centers and Riverside Shore Memorial will focus on delivering all inpatient services for the Shore.

We remain committed to working with Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital to provide high quality, cost effective care for the people of Virginia's Eastern Shore.

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ACCOMACK

School board votes to double members' pay

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack's school board members are poised to get a raise in the new year.

The Accomack County School Board voted during its Tuesday, Dec. 5, work session to pay its nine members each \$6,000 per year, starting July 1, 2024.

The move came after board Chair Ronnie Holden proposed the \$3,000 raise over board members' \$3,000 salary, which he said hasn't changed in almost 30 years.

"People do invest a lot of time and it's a real commitment," Holden said of serving on the school board.

"It's a lot a lot of reading, a lot of studying, and then you've got subcommittee meetings. It does take a lot of time for those who are actually committed to doing it right," he said.

Members of school boards, boards of supervisors, and other public bodies receive a small annual income for their time spent in their elected leader roles.

Accomack's supervisors receive \$7,210 annually, for example, said County Administrator Mike Mason.

The chair receives \$9,072 and the vice chair receives \$8,446, he said.

Onancock's town council members receive a salary of \$1,800, and the mayor receives \$2,400, said the town's director of administration.

But Holden said school staff only

looked at other school boards as a measure for the average salary board members receive in similar districts.

"I've talked to other boards to get an average of what the compensation for a board was," he said.

"This is the average," he said.

In addition to attending one meeting and one work session each month, school board members participate in subcommittee meetings and other activities, Holden said.

The school system pays for them to travel to the annual Virginia School Boards Association conference in Williamsburg each year, and board members might attend other trainings, he said.

Holden is among the school board's three outgoing members following November's election, which saw all nine school board seats on the ballot — meaning he will not receive the raise he proposed.

"This is something that has to be done by the current board because the new board can't set its own salary," he said.

"You always try to do what's fair and what's right," said the outgoing chair.

New school board members will start their roles Jan. 1, 2024.

The board will elect a new chair and vice chair during its first work session in the new year, Jan. 2.

The raises will go into effect in the new fiscal year, which begins July 1, Holden said.

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.

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Campaign

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or failing to file required information in a timely manner,” he said.

Board of Supervisors candidate Paul Muhly, who incurred a fine of \$4,100, agreed the reporting software was “not user-friendly.”

Virginia law requires candidates who spend \$200 or more in a local election to record and report those payments.

Reports are filed through the Virginia Department of Elections website and include information such as the names, addresses, and amounts given by each donor.

This information is reported public for donors who give more than \$100 to a campaign. Public reports show the number of backers who give \$100 or less, but not their names or other information.

The Code of Virginia requires candidates to account for how they spent campaign funds, too, including the names and addresses of persons paid, and a

brief description of the purpose of each expense. Candidates must report any loans they use to fund their campaigns.

Those reports are due within 24 hours of the time the funds are spent or within 24 hours of the time when materials are published or publicly broadcast — whichever comes first.

The 17 Accomack County candidates who received fines totaling \$21,700 for late campaign finance reporting include:

■ Paul E. Muhly, Board of Supervisors, District 4: five late reports, \$4,100

■ J. Spencer Morgan III, Commonwealth’s Attorney: 4 late reports, \$3,100

■ Jessica J. Lewis, School Board, District 3: 4 late reports, \$3,100

■ Sands A. Gayle, Director, Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation Board: 4 late reports, \$3,100

■ Jesse W. Speidel, School Board, District 1: 3 late reports, \$2,100

■ W. Todd Wessells, Sheriff: 3 late reports, \$2,100

■ P. Glenn Neal Jr., School Board, District 4: 2 late reports, \$1,100

■ Camesha A. Handy, School Board,

District 5: 2 late reports, \$1,100

■ John J. Weippert, School Board, District 6: 2 late reports, \$1,100

■ C. Reneta Major, Board of Supervisors, District 9: 1 late report, \$100

■ Kimberly A. Satterwhite, Commissioner of the Revenue: 1 late report, \$100

■ Connie C. Burford, School Board, District 1: 1 late report, \$100

■ Alejandro “Alex” E. Vargas, School Board, District 9: 1 late report, \$100

■ Malcolm “Pep” F. White, School Board, District 9: 1 late report, \$100

■ Talia C. Taylor, Clerk of the Circuit Court: 1 late report, \$100

■ Cedrick L. Cooper, Clerk of the Circuit Court: 1 late report, \$100

■ James “Jim” A. Evans, Director, Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation Board: 1 late report, \$100

Seventeen candidates did not have late fees.

“This situation is still an ongoing situation,” said Angel Shrieves, Accomack County’s voter registrar, in an email on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Shrieves’ email was in response to a

state public records request from the Eastern Shore Post for the fines.

She said she would provide the list of fines within the required five business days. Shrieves said she had given the list of fines to Muhly, who shared it with the Post.

Morgan said he plans to reach out to the Virginia Attorney General’s office to discuss the fines and reporting system.

“This law ... is a ‘one-size-fits-all’ for every type of campaign and election,” he said. “If we don’t make sure that people understand it and are doing it correctly, (it) would absolutely deter people from running for local offices.”

All campaigns from state senate races to local Soil and Water Conservation Boards face the same reporting requirements, Morgan said.

Visit <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title24.2/chapter9.3/> to learn more about the Code of Virginia section on requirements for reporting campaign finances.

■ *Ted Shockley of the Post staff contributed to this story.*

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'It is more blessed to give than to receive'

One of the pertinent sentiments of the season is that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." It is one of the often-quoted lines from the Bible about generosity.

In Acts 20:35, the Apostle Paul tells his former church, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

On the Eastern Shore, we act on that instruction. So much of what makes our area special is rooted in giving — of our time, talents, or financial resources. That is especially evident during the holidays, when so many make a sacrifice for the benefit of others.

There are many opportunities in our area to feel the blessings of giving, from the ubiquitous Salvation Army kettles and bell-ringers to the Operation Christmas Child care packages local churches collect and send to underprivileged children living in the world's far-flung places.

Another example is the Bank of Cheer, an effort to buy and deliver boxes of food to needy families around the Eastern Shore. The Bank of Cheer today acts independently of the Eastern Shore News, where it began. However, many of the newspaper veterans keep it going, along with local students, civic groups, and the Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department.

The Bank of Cheer raises thousands of dollars to buy food that is delivered to 200 families recommended by local Social Services departments. Monetary donations can be mailed to Bank of Cheer, c/o Laura Trala, P.O. Box 646, Onley, VA 23418.

We hope you feel the blessings of giving this holiday season. Our community depends on it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Northampton tickets I: Speed cameras needed

To the editor:

I have an idea to fix the issue with speeding tickets.

First, install traffic cameras to send a ticket to every vehicle exceeding 70 mph.

These cameras are in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and elsewhere.

They are primarily used to ticket people running stop-lights, but are also used to issue tickets for speeding, especially in work zones, so the technology is there.

If these cameras issue enough tickets, I can assure you word will get around and people will slow down.

The cameras don't need to be limited to Eastville or Exmore.

Do you think Northampton County might be able to use the money to build a decent school for our kids? At the same time we can make our roads safer. How is that a bad thing?

If there is still too much money generated, we could

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start donating money to charities like Lighthouse Ministries, the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the FoodBank, Barrier Island Center, Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore, United Way, you name it.

Are people really going to

object to fining speeders for flagrantly breaking the law, then using the funds to build schools and fund charities?

It sounds like a win-win situation to me.

David Boyd
Cape Charles

Northampton tickets II: Police do so much

To the editor:

I watched the television news last night — which I rarely do — and I saw the special report about Eastville Police Department and Exmore Police Department.

The news reporters were saying that the officers are writing too many tickets.

As a former dispatcher, I have proudly worked with most of these officers and I am here to tell you that they are not searching for any quota.

They have worked chases, domestics, bank robberies, murders, and drug busts.

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An open letter to the Eastern Shore’s first responders

BY JOHN P. CUSTIS
Guest columnist

This is an open letter to each and every first responder on the Eastern Shore of Virginia:

Today, I acknowledge one of my many shortcomings, and to each of you, I am sorry.

May I always acknowledge and recognize those who serve our community.

Too often, I am guilty of not saying thank you enough to those who, on a daily basis, risk their lives to keep our residents safe.

From Chincoteague and Greenbackville all the way south to Cape Charles and Capeville — to each and every first responder who serves our Eastern Shore, I wish to say thank you.

Thank you for your courageousness, thank you for your selflessness, and thank you for your dedication to keeping our community safe.

Whether you are a member of a volunteer fire department, a member of the sheriffs’ departments, a member of a local police force, or a member of our paid county departments of

public safety in both Accomack and Northampton, among all others — you answer the call when it comes, regardless of the time of day or circumstances for the call.

Because of this, you provide our community with a valuable service many of us take for granted.

While we are all imperfect, there may be times when you likely feel unappreciated or unsupported by this community or its leadership.

Please let those moments be fleeting.

Please know that we care about you, we appreciate you, and we have

nothing but love for the time, effort, sacrifice, and bravery you deliver on a moment’s notice.

To each and every volunteer, law enforcement member, or paid EMS employee: I see you, I stand with you, and I thank you.

May this holiday season be a quiet one so that each and every one of you may spend it with your loved ones.

May God bless you, your families, and your dedication to this Eastern Shore of Virginia.

■ *The writer is an attorney based in Onley.*

Letters

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You may only see them on the highway but they get up and leave their loved ones, not knowing if they will return home.

They get shot at because of their uniforms. These officers pull over speeders but a lot of times they find drugs, kidnapped kids, drunk or otherwise intoxicated drivers, and wanted criminals.

They also are the ones you see out in the snow digging your car out at 3 a.m.

They are dependable when there is a domestic and someone has assaulted their partner. A lot of times they end up turning on the officers.

The solution for those of you who don’t want tickets is to slow down.

They want you to get to your destination safely. I support law enforcement because I was one and I guess in my heart I always will be.

Give these men and ladies the respect they deserve. They did not ask to get up out of their beds because something awful has happened but

each and every one of them do.
Pray for them.

Melissa T. Potter
Exmore

Northampton tickets III: Issue is ‘laughable’

To the editor:

I find the whole issue of speeding tickets in Northampton County to be laughable.

The only reason we’re seeing this story from WTKR-TV is because its reporter broke the law and got a ticket (and ruffled feathers to boot).

We fully support the police and sheriffs’ departments’ enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia to make our roads safer.

Regarding Ted Shockley’s column, “Fighting with myself about the Eastville speeding tickets,” on Dec. 8, he should channel his inner “Ticket ‘Em Ted” and encourage personal responsibility for all our sakes.

That is a good look!

Robert McClaugherty
Cape Charles

Enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at Holy Trinity church

To the editor:

On Thanksgiving Day my husband and I had Thanksgiving dinner at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Market Street.

What a lovely surprise it was.

It was held in the tiny church hall. The tables had white linen tablecloths with small centerpieces.

We were greeted upon our arrival by the chef and other workers at the church.

The one long table up front held all the offerings of a great dinner, along with many wonderful desserts.

Tea, water, and coffee were also offered. Guests were invited to partake of the feast as many times as they wished.

The church volunteers were very welcoming and friendly.

We thoroughly enjoyed it and we would just like to thank them publicly once again.

Barbara Parker
Onley

Theft from John W. Taylor Cemetery is ‘disrespectful’

To the editor:

I do not know who went to the John W. Taylor Cemetery near Temperanceville on Saturday night and took all of the new Christmas flags and hangers.

I am sure they sold them somewhere Sunday.

How could you be so disrespectful?

We put the flags there in memory of our loved ones because we knew they would love it.

I think cemeteries need to be inspected by our law enforcement once in a while. This was stealing at the worst.

If someone bought a flag including the message, “Always Loved, Never Forgotten,” that was mine to my husband.

Yvonne Hickman
Saxis

ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, December 15

- **WREATH MAKING:** 3:30 p.m., Book wreath making at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.
- **ACTIVITY:** 4 p.m., Children's STEM craft growing crystal ornaments at the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Seaside Road, Nassawadox.
- **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.
- **KIDS PROGRAM:** 10 a.m., Kids yoga and storytime at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.
- **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 from 1 to 3 p.m.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Melinda and the Speakeasies at the Great Machipongo Clam Shack in Nassawadox, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox.

Best bets...

- **On Friday, Dec. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m., the Festive Fridays Winter Wonderland will be held 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.**
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- **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.
- **TEEN EVENT:** 5 p.m., Teen gaming and crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Re-

- gional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.
- **AUTHOR TALK:** 6 p.m., local author David Poyer will speak about his latest publication, "The Academy," at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., 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 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., 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.

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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OBITUARIES

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Wayne Jester

On Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, **Mr. Wayne Burris Jester**, 88, was reunited with the love of his life, Cynthia Kirk Jester, who impatiently awaited his arrival in heaven for nearly a decade. Born July 26, 1935, in Quinby, Wayne was the son of the late Delmas William Jester Sr. and Maude Miller Jester.

After graduating from high school, Wayne and Cynthia were married and began their 59-year adventure as husband



Mr. Jester

and wife. Wayne worked as an insurance agent with Home Beneficial, now AIG, before and after two decades as the personnel director for Perdue Farms. He loved his Eastern Shore community and was passionate in his efforts to help those in need. For many years, Wayne was the “go to” guy for Carlisle and Tommy Williams at Williams Funeral Home, as he was always willing to assist, no matter the hour.

He was a longtime member of Melfa United Methodist Church and remained involved in many local civic organizations, all of which he served in various capacities. Wayne and Cynthia worked hard (and played hard) throughout their lives with the goal of retiring to enjoy time with family and traveling, and they did just that ... almost to the penny!

In addition to his wife and parents, Wayne was predeceased by his brothers, Delmas W. Jester Jr. and his wife, Vannette, and Maurice Jester and his wife, Emily.

He is survived by his children, Wayne “Kirk” Jester, and his wife, Carol, of Virginia Beach, Deborah Anne “Debbie” Jester of Onancock, and Lisa “Michele” Stow, and her husband, Mark, of Clemmons, N.C.; grandchildren, Dustin Jester, Ashley Moore, Courtney Winstead, and Mallory Williams; great-grandchildren;

Berkley Moore, Shelby Moore, Hunter Winstead, Caroline Winstead, Paige Winstead, and Cooper Williams; as well as several nieces, nephews, and their families.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Robert Fletcher officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions in Wayne’s memory may be made to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Cynthia Crockett

Mrs. Cynthia Turlington Crockett, 69, wife of the late Gene H. Crockett and a resident of Commonwealth Senior Living in Onancock, formerly of Wachapreague, passed away at her residence on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023.

She was the daughter of the late George Thomas “G.T.” Turlington Jr. and Betty Grace Hopkins Turlington. She was retired from Mercantile Bank in Onley.

Survivors include her brothers, George Thomas Turlington III, of Virginia Beach, Steven H. Turlington and his wife, Glenda, of Melfa, and their families.

A graveside memorial service was held at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Paul Nolz officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following: Foodbank of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 518, Onley, VA 23418; S.P.C.A. of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418; Light-house Ministries, Inc., P.O. Box 54, Keller, VA 23401; or to Rock Church of the Eastern Shore, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA 23418.

Arrangements were by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Jeanette Berryhill

Mrs. Jeanette Lynn Berryhill, 48, of Onancock, passed away Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley. Born May 19, 1975, in Nassawadox, she was the daughter



Mrs. Berryhill

of the late David Alan Towles and the late Florence Riddle “Flossie” Towles.

Following high school, Jeanette completed the licensed practical nurse program

at the Northampton-Accomack Memorial School of Nursing in Nassawadox. She was always a giver and cared for so many people in her career, but her true love was spending time with her grandchildren. They were the apples of her eye. She loved to show pictures and share stories of her grandbabies.

In addition to her parents, Jeanette was predeceased by her husband, Milton Berryhill, and her granddaughter, Remi Le’Amor Berryhill.

She is survived by her children, Tayah Brooke Berryhill and her husband, Trip Hargis, and Treyce Jayden Berryhill, all of New Church; sister, Megan Mazzola and her husband, Michael, of Mount Airy, Md., and their children, Madison and Matthew; and grandchildren, Jakai Montrail Berryhill and Forever Amour Hargis.

The family will gather for a private graveside service at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jeanette’s name may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, Southeastern Virginia Chapter, 6350 Center Drive, Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502, <http://www.alz.org>

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Laura Belle Gordy

Mrs. Laura Belle Gordy, 92, of Onley, a longtime District 7 representative on the Accomack Board of Supervisors, passed away Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023.

She said her greatest pleasures in life were being called “Mother” and “Granny.” Her many accomplishments were celebrated by former Governor George Allen, who in 1997 declared her birthday be Laura Belle Gordy Day throughout Virginia.

In February 2020, both the Virginia House of Delegates and the Senate voted to pass resolutions of commen-



Mrs. Gordy

dation regarding the many improvements to Accomack County that occurred during Gordy’s tenure, including the development of Saw Mill Recreational Park at the former Jones Lumber Yard near Accomack, the establishment of the Wallops Research Park, and construction of new schools and convenience centers, among many other things in the past three decades.

Laura Belle was born Dec. 29, 1930, in Tasley to the late Alfred T. Duncan Sr. and the late Minnie Ross Duncan. She graduated from Onancock High School in 1948, attended Hicks Beauty Academy, and was an independent operator for 20 years.

Gordy was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1988 and served as the panel’s chairperson in 1990, 1994, 2004, 2010, and 2012. She decided not to run for re-election in November 2019 and retired at the end of her term in December.

She also served on the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, the Accomack

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Social Services Board of Directors, the Eastern Shore Agency on Aging Community Action Board, the Solid Waste Management Committee, the Accomack Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Eastern Shore Public Library Board of Trustees, the Accomack County Agricultural/Forestry Committee, the Eastern Shore Community College Board, the Eastern Shore Health Advisory Board, the Delmarva Advisory Board, the Local Government Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, the Atlantic Rural Exposition Board of Directors (Richmond State Fair), and the Conference, Planning, Health and Human Resources and Nominating Committee for the Virginia Association of Counties. Gordy was on the Eastern Shore Tourism Commission and served as chairperson for five years.

She was also appointed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth Advisory Board by Gov. Jim Gilmore and she served on the Regional Economic Development Advisory Council for District 8 and on First Lady Susan Allen's Advisory Council.

She was very involved with the local hospital. For more than 20 years she was on the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. During that time she was assistant treasurer, manager of the hospital's Carousel Gift Shop for more than 15 years, chairperson of the Charity Ball for 2 years, was on the Executive, Finance and Long-range Planning Committee, and was chairperson of public relations. Gordy was also a past president of the Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Socially, she was past president of the Women's Club of Accomack County, the Eastern Shore Business and Professional Women's Local Organization, Onancock Emblem Club #195 as a charter member and 50 year member, Order of the Moose, Past Worthy Matron of the Onancock Order of the Eastern Star #82, Mildred Stephenson #117 Order of the Eastern Star and Temperanceville Chapter #88 Or-

der of the Eastern Star.

In 2000 Gordy was President of the Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and traveled throughout the commonwealth. She also served as president of the Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Board of Trustees.

Laura Belle was predeceased by her husband, John A. "Jack" Gordy Sr. and siblings, Pearl Duncan Littleton, Bessie Duncan Custis, Alfred T. Duncan Jr., and William H. "Billy" Duncan and wife, Barbara Jean.

She is survived by her sons, James Alfred "Mac" Mackie and wife, Elsie, and Robert Bates "Bobby" Taylor Sr., and wife, Susan; her niece, whom she considered a daughter, Billye D. Custis and husband, John Dennis; grandchildren, James Alfred "Jamie" Mackie Jr. and wife, Colleen, Laurie Hope Mackie, Robert Bates "Bobby" Taylor Jr. and wife, Talia, and Willie Taylor and wife, Gina; great-grandchildren, Noelle Bailey, Bailey Bates Taylor, Bobby Bates Taylor III, Ellen Grace Taylor, Guthrie Preston Mackie, and Landria Taylor; and a brother-in-law, Rosebud Custis.

No services are planned at this time.

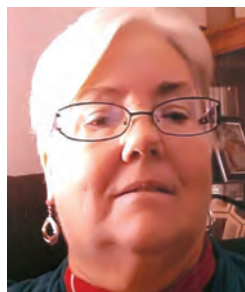
Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Diane Justice

Mrs. Diane Ward Justice, 69, wife of Barron P. Justice for 50 years, passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Shore Health Rehab Center in Parksley, with her loving family by her side.

Born Oct. 10, 1954, to the late Wesley and Myrtle Ward, Diane was raised in Wardtown, where she also built a



Mrs. Justice

life with her husband, Barron, and children. Her greatest pleasure was taking care of family and others in need. Diane had a heart of gold and would give her last dollar or even a place to stay to anyone in need.

She was the happiest when she was surrounded by loved ones, especially her grandchildren.

Diane is survived by her husband, Barron; sons Billy Justice (Brandy), Bryan Justice (Kimberly); and daughter Ashley Singleton (Rojohn); brother Tommy Ward (Angie); sisters, Dixie Greer (Doug), and Deborah Mears (David); grandchildren, Sean Justice, MaKaila and Lauren Sawyer, Mackenzie Justice, Mason Justice, Asher Justice, Haylie Justice, Reagan Justice, Isaiah Singleton, Kasai Abbott, and Lyndsey Finney, whom she loved as her own; great-granddaughter, Noemi Justice; a loving sister-in-law, Georgetown Press (Gary); and numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

She was predeceased by her parents, Wesley and Myrtle Ward of Wardtown, and her loving father-in-law and mother-in-law, George and Vivian Justice.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Doughty's Funeral Home in Exmore, with Pastor Mike Muender officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Diane's memory may be made to support Central Accomack Little League, P.O. Box 486 Onancock, VA 23417 and also Operation Christmas Child, Maranatha Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1423 Exmore, VA 23350 c/o Karen Darden.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Thomas Hickman

Mr. Thomas Algernon Hickman, age 87, passed away peacefully in Richmond on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023. Born in Painter, Tommy was the son of the late Helen Thompson and the late Milton Thomas Hickman.

He was a lifelong resident of the Eastern Shore until he moved to Williamsburg in April 2019 to be closer to his family. He graduated from Central High School in Painter and St. Christopher's School in Richmond.

Besides managing Hickman Lumber Company in Painter for over four decades, Tommy quietly gave his time to many worthwhile causes in the community. While he is often remembered as the gentleman behind the hardware and paint counters at Hickman Lumber, he also served as a town council-

man and mayor for the Town of Painter, a volunteer fireman for the Painter Volunteer Fire Company, a member of the local advisory board of Crestar Bank and its predecessors, a member and chairman of the Broadwater Academy Board of Directors, a member of Governor John N. Dalton's Boating Advisory Committee, and a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Painter Flotilla 12-2.

Boating safety and respect of the water were very important to Tommy, and, because of it, he taught boating



Mr. Hickman

safety classes in the community for many years. He was a former member of the Exmore Moose Lodge and the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, and was a lifelong member of Belle Haven Presbyterian Church, serving as both deacon and elder until it closed in 2016 following Easter services.

Tommy attended Hampden-Sydney College before entering the Army and serving his country in the United States and the Middle Eastern and North African theaters. After returning home, he married his high school sweetheart, Dickye Phillips, and together they had two children.

He is survived by his son, Thomas A. Hickman Jr. and his wife, Alice I. Hickman, and his son, Philip T. Hickman and his wife, Susanna B. Hickman. He adored his beloved grandchildren, Helen N. Hickman, P. Hunter Hickman, Thomas A. Hickman III, and E. Campbell Hickman. He was always interested in what was happening in their lives and they brought him great joy and much happiness.

Tommy is also survived by a sister-in-law, Virginia B. Phillips, of Belle Haven, and was predeceased by his wife, Dickye; and a brother, Milton T. Hickman Jr. and his wife, Robin M. Hickman.

The family is eternally grateful for the care and companionship that Mrs. Rosa Griffin and Mrs. Missy Jenkins gave Tommy over the past four years.

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Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at the Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore with Pastors Joe McKnight and Charlene Harris officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider making contributions in Tommy's memory to Broadwater Academy, Attention: Development, P.O. Box 546, Exmore, VA 23350 or to the Painter Volunteer Fire Company, Attention: Mrs. Patricia W. Sturgis, Treasurer, P.O. Box 275, Painter, VA 23420.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Etta Stevens

Mrs. Etta Taylor Stevens, 85, wife of Lawrence H. Stevens Jr., of Townsend, passed away on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk. She was born on June 10, 1938, in Accomack County to her parents, the late Leroy Thomas Taylor and Carrie Virginia Taylor.



Mrs. Stevens

Etta was a simple and loving woman who raised her four children with her loving husband of 67 years. She was a woman who enjoyed the simple things in life and was never one for material possessions. She loved gardening, her flowers, her fami-

ly, animals, cooking, baking, and Jesus. She was known by many to have a green thumb and would always nurse back to health any plant that she was brought. Her most favorite holiday was Christmas, and she adored the mountains in the fall when the leaves began to change.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy Thomas and Carrie Virginia Taylor; her brother, Roy Thomas Taylor; and her daughter-in-law, Lois Ballard Stevens.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her four children, Larry Stevens, of Cape Charles, L.T. Stevens, of Cape Charles, Lisa Allen (Glen), of Kissimmee, Fla., and Sherry Williams (George), of Newport News. She is also survived by her four grandchildren, Nicole Stevens Cummings, of Cape Charles, Thomas Stevens (Ellen), of Portsmouth, John Barker, of Kissim-

mee, Fla., and Joel Stevens (Sarah), of Ellicott City, Md.

She was also blessed to have six great-grandchildren, Thomas Ryan Stevens, of Chicago, Zachary William Stevens and Sophia Lynn Stevens, of Portsmouth, Benjamin River Stevens, Hannah Jane Stevens, and Luke Wyatt Stevens, of Ellicott City, Md.

A graveside service will be conducted on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, at 2 p.m., at Capeville Masonic Cemetery in Capeville, with the Rev. Randy Timmerman officiating. Memorials may be made to the North Shore Animal League at 25 Davis Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050.

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

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

A holiday fixture steeped in tradition grows in Virginia

Mistletoe lore dates back centuries—to the Celtic druids and Norse mythology—as a symbol of fertility, peace, and love.

The plant's legends eventually made their way across continents when European settlers immigrated to North America and discovered a plant that closely resembled the mistletoe from their homeland.

“(European mistletoe) is actually a different species and different genus, but they look really similar,” explained Jordan Metzgar, a biologist and curator for the Massey Herbarium at Virginia Tech. “When Europeans came to North America, there was this other mistletoe here, so they just transferred a lot of the mythology and traditions with it.”

Metzgar explained that of the seven native mistletoe species in the U.S., only one grows in Virginia—*Phoradendron leucarpum*—commonly called American mistletoe or Eastern mistletoe. And while it's the plant of holiday romance, its true characteristics are a little more ominous.

“It's in the genus *Phoradendron*, which literally translates to ‘tree thief,’” Metzgar said. “It grows on trees, taps into their vascular systems, and steals nutrients and water from them.”

Mistletoe's tiny white flowers form into clusters of snow-white berries during the late fall and winter, and are a favorite among birds, which spread them from tree to tree. The seed's



FILE PHOTO

American mistletoe, *Phoradendron leucarpum*, thrives in the temperate climate of Virginia's coastal plains and swampy forests.

sticky coating adheres it to limbs and trunks where “it'll germinate and make a little seedling, and right away it bores into the tree it's

growing on” using a special rootlike organ called a haustorium, Metzgar explained.

A hemiparasite, the woody shrub needs trees to survive, but it also photosynthesizes, allowing it to stay a festive green throughout the winter. But despite being closely associated with wintertime holidays, “it's really not cold-tolerant at all,” Metzgar noted. “We're pretty close to the northern edge of its range here in the Eastern U.S.”

Mistletoe thrives in the temperate climate of Virginia's coastal plains and swampy forests. Its bushy clumps can easily be spotted standing out against bare branches during the late fall, winter, and early spring.

And though the large clusters can damage trees and girdle limbs, mistletoe is a long-established native and a normal part of the forest ecosystem. It grows on a range of trees, particularly oaks, red maples, and gum trees.

Some landowners harvest Virginia mistletoe on their own, but others can find sprigs for their holiday decorations at local florists, garden centers, nurseries, and other holiday retailers. Many tree farms also sell it alongside their Christmas trees.

Mistletoe may be favored for holiday décor, but it's best to keep away from children and pets. It contains a toxic protein called phoratoxin, which can cause nausea, vomiting, weakness, and other issues when accidentally consumed.



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The Health Resources and Services Administration has named Eastern Shore Rural Health one of the top community health care networks nationwide. Pictured are Senior Leadership Team members, from left, Jody Osbon, Jessica Bonniwell, Kim Savage, Jeannette Edwards, Dr. Joan Lingen, and Kandy Bruno with the Gold Health Center Quality Leader seal.

Rural Health named a top performer

Eastern Shore Rural Health System Inc. has once again been named among the top community health care networks in the country.

On Nov. 6, the Health Resources and Services Administration announced the top 10% of health centers that received a Gold Health Center Quality Leader badge for achievements in improving health outcomes and providing high-quality care for patients in rural and underserved communities.

Eastern Shore Rural Health was also recognized for both its efforts to address social risk factors to health and to advance use of health information technology.

Out of 1,370 health center systems nationwide, 144 earned Gold status, putting Rural Health in the top 10.5% of health centers in the U.S.

In Virginia, out of 26 health care systems Rural Health is one of four attaining gold status, with 15.3% of health centers in the state achieving this ranking.

Rural Health is among nine community health care

systems in the state noted for collecting information on patients' social risk factors, like lack of access to food, and connecting patients to services to help and reduce the negative impact on their health. Nationwide, 27% of community health care systems were recognized.

HRSA also acknowledged Rural Health's use of health information technology, which involves the processing, storage, and exchange of health information in an electronic environment for the benefit of its patients.

In 2022, Rural Health served 30,252 patients, which is roughly two out of every three people on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

HRSA's Health Center Program is a cornerstone of our country's health care system, especially for people having difficulty finding a doctor or paying for the cost of care. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Rural Health offers discounts to patients who qualify based on income and family size.

Moonrise Jewelry one of 'America's Coolest' stores

Moonrise Jewelry in Cape Charles has been named one of America's Coolest Jewelry Stores by Instore, the magazine for the North American jewelry store owner.

The business took third place nationwide in the Small Cool division and was featured in the September issue of Instore and at instoremag.com

More than 80 stores took part in the 22nd annual contest that highlights the best examples of independent jewelry retailers in North America.

Stores are judged in exterior appearance, interior appearance, store biography, marketing, web presence, and overall individuality.

"Every year, we feel privileged to bring our readers the best of the best in our industry," said Trace Shelton, Instore's editor-in-chief. "From its unique fish leather jewelry collection to its restored 1920s façade and interior, Moonrise Jewelry certainly qualifies. But the store truly stood out with its innovative strategy, creative retail environment, and unique work culture."

"My vision has always been to capture the natural beauty and coastal charm of our beloved Eastern Shore in my designs, as well as the look and feel of the store. It is a true honor to receive this national award, which also recognizes the years of planning, creative thinking, and hard work put in by the entire Moonrise team," said owner/designer Meredith Lusk of the distinction.

A favorite of locals and visitors alike, Moonrise Jewelry is the world's leading designer of Fish Leather jewelry.

The company's colorful line of men's and women's accessories features eco-friendly, exotic Fish Leather made from by-products of the seafood industry.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help the Salvation Army help others on the Shore

To the editor:

The Salvation Army bells are ringing on Virginia's Eastern Shore thanks to many volunteers.

The local chapters in Northampton and Accomack use the donations placed in kettles at Food Lion and Walmart to assist families during times of genuine need.

Through these programs, we assist hundreds of families during the holiday season and throughout the year.

Salvation Army works in conjunction with government agencies, non-profit organizations, Northampton Social Ministries, and the Accomack Interfaith Council to assist individuals or families facing housing, food, and medication crises.

We also reach out into our community to support fire and accident victims, the elderly, those imprisoned, and children.

We organize the Salvation Army Toy Closet Program and the Angel Tree Program. Northampton Social Services also works with these programs.

This year we have placed hundreds of angels on trees at local businesses and churches throughout the county. Each angel provides clothing information for a child under age 12.

Through the beginning of January, we welcome donations to the Salva-

tion Army Kettle Fund.

Many dedicated volunteers from the Shore ring bells in two-hour shifts until Christmas.

Donations in the kettles on the Shore are used to support the needs of the two counties.

If donations are mailed to Tidewater, the funds are returned in the form of services and support.

If you would like to make a donation to the 2023 Kettle Fund in Northampton County, make your check payable to Salvation Army Kettle Fund.

Mail it to Edward Stetar, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1274, Exmore, VA 23350 or place it in one of the Northampton kettles.

To donate to the 2023 Kettle Fund in Accomack County, make your check payable to the Salvation Army Kettle Fund.

Mail it to Accomack County Salvation Army, P.O. Box 342, Onley, VA 23418, or place it in one of the Accomack kettles.

All donations made to the Kettle Fund are used to provide one-time-only emergency assistance to families in Accomack and Northampton.

Richard Sterrett
Chair, Northampton
County Salvation Army Unit

Leah Trader
Chair, Accomack
County Salvation Army Unit

Open Mic Night anniversary set

The 20th anniversary of the First Wednesday Open Mic Night at the Great Machipongo Clam Shack will be on Jan. 10 from 6 to 10 p.m. For this event, it will be held on the month's second Wednesday.

There will be a video slideshow presentation of a 20-year retrospective of the many participants over the years.

Each musician will have allotted two songs and poets and stand-ups 5 minutes each. The restaurant is

located at 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox.

Franktown UMC cantata scheduled

The choir of Franktown United Methodist Church, directed by Natasha Smoot, will have its Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m., in the sanctuary of the church at 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown.

It is entitled "Have You Heard: A Celtic Christmas Celebration."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembering Chincoteague Christmas Parade miracle

To the editor:

In this season of Eastern Shore Christmas parades, one stands out for me as the most memorable.

In 2021, I and many others witnessed an amazing miracle at the Chincoteague Christmas parade.

There was a cool breeze that evening as 125 festive floats slowly ambled down Main Street toward the judges stand.

Crowds of people of every age lined the streets, joyfully waiting for candy, smiles, and a glimpse of the floats as they passed.

I was walking beside a float my daughter and friends had creatively decorated when suddenly one of the young boys on the float fell over the side of the trailer, landing under one of the front axles.

Immediately, the crowd yelled “stop,” to alert the truck driver of the

impending crisis.

As the young boy lay trapped between the two front axles, God sent six to eight men who were spectators to help.

The weight of the large trailer was too heavy to lift. With the Lord’s supernatural help, they managed to lift one side of the heavy trailer and extract the young lad.

By God’s grace, he was released from the hospital with no broken bones and no injuries except for bruises where the tire had run over him.

I will never forget that Christmas miracle. If you don’t know Jesus, take this season to look for him and accept him as your lord and savior.

Salvation is the greatest miracle of all. Jesus loves you and wants to rescue you from the darkness.

He is the light of the world.

Elvie Whealton
Chincoteague

FRENCH CLASS AT BROADWATER



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The French 3 class at Broadwater Academy made “Bûche de Noël” (yule logs) in class using Swiss chocolate rolls, icing, and other decorations. Pictured from left are Lydia Wehner, Ramsey Revelle, and Leah Smith.

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Area coastal land could get fed protection

BY JEREMY COX

Bay Journal News Service

Broad stretches of marshes along the Chesapeake Bay's shores could soon gain federal protection under a Reagan-era conservation program popular among conservatives and progressives alike.

Bills in the House and Senate would add 277,000 acres to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, a nationwide network of low-lying beaches, barrier islands, wetlands, and nearby uplands considered highly vulnerable to punishing tides and waves. A little more than half of the new acreage would be drawn from tracts in three Bay-region states: Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

This new legislation would add 83,000 net acres to Accomack and Northampton counties.

Of that, 62,543 would be on the seaside. The 20,500 balance would be on the bayside.

The little-known program, signed into law in 1982, takes an unusual approach to conservation. A chunk of the protected acreage is already public land. But properties in private ownership at the time of their inclusion remain in private hands.

What's more, the land can still be developed — the "coastal barrier" designation doesn't stop any concrete from being poured.

But it doesn't help it happen either. Under the program, lands within the system are prohibited under most circumstances from receiving any development subsidies from the U.S. government.

"It simply says this land is going to roll with nature, and if you're crazy enough to build there, you can do so with your own cash," said Skip Stiles, the former executive director of the nonprofit Wetlands Watch. "It's not heavy-handed."

Want to get a road built? Sorry, no infrastructure grants for you. Need federally backed flood insurance?



DAVE HARP PHOTO

Skip Stiles, former executive director of the nonprofit Wetlands Watch, stands at Annis Road in Accomack County.

You're out of luck. How about disaster assistance after a storm? You're on your own.

That's part of its staying power, supporters say. More than 40 years after its inception, the program continues to attract fans from both sides of the political aisle, Stiles said. The Senate version of the latest bill to augment the stockpile of designated places, for example, is sponsored by Tom Carper, a Democrat from Delaware, and Lindsay Graham, a Republican from South Carolina.

"This fiscal savings appeals to the conservative types, and the habitat preservation appeals to the tree huggers," Stiles said.

That rare example of bipartisanship is no guarantee of passage. With elections looming in 2024, attempts to get anything done through federal legislation risk turning into a slog. But the bills' backers say they are hopeful they can overcome political divisions

without making too many waves.

"It's sort of a low-key environmental law since there's no real regulation involved," said Portia Mastin, a coastal policy expert with the National Audubon Society, one of the measure's most vocal proponents. "It does its job without being too controversial."

U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans is a Republican who represents a southeastern Virginia district that includes most of the state's coastal barrier lands. She is sponsoring the House bill, she said, partly because the program appeals to her identity as a fiscal conservative.

"They can still develop [their land], but we just don't feel that would be a good steward of federal tax dollars by developing something that is a high-risk area for natural disasters and hurricanes," she said.

Indeed, undeveloped lands tend to stay that way after receiving the Coastal Barrier designation. Such

properties were developed at an 85% lower density compared with similar tracts not included in the program, according to an analysis by Resources for the Future, a nonpartisan think-tank devoted to environmental issues.

"They're kind of like conservation lands now," said Margaret Walls, one of the report's authors.

On the flip side, the study showed that the Coastal Barrier program increased development by 20% on lands just outside its boundaries. Walls and her colleagues chalked that up to the flood-protection benefits and parklike amenities offered by the program lands.

Stiles, who now serves as a senior advisor to the Norfolk-based environmental group, recently testified on Capitol Hill in favor of expanding the system's acreage. The program has a long track record of saving federal dollars by preventing good money

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Coastal protection

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from being thrown after bad on risky coastal properties, he said.

"It's that zone at the end of the ocean, where the land collides with the sea, which is a dangerous place to be," Stiles said.

A study commissioned by the National Audubon Society estimated that the program reduced federal disaster expenditures by nearly \$10 billion from 1989 to 2013. Based on projected development rates and storm-damage forecasts, the researchers projected up to \$108 billion in additional savings from the lands into the late 2060s.

Left undeveloped, coastal lands can act as storm barriers for populated areas to their rear, advocates say. A study financed by the insurance giant Lloyds of London in the wake of 2012's Superstorm Sandy attempted to quantify those benefits.

The massive storm destroyed more than 600,000 homes and resulted directly in the deaths of more than 70 people across Mid-Atlantic states and New England. But it could have been worse. The study found that coastal wetlands staved off \$625 million in property damage, reducing the overall damage costs by about 10%.



DAVE HARP PHOTO

Creeks carve through the marsh near Annis Road in Accomack County.

Congress has expanded the Coastal Barrier acreage several times over the years, most recently in 2018. The system now contains 3.5 million acres of land, an area roughly the size of Connecticut.

Advocates have Sandy to thank for inspiring the latest expansion bid.

After the storm, Congress set aside \$50 billion in

disaster aid. That funding included a little-noticed \$5 million outlay toward modernizing the original hand-drawn maps of the Coastal Barrier resources in nine states impacted by Sandy: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Virginia.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees the program, published the new maps last year. The agency recommended adding 277,950 acres to the system while removing about 1,300 acres. The proposed additions include 31,000 acres in Delaware, 19,000 acres in Maryland and 96,000 acres in Virginia. The new lands would be along the Chesapeake as well as the seaside portions of the Bay states.

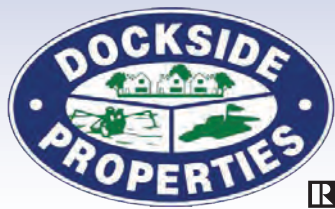
Many of the additions are in remote areas, far from the nearest road. But some skirt subdivision boundaries, standing as the only line of defense between homes and open waters.

Stiles said he hopes the final legislation, if passed, includes a provision in the Senate version that creates a pilot project to identify higher ground that can be added to the program later. Much of the coastal land currently under protection is at risk of going underwater permanently as climate change causes seas to accelerate their rise. Those low-lying habitats need spaces where they can reestablish themselves, he said.

Dockside Properties Welcomes Jackie Tripp to the Dockside Properties family

Dockside Properties is happy to announce that **Jackie Tripp** has obtained her license to become a Realtor with the firm. Jackie is a native of Chincoteague Island and the Eastern Shore. She is a 1993 graduate of Chincoteague High School. She is married to George Tripp who has been a Realtor since 2006. She has four children and currently resides in New Church, Va. Jackie is also currently employed by the United States Postal Service, but looks forward to expanding in to the new role of Realtor with Dockside Properties.

Jackie says that her family is the most important thing to her. This coincides with Dockside Properties core values and morals. Even though Jackie is new to real estate sales, she has excellent support system to aid her in accelerating her new career. Jackie can be reached directly at 757-990-9654 or at the Dockside Properties office at 757-336-3200.



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Hunters for the Hungry starting collections for its 26th season

The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Hunters for the Hungry is pleased to announce the 26th year receiving deer donations to the program. Since 1997 the program has received and processed 5,000 deer donations.

The deer donated have been processed into over 500,000 servings of nutritious lean meat to the clients of The Food Bank of the Eastern Shore and other agencies.

There is no charge to the hunter to donate the deer. The deer must be properly harvested and registered,

field dressed, and taken to one of the processors or collection points. The goal this year is 150 deer. The season ends Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024.

The program raises funds from local individuals, businesses, and civic organizations to pay the processing cost of the deer. The processors help the program by processing the deer at almost half their regular cost.

Since the program pays a per deer processing fee, please consider a larger-bodied deer. Processors have the right to refuse any deer donation that has not been field dressed

or cared for in a manner that ensures quality usable meat.

The processors this year are (from North to South): Powell Processing, 21397 Trower Road, Wachapreague, 787-7107; and Eastern Shore Outfitters, 4306 Main St., Exmore, 442-4009.

Collection points are The Food Bank at Tasley (trailer now on the North side of the building), 24530 Coastal Blvd., 787-2557; and B&B Market, 13001 Lankford Highway, Machipongo, 678-7236.

The program is a 501c3 charita-

ble organization and donations are deductible as allowed by law. The program is a listed agency for the local United Way campaign. There currently is a dollar for dollar match for donations from businesses, civic organizations, and Ruritan clubs.

Donations, made out to "Hunters for the Hungry," may be sent to 22271 Lee Mont Road, Parksley, VA 23421.

For further questions, to arrange a speaker, or to help out, please call or email the local director, Worth Saunders, at 757-710-0049 or aes3ptocs@yahoo.com.

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Rufus Abbott was named VISF8L First Team All-State Defensive Back and Wide Receiver



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Broadwater hoops teams defeat Gateway Christian

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Lady Vikings basketball team traveled to Gateway Christian on Monday, Dec. 4 and defeated the Crusaders 35-26. The Vikings opened up with a strong first half, outscoring the Crusaders 20-8. Gateway picked up momentum in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Vikings 15-6. But the Lady Vikings managed to hold off the homestanding Crusaders 35-26.

The Lady Vikings were led on the night by Kacey Ford with 14 points, nine rebounds, three steals, and two blocks. Leah Smith contributed nine points, and Elana Hickman had eight.

The Broadwater boys basketball team also traveled to Gateway

Christian on Dec. 4 and defeated the Crusaders 53-41. Gateway opened up with a 7-3 lead over the Vikings in the first quarter. The Vikings bounced back with a high-scoring second quarter, outscoring the Crusaders 23-11 to lead 26-18 at halftime. The Vikings edged out their opponent 27-23 in the second half to capture the 53-41 conference victory.

Broadwater's Noah Pruitt led the Vikings on the night with 14 points, six rebounds, and one block. Quinn Ames had nine points, 14 rebounds, two steals, and one block. Rufus Abbott contributed with eight points, 10 rebounds, and four steals. Teddy Seybolt and Grayson Ross each had seven points on the night.

The Lady Vikings basketball team returned to action on Tuesday, Dec. 5 on the road and defeated the Ar-

cadia Firebirds 36-32 in overtime. The Firebirds outscored the Vikings 6-2 in the first quarter. Broadwater managed to gain momentum in the second quarter, scoring 12 points to take the 14-10 lead at halftime.

With a strong third quarter, Arcadia tied the game 18-18. The Lady Vikings and Firebirds went back and forth in the fourth quarter, each scoring nine points to force overtime.

Ford scored early in overtime for the Lady Vikings to take the lead. Megan Montross scored a 3-pointer for the Firebirds to take a one point lead over the Lady Vikings, but Broadwater eventually pulled away to capture the 36-32 road victory.

The Lady Vikings were led on the night by Smith with 12 points, seven rebounds, 10 steals, and four blocks. Ford contributed with

10 points, 10 rebounds, and three steals. Hickman had six points, 15 rebounds, and two steals.

The Arcadia Firebirds were led by Montross with 11 points, nine rebounds, and four steals. Uriah Hope had 10 points, and Amani Hope contributed nine points.

The Broadwater Lady Vikings hosted the Hampton Christian Warriors on Friday, Dec. 8, and fell by a score of 50-22. The Lady Vikings were led by Smith with 11 points, 14 rebounds, seven steals, and one block. Ford had five points, four rebounds, and two blocks.

The Broadwater boys basketball team also hosted the Hampton Christian Warriors on Dec. 8 and fell by a score of 77-27. Logan Hickman led the Vikings on the night with seven points, and Quinn Ames contributed five.



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Nandua basketball sweeps Salisbury Christian

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

Nandua High School’s basketball teams were both looking to get back on the winning track when Salisbury Christian came to town on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The boys team wanted to snap a two-game losing streak, and the girls were hoping to score their first victory of the year after three losses.

Mission accomplished.

Ny’Zir Dix scored 16 points to lead the boys (2-2) to a 78-30 victory. Nandua, which bolted to a 22-0 lead in a game that was never close, also got 14 points each from Makai Dorn and Cody Ragone and 11 from Isaac Stodghill. Dorn was 7-for-7 from the floor and had five steals. The visiting Jaguars (0-5) got 13 points from Connor Hitchens.

In the girls’ game, Reghan Hintz poured in 33 points to lead a 49-36 victory. Nandua (1-3) pulled away from an 8-8 tie in the first quarter to take a 23-15 halftime lead, and led 42-21 after three quarters.

Nandua boys coach Trelle Warner liked what he saw after his team had dropped its previous two games — close losses to Norfolk Christian (by 7 points) and Northumberland (by 8).

“There’s still a lot of improvement needed,” he said, “but I’m satisfied that tonight we ran the offense right. When we do that, we’re a lot better team. It gets everybody involved and makes things a lot easier.”

He says the Warriors are gearing up to defend their Eastern Shore District title. Last year, Nandua went 15-5 overall and 6-0 in the district.

“It’s too early to tell,” Warner said, “but we’re in position. We have the players, we have the work ethic. We just have to be disciplined.”

Nandua’s girls (1-3) had lost big in each of their first three games, but coach Lynn Williams wasn’t overly concerned. After all, the Warriors went 0-6 last year before reeling off 15 straight wins to claim the district championship.

“I’m happy to get the win,” Williams said. “But there’s no panic button this early in the season. Right now, I’m all about trying to develop the team and then trying to put different players in with certain situations, trying to see which chemistry works, which flow is the best.”

Williams is also “hopeful” his girls can defend the district title.

Hintz says she wasn’t bothered by this year’s 0-3 start either.

“We played some really good teams, so we all figured we’d have a slow start,” she said. “But it’s better to get pushed like that early. It’s a rebuilding year for us, but I feel like we can still win the district. We still have everything we need.”

Nandua’s girls hosted Broadwater Academy on Thursday in a game that ended too late for this week’s edition. Nandua’s boys play again on Monday, Dec. 18 at Surry County.



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Nandua’s Aiden McIntyre nails a jumper in the lane.



EASTERN SHORE POST/MARK MORING

Makai Dorn converts one of his five steals into an easy layup.

What doctors will newborns have at Riverside?

E.S. Rural Health will end contract to have pediatricians at local hospital, whose president says, ‘That is not a lot of notice.’

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

Eastern Shore Rural Health and Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital are ending a partnership that lasted over 40 years.

Starting Feb. 5, Rural Health pediatricians will no longer provide care for babies in Riverside’s hospital nursery.

Instead, travel physicians will care for infants born at the Onancock hospital — meaning patients will see no change in services, said Riverside CEO Dr. Mike Dacey.

“It’s about the need to have a pediatrician ... present during certain deliveries — high risk deliveries, cesarean sections,” he said.

“We have to be able to continue the obstetrical program, and we will,” he said.

But a 60-day notice from Rural Health means the group had a short timeframe to find replacement pediatricians, Dacey said.

Recruitment, retention, access

Rural Health’s decision to end the partnership with Riverside comes after over a year of discussions between the two groups, said Rural Health CEO Jeanette Edwards.

Talks centered on the challenges of recruiting and retaining pediatricians, and how to provide children with better healthcare access on the Eastern Shore, she said.

“It’s about the children of the Shore and what can we do to make it work,” Edwards said, “and making it work is letting them do the inpatient (care at the hospital) and us do the outpatient (care) at our centers.

Rural Health sees almost 8,000 children up to age 18 each year in its community centers, and dividing pediatricians’ time between the centers and Riverside’s hospital made it “almost impossible” to recruit new children’s doctors, she said.

“People are either choosing to focus on office-based care or hospital-based care,” said Rural Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joan Lingen. “The skill sets are very, very different.”

A relatively small number of babies are born at Riverside — just over 300 in 2020, according to Virginia Department of Health data.



FILE PHOTO

Eastern Shore Rural Health will end a contract with Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, shown, to provide pediatricians in the hospital’s nursery.

Of those deliveries, about one-third are C-sections or complicated deliveries, Lingen said.

“If you don’t do something all the time, it’s very hard to maintain those skills,” she said. “We’re talking about a low volume of deliveries and an even smaller number of those that are critically ill.”

Two of the group’s four pediatricians recently announced they will retire from providing hospital care, leaving two to continue the partnership with Riverside, Edwards said.

Rural Health has been supplementing its pediatric program with travel physicians, she said — a practice Riverside plans to continue in the short term.

Short notice

Rural Health provided a 60-day written notice of its plan to end its pediatric partnership with Riverside as part of the contractual agreement between the two groups.

“That is not a lot of notice,” said President of Riv-

erside Shore Memorial Hospital Nick Chuquín.

“We understood that at some point in time their pediatricians were going to transition away from the inpatient coverage, but it was still a partnership,” he said.

To fill the gap, the hospital will hire temporary physicians, called locums, to continue the care Rural Health pediatricians provide in the hospital.

Riverside also plans to develop a long-term strategy for pediatric care for babies born at the hospital by next summer, Chuquín said.

That could involve building the group’s outpatient practices for pediatricians, due to the low number of births at the hospital, said Dacey.

Riverside does not employ pediatricians at its Onancock hospital for that reason, he said.

Childbirth program losing money

The obstetrics program at Riverside Shore Memorial loses roughly \$2 million a year, and the cost to fill the short-term need for temporary pediatricians will be roughly \$1 million, Dacey said.

He called maintaining the hospital’s childbirth program “a matter of safety.”

“We’re very dedicated to keep the service going ... because it’s an hour and a half to either population center” to deliver a baby at another hospital, Dacey said.

“When things like this happen, other communities have shut down their programs,” Chuquín said. “This really shows what having a partner at the system level does, (such) as Riverside being here on the Eastern Shore and being able to continue to provide these services to our community.”

For Rural Health, the change should help attract new pediatricians to the group’s community centers and open up more appointments for children there, Edwards said.

“After multiple meetings ... we feel that this was a necessary move,” she said.

“This is what is best for access, skill set, recruitment, (and) retention,” Edwards said.

■ Visit <http://tinyurl.com/2z376ac4> for more information from Riverside on the end of the pediatric partnership with Rural Health.

■ Read Eastern Shore Rural Health’s statement on the group’s decision at <http://tinyurl.com/y6746ea7>

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Pungoteague Elementary School students were honored after they “Got Caught Being Kind” during the months of September and October. Students were given bracelets that say, “There is power in kindness.” Some of the children photographed are holding up their bracelets.

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Polar Duck Dip at Camp Occohannock

The Polar Duck Dip is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Worship Center at 9403 Camp Lane, near Belle Haven.

The event will be filled with food, fellowship, and a silent auction led by auctioneer Zeb Barfield.

Occohannock on the Bay camp has been serving the community since 1958.

People can support the Polar Duck Dip by taking the plunge or by participating in sponsoring someone who is dipping.

Last year, Camp Occohannock on the Bay gave out nearly \$10,000 in scholarships to help children attend the camp.

On the day of the Polar Duck Dip, a prize will be awarded for the person who raises the most money — a gift card from the Island Creamery on Chincoteague Island for a quart of ice cream for one year.

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Kiptopeke art teacher Madison Pollihan poses with Madeline Collins.



Pictured is Kiptopeke art teacher Madison Pollihan with student DeAnna Wivell, whose work is displayed at bottom.

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Linda Winstead, center, recently was honored as Kiptopeke Elementary School Support Staffer of the Month. With her is Principal Ron Yorko, left, and Assistant Principal Shaneta Pretlow .

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'New families, and new dreams, and new ideas'

New Road celebrates its past — as it looks toward future

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

For more than 30 years, the New Road Community Development Group has been providing a variety of affordable housing options for low- and middle-income families, and those options may continue to expand.

One of the longest-standing housing options still in use is New Road Village, a total of 16 rental apartments that were built beginning in the 1990s and are owned by the community development group.

An additional 24 rental units in New Road, the Crispus Attucks Apartments, were built around the same time with funding from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, or LIHTC, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

These units, located in blue two-story apartment buildings in New Road, are owned by the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission.

The construction of New Road Village was funded by a Section 515 Rural Multifamily Rental Housing direct loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As is common with Section 515 housing, the New Road Village apartments receive continuous funding from a USDA rental assistance program.

Tenants pay what they can afford toward their monthly rent, and USDA pays the difference.

For example, if the rent is \$850 a month, but the tenant can afford to pay only \$150, USDA pays the remaining \$700.

The USDA Section 515 program is phasing out, but it's similar to HUD

Section 8, another federal program that subsidizes rent. Around 3 million households rent Section 8 homes.

New Road's latest initiative, the Legacy Project — named in honor of the legacy of New Road's founder, the late Ruth Wise — combines options for rentals and home ownership.

Phase I included the construction and sale of six new homes in New Road that were made more affordable through a grant from Virginia Housing, a statewide not-for-profit.

Phase II will include apartment buildings, one with commercial space on the ground floor. Duplex units also will be built, some to rent and some to own.

When the Legacy Project is complete, all 30 acres owned by New Road will be developed — but where that story ends, another may begin.

The late Lloyd J. Kellam had contacted New Road's executive director, Ava Wise, about his idea of selling the community development group another 30 acres behind the existing New Road community, on the west side of U.S. Route 13 in Exmore.

In 2021, Wise took an option on the 30 acres owned by Kellam and Bill Prettyman.

However, Phase II of the Legacy Project was delayed and Wise did not want to "financially over-leverage the organization" of New Road, so she didn't move forward with the sale.

She said Kellam called her last year and told her, "I don't want to sell it to anybody else but you."

He remembered Ruth Wise fondly and told Ava Wise that he was proud of the "quality work" that New Road had done.

He told her, "I want to see the growth, and want somebody that I

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CAR SHOW DONATION



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Exmore Town Park Auto Show VII gave \$1,000 to the Northampton High School auto shop for its future needs. Thomas Mulligan, left, Northampton auto shop teacher, is presented a check from Roy O. Ballard. The funds were from the car show, now in its seventh year at the park in Exmore. Ballard thanked the Accomack-Northampton Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America for judging and other duties to make this car show a success, along with the Northampton County Tourism Grant Program.

New Road

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can trust to build the kind of stuff that we can be proud of.”

Wise said she has an “amazing vision” — a walkable community with winding roads passing by multifamily and single-family homes and commercial properties along the highway.

She described the new community as a place where residents could walk

a short distance and pick up a loaf of bread or visit the nearby cafe for a cup of coffee.

Wise envisions the next project as an answer to high demand on the Shore for workforce housing.

She hopes to start the project after the Legacy Project is complete.

It will signify the end of New Road’s story, “but I have a whole other story in my head,” she said.

It’s “also a beautiful story ... a new community, with new families, and new dreams, and new ideas.”



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The Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy (ESCBC) recently installed officers for the 2024-2025 term with (center) Minister Karen Downing, executive minister, Jerusalem Baptist Church, as president; (left) the Rev. Brenda Peterson, pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, as secretary; and (right) the Rev. Evelyn Sample (immediate past president), associate minister, Ebenezer Baptist Church, as Treasurer. The ESCBC is comprised of duly licensed Baptist ministers of Accomack and Northampton counties. A Koinonia Retreat and Conference Planning Session for licensed Baptist clergy members is being planned for Jan. 13, 2024. For more information on membership or upcoming events, contact escbcevents@gmail.com.

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Two public EV chargers have been installed in the Chincoteague public parking lot behind the Village Mall. A second set of chargers has been installed in Onancock in a public lot behind the Corner Bakery. A third set of chargers is expected to be installed in Cape Charles prior to the end of this year.

Vehicle chargers installed on Shore

A&N Innovative Solutions, a subsidiary of A&N Electric Cooperative, is establishing a public electric vehicle charger pilot program in three Eastern Shore towns.

Innovative Solutions is partnering with the cooperative's power supplier, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, to install two single-port, tandem pole-mounted chargers in Chincoteague, Onancock, and Cape Charles. The units are level 2 electric vehicle chargers.

The chargers in Chincoteague and Onancock are installed and are now live. Innovative Solutions plans to install the Cape Charles chargers prior to the end of this year.

The pilot phase will help test the local market and gather data on charger use, load profiling, general operations, and ongoing maintenance needs.

"A&N Innovative Solutions is excited to help support a local

community need with this public EV charger initiative," said Innovative Solutions spokesperson Jay Diem. "We're looking forward to learning more about what the public EV charging landscape will look like through this pilot phase."

The initial rate to charge at one of the units will be 45 cents per kWh with an additional \$1.50 per hour parking fee.

The EV chargers in the pilot have been mounted on utility poles about 10 feet from ground level. To use a charger an EV driver will scan a QR code placed below the unit, which will lower the charging port to allow for vehicle charging.

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LeCato honored posthumously by county

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

Northampton supervisors honored the late Jim LeCato, former chief of Northampton Fire & Rescue, in Nassawadox, with a resolution of appreciation on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

“Jim was devoted to the betterment and training of firefighters on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, serving on the Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center for over two decades,” stated the resolution presented to his wife, Rae LeCato.

Jim LeCato, who had a decades-long career as a mechanic, became a volunteer firefighter in the late 1970s.

He became fire chief of Station 16 in Nassawadox at age 25 and served in that position for 36 years.

LeCato also served as president of the fire company and vice chairman of the Northampton County Fire Commission for many of the 45 years in which he served as a firefighter.

He was a member of the Eastern Shore Fire Training Committee for more than 20 years, and he was also an instructor at the fire training center.

The resolution stated that LeCato’s “service to Northampton County took thousands of hours from Jim’s time with his family; his family is thanked for sharing him to help protect our communities.”



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John Coker, chairman of the Northampton Board of Supervisors, presents Rae LeCato with a resolution of appreciation for her husband, the late Jim LeCato, who was the chief of Northampton Fire & Rescue, in Nassawadox, for 36 years.

Accomack announces winter break closure

All Accomack County Public Schools will have a two-hour early dismissal on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023. All schools will be closed from Dec. 21, until Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024.

American Legion 159 sets Veterans Cafe

The American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague, is having a Veterans

Cafe for all veterans and currently serving military on the second Tuesday of each month.

The next cafe will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., at 4023 Main St., Chincoteague.

Cokesbury church schedules concert

The Historic Cokesbury Church and Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock, presents its free concert series with Tony Lu in concert on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m.

He will present a solo recital of original transcriptions and classical improvisations.

Lu began playing piano at the age of 5 and due to his visual impairment, has always learned music by ear.

Northampton Class of '74 to meet for reunion

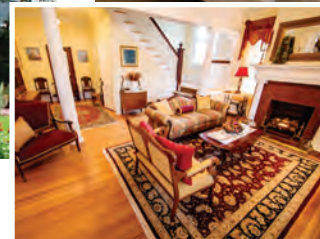
The Northampton High School Class of 1974 is making plans for its 50th reunion. People who are interested in planning and attending can contact Thomas “Rip” Rippon at tom-

ripon56@gmail.com or Amy Sturgis Darby at asdarby715@gmail.com.

The class would like to have contact information for all of our classmates, including those not interested in attending the reunion.

Menhaden documentary to be shown

William McKeever’s documentary about the Chesapeake Bay and the menhaden fishery will be shown at the Exmore Town Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.



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Rentals

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term vacation rentals are occupying real estate that would otherwise be used for affordable housing, among other concerns, Northampton supervisors are seeking a mechanism to slow the growth of the vacation rental industry.

The proposed solution is to re-

quire a minor special-use permit to operate a short-term vacation rental. This would allow neighbors to weigh in before a property was allowed to host shorter stays for vacationers.

Northampton supervisors took no action on the proposed zoning text amendment on Tuesday night.

County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski said on Wednesday, Dec. 13, that county staff would conduct research to determine whether or

not regulating short-term rentals through business licenses instead of special-use permits would be a viable option.

Not for housing

Sarah Floyd had searched and found 233 listings on the AirBnB website for Northampton vacation rentals, she said.

Of those 233 listings, only 82 were located outside an incorporated town and would be subject to county regulations. There were 38 listings for single rooms or accessory dwellings, which would not be suitable as permanent housing.

Of the remaining 44 listings, only six could be used for affordable housing, Floyd said.

According to federal guidelines, affordable housing does not cost a family more than 30% of its household income.

The annual income of the average Northampton County household is around \$50,000, meaning such a family could afford around \$1,250 in monthly housing costs, Floyd said.

A landlord charging up to \$1,250 in monthly rent could cover the mortgage on a home valued at no more than \$170,000, according to her research.

Only six AirBnB listings were homes assessed for \$170,000 or less.

No permit required

Short-term rentals are currently allowed in Northampton County by right, meaning no permit is required.

But the permitting process, which could take six months or more, could prevent working and middle-class families from earning supplemental income, said Jacob Floyd.

He noted that due to the increased cost of living, he and his wife, who both commute to work in Norfolk, need extra income from short-term rentals to financially stay afloat.

But he couldn't afford to pay a mortgage for six months or more for

a property that isn't making money, Floyd said.

The financial risk is too great also because Northampton County provides applicants no guidelines for short-term vacation rentals, so there is no guarantee that a permit would be issued.

Floyd recommended that, instead of requiring a special-use permit for a vacation home, the county should include short-term rental guidelines with the required business license application.

Northampton supervisors could suspend or revoke the business license of anyone who repeatedly broke the rules.

Obtaining a business license is a much swifter, simpler process than applying for a special-use permit, which requires that adjacent property owners are notified and public hearings are held.

Other speakers

Other speakers had experiences similar to that of the Floyds.

Thomas Haynie, of Old Plantation Creek, south of Cape Charles, said the income he earned from running an AirBnB allowed him to start an oyster farm and quit his job in Virginia Beach.

Rich Williams, of Franktown, restored a heritage home and rented it through AirBnB. He used the money he made from that one property to buy and restore other properties in Nassawadox, which are now home to several small businesses.

M.J. Golibart, of Eastville, agreed that specific guidelines are needed for short-term rentals, and the proposed zoning text amendment is "way too vague ... open to interpretation."

He said that requiring special-use permits for vacation homes would open up a "bureaucratic sinkhole" and have "neighbors pitted against neighbors."

Barrett Cree, of Machipongo, said that it's "humbling ... to have your property rights reduced."





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The Eastern Shore Scottish Rite Association met at the Sage Diner on Oct. 30. Illustrious Jack Goodwin, left, performed the capping ceremony. From left, Peggy Jeffries did the capping for her husband, J. Wesley Jeffries, 33rd Degree. Judy Peacock did the capping for her husband, Carl D. Peacock Jr., KCCH; and Tyler Warren did the capping for his father, Aaron G. Warren, KCCH. Goodwin presented an update on the Rite Care Program at ODU for children with hearing and speech impairments. In addition, the following slate of officers was elected and installed for the ensuing year: Ronald W. Rowe, president; Aaron G. Warren, vice president; Robert K. “Bo” Lewis Sr., treasurer; J. Wesley Jeffries, secretary; and R. Thomas Kellam, chaplain.



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The Eastern Shore Scottish Rite Association met at the Sage Diner on Oct. 30. Pictured from left after the capping ceremony are Carl Peacock, Aaron G. Warren, Illustrious Jack Godwin, and J. Wesley Jeffries.

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The face of girls wrestling

Nandua's Drummond at the forefront of fast-rising sport

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

Delaney Drummond is having her picture taken in front of the trophy case at Nandua High School. She smiles as the camera clicks away.

Suddenly, she cracks up laughing. Her coach, standing behind the photographer, is flexing his biceps, and motions for Drummond to do the same.

She obliges, still cracking up. It's a pretty great moment.

Drummond's is the face of girls wrestling at Nandua, and indeed, the face of the sport for the entire Eastern Shore of Virginia.

She finished fifth in her division in Virginia's inaugural girls wrestling state tournament in February, despite it being only her first year in the sport.

She has her sights set on winning it all in this, her senior season.

"I was so close last year," says Drummond, recalling her 4-2 semi-final loss to eventual state champ, Elaina Primozic of West Springfield High. "I want it this year."

Drummond is one of 11 female wrestlers on Nandua's varsity team, which is made up of boys and girls. Last year, the Warriors had four girls. The year before that, just one.

It's growing at other Shore schools, too. Arcadia has about half a dozen girls on its varsity roster, and Northampton has one. Local schools also have girls on their junior varsity teams.

Drummond is excited about the rise in girls wrestling — not just on the Shore, but throughout Virginia and across the nation. Nationally, high school girls wrestling went from 31,654 participants in 2021-22 to



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Nandua High School wrestler Delaney Drummond laughs while posing for a photo.

49,127 last year, a staggering 55.2% growth rate.

"People are starting to see that it's fun," Drummond says. "I'm happy it's growing, because it's nice to see people of your gender coming out and trying new things."

"It's not like we want to prove that we're better than guys or anything, but it's nice to get some victories in a sport that's predominantly male."

Drummond, like many high school female wrestlers in Virginia, usually has to square off against boys. When opposing teams don't have a girl in

her weight class, she'll wrestle a boy. Last winter, most of her matches were against boys, and she won about half of them.

She admits it can be awkward.

"It's hard because some guys don't want to go fully aggressive when they're wrestling girls," Drummond says. "And there's other guys that take advantage of it because they're quote-unquote 'stronger.'"

Drummond smiles as she says the words.

"I mean, they're not always stronger, you know?" she says. "It's not

always about strength. It's about technique. I beat some boys that were stronger than me."

Still unsanctioned

Virginia is behind most of the nation in sanctioning girls high school wrestling; 44 states have already sanctioned it. But Virginia is on the way, currently in the second of a three-year waiting period with girls wrestling as an "emerging sport."

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Wrestling

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If, after the 2024-2025 season, more than half of the Commonwealth's schools have at least one female wrestler on their team, the Virginia High School League will sanction girls wrestling as an official sport. Currently, about 270 Virginia schools have a boys wrestling team, and about half of them have at least one female.

Drummond will be off to college by the time girls wrestling becomes official here, but she's excited about that future. So is her Nandua coach, Nathan Metzger.

"Girls are becoming more comfortable with the idea of participating in the sport," says Metzger, who had two other girls wrestle at the state tournament last year, juniors Iris Martinez-Chaves and Dulce Perez-Vicente.

Metzger is aware that there's still some cultural hesitation around the idea of girls wrestling against boys — and vice versa. And he's sensitive to that.

"When we have a match and one of my girls is up against a boy, I'll ask them if they want to go forward with it," he says. "I respect their decision. I want to make sure they're comfortable with it. And the other coach will talk to their boy and ask if they're comfortable with going against a girl."

"We've never really had any issues. The students are usually, 'Yeah, we just want to wrestle.'"

Wrestling 'makes you better'

Drummond is the perfect poster girl for the sport. She's got a winning smile, a warm personality, and is super-smart: a 4.09 GPA while taking all college courses. She loves math, and wants to major in architecture in college. She was class president last year as a junior.

She's also very involved in her church, Exmore Baptist, and its youth group.

"My faith is a very important part of my whole life," Drummond says. "I try to apply it to everything."

Even wrestling, where the goal is to throw someone to the ground?

"Even wrestling," she says. "I pray before every match, because those nerves can get to you. And I thank God when I win and when I don't win."

Drummond is a three-sport athlete at Nandua. In the fall, she ran cross country. In the spring, she's the goalie on the soccer team.

She came out for wrestling for the first time last year, partly motivated by watching Angie Joynes, Nandua's lone female wrestler two years ago. Today, wrestling is Drummond's favorite sport.

"There's just something different about it," she says. "It's a team sport, but it also isn't. You compete as an individual. You get to go out there and do what you learned. You don't have to depend on anyone else. It's all on you."

"And honestly, this sport just makes you better — physically, mentally, all around. It's pretty cool."



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Nandua High School wrestler Delaney Drummond squares off in practice on a recent day.



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Officials take eggs with their issues

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

State and local politicians updated the public on the top issues for Accomack and Northampton counties at the semiannual Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce Eggs and Issues breakfast and forum at The Oyster Farm in Cape Charles on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Affordable housing

Over the last decade, the Department of Housing and Community Development’s Virginia Housing Trust Fund has grown from \$5 million to \$75 million, said Del. Robert Bloxom.

It’s one resource available in the state for funding affordable housing projects through grants and loans.

Bloxom also is an advocate for housing tax credits, that give developers a 10% tax cut, because the tax credits help fund the construction of new affordable housing units, whereas the housing trust fund is more likely to be used to rehab older units, he said.

“There’s not a locality that we go to where we don’t hear this issue” of affordable housing, said Tyler Edmonds, chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans.

Affordable and workforce housing is a “critical issue” for the Eastern Shore, particularly in areas of economic growth like Wallops Island, Edmonds said.

He added that the congresswoman also wants to address the regulatory burden that discourages contractors from building affordable housing.

Receiving federal assistance for affordable housing projects requires so much paperwork that developers hire full-time staff to handle it, Edmonds said.

Sewer service

Bloxom said when the Hampton

‘You cannot have high-density housing if you do not have public sewer.’

Delegate Robert Bloxom

Roads Sanitation District’s sewer force main comes online, likely in the spring, it will bring “real investment dollars” to the Eastern Shore.

“You cannot have high-density housing if you do not have public sewer,” he said.

Stage 1 of the HRSD project includes Exmore, Nassawadox, Wachapreague, and Accomac. Stage 2 will add Chincoteague to the list of localities serviced by HRSD, Bloxom said.

Natural gas pipeline

A natural gas pipeline could be coming to Virginia’s Eastern Shore.

Bloxom has been discussing the project with Chesapeake Utilities, a company with about 1,500 miles of natural gas service mains running through Maryland and Delaware.

Before the project can advance, an engineering survey is needed, which will cost around \$7 million.

Bloxom hopes the engineering

survey will be funded within a year, he said.

Rocket Lab, in Wallops Island, plans to use purified natural gas to fuel some of its launches, and that need will facilitate the extension of the natural gas pipeline into northern Accomack County for use by other businesses such as Tyson and Perdue, Bloxom said.

Rails to trails

All but about 20% of the 49-mile Eastern Shore’s rails to trails project is funded, said John Coker, who is the chairman of the Northampton board of supervisors and a member of the Eastern Shore rail-trail committee.

A public, paved biking and hiking trail is being built, primarily along U.S. Route 13, on nearly 50 miles of former railroad right-of-way.

Coker said the trail is funded from the town of Cape Charles to the Cape Charles Food Lion on the highway, from the grocery store to Cheriton, and from Nassawadox to Onley.

Former U.S. Rep. Elaine Luria, Sen. Tim Kaine, and Sen. Mark Warner obtained federal funding for the project that is also supported by the Virginia Department of Transportation’s six-year SMART SCALE program.

A funding overlap is likely to enable the extension of the rail-trail

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John Coker
Northampton Board of Supervisors

to Parksley, Coker said.

That would leave a single gap in the trail, from Cheriton to Nassawadox, he said.

Coker noted that \$93 million in state funding is available for rail-trail projects.

“If I get my friends in Richmond to start beating the bushes, and get us some of that money,” it “would be awesome,” and the rail-trail project could be completed in about six to 10 years, he said.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, this 28th day of November, 2023, that the work session meeting of the Board, scheduled for Tuesday, December 26, 2023, commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, be cancelled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following the above adjustment, the date, time and place of the work session meeting of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors shall revert to the 4th Tuesday of each month, commencing at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the County, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

Eastern Shore AA announces meetings

The Eastern Shore of Virginia District 27 Alcoholics Anonymous announces its meeting schedule. Visit the local Alcoholics Anonymous website at www.aaeasternshore-va.org

The group can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 368, Onancock, VA 23417. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so they can solve their common problem and help others recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership. The group is self-supporting through its own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, political party, organization, or institution, does not wish to engage in controversy, and neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

The group's primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

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Noon, St. Peter's Catholic Church,

25236 Coastal Blvd., Onley
7 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Road, Eastville
7:30 p.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 26405 Horsey Road, Temperanceville

Tuesday

5:30 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 23319 Back St., Accomac. Meets behind church.
6:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
7 p.m., Zion Baptist Church, 26463 Metompkin Road, Parksley

Wednesday

Noon, Market Street United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
5 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 23319 Back St., Accomac. Meets behind church.
7 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Road, Eastville
7 p.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 26405 Horsey Road, Temperanceville

Thursday

6:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles
7 p.m., Garrisons Methodist Church, 17310 Main St., Painter
7 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
7:30 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

Friday

Noon, Market Street United Methodist Church, 75 Market St., Onancock
7 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Road, Eastville

Saturday

Noon, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
5 p.m., St. George Episcopal Church, 30118 Bobtown Road, Pungoteague
6:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 109 Plum St., Cape Charles

Sunday

9:30 a.m., Cokesbury Church, 13 Market St., Onancock
7 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, 16304 Courthouse Road, Eastville
7:30 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meetings, for people with alcohol family issues, are held:
Tuesday at 9 a.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague
Wednesday at 7 p.m., Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bay-side Road, Franktown
Wednesday at 7 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
Saturday at noon, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague

LIONS CLUB DONATES TO METOMPKIN



The Onancock Area Lions Club donated new children's sweatpants and T-shirts to the Metompkin Elementary School. The club has been donating new clothing to the school for several years. Pictured from left are Ernie Swisher, Lions Club president, Tracey Taylor, school nurse, and Dana Madison, assistant principal.

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Help Wanted

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To Apply:

Submit cover letter with statement of interest and resume to Anne Doyle at adoyle@a-npdc.org with Regional Planner Application in the subject line, or mail a hard copy to the A-NPDC at 23372 Front Street, Accomack, VA 23301. The A-NPDC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The full job description can be found in the Announcements section of our website: www.esvaplan.org.



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

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

Requires valid Virginia Driver's License.

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

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

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Property Owner	Property Address
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Annie Spady (Dec'd) C/O Guermond Spady Pauline Spady	Near 30097 Seaside Road 0112D-01-00-0000003
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 The heirs and devisees of PAMELA COLEMAN
 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.
 TIDALHEALTH PENINSULA REGIONAL, INC.
 EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH
 Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff
 for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described
 as follows:

**All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being
 Lots 22 and 43, Arlington subdivision, designated as tax
 map number 078D00200002200.**

standing in the names of Henry Lee Coleman and Mary
 Lee Coleman, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of
 the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has
 been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the
 heirs, devisees and successors in title of Pamela Coleman;
 that there are or may be other persons having an interest
 in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit
 whose names and last post office addresses are unknown,
 namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in
 title of Pamela Coleman; that Maryanne Hoster, Regis-
 tered Agent for TidalHealth Peninsula Regional, Inc., is
 a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known
 post office address is 100 East Carroll Street, Salisbury,
 MD 21801.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week
 for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and
 that the parties named herein appear on or before Jan-
 uary 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the
 Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and
 do what may be necessary to protect their interests in
 this suit.

ENTER: This 7th day of December, 2023.
 W. Revell Lewis III
 Clerk

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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 distributes 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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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

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

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.

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NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Montaigne Cree and J. Douglas Rippon (2023051) have applied for approximately 65.97 acres of oyster planting ground in Warehouse Creek situated in Northampton County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-28.941 / W75-54.8406

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2023051): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2226.

Send written comments or concerns to:

Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Montaigne Cree and J. Douglas Rippon (2023053) have applied for approximately 12.39 acres of oyster planting ground in Holly Grove Cove situated in Northampton County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-29.8248 / W75-54.342

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2023053): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2226.

Send written comments or concerns to:

Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Montaigne Cree and J. Douglas Rippon (2023054) have applied for approximately 206.72 acres of oyster planting ground in Nassawadox Creek situated in Northampton County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-29.6832 / W75-54.81

To view a map of the application, or to provide public comments, use this web link to search the application by number (2023054): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2226.

Send written comments or concerns to:

Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064



Request for Proposals

Proposals are requested for the roof repair/replacement and interior rehabilitation of the St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, located at 10565 Champ Road, Princess Anne, MD.

Work includes: 1) Repair/in-kind replacement of the gable roof between the two front towers on the west façade of the church, including any repair/replacement necessary to the roof structure/sheathing; 2) Repair or replace the framing on the interior of the building, which include wainscoting; and repair/replacement of all plaster (mud) on the internal walls and ceilings.

This item (2) is imperative and historically prohibited the use of drywall. The project is partly funded by the MD Historical Trust. The Property is protected by a preservation easement that restricts alterations to the church and site. The project will be executed with the involvement and oversight of the State Historic Preservation Office (the Maryland Historical Trust, "MHT"). All work must be designed and executed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Proposals must be received before December 31, 2023, at 5 p.m. EST. Contact Laura Gaskins by email at lagaskins79@gmail.com. Late submissions will not be considered.

MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to respond to this solicitation. The contract will be awarded to the lowest proposal from a qualified firm conforming to the project schedule. The owners reserve the right to waive irregularities and to reject proposals.

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.

All bidders are subject to and must comply with the provisions of Northampton County's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and applicable State and Federal anti-discrimination laws.

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

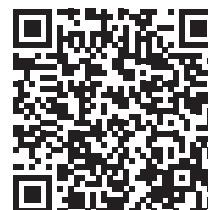
ORDERED that upon completion of such publication, the clerk shall file a certificate in the papers of the case that the requirements of this section have been complied with, and

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

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Northampton property transfers

- From Virginia Builders LLC
To Michael Rabdau and Kate Rooney
Lot 56, Watersons Point, Tower Hill
For \$492,500
- From Pamela Moffatt
To D.E. Kirby Inc.
Lot 9, Deerfield, Wilsonia Neck
For \$398,500
- From Edward and Janet Wyatt, trustees
To Jennifer Fenstermaker and Derise Matthew
Lot 12, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$125,000
- From Preserve Homes & Neighborhoods VA LLC
To Gary and Kathryn Weeden
Lot B-96, Bayside Village, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$756,857
- From Veronica Ramaglia
To Andresa and Nilo Tagra
Lot, 2.18 acres, Clear View, Occohannock Neck
For \$30,000
- From Mark Franko
To Duers Landing LLC
Lot in Exmore
For \$199,900
- From Jack Russell Properties VA LLC
To Scott and Kimberly Torok
Unit D, Cape Shore Condominium, Cape Charles
For \$360,000
- From Nolan Rayfield
To Gail and Woodis Scott Jr.
Lot 12 in Cheriton
For \$263,000
- From Grace and Patrick St. Pierre
To Daniel Miller and Gabriella Bull
Lot 2 and western half of Lot 3, Deerfield, Wilsonia Neck, near Machipongo
For \$349,000

Accomack property transfers

- From George Wendell and Erwin Sylvester West
To Onancock's Bayside Revitalization
2 lots on Bayside Road, Onancock
For \$1,500
- From Bruce Edward Culp
To Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
3190 Lunn Estates, Chincoteague
For \$2,000
- From Laura A. and Richard A. Rush
To Tammy J. and Rich L. Apjohn
Lot 112, Unit 3, Trails End, Horntown
For \$22,500
- From Sarah K. and Everette L. Cherrix II
To Charles Bosley
8289 Sea Breeze Drive, Chincoteague
For \$177,500
- From Elizabeth Taylor-Cassanelli and John H. Taylor Jr., trustee
To William B. Chandler III, trustee
Lot 4, Bay Haven, Belle Haven
For \$65,000
- From Patricia P. and Dewey D. Borufsen
To Javon Smith
20269 Fairgrounds Road, Onancock
For \$233,000
- From Ann K. Lawson and Garnett A. Kellam
To Norma Soto Berduo and Vinicio C. Coto Diaz
25032 Nancock Gardens Road, Onancock
For \$28,000
- From Irene and Vincenzo Allegro
To Captains Cove Golf & Yacht Club Inc.
Lot 1578A, Section 3, Captains Cove
For \$4,000
- From Gemcraft Homes CC LLC
To Kyoung G. and Young J. Cho
3120 Amidship Drive, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$317,000
- From Regena W. Haugh, substitute executor
To Randy Cook Jr.
5378 Main St., Chincoteague
For \$250,000
- From David W. Conklin
To Michael J. Costanzo
Lot 1253, Section 1, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$11,000
- From Brittany L. Harte and Brittany L. Lyons
To Cynthia A. Miller and Harry J. Gsell
24180 Adelaide St., Parksley
For \$265,000
- From Nikki M. and Troy N. Medina
To Marilyn T. and Donald L. Darmsteadt
Lot 87, Lankford Highway, Bloxom
For \$45,000
- From Kristina and Jon Miller
To Maria Fenelon Dorena and Georges Fenelon
24137 Water St., Tasley
For \$157,000
- From Charles A. McPherson and CMH Homes Inc.
To Nathan Tilton Hale
6145 Martin Lane, Chincoteague
For \$280,000
- From Gemcraft Homes CC LLC
To Kimberly S. and Rodney L. Woodring
38121 Neptune Drive, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$372,785
- From Gregory Mark Smith
To Kathleen and Jonathan H. Petite
Lot 18, Section 7, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$7,500
- From The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
To Lue Eileen Landsberger
22473 Loblolly Lane, Accomac
For \$165,500
- From Robert A. Zamorski
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Lot 7, Pungoteague Creek, Melfa
For \$225,000
- From Williams One LLC
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24102 Adelaide St., Parksley
For \$120,000
- From Connie L. and Thomas E. Loughry
To Kathleen Jean Martin
5065 Twilley Drive, Chincoteague
For \$799,000
- From Corrine M. Henry and James W. Elliot
To Leslie Escalante and Jose del Carmen Perez Cordova
18504 Gaskins Road, Onancock
For \$21,000
- From David R. Williams Jr. and James W. Elliot, special commissioner
To James H. Dennis
Property on Savannah Road, between Hallwood and Sanford
For \$900
- From Carol A. Townsend and James W. Elliot
To Adriana Sarmiento Nava and Romeo Perez Cordova
¾ acre on Holland Road, New Church
For \$15,000
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To Maria del Rosario Buenrostro de la Mora
20481 Saxis Road, Saxis
For \$20,000

- From Shorevest LLC
To James Mench
15720 Cashville Road, Onancock
For \$195,000
- From Beatrice Maria Mason
To Lakeva Mason
27334 Nelsonia Road, Bloxom
For \$140,000
- From The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
To Demond Harmon
15131 Bethel Church Road, Bloxom
For \$161,000
- From Robert P. Davis Jr.
To Clifton Downing
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Assateague Beach	H L	9:36 a.m. 4:19 p.m.	H L	10:26 a.m. 5:11 p.m.	H L	11:19 a.m. 6:05 p.m.	H L	12:13 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	H L	1:10 p.m. 7:11 a.m.	H L	2:11 p.m. 8:18 a.m.	H L	3:13 p.m. 9:26 a.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	9:37 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	H L	10:28 a.m. 5:01 p.m.	H L	11:22 a.m. 5:53 p.m.	H L	12:18 p.m. 6:46 a.m.	H L	1:16 p.m. 7:11 a.m.	H L	2:15 p.m. 8:18 a.m.	H L	3:15 p.m. 9:23 a.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	10:32 a.m. 4:58 p.m.	H L	11:22 a.m. 5:50 p.m.	H L	12:15 p.m. 6:44 p.m.	H L	1:09 p.m. 6:45 a.m.	H L	2:06 p.m. 7:50 a.m.	H L	3:07 p.m. 8:57 a.m.	H L	4:09 p.m. 10:05 a.m.
Folly Creek	H L	10:25 a.m. 4:43 p.m.	H L	11:15 a.m. 5:35 p.m.	H L	12:08 p.m. 6:29 p.m.	H L	1:02 p.m. 6:30 a.m.	H L	1:59 p.m. 7:35 a.m.	H L	3:00 p.m. 8:42 a.m.	H L	4:02 p.m. 9:50 a.m.
Wachapreague	H L	10:15 a.m. 4:23 p.m.	H L	11:04 a.m. 5:13 p.m.	H L	11:55 a.m. 6:07 p.m.	H L	12:47 p.m. 7:02 p.m.	H L	1:40 p.m. 7:23 a.m.	H L	2:36 p.m. 8:26 a.m.	H L	3:36 p.m. 9:28 a.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	9:36 a.m. 3:58 p.m.	H L	10:26 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	H L	11:19 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	H L	12:13 p.m. 6:39 p.m.	H L	1:10 p.m. 6:50 a.m.	H L	2:11 p.m. 7:57 a.m.	H L	3:13 p.m. 9:05 a.m.
Machipongo	H L	10:06 a.m. 4:27 p.m.	H L	10:56 a.m. 5:19 p.m.	H L	11:49 a.m. 6:13 p.m.	H L	12:43 p.m. 7:08 p.m.	H L	1:40 p.m. 7:19 a.m.	H L	2:41 p.m. 8:26 a.m.	H L	3:43 p.m. 9:34 a.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	1:31 p.m. 7:05 a.m.	H L	2:23 p.m. 8:01 a.m.	H L	3:17 p.m. 9:03 a.m.	H L	4:15 p.m. 10:09 a.m.	H L	5:16 p.m. 11:17 a.m.	H L	6:20 p.m. 12:25 p.m.	H L	7:08 a.m. 1:32 p.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	1:53 p.m. 7:57 a.m.	H L	2:43 p.m. 8:50 a.m.	H L	3:36 p.m. 9:48 a.m.	H L	4:32 p.m. 10:51 a.m.	H L	5:32 p.m. 11:59 a.m.	H L	6:35 p.m. 1:11 p.m.	H L	7:29 a.m. 2:22 p.m.
Guard Shore	H L	1:45 p.m. 7:53 a.m.	H L	2:35 p.m. 8:46 a.m.	H L	3:28 p.m. 9:44 a.m.	H L	4:24 p.m. 10:47 a.m.	H L	5:24 p.m. 11:55 a.m.	H L	6:27 p.m. 1:07 p.m.	H L	7:21 a.m. 2:18 p.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	1:20 p.m. 7:05 a.m.	H L	2:10 p.m. 7:58 a.m.	H L	3:03 p.m. 8:56 a.m.	H L	3:59 p.m. 9:59 a.m.	H L	4:59 p.m. 11:07 a.m.	H L	6:02 p.m. 12:19 p.m.	H L	6:56 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	1:34 p.m. 7:25 a.m.	H L	2:24 p.m. 8:18 a.m.	H L	3:17 p.m. 9:16 a.m.	H L	4:13 p.m. 10:19 a.m.	H L	5:13 p.m. 11:27 a.m.	H L	6:16 p.m. 12:39 p.m.	H L	7:10 a.m. 1:50 p.m.
Pungoteague Creek	H L	12:50 p.m. 6:39 a.m.	H L	1:40 p.m. 7:32 a.m.	H L	2:33 p.m. 8:30 a.m.	H L	3:29 p.m. 9:33 a.m.	H L	4:29 p.m. 10:41 a.m.	H L	5:32 p.m. 11:53 a.m.	H L	6:38 p.m. 1:04 p.m.
Nassawadox	H L	11:37 a.m. 6:04 p.m.	H L	12:27 p.m. 6:55 p.m.	H L	1:21 p.m. 6:53 a.m.	H L	2:18 p.m. 7:55 a.m.	H L	3:18 p.m. 9:02 a.m.	H L	4:21 p.m. 10:12 a.m.	H L	5:24 p.m. 11:21 a.m.
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Cape Charles	H L	10:24 a.m. 5:06 p.m.	H L	11:14 a.m. 5:58 p.m.	H L	12:07 p.m. 6:52 p.m.	H L	1:03 p.m. 7:03 a.m.	H L	2:03 p.m. 8:11 a.m.	H L	3:06 p.m. 9:23 a.m.	H L	4:12 p.m. 10:34 a.m.
Kiptopeke Beach	H L	9:58 a.m. 4:34 p.m.	H L	10:49 a.m. 5:26 p.m.	H L	11:44 a.m. 6:20 p.m.	H L	12:42 p.m. 6:30 a.m.	H L	1:44 p.m. 7:40 a.m.	H L	2:48 p.m. 8:53 a.m.	H L	3:53 p.m. 10:04 a.m.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: AN AFTERNOON NAP

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Last week's answers

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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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ACROSS			
1 Picked instrument	49 Had to admit a goof-up	98 Anticavity gp.	
6 Type of small grocery store	50 "Behold,!" to Caesar	99 Supreme Norse god	
12 Blobbly light source	53 Totally bummed out	101 "I love you," to Luisa	
20 Viva voce	55 Stuff in a sty	103 Jane in an 1847 novel	
21 Spoil, as "my parade"	56 Avian hooters	104 Go bankrupt, say	
22 Roast joke	58 Texas banner	108 Del.-to-Vt. direction	
23 Like baggy clothes	61 Big twitch	110 Bakery treats	
25 Winter wreath ornament	63 Safari sight	111 Snootiness	
26 Gave away temporarily	65 Envoy's asset	112 Noisy tigers	
27 Money, informally	66 "There — comparison"	116 Cite famous people as friends	
29 Jagger of the Stones	67 Chinese black tea with a smoky flavor	120 Method for calculating a quotient ... or what occurs eight times in this puzzle?	
30 "Raggedy" doll	72 Anita of jazz	123 Accepted, as conditions	
31 Monty Python tune about a logger	75 Env. notice	124 Made flush	
37 Addams who created Morticia	76 Estrada of TV	125 Maggot, e.g.	
40 Quick attack	77 Ones staring	126 Sailor's dining place	
41 Cover girl Macpherson	81 Best Actress winner for "The Farmer's Daughter"	127 Shows as an "encore"	
42 "— gratia" ("by the grace of God")	84 Grammy winner Bareilles	128 Clifflike	
43 Dwell in the company of	87 "And how!"		
46 Outer: Prefix	88 German city on the Elbe		
47 "— the Night" (2007 Joaquin Phoenix film)	89 With 115-Down, "Piece of cake!"		
	91 Web page		
	93 Slacks		
	94 Extra charge		
	96 Pea-souper in England		
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		2 Skin soother	
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		4 "Be right there"	
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DOWN

- 1 Tennis need
- 2 Skin soother
- 3 Lunch hour
- 4 "Be right there"
- 5 Classic theater

6 Liverpool or Leeds native
7 Horse bit
8 Horse bit
9 Conundrum
10 Of yore
11 Trig measure
12 Slice (off)
13 Zoo attraction
14 Gondola city
15 Smart — (cocky sort)
16 Guitar riffs
17 Year, in Brazil
18 Roughly half of all adults
19 Beginning to mature?
24 Amusement
28 Frightful dino
31 Chilling Chaney
32 Strong desire
33 "Selena" actress, to her fans
34 Nonalcoholic beer brand
35 Georgia city near Atlanta
36 Ornamental street tree
37 Bivalve mollusks
38 Ask for moola
39 Brand of skin care and cosmetics
40 Turkey, e.g.
44 Pleasant odor
45 Do some yard maintenance
46 Poet's twilight
47 Major battle
48 Crude model of a despised person
51 Choke up
52 Give the OK
53 Strong desire
54 Big mil. alliance
57 Dull, dark bluish-gray
59 Decorative sewing case
60 Burlap bags
62 Most cunning
64 — uncertain terms
68 Pricey liver spread
69 Superhero creator Lee
70 Agcys., e.g.
71 "Nifty!"
72 Chum from way back
73 El — (treasure city)
74 Vying venues
78 Uplift
79 Whirlybird blade
80 Drawn-out battle
82 Six-pt. scores
83 Driver's 180
85 Year, to Caesar
86 Garnet, e.g.
90 Ladd of "Shane"
92 Shows lip-curling contempt
94 Holiday tree
95 "Orinoco Flow" vocalist
97 Texter's "I'm shocked!"
99 Carry to excess
100 Spanish explorer
101 Grew vigorously, old-style
102 Former Disney exec
103 Michael
105 Sword types
106 Duck type
107 Mosaic maker
108 Autumn mo.
109 Manicurists file them
112 Divests (of)
113 Ireland, in Ireland
114 Be a drifter
115 See 89-Across
116 "Rambo" setting, briefly
117 Era or eon
118 "— Doubtfire"
119 Fluffy lap dog, for short
121 Safari sight
122 Safari sight

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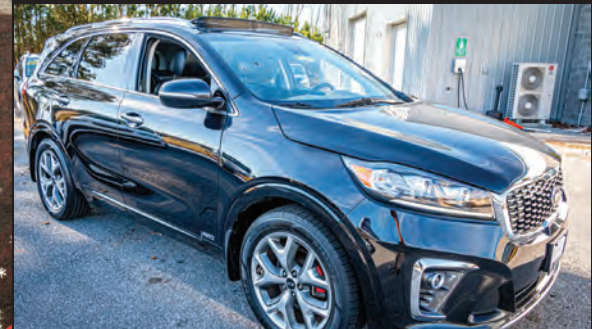
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