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EXMORE

Duer, town manager, to retire

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

Exmore's Robert Duer, the longest-tenured town manager on the Eastern Shore, said he will retire at the end of the year.

Duer, who began his work as town manager in 2013, has overseen a decade in which the town's revenues stabilized and work on a massive wastewater system began.

While serving as town manager, he also formerly served on the Northampton County Board of Supervisors.

Duer reminded Exmore Town Council members at the Monday, Feb. 5, meeting, that he will retire at the end of the year and they must find his replacement.

"I have 10 more meetings; I'm done," he said.

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FATAL HACKSNECK FIRE



PHOTO COURTESY MICHELE CADENA

Flames engulf a home in Hacksneck on Sunday, Feb. 4, during a fire that took the life of an Accomack County resident. See story, page 2.

ACCOMACK

\$83.7M draft budget is explained

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County is considering an \$83.7 million fiscal year 2025 budget that gives its school system \$1.1 million in new local funding.

The draft budget does not include a tax increase. It represents a 7.25% increase over the current year's \$78.1 spending plan.

Among other projects, the budget includes \$500,000 to rehabilitate the former library building in Accomack to be used as county office space.

The new budget also proposes lowering the real estate tax from 60 cents to 50 cents per \$100 of assessed value to help counter expected increases in property assessments, which have jumped an average of 21% in Accomack.

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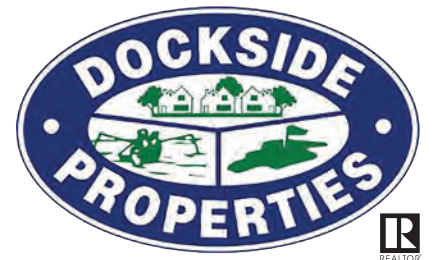
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Woman dies in house fire

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Melinda Jean Bonniwell was fatally injured in the blaze, said two people familiar with the incident. State police later confirmed her identity. Bonniwell was 56, public re-

cords show.

The home in the 12000 block of Hacksneck Road burned to the ground.

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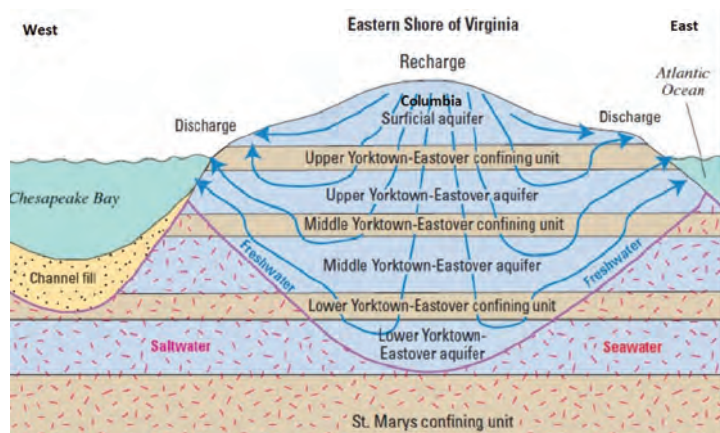
For most of us who get our water from the **lower confined aquifers** (see the graphic), our drinking water is **300-20,000 years old**. That is how long it took for that rainwater to get through those dense clay layers. Indeed, out of **44” of rainwater** the lower Shore gets every year, only **0.05” seeps** into our lower aquifers, the main source for **90%** of the water we drink.

If we over pump from our **lower** aquifers, **salt water slowly** replaces the fresh water we remove but not fast enough to stop subsidence. This is called “**salt water intrusion**” and it is **happening NOW** at an alarming rate, mostly along both coast lines. Normal consumption of **salty** water is detrimental to health, and you certainly should not be watering your crops or irrigating nursery stock with it **as they will not thrive**.

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The problem is that the **DEQ** and **State Water Control Board** are issuing groundwater withdrawal permits from the confined **lower aquifers** for filling *farm ponds, washing equipment, cooling poultry houses, and even washing shellfish and irrigating crops* when there is **ample water** in the Columbia to do much of that. In fact, today about **10%** of drinking water wells on the ESVA draw from the unconfined **Columbia**, the uppermost aquifer. Contrary to the “**fear mongering**” chatter, it is suitable in most parts of the ESVA for public consumption and is generally pumped from depths of 20 to 60 feet.

We need to ask local and state regulators to create incentives for all ground water uses **other than public consumption** to tap into the unconfined **Columbia** aquifer. Incentives could include: waiving onerous permit and monitoring requirements; subsidizing pump and well installations; and even offering tax incentives for getting off our depleting lower aquifer reserves.



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The Accomack NAACP will host its Freedom Fund Banquet and Image Awards ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The event will begin with a networking reception at 5 p.m. and the formal banquet at 6 p.m. at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Center in Accomack.

The event's theme is, "EmPOWERed to Make a Difference."

All proceeds from the banquet will benefit the NAACP's local programming.

The keynote speaker for the event will be James J. Fedderman, the first African-American male to be elected president of the 40,000 member Virginia Education Association. He began the role in 2016.

He's also the first African-American male to be elected vice-president of the VEA.

Fedderman holds a Ph.D. in organizational leadership from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

He was born and raised in the Withams area of Temperanceville and graduated from Arcadia High School, where during his teaching career at his alma mater, he was annually invited to bring his choral music students to the White House to perform.

During the banquet, Image Awards will be presented to several local com-

Freedom Fund Banquet

■ Tickets are \$60. To purchase tickets email NAACP7041ACCK@gmail.com. Those interested may also call 757-694-5172 or 757-665-6354.

munity organizations and individuals, acknowledging their support and service to neighbors and communities.

The event will host local leadership as well as provide musical entertainment, a photo station, door prizes, and a catered buffet.

Bishop David A. Sabatino, president of the Accomack NAACP, said, "The Freedom Fund Banquet is the primary fundraiser to support activities and programming of the chapter. We are progressively moving forward, empowering local communities toward growth in various areas of their lives."

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Village Neighbors launches fundraising campaign

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

A nonprofit group that assists older adults on Chincoteague Island is launching its 2024 fundraising campaign.

Village Neighbors began in 2022 as a volunteer-driven organization to help adults age 60 and older stay in their homes by providing members with assistance with household tasks, transportation, social connections, and other small services.

Since then, the group has grown significantly, said its coordinator, Catherine Shappell.

“We are very, very proud of what we’ve accomplished in 2023 and we plan to expand on this success in 2024,” she said.

Between 2022 and 2023, requests for Village Neighbors’ services more

than quadrupled, from 111 requests to 582, Shappell said.

“Many of these activities, like taking members to doctors’ appointments off-island, provide a real lifeline service for Village Neighbors members,” she said.

Last year, its volunteers dedicated over 650 hours assisting its members on Chincoteague, she said.

Village Neighbors helps fill gaps in services — which is especially important in an area where almost 40% of the population is age 65 and older, said the group’s ambassador and founder Lisa Cannon.

“In the past, neighbors, churches, and family took care of people, but it’s just not as true anymore,” Cannon said.

“You can’t hire somebody every time you need a lightbulb changed, and that’s the kind of thing Village Neigh-

bors offers — little things that let you stay in your house,” said David Landsberger, the group’s foundational donor.

Chincoteague residents age 60 and older can join Village Neighbors for \$20 per month — a \$240 annual membership — which allows them to request 10 monthly services per household. The group also offers shorter-term memberships of three or six consecutive months for seasonal residents or those who need help for a short time, such as during recovery from a surgery.

Membership fees help cover the cost of running the program, but no one is turned away if they are unable to pay, Shappell said.



To help fund the program and its growth this year, the group is launching its 2024 fundraising campaign and plans to reach out to businesses and individuals on the island for sup-

port, she said. Shappell requested a \$5,000 contribution from the Chincoteague Town Council during the group’s meeting Monday, Feb. 5.

“A contribution of \$5,000 from the town would be a tremendous help to ensure we have the resources necessary to continue the services our members have come to rely on,” she said.


Visit www.village-neighbors.org or call Shappell at 757-336-1993 to learn more about Village Neighbors or to sign up as a client or volunteer.

There is a donate button on the website for those wishing to contribute to the program, or they can mail a check or drop it off at the Village Neighbors’ office at 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Checks should be payable to “Island Community House” and note in the memo “Village Neighbors.”



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EXMORE

Man riled after getting billed for sewer damages

BY STEFANIE JACKSON
Eastern Shore Post

An Exmore property owner was surprised to receive a \$16,000 bill for public sewer equipment that was damaged when one of his rental homes was destroyed by a fire.

J.R. Bishop questioned the amount of the bill during the public comment period of the Exmore Town Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 5.

He first had received a bill for more than \$18,000 "for a lid and a box that was burnt," he said.

Bishop later received a revised bill that was about \$2,000 less because the grinder pump hadn't been installed when the damage occurred.

He said he had signed a contract stating that Exmore's sewer connection fee is \$6,000 and the fee to install related equipment is \$7,500.

Bishop asserted that his bill should have been \$7,500 and asked, "Why am I paying two-and-a-half times what it should be?"

Later in the meeting, Director of Utilities Taylor Dukes explained that the fees of \$6,000 and \$7,500 were estimates that were made before construction of the collection system began, not the actual costs of installing equipment or connecting to the system.

"The bill that was presented to Mr.

Bishop is what it would cost the town to put that (grinder pump) station back. It's what we already paid ... the \$16,000," Dukes said.

A grinder pump station alone costs around \$13,700, not including parts, electrical wiring, connecting the home to the station, and crushing the home's existing septic tank, all of which add about another \$5,000, he said.

"Do the simple math," said Town Manager Robert Duer. The town is spending about \$24 million on 800 homes, or about \$30,000 per home, he said.

Much of that cost is for the sewer pipes, but "\$15,000 to \$18,000 is about what it costs to put something in somebody's yard now," Duer said.

Councilman Chase Sturgis asked if the town needed to revise the document that lists the sewer equipment installation and connection fees. "We need to," Dukes said.

Dukes said afterward, that even though Bishop appeared to assume Exmore expected him to pay the \$16,000 out of pocket, "We don't want that."

He advised that Bishop contact his insurance company about covering the damage, which Dukes said is the appropriate action because Bishop's property caused damage to town property, a utility.

He said Bishop can come to the Exmore town office for assistance.

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THE PAPER'S POSITION

Bloxom should immediately advocate Vincent for judge

For four weeks now, state Delegate Rob Bloxom has written a column in the Eastern Shore Post with his observations of the General Assembly session.

For the fourth straight week, Bloxom has mentioned nothing in his column about the biggest issue in Richmond facing the Eastern Shore: Who our next circuit judge will be. Bloxom also didn't want to address the subject at a public December legislative preview held by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.

The reason for his silence is becoming obvious. Bloxom, a Republican, supports Democrat Lynwood Lewis — his former schoolmate, longtime friend, and erstwhile General Assembly colleague — for the judgeship.

Bloxom's support for Lewis is not shared by his community, local lawyers, or this editorial page. Current General District Court Judge Gordon Vincent is by far the more qualified candidate. It's not even close.

So Bloxom would rather not broach the topic.

Other judges have been appointed during this General Assembly session. As the Eastern Shore's lone resident in the General Assembly, Bloxom already could have secured the Shore's resident circuit judgeship for Vincent.

Bloxom probably will say that the Democratic-controlled General Assembly will push through Lewis, a fellow Democrat. Or he will say the Hampton Roads legislative delegation should weigh in. These are ways of blaming the system and saving face.

The fact is, Bloxom has the pull and seniority in Richmond to own this decision himself. On issues involving the Eastern Shore, he should demand the first and last word.

Bloxom has touted his support for police while campaigning — "I've got your back," he said in advertisements. Talk to area law enforcement officers or people in local prosecutors' offices, and they'll say Vincent is the best and obvious choice for the circuit judgeship. Bloxom's line, "I've got your back," is ringing hollow — more words than deeds for law enforcement.

Bloxom should work in the Eastern Shore's best interest and vigorously support Vincent — right now. If he doesn't, he should explain why in his column next week.

LETTERS

Driving a school bus is a 'thankless job'

To the editor:

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So I drop off the next kids to be taken home and circle back to where no one was waiting for the previous kid.

Then the calls start to come to the school and my supervisor calls me with 100 questions like I have done something wrong.

My main concern is: Why are there no police around when 10 to 15 cars zoom past my bus with the stop sign extended, like it does not matter

or I do not exist?

I just hope that no kid ever gets hit by one of the speeding cars that ignores such important signs.

Our kids are fragile as it is. Don't they deserve a little more respect and consideration from adults behind the wheel?

Yes, the protocol is to take down the license plate numbers and turn them in to police.

But really, the cars fly past, zoom past in bunches, and it is impossible for me to get a license plate number.

Besides, I am busy taking temperatures of kids boarding the school bus, checking them for signs of abuse or neglect, or trying to stop the ones who are crying from crying.

I love to drive. I love and respect the road. The school bus schedule fits my life perfectly. I love kids. I am an experienced (over 40 years), safe, and responsible driver.

But this is a thankless job.

Wanda Morgan
Onancock

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A discussion of General Assembly bills

We are quickly approaching the halfway point of this year's General Assembly session. This is referred to as crossover and it is where all the bills that originated in the House of Delegates must be acted upon before being sent to the Senate for their consideration.

My Appropriation Committee meetings are getting longer with a lot of bills because any bill that has a fiscal impact must come to us.

If we have money available to fund a proposal and we agree with the policy, then it will be included in our budget.

A lot of bills are sent to us to kill as some committees would rather let someone else be the bad guys.

It appears that money will be very tight so we are passing several bills in Appropriations that anticipate federal funds on infrastructure, especially green infrastructure. If the federal money does not come in from Washington, then the fund is an empty bucket and the program, whether it is a tax credit, rebate, etc., will not be enacted.

This week I will focus on a few more pieces of legislation I am sponsoring or was sponsoring.

The first two I will mention are ones that were actually taken from me by the



Delegate
Rob Bloxom

majority party.

This happens when the majority party sees a bill it likes and wants to carry it in order to get credit for the legislation.

Some of my colleagues fuss and fume over this, but it is something I find amusing because

the policy I want has an easier path to passing from the majority party, so I get what was wanted without having to work for it — a win-win situation in my viewpoint.

One of the bills was about a reforestation fund to replace lost revenues to counties because of land-use taxes on forest land. The other bill pertained to placing license plate readers on Virginia Department of Transportation property. Both bills are on their way to passing in the House and will soon be on their way to the Senate.

The next bill I will talk about is House Bill 1346. It is a bill that

tries to fix the situation in which a lot of candidates who ran for office in Accomack County recently found themselves.

The penalties assessed were due to not reporting to the Board of Elections that no money was received nor spent in the campaign. This reporting is due on a 30- or 15-day schedule, depending on how near the election is.

Since most candidates who were fined were unopposed and took no campaign contributions nor spent any money, they assumed they were exempt from this reporting requirement.

I will also add that the current program the Board of Elections uses is an unclear and complicated one. The committee, however, amended the bill to only allow Soil and Water District candidates to receive this exemption. In the future they will not have to open a checking account in order to run for office and they sign that they will not take contributions nor spend any money campaigning.

If at any time they decide to receive or spend money, they could rescind their exemption and begin reporting. I

originally had the bill to include all local offices but the committee would not accept that.

The last bill I will try to explain is House Bill 1465. This bill is trying to stop boats from intentionally and dangerously attempting to stop commercial fishing activities.

There has been an increase in the number of boaters racing to where menhaden boats are starting a net set and trying to force the purse seine boats from completing their circle.

No matter how you feel about the reduction industry, this is unacceptable behavior. Another bill similar to mine has passed the subcommittee but I feel the penalties with that bill will not deter their actions. That bill takes away the perpetrator's license to hunt and fish for one year.

That person would be allowed to continue fishing under someone else's boat license so they would not even lose one day of fishing. My bill would impound the boat for a year. I will continue to keep you informed on the status of this legislation as the bills process through to crossover.

Please feel free to contact me while I am in Richmond at 804-698-1000 or at the District Office in Mappsville at 757-824-3456.

If you are coming to Richmond, please visit me at my office on the seventh floor of the new General Assembly Building, Room 711.

LETTERS

Appreciates the Eastern Shore Post

To the editor:

I am writing to express my deep gratitude to the Eastern Shore Post for its continuing commitment to provide needed and excellent coverage of local news stories and events on the Eastern Shore.

I am sure I echo the voices of most of our citizens who value the constitutional guarantee of a free and vibrant press. In this time of declining news organizations, the Post remains a beacon of hope in a time of loss for local print journalism.

Across America, local newspa-

per outlets, both daily and weekly, are either closing their doors or have been bought up by national media agencies.

When a local newspaper goes dark, the people who really suffer are the local readers. Local and objective news is often replaced by national chains who have little interest in or knowledge of local issues.

As a result, the news is reported from a national perspective, which, unfortunately, often contributes to our increasingly divisive social interactions and the spread of misinformation.

A recent study in an ongoing report on the state of local news from Northwestern's Medill School of Journal-

ism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications, found that "The United States continues to lose newspapers at a rate of two per week, further dividing the nation into wealthier, faster growing communities with access to local news, and struggling areas without."

"About 7% of the nation's counties, or 211, now have no local newspaper. This is a crisis for our democracy and our society," said Penelope Muse Abernathy, visiting professor at Medill and the principal author of the report. "Invariably, the economically struggling, traditionally underserved communities that need local journalism the most are the very places where it is most difficult to sustain print or

digital news organizations."

This is true for the underserved communities on the Shore who, were there no Eastern Shore Post, would lose a critical voice to communicate their issues and concerns.

I hope that the Post continues to receive the support it needs from both advertisers and readers. We simply cannot take our local press for granted. We owe a debt of gratitude to the publisher, editor, staff, and the financial supporters of the Post for ensuring that the Eastern Shore still has a free and objective local print news outlet.

The Rev. Rick Willis
Chincoteague

ENTERTAINMENT

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Friday, February 9

- **BINGO:** 5 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m. games begin, Exmore Moose Lodge 683, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven.
- **SECOND FRIDAY ART STROLL:** 5 to 8 p.m., sponsored by the Onancock Business and Civic Association. Businesses and restaurants will be open late with specials.
- **HISTORICAL TALK:** 6 p.m., Jenean Hall will discuss her new book, "Another Day: More Stories from the Early Colonial Records of Virginia's Eastern Shore," at Ker Place, 69 Market St., Onancock.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Paul Brion live at Fridays at Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Saturday, February 10

- **YOGA:** 10 to 11 a.m., kids' yoga at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., The Lowlanders — Celtic delight at the Great Machipongo Clam Shack, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Cheriton native Alvy Powell, who performed for nine U.S. presidents, will perform show tunes from "Porgy and Bess" and other Broadway selections as part of the Historic Cokesbury Church and Cultural Center's Free Concert Series at 13 Market St. Donations are welcomed.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 9 p.m., Alex Holt at ESO Arts Center, Belle Haven. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Visit www.esoartscenter.org for tickets.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 8 p.m., Valentine's Dance Party with the Soul Shakers at the Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Admission is \$15. Cash bar.

Sunday, February 11

- **GAME DAY WINGS:** Noon to 4 p.m., Eastville Volunteer Fire Department game day wings. Four pounds of wings for \$25. Call or text 757-678-6939 to order.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 1 to 4 p.m., open mic and jam session open to local musicians each Sunday at Cape Charles Brewing Compa-

Be included

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ny, 2198 Stone Road, Cape Charles. Free admission.

- **INTERNATIONAL MOVIE:** 2 p.m., "Radical," presented by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center at the Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Tickets are \$8 for single show and \$25 for the season. Free for teachers and school administrators.

Monday, February 12

- **STORY TIME:** Story time anytime, all day at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, and the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Bayside Road, Nassawadox.
- **CRAFTS:** 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., kids' crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.
- **GAME DAY:** 1 to 4 p.m., Game Day Monday at the Island Theatre Annex, 4074 Main Street. Bring a personal drink or snack. Card and table games available.
- **BINGO:** Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

Tuesday, February 13

- **TECH HELP TUESDAY:** All day technology assistance at the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Bayside Road, Nassawadox.
- **NATURE WALK:** 8 a.m. at the Ned S. Brinkley Nature Preserve, 20001 Seaside Road, Cape Charles. Free of charge. Call 610-500-9971 for more information. Presented by the Eastern Shore Bird Club.
- **BREAKFAST:** 8:30 to 10 a.m., 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 at 4023 Main St.,

Chincoteague.

- **MEETING:** 9 a.m., the Eastern Shore Community Services will hold its regular monthly board meeting at the administration office. 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley.
- **CRAFTS:** 1 to 3 p.m., Hooks and Needles craft group at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.
- **GAMING:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., Teen Gaming Tuesday at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.
- **MOVIE:** 5 to 6 p.m., "Gatherings," will be shown during Barrier Island Movie Night at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.
- **BENEFIT DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Capeville United Methodist Church will have an all-you-can-eat pancake supper, including pancakes, eggs, sausage, scrapple, baked apples, coffee, and juice. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are sold at the door and in advance. Call Pat Scott for tickets at 757-678-6742.
- **BENEFIT DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Pocomoke City Samaritan Shelter's 11th annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at the Pocomoke Elks Lodge, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children age 3 to 6, and admission is free for children age 3 and younger. The menu is pancakes, sausage, apples, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, biscuits, and beverage. Tickets can be purchased at the shelter, Market Street Deli, First Shore Federal, The Christmas Sweets, and Enchanted Florist. Call 443-944-3889 for more information.
- **BINGO:** Doors open 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

Wednesday, February 14

- **STORY TIME:** Story time anytime, all day at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley, and the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Bayside Road, Nassawadox.
- **DRAWING:** The Pocomoke Area Chamber of Commerce is raffling a Valentine's gift basket valued at more than \$300 to help raise funds for the Costen House Museum, the Delmarva Discovery Center, and the Samaritan Shelter. Raffle tickets are four for \$10. The drawing will be held

Feb. 14. Purchase tickets at The Christmas Sweet, 129 Market St., Pocomoke City or by emailing pocomokechamber@gmail.com.

- **LUNCHEON:** Noon, Pocomoke Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Luncheon at the Market Street Deli, 1206 Market St., Pocomoke City. The guest speaker is Lauren Cooper of The Cricket Center. The cost for lunch is \$13, which includes the meal and beverage. Cash or credit cards will be accepted at the door. A meet-and-greet begins at 11:30 a.m.
- **BINGO:** Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.
- **LIVE MUSIC AND DINNER:** 6 p.m., dinner and "Songs from the Heart," by Jennifer Hope Wills and Todd Crosby, at the Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center, Pocomoke City. Tickets are \$75. Cost for the live music, which begins at 7:30 p.m., is \$25. Visit www.marvatheater.com

Thursday, February 15

- **SENIOR EXERCISE:** 10 a.m., Community Senior Exercise Program, at the Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.
- **CHAMBER MEETING:** 10 a.m., Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce Annual General Membership Meeting at the Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive. Light fare will be catered by Channel Bass Inn and Restaurant. The event will be sponsored by the Virginia Spaceport Authority. The featured speaker will be Dave Pierce, director, NASA Wallops Flight Facility. RSVP by Feb. 12 for planning purposes to joanne@chincoteaguechamber.com
- **PROGRAM:** 5 to 6 p.m., STEM Night (bird identification) at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.
- **BEDTIME STORY:** 6 to 7 p.m., at the the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Bayside Road, Nassawadox.

Friday, February 16

- **FARMERS MARKET:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.
- **BINGO:** 5 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m.

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games begin, Exmore Moose Lodge 683, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., T&T, Terry Flynn and Tim Hunt, live at Fridays at Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express." Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig and directed by Lexi Hubb. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Tickets are \$15 each at www.chincoteague-ca.org

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m., "Crumbs From The Table of Joy," featuring Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Maliyah Kellam, James Rich, Aja Ruffin, and Madison Herold, at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$10 for students. See www.northstreetplayhouse.org

Saturday, February 17

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

■ STORY: 10:30 a.m., Hometown heroes story time with Kathy Custis at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Library, 24313 Bennett St., Parksley.

■ PROGRAM: 5 to 6 p.m., STEM activity (bird identification) at the Northampton Free Library, 7745 Seaside Road, Nassawadox.

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express." Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig and directed by Lexi Hubb. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Tickets are \$15 each at www.chincoteague-ca.org

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Alex Holt at the Great Machipongo Clam Shack, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., "Harlem Nights" at Giddens' Do-Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Weirwood. Featuring Melinda and the Speakeasies and The Down 'N' Outs Band. A heavy rotation of hors d'oeuvres will be served. Cash bar. \$25 tickets can be purchased at Rayfield's Pharmacy locations in Cape Charles and Nassawadox, and at the Book Bin in Onley.

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Sunday, February 18

■ SPECIAL EVENT: 11 a.m., St. Luke A.M.E. Church, Locustville, will present "A World Without African People," during the morning service. The event focuses on inventions and contributions of African-Americans past and present. The Rev. Pamela Watford is the pastor.

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

■ HYMN SING: 2 p.m., the Community Church of God and Belle Haven United Methodist Church will have a hymn sing entitled, "Spreadin' the Gospel," at 35446 Belle Haven Road. A covered dish supper will follow.

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 2:30 p.m., "Crumbs From The Table of Joy," featuring Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Maliyah Kellam, James Rich, Aja Ruffin, and Madison Herold, at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$10 for students. See www.northstreetplayhouse.org

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Monday, February 19

■ GAME DAY: 1 to 4 p.m., Game Day Monday at the Island Theatre Annex, 4074 Main Street. Bring a personal drink or snack. Card and table games available.

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

■ OPEN HOUSE: 6 p.m., the Chincoteague Garden Club will be having an open house for potential new members at the Island Theater Annex on Main Street.

Come learn about Garden Club projects and exchange information with other gardening enthusiasts. Light refreshments will be served.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Melinda and The Speakeasies at the Blarney Stone Pub, 10 North St., Onancock.

Tuesday, February 20

■ BINGO: Doors open 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

■ BOOK DISCUSSION: 6 to 7 p.m., Arthur Fournier will discuss his recent book, "Hope Makes Us Live! Hope Makes Us Die!" at the Eastern Shore Regional Library in Parksley.

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

■ SENIOR EXERCISE: 10 a.m., Community Senior Exercise Program, at the Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m., "Crumbs From The Table of Joy," featuring Nichanna Gholson-Dennis, Maliyah Kellam, James Rich, Aja Ruffin, and Madison Herold, at The North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$10 for students. See www.northstreetplayhouse.com

Friday, February 23

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

■ BBQ AND BREWS: 4 to 8 p.m., The public is invited to the BBQ and Brews kickoff for Freezin' for a Reason, which will be held at Cape Charles Brewing Company. The BBQ and Brews costs \$50 per person and \$21 for attendees under 21. There will be craft brews, wine, barbecue, clam chowder, and live music. The special guest is the Phun Doctors.

■ BINGO: 5 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m. games begin, Exmore Moose Lodge 683, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Heinz and the Red Bird live at Fridays at Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

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the Orient Express." Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig and directed by Lexi Hubb. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Tickets are \$15 each at www.chincoteague-ca.org

■ COMEDY SHOW: 7 to 9 p.m., The Mar-Va presents "The Ivy League of Comedy," including Moody McCarthy, Karen Ber-green, and Shaun Eli, at the Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center in Pocomoke City. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.marvatheater.com

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Saturday, February 24

■ FARMERS MARKET: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Parksley Farmers and Artisans Market, 18444 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

■ ART WALK: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College will hold its Indoor Winter Art Walk in the college's main academic building, 29316 Lankford Highway, Melfa. Enjoy two floors of local artists and crafters, food, and live music.

■ FUNDRAISER: Noon, Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity will hold its annual Freezin' for a Reason' at the Cape Charles beachfront. Call 757-442-4687 for more information. The celebrity dipper is Beth Sharpley, owner of Coastline Chemical and a member of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Eastern Shore Madrigals.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Melinda and The Speakeasies at the Great Machipongo Clam Shack, 6468 Lankford Highway, Nassawadox.

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Theatre Company presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express." Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig and directed by Lexi Hubb. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. Tickets are \$15 each at www.chincoteague-ca.org

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OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Stephanie Dieumegarde

Mrs. Stephanie Louise Dieumegarde, 61, wife of Richard D. "Rick" Dieumegarde and a resident of Horsey, formerly of Buford, Ga., passed away at her home on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024. Born Jan. 29, 1962, in Williamsburg, she was the only child of Kenneth Paul Adams and Marjorie Maddox Adams of Oxford, Ga.

Having been raised in a military family, Stephanie relocated throughout her childhood. Upon her father's retirement, the family made their home in Georgia, where Stephanie quickly acclimated to civilian lifestyle. Following high school, Stephanie earned both her undergraduate degree and master's degree in education from the University of Georgia.

She found her passion in elementary education and taught second grade for 29 years. Stephanie was a devoted member of Covington First United Methodist Church for many years, a proud Georgia Bulldog fan, and was well known for her beautifully crafted afghans that she generously donated to those in need.

Upon relocating to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to be closer to her husband's family, Stephanie became a member of the Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company. Over the last few years, she and Rick have been grateful for their Station 4 family and for the opportunity to give back to their community.

In addition to her husband of 35 years and her parents, Stephanie is survived by her stepson, Richard Lee Dieumegarde and his children, Richard Lee Dieumegarde Jr. and Tiffany Marine Giannowz, and her furbaby, Daizy.

A service to celebrate Stephanie's life will be held at the Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue, P.O. Box 207, Atlantic, VA 23303.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Debra Mears

Mrs. Debra Star "Debbie" Mears, 69, devoted wife, mother, sister, grandma, friend, and neighbor, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, with her family by her side. Born Jan. 20, 1955, in Nassawadox, she was the daughter of the late Earl William Annis Jr. and the late Margaret Johnson Annis.

Debbie's loyalty to her loved ones was unparalleled — a trait that defined her character and was ev-



Mrs. Mears

ident in every aspect of her life. Her 48-year career at the Hermitage on the Eastern Shore reflected her dedication, as the residents became

extended family through her companionship and genuine concern for all.

Having watched her mother suffer with Alzheimer's, Debbie was a longtime supporter of the Alzheimer's Association through her participation in yearly fundraising and walks. She was a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #614, Onley, and selflessly volunteered her time for any and all chapter functions. Debbie enjoyed playing bingo, going to the slots, traveling, and could never resist a Saturday yard sale, all of which she and Sam did together.

Her kind heart was exceptionally vulnerable when it came to babies, both humans and animals, and there wasn't a stray kitten that showed up at her door that didn't end up living like royalty. Though her family mourns her passing, they wish

to remember Debbie for the love she shared, the lives she touched, and the countless memories that will forever remain in their hearts.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of more than 40 years, Samuel Smith "Sam" Mears Jr.; sons, Roger Lewis (Rose) and Jamie Lewis; sister, Teresa Johnson; brother, Earl W. Annis III (Justine); grandsons, Josh Lewis (Wimberly), Nicholas Lewis (Anna), Austin Bridges, Skyler Lewis, and Jay Lewis; great-granddaughters, Adrianna and Emma Lewis; and nephews, T.J. Johnson and Matthew Annis and their families. She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Ethel Schuster; brothers-in-law, Tommy Mears and his wife, Rita, who was Debbie's best friend, and Dale Mears (Marilyn); sister-in-law, Lois Burton (Joe); dear friend, Judy "Juju" Zimmer; her caregiver, Mary Scarborough; as well as many other special friends and neighbors whose support and love will be forever remembered by Debbie's family.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Harold E. White Sr. officiating. Interment was in the Liberty Cemetery.

Contributions in Debbie's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Southeastern Virginia Chapter, 6350 Center Drive, Suite 102, Norfolk, VA 23502, www.alz.org

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements were by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

**Please submit
obituaries
by Wednesday
at noon.**

Lois Rank

Mrs. Lois Jean Patterson Rank, 85, wife of the late James William Rank and a resident of Willis Wharf, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at Nassawadox Rehabilitation and Nursing in Nassawadox. A native of Frostburg, Md., she



Mrs. Rank

was the daughter of the late Ralph K. Patterson and the late Margaret Marie Miller Patterson. She was an active member of Maranatha Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth J. Rank, of Willis Wharf, and Robert K. Rank, of Chesapeake Beach, Md.; and a grandson, Joseph Rank, of San Antonio, Texas.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date at Maranatha Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Muender officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Frostburg Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Maranatha Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1423, Exmore, VA 23350.

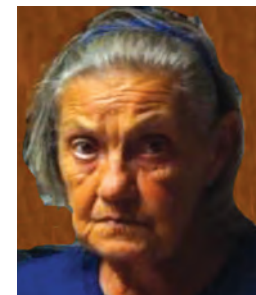
Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Susan Smith

Mrs. Susan M. Smith went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024.

The daughter of William Albert Meekins and Lydia (Patureau) Meekins, she



Mrs. Smith

was born Sept. 4, 1945, in Beaumont, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Smith; a son, Carl Thompson; two daughters, Deborah Brady and her husband, Frankie, and Susan Talbott; a brother, Roger

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Meekins and his wife, Sherrill; a nephew, Bruce Meekins and his wife, Nicole; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, William Thompson. A private service was held on Saturday Feb. 3, 2024. Interment was private in Capeville Masonic Cemetery.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Dorris Kilmon

Mrs. Dorris Mae Kilmon, 96, of Onancock, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, at Commonwealth Senior Living on the Eastern Shore in Onancock. Born in Quinby, on Oct. 30, 1927, she was the daughter of the late William Addison Tarr and the late Cedar Mae Tarr.

Always willing to take care of her family above all else, she made sacrifices

that only a mother can. She was known for her fabulous cooking skills. Her meals were a testament to her love for her family. She and her husband, Harvey, liked to drop a line in the

water and sometimes bring home a fish or two for dinner. Always an explorer, she traveled a lot in her later years. She enjoyed an adventure.

Dorris was a member of Smith's Chapel United Methodist Church in Quinby. She spent many years there building her relationship with her Lord and Savior.

She moved to Commonwealth Senior Living, where she grew fond of her surroundings and neighbors. Her kind

heart and delicious meals will be missed for decades to come.

She is survived by her beloved children, Gerald Chambers (Gina), of Wattertown, N.Y., and Donna Kay Williams (Terry), of Chesapeake; grandchildren, Megan, Zachery, Cedar, Kelly, and Christie; great-grandchildren, Lee, Savanna, Ava, and George; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorris was predeceased by her husband, Harvey E. Kilmon; parents, William Addison Tarr and Cedar Mae Tarr; and eight siblings.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 2 p.m., at Commonwealth Senior Living Facility with Pastor Robert Fletcher officiating.

Memorial contributions in Dorris' memory may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418, or to Smith's Chapel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 180, Quinby, VA 23423.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Agnes Hancock

Mrs. Agnes West Hancock, 102, of Onancock, passed away on Jan. 12, 2024. She was born in Onancock on June 13, 1921, a daughter of the late



Mrs. Hancock

Harold Parker West and the late Mildred Dix West.

She is survived by many loving relatives and friends.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at 2 p.m., at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock, with a reception to follow in the Parish

Hall. Interment will be private.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Phillip Kellam

On Jan. 18, 2024, **Mr. Phillip Edward Kellam**, 30, passed away. He was born Aug. 13, 1993 in Tampa, Fla.

The family is profoundly sad and heartbroken but feels so fortunate for the life shared with Phillip. He had a dynamic personality with a huge smile and a contagious laugh. He was funny, sweet, and kind.

Phil was always on the go. He loved traveling and exploring new places — towns, restaurants, and venues. He liked choosing a Greyhound bus over



Mr. Kellam

an airplane because "getting there is part of the journey." He also enjoyed music and food of any kind. He was a very good cook.

After graduating high school, Phil spent a year and a half in Americorps, where he worked with FEMA on disaster relief, worked on the Hoopa Reservation in California, and helped other communities experiencing challenges.

Some of Phil's happiest times were those he spent with his Utah cousins. Fireworks, football, sleepovers, Park City horseback rides, snowmobiling, pulling pranks on Uncle Mark, and mischief (lots of mischief) were treasured experiences.

He also loved his time living on the Eastern Shore with his grandparents and uncle helping on the farm and going out to breakfast.

Phillip is survived by his parents,

Richard and Karen Kellam; his sister, brother-in-law, and niece; his grandmother, Florence Kellam, of Belle Haven; uncle, Ed L. Kellam, of Pungoteague; and several other aunts, uncles, and cousins.

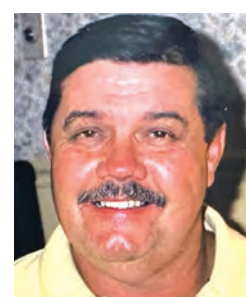
He was predeceased by his grandfather, John Edward Kellam.

From the family: "Thank you, Phil, for the life you shared with us. You completed our family and we had many, many adventures together. Now your journey continues. We feel your presence and appreciate the way you watch over us. Love you, Son."

Bradley Doughty

Mr. Tankard Bradley Doughty, 79, husband of Gloria Jones Doughty and a resident of Exmore, passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, surrounded by his family at his residence.

A native of the Eastern Shore and reared in Harborton, he was the son of the late James Tankard Doughty and



Mr. Doughty

the late Margaret Pauline Bradley Doughty. He was retired and had been co-owner of Doughty Ford and a member of the Exmore Town Council and Moose Lodge 683.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Bryce Doughty and Barry Doughty. In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by his son, Kevin (Andrea); and grandson, Tanner (Kayela).

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Doughty Funeral Home with the Rev. Rob Kelly officiating. Interment will be private.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Virginia farmers voice opinions on legislation impacting agriculture

Keeping the farm going sometimes requires the operator to leave it behind.

And 100 of them did that for Vir-

ginia Farm Bureau Federation's annual Legislative Day at the General Assembly in Richmond. While there, they met with lawmakers and advocated for legislation that affects agriculture.

There is anxiety among farmers that urban representatives have a closed door to conversations about agriculture, said

Martha Moore, senior vice president of VFBF governmental relations. However, positive relationships have been established with those state leaders through VFBF's statewide series of roundtable discussions with farmers.

Farm Bureau is opposed to two House of Delegates bills aimed at increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by 2026 and

eliminating wage exceptions for farmworkers. VFBF state board member Barry Bates, of Essex County, said mentoring youth in farmwork allows them to grow into higher wages with experience.

Senate agriculture committee chair Sen. Dave Marsden, D-Burke, believes there may need to be a deeper discussion of labor issues.

CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The following students received Student of the Month for December at Chincoteague Elementary School, front row from left, Emma Simpson, Layla Harley, Airoh Kraidy, Victoria Stammer, and Josie Raley. Back row from left, Cadence Brady, Kaden Stanley, Sawyer Birch, Peyton Mears, Dominic Aker, Lia Aker, and Shepherd Davis. Absent from photo is Brooklyn Amsler-Dowling.

Garmalyne Boyer wins Good Citizen Award

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently awarded its chapter's 2024 Good Citizen Award to Garmalyne Boyer, a senior at Nandua High School.



Garmalyne Boyer

Boyer, a first-generation Haitian-American, is the daughter of Mackline and Gary Boyer. She has been an intern at Nandua Middle School, where she assisted classroom teachers, and is a member of Fiber Club and Art Club at Nandua High. In her

community, Boyer has volunteered as a garden aide at the Accomack Covenant Church, helped the town of Parksley with various town events, and worked as a cashier at a local business.

Boyer has a passion for painting, sketching, sewing, embroidery, and crocheting. She also enjoys gardening.

Because of her interest and love of the arts, Boyer hopes to graduate with an associate degree from the Eastern Shore Community College and then transfer to Virginia Commonwealth University and enroll in the VCU School of the Arts.

The DAR Good Citizen essay topic for this year was "Our American Heritage and our Responsibility for Preserving It."

As the chapter's recipient, Boyer received a certificate and a monetary award.

The DAR Good Citizens Award, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship.

This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded to preserve the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence.

To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.dar.org

Alvy Powell to perform at Cokesbury Church

Internationally known vocalist and Eastern Shore native Alvy Powell will perform in concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, at Cokesbury Historic Church and Cultural Center in Onancock.

He will be joined by his wife, soprano Caroline Gibson Powell, and by piano accompanist Evelyn Burton.

The program offers a wide variety of selections, including "The Vagabond" and "Let Beauty Awake," from Vaughan Williams' "Songs of Travel" cycle, the folk ballad "John Henry," and J. Rosamond Johnson's "The Awakening."

Powell is one of the world's best known interpreters of the role of Porgy and has won international acclaim for his performances.

In addition to his independent vocal performances, Alvy Powell was a soloist with the U.S. Army Chorus during his military career.

He has sung at the White House on more than 50 occasions and first came to national prominence singing the national anthem and "God Bless America" at the inauguration of former President George Herbert Walker Bush.

Cokesbury concerts have no admittance fee, with a freewill offering taken to sustain the concert series. The Church and Cultural Center is located at 13 Market St. in Onancock.

Book club to meet in Onancock

The Accomack Book Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. at the Naomi Makemie Church in Onancock.

The book subject will be humor. All are invited.

Anglers Club to meet on Feb. 12

The Eastern Shore Anglers Club meeting for Feb. will be on Monday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Sage restaurant.

The speaker this month is Jerry Phillips. He is with the Painter Coast Guard Auxiliary and leads the Sea Scout program for youth.

ACCOMACK

Real estate valuations expected to increase

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County homeowners are likely to see their property assessments rise this year.

“Overall, the assessed values that we have on the books are approximately 79% of the fair-market value of those properties,” said County Administrator Mike Mason during a presentation last month on the county’s biennial assessment.

“These are not results that put those values where we’re required to be,” he said in the update to the Accomack Board of Supervisors.

County code requires properties be reassessed every two years. The Accomack Department of Assessment examined around 2,200 home sales between 2022 and 2023, broken down into 14 neighborhoods and 19 tax districts, in its most recent assessment, Mason said.

The results show homes in Accomack were assessed an average of 21% below fair-market value, which is determined using comparable sales data.

While the average increase in

assessed property values needs to be 21% to reach the state-required fair-market value, the increases will not be uniform across all properties, Mason added.

Virginia’s constitution and state code set several consequences if a county fails to assess properties at 100% of their fair-market value, County Attorney Jan Proctor said.

Those include withholding the local share of the ABC tax and lowering taxes the county receives from properties such as public utilities, she said.

“That can be a hit in the monetary department,” she said.

The local governing body — the Accomack County Board of Supervisors — “has absolutely no power to adjust the real estate assessments,” Proctor added.

“You can lower the tax rate, but you cannot change the assessments,” she said.

Accomack will notify homeowners of the assessment results and hold public hearings before making any changes, Mason said. He added there will be an appeal process homeowners can follow.



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SPORTS

Eastern Shore Post

Northampton boys, Nandua girls clinch district

BY MARK MORING

Eastern Shore Post

When your team has the lead, it's nice to have guards who can handle the ball, dribble around, and milk the clock.

That's exactly what happened Tuesday night as Northampton High School's stellar guard trio of Ronyell Coston, Quay Washington, and Jaylen Anderson led the Yellow Jackets to a 60-50 victory over visiting Arcadia. The win clinched the Eastern Shore District championship for Northampton (15-6, 5-1).

Meanwhile, Nandua's girls basketball team also clinched the district title Tuesday, riding Reghan Hintz's 24 points and Keira Wheatley's 18 points to a 58-33 win over Chincoteague.

For Northampton's boys, Coston finished with 21 points and five steals, Washington with 19 points and six steals, and Anderson with 10 points, seven rebounds, and five steals. The Yellow Jackets, who close out the regular season tonight at Snow Hill, now wait to see who they play in the Class 1 Region A playoffs, which begin Friday, Feb. 16.

Arcadia (12-8, 3-2), led by Jordan Cropper's 20 points and Rico Bugg's 13, also awaits its regional pairings. The Firebirds played their final district contest at Nandua on Thursday in a game that finished after deadline.

On Tuesday, Northampton bolted out to a 13-6 lead in the first five minutes. The Firebirds called a timeout to regroup but never got any closer the rest of the way.

The Jackets took an 8-point lead into the fourth quarter, and worked the clock with a lot of dribbling and passing. Northampton coach Wayne Bell said he told his players, "Do not shoot unless you're wide open. Be



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Northampton's Quay Washington drives past Arcadia's Carson Lucy.

smart with basketball IQ and eat up the clock."

Coston, who had 19 points at halftime, took those instructions to heart, often driving the lane and then pulling back out to the perimeter, passing up scoring opportunities. He only had two points in the second half.

Despite giving up a height advantage to the Firebirds, Northampton rebounded well, especially on the offensive end, often getting second and third shots. "That's something we've been emphasizing in practice," Bell

said, "so it's good to see they're picking it up."

"Because we're not as tall, they don't expect us to jump, so we just play with our heart," said Coston. "We came out with a lot of energy, and I feel like we played defense very well."

It was Senior Night at Northampton, and Bell started five seniors. (One of his regular senior starters, Tywone Sebastian, missed the game with illness.)

"The seniors have worked hard all year," Bell said. "We have a goal of getting to the state tournament, and I wanted to honor the seniors tonight by

allowing them all to start."

In the Nandua-Chincoteague girls game, Hintz added four steals to go along with her 24 points, and Wheatley, who had 12 rebounds, "had a monster game on the boards," said Warrior coach Lynn Williams.

Nahkiya Whaley added 10 points, and Reagan Justice had 3 steals and 6 assists for Nandua (11-6, 5-0). Alex McComb led the Ponies (7-6, 4-2) with 16 points.

"Our defense was excellent," said Williams. "We created a great deal of turnovers that led to many buckets."

Nandua's undefeated Padgett sets sights on state title

BY MARK MORING

Eastern Shore Post

Going undefeated in any sport is a rare and laudable feat, but a hardworking sophomore at Nandua High School has managed it this wrestling season.

Dylan Padgett, who competes in the 113-pound class, has gone to the mat 36 times this year. And all 36 times, the referee has raised Padgett's hand in victory.

Padgett's most recent two triumphs came at last weekend's Region 2A championships at Poquoson High School, where he scored a come-from-behind 6-3 win over Poquoson's Logan Keese in the title match.

The Warriors, who placed third in the team standings, will send four wrestlers — all sophomores, remarkably — to the state championships, to be held Feb. 16 and 17 in Salem. Joining Padgett at the state meet are Arnold Destine (2nd place, 120 pounds), Armando Meneses-Vazquez (2nd, 138), and Roque Vicente-Gomez (3rd, 165).

Arcadia, which placed ninth in the regionals, will send two to the state meet, brothers Bradley and Jacob Hall. Both finished third in their respective classes — Bradley, a senior, at 190, and Jacob, a sophomore, at 285. Jacob Hall was undefeated until his quarterfinal loss at regionals.

Meanwhile, Nandua also sends three competitors to the girls state championships, to be held Feb. 23 and 24 in Woodbridge. Senior Delaney Drummond, who finished fifth in Virginia's inaugural girls state meet last year, will be joined in Woodbridge by fellow seniors Layla Jones and Yaretyz Velasquez-Roblero.

Nandua coach Nathan Metzger said his wrestlers "battled hard" at the regionals.

"Every drop of blood and sweat our wrestlers gave throughout the year was preparing for this," he said. "And they did not disappoint. While not everyone qualified for the state tournament, we didn't give our opponents one inch on the mat."

The unbeaten Padgett said winning the



PHOTO COURTESY GLEN PARKER

Dylan Padgett (right) squares off against Poquoson's Logan Keese at the Region 2A championships.

regional crown was just "the first part of my goal. Now it's time to finish my goal and claim a state title.

"I feel like I'm wrestling really well. I'm confident in the hard work I put in, and I believe I have a good shot at winning it."

Padgett says he's "always trying to become the best version of myself on and off the mat. I challenge myself every day, and I stay composed, no matter the outcome of the match."

That composure was evident in the title match against Keese, who led 3-1 going into the third and final period. Despite the deficit, Padgett stayed cool.

In the third period, he and Keese circled around, sizing each other up, and then Keese "dumped Dylan to his hip," said Metzger. Padgett then executed a "whizzer," a move to take control, and sent Keese to his back with 40 seconds left. The move earned 5 points for Padgett,

who rode Keese out until the final buzzer for the 6-3 win.

"Dylan didn't panic (when he fell behind)," said Metzger, "relying on all the hours he's put in during practices."

Casey Paglia, who has worked with Padgett for three years at the G.O.A.T. House Wrestling Club in Onancock, can vouch for that work.

"Dylan is not only technically sound and naturally athletic, but he is also very committed, loyal, consistent, and determined to get better," said Paglia, a three-time state champ at Northampton High School who founded G.O.A.T. House a few years ago.

"And he's coachable. That's crucial in any sport, in wrestling even more so. When asked to do something, he does it, and with 100% effort. He wants to be critiqued and coached, and that's what makes Dylan so good."

Padgett is also paying it forward. Twice a week after Nandua's practice, he goes directly to G.O.A.T. House to work with younger children who are learning the sport.

"Dylan has been a tremendous help with the small kids," says Paglia. "He has phenomenal patience and understanding. And I believe it's also helped him in his own wrestling."

"G.O.A.T. House has played a big role in my wrestling career," says Padgett, who wants to wrestle at the college level. "Coach Casey has helped me improve a ton."

"He's a blessing to have around the club," says Paglia. "I am extremely excited to see what the future holds for him."

If things go Padgett's way, that future might include a state title trophy soon enough.

NORTHAMPTON MIDDLE AWARDS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Northampton Middle School announces the following awards for January: NMS Above and Beyond Award, Faith Moore, seventh grade (center); H.O.R.N. Perfect Attendance Award, seventh grade, left, Larionta Edwards; and second from left, Malaysia Brisco, eighth grade; No Referral Award Winners are, second from right, Lysier Kellam, and right, Camron Hall Wimber. Gift cards given were courtesy of the Northampton County Education Foundation and Onancock Elks Lodge.

LIONS CLUB MAKES DONATION



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With a donation from the Onancock Lions Club, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library has purchased 16 vision kits that can be checked out by library patrons. These kits help to enhance sight for reading, hobbies, repairs, sewing, arts, crafts, and many other activities requiring visual aids. The kits feature four different types of magnifying devices. Each kit is contained in a zippered pouch and contains batteries or charging cords to power the adjustable LED lights. The vision kits are available for borrowing at ESPL locations in Parksley and Nassawadox. Pictured are, from left, Miranda Wisor, system director; Charle Ricci, technical services librarian; and Ernie Swisher, Lions president.

American Legion
to host breakfast

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 56 will be hosting a veterans breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Northampton Post 56, 21210 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

All local veterans are welcome. A Virginia Department of Veterans Services Representative will be available to assist with any veterans benefits questions or issues.

Art League will
have jewelry program

The Eastern Shore Art League invites the public to attend an educational program on jewelry making presented by Brad Smith on Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Historic Onancock school in the Main Hall from 1 to 2 p.m.

The event is free to the public. All are welcome.

Accomack schools
closed on Feb. 19

Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Hall announces all Accomack County Public Schools will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents Day.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, Accomack County Public Schools will be dismissing two hours early for a teacher workday.

The schools will resume a regular schedule on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Trip to Lancaster
is planned by church

Jerusalem Baptist Church is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster, Pa., to see “Daniel” on May 11.

The cost is \$165 with a \$50 deposit due as soon as possible. Cost includes transportation, ticket, and lunch. The bus will depart from the Walmart in Pocomoke at 6 a.m. Contact 757-694-1705, 757-894-7546, or 757-894-2546 for more information.

Auditions are set
for ‘World Without Men’

On Saturday, Feb. 10, there will be auditions for “World Without Men” at 11 a.m at the Historic Palace Theatre in Cape Charles. There will be roles for women ages 30 and older.

County concerned about Coast Guard station

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County will pen a letter to its federal representatives asking them to take steps to ensure the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Wachapreague stays open and fully staffed.

“It’s very, very important for us to keep this station open,” said Supervisor Donald Hart during the Accomack County Board of Supervisors meeting last month

“We hope they would do everything in their power to keep this station open and operating,” he said.

Hart recently requested that county staff contact the Coast Guard to learn the timeline for when the station will return to normal staffing, after it has been operating at “reduced readiness.”

Commander of Coast Guard Sector Virginia Capt. Jennifer Stockwell and Chief Amanda Monroe, Officer in Charge at Station Wachapreague, said the station’s status will continue until at least April, said Accomack County Administrator Mike

Mason.

The Coast Guard will re-evaluate the status then, he said.

“If the Coast Guard had sufficient personnel, we would not be making these adjustments,” Stockwell said in an earlier email. The service is short “nearly 10% of our enlisted workforce,” she said.

The cutbacks come after challenges in recruiting and retaining across multiple military branches, forcing the Coast Guard to take risk-mitigating measures that prioritize lifesaving missions, national security, and protecting the Marine Transportation System, Stockwell said.

“Part of this process will include Station Wachapreague’s transition to a scheduled mission station,” she said, meaning the station’s “assigned personnel will conduct underway training, asset and facility maintenance, and scheduled operations.

“The manning constrained crew will not stand duty,” Stockwell said, but “the standards for

search and rescue response times will remain the same.”

With the exception of the 210-foot Medium Endurance Cutters, which were already scheduled for decommissioning, the Coast Guard will return Wachapreague’s station to standard operations “when the Service has sufficient personnel,” she said.

Hart recalled the Coast Guard “attempted to close this (station) down several times in the past,” dating back over a decade.

“This board fought it,” he said, adding that Station Wachapreague is the only Coast Guard station between Chincoteague and Cape Charles — a span of over 80 miles after accounting for bayside boats in Cape Charles traveling around the southern tip of the Eastern Shore.

The supervisors unanimously voted to send a letter to the Shore’s congressional representatives and U.S. Coast Guard leadership to “let them know we are very concerned about this, to please do anything they can to keep that station open,” Hart said.



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Scouts and leaders from multiple units of the Virginia District of the Delmarva BSA Council participated in Scout Sunday Service on Sunday, Feb. 4, at Craddockville United Methodist Church. Scouts from the Color Guard performed a flag ceremony to post the colors to open the service, light the candles, take collection during the service, then retired the colors at the end of service. The church honored and recognized everyone in the congregation who had either earned the rank of Eagle or at any point had participated or volunteered in any way in any scouting program in the past, as well as honoring Troop 305 from Craddockville Church, which ceased to exist more than 50 years ago. Pictured are, front row from left: Scouts Jackson Odell, Lewis McQuaid, Mason Kuykendall, Zion Sanchez, Jonas Panuco, Lena Sterling, Nicholas Blue, Nathaniel Long, and Jesse Burdette. Back row from left are leaders John Long, scoutmaster of Troop 314 boys; Douglas Wehner and Virginia Milbourn, scoutmasters of Troop 1314 girls; Janeen Long, Donnie Davis, and Unit Commissioner Jerry Phillips, Skipper Sea Scout of Ship 5122.

VIMS offers local summer internships

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Eastern Shore Laboratory, located in Wachapreague, is accepting applications for five laboratory and field summer interns for the summer 2024 season.

Interns will have the opportunity to work directly with research scientists on projects such as shellfish aquaculture, water quality, restoration ecology, and marine ecology.

The goal of the program is to provide hands-on learning and em-

ployment opportunities for local students interested in careers in science.

Requirements for the internship are both active enrollment in a high school (rising or graduating seniors), college, or university degree program and a primary residence in either Accomack or Northampton counties.

Admission to the internship program is by competitive application. Applications are due by Feb. 26.

To apply, or for more information, visit: <https://jobs.wm.edu/postings/58082>

Black History Program at Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Shore will hold a Black History program on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomack at 5:30 p.m.

The club will present "Hidden Figures," a look at leaders in history.

The cost is \$10, and all proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club. For more information, call 757-302-0323 or email easternshore@bgseva.org.

Broadwater girls dump Gateway

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Lady Vikings basketball team hosted Gateway Christian on Thursday, Feb. 1, and defeated the Crusaders 43-25.

The Vikings jumped out to an early lead, outscoring the Crusaders 15-6 in the first quarter. Strong offense came from Broadwater sophomore Kacey Ford, who scored six points in the opening quarter.

Gateway Christian picked up momentum in the second quarter, outscoring the Vikings 7-5. Broadwater held the lead at halftime 20-13.

Broadwater bounced back in the second half, outscoring the Crusaders 23-12. Tatum Watson and Leah Smith had strong offensive performances in the second half, each contributing six points.

Watson, a freshman, was the standout player for the Lady Vikings on the night with 14 points. Smith contributed 13 points and Ford added 11.

The Broadwater boys team also hosted Gateway Christian on Feb. 1 and fell in overtime 46-41 to the Crusaders.

Gateway Christian opened up with an early 13-7 lead over the Vikings in the first quarter. Both teams added 10 points in the second. Broadwater trailed the visiting Crusaders 23-17 at halftime.

Broadwater cut Gateway's lead in the third quarter, with strong offense coming from Logan Hickman and Teddy Seybolt, who each contributed five points.

Noah Pruitt led the Vikings' offense in the fourth quarter. Pruitt's six points in the final quarter helped the Vikings even the score and send the game to overtime. Unfortunately, Broadwater's offense failed to keep up in the extra period as the Vikings were outscored 7-2 to end the game.

Pruitt led the Vikings on the night with 11 points and Quinn Ames contributed 10. Hickman added nine points and Rufus Abbott had six.

ARCADIA WRESTLER PLACES



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Nolan Pruitt, far right, son of Erin and Larry Handy, of Parksley, and Wayne and Katie Pruitt, of Maryland, placed 6th in the 175-pound weight class in wrestling regionals Saturday, Feb. 3, at Poquoson. Nolan is a sophomore at Arcadia High School and this is his first year wrestling.

MICHELLE FEREBEE SPEAKS AT FOUNDERS DAY



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On Jan. 20, the Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. celebrated the sorority's 116th Founders Day at Eastern Shore Community College. The event's keynote speaker was Michelle Ferebee, deputy director of strategic planning for the NASA Langley Research Center. She is also a distinguished member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and an active member of Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter in Hampton. Ferebee delivered an inspirational and insightful speech on NASA, STEM programs, and the many opportunities they offer.



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After 58 years in public education, ‘Skip’ Oakley looks back on career

Former teacher,
principal, director,
school board member:
‘I’d do it all over again’

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

William “Skip” Oakley witnessed many major changes to the public school system in his 58 years in education, including 48 years as a teacher and administrator and a decade on the Northampton County School Board.

Oakley, age 83, declined to run for re-election in 2023 and decided to give someone younger a chance to serve the community and bring fresh ideas to the table.

“I think you reach a point in time when you can stay too long, and I didn’t want to do that. I didn’t want to stay too long,” he said.

Oakley is an Eastern Shore native and spent most of his youth in lower Northampton County. He attended Cape Charles and Cheriton elementary schools and Northampton High School, from which he graduated in 1959.

His graduating class was the first to have spent all four years of high school at Northampton High, which was built in 1954.

Oakley attended Louisburg College, in North Carolina, and considered becoming an engineer, which was a popular major in the 1950s, he said.

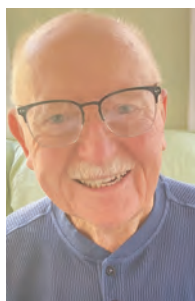
He soon realized he didn’t want to be an engineer and thought back to his time at Northampton High School.

Oakley was “greatly influenced” in his decision to pursue a career in education by his former physical education teacher, George Young, who later was a longtime superintendent of Northampton County Public Schools.

Oakley’s college major was physical education, with minors in science, history, and geography.

He received both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from East Carolina University, in Greenville, N.C.

Oakley returned to the Shore in 1964 and began



‘Skip’
Oakley

teaching his minor areas of study at Northampton High School. He also was an assistant coach in football, basketball, and track and field.

But in 48 years, Oakley never taught physical education. The opportunity never arose, in part because he became a principal early in his career, after just five years.

A master’s degree was required to become a principal, and few educators had one then, he said.

Oakley became the principal of Birdsnest Elementary School, where he also was a 7th grade teacher.

He explained that there was no middle school in Northampton County then. Elementary school included grades 1 to 7 and high school included grades 8 to 12.

At the time, the county had more elementary schools with fewer pupils – Birdsnest Elementary averaged 90 to 100 students, Oakley said — so school employees often wore many hats.

He returned to Northampton High as principal from 1969 to 1971.

Around that same time, Northampton County fully integrated its schools, with Black and White children receiving the same public education.

Oakley said the adults “fought it for a right good while, but it was a smooth transition.”

“It wasn’t a major deal with the students,” he said. “Many of the adults had problems with it, but the students had no trouble.”

After his time as principal at Northampton High, Oakley went to Salisbury, Md., and spent 30 years working for Wicomico County schools.

He came back to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and spent a decade working in Accomack County,

first as the last principal of Mary N. Smith Middle School before it closed its doors in 2004, then as an assistant principal at Arcadia Middle School, and finally as the principal of Arcadia Middle.

Oakley retired after 48 years as a teacher and school administrator, yet his career in education wasn’t quite over.

The first year that the Northampton County School Board transitioned from an appointed board to an elected one, Oakley ran for a seat on the school board and won.

He was re-elected twice and served a total of 10 years. (Northampton school board members have staggered terms and Oakley initially served a two-year term.)

He was “excited” to learn that Northampton County decided to move forward with renovation and new construction at its high and middle school complex at the Northampton High campus in Eastville.

He recalled telling Supervisor John Coker, upon hearing the news, “I’m just glad now we have finally quit kicking the can down the road and we’re going to go ahead and get something accomplished.”

Although Oakley was no longer a school board member when the contract was awarded, many will remember him as an advocate for the project throughout his 10 years on the school board.

“I enjoyed my 10 years, and it was a good way to close out my career. ... I guess if I look back, I’d do it all over again,” Oakley said.

After spending 58 years in education, he plans to celebrate his 58th wedding anniversary with his wife, Carole Oakley, in April.

The couple has three children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. The Oakleys look forward to the arrival of their fifth great-grandchild in July.

ESCC plans indoor art show Feb. 24

Eastern Shore Community College is soliciting local artists and crafters to participate in an event that will debut Feb. 24 in the college’s main academic building on campus in Melfa.

The two floors of the academic building will offer spaces in the atriums and classrooms for exhibitors to display their work. There will be an emphasis on comfortable spacing for the floor plan to accommodate visitors taking in the offerings throughout the walk. Acoustic musicians will also be featured throughout the event.

Those wishing to participate should act quickly as spaces are limited. Registration forms must be filled out and submitted to Bill LeCato at ESCC. Forms are available on campus in Melfa and online at es.vccs.edu Call for information at 757-789-1797.

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‘Taylor’-made bank site? Chief executive is coy

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Everybody says a branch of Taylor Bank will be built on Mason Avenue in Cape Charles.

Everybody, that is, except for the one person whose job it is to announce such a project.

Raymond M. Thompson, chief executive officer of the Berlin, Md.-based chain of Delmarva banks, said he’s heard the rumors, too.

“It’s gotten back to me that everybody thinks it’s us,” he said.

But Thompson was coy about whatever plans Taylor Bank has, if any, in Cape Charles.

He said he could “neither confirm nor deny” the plans everybody else is already chattering about.

But he said the Eastern Shore of Virginia, which already has handsome

and bustling Taylor Bank branches in Onley and on Chincoteague Island, continues to pique the interest of the firm, which has 10 other branches in Maryland and Delaware.

“We’re continuing to explore opportunities for organic growth on the Eastern Shore of Virginia,” he said.

More certain, however, is that a home will be moved from a site in Cape Charles that will be the future home of the yet-unannounced bank.

An adjoining property also will be used to accommodate the bank.

Katie Nunez, Cape Charles’ planner and zoning agent, said documents specify the property will accommodate a bank, but they don’t say which one.

The town’s Historic District Review Board approved the plan to move the 1896 home at 625 Mason Ave.

More approvals are needed to move

the home, including one from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

A rare spectacle then will ensue: The two-story home will be carted west past the shops on Mason Avenue, north between the beach and grand homes on Bay Avenue, and then west to the 600 block of Washington Avenue, where it will be re-established.

The applicant for the project was hoping it would take place at the end of February, Nunez said.

There are inherent complications that also need to be considered, she said.

“There are utilities on poles that have to be addressed before they move the house down the intended route,” she said.



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Schools get comment on \$69M FY25 spending plan

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Accomack County’s public school system has proposed a \$68.8 million operations budget for fiscal year 2025 that includes a 5% percent pay increase for all employees.

The positive for the school system is that Accomack County has proposed is increasing its annual contribution by \$1.1 million.

“This is very, very good news,” Beth Onley, chief of operations for Accomack County Public Schools, told the school board on Tuesday, Feb. 6, during a meeting at Metompkin Elementary School.

The bad news, however, is that the school board’s spending plan is \$1.2 million more than anticipated revenues.

Unless unexpected state money fills the gap — or the board of supervisors,

which has three new members, decides to earmark more money for education — the school system will have to pare its list of proposals.

The schools’ budget proposal also includes a \$150,000 increase in the employer’s contribution toward health insurance, new mathematics textbooks, and hiring retired school administrators as part-time assistant principals at Metompkin Elementary and Chincoteague Elementary schools.

The budget includes a new early reading specialist position, a new guidance secretary for Chincoteague Combined School, and two athletic trainers.

The school budget also earmarks \$221,000 to implement pay increases associated with a forthcoming classification and compensation study.

In a joint written statement, school board Chair Janet Martin-Turner and Superintendent Rhonda Hall said the

budget proposal is not extravagant.

“This budget is being presented with the hope that our citizens understand that we are not asking for the moon,” they wrote.

During a public hearing, Connie Burford, of Chincoteague, said more staffing is needed in grades with younger children.

She also wondered aloud about a \$200,000 reduction in special-education funding, while other departments had “massive increases.”

Coleby Burford, who is Burford’s daughter and who identified herself as a teacher in the county, also advocated for additional personnel in primary grades because of “behavioral concerns and academic concerns.”

“I can’t keep my eyes on 20 kids by myself,” she said, after alluding to the unanticipated actions of early learners.

Newly elected school board member

Stefanie Jackson criticized the timing of the budget process, saying the school board had to vote to hold a public hearing on the spending plan “within minutes of receiving the document.”

She apologized that there was no public input earlier in the process of compiling the proposal, saying, “That is unacceptable to me.”

She called is an “excessively strict budget timeline that we’re working under,” which she said is “not normal.”

The timeline inhibits “meaningful” public input, she said.

The ability for the public to comment on the draft budget will help to “ensure we are spending the taxpayers’ money responsibly,” she said.

■ School board member Stefanie Jackson is a staff writer for the Eastern Shore Post. She has no input in the Post’s coverage of Accomack County Public Schools.

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Should Rhonda Hall sit at school board’s head table?

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Should Rhonda Hall, Accomack County’s superintendent of schools, sit at the head table with school board members during meetings?

Should she sit with other school administrators in the audience? Or should she sit at a separate table facing the school board?

Where Hall seats herself is far from the biggest issue facing the Accomack School Board. But there was no bigger issue discussed during its Tuesday, Feb. 6, meeting.

Hall, who sits front and center at the head table, is not of a mind to sit anywhere else — not even at a nearby table or at the end of the head table, two options that were discussed.

Hall said Accomack’s school superintendent always sat beside school board members at the head table — an assertion she repeated twice.

Hall works for the nine-member school board but addressed her bosses bluntly.

“We need to have really good rationale for why this change would be made now,” she said of the movement to have her move.

“I really would need to know that information,” she said later.

Glenn Neal, one of three newly elected members on the nine-member board, said having Hall sit near the board, instead of with it, would create a “separation between the governing body

and the administration.”

Neal said his constituents ask him what Hall’s role is.

“Some of the questions are, is Dr. Hall part of the board or not?” he said.

New school board member Stefanie Jackson said having Hall sit elsewhere would show the public “our willingness to govern without undue influence of any one person.”

“I think it’s appropriate to show a division there,” she said.

School board member Lisa Johnson wasn’t having it.

“My belief is that this item is targeting Dr. Rhonda Hall,” she said.

“It’s not broken,” she said of Hall’s seat at the head table. “I have no idea what we are attempting to fix.”

Still, the school board tried to fix the seating arrangement. Earlier in the meeting, it voted to arrange the head table in a “V” shape, so members could more easily see each other.

From there, motions on seating arrangements came at a furious pace:

■ First, a motion by Johnson to keep the new seating arrangement in the “V” shape, with Hall among them, failed, with five votes against.

The failure of the odd motion likely has immediate unintended consequences.

By voting against the status quo, and not adopting a new seating arrangement, nobody really has a seat in the “V” head table, if the exact wording of the failed motion is followed.

■ New school board member Jason Weippert then made a motion for Hall to sit at a separate table in the middle of the “V.”

(Weippert’s motion was made at the 1:27:33 mark of Connie Burford’s Facebook live video of the school board meeting, for those wanting proof.)

Proof would be needed, because Weippert’s motion was completely

ignored by everyone — and was treated as if it never happened.

Board Chair Janet Martin-Turner never asked for a second to the Weippert motion when school board member Jesse Speidel asked to begin discussion. Weippert’s motion wasn’t revisited.

■ Even with Weippert’s motion on the floor, Jackson made another motion for Hall to sit at the end of the “V” head table. It died, with six votes against.

■ Along the way, Handy moved to table the matter, and Neal seemed to say he wanted the matter tabled, but both were ignored — the chair never asked for a second.

After the volleys of motions and emotions, Hall maintained her front-and-center seat. For now.

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The supervisors will hold their next budget work session on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 5 p.m. in the Board Chambers in the Accomack County Administration Building, 23296 Courthouse Ave., Accomac. The meeting is open to the public.

There will be a public hearing on the budget in late March, with the goal of adopting the FY25 budget by April 1.

The new money for schools increases Accomack County's contribution for education to \$23.1 million for the year, said County Administrator Mike Mason in a presentation to the Accomack Board of Supervisors on Monday, Feb. 5.

Largest expenses

"The proposed budget ... incorporates the board's priorities as incorporated in your last strategic planning session, along with the needs of county residents and county police," Mason said.

Those priorities include expanding sewer services, affordable housing stock, and childcare options in the county, along with efforts to improve recruitment and retention of county employees.

The vast majority of revenue in the budget comes from real estate taxes, which make up 55% of Accomack County's gains. Other major revenue sources include other local taxes at 16% and state funding at 15%.

Education is the largest expense in the county's budget at 28%, followed by public safety at 25% and public works at 13%.

Broken down into local tax dollar-spending, the county allocates 38%

to education, followed by 13% to public safety and emergency services, and 10% to public works.

Even with the county's proposed real estate tax decrease, real estate taxes revenues are still projected to rising property assessments, from \$4.3 to \$5.2 billion countywide, Mason said.

Planning needs

In set-aside funding, the budget includes several priority projects for the county.

"The largest set-aside in this budget is for (sewage) treatment needs at the northern end of the county" along Chincoteague Road, Mason said. The budget proposes \$2.5 million as seed money for the project.

To increase Accomack's stock of affordable housing options, the budget proposes setting aside \$45,000 to hire a consultant to review the county's zoning laws to reduce barriers to housing developers, and \$250,000 to acquire an affordable housing site to help attract developers.

It also includes \$150,000 to continue a county-backed effort to remove derelict houses.

It includes \$150,000 for a second round of Accomack's Child Care Start-up and Expansion Grant, targeted specifically to northern Accomack County, where "there are absolutely no childcare providers right now," Mason said.

It allocates \$90,000 to expand parks and recreation opportunities, focused on seniors and making Accomac's Sawmill Park more accessible to those with disabilities.

■ Visit <http://tinyurl.com/yt28ye54> to see Mason's presentation on the proposed FY25 Accomack County budget.

■ A summary of the new budget requests is available at <http://tinyurl.com/3x2nr5yj>

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Exmore

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He recommended the town council look internally to fill the position. He said about six town staff members are qualified.

Duer cautioned the council members that an external candidate likely would expect an annual salary of around \$125,000, far more than what he required.

"The job itself is pretty easy and that's because we have a really excellent staff here," he said.

Sewer hookup holdouts

Only 17 Exmore homeowners remain who haven't signed the easements required for the town to install equipment on their property for the new sewer system, and their refusal could be costly.

"If you guys know any of these people that haven't signed their easements, you might want to suggest (they) go ahead and do it, because the consequences, if they lose, are quite dire, financially," Town Manager Robert Duer told the town council.

The town will receive state and federal funding for the sewer project on the condition that every household connects to the new system.

Exmore was required to obtain approximately 800 sewer easements and file them in Northampton County's circuit court.

But some homeowners refused, citing reasons such as having working septic systems on their properties.

Exmore must sue the homeowners for the signed easements to secure the funding for the sewer project.

The lawsuits could last up to 18 months, meaning "the project will be complete before these property owners ... have to hook up to our service," Duer said.

Each holdout could wind up paying around \$25,000 in attorney's fees, court costs, and installation fees, he said.

Transient occupancy rates drop

In his monthly financial report, Duer noted that transient occupancy taxes were down \$20,000 compared to last year, meaning that Exmore's hotel sales were down \$400,000.

He previously had attributed Exmore's hotel revenue loss to the proliferation of short-term vacation rental homes in Northampton County at large.

During the Monday night meeting, town staff presented an ordinance that was modeled after Wachapreague's ordinance regulating short-term rental homes.

The Exmore ordinance would permit short-term rental homes only in the town's commercial district, on and around Main Street.

Councilman Chase Sturgis said he was "not trying to kick the can down the road," but he was not ready to vote to advance the ordinance to a public hearing.

"The motels have lost \$400,000," Duer reminded him. "Keep going. One's already threatened to close."

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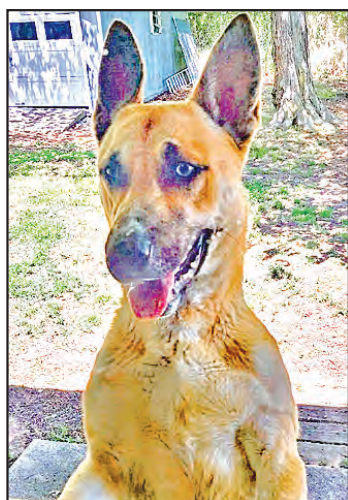
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Requires valid Virginia Driver's License.

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

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Qualifications: Certified Sailing Instructors preferred. Individuals working toward certification or with significant sailing experience are encouraged to apply.

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Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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

Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have high school diploma or GED.

Benefits include: VRS Retirement, Annual Leave, Sick leave, Paid Holidays, and Health Insurance

Applications may be obtained from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/5n6epayy>

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- Experience as a cook/chef (2+ years desirable)
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Accomack County Social Services Benefit Program Specialist I/II (Spanish preferred)

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Performs routine administrative duties and clerical tasks as directed by the Sheriff.

Must have excellent communication, bookkeeping, and other office skills. Will assist in entering civil processes, traffic summonses, and criminal warrants.

Requires a high school diploma or GED and a minimum of three years of administrative clerical experience.

Starting salary will be based on experience.

Please obtain an application from the Northampton County Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347.

Open until filled. EOE.

MARINE FIELD TECHNICIAN

The Nature Conservancy is seeking applications for a Marine Field Technician to support the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve's Marine Habitat Restoration Program.

The technician will collect data necessary for monitoring restored and existing oyster reefs, eelgrass meadows, and bay scallops. In addition, the technician will assist the team with the construction of artificial substrate oyster reefs, collection of eelgrass reproductive shoots, maintenance of our eelgrass seed curing facility and other necessary functions of our Marine Program.

We're looking for an individual with a unique combination of shellfish knowledge, seagrass knowledge, and field skills to join our Marine Restoration Team and help advance our work. Creativity, flexibility, willingness to work on a fast-paced, dynamic schedule — sometimes independently — and a great attitude are key to this role.

To see complete details for this position and to apply, go to <http://tinyurl.com/4hf8x95y> then search by job #54677. Click on the job, then click "Apply for Job" to submit an online application by **11:59 PM EST on March 3, 2024**. Need help applying? Visit our recruitment page or contact applyhelp@tnc.org.

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Help Wanted

STEP COASTAL CONSERVATION INTERN

The Nature Conservancy is seeking applications for a STEP (Short-Term Experience Program) Coastal Conservation Intern to assist science and conservation staff with programs at the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve (VCCR).

The 10-week, 35 hour/week paid internship will begin May 30, 2024, and is based on a Tuesday through Saturday schedule. The intern will assist with public outreach about VCCR barrier islands, stewardship of beach nesting birds on barrier islands, marine habitat restoration, preserve management and education and outreach events. Basic qualifications include high school diploma and experience working outdoors.

To see complete details for this position and to apply, go to <http://tinyurl.com/4hf8x95y> then search by job #54666. Click on the job, then click "Apply for Job" to submit an online application by **11:59 pm on February 25, 2024.**

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BILINGUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INTERN

The Nature Conservancy is seeking applications for a summer Bilingual Community Engagement Intern (Spanish-English) to assist outreach and education staff and increase access to programs at the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve (VCCR).

The 10-week, 35 hour/week position, based from Brownsville Preserve in Nassawadox, will begin May 30th. The intern will work with staff to create bilingual community engagement opportunities, assist with planning of Latino Conservation Week events and bilingual youth activities on Brownsville Preserve, and help with VCCR summer programs for all ages. Basic qualifications include high school diploma, fluency in Spanish and English, and some experience with community engagement.

To see complete details for this position and to apply, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/4hf8x95y> then search by job #54672. Click on the job, then click "Apply for Job." Application deadline is **11:59 p.m. on February 25, 2024.**

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PUBLIC HISTORY INTERN

The Nature Conservancy is soliciting applications for an intern to research and develop the African American history associated with Brownsville Preserve in Nassawadox.

This position will last 10 weeks beginning around May 2024. Responsibilities include mapping family relationships, transcribing handwritten notes, conducting research and collaborating with Upshur family descendants.

Basic qualifications include experience and/or interest in African American history and culture, interest in pursuing a career in public history or a related field, and ability to learn procedures.

To see complete details for this position and to apply, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/4hf8x95y> then search by job #54652. Click on the job, then click "Apply for Job" to submit an online application by **11:59 pm on February 25, 2024.**

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I will accept any reasonable offer. Delivery is not available. It will need to be picked up upon arrangements.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will meet and conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia, on the following matters:

Zoning Map Amendment 2023-02: Kellam Realty Company, LLP, has applied for a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 1.202 acres of a parcel from TE-1 (Town Edge-1) to TE-CG (Town Edge-Commercial General) for commercial use development. The property is located on Lankford Highway and is further described as Tax Map 84-A-60A.

Zoning Text Amendment 2023-06: The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County is proposing a Zoning Text Amendment to the 2000 and 2016 Zoning Ordinances to incorporate changes in state law allowing certain farm buildings and structures to submit an agreement in lieu of a plan for stormwater management and zoning site plans.

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:

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

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

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



ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 104, 23296 Courthouse Avenue - Accomack, VA. Public hearings will be held at 6:30 p.m. to afford interested persons the opportunity to be heard or present written comments on the following matter(s):

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to Solicit Input on a Proposed Revision to the Solid Waste Management Plan in Accordance 9VAC20-130-130.

Every five (5) years the County is required to update its Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). In accordance with 9VAC20-130-130, Public Participation, the County must publish a notice and hold a public hearing on the plan before submitting a plan or major amendment.

2. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Amending Accomack County Code Chapter 102, Waterways, Division 3, Quinby Boat Harbor, Section 102.67 of the Accomack County Code

The Board will receive public comment on the proposed draft ordinance that, if approved, would reduce the number of Quinby Board Harbor members from nine to seven.

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

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

County's electronic Board Agenda at:
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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

JOSEPH GREGORY KELLAM, et al.,
Plaintiffs
CASE NO. CL23000580-00

vs.

GLORIA JEAN DUNHAM CLAY, et al.
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The object of this proceeding is, inter alia, to confirm title in the Plaintiffs by adverse possession of certain real property, known generally as 27346 Redwood Road, Melfa, Virginia, Accomack County Tax Map No. 93A-A-19, Tax Parcel Number 093A0A000001900, all of which is described more particularly in the Complaint and Exhibits attached thereto on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, to which reference is hereby made for a full and accurate description thereof; and

WHEREFORE, it appearing that certain Defendants' offices and or places of residence cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry within the Commonwealth, or, if ascertained are not residents of the Commonwealth,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants GLORIA JEAN DUNHAM CLAY, ORLANDO TURNER, TRUSTEE, PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, HEIRS OF MILTON E. FLOYD, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, if any, who may be HEIRS OF MILTON E. FLOYD, or successors, heirs, devisees, or assigns of GLORIA JEAN DUNHAM CLAY, ORLANDO TURNER, TRUSTEE, OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF THE EASTERN SHORE, INC., PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, or HEIRS OF MILTON E. FLOYD, or others who may have an interest in the subject property, are to appear before this Court on or before the 27th day of March 2024 and protect their interests, if any,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks pursuant to § 8.01-317 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, in Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in Accomack County, Virginia, and that the Clerk of this Court shall post this Order at the front door of the courthouse.

TESTE:

Hon. Talia Taylor, Clerk
Circuit Court of Accomack County

By: Caretta S. Harris, DY
January 24, 2024

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**TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VA
SPECIAL MEETING
February 12, 2024, 7:00 PM
15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417**

The Town Council for the Town of Onancock, VA will conduct a special meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Onancock Town Hall at 15 North Street. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Town Plan including lighting, signage, and parking.

Questions or comments may be directed to Matt Spuck, Town Manager, at 757-787-3363, or via email at Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing commencing at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments regarding the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY CODE TITLE XV LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 153 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, CHAPTER 153.02 DEFINITIONS, CHAPTER 153.04 SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF PLANS, CONTENT OF PLANS TO INCORPORATE CHANGES IN STATE LAW ALLOWING CERTAIN FARM BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES TO SUBMIT AN AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF A PLAN FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL.

The purpose of this ordinance is to reflect changes in the Code of Virginia which allow certain farm buildings and structures to submit an agreement in lieu of an erosion and sediment control plan.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office, Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours.

Handicapped assistance available: Call 757/678-0440.

Charles Kolakowski
County Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet and conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and review the following applications to forward recommendations to the Eastville Town Council or the Board of Supervisors.

The Eastville Town Council will meet jointly with the Planning Commission at the same time and place to discuss ZTA 2023-07.

ZTA 2023-07: The Town of Eastville has applied for a Zoning Text Amendment to add the following additions to the Eastville Zoning Ordinance:

The addition of *portable storage container* to Article II, Section 2-3 Specific Definitions.

The addition of a new section, Section 18-7(f) Temporary Portable Storage Container, to Article XVIII Supplemental District Regulations.

Immediately thereafter the Planning Commission will continue with the following three public hearings:

ZMA 2023-01: Dimitri Hionis has applied for a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 3.15 acres of a parcel from MHP (Mobile Home Park) to H/R (Hamlet/Residential) and 2.74 acres of the same parcel from A/RB (Agriculture/Rural Business) to H/R (Hamlet/Residential) to construct single family residence homes. The property is located at 4314 Cedar Grove Drive in Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 112-A-94.

ZMA 2023-03: Virginia Builders Holding, LLC and Cape Charles Chocolate, LLC has applied for a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone a combined 13.067 acres of two adjacent parcels from TE-1 (Town Edge-1) to TE-CG (Town Edge Commercial General). The property is located on Lankford Highway and is further described as Tax Map 84-2-B & 84-2-B1.

ZMA 2023-04: NKM Properties LLC has applied for a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 6.62 acres of a parcel from TE-1 (Town Edge-1) to TE-CG (Town Edge Commercial General) and 7.01 acres of an adjacent parcel from TE-1 (Town Edge-1) to TE-CG (Town Edge Commercial General). The property is located on Parsons Circle, Cape Charles and is further described as Tax Map 84-A-92 & 91-A-15B.

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

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

Anyone wishing to comment on the above items is invited to attend the meeting and make their comments known. Written comments can be submitted to the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement//P.O. Box 538//Eastville, VA 23347, and via email to olivia.bennett@co.northampton.va.us for consideration at the February 20, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Accomack County School Board will hold a special meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary.

Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE TOWN OF KELLER, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff

CIVIL CASE CASE NO. 24CL71

vs.

HAZEL ELIZABETH YOUNG

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 Keller, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 8, Block 4, designated as tax map number 111B00304000800.

standing in the name of Hazel Elizabeth Young, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to determine whether Hazel Elizabeth Young is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of her heirs, devisees and successors in title; 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 Hazel Elizabeth Young.

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 March 07, 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 29th day of January, 2024

Arisleydi J. Rodriguez

Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court

I ask for this:

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Sports Trivia
by
Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Hockey Hall of Famer won four consecutive Selke Trophies for best defensive forward as a member of the Montreal Canadiens from 1978-81?
2. Bill Vukovich, winner of the Indianapolis 500 in 1953 and 1954, died in a crash while leading what race in 1955?
3. Name the 1990 sports comedy/drama film that starred C. Thomas Howell and Peter Horton as beach volleyball players.
4. Who was interim head coach of the Nebraska Cornhuskers football team when they beat the Michigan State Spartans 17-3 in the 2003 MasterCard Alamo Bowl?
5. On July 5, 1947, Larry Doby became the first Black player in the American League as a member of what MLB team?
6. Scott Zolak was the backup quarterback for what NFL team from 1991-98?

Answers

1. Bob Gainey
2. The Indianapolis 500
3. "Side Out"
4. Bo Pelini
5. The Cleveland Indians
6. New England Patriots

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For \$155,000

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For \$375,000

■ From Secretary of Veterans Affairs To Khyber Rooney-Rab dau
Lot, 1 acre, 27250 Arlington Road, near Cheapside
For \$259,500

■ From Preserve Homes & Neighborhoods VA LLC To Steve and Sandra Kaercher
Lot B-91, Bayside Village, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$891,443.82

Accomack property transfers

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Lot 1, Wallops Millpond Road, New Church
For \$75,000

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36 acres on Thornton Road, Temperanceville
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■ From Waterside Land Trust LLC To Amonia Powell
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For \$485,000

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36081 Finney Lane, Painter
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For \$234,000

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17163 Main St., Painter
For \$86,000

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Lot 14, Cedar Cove, Mapps ville
For \$11,500

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20495 Market St., Onancock
For \$270,000

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1/2 acre on Main Street, Chincoteague
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BAPTIST CLERGY FELLOWSHIP RETREAT



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The Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy hosted a Koinonia (Fellowship) Retreat on Jan. 13 for clergy of all denominations, which included presenters. The Rev. Dr. Bill Whitaker spoke on "Ministry Development;" the Rev. Dr. Veronica Coleman spoke on "Community Engagement;" and Ms. Meg Cohen spoke on "Mental Health Awareness." The retreat was a great opportunity for collaboration and sharing how to minister in rural communities with smaller congregations. The next meeting of the Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy (ESCBC) will be held virtually on Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. Licensed Baptist clergy are encouraged to attend. Join by Zoom at meeting ID 357 474 3176 or by phone at 646-558-8656 and enter the meeting ID. For more information, contact escbcevents@gmail.com.

TIDE TABLE

Seaside

Bayside

		Friday Feb. 9		Saturday Feb. 10		Sunday Feb. 11		Monday Feb. 12		Tuesday Feb. 13		Wednesday Feb. 14		Thursday Feb. 15
Assateague Beach	H L	7:22 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	H L	8:12 a.m. 2:47 p.m.	H L	9:01 a.m. 3:32 p.m.	H L	9:48 a.m. 4:18 p.m.	H L	10:36 a.m. 5:06 p.m.	H L	11:25 a.m. 5:55 p.m.	H L	12:16 p.m. 6:46 p.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	7:25 a.m. 1:52 p.m.	H L	8:13 a.m. 2:37 p.m.	H L	9:01 a.m. 3:21 p.m.	H L	9:49 a.m. 4:06 p.m.	H L	10:37 a.m. 4:53 p.m.	H L	11:27 a.m. 5:42 p.m.	H L	12:20 p.m. 6:35 p.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	8:18 a.m. 2:39 p.m.	H L	9:08 a.m. 3:26 p.m.	H L	9:57 a.m. 4:11 p.m.	H L	10:44 a.m. 4:57 p.m.	H L	11:32 a.m. 5:45 p.m.	H L	12:21 p.m. 6:34 p.m.	H L	1:12 p.m. 7:15 a.m.
Folly Creek	H L	8:11 a.m. 2:24 p.m.	H L	9:01 a.m. 3:11 p.m.	H L	9:50 a.m. 3:56 p.m.	H L	10:37 a.m. 4:42 p.m.	H L	11:25 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	H L	12:14 p.m. 6:19 p.m.	H L	1:05 p.m. 7:00 a.m.
Wachapreague	H L	7:58 a.m. 2:06 p.m.	H L	8:48 a.m. 2:53 p.m.	H L	9:36 a.m. 3:37 p.m.	H L	10:22 a.m. 4:21 p.m.	H L	11:07 a.m. 5:07 p.m.	H L	11:54 a.m. 5:56 p.m.	H L	12:42 p.m. 6:48 p.m.
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Tangier Sound Light	H L	11:23 a.m. 5:59 p.m.	H L	12:12 p.m. 6:44 p.m.	H L	12:59 p.m. 6:48 a.m.	H L	1:47 p.m. 7:43 a.m.	H L	2:35 p.m. 8:40 a.m.	H L	3:26 p.m. 9:38 a.m.	H L	4:21 p.m. 10:40 a.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	11:46 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	H L	12:35 p.m. 6:44 a.m.	H L	1:23 p.m. 7:37 a.m.	H L	2:10 p.m. 8:31 a.m.	H L	2:58 p.m. 9:25 a.m.	H L	3:47 p.m. 10:22 a.m.	H L	4:40 p.m. 11:23 a.m.
Guard Shore	H L	11:38 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	H L	12:27 p.m. 6:40 a.m.	H L	1:15 p.m. 7:33 a.m.	H L	2:02 p.m. 8:27 a.m.	H L	2:50 p.m. 9:21 a.m.	H L	3:39 p.m. 10:18 a.m.	H L	4:32 p.m. 11:19 a.m.
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Onancock Creek	H L	11:27 a.m. 6:06 p.m.	H L	12:16 p.m. 6:53 p.m.	H L	1:04 p.m. 7:05 a.m.	H L	1:51 p.m. 7:59 a.m.	H L	2:39 p.m. 8:53 a.m.	H L	3:28 p.m. 9:50 a.m.	H L	4:21 p.m. 10:51 a.m.
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Last week's answers

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by Linda Thistle

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- 1 Auxiliary professor
8 Nickname for baseball great Ruth
15 Cultural value system
20 High-fashion clothing
21 Knows someone at the company, say
22 Reluctant (to)
23 "Wait, my rant isn't finished..."
25 Private, as desires
26 Agnus — (lamb figure)
27 "Cool beans!"
28 Down dinner
30 Look lewdly
31 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson
38 Composer — Sebastian Bach
40 Hamilton/Burr confrontation
41 Era upon era
42 Turndowns
43 Stati — (America, in Italian)
44 Stage design
47 La — Tar Pits
- 49 Gp. opposed to leather
51 Made a habit of taking risks
54 Actress Cuthbert
57 French for "summers"
58 Bible book after Micah
59 Dwell at
61 —Ops (CIA mind games)
62 Coffee holder
63 In love
67 Big name in candy wafers
68 2011-13 Fran Drescher sitcom
71 Give it — (try)
74 Paris' Champs- —
75 Certain scanning device: Abbr.
76 St. crossers
79 First book section
81 Former U.N. chief Boutros- —
83 Stool or pew
84 Milk container
85 Just a tiny bit
90 Op-ed writer Maureen
91 Art of Erté
92 Once existed
93 Eldritch
94 Links gp.
- 96 Canon camera brand
98 — part (role-play)
100 1996-2002 sports sitcom
101 Song phrase following "See you later, alligator"
107 Amazes
108 Daddy's boy
109 Prague citizen
110 Victor's hand gesture
113 Prefix with type or plasm
115 What's spelled out by the starts of six answers in this puzzle
121 Lot units
122 Countering an attack by missile, e.g.
123 Pundit
124 Hockey feints
125 Fill with more inventory
126 Like soon-to-be-unveiled tech
- 3 She won a Tony for "Hurlyburly"
4 Stage actress Hagen
5 Pious sister
6 Actor Hume of "Cocoon"
7 Heads, to Henriette
8 Iota preceder
9 Novelist Robbins
10 N.Y. hours
11 Cranky cry
12 Singer DiFranco
13 Stanford- — test
14 Occupy
15 — Lilly & Co.
16 Until this time
17 "Just one moment"
18 Verdi opera
19 Tears to bits
24 "Told ya so!"
29 Recurring themes
32 Detests
33 Author Blyton
34 Oil, informally
35 Dweeb's kin
36 Cassini of 20-Across
37 Quick quip
38 Minty Kentucky Derby drink
39 — last legs (about to collapse)
- 44 Biting turtle
45 Ordinal suffix
46 Like so, informally
48 Correo — (Spanish airmail)
50 — over (satisfied for the moment)
52 "Movin' —" (sitcom theme song)
53 Tube prizes
55 Brand of fruit drinks
56 Year, in Brazil
60 Signs up
62 Multilevel structure for Fluffy
64 Suffix with chlor- or fluor-
65 Model Cheryl
66 "ER" or "CSI" move on
68 Get a
69 Lead-in to "So sue me!"
70 Caesar's 202
71 N.C. State's NCAA div.
72 "— Na Na"
73 Toiling away
76 Fetching
77 Certain surrealist paintings
78 Eye maladies
- 80 Funds
82 Sly — fox
83 Tortoise's top
86 Calf product
87 Caesar's "Behold!"
88 Campus mil. program
89 Singer Halliwell
94 Underside of a dog's foot
95 Liftoff stress
97 Hebrew horn
99 With 106-Down, North Pole surround
100 Cling (to)
102 Perfumer Lauder
103 Absurd
104 Missouri's — Mountains
105 Toon pic
106 See 99-Down
111 Kin of -ette
112 Novelist Jennifer
114 Pre-CIA gp.
116 "— a girl!"
117 Fabric dye brand
118 Retired NBAer Ming
119 Vote down
120 "True —" ("Indeedy")

DOWN

- 1 Mil. school
2 Finished

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