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## ACCOMACK

### Candidate fines: 'I'm still sitting in limbo'

BY CLARA VAUGHN  
Eastern Shore Post

The fate of one local elected position is uncertain after a candidate received \$3,100 in fines for filing late state-mandated campaign finance reports.

"I'm still sitting in limbo waiting to hear if there's an option," said Sands Gayle, who is slated to resume his seat on the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Directors Jan. 1.

"I really don't know what I'm going to do with it," he said.

In total, 19 Accomack County candidates received over \$30,000 in fines for filing late state-mandated campaign finance reports.

Elected officials are required by state law to pay those fines before they are qualified to take office on Jan. 1.

Gayle is the only local candidate who won his race but has not paid the fees,

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A MAN DROVE OVER THE KELLAM DRIVE EMBANKMENT, ABOVE, AND SWAM AWAY, POLICE SAID. EASTERN SHORE POST/TED SHOCKLEY

## NORTHAMPTON

### Man missing after driving off Silver Beach

Last seen swimming in bay

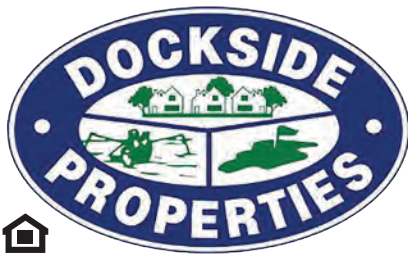
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A man drove a car over the steep Silver Beach embankment on Saturday, Dec. 23, and was last seen swimming in the Chesapeake Bay.

Northampton Sheriff David Doughty said a search for the man began Dec. 23 and continued through Tuesday, Dec. 26. The U.S. Coast Guard, state Marine Resources Commission, and Department of Game and Inland Fisheries assisted in the search.

Doughty said the man's name is being withheld. He is described as a 53-year-old White male, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, and 150 lbs. He has

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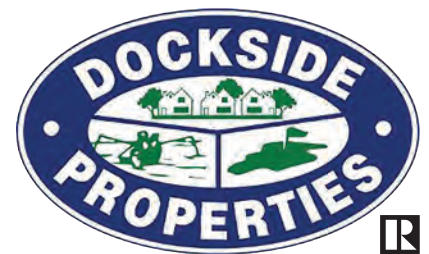
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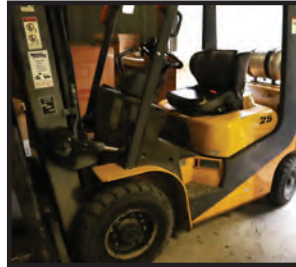
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## Silver Beach

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dark hair and facial hair.

The driver is a resident of Washington D.C., Doughty said. It is unknown if he has any Eastern Shore connections or how he ended up at remote Silver Beach on the night before Christmas Eve.

Kellam Drive heads toward the bay and then runs parallel to it, with the road's shoulder bordering the riprap breakwater.

The drop from the road to the

beach is about 10 feet.

"Despite extensive aerial searches, and searches below and above the water, the man has not been located," Doughty said in a prepared release.

"He was last seen in the area of Kellam Drive, swimming in the Chesapeake Bay," Doughty said.

Others assisting the sheriff's office were the state police, Community Volunteer Fire Co. of Exmore, Northampton County EMS, the Chesapeake Fire Department, and the Cape Charles Police Department, Doughty said.

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# Accomack fines

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according to the Accomack County Treasurer's office, which collects the fines.

He and Jim Evans ran for the two Soil and Water Conservation District board seats on the ballot. No other candidates entered the race for the two seats, which are unpaid positions.

"I ran because I was already fulfilling the position," Gayle said. "I was appointed to fulfill the position, and then this election I had to be elected."

After submitting the paperwork to have his name on the ballot, Gayle said he was notified of an exemption form for campaign finance reporting.

"My understanding was that at that point in time, my job was now done: My name was on the ballot. I did not need to turn any additional information in," he said.

However, he received fines for filing four late reports.

Virginia law requires candidates to report campaign donations and spending to help regulate the use of money in elections.

However, a change in the reporting system requiring candidates to file reports using the Virginia Department of Elections' online system could have

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but it's an unpaid position.  
Why am I being fined for this  
and volunteering my time?'**

**Sands Gayle  
Eastern Shore Soil and Water  
Conservation District**

contributed to candidates' confusion.

In the past, candidates could turn in paper reports at the county voter registrar's office.

"Many candidates and their treasurers, myself included, found the system confusing, missing filing dates or failing to file required information in a timely manner," said Accomack Commonwealth's Attorney J. Spencer Morgan, who received \$3,100 in fines. He did not take or spend any funds in his campaign, in which he ran unopposed.

Accomack candidates received fines totaling \$31,900 for filing late campaign finance reports, according to a report Accomack County Voter Registrar Angel Shrieves provided the Post on Dec. 18.

The five candidates with outstanding fines as of Dec. 27 were:

■ Gayle, four late reports, \$3,100

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

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

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

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

How long Gayle's seat on the Soil and Water Conservation District's board remains empty, if he chooses not to pay the fine, "depends upon the office," according to Virginia Department of Elections External Affairs Manager Andrea Gaines.

Failing to pay the fines could cause problems for Gayle, too: If he elects not to pay the penalties, they could go to collections, he said.

"It could mess with my credit and mess with my business in the long run," said Gayle.

Morgan said earlier this month he planned to meet with representatives from the Virginia's Attorney General's office to discuss the 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."

"I would like to serve ... but it's an unpaid position," Gayle said. "Why am I being fined for this and volunteering my time?"



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## ACCOMACK

# Found in car after chase: cocaine, shotgun, handgun

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN  
Eastern Shore Post

An Accomack County man reached a plea agreement with prosecutors after leading police on a high speed chase from Onley to Bobtown.

Jyheem Dewine Harmon, 23, of Painter, pleaded guilty to felony eluding, possession of illegal drugs, and possession of a firearm while possessing drugs.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Harmon's time of active incarceration is capped at three years, six months. His sentencing is set for April 4, 2024.

A deputy saw a black four-door sedan missing a license plate leaving the Onley Royal Farms, testimony in Accomack County Circuit Court showed.

The deputy followed the car, which turned right onto Redwood Road behind Walmart, and attempted a traffic stop.

The car, however, accelerated to 100 mph, ran stop signs, made numerous turns and stopped near Bobtown.

Harmon exited the car and ran, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney William Fox. He was soon caught.

Inside the car were clear plastic bags containing cocaine, Harmon's Perdue Farms employee badge, a black shotgun, and a brown paper bag with a handgun inside.

When asked why he failed to stop, Harmon said it was because he did not have a driver's license.

He was arrested and charged with numerous offenses.

Earlier this year, Harmon, driving a black and white Ford Crown Victoria, pulled out in front of a police car, almost hitting it, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Baker.

After pulling into a nearby store, Harmon got out and walked away while on his phone. He was soon placed in handcuffs. A search of the car revealed plastic bags containing cocaine, and a 9mm handgun under the seat.

The commonwealth combined the two cases and entered into a plea agreement with Harmon.

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ONANCOCK

# Town needs one more member for new EDA

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

Onancock's Economic Development Authority needs a new member.

The Onancock Town Council appointed seven members to the group's board in August, but Virginia law requires members be an Onancock resident or live in an adjacent community to serve on the board.

One member is a longtime homeowner in Onancock but not a full-time resident.

"The state rule says that the person has to live in the town or the surrounding area. It's a little bit up to interpretation whether that means Onley or Parksley, or whether that means in the county," said Town Manager Matt Spuck.

While Onancock residents "are going to be strongly preferred," all Accomack County residents are welcome to apply for the position, he said.

Onancock's town council voted in June to create the authority with a short-term purpose of serving as a pass-through body for \$1 million a state agency awarded the town to renovate the Lilliston building on Market Street.

Onancock worked with nonprofit group Onancock Main Street on the application, but towns cannot loan money to a private entity, according

to Onancock's attorney.

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

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

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

Vernimb's seat will be replaced early in 2024, Spuck said.

Town council members agreed Onancock Main Street representatives would be valuable members of the authority's board.

"Main Street should be involved in the EDA at the board level so that all of the information is given to them that they need going forward about the loan (and) what could be done with it in the future," said Council member Cindy Holdren, who is also a board member of nonprofit Onancock Main Street, during the town council's Dec. 18 meeting.

"It makes a whole lot of sense to have a direct conduit through the EDA and Onancock Main Street," Council member Sarah Nock said during the meeting.

Applications for the EDA seat will be open until around Jan. 15, Spuck said.

Those interested in applying should visit the town's website, [www.onancock.com](https://www.onancock.com)

## ESCSB sets Jan. 9 meeting

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board will hold its next monthly

meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, at its administration office, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley. It will begin at 9 a.m.





# Northampton County Government

## January 2024 Upcoming Events

January 1: County offices including the waste collections centers will be closed for New Year's Day.

January 2: Planning Commission Work Session 3 PM

January 3: Parks Advisory Committee Meeting 5 PM

January 9: Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting 6 PM

January 10: Wetlands Board Meeting 10 AM

January 11: NCPS School Board Meeting 6 PM Machipongo

January 15: County Offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 16: ESVA Groundwater Meeting 10 AM Melfa

January 16: Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM

January 23: Board of Supervisors Work Session Presentation of FY25 Revenues 5 PM

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NCPR is looking for volunteer coaches for youth soccer

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### Voter Registration

**March 5, 2024**

### Presidential Primary

Jan 19: In-person absentee voting begins in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville

Feb. 12: Last day to register or change voting information before the March 5th, 2024, Presidential Primary

Feb 13: Books closed/ Same Day Registration Begins

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Feb 24: Open Saturday for absentee voting from 9 AM - 5 PM

March 2: Open Saturday for absentee voting from 9 AM - 5 PM / Last day to vote absentee in person

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# EDITORIAL

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## Eastern Shore Post

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### THE PAPER'S POSITION

## Elected offices are bigger than aspirants, holders

The Virginia General Assembly is the first elected legislative body in our hemisphere. Northampton and Accomack counties have the oldest and second-oldest continuous court records in the country. Even the first sheriff in the New World was appointed on the Eastern Shore.

This means, in our community, we uniquely understand our elected officials are guardians and champions of something much bigger than themselves. Over the centuries, office-holders come and go, each leaving their mark. But the offices that serve the public remain. Those offices are important and vital.

With the new year comes many new holders of elected offices on the Eastern Shore. Voters have entrusted them to put service above themselves and make prudent decisions for schools, communities, governments, and taxpayers.

As new office-holders are seated and longer-tenured elected officials begin the year anew, the operative word is "serve." Serving the public is challenging. Serving the Eastern Shore, with its particular joys and discomforts, is as worthwhile as it is demanding. We all rely on their service to improve our community, and thank them for it.

We also thank those whose terms of service are ending. We appreciate their efforts for the Eastern Shore and its people. Some stepped down of their own volition. Others sought to continue their service but found voters wanted a change in direction.

It is a time of transition, as many who have represented our area step aside as their places are taken by others. Centuries of service continues.

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### GUEST COLUMN

## A great year at Museum of Chincoteague

BY CINDY FAITH

Guest columnist

The year 2023 was a great year for the Museum of Chincoteague Island.

We hosted friends from around the globe, with more visiting the museum than ever before.

In addition, we had a fantastic year hosting participants from the Road Scholar programs, made a few needed updates at the museum, held 31 Tuesday Night lectures, facilitated an archeological dig, had special events and fundraisers throughout the year, and purchased a special and important piece of Chincoteague history. To say it was a great year is an understatement.

Many new exhibits and upgrades were created: a new corral for Misty and Stormy, Shipwrecks and Life Saving, and Chincoteague Enterprise. Next year, we are updating our African-American exhibit and

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introducing a new exhibit highlighting the well-known decoy carvers of Chincoteague. We will also have several more surprises in store.

Many of you may be curious about what is happening with the Beebe Ranch. After a colossal fundraising event, now the real work begins. It is time to roll up our sleeves and get busy.

We are going to use the slower pace of the winter months to make a few much-needed updates on the house. A new entryway is being added with handicap accessibility and we are already working on what exhibits to include.

Our hope is to open the house for visitors by Pony Penning 2024. Please cross your fingers.

We closed out 2023 with our Christmas Tree Village in the Legacy Pavilion. This was a fun and festive event, made possible by individuals and businesses from around the island.

As we bid farewell to 2023, I am delighted and still amazed at all that we were able to ac-

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# Being more realistic with big predictions for 2024

None of my predictions for 2023 came true. I guessed Belle Haven would get more sidewalks and Accomack and Northampton school systems would merge. I was wrong.



Ted Shockley

I predicted surf fishing would be allowed on Fisherman Island. How can you have a place called Fisherman Island that doesn't allow fishermen?

(Pet peeve: The name of Fisherman Island is a lie. There are no fishermen there. It should be called "No Fisherman Island.")

But those were last year's predictions. I'm being more realistic with my predictions for 2024.

■ The town of Eastville advocates for the installation of rumble strips and new signage on U.S. Route 13 to reduce speeding.

Speeding on the highway is a safety issue but the speeding tickets written by Eastville's police department aren't cutting down on speeding. People keep speeding, so it's still unsafe.

My prediction: The rumble strips and signs read-

ing "Speed Enforcement Area" cut speeding tickets by 50%, improving safety and ending the policing-for-profit allegations.

■ A presidential candidate will hold a campaign rally on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Unless I'm mistaken, the Eastern Shore hasn't had a visit from a sitting president since 1916, when Woodrow Wilson walked around Tangier Island.

The Eastern Shore mainland hasn't had a sitting president visit since Grover Cleveland in 1892.

I cannot ever recall hearing of a presidential campaign rally on the Eastern Shore.

In 2017, then-President Donald Trump telephoned Tangier Mayor James "Ooker" Eskridge to talk about sea-level rise.

My prediction: Trump flies to Tangier Island to meet Eskridge in person and talk to voters.

■ Northampton County officially names its newly remodeled educational building in Eastville "Northampton Combined School." Because that's what it is.

It should be like Chincoteague — the sign in front calls it "Chincoteague Combined School." Within its walls are Chincoteague High and Chincoteague Middle schools.

Right now, it is called Northampton High School/Middle School. I think. It sure seems like a mouthful. The name of the campus has been clumsy

since the middle school moved there.

My prediction: When completed, \$82 million Northampton Combined School is a sleek new school with a sleek new name. It houses the county's high and middle schools.

■ The popular foodie television program "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives," skips the Eastern Shore of Virginia for the 18th straight year.

When shameless self-promoter Guy Fieri started his popular television show in 2007, I knew he'd eventually feature a restaurant from the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

After a decade, I gave up watching the show because he'd never visited a local establishment.

Today, the show has featured almost 1,300 restaurants — and not one from our area.

That means Fieri, for all of his background and bluster, has never experienced good Eastern Shore of Virginia cuisine.

I'm beginning to think Fieri has a personal grudge against us. Maybe he got a speeding ticket in Eastville in that classic convertible he drives, and he's sworn off our area forever.

My prediction: "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" continues to offend me by not featuring one of the Eastern Shore's restaurants in 2024.

■ Reach the writer at [editor@easternshorepost.com](mailto:editor@easternshorepost.com).

## Guest column

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comply together this past year. Thank you. Everything was possible with your support.

If you are reading this, you probably already know what a special place the Museum of Chincoteague Island is. I am proud to share the stories and help to protect the artifacts for future generations.

These are priceless memories that the museum is presenting and it is an honor to be a part of the story.

I would like to ask you to consider donating to the museum this holiday season if you are able. We are committed to protecting and preserving the heritage of Chincoteague — and that includes the renovations to the Beebe Ranch. Any donation would be immensely appreciated.

Whether you support the museum financially, or by sharing stories of the museum to your friends, recommending it to travelers, or visiting yourself, we want to thank you for being a part of the Museum of Chincoteague Island family.

We appreciate all that you have done and continue to do.

■ The writer is executive director of the Museum of Chincoteague Island.

## LETTERS

### Commends lawyers who voted against Lynwood Lewis for judge

To the editor:

I want to commend the 29 local lawyers (out of 32) who voted against outgoing state Sen. Lynwood Lewis Jr. for the upcoming circuit judgeship vacancy.

Obviously, those lawyers are more aware of his shortcomings than most of us, but the fact that he received \$60,000 from the Virginia Association of Realtors during the year that he sponsored legislation to give Realtors almost total control of short-term rentals disqualifies him for any public sector position.

He yet has not explained why he got this money, nor has he revealed what he did with it.

Gene H. Gibson  
Wachapreague

### Accomack Parks and Recreation gives thanks

To the editor:

The Accomack County Parks and Recreation Department would like to express its sincere gratitude to Aubrey Justis and the Saxis and Parksley volunteer fire departments, Tiffany Flores and the Eastern Shore Public Library, Ashley Pettit of Triangle Enterprise, and Colby and Carlton West for the bikes and books that were donated to the annual Parks and Recreation Bike and Book Christmas Drive.

The generous donations made the annual event a huge success.

William Custis, Jr., programs manager  
and the staff  
of Accomack County Parks and Recreation  
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## COMMUNITY



Michelle Ferebee

# Michelle Ferebee keynotes 116th Founders' Day event

Jane Cabarrus, Reneta Major, Shelia Walker to be honored

Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., will be celebrating its 116th Founders' Day at Eastern Shore Community College.

The event will be held on Jan. 20, 2024, and is open to the public.

The keynote speaker is Michelle Ferebee, deputy director of strategic partnerships at NASA Langley Research Center.

Her office is responsible for advancing partnerships with industry, academia, and other government agencies.

Her office also leads technology transfer and small business innovation research programs.

Ferebee has worked at NASA Langley for 40 years and is a 1983 graduate

of the College of William & Mary with a degree in mathematics.

Mary Jackson and Katherine Johnson, two of the Black women whose stories were chronicled in the book and blockbuster movie, "Hidden Figures," were her mentors when she started her NASA career.

Ferebee is passionate about encouraging minorities and women to pursue a career in STEM fields.

High school students interested in STEM are encouraged to attend.

The sorority is also celebrating the contributions of three community champions, Jane Cabarrus, Reneta Major, and Shelia Walker.

Registration information will be announced.



# Old shirt factory considered for veterans housing

BY CLARA VAUGHN

Eastern Shore Post

A real estate developer is considering Parksley as the site for an affordable housing project for military veterans.

If successful in applications for \$20 million in federal grants, Daniel Hagan's project, Never Leave a Veteran Behind, would purchase and redevelop the former shirt factory on Bennett Street to create affordable housing for veterans and active duty military members.

The plans include in-house health-care, a wellness center, and a grocery center, too, said the Quantum Real Estate Group developer.

"More so now than ever, we need this project," Hagan said in a presentation to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors Dec. 14.

"They just need help. This will provide it," he said of veterans.

A Chincoteague-based businessman, Hagan is seeking local support for the plans.

He received a letter of support from the Parksley Town Council earlier this fall after introducing his concept during a Nov. 13 meeting.

The town council unanimously backed the project that seeks to redevelop the 1919 shirt factory building, which has been vacant since the business there closed decades ago.

"The Town of Parksley is honored that Mr. Hagan has chosen Parksley for this program," the letter from Mayor Frank Russell says.

"We fully support our veterans and feel like this would complement the town's Veteran War Memorial and American Legion Post #100," it reads.

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors signed a letter supporting the project this month.

"Like many Virginia localities, Accomack County is experiencing a shortage of affordable housing options for both its current residents and those who seek to relocate here," County Administrator Mike Mason's letter reads.



EASTERN SHORE POST/CLARA VAUGHN

**The former shirt factory in Parksley has sat vacant for decades, but a proposed project would use federal grants to purchase and convert the building into affordable housing for veterans and active duty military members. The building is on the corner of Bennett Street and Cassatt Avenue.**

"Renovation of the proposed site ... to provide affordable housing to our veterans will help reduce this overall housing shortage and will be a positive outcome for a building that has, for the most part, sat dormant for decades," it says.

A 2022 Eastern Shore housing study found "a severe mismatch between housing units that are available and affordable" to residents in all income groups in Accomack and Northampton counties — especially the lowest- and highest-income groups.

That study recommends increas-

ing the area's housing inventory, including constructing new affordable housing.

Hagan is seeking to fund his plans through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing grants, which support communities in removing barriers to affordable housing.

There is \$85 million for competing projects nationwide available through the program, according to HUD's website.

Though private developers are not

listed under applicants eligible to apply for the grants, Hagan said small businesses are able to apply.

The timeline for the grant awards is unknown, he said.

Hagan said he has also contacted state officials to seek funding for the Parksley project.

■ Visit <https://tinyurl.com/NLAVB> to watch the promotional video for Project Never Leave a Veteran Behind.

■ See <http://tinyurl.com/5n9684hm> to read the 2022 Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Housing Study.



# OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

## Jean Steelman

**Mrs. Jean Byrd Steelman**, 89, of Accomac, wife of the late John David Steelman II, passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth, on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023. Born on April 15, 1934, in Belle Haven, she was the daughter of the late Charles Lilliston Byrd and Elizabeth Turner Byrd.

Affectionately known as "Miss Jean" to generations of children on the Eastern Shore, she was a dearly loved icon



**Mrs. Steelman**

Jean was an accomplished seamstress, sewing a variety of sought-after items, which she sold at craft shows all over the East Coast.

A proud alumna of Mary Washington College, she served her community as a teacher and mentor of children for more than 60 years. The Belle Croft business was sold in 2021; however, Miss Jean remained active in the school and continued to live in her home and place of business until November of 2023. Over the years, she and her husband, David, took occasional jaunts to Florida where they enjoyed actively maintaining their properties and visiting local flea markets.

Jean is survived by her children, John David Steelman III, of Franktown, Elizabeth Steelman Perry (Bryan), of Cashville, and Michael Emory Steelman (Dawn), of Cheriton; eight grandchildren, Shane Steelman (Jessica), Nikki C. Pruitt (Matt), Sutton Perry (Shannon), Sarah Beth Hamilton (Adam), Shannon Miller (James), Heather Burkhead (Daryl), Laura Page Parks (Brandon), and Michael E. Steelman (Karen); nieces and nephews, Peggy Ames Parks, Ruth Ames Soccio, Charles Phillip

Ames, Paige Ames, Cheryl C. Conrow, Andrew Brown, Betsy B. Jourdan, and Krista Shepard; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Other than her parents and beloved husband of 65 years, Jean was preceded in death by sisters, Mary Elizabeth Croom and Nancy Brown; brother-in-law, Andrew Brown; and niece, Carol Page Brown.

A service in celebration of Jean's life and legacy will be held at Market Street Methodist Church in Onancock on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, at 1 p.m., with a reception immediately following the service in the church social hall. Private interment will be held at the Cape Charles Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in memory of Jean Steelman to the ESCC Foundation, 29300 Lankford Highway, Melfa, VA 23410 <https://es.vccs.edu/about/escc-foundation/donate>, which will be earmarked to support future educators.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at:

[www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements were by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

## Barbara Wiedenheft

**Mrs. Barbara E. Wiedenheft**, of Chincoteague, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, fantastic baker, and first-class hostess, passed away suddenly on Dec. 18 at 77.



**Mrs. Wiedenheft**

A celebration of life service honoring Barbara will be announced at a later date. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, David Wiedenheft; her daughter, Nina Hickman; son-in-law, Michael Hickman; grandson, Colin Hickman; her identical twin sister, Maggie Porter; and many nieces, neph-

ews, and cousins who love her.

Originally hailing from Leeds, England, Barbara enjoyed traveling and experiencing new cultures. She lived in France, Holland, and Tunisia before moving to the United States in 1985. Barbara had a gift for learning languages; she was fluent in French and Dutch and very proficient in German, Arabic, and Spanish as well. This talent became quite handy when she and her husband, David, moved to Chincoteague in 1992 and became the innkeepers at Miss Molly's Inn Bed & Breakfast and had many international visitors. Barbara and David expanded with the purchase of The Channel Bass Inn in 1995. Their success as innkeepers was due in great part to guests coming back again and again for Barbara's delicious afternoon teas, world-famous scones, and welcoming and attentive care.

After retiring in 2021, Barbara spent as much time as she could with her family and grandson, Colton, whom she adored, and in the company of good friends, of which she had many. Barbara was the kind of person who loved to engage in conversation; she paid attention to the details of your life and cared deeply about your story. This love and loyalty to the people she connected with earned her lifelong friendships from around the world.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Maurice and Sylvia Black, and her brother, Anthony Black.

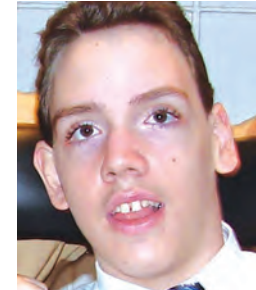
Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc. on Chincoteague Island. Condolences may be made online at [www.salyerfh.com](http://www.salyerfh.com)

## Colton Ward

**Mr. Colton Garrett Ward**, 30, entered the arms of Jesus on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, surrounded by his parents and his beloved "Uncle Luke" Carpenter at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk.

He came into this world as a miracle with severe earthly disabilities on Jan. 25, 1993, to his proud parents, Charles G. Ward Jr. and Roxane R. Ward of Exmore.

Colton lived at home with his parents until the age of 15, when he went to live at St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children in Norfolk. Colton blossomed



**Mr. Ward**

at St. Mary's and accomplished things his doctors declared he would never do. He loved his family and life at St. Mary's. Some of his favorite things were being on the swing, being on the porch, being walked around the campus, bumpy rides in the van, funny sounds, and his iPad. His laughter was belly deep and contagious.

He was a joy and an inspiration to all who were blessed enough to know him. Colton was a true testament to unconditional love, the kind our Heavenly Father calls each of us to be.

Colton fought the good fight, he loved life, and he fought through every adversity with a smile.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," 2 Timothy 4:7

His family has been eternally changed by his presence and temporarily changed by his passing, as Colton was their greatest teacher. With shattered hearts, they mourn their loss but at the same time rejoice in the fact that "absent from the body is to be present with the Lord," 2 Corinthians 5:8. Colton has been made whole.

Colton is survived by his parents: Roxane and Charles (Gil) of Exmore; a special cousin, Luke Carpenter, of Exmore; Aunt Patsy (Jimmy) Turner, of Exmore; Aunt Pam (Kris) Carpenter, of Nassawadox; Aunt Gloria (Woody) Hill, of Severn, Md.; Uncle Guy (Andrea)

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# Obituaries

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Dorey, of Atlanta; and numerous cousins and his beloved family at St. Mary's Home.

Colton was predeceased by his maternal and paternal grandparents, Stella Dorey, Gil Masse, and Charles and Marion Ward.

The family is eternally grateful for the many caretakers, prayer warriors, and friends in Colton's life.

A graveside service was conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, at Belle Haven Cemetery with Pastor Jonathan Carpenter officiating. Family joined friends at Doughty Funeral Home on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in memory of Colton to: ABSMH-DC (Auxiliary Board of St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children), P.O. Box 55076, Virginia Beach, VA 23471; or ABSMHDC, C/O Roxane Ward, 2517 Miles Wharf Road, Exmore, VA 23350; or through PayPal: Auxiliary Board of St Mary's Home for Disabled Children. All donations will be used to start the Colton Ward Foundation (more information to follow).

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.doughtyfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

## American Legion 159 sets Veterans Café

The American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague, is having a Veterans Café for all veterans and currently serving military on the second Tuesday of each month.

The next café 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

## Bruce Mathews

Mr. Bruce Carroll Mathews, 55, husband of Julie Clayton Mathews and a resident of Wachapreague, passed away Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital



**Mr. Mathews**

in Onancock. A native of Keller, he was the son of Anne Cropper Mathews, of Wachapreague, and the late Bruce G. Mathews. He was a maintenance groundskeeper for Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club and a Methodist.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by two sons, Aaron Lee Mathews and his wife, Sabrena, of Virginia Beach; and Bruce David Mathews, of Keller; and a sister, Michelle M. Hart and her husband, Tommy, of Atlantic.

A celebration of life service will be conducted Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Powelton Presbyterian Church with Vernon Bell officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SPCA Eastern Shore Inc., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.doughtyfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

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, he 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. Those interested in planning and attending can contact Thomas "Rip" Rippon at [tomripon56@gmail.com](mailto:tomripon56@gmail.com) or Amy Sturgis Darby at [asdarby715@gmail.com](mailto:asdarby715@gmail.com).



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# Eastern Shore Rural Health recognized for advocacy efforts

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. has been awarded Advocacy Center of Excellence (ACE) Silver Status by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). Eastern Shore Rural Health is currently the only active ACE in the state of Virginia.

As an ACE, Rural Health joins a nationwide network of community health centers that work to advance community health initiatives in the legislative arena. NACHC Advocacy Task Force meetings provide networking and learning opportunities for health center advocacy leaders. The Rural Health Advocacy Committee spearheads efforts for the organization and its patients. On Dec. 13 the committee hosted Virginia Senator Bill DeSteph at Eastville Community Health Center. “Senator DeSteph hit the ground running with a visit to our Eastville center to learn about how Rural Health serves the Shore,” said Advocacy Committee Chairman Dr. Art Fournier. “We appreciate his time and interest.”

Sen. DeSteph will represent Virginia’s Eastern Shore beginning in January 2024. State Senate districts 6, 7, and 8 have been combined to form the new 20th District, which includes Accomack and Northampton counties and parts of Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Currently the Eastern Shore of Virginia is part of district 6 represented by retiring Sen. Lynwood Lewis, and Sen. DeSteph represents district 8.

## Legislative Priorities

As a Community Health Center, Eastern Shore Rural Health reduces barriers that can keep people from getting primary health care such as cost, lack of insurance, distance, and language. Current legislative priorities include:

- Protecting the 340B program that helps low-income and other vulnerable patients get more affordable medicines and, in turn, supports safety-net providers, like Community Health Centers, in their overall mission to provide vital medical services and care. See <https://www.asap340b.org/> for info.

- Attaining a change in scope from the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services needed to increase base pay for Medicaid visits in the Federally Qualified Health Center Prospective Payment System. The amount distributed to health centers has not been increased for years. There is new legislation to not only increase the amount of funding but also to backpay what the cost of living should have been for several years, which would benefit Community Health Centers.

- Securing General Assembly funding distributed to the state’s Community Health Centers through the Vir-



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**Virginia Senator Bill DeSteph toured Eastern Shore Rural Health’s Eastville Community Health Center on Dec. 13. Sen. DeSteph (center) is shown here with (from left) Rural Health Board Member and Advocacy Committee Chair Dr. Art Fournier, Rural Health Board President Dr. Betty Bibbins, Rural Health CEO Jeannette Edwards, and Rural Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joan Lingen.**

ginia Community Healthcare Association. Rural Health uses this money to provide services to uninsured patients and in support of its pharmacy assistance program, which helps qualified patients get affordable prescriptions. See <https://esrh.org/help-getting-prescriptions/> for info.

- Securing federal funding for Community Health Centers. The primary form of federal funding is the Health Center Program, authorized in Section 330 of the Public Health Services Act and more commonly known as the “330 Grant.” Funding for the Health Center Program comes from a combination of discretionary funding appropriated by Congress each year and mandatory

funding from the Community Health Center Fund. See <http://tinyurl.com/y7p3j9xr> for more information.

“As a safety-net organization we provide care regardless of ability to pay,” said Rural Health Chief Executive Officer Jeannette Edwards. “Investing in Community Health Centers benefits entire communities by ensuring all citizens get basic preventive medical and dental care and treatment for chronic physical and mental health conditions.”

Rural Health patients interested in helping with advocacy efforts can contact Amy Bull by phone at 757-414-0400, ext. 1122, or email [abull@esrh.org](mailto:abull@esrh.org).



ARCADIA MIDDLE SCHOOL TOY DRIVE



Spanish 1 students at Arcadia Middle School sponsored a school-wide drive for new, unwrapped toys from Dec. 1 through 15. The toys were donated to Toys for Tots. The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to less fortunate children at Christmas. Since 1947 the Marine Corps and Toys for Tots have been making a difference in the lives of American families. Pictured from left are Paige Marshall, Harris Hewett, Natalya Cortigine, Cassidy Smith, and Ethan Turner.

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This insurance is open to all Chincoteague residents or those Chincoteague property owners from other states. The form may be picked up at the Chincoteague fire station or downloaded and printed from the CVFC website.

We ask that you provide your insurance information on the form as your insurance carrier will be invoiced. With CVFC Ambulance Insurance any extra charges will be written off of your invoice. Please don't hesitate, this is a wise coverage to have with the rising costs of health care.

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# Like father, like son: Fiege appointed Brightpoint president

Virginia's Community Colleges announced Dec. 4 that longtime community college leader William "Bill" Fiege will be president at Brightpoint Community College starting Jan. 2. For Fiege the new job will bring major new responsibilities, but the posting also will mark a family milestone: his father, John Fiege, was the first president at Eastern Shore Community College.

Fiege's appointment is the first time a parent and child have served in presidential roles at Virginia's community colleges.

"He was my role model and best friend," said Bill Fiege. John Christopher Fiege served as Eastern Shore Community College's first president for 23 years, retiring in 1996. A much-loved figure at ESCC, John Fiege died in 2012 at the age of 84.

"I grew up in the community college system, but my mom and dad never pushed me to work in higher education. They supported my early career goal to be a high school teacher," said Bill Fiege. "When we were kids, my dad found time to help me and my brother grow and develop as young men. He had a great balance between work and family, and for that I am very appreciative.

"I'll always remember that my dad said and believed that everyone has the potential to make significant contributions to improve life and relationships by being tolerant and caring about the well-being of others."

"I'm excited about Bill's appointment," said VCCS Chancellor David Doré, announcing Fiege's new role at Brightpoint. "I am confident he will build on the college's outstanding history of serving its communities and its diverse student populations and will lead Brightpoint into a new era as Virginia's Community Colleges embark on a system-wide transformation to serve more learners in new ways."

Bill Fiege will hit the ground running at Brightpoint. He has served as the college's vice president of learning and student success since 2012. He held



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**Bill Fiege smiles with his father, John Fiege, Eastern Shore Community College's first president, in a 2008 family photo.**

leadership and teaching roles at Germanna Community College starting in 2003 and taught and led at Longwood University for seven years prior to that.

At an all-employee meeting at Brightpoint shortly after his presidential appointment was announced, Fiege said, "We've made great strides, but there is still a lot to be done to better support the communities we serve. Our students need us now more than ever, and we must be there for them. At the same

time, we need to be there for each other. We have to work together to ensure we have priorities in place to make the work manageable and collaborative and to have a healthy balance in our lives."

"We are a bright point and we are trailblazers, and I am beyond thrilled to assume the role as your president and to see us continue to make a valuable impact on our campuses and in our communities."

■ *Courtesy Virginia Community College System*

## DMV accepting highway safety grant fund applications in February

Each year, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) provides vital federal grant funds to organizations making a difference in their communities through a passion for safety. If your organization is dedicated to helping save lives on Virginia's roadways, please consider applying for a highway safety grant from DMV. Grants empower Virgin-

ia-based organizations like nonprofits, colleges and universities, law enforcement agencies, and state and local government agencies to implement campaigns and programs aimed at preventing traffic fatalities, injuries, and crashes.

Grant-funded programs strive to prevent impaired driving, decrease speeding, increase seat belt use, or promote pedestrian, motorcyclist, bicyclist, teen or senior driver safety in local communities.

Interested applicants are required to complete a grant application training workshop. Workshops be-

gin in January 2024.

Applications must be submitted between Feb. 1 and 28, 2024. Objectives to measure initiative effectiveness are required and funding is determined by the potential impact on the performance objectives. Examples of program evaluation measures and more information on funding areas can be found on DMV's website: <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/grants-management>

For more information about training courses, guidelines, and access to applications, contact the DMV program manager in your area.





Kiptopeke Elementary announces its students and staff of the month for November. Pictured from left in the back row are Principal Ron Yorke, Ethan Queck, Jayshangalise Romos Martinez, Juliana Thomas Venegas, Chase Tankard, Deanna Wivvell, and first grade teacher Darlene Brown. The front row includes Selma Huacozon Molina, Alex Perez Jose, Lelyn Walbridge, Irving Rochez Criesanka, Melissa Jaramillo, Jack Mowry, Pedro Cruz, Ruby Pilenolimon, and Kingston Carpenter. Kim Johnson was support staff of the month but was absent for the picture.

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## CAPE CHARLES

# Town halts work on fence that took too long to finish

**BY STEFANIE JACKSON**  
Eastern Shore Post

For one Cape Charles property owner, there was no mending fences with town officials over his denied request for an extension on a home-improvement project in the historic district.

Barrett Cree, who owns a home on Pine Street, told the Town Council on Thursday, Dec. 21, that “the delays we incurred were not of our choosing” regarding the installation of a vinyl fence around the property.

He had asked for an extension to complete the fence even though the certificate of appropriateness for the work had expired 16 months prior and vinyl is no longer a permitted building material in the historic district.

Cree said he and Gerry Forbes “didn’t mean to do anything wrong,” and he had been unaware of the process to renew the certificate, which had expired one year after its July 2021 issue date.

Cape Charles town staff had discovered the long-expired certificate of appropriateness after one neighbor had complained about another issue with the property, which has been corrected.

Cree filed for an extension for the fence installation but was denied by the Cape Charles Historic District Review Board in a 3-2 vote, leaving him one remaining option — to appeal the decision to the Town Council.

Forbes noted that \$13,000 had been invested in the fence that is consistent with the architectural style of the neighborhood, and one-third of the fence has been installed.

Several neighbors spoke or wrote in support of the project.

Ann Hayward Walker said there were “extenuating circumstances” and the Town Council should approve the extension.

The certificate was issued during

### The issue

■ The Cape Charles Town Council denied a request by a property owner to extend the length of a certificate of appropriateness.

■ The property owner received the certificate to build a vinyl fence around his property. He said the project encountered unexpected delays. The certificate of appropriateness expired.

■ However, vinyl is no longer a permitted building material in the historic district of the town.

■ A town council member encouraged the applicant to seek a new certificate of appropriateness.

the COVID-19 pandemic, when labor shortages were high, she pointed out.

Walker said she and her husband also have been trying to improve their property and have experienced a year-long delay.

“I can’t tell you how many times I’ve ambushed contractors on job sites or where they go to have coffee at 7 in the morning. I have groveled, I’ve begged to please commit to work ... on our projects,” with no success, she said.

Bob McLanahan in an email wrote that, as a builder, he understands the challenges of working on such a small lot, and that grading, landscaping, and fencing are always the last steps in a major home improvement project.

Sheila Shields, who lives across the street, wrote in support of the project. “I have watched as these owners have put in an exorbitant amount of time,

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## MOOSE 683 LINE DANCERS



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The line dancers of the Moose Lodge 683, Exmore, recently visited Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley to provide Christmas entertainment. The group meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Moose. Pictured are, front row from left, Danielle Mosher and Elisha Killian. Back row: Susan Vanvelzor, Annie Young, Elaine Plaschke, Linda Barlow, Debbie Anderson, Judy Adams, and Susanne Grizzard.

## Cape Charles

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money, and effort to improve this property, which had been an eyesore,” she said.

Town Council Members Steve Bennett, Andrew Follmer, and Tammy Holloway indicated that they would like to see the work continue at the Pine Street home, but they could not approve the extension of a certificate of appropriateness that had been expired for 16 months.

Cape Charles Zoning Administrator Katie Nunez suggested that an extension was inappropriate because work had not begun on the fence until this summer, after the certificate expired.

According to a document submitted by Cree, fence post holes had been dug in May 2022, while the certificate of appropriateness was active.

However, Nunez did not consider that the start of work on the fence, as there had been project delays, with

heavy equipment sitting idle on the property, and the holes had collapsed.

Cree said the project had never been abandoned and that work had continued daily, even “in between medical procedures and treatments.”

Nunez pointed out that she had recommended Cree apply both for an extension of the previous certificate of appropriateness and a new one.

When applying for the new certificate of appropriateness, he should explain to the historic district review board why the use of vinyl fence should be allowed, she said.

However, he had chosen to apply only for the extension.

The Town Council unanimously voted to deny Cree’s appeal.

Holloway said making the decision was “so hard, because the work is incredible ... but that is not our position tonight.”

She told the applicants, “I really wish that you guys had submitted the reapplication ... and I hope that you do that.”

# Thank You!

On the night of Thursday, Nov. 3, I had a house fire. It was devastating. I lost everything. I woke up Friday morning with pretty much nothing but the clothes on my back. That’s when my friends sprang into action to help get me back on my feet.

First of all, I want to thank my friends from Ocean City for sending me money and clothes. I’d also like to thank the owners of the **Sunset Grille** for taking up a collection for me.

Here on the Shore, I’d like to thank **FHA Hunt Club** for taking up a collection, **Zion Baptist Church** in Parksley, **Mt. Nebo Baptist Church**, **Smith’s Chapel United Methodist Church** in Quinby, and **Exmore Baptist Church** for sending me clothes, money, and gift cards.

I’m grateful to the **Exmore Moose Lodge** and **Onancock Elks Lodge** for sending money; my colleagues at **Accomack County Public Schools** and **Pungoteague Elementary**, mostly the transportation department, for taking up a collection; my friend, **Joe Clemente**, in Willis Wharf, for taking me in when I had nowhere else to stay; my neighbors, **the Lawsons**, for bringing food, clothes, and money and for letting me keep some of my belongings in their garage; and **Farm Bureau of Accomack**, my insurance company.

*Thanks to everyone on the Eastern Shore. I’ll never forget your generosity. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*John Larry Hamblin Jr.*



# Pollution reduction input sought here

BY CLARA VAUGHN  
Eastern Shore Post

Leaders from Virginia's environmental agency met with local residents this month to gather ideas for a new statewide climate plan.

Projects listed in Virginia's Priority Climate Action Plan will be eligible to compete for \$4.3 billion in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funds through its Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, which aim to rapidly cut greenhouse gas emissions.

"It'll be the first formal, official climate plan the Commonwealth of Virginia's ever put together," said Air Quality Planning Manager at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Tom Ballou during a Dec. 12 meeting at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa.

"That in itself is significant," he said.

Five residents attended the meeting, which was one of five DEQ hosted across Virginia. They provided ideas from initiatives to address poultry litter to incentivizes for installing solar panels or weatherizing homes for more energy-efficient heating and cooling.

"There's not enough being done and in particular, initiatives that don't have the political will or the interest from the local community,"

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EASTERN SHORE POST/CLARA VAUGHN

Tom Ballou, air quality planning manager at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, gives an overview of a planning grant the Department received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while visiting Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa on Dec. 12.

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**Eastern Shore residents provide input on projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions during a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality meeting at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa on Dec. 12.**

## Pollution

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said Richard Dyer, who attended the meeting.

Virginia's climate action plan will take place in two phases.

An initial, five-year plan will include projects "that are ready to go ... in terms of being designed, budgeted, and planned out (and) just need funding," Ballou said. Those projects will be eligible to compete for CPRG Implementation Grants in 2024.

A longer-ranging, 20-year plan will include a broader suite of projects to meet emission reduction goals.

The plans are funded by a CPRG Planning Grant. EPA is requiring the first phase be complete by March 1, 2024.

The agency will weigh factors including workforce development, low-income and disadvantaged communities, and filling gaps left by existing funding sources in awarding its implementation grants.

Projects must estimate greenhouse gas emission reductions they will achieve and include a timeline for achieving them, according to Ballou.

"The more emissions you can get (reduced) and ... the sooner you can implement it, the better the chance it has of being funded," he said of competing projects.

That means projects addressing high-emitting sectors such as transportation, electric power, and industry could be very competitive.

Other greenhouse gas-emitting sectors include residential and commercial uses, agriculture and forestry, and waste and wastewater.

There will be 35 to 115 grants available nationally, ranging from \$2 million large-scale project awards up to \$500 million, Ballou said.

Local governments and state agencies can apply for the implementation grants, but successful applicants can pass funds to non-profit and other groups to work on the projects, he said.

Ballou said six Virginia agencies and four municipalities already plan to submit applications. State and local governments will need to apply for the CPRG Implementation Grants by April 1.

DEQ plans to hold a virtual, statewide community outreach meeting on its climate action plan on Jan. 9 and have a draft plan complete by late January, he said.

The public can comment on the draft plan through February, he said.

To learn more about the Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant, visit <http://tinyurl.com/2brvbrhr>

See <http://tinyurl.com/3xjbzfrk> for information on EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants.

To provide input on priority projects to include in Virginia's Priority Climate Action Plan, visit <http://tinyurl.com/34h8mj45>

See <http://tinyurl.com/mryyxnxb> to sign up to receive updates on Virginia's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

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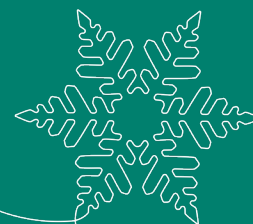
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# Main Street program seeks \$100K in grants

**BY CLARA VAUGHN**  
Eastern Shore Post

Onancock Main Street plans to seek over \$100,000 in grants next year to improve downtown Onancock.

Onancock Town Council member Cindy Holdren, who is also on the OMS board, reported on the anticipated applications during the town council's Dec. 18 meeting.

One grant is only open to Virginia Main Street groups.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Virginia Main Street Downtown Investment grant provides up to \$75,000 for economic and community development. The grant requires \$37,500 in local matching funds.

In the past, the Downtown Investment grant has funded new murals in Onancock, marketing for small businesses in town, and Onancock's gift card program, Holdren said.

The town agreed to provide matching funds for the grant last year, but the application was not successful, so Onancock did not spend those funds, she said.

Applications for the Downtown Investment grants open in early February.

OMS also plans to apply for two Virginia Tourism Commission grants, which require one-to-one matching funds or an in-kind match.

The VTC Marketing Leverage Program grant has historically awarded up to \$20,000 for initiatives driving visitors to Virginia towns. Holdren expects information on the 2024 grant to be available in February.

"We'll be coming next (town

council) meeting with a specific plan for how Main Street plans to use this," she said.

VTC's Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program grant application period opens around June, Holdren said, and historically has provided up to \$10,000 to help small business owners.

"OMS has previously used this grant to support small businesses during the shoulder seasons," said the organization's program manager, Jenny Gehman.

Onancock became an a Main Street community in 2020, opening the door for the town to receive grants and services from DHCD that are only available to Main Street groups.

The nonprofit group has successfully secured over \$200,000 in grants for projects that market the town and improve its downtown area, including a recent project that added three murals to local buildings, Gehman said.

OMS also partnered with the town to successfully apply for a \$1 million DHCD award to renovate the Lilliston building at 38 Market St.

Virginia has almost 30 designated Virginia Main Street communities, including Onancock and Cape Charles on the Eastern Shore. Since 1985, those communities have generated more than \$1 billion in private investment, according to DHCD's website.

Visit [dhcd.virginia.gov/vms](https://dhcd.virginia.gov/vms) to learn more about the Virginia Main Street program.

Visit [www.experienceonancock.com](https://www.experienceonancock.com) to learn more about Onancock Main Street and its initiatives in downtown Onancock.



NORTHAMPTON HIGH, MIDDLE FFA CHAPTERS DONATE DINNERS

The Northampton High and Middle School FFA chapters recently donated Thanksgiving dinners. Pictured from left are Daniel Brown; Cheryl Fenderson, of Mount Sinai Church; Victor Holley, of Resurrection Church of Deliverance; Ernest James, of New Mount Zion Church; Anya Bagwell; Wayne C. Bell Sr., of Bethel AME Church in Eastville; Steve Lewis, of Full Gospel Church, Cape Charles; and Oliver H. Bennett, of Antioch Baptist Church. For almost 50 years, the Northampton High and Middle school FFA Chapters have been donating seven Thanksgiving boxes.

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## Bacteria testing set at Occohannock school

**BY STEFANIE JACKSON**  
Eastern Shore Post

An analysis of Occohannock Elementary School's well system was scheduled for winter break after repeat testing of water samples revealed the presence of typically harmless bacteria.

Northampton County schools remain "in full compliance" with Virginia Department of Health standards, Director of Operations Chris Truckner told the school board on Dec. 14.

During routine monthly water sampling, a positive result was returned for total coliform bacteria.

Water is "generally safe to drink" after testing positive solely for coliform bacteria, but additional testing and treatment is required, according to Truckner's report.

Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the soil and are also found in animal and human waste. These bacteria are typically harmless and unlikely to cause illness, but they are an indicator that harmful bacteria also may be present.

The well water at Occohannock

Elementary has tested positive for coliform bacteria previously but not in back-to-back samples, which triggers the requirement for water treatment and in-depth analysis.

Following the advice of VDH, a chlorine shock treatment was completed and the well caps were replaced, but repeated water sampling showed the issue had not been resolved.

A temporary chlorinator will be installed to treat the water until the source of the bacteria can be found and eliminated.

Truckner said it's likely that the steel-pipe well casing, which can become pitted over time, may need to be replaced.

The worst-case scenario is needing to replace both wells at a cost of \$30,000 or more for each well, Truckner said.

Because the wells qualify as a public water source, they carry more costly engineering and permitting requirements compared to residential wells, he said.

Occohannock Elementary has used the same wells since the school was built nearly 30 years ago.

## Bird Club meets Jan. 11

The Eastern Shore Bird Club will hold a trip to the Saxis Wildlife Management Area on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

Join veteran birders Joanne and Hal Laskowski, Victor Klein, as well as other birding enthusiasts to watch for and identify winter raptors, short-eared owls, and marsh birds, and maybe catch a winter sunset over the beautiful Saxis marsh.

Attendees should meet at Hammock boat ramp, located at the end of Hammock Road, Saxis.

Hammock Road is off Saxis Road, Route 695.

The program is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Always be prepared for ticks, the sun, mosquitoes, and the weather.

For more information contact Joanne Laskowski at 410-253-9141.





**Paul Bibbins, an Eastern Shore native, is recognized at this display at Eastern Virginia Medical School.**

## Bibbins lauded at EVMS

During the fall of 2023, Eastern Virginia Medical School marked its 50th anniversary and the people who made it happen, honoring its legacy and future promise.

On display in the Edward E. Bricckell Medical Sciences Library on the EVMS campus are exhibits relevant to the history of medicine and the 50th anniversary celebration of EVMS.

A picture of Paul E. Bibbins Jr. is exhibited for the 50th anniversary. Bibbins' depiction is titled, "Local Hero Remembers His Roots."

The exhibit makes reference to the article about Bibbins that appeared in the EVMS Magazine by Sonja Barisic.

"Don't forget where you come from." The words of Bibbins' grandmother have guided him throughout his life and 40-year career as a scientist, scholar, university president,

dean, professor, and executive who contributed to the scientific literature in reproductive endocrinology, toxicology, and cytogenetics, and left a mark on higher education.

After a very successful career, Bibbins returned to the Eastern Shore, which he believes is the best move he has ever made.

Eastern Virginia Medical School conferred upon Bibbins the Honorary Doctoral Degree of Humane Letters during the 2021 Commencement Ceremony because of the career accomplishments that Bibbins has achieved following his graduation from EVMS even into retirement.

Bibbins currently is a member of the Board of Directors of the NASA Space Flight Academy and the Board of Directors of the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore.

## Local AA groups announce schedules

The Eastern Shore of Virginia District 27 Alcoholics Anonymous announces its meeting schedule.

Visit the local Alcoholics Anonymous website at [www.aaeastern-shoreva.org](http://www.aaeastern-shoreva.org)

The group can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 368, Onancock, VA 23417.

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lowship 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.

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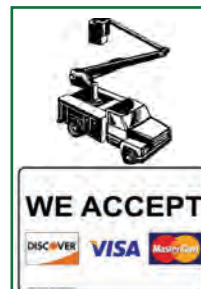


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# Legal Ads

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE CASE NO. 23-821

vs.

LINDA RAE RUSSELL USHER

The heirs and devisees of RUTH S. BULTERMAN

CAROL L. MCKENNON

LISA A. IVINS

The heirs and devisees of ALMA R. TITTERMARY

The heirs and devisees of JOHN E. RUSSELL

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 the Town of Chincoteague, Island District, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as tax map number 030A7A000009300.

standing in the names of Linda Rae Russell Usher and Ruth S. Bulterman, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 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 Ruth S. Bulterman, Alma R. Tittermary and John E. Russell; 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 Ruth S. Bulterman, Alma R. Tittermary and John E. Russell; that Linda Rae Russell Usher is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 7450 Miami Lakes Drive #C-103, Miami Lakes, FL 33014; that Carol L. McKennon is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 54 River Woods Drive, Wilmington, DE 19809; and that Lisa A. Ivins is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 5 Summit Lane, Wilmington, DE 19807.

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 February 22, 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 12th day of December, 2023

Tracey Murdoch,

Clerk for Circuit Court of Accomack County

I ask for this:  
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1410  
7100 U.S. Route 17  
Yorktown, VA 23692  
(757) 898-7000

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** December 29, 2023 to January 29, 2024

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

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Fern Point Limited Partnership; 6158 Fern Point Road, Franktown, VA 23354; GW0070501

**NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL:** Jones 3 Farm; Bayford Road, Franktown, VA 23354

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Fern Point Limited Partnership has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the Jones 3 Farm. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 11,974,000 gallons per year and 9,629,000 gallons per month from the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer. The ground water withdrawal will provide supplemental water to on-site ponds used for crop irrigation. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

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

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

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Caitlin Kelly; Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA, 23218; Phone: 804-774-0828; E-mail: [caitlin.kelly@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:caitlin.kelly@deq.virginia.gov). The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above {by appointment} or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Jeffery L. Shelley; 34372 Shelley Farm, Painter, VA 23420; GW0070301

**NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL:** Shelley Farm; 34372 Shelley Farm, Painter, VA 23420

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Jeffery L. Shelley has applied for a reissuance of a permit for Shelley Farm. The permit would authorize the applicant to withdraw a maximum of 16,600,000 gallons per year and 6,550,000 gallons per month from the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer. The ground water withdrawal will provide supplemental water to on-site ponds used for crop irrigation. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Upper Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

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## TRUSTEE'S SALE

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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 7, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$112,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 201202884. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 2, 2024, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE ON THE PUBLIC ROAD LEADING FROM THE TOWN OF PAINTER TO THE VILLAGE OF PUNGOTEAGUE, IN PUNGOTEAGUE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE SOUTH BY THE PUBLIC ROAD LEADING FROM THE TOWN OF PAINTER TO THE VILLAGE OF PUNGOTEAGUE FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT FEET (128 FT.); ON THE EAST BY THE LAND OF MCKINLEY SMITH AND WIFE, THE DITCH BEING THE LINE; ON THE NORTH BY THE REMAINING LAND OF THE PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART FOR A DISTANCE OF LITTLE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT FEET (128 FT.); AND ON THE WEST BY A LINE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID PUBLIC ROAD BETWEEN THE HEREIN CONVEYED LAND AND THE REMAINING LAND OF THE PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FEET (170 FT). THE CORNERS OF THE HEREIN CONVEYED LOT ARE DESIGNATED BY IRON STOBS.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com). Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com)



## PUBLIC AUCTION of valuable REAL ESTATE

Lots 628 & 629, Unit 1, Chincoteague Bay Trails End

The undersigned Trustee by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust from Daniel H. Messimer and Bonnie S. Messimer, husband wife, dated September 27, 2018, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack as Instrument Number 180003597, upon being requested to do so by the noteholder, will sell at public auction, subject to any and all terms and conditions contained in said deed of trust, to the highest bidder,

IN FRONT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
AT 23316 COURHOUSE AVE.  
IN ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA  
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024  
AT 9:30 A.M.

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

All those two certain lots or parcels of land located near Hornstown, Accomack County, Virginia, and being Lots 628 and 629, Unit 1, Chincoteague Bay Trails End as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded among the deed records of Accomack County, Virginia, on a certain plat entitled, "Chincoteague Bay Trails End," Unit 1, Sheet 1, made by E. D'Appolonia, Consulting Engineers, recorded in Plat 19, at page 15, to which reference is hereby had for a more particular description of said lots.

Together with all rights, easements, buildings, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Subject to valid recorded easements, covenants, reservations and restrictions in the chain of title to the property hereby conveyed, which have not expired or otherwise become ineffective, specifically including the covenants and restrictions of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County in Deed Book 387, at page 58, and any and all supplemental and amended covenants and restrictions.

Being in all respects the same lots or parcels of land conveyed to Daniel H. Messimer and Bonnie S. Messimer, husband and wife, by deed dated September 24, 2018, from Darren R. Bricker, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 180003596 (Tax Map No. 029A10100062800 and 029A10100062900).

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

## TERMS

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

The property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the time bid off; possession to be given on the day of sale, and taxes for the year 2024 to be prorated as of the date of sale.

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

For further information apply to the undersigned Trustee. Given under my hand this the 7th day of December, 2023.

JOHN P. CUSTIS  
Sole Acting Trustee  
25020 Shore Pkwy., Suite 2A  
Onley, VA 23418  
757-302-4131

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104

Case No. 23CL000952-00  
Accomack County Circuit Court  
23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA 23301

BENTLEY AUSTIN JONES  
v. N/A

The object of this suit is to:  
OBTAIN A NAME CHANGE

It is ORDERED that LEONARD AARON GEORGE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before FEBRUARY 14, 2024.

December 12, 2023  
Caretta S. Harris, Dep. Clerk

## TRUSTEE'S SALE

31675 BOSTON RD, PUNGOTEAGUE, VA 23420

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 1999, in the original principal amount of \$59,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia, in Book 0793 at Page 00496 as Instrument No. 990001416. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 16, 2024, at 1:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE AT BOSTON, PUNGOTEAGUE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS BEING ON THE WEST BY STATE ROUTE NO. 178 FOR A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET; ON THE SOUTH BY THE LAND OF GEORGE BAILEY AND MAGGIE BAILEY, HIS WIFE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET; ON THE EAST BY OTHER LANDS OF THE PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART FOR A DISTANCE OF 165 FEET; AND ON THE NORTH BY A PROPOSED 50-FOOT ROAD BETWEEN THIS LAND AND THE LAND OF JAMES DENNIS. SUBJECT TO AN UTILITY EASEMENT GRANTED A & N ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, DATED AUGUST 10, 1988 AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE, DEED BOOK 549, PAGE 659.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com). Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com)



# Legal Ads

## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2024 AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

### A. SUSE-000563-2023 – Greg Span – 13348 Indian Trail Road, Belle Haven

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22) which permits an accessory dwelling on lots with a minimum area of five (5) acres. The applicant requests a variance of 130 feet, pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-238 which requires 140 feet of separation between multiple dwellings on the same parcel.

The applicant wishes to construct a 2 story accessory dwelling with a garage on the first floor and 1047 square feet of living space above. The five (5) acre site is located on the southbound side of Indian Trail Road, approximately 1,400 feet northeast of its intersection with Shields Bridge Road and is on Tax Map #118-3-A3.

The parcel is zoned Agriculture.

### B. SUSE-000564-2023 – Amanda Heinbaugh – 32020 Lankford Highway, Painter

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14) which permits travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, to be occupied for habitation.

The applicant wishes to dwell in a travel trailer while they complete renovations to the existing dwelling. The .97 acre site is located on the southbound side of Lankford Highway, approximately 3500 feet north of the intersection with Elmore Road and is on Tax Map #111-1-C1.

The parcel is zoned Agriculture.

### C. SUSE-000565-2023 – Last Hurrah LLC – 31180 Horntown Road, New Church

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(25) which permits large solar energy systems.

The applicant wishes to install a 577.15 Kw solar system on the roofs of the existing poultry houses. The 80.43 acre site is located on the south side of Horntown Road, approximately 880 feet east of the intersection with Lankford Highway and is on Tax Map #12-A-63.

The parcel is zoned Agriculture.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia or <https://tinyurl.com/2p92ccr2> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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

## TRUSTEE SALE 31318 Lawrence Drive, Atlantic, VA 23303 Accomack County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$108,007.00, dated August 24, 2018 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. 180003213, at Page 001 and re-recorded in Document No. 190002091, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, on February 28, 2024 at 3:00 PM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Parcel "H", containing 3.111 Acres, Pine Grove, with any improvements thereon.

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

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

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.

### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will meet and conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia, on the following matter:

**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 is on file and open to public inspection in the County Administrator's Office, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA, and can be viewed electronically at <http://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 County Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, and via email to [jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us](mailto:jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us).

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

## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

### A. Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 – 2029

The Capital Improvement Plan is a long-range 5-year planning tool used to schedule anticipated Capital Projects lasting longer than 3 years and costing more than \$50,000 and to coordinate how they will be funded.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia and on the County's website at <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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

## VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

RE: ESTATE OF NORMA P. WESSELLS, deceased  
COURT FILE NO. 2200213

### SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION

It is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all other persons interested in, the above estate show cause, if any they can, on the 4th day of January, 2024, at 9:30 AM, before this Court, at its Courthouse, Accomack County Circuit Court Building, 23312 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia 23301, against the payment and delivery of the estate to the distributees without requiring refunding bonds.

It appearing to the Court that reports of the accounts of Richard P. Wallace, Executor of the above estate and of the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office and that six months have elapsed since qualification, and upon motion of the personal representative, it is further ORDERED that the caption, style and first paragraph of the Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in Accomack County, Virginia.

ENTER: This 14th day of December, 2023  
W. Revell Lewis,  
Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA

I ask for this:  
Richard P. Wallace,  
Executor

By: Robert G. Turner  
Virginia State Bar #30736  
23328 Wise Court  
P.O. Box 536  
Accomac, VA 23301  
Ph. 757-787-1560  
Fax 757-7877035

THOMAS HANEY,  
Trading as  
Farm and Creek Winery LLC,  
3205 Old Plantation Farm Road, Cape Charles,  
Northampton County, Virginia 23310  
The above establishment is applying to the  
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY  
for a Farm Winery license to sell  
or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Thomas Haney, Owner

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

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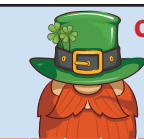
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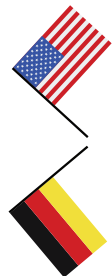
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### Marriage licenses

- Sherri Renee Carter, 47, and Bradley Robert Terry, 39, both of Parksley
- Quajahnae Monik Davis, 20, of Painter, and Kevonte Tremell Sample, 20, of Temperanceville
- Angela Katherine Morales, 54, and Martin Orozco Morales Sr., 53, both of Pocomoke City, Md.

### Northampton property transfers

- From Nancy and Richard Lehr To Jamie and Douglas Cheatwood Lot 5, Upshur Armour plat, near The Forks, Eastville For \$3768.34
- From Waterfront Marketing Inc. To M. Joseph Marshall Lot K-21, Peaceful Meadows II, near Jamesville For \$21,900
- From Commonwealth Trustees LLC, Lauramer Ames, and Margaret George-Ayres To Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust Lot on Church Road, near Nassawadox For \$107,000
- From Virginia Latham, Jane Belote, and William Kellam Jr. To Mark Colson, trustee 2 lots, 26.97 acres, Parcel C, near Cheriton For \$130,000
- From Bay Creek Development LLC To Adria and John Martinelli Lot L93, Village L, Phase 1B, Bay Creek, Cape Charles For \$175,000
- From Keziah Chiles To Francis James Jr. Lot, 1/2 acre, Nassawadox For \$35,775
- From Siroun LLC To Simpkins Holdings LLC Lot in Cheapside For \$2,000

- From Denard Charles Spady and Dora-Weston Spady Wilkins To William Riley Jr. 2 parcels, Yeardley Farm, Old Town Neck For \$1,425,000
- From William Pucher and Sarah Keasey, trustees To Paul and Shirley Dominic Lot 19, Virginia's Chesapeake Shores, Cheapside For \$600,000
- From David and Christine Schwab To Tanya and Paul St. Laurent III Lot 13A, Fairways III, Phase 1, Bay Creek, Cape Charles For \$699,000
- From ChesBay Properties LLC To Todd and Amanda Davis Lot 83, Bay Creek, Phase IV, The Colony, Cape Charles For \$405,000

### Accomack property transfers

- From Bonnie Robbins To Ivy Land Company LLC 48 acres near Hallwood For \$75,000
- From Walker Christopher Lewis To Leslie M. and Melvin C. Lewis 8 acres near Onancock For \$250,000
- From Bradley J. Hower To Ryan Haynie and McCaella Holt 33 Hill St., Onancock For \$260,000
- From Matthews Market Inc. To Three Stars LLC 14141 Lankford Highway, Mappsville For \$200,000
- From House Buyers of America Inc. To Israel Mota Lopez and Alberta Nabarete Hernandez 32570 Boston Road, Painter For \$28,000
- From Susan E. and Gregory M. Fogarty To Carmen Kroboth and William B. Berezny 6271 Clark St., Chincoteague For \$450,000

- From Second Star LLC To Curratuck Creek LLC 264 acres, Clear Water Way, Craddockville For \$850,000
- From Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties and Eastern Shore Mermaid LLC To Patriot House 1776 LLC 3190 Lunn Estates, Chincoteague For \$40,000
- From Fannie Mae To Lori and Jason McCoy 3396 High Sea Drive, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$341,900
- From Laurie Haas Young and Steven Diener Haas, substitute co-trustees To Chincoteague Cottage LLC 6301 Circle Drive, Chincoteague For \$301,000
- From Anna M. and Stan Snyder To Kara L. and David M. Jones Lot 90, Unit 3, Trails End, Horntown For \$40,000
- From Carmen E. Kroboth and William B. Berezny To Laurie and Patrick Hawley 4321 Anderston Ave., Chincoteague For \$350,000
- From Brandi N. and Joseph Patrick Whitehurst To Barbara and James Garruto Lot 16, Nandua Bay, Painter For \$42,500
- From Kimberly E. White-Landon and Harold B. Landon Jr. To CMH Homes Inc. 8496 Wessells Farm Road, Temperanceville For \$49,900
- From Donald Richard Jones, trustee To Amy and Howard Kelly Jr. Lot 27, Wishart's Point, Atlantic For \$40,000
- From Laura Videtti To Michael Cornell Lot 16, Section B, Cedar View Beach, Pungoteague For \$21,000

- From Quinby Revex LLC To Timothy J. King and Chad T. Vent, trustees 113 acres on Bradfords Neck Road, Quinby For \$67,500
- From Bay Shore Development Corporation To Wachapreague Cabins LLC Marina on Atlantic Avenue, Wachapreague For \$220,600
- From Lawrence Reid To Shelley L. and Peter D. Heller Jr. 5091 Main St., Chincoteague For \$708,000
- From Donna L. Hanbidge To Natalie Bahns 14 Holly St., Onancock For \$271,000
- From Bruce A. Baker To Donna E. King 21494 Southside Road, Onancock For \$183,000
- From Betty T. Jones To Irina Carroll 23205 Youngs Creek Road, Bloxom For \$29,000
- From Christine Rufener To 4044 Main Street LLC 4044 Main St., Chincoteague For \$313,900
- From Andrew D. Nethery To Barbara and Michael Cummings 19123 Greenway Circle, Onancock For \$245,000
- From Kathleen C. and Robert L. Preston To Brian Davis 3341 Navigator Drive, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$260,000
- From Terry B. Wright and Chasity Lynn Casto To Nicholas J. Gamma and Randi H. Naiden Lot 390, Unit 1, Trails End, Horntown For \$29,500
- From Juan D. Godoy To Travis S. Nock 739 Lankford Highway, Oak Hall For \$96,000

- From Eric W. Fairhurst To Donald Day Lot 98, Section 11, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$20,000
- From Lee-Ann M. and David M. Fick To Rebecca Turner and Devin Thomas Smith 13348 Full Measure Lane, Hacksneck For \$2,650,000
- From Barbara M. Hurley To Jennifer L. Cropper and Christopher P. McCabe Lot 7, Deep Creek, Mink Farm Road, Onancock For \$25,000
- From Archie J. Beebe To Beebe Property LLC Lot 3, Church Street, Chincoteague For \$50,000
- From Judith Ann and Thomas Christopher Hunt To Tomie Kay and Thomas L. Morse 3304 Scimitar Way, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$540,000
- From CMH Homes Inc. To Dexter L. Jackson and Montrose D. Hinmon-Jackson 6699 Neal Parker Road, Withams For \$275,000
- From Karen S. and Bernard L. Phillips To Carman M. Klassen 35212 Friendly Road, Horntown For \$150,000
- From Timothy M. Sample To Ivy Land Company LLC 29147 Bobtown Road, Pungoteague For \$50,000
- From Denise D. Kumor and John C. Lynn To Mary Lou and John C. Lynn 6283 Cropper St., Chincoteague For \$93,250
- From Daniel P. Stallard To Marcus E. Sollars 37145 Wheelhouse Road, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$265,000
- From Willard W. Ward Sr. To Prosperity Property & Management LLC Lot 127, Section 9, Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$2,500



# TIDE TABLE

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Assateague Beach	H L	9:29 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	H L	10:10 a.m. 4:51 p.m.	H L	10:51 a.m. 5:32 p.m.	H L	11:32 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	H L	12:14 p.m. 6:52 p.m.	H L	1:00 p.m. 7:06 a.m.	H L	1:50 p.m. 8:01 a.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	9:28 a.m. 3:59 p.m.	H L	10:10 a.m. 4:40 p.m.	H L	10:52 a.m. 5:21 p.m.	H L	11:34 a.m. 6:01 p.m.	H L	12:19 p.m. 6:43 p.m.	H L	1:07 p.m. 7:12 a.m.	H L	1:58 p.m. 8:10 a.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	10:25 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	H L	11:06 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	H L	11:47 a.m. 6:11 p.m.	H L	12:28 p.m. 6:50 p.m.	H L	1:10 p.m. 6:52 a.m.	H L	1:56 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	H L	2:46 p.m. 8:40 a.m.
Folly Creek	H L	10:18 a.m. 4:35 p.m.	H L	10:59 a.m. 5:15 p.m.	H L	11:40 a.m. 5:56 p.m.	H L	12:21 p.m. 6:35 p.m.	H L	1:03 p.m. 6:37 a.m.	H L	1:49 p.m. 7:30 a.m.	H L	2:39 p.m. 8:25 a.m.
Wachapreague	H L	9:54 a.m. 4:04 p.m.	H L	10:33 a.m. 4:43 p.m.	H L	11:11 a.m. 5:23 p.m.	H L	11:51 a.m. 6:04 p.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 6:47 p.m.	H L	1:14 p.m. 7:13 a.m.	H L	2:02 p.m. 8:08 a.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	9:29 a.m. 3:50 p.m.	H L	10:10 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	H L	10:51 a.m. 5:11 p.m.	H L	11:32 a.m. 5:50 p.m.	H L	12:14 p.m. 6:31 p.m.	H L	1:00 p.m. 6:45 a.m.	H L	1:50 p.m. 7:40 a.m.
Machipongo	H L	9:59 a.m. 4:19 p.m.	H L	10:40 a.m. 4:59 p.m.	H L	11:21 a.m. 5:40 p.m.	H L	12:02 p.m. 6:19 p.m.	H L	12:44 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	H L	1:30 p.m. 7:14 a.m.	H L	2:20 p.m. 8:09 a.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	1:25 p.m. 7:07 a.m.	H L	2:02 p.m. 7:49 a.m.	H L	2:41 p.m. 8:35 a.m.	H L	3:22 p.m. 9:25 a.m.	H L	4:07 p.m. 10:18 a.m.	H L	4:56 p.m. 11:15 a.m.	H L	5:49 p.m. 12:14 p.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	1:53 p.m. 8:00 a.m.	H L	2:31 p.m. 8:41 a.m.	H L	3:09 p.m. 9:23 a.m.	H L	3:47 p.m. 10:08 a.m.	H L	4:27 p.m. 10:56 a.m.	H L	5:11 p.m. 11:49 a.m.	H L	6:00 p.m. 12:46 p.m.
Guard Shore	H L	1:45 p.m. 7:56 a.m.	H L	2:23 p.m. 8:37 a.m.	H L	3:01 p.m. 9:19 a.m.	H L	3:39 p.m. 10:04 a.m.	H L	4:19 p.m. 10:52 a.m.	H L	5:03 p.m. 11:45 a.m.	H L	5:52 p.m. 12:42 p.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	1:20 p.m. 7:08 a.m.	H L	1:58 p.m. 7:49 a.m.	H L	2:36 p.m. 8:31 a.m.	H L	3:14 p.m. 9:16 a.m.	H L	3:54 p.m. 10:04 a.m.	H L	4:38 p.m. 10:57 a.m.	H L	5:27 p.m. 11:54 a.m.
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Pungoteague Creek	H L	12:50p.m. 6:42 a.m.	H L	1:28 p.m. 7:23 a.m.	H L	2:06 p.m. 8:05 a.m.	H L	2:44 p.m. 8:50 a.m.	H L	3:24 p.m. 9:38 a.m.	H L	4:08 p.m. 10:31 a.m.	H L	4:57 p.m. 11:28 a.m.
Nassawadox	H L	11:35 a.m. 5:57 p.m.	H L	12:13 p.m. 6:34 p.m.	H L	12:50 p.m. 6:27 a.m.	H L	1:29 p.m. 7:12 a.m.	H L	2:09 p.m. 7:59 a.m.	H L	2:54 p.m. 8:51 a.m.	H L	3:44 p.m. 9:48 a.m.
Occhohan. Creek	H L	12:04p.m. 6:52 p.m.	H L	12:43 p.m. 6:35 a.m.	H L	1:21 p.m. 7:17 a.m.	H L	2:00 p.m. 8:05 a.m.	H L	2:43 p.m. 9:01 a.m.	H L	3:31 p.m. 10:02 a.m.	H L	4:22 p.m. 10:59 a.m.
Cape Charles	H L	10:24 a.m. 5:05 p.m.	H L	11:02 a.m. 5:43 p.m.	H L	11:40 a.m. 6:20 p.m.	H L	12:38 p.m. 6:56 p.m.	H L	12:58 p.m. 7:08 a.m.	H L	1:42 p.m. 8:01 a.m.	H L	2:31 p.m. 8:58 a.m.
Kiptopeke Beach	H L	9:59 a.m. 4:36 p.m.	H L	10:37 a.m. 5:13 p.m.	H L	11:16 a.m. 5:49 p.m.	H L	11:55 a.m. 6:24 p.m.	H L	12:37 p.m. 6:32 a.m.	H L	1:23 p.m. 7:26 a.m.	H L	2:13 p.m. 8:24 a.m.

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N M A K J H F G C M B E B C V  
B Z G S T A G E G A R E P M A  
Y X E G A B B I R C A V U T R

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: **A Liquid Suitable for Drinking**

Adage      Barrage      Camouflage      Damage  
Amperage      Breakage      Coinage      Stage  
Arbitrage      Cabbage      Cottage      Voyage  
Average      Cage      Cribbage

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Last week's answers

H O P I M W A H F B I L A B A M P S  
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Weekly SUDOKU

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  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

FORGET THE WHOLE THING

ACROSS

- 1 Warning about a racy web pic  
5 "West Side Story" knife  
9 Seasoned vet  
15 Bro  
19 French for "yours"  
20 Treat for feet, for short  
21 Pope after Marcellus II  
22 Scads  
23 RFORM  
26 Rapper Snoop —  
27 Variety show hosts, e.g.  
28 ACLU interests: Abbr.  
29 Farming unit  
31 Pastly luau food  
32 Flight takeoff abbr.  
33 NTR  
38 "Peek- —!"  
40 Classic comic Martha  
41 Uplifting poems  
42 Place full of video games  
43 UBL  
46 Chicken cordon —  
47 British chums  
48 Stars and Stripes' nation  
49 —'wester (certain storm)  
50 "Oh, God!" actress Garr  
54 Cousins of aves.  
55 Name of some newspapers  
57 GHTE  
62 Actors Fiennes and Macchio  
65 Very top  
66 Flying response to "Who wants ice cream?"  
67 TRONI  
72 Cast out of the country  
73 Official helper  
74 Pays out  
75 EAKI  
79 Diner check  
80 Start for existing  
83 Name of some newspapers  
84 Vetoer's vote  
85 U.S. tax org.  
88 Aromatic aftershave liquid  
90 QBs' blunders: Abbr.  
92 RKE  
96 Person doing a crossword puzzle, e.g.  
99 Outer limit  
100 Chimney grime  
101 Great serves  
102 HEER  
105 2000-15 CBS series  
106 Writer Rand  
107 Blood type, in brief  
108 Total  
109 Wakes up  
112 Writer Uris  
114 NTEN  
119 Peel, as fruit  
120 Excited  
121 Cozy corner  
122 Pierce player  
123 Cast off hair  
124 Swan constellation  
125 Forest sight  
126 Saclike growth

DOWN

- 1 Neck back  
2 Mushroom feature  
3 Some plays on ground balls  
4 Fiancee  
5 Colo. — (city S. of Denver)  
6 Skirt line  
7 "Just go ahead and try!"  
8 Wine merchants  
9 Unlock, in poems  
10 Resting place for a napkin  
11 Drinker's hwy. offense  
12 Implores  
13 Christina of "Bel Ami"  
14 Put too high a price on  
15 Papa  
16 Perfect world  
17 Be charitable  
18 Gas guzzler  
24 Multivolume U.K. lexicon  
25 Chicago winter hrs.  
30 Blarney Stone's land  
33 Mushroom feature  
34 King, in Lyon  
35 Hubbub  
36 Novelist Deighton  
37 Runs furtively with short, quick steps  
38 Heads of fleets: Abbr.  
39 Regatta entry  
40 Upshot  
44 Evan of figure skating  
45 Univ. helpers  
46 Web automaton  
49 Brother of Moe and Curly  
51 Deep black, in poems  
52 Break in friendship  
53 Hairy TV cousin  
56 "Science Friday" airer  
58 Person tying shoes  
59 Onetime transportation agcy.  
60 Foods created by biotech  
61 Flood-prevention sack  
62 One sharing your blood  
63 Songwriter Carmichael  
64 Salon noise  
67 Large-scale public show  
68 Untrue tales  
69 Neighbor of Mont.  
70 Caress  
71 How money may be lost  
72 Sci-fi gift  
76 Belonging naturally  
77 "One Mic" rapper  
78 "— ToK" (#1 hit for Keshia)  
80 On the nose  
81 Viking letter  
82 Rescue crew VIPs  
86 Occupant  
87 Represented  
89 Peruvian singer with a wide range  
91 Notorious emperor  
92 OR workers  
93 Rust may be a sign of it  
94 DVR remote abbr.  
95 Cain, to Eve  
96 Hair-raising sites?  
97 "Is that so?"  
98 Poe's "radiant maiden"  
99 Yuletide quaff

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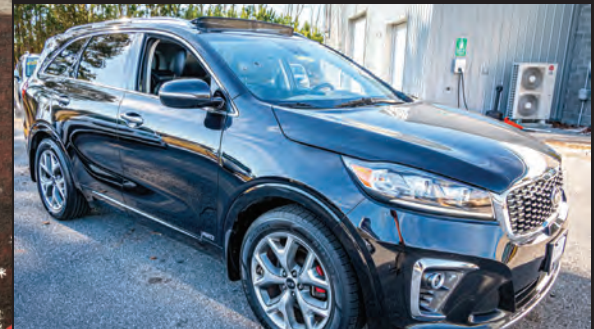
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