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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### Wayne Bell ensures children live best lives

BY MARK MORING  
Eastern Shore Post

Wayne Bell never got into trouble as a kid, though he does remember one awkward meeting with the local sheriff.

"He sat me in his car," Bell says, "and we had a nice conversation."

Afterward, the lawman asked Bell if he wanted a ride home, or would he rather walk.

"I'll walk," Bell replied. Because nobody wants their parents to see them dropped off in a squad car.

That walk home gave Bell plenty to think about . . . and may have played a role in paving his path to the future. Bell, 49, of Eastville, has spent most of his adult life helping children to not only stay out of trouble, but to live their best lives.

These days, he's doing that in a variety of ways, giving kids opportunities to flourish as they grow.

Bell is CEO of Children's Harbor, an

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Wayne Bell talks with students at Children's Harbor in Onancock. Bell is the chief executive officer of the early childhood organization.

## NORTHAMPTON

### Schools work to increase salaries for all

BY STEFANIE JACKSON  
Eastern Shore Post

The Northampton schools' proposed fiscal year 2025 operating budget, which could reach \$27 million and currently has a deficit of \$2.5 million, prioritizes raises for teachers and school staff.

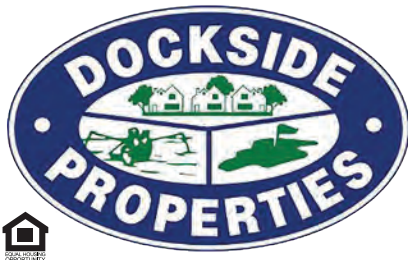
"We're behind everyone in the region" when it comes to salaries, Superintendent Lisa Martin told the Northampton school board at a meeting earlier this month.

Among starting teacher salaries in Virginia, Northampton ranks 79th out of 131 school divisions, with a starting salary of about \$45,000 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree.

Northampton falls further down the ranks as salaries are compared for teachers with increasing levels of experience.

For a teacher with a bachelor's degree and 30 years of experience, Northampton ranks 121st, offering a salary of about

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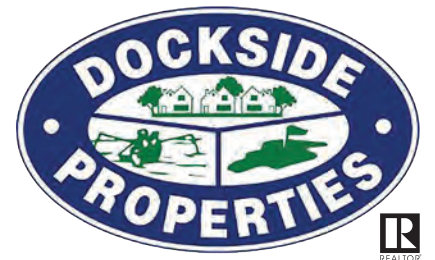
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# Man slain; suspect sought

According to Sheriff W. Todd Wesells, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 8:32 p.m., the Accomack County Sheriff's Office received a report of shots fired in the area of the 26000 block of Stumpy Lane near Onancock.

Upon deputies' arrival, they discovered an unresponsive male suffering from apparent gunshot wounds.

The male, identified as Rashaun Anthony Brown, 26, of Onancock, was

pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Onley Police Department, Melfa Volunteer Fire Department, and the Accomack County Department of Public Safety.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to contact the Accomack County Sheriff's Office at 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666.

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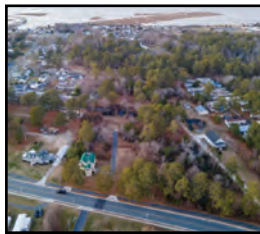


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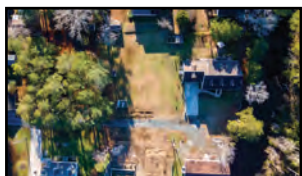
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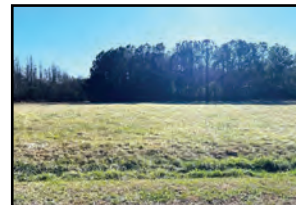
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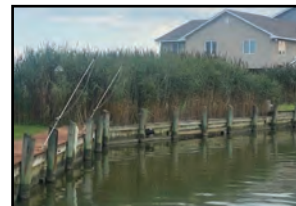
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# Northampton

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\$60,000.

When comparing salaries for teachers with five to 30 years of experience in Region 2, which includes Accomack, Northampton, and 13 school divisions in and around Hampton Roads, Northampton ranks last.

Martin said teacher salaries for fiscal year 2023 were used in the comparison because fiscal year 2024 data was not yet available.

Northampton schools provided teacher raises of up to 7% in last year's budget.

Martin said the school board must set the starting teacher salary at \$50,000 and "decompress" the salary scale, ensuring each step on the salary scale equals one year of experience and includes a 1.25% increase for each step, up to year 30.

These teacher salary adjustments will cost about \$1.1 million.

"I came to you last year and said I wanted to do it in a three-year plan. Unfortunately, the word on the street is that some of our neighbors are already going to set

their beginning pay scale at \$50,000, so for us to wait, we won't be competitive," Martin said.

She also wants to provide "a step increase and a flat percentage, an average of 5%, for all of our other staffing positions," at a cost of about \$462,000.

The proposed budget provides an additional \$20 monthly contribution toward the cost of health insurance for eligible positions.

It also increases Northampton schools' minimum wage to \$14 per hour, effective July 1.

An increase to \$15 per hour is scheduled for July 1, 2025, so that Northampton schools will comply with the Virginia minimum wage of \$15 per hour that will take effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Also included in the funding request is a math specialist for Northampton Middle School, budgeted at \$80,000; 16 bus monitors, budgeted at almost \$174,000; and an additional custodian, at a cost of \$35,000.

If the Virginia General Assembly does not provide additional funding for public education in the state budget, the school division must ask county supervisors to cover the \$2.5 million budget deficit.

## Kiptopeke State Park sets job fair

Kiptopeke State Park will be hosting a job fair to recruit seasonal employees for the summer.

The job fair will take place on March 9, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Big Water Visitor Center, located just outside the entrance to Kiptopeke State Park.

Staff will be on site to discuss job opportunities, accept applications and hold interviews.

"We are planning to fill several positions and are excited to have the opportunity to talk directly to interested applicants," said Kiptopeke State Park Manager Sean Dixon.

"If you have a passion for nature, enjoy working outdoors, and are willing to learn

new skills, we encourage you to come out and talk to us about a job."

Positions available at the park include interpretive ranger, contact ranger, maintenance ranger, waterfront attendant, retail attendant, and housekeeping supervisor. Applicants must be willing to work weekends and holidays as well as have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

"Make Kiptopeke State Park your office this year and enjoy a unique and fulfilling job while building your skill sets," said Kiptopeke State Park Assistant Manager Stephanie Venarchick. "Seasonal jobs are a great way to start your career working in Virginia State Parks."

Candidates who want to apply can fill out an application on-site or apply directly online at [www.dcr.virginia.gov](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov)

## Victim in fatal crash identified

Identification has been made of the victim in a fatal crash on Friday, Feb. 16, in Painter.

The driver of the 2012 Ford sedan has been identified by the Chief Medical Examiner's Office as Romar Lamont Reid, 39, of Hampton, said state police spokeswoman Michelle Anaya.

State police were called to investigate the vehicle crash, which happened on Lankford Highway, a half-mile south of Coal Kin Road.

Preliminary investigations have revealed Reid was traveling at a high rate of speed in the northbound lanes on Lankford Highway when he struck the rear end of a 2016 Chevrolet Cruz also traveling northbound.

Upon impact, the Ford traveled across the median and into the southbound lanes of travel, into the path of a 2021 Freightliner tractor trailer.

The Ford struck the tractor trailer head-on, ejecting Reid into a ditch.

Reid died upon impact.

The Chevrolet Cruz, upon being struck, spun out and came to rest in the northbound lanes, facing southbound.

Shortly after the crash, the driver of a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado was traveling northbound and struck the disabled Chevrolet Cruz.

The driver of the tractor trailer, Baron Powell, of North Carolina, was not injured in the crash.

The drivers of the Chevrolet Cruz and Silverado were both transported to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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## Eastern Shore Rural Health receives \$5M gift

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. has received a \$5 million donation from The Chicago Community Foundation.

"This game-changing donation is a testament to the hard work of all involved with Rural Health. We will use it to help meet one of the greatest health care needs of our community," said Eastern Shore Rural Health CEO Jeannette Edwards.

"Our leadership has evaluated potential projects based on feasibility and ability to provide positive impact for the most members of our community. Continued expansion of the dental program was selected based on our recent dental needs analysis showing all available dental providers on the Shore can only meet roughly 40% of the need that exists."

More details will be available after a thorough analysis is conducted by Rural Health leadership.

The gift is from an anonymous donor who recommended that Rural

Health be awarded the funds through The Chicago Community Foundation's donor-advised fund.

## Ice Bowl set for Indiantown on March 2

The 2024 Ice Bowl will be held on Saturday, March 2, at Indiantown Park in Eastville.

The event, in its 15th year on the Shore, has raised money for the local foodbank. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. with a \$20 entry fee for each player. The start time is 10 a.m. There will be prizes for the winners in several classes along with a few raffles, which include a disc golf basket and other disc golf items.

Returning this year is a chili cook-off and a prize for the winner. Guests pay to do the tasting. All proceeds will be given to the local foodbank and donations will also be taken from anyone wanting to give to the foodbank in name of the Ice Bowl 2024. For more information, go to ESVA DGC on Facebook or call 757-442-4843.

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## Becky Rootes Art Scholarship available

The Eastern Shore Art League will be awarding the Becky Rootes Memorial Art Scholarships in honor of Becky Rootes, past president of the ESAL.

The scholarships will be awarded to two graduating high school students residing on the Eastern Shore of Virginia who are continuing to an advanced education institution (community college, college, or university) and who are planning to pursue a field of study inclusive of the visual arts.

Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded each year, one for 2-D visual art, and one for 3-D visual art.

Details on the application process and dates for submission of applications are available on the Eastern Shore Art League web site, [www.esartleague.org](http://www.esartleague.org)

Information will also be provided to local high schools.

## Educational scholarships are available from DKG

The Lambda Chapter of DKG International will award grants to female high school graduates, college undergraduates, and graduate students who intend to pursue a career in education.

There are four scholarships totaling over \$11,000. Applications must be completed and returned by April 16.

A \$500 Teachers Matter scholarship will be awarded to an educator in Accomack or Northampton counties.

Educators may apply if they plan to take part-time coursework.

Applications are available from local schools. Completed applications must be returned by April 16.

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## CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS



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At the recent Celebrate Chincoteague Colts awards ceremony on Feb. 9, the following students in Grades 3-5 were awarded a certificate for achieving all A's in the core subjects for the second marking period and/or first semester: front row from left, Samantha Dawkins, Alexandra Dawkins, Nathan Davis, Olivia Cherrix, Anders Savage, Jacob Roberts, Violet Hasty, and Lia Aker. Middle row: Locklyn Giddings, Violet Davis, Garrett Dampf, Kinsley Cook, Watson Bloxom, and Summer Bell. Back row: Dalton Stephens, Rosalynn Molina, Peyton Mears, Karrou Pickett-Andrews, Pippa Kinard, Margaret Jillard, Blake Hasty, Bryn-Anne Greenwood, and Alexandra Swain. Absent from photo are Sawyer Birch and Zander Savage.

## BECKY ROOTES ART SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED

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**Two \$2000.00 scholarships will be awarded each year, one for 2-D visual art, and one for 3-D visual art.**



Applications will be provided on the Art League website, and at high schools. Visit [www.esartleague.org](http://www.esartleague.org)



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Chincoteague Island Library recently gave reading awards to students at Chincoteague Elementary School for the second nine weeks. Students were recognized for showing effort and/or improvement in reading. The following students received a certificate and a \$10 gift card to Sundial Books on Chincoteague Island: front row from left, Camille Berry, Ivan Breland, River Geminiani, Martha Wilder, Aerie Holland, Emmalynn Lagunas, and Ava Neal. Back row: Peyton Mears, Ava Toth, Nathan Davis, and Anders Savage. Absent from photo are Phineas O'Connor and Jackson Shepherd.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague presented Terrific Kids awards for the second nine weeks to students at Chincoteague Elementary School. These awards honor students who demonstrate a positive attitude, good character, responsible citizenship, and/or academic improvement. Recipients are, front row from left, Elizabeth Jillard, Iyana Slade, Joshua Johnson, Anna Robertson, Armani Revels, JaiRhus Davis-Sheppard, Penelope Rose, and Magnolia Rose. Back row: Blake Hasty, Bentley Jones, Victoria Case, Ava Northan, and Jacob Roberts.

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## Ensuring input is sought from our best public servants

Putting it bluntly, there are many different types of public employees — beginning and experienced, frowners and smilers, those who do just enough and those who go over and above.

Some are high-maintenance and some are no-maintenance. Some drive fancy vehicles with vanity license plates and some have had the same modest cars for decades. Some love the sound of their own voices and some speak helpfully and economically.

Some seem ground down by the bureaucracy. Some have buoyant personalities and are always ready to serve.

And then there is Janice Williams, whose professionalism, poise, and institutional knowledge give us all someone to emulate. If Williams, one of the Eastern Shore's model and modest public servants, is not in a class of her own, she is in a class with very few peers.

So it struck us as odd that Williams, the deputy Northampton County administrator, had to express her concerns about a personnel policy change at a public meeting of the Northampton Board of Supervisors.

She was addressing supervisors like a regular county resident, which she isn't.

Williams has worked for Northampton County for 43 years and has worked closely with every county administrator Northampton has ever had. She has formerly served as interim county administrator.

One would think her opinion and guidance would be sought and considered well before any matter comes before the public.

It is probably in the best interests of Northampton County to have Williams' intelligence and insight solicited — and followed — well before the public comment period during a county meeting. Public employees like Williams are hard to find and should be listened to.

### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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### LETTERS

## Are kids 'worth the cost' of lead-free water?

To the editor:

Regarding the Feb. 16 Eastern Shore Post article "How much lead is acceptable in Accomack schools?"

If the well water is 100% free of lead, what was implied to me is this:

The kids are not worth the cost of distilling the water to the kitchen or installing new piping to the kitchen from the well.

It can be installed on the surface.

Linwood Windsor  
Onancock

## On the issue of where Rhonda Hall should sit

To the editor:

People are drawing unfounded conclusions about where the Accomack County Public Schools superintendent sits at school board meetings.

A majority of school board

## Guest columns and letters

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members think having members sit closer together would facilitate conversations between them.

Currently they sit in a row and the distance between the two ends makes it difficult for them to see and hear one another.

Hall attends school board meetings with other members of her administrative staff such as clerk of the board, director of human resources, and director of finance.

The superintendent and designated staff answer questions and provide the school board

members with requested information and reports at the meetings.

To be clear, the school board establishes policies for governance of the school district with the allowance for public input or comment.

The superintendent is responsible for implementation of the board's policies. It is imperative that all parties maintain a positive relationship as student outcomes depend on it. There should be no undue influence by either party.

The proposed seating changes are geared toward building a strong school board committed to working together with Hall and her staff.

There are no hidden agendas or ulterior motives, especially with regard to gender or race.

The fact that there is equal opportunity in America is something to be celebrated. Having the board seen as a unit at public meetings is a common practice.

The superintendent and her staff are key advisors to the board.

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# Gordon Vincent should be the next circuit judge

BY J. NICHOLAS KLEIN III

Guest columnist

It appears that sooner or later the General Assembly of Virginia will decide who the next circuit court judge for Accomack and Northampton counties will be.

The attorneys of the Eastern Shore Bar Association voted overwhelmingly for General District Court Judge Gordon Vincent.

The vote was so overwhelming that only two persons voted for Lynwood Lewis, besides himself, out of 33 votes cast.

It was not a popularity contest but one voted on as who was most qualified to be the new circuit court judge.

I have practiced law on the Eastern Shore since I graduated from law school in 1976. I have practiced with many lawyers before good and great judges.

I know who I think are the best, and

who are good, and who are not.

Although Lewis and I are not close, we have practiced on the Shore since he came to the Eastern Shore Bar and I have seen him at work on many occasions. The same is true for Vincent.

These two gentlemen were once partners in a firm. Lewis has been a most competent and reliable member of the General Assembly as our delegate and then senator for many years until he decided not to run in 2023 for re-election.

The General Assembly districts had been changed and many delegates and senators found themselves in districts they probably could not win.

Enter our new senator, Bill DeSteph, the person Lewis would have had to run against.

Lewis declined to run and some say the deal was made — he'd be the next circuit court judge. This is purely an opinion but has been supported by comments from other Virginia Beach

politicians.

It's true the General Assembly decides who the judges will be throughout the commonwealth — that's the system and it is much better than a popular vote system used in other states.

But politics must take a back seat to what is best for our citizens and our Shore.

We have been blessed since I arrived here to have had three great circuit court judges, Wescott Jacob, Glen Tyler, and Revell Lewis, and I'm sticking my nose in this because I want that excellence to continue even though my days in court are over.

I care about my wife's birth home and mine of 47 years, the Eastern Shore. I'm confident that our present judges along with many others on the Shore in our profession know how much I care.

Because of his superior experience as a lawyer and now a longtime district court judge, I think — as my younger

colleagues did when we all voted on this issue — that Vincent should be the next circuit court judge for Accomack and Northampton counties.

I urge the politician and delegate I have voted for many times — and for whom most of you voted — to do what's best for the Shore in spite of the fact he and Lyn Lewis are good friends and served together in Richmond.

Lewis has done a good job for the Shore as our representative. He is a good man and a gentleman.

But I believe the Shore must come before anything else. We elect our members to the General Assembly and they are there to carry out the wishes of the people they represent.

This judgeship is not a consolation prize to be handed out as a reward for prior service in the General Assembly.

■ *The writer, an attorney with Mapp, Mapp, and Klein, in Keller, lives in Accomack County.*

## Letters

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Having all parties focused on the vision and mission of the schools is the top priority.

Given that there is a direct correlation between school district leadership and student opportunities and performance, the students of Accomack will benefit if the school board and superintendent are supportive of each other.

Jean Sellard  
Melfa

## School board members: Just do your job

To the editor:

Would someone please remind the Accomack County School Board that they were elected to serve the children of this county and not to rattle

their sabers and showboat in front of the very students they may have to discipline for doing the same things?

Maybe there is not enough to keep them busy, so I thought of a few things that might help them get back on track if they need an agenda.

■ Find some daycare and early education opportunities for the northern end of the county.

I know several women who had to quit their good-paying jobs because they had no one to care for young children. We need a well-run child care facility in the northern end of the county.

It is hard to get employees for the NASA Wallops Flight Facility, RocketLab, and other businesses when you can't even offer them any form of daycare or Pre-K education.

■ Find some teachers. Where are the human resources people whose main job is to find qualified teachers for our children?

Quite a few teachers are having to teach additional classes to cover the whole year. Case in point: Two eighth-

grade English teacher positions have not been filled at Arcadia and Nandua middle schools all year.

■ Visit your schools. We sat out special chairs for the school board at our school for years and rarely saw anyone at graduation.

We cut over 500 slices of cake and it would have been a great public relations way to meet many middle school parents — even if it was the last day of school.

■ Ride a bus route with the bus drivers. When you see where our children come from, maybe you won't be worried about where someone sits, or who is meeting on the sly!

■ Get to know the support staff. Some of the most important people in that building are the custodians. Without them, the building will not function or be safe.

Then there are the cafeteria workers, who work for horrendous pay but each day feed our children.

Bus drivers, nurses, and instructional staff should be applauded and also rewarded for service and dedica-

tion to their jobs.

■ Talk to teachers before you spend our money. Often we hear about programs that we have to use and have no clue what they are, or if we even need them.

You ought to ask how many programs the county has bought over the last 10 years that are still in use.

■ Truancy and poor attendance are in crisis mode. Employ a truancy officer to put some teeth into coming to school and make sure parents are picking up their little ones at the bus stop.

Aren't these school board members supposed to be the role models for teachers, parents, and children — the best of the best?

We may not have perfect kids here, but parents, are sending their best to us. Please get to work, as we need leadership in these post-pandemic days.

There are no places for egos anymore. Just do your job.

Deborah Merrill  
Temperanceville

# ESCC shines brightest when its students succeed

At your Eastern Shore Community College, we shine the brightest when our students succeed.

We hang our hat on the tangible success stories that you see and hear in the community. That vibrant picture of students and alumni succeeding now includes current economic impact data that illustrate yet another level of the school's role and importance on



James Shaeffer

our Eastern Shore. ESCC and the 22 other colleges in the Virginia Community College System were

the subject of an economic impact study conducted for fiscal year 2021-2022 by Lightcast, a global leader in market analytics.

From a statewide perspective, the impact of the VCCS is indisputable, with the combined spending of operations, construction, and student spending, together with the enhanced productivity of its alumni, generating \$11.6 billion in added income for the Virginia economy.

This equals approximately 1.8% of the total gross state product of Virginia and is equivalent to supporting 135,119 jobs across the commonwealth. It translated into one out of every 41 jobs in Virginia being supported by the activities of VCCS and its students.

## Value on investment

Virginia taxpayers provided \$605.5 million of state and local funding to VCCS in FY 2021-22.

In return, taxpayers receive an estimated present value of \$1.5 billion in added tax revenue stemming from the students' higher lifetime earnings and the increased output of businesses.

Savings to the public sector add another estimated \$118.8 million in benefits due to a reduced demand for government-funded social services in Virginia given the success of VCCS graduates.

For every tax dollar spent educating students attending a VCCS school, taxpayers receive an average of \$2.70 in return throughout the students' working

lives. In other words, taxpayers receive an annual rate of return of 6.9% for a total of \$1.6 billion in taxpayer benefits.

For your Eastern Shore Community College, the story is equally as impressive.

ESCC added \$34.9 million in income to the Eastern Shore of Virginia economy during the analysis year, which is approximately 1.3% of the total gross regional product of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

In addition, ESCC's economic impact supported 619 regional jobs — or in other words, one out of every 43 jobs on the Eastern Shore of Virginia are supported by the activities of ESCC and its students.

State and local funding for ESCC amounts to \$4.5 million and, in turn, total taxpayer benefits amount to \$5.5 million, the present value sum of the added tax revenue and public sector savings.

These benefits and costs yield a benefit-cost ratio of 1.2. This means that for every dollar of public money invested in ESCC in FY 2021-22, taxpayers received a cumulative present value of \$1.20 throughout the students' working lives.

The average annual internal rate of return for taxpayers is 1.4%, which compares favorably to other long-term investments in the public sector.

And these benefits to our community will only continue to grow in the future.

The average ESCC associate degree graduate from FY 2021-22 will see annu-

al earnings that are \$9,800 higher yearly than a person with a high school diploma or equivalent working in Virginia.

Over a working lifetime, the benefits of the associate degree over a high school diploma will amount to an undiscounted value of \$382,200 in higher earnings per graduate.

With the college's continual upward climb in enrollment, we can anticipate positive impacts in the future.

As of Feb. 12, 2024, our count of full-time equivalent students is 414, compared to 342 for spring 2023. This is a 20.98% increase.

Our headcount is also up, at 690, compared to 585 in spring 2023, a 17.95% increase.

We lead the VCCS in the percentage increase in both FTE and headcount.

In addition, there is more great news about our workforce FastForward enrollments. For this academic year, we have 133 enrollments, compared to 111 at this time last year. This is a 19.82% increase, as compared to the overall increase in the VCCS of 16.66%.

Your Eastern Shore Community College is proud and excited to be in a position to continue to grow in our role of providing life-changing programs that are not only serving our students in major ways, but also serving our Eastern Shore with meaningful contributions to our local economy.

■ The writer is president of Eastern Shore Community College.

# ISLAND

**THEATRE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
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## "Just Go to the Movies"

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A new musical revue of Academy Award winning songs from the 1930s to the present by the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company! With an amazing cast of six, dressed as movie theater ushers and usherettes, they will sing songs which have become part of the American songbook!

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# JOIN OUR TEAM

**Associate Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development - Accomack County**

**Careers at Virginia Tech - (Job no. 528372); work type: Administrative & Professional**

The 4-H Youth Development Agent is a professional educator who provides leadership to the local 4-H program and manages its day-to-day operation. 4-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The mission of 4-H is to develop youth, and adults working with those youth, to realize their full potential and become effective, contributing citizens. Must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree (BA or BS) in a relevant discipline from an accredited college or university. A master's degree and promotion to Extension Agent are required no later than the sixth year of employment. Shortlisting of candidates will start after February 16th, 2024 and continue until the position is filled. For questions, contact Janet Spencer - jaashle2@vt.edu

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## THE 2024 MISSLESS PAGEANT

**Wednesday, Feb. 28 6:30 Tickets \$7.00**

Mark your calendar for a fundraising night you definitely do not want to miss! Join Chincoteague High School's After Prom Committee for a night of fun and a LOT of laughs as the "ladies" of CHS strut their stuff and compete for the crown! Doors open at 6:00; show starts at 6:30. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Esley Collins of American Legion Post 159, of Chincoteague, recently presented Principal Diane King, of Chincoteague Elementary School, a \$1,000 check toward the school’s field day festivities.

February is

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- Call 911**  
if experiencing these symptoms!

Talk to your health care provider about how to reduce your risk.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Eastern Shore Post

### Friday, February 23

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

■ **BENEFIT DINNER:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., homemade vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese, and drink, at Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

■ **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.

■ **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](http://www.chincoteague-ca.org)

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

■ **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 Plahhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. Tickets are \$25 for adults and seniors and \$10 for students. See [www.northstreetplayhouse.com](http://www.northstreetplayhouse.com)

### 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 In-

## Best bets...

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■ On Saturday, Feb. 24, from 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.

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■ **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.

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### Sunday, February 25

■ **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.

■ **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 Plahhouse,

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### Monday, February 26

■ **STORY TIME:** All day, any time story time at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley and the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.

■ **KIDS CRAFTS:** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., kids crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in 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 27

■ **TECH HELP:** Tech Help Tuesdays all day at the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.

■ **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 and crafts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.

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

### Wednesday, February 28

■ **STORY TIME:** All day, any time story time at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley and the

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

### Thursday, Feb. 29

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

### Friday, March 1

■ **BREAKFAST:** 8 a.m., VFW Post 2296, Tasley, will be serving breakfast at the post. All are welcome. The cost is \$10.

■ **BENEFIT DINNER:** 5 to 7 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St. Cheesesteak sub meal, \$10; chicken tender meal, \$8. Call 410-422-9195 to place a pickup order.

■ **PIZZA FUNDRAISER:** 5 to 8 p.m., drive-through pizza fundraiser at New Church Fire and Rescue, New Church. Pepperoni, sausage, or bacon 16-inch pizzas for \$14, or combination pizzas for \$15.

■ **BOOSTER BINGO:** 6 to 9 p.m., the Arcadia Booster Club presents its first Cash Bingo Night in the Arcadia High School gym. Doors open at 5 p.m.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Melinda and the Speakeasies at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Free admission and cash bar.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7:30 p.m., the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, under the direction of Dr. Paul Sanho Kim will perform "The Rise of Classicism," with Rachel Ordaz, flute soloist, at Nandua High School in Onley. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

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## Be included

The Eastern Shore Post wants your listings for live music, fundraisers, theatrical performances, banquets, carnivals, special events, and anything else that is just plain fun. Send to [editor@easternshorepost.com](mailto:editor@easternshorepost.com).

# Calendar

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## Saturday, March 2

■ BINGO: 7 p.m., Eastville Volunteer Fire Co. will have its Big Bucks Bingo at the Exmore Moose Lodge. Doors open at 5 p.m. and cards go on sale at 6 p.m.

■ MOVIE: 7 p.m., part of the "Oscars in Onancock" event at the Roseland Theater, sponsored by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center. \$10 per movie or \$25 to see all four movies. Showing will be "American Fiction."

■ BALLET: 7:30 p.m., Latin Ballet of Virginia at the Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Admission is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students.

## Sunday, March 3

■ MOVIE: 1 p.m., part of the "Oscars in Onancock" event at the Roseland Theater, sponsored by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center. \$10 per movie or \$25 to see all four movies. Showing will be "Anatomy of a Fall."

■ 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.

■ FARMERS MARKET MEETING: 2 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market vendor orientation and meeting. New vendors are welcome. RSVP to MarketsMGR@gmail.com. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 4 p.m., the Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, under the direction of Dr. Paul Sanho Kim, will perform "The Rise of Classicism," with Rachel Ordaz, flute soloist, at Nandua High School in Onley. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

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■ MOVIE: 7 p.m., part of the "Oscars in Onancock" event at the Roseland Theater, sponsored by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center. \$10 per movie or \$25 to see all four movies. Showing will be "Past Lives."

## Monday, March 4

■ 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, March 5

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

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Young Musicians of Virginia at the Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Free admission; \$10 donation welcome.

## Wednesday, March 6

■ EVENT: 5 to 7 p.m., Wine Wednesday at Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. Wine, art, shopping, and opening of the Eastern Shore Art League's Spring Show.

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

## Thursday, March 7

■ BENEFIT BINGO: 6 to 8 p.m., bingo benefitting the Island Theatre at Teaguer's Pub, 5030 Chicken City Road, Chincoteague.

■ INTERNATIONAL MOVIE: 7 p.m., "Other People's Children," presented by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center at the Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Tickets are \$8 for single show and \$25 for the season.

■ MOVIE: 7 p.m., movie night at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapeague.

## Thursday, March 8

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Alex Holt and Forest Flynn at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Free admission and cash bar.

## Saturday, March 9

■ FUNDRAISER: 1 to 4 p.m., the Billy Peacock Memorial Fundraiser, to benefit the Samaritan Shelter of Pocomoke City, will be held at Don's Seafood and Chicken House. A portion of the food and beverage sales will be donated to the Samaritan Shelter Help Drive. \$10 raffle tickets will be sold to win the grand prize drawing for a weekend in Cape Charles. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Samaritan Shelter, Eastern Shore Lanes, Hickman's Plumbing, Heating and AC, and Don's Seafood and Chicken House.

■ VOLUNTEER RALLY: 2 p.m., Chin-

coteague Cultural Alliance Volunteer Rally. Come learn about all of the exciting ways you can volunteer for our summer programs. Light refreshments served. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague.

## Sunday, March 10

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

## Monday, March 11

■ 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, March 12

■ VETERANS BREAKFAST: 8:30 to 10 a.m., there will be a Veterans Café serving a free breakfast to all veterans and active military at American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main St., Chincoteague.

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

## Wednesday, March 13

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

## Friday, March 15

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tide-water Bluegrass Revival at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Free admission and cash bar.

■ DESIGNER PURSE BINGO: 7 p.m., designer purse bingo at the Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke. Admission is \$30 and there will be food, a 50/50 raffle, and special games. Proceeds benefit the Great Pocomoke Fair. Bring three canned goods or nonperishable products, or a bag of individually wrapped candy, for a free game card. Food benefits the Samaritan Shelter.

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m., The North Street Playhouse presents "Holy Mother of Bingo," an interactive evening of murder mystery, including five rounds of bingo and prize baskets, 34 Market St., Onancock.

## Saturday, March 16

■ OYSTER ROAST: 4 to 8 p.m., Oysters for Education at The Shanty, Cape Charles. The oyster roast and barbecue supports the Northampton County Education Founda-

tion. Admission includes dinner, drinks, dessert, music by Clara and Company, and access to the silent auction. Tickets are \$100 per person. For tickets or more information, visit [www.ncedufoundation.com](http://www.ncedufoundation.com)

■ OYSTER ROAST: 4 TO 8 p.m., Shore Little League will hold its eighth annual benefit oyster roast at the Exmore Town Park. There will be music, a cash bar, a silent auction, a raffle, clams and oysters, barbecue, and chowder. Tickets are \$50 in advance and can be purchased at Western Auto in Exmore, the Exmore Diner, Northampton Lumber in Nassawadox, Rayfield's Pharmacy in Nassawadox, and Oceans East in Capeville. Call 757-414-1433.

■ PARADE: 3 p.m., "O'Nancock" St. Patrick's Parade, with dining, music, and shopping all over town. The classic car and tractor exhibition will begin at noon. St. Patrick, his color guard, a pipe and drum corps, floats, and more are part of the parade. The volunteers of the Onancock Business and Civic Association will support this event. Visit [visit www.Onancock.org](http://www.Onancock.org)

■ FUNDRAISER: 5:30 p.m., Raising the Green for the Heritage Center of the Eastern Shore Regional Library. \$100 tickets include dinner, drinks, entertainment, and live and silent auctions. Tickets are available at The Book Bin, Rayfield's Pharmacy locations, and libraries in Nassawadox and Parksley.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Saint Patrick's Day Cabaret. A night of Irish-themed music and spoken word performances. \$5 suggested donation. Cash bar. Held at 6309 Church St., Chincoteague.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., the Country Gentleman Tribute Band will perform at the Historic Cokesbury Church and Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. Donations are welcomed.

■ THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: 8 p.m., The North Street Playhouse presents "Holy Mother of Bingo," an interactive evening of murder mystery, including five rounds of bingo and prize baskets, 34 Market St., Onancock. \$15 admission includes bingo cards. Purchase at <http://northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets>

## Sunday, March 17

■ 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.

# OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

## Sharon Patterson

**Mrs. Sharon Dareen Smith Patterson**, 86, of Onancock, passed away in the early morning hours on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, leaving a family in a state of bitter-sweet surrender — grateful for having been loved and cared for by the greatest woman they have ever known and haunted by the devastating loss of such a saint.

Sharon, the daughter of the late John Henry Smith and Charlotte Isabella Smith, was born in Newark, N.J., on Christmas Day 1937, which may be part of the reason that some of her grandkids took to calling her “The Holy Grail.”

Growing up in Newark, Bay Head, and Orange, N.J., in the 1940s and 1950s, Sharon learned to be resourceful, artistic, and curious.



She loved to travel and found solace in nature. She and her husband, William Max Patterson Sr., traveled all over the world when he was in the military. Sharon lived in Koashung, Taiwan (where she found the most exquisite fabrics), Germany, Nebraska, Iowa, El Paso, Texas, and eventually retired on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Sharon loved watching the sunsets and listening to the birds sing. She loved animals so much that she became a breeder, raising Kerry blue terriers, Siamese cats, and Irish setters. Anything having to do with the Emerald Isle piqued her interest.

As the matriarch of the family, she took on the duty of becoming the family historian, discovering generation af-

ter generation of her family tree. Over the years, Sharon wore many hats, but no hat was worn more proudly than the hat which read “MOM.” Sharon loved being a mom. In fact, Sharon loved it so much that she was often known to take in “strays” and took care of them as if they were her own.

She was never judgmental; she accepted people’s differences and was always willing to lend a hand. She found a way to care for everyone under her roof. She gave the best advice, told the best stories, and made sure to crochet a blanket for anyone who needed warmth and comfort. When someone was down, all Sharon had to do was play a song from one of her favorite bands, The Irish Rovers. She was an engaged listener, friend, and confidante, or as one relative put it, “My grandma is better than yours.”

Sharon is survived by her children, William Max Patterson Jr. (Beverly), Theresia L. Corea (Michael A.), Michael Sean Patterson, and Pamela Sue Patterson; grandchildren, Amy, Mickey, Jeremy, Jessica Rose, Jonathan, Jacob, and William M.; great-grandchildren, Sofia, Aubrey, Axle, Alcide, Christopher, Allison, Alexander Evan, Heaven-Leigh, Tiffany, Michael, Bryson, Harper, Dylan, Aidan-James, and Elijah; great-niece, Lexi; cousin, David; best friend, Barbara Hurley; several nieces and nephews; and many dear friends and relatives.

Sharon was predeceased by her parents, John and Charlotte Smith; husband, William Max Patterson Sr.; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia A. Patterson and Ralph Lambert; granddaughter, Katie-Rose Corea; brother and sister-in-law, Darrell F. and Nancy Smith; dear friend, Bud Hurley; and niece, Kelli Grasso.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

## William Konkell

**The Rev. William Arthur “Bill” Konkell**, of Laurel, Del., became a permanent citizen of heaven after his labor on Earth was complete. His heavenly reward was received on Feb. 6, 2024, at the age of 80. Born in Flan-



**The Rev. Konkell**

Laurel; children, Rosemary Stevens (Gregory), of Summerville, S.C., John Konkell (Laurie), of Exmore, Johanna Demir (Mehmet), of Laurel, and Eileen Gambacini (the late Edward), of Midlothian; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson, Liam James Konkell; siblings, James Konkell, of Riverhead, N.Y., Judith McGowan, of Flanders, and Ellis Konkell, of Eastport, N.Y.; and by extended family and church friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis and Dorothy Mae Konkell, and two brothers, Robert Bruce Konkell and Gary Wayne Konkell.

Bill was a hardworking family man who loved sharing his faith in Christ. He worked for VDOT as a mechanic, yet his true calling was serving the Lord and others. Bill earned his associate degree in ministry at age 53, and he became an ordained minister who brought the gospel message to those incarcerated during 16 years of local jail ministry.

After retiring from VDOT, he became the pastor of Rock Church in Laurel, serving there for 10 years. His involvement in his community was greatly appreciated and he was loved by many. Bill led several mission trips to Bolivia, Canada, France, Germany, Haiti, Romania,

and Russia.

Bill loved the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed going to yard sales and restoring square body Chevy trucks. But his favorite pastimes were spending time with his family and talking with others about the Lord. Known for his boldness, Bill would pray for anyone, anywhere, and at any time.

The greatest testimony a man can have is not given by him, but by those who knew him best. His legacy in the Lord continues through his wife, Deborah, who said, “Church just won’t be the same without my husband beside me.”

His daughter Rosemary said, “‘Konkel’ means ‘bold warrior.’ My father was definitely a bold warrior for the Lord and the best Dad ever!”

His son John said, “Dad loved God and he loved his family with a sincere and a pure heart.”

Daughter Johanna said, “Dad loved spending time with his family and telling stories about his relationship with Jesus.”

Daughter Eileen said, “From ‘The Amazing Race’ to ‘Where the Red Fern Grows,’ the recollections of my dad’s ceaseless love, steadfast guidance, enduring support, and unbending loyalty are all now invaluable memories that I will hold forever in my heart.”

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at 2 p.m., at the Rock Church in Onley with the Rev. John Konkell officiating. A reception will follow immediately afterward.

“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.” (Genesis 17:7 NIV)

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

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## Robert Reynolds

**Mr. Robert James “Bob” Reynolds**, 68, of Bloxom, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, in Baltimore. Bob made his way into the world on Feb. 23, 1955, in Washington, D.C. He was the son of Audrey Mae Reynolds and the late Jimmy Edward Reynolds.

Bob graduated from DuVal High School and joined the U.S. Navy.



**Mr. Reynolds**

He served his country for five years as a machinist mate and earned the Navy Expedition Medal and the Sea Service Ribbon.

It was after his time in the Navy that he met the love of his life, the young Virginia Louise “Ginny” Hannah. Ginny and Bob went to the same church, and she sang in the choir. He joined the choir, and as Ginny would find out years later, he only joined so that he could be closer to her. Whatever his plan may have been, it certainly seemed to work. Ginny Hannah became Ginny Reynolds on June 30, 1984, and the two enjoyed a lifetime of marriage and raising two girls until his passing.

Always curious about how anything worked, he could fix just about anything he set his mind to. He even built his own computer once. He had a long and productive career as a real property officer for NASA Wallops Flight Facility. He had an “engineer brain” and a “dad joke” sense of humor. Most mornings for an entire year, his Facebook friends were treated to his joke of the day.

Bob loved his family and enjoyed making the kids cringe with the corny jokes, which they secretly loved. He was a people person and could make friends with a rock. Bob loved to laugh and make others laugh. Is there any better gift from God than to be able to bring a smile on another’s face?

He was the textbook definition of a servant. He loved the Lord and his church (St. Thomas UMC, where he was the serving lay leader) and had a special place in his heart for Occohannock on the Bay, of which he served on the general board. Always willing to be involved with his community, Bob was a longtime member of American Legion Post 100 and the Eastern Shore Amateur Radio Club.

The family joked that he had a different hobby every week, as he was a HAM radio operator, photographer, and even king of the grill on his fishing and camping expeditions. For many years, he spent his weekends DJing local dances and events. He made sure to be his girls’ personal DJ, often playing Little Feat, Neil Diamond, and Queen so the girls could dance in the living room. His wife, kids, and grandkids made his life complete. He doted on all of them and they loved him more than anything. He will be tremendously missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia Louise Reynolds; mother, Audrey Mae Reynolds; children, Sarah Daley (Doug), of Brunswick, Md., and Ashley Reynolds, of Springfield; sister, Bonnie Lewis (Jeff), of Douglasville, Ga.; grandchildren, Dean Bixler, Audrey Daley, and Arthur Daley; four nieces; two nephews; and several extended family and friends.

Bob was predeceased by his father, Jimmy Edward Reynolds, and brother, Alan Reynolds.

A memorial service to honor the life of Bob Reynolds will be held Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m., at St. Thomas UMC, with the Rev. Bob Talbott officiating.

Memorial contributions in Bob’s name may be made to Occohannock on the Bay, 9403 Camp Lane, Belle Haven, VA 23306, <http://www.oobay.org/> or St. Thomas United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 485, Parksley VA 23421.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

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## Joanne Miles

**Mrs. Joanne Pruitt Miles**, of Pocomoke City, left this earthly world on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024, having graced all with her vivacious spirit for 84 years, 8 months, and 11 days.

Born June 7, 1939, in Stockton, Md., and raised in Greenbackville, she was the daughter of the late James Tull Pruitt and the late Anna “Lucille” Pilchard Pruitt. As the eldest of five chil-



**Mrs. Miles**

dren, Joanne’s role as “big sister” came with the responsibility of helping her parents with her younger siblings. She learned early on the importance of holding her ground while

fostering a loving and nurturing environment — lessons that came in handy with the birth of her first child at the age of 15.

Joanne was determined to do it all. She knew being her own boss would allow her the flexibility to support her family on all fronts, so she put herself through cosmetology school. Soon after she completed the program, Joanne’s Beauty Shop was up and running, a business she successfully owned and operated for decades. Though times were not always easy, you’d never witness Joanne have an ounce of self-pity or helplessness, only fortitude, perseverance, and a beautiful stubbornness.

She was fiercely protective of her family, to all of whom she gave her endless love — not the mushy kind — rather a stern, witty love. You never had to second guess how much you meant to her, but you knew her word was the final word whether you liked it or not. When in doubt of how she might react, it was best to be prepared with at least one of her favorites, Pepsi and Tastykakes, to soften the blow.

Infamous for her one-liners, Joanne’s comedic sarcasm was unrivaled. Some family favorites include: “If I tell you that chicken will pull a car, hook ‘em up,” “I spise it to my sight,” “Run mad and bite myself,” “He’s my horse if he’s never won a race.”

She could never resist a scratch-off or a day at the slots, though she vowed never to return many times. ... We all know how

that went (Exhibit A: obituary picture).

The holidays were especially joyous for Joanne, as she knew she’d be surrounded by everyone she loved. Her home was open to any and all on Christmas Eve, and she was never without a gift for each person who walked through the door.

Joanne shared all she had and everything she was with those she loved. She shared what matters — what can’t be bought or sold or lost or destroyed — loyalty, sincerity, integrity, and humor.

In addition to her parents, Joanne was predeceased by her husband of 44 years, Kenneth Wayne Miles; daughter, Cheryl Troast; and brothers, James E. “Jim” Pruitt and wife, Jean, and Hal Craig “Inky” Pruitt.

She is survived by her children, Rick Matthews and his wife, Laura Kerbin, of Onancock, Donnie Matthews and his wife, Lynn, of Chincoteague Island, Lisa Duncan, of Pocomoke City, Kent Miles and his wife, Betsy, of Texas, and Kurt Miles of Pocomoke City; brother, Bert Pruitt and his wife, Vivian, of Girdletree, Md.; sister, Lucien Pruitt, of Greenbackville; grandchildren, Kelsey Crossley (Kyle), Haley Matthews (Melanie), Harper Matthews, Aaron Matthews (Rhonda), Benjamin Troast (Kim), Tyler and Conner Duncan, Sarah Blevins (Randy), and Mary Miles (Matt); great-grandchildren, Todd, Lillie, Aaden, and Luke; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

Joanne was especially grateful for her caregivers, Kimmy and Donald Bevers, Miss Addie Revel, Coastal Hospice, and her nurse aide, Amy. Most importantly, she was blessed to have the unwavering companionship and care of her lifelong best friend and sister, Lucien, and her loving daughter, Lisa.

Family and friends are invited to a service in celebration of Joanne’s life at the Atlantic Fire & Rescue Company on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 2 p.m.

Contributions in Joanne’s memory may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418, or if you’re feeling lucky, buy a scratch-off and donate the winnings to your favorite charity.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

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

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## Howard Gill Jr.

**Mr. Howard E. Gill Jr.** died peacefully on Feb. 13, 2024. Born in Richmond on Sept. 5, 1933, he was the first child of the late Francis and Howard Gill.

He is survived by his sons, Dr. Howard “Mo” Elmo Gill III (Amelia), John Ashburn Gill (Susan), and Patrick McGuire Gill (Clay); 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his niece, Julie Messick, and two nephews, Jay Todd and Gill Todd.



**Mr. Gill**

He was predeceased by his first wife, Ann Wagner Gill, his second wife, Hazel Hanlon Gill, and his sister, Ann Gill Todd.

Howard grew up in Richmond. After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, he attended the University of Virginia and earned his bachelor’s degree in religious studies in 1956. Howard was elected to serve as the president of the student body and chairman of the Honor Committee his senior year. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

After graduating, Howard joined the U.S. Navy. He was deployed on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roos-

evelt and retired as lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Upon completing his military service, Howard joined Thomas Rutherford Insurance. He spent his career in the commercial insurance industry until he retired from HRH Insurance in 1998. Howard specialized in providing coverage for construction companies and was active in many professional organizations including Associated General Contractors of Virginia, Builders and Contractors Exchange, Tidewater Utility Construction, and Hampton Roads Utility and Heavy Contractors Association. His clients always respected him for his honesty and integrity.

Howard was also dedicated to his community. He was a former chairman of the Norfolk YMCA. He was a member of the board of the Barrier Islands Center and the Princess Anne Country Club. Howard was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach for 61 years and served as a church officer for 19 years. He loved the outdoors, especially the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where he was a member of the Cedar Island Hunt Club.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 11 a.m., in First Presbyterian Church, 300 36th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to First Presbyterian Church of Virginia Beach, the Barrier Islands Center, or the YMCA of South Hampton Roads.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at [hdoliver.com](http://hdoliver.com)

## Safety and marksmanship training in Oak Hall March 23 and 30

The Civilian Marksmanship Program is a Congressionally-chartered corporation with the mission of promoting safety and marksmanship for American youth. NOAAWIVA Sportsmen Inc., a CMP-affiliated club, will provide training in competitive rifle on two Saturdays in March 2024.

The range entrance is located approximately 300 yards east of the intersection of Route 13 and Chincoteague Road. The training will commence at 10 a.m. on March 23 and March 30. Training will be complete around 2 p.m.

The training is free for juniors ages 13-17. Cost for adults 18 and over is \$25. Everyone is welcome. Participants should wear long pants and long sleeves, a billed cap, and glasses if they need them to read. No personal firearms are allowed. Eye and ear protection, drinks, and snacks will be provided. Training will be held rain or shine.

Contact Brett at 757-710-0294 or Dave at 757-442-3013 with any questions. The Facebook page, “NOAAWIVA Junior Rifle Team,” has timely updates and useful information.



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# Eastern Shore Post

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# Speakers advocate for Hall keeping her seat

BY TED SHOCKLEY  
Eastern Shore Post

Speakers assailed the Accomack County School Board for considering proposals to remove Superintendent Rhonda Hall’s seat at the head table during meetings, with some saying the idea smacked of discrimination and most saying more important issues need addressing.

“So what’s going to be next?” asked James Fedderman, an Accomack resident and president of the Virginia Education Association, a statewide education union, during a Tuesday, Feb. 20, school board meeting at Metompkin Elementary School.

“Are the Black teachers going to have to come in the back door again? Are the White children going to get to go to lunch first?”



**Rhonda Hall**

he said. “The board is putting Black history in reverse.”

With a new chair and three new members, the school board considered a list of proposed changes to its meeting format, including the start time and agenda arrangement.

Also under consideration was where Hall, the only non-school board member at the front table, should sit.

The Rev. Willie Justis said the idea of making Hall, the first woman and first African American to serve as Accomack’s superintendent, sit elsewhere was disrespectful.

“As a person of color, it seems kind of discriminating,”

School board members struggled with the issue at a Feb. 6 meeting, but a motion for Hall to sit at the end of the dais failed.

Other considerations were for Hall to sit at a separate table during meetings and for her to sit in the audience with fellow school system staff.

At Tuesday’s meeting, nine speakers expressed their desire for Hall to sit where her immediate predecessors as superintendent sat — at the front table, next to the school board chair.

Asia Tankard, speaking on behalf of the Rev. David Sabatino, Accomack’s NAACP president, and the group’s committee on education, said Hall represented “an elite yet under-represented group” as a Black woman superintendent.

“We love you, we support you, and we are praying for you,” Tankard told Hall.

Speakers said other school matters need attention, including staff pay, teacher recruitment, cell phones in schools, a shortage of bus drivers, and healthy breakfasts.

Former school board candidate Alex Vargas said having the superintendent seat separate from the board clarifies roles.

“With separate seating, we are reminded of the roles within the broader picture of our school system,” he said.

“We all have a role to play and creating distinctions between those roles should in no way be construed as demonization, allegation, or personal insult.”

■ 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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# Students from Northampton, Broadwater, in district chorus

Three students from Northampton High School and three students from Broadwater Academy were selected to participate in the Virginia Choral Directors Association District 2, All-District Choral Event at Green Run High School in Virginia Beach on Feb. 8 to 10.

The district is made up of public and private schools from Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and the Eastern Shore.

Over 800 students auditioned to attend the event and only a third were selected.

Students must audition by singing a prepared selection and a blind sight-reading song to earn placement into a select choir.

The choir students of Northampton High School and Broadwater Academy

represent musical excellence and compete against much larger school systems in the district.

These six students rehearsed challenging music, sang with a large group, and worked with a renowned choral conductor at an advanced level over the span of three days.

On the final day, the choirs performed a culminating concert. The district has three All-District Choirs — a middle school mixed choir, a treble choir, and a mixed choir.

Those attending the middle school mixed choir were Emma Willis (Northampton) and Tommy Ertle (Broadwater).

Treble choir attendees were Jeanette Pike (Northampton), Autumn Buckley (Northampton) and Elise Adler (Broadwater).

Emma Philpot (Broadwater) attended the mixed choir.

Natasha Smoot, director for Broadwater, also helped with the event.

During the All-District Chorus event, there is a time in which the attendees can try out for All-State Chorus.

Philpot was selected to attend the All-State Chorus, which will take place in Richmond this April. She will represent District 2.

This is her second year representing District 2 at All-States.

She will be performing with an elite group of students from all over Virginia.

She also was selected and participated in Honors Choir this fall. The Honors Choir is for Virginia high school seniors and is an audition-only choir.

This choir is made up of 100 singers representing the top students in the state. Philpot plans to continue to study music and musical theater in college next year.

## NOTICE

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# City's Boys and Girls Clubs unit may expand

BY JANET BERNOSKY

Eastern Shore Post

The Pocomoke City unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs program needs room to expand.

Mark Piccirilli, a partner with Boys and Girls Clubs, also cited the need for its own location when schools are closed. The unit meets at Pocomoke High School.

At a presentation to the mayor and city council on Tuesday, Feb. 20, Piccirilli and Anna Hanzche, the organization's regional senior director, laid out plans to assist Pocomoke City officials with grant funding totaling just over \$1 million for the construction of a multipurpose community and recreation center.

A decades-long lease would be provided to the Pocomoke City unit.

After the meeting, Piccirilli said the type of building planned could be used by senior citizens or other groups when not in use by the Boys and Girls Clubs unit.

Started locally in early 2022 with students from

the high and middle schools, the program has expanded to include elementary school children.

Now serving approximately 75 students, programs are provided after school and in the early evening. Field trips and summer camps also are provided.

"These programs are successful, evidence-based, tried and true. They can make a huge difference in a community," Piccirilli said.

Mayor Todd J. Nock asked for some time to review the proposal with the city council.

In other news:

■ Council approved a request by City Manager John Barkley to purchase a new vehicle for the Department of Utilities to replace one that is beyond repair.

Both he and Nock expressed the need to update the vehicular fleet across all departments (police, code enforcement, and others) over the next few years.

■ Barkley also reported The CRICKET Center will soon open on Market Street. Standing for Child Resource Intervention Center Kids Empowerment

Team, it provides crisis intervention, trauma-based therapy, and a safe space to children who are victims of crimes.

■ Council approved a resolution to accept \$10,000 in grant funds from the Maryland Housing and Rehabilitation Program to create murals on certain downtown buildings.

■ Police Chief Arthur Hancock invited the public to a public safety forum at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Community Center, 1410 Market St. Topics for discussion include body cameras, K-9 police, traffic stops, and community policing.

■ Nock urged residents interested in a Community Watch to contact Chief Hancock.

■ C. L. Marshall, a District 5 council candidate, expressed concern over the potential loss of local jobs with proposed state legislation that would result in an 11% excise tax on products made at the local Benelli plant, which produces firearms.

■ Due to possible impending changes in Maryland cannabis zoning legislation, Nock and the council tabled the work session concerning such zoning in Pocomoke City.



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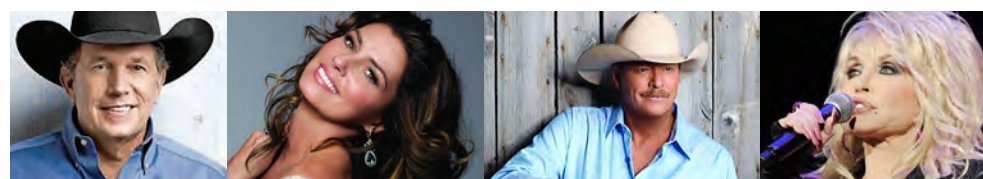
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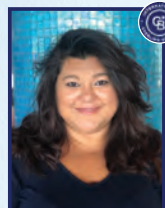
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# Jane Cabarrus: ‘Bringing people together’

**BY STEFANIE JACKSON**  
Eastern Shore Post

Jane Cabarrus, the first and only female president of the Northampton County NAACP, remembers joining the organization when she was in high school in the 1960s and paying annual dues of 50 cents.

That memory is a testament to Cabarrus’ longstanding dedication to public service, which continues to this day.

Cabarrus is the daughter of the late Lloyd and Annie Giddens, who realized a dream by opening what became known as the Giddens’ Do Drop Inn, in Weirwood, in 1967.

The popular restaurant and lounge was a welcoming place where people from diverse backgrounds came together to eat, drink, listen to music, dance, and socialize.

Lloyd and Annie Giddens instilled a strong work ethic in their daughter. At one point in her life, Cabarrus was working three jobs — late nights at the Do Drop Inn and early mornings at Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital, as well as a job in home health care.

She drew on that work ethic over the years as she took on more and more community service roles, seemingly never running out of energy or enthusiasm.

Cabarrus first became president of the Northampton County NAACP around the same time that Dawn Goldstine became superintendent of Northampton County Public Schools.

They worked together to promote equality. The Northampton NAACP was also influential in the decision to close Northampton schools for Martin Luther King Jr. Day every year.

The NAACP pitched the idea as “a day on, not a day off,” and so began Community Unity Day, an annual event held at Northampton High School to honor King’s legacy.

The event included participants marching together down Courthouse



**Northampton County NAACP President Jane Cabarrus wears a sweatshirt honoring the Do Drop Inn, her family business, next to a portrait of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Road in Eastville, and a couple of years later, the popular Community Unity Day breakfast was added to the program and continued for over 30 years.

Cabarrus worked to defend the Bayview community in the mid-1990s when former Gov. George Allen proposed building a maximum security

prison in the area, she said.

She remembers visiting Richmond and sitting outside the door of the governor’s office when his staff refused to allow Cabarrus inside.

Cabarrus also received a national NAACP Thalheimer Award for her work uncovering what a national

NAACP representative called “third-world conditions” in Bayview, where, even into the 1990s, residents lacked indoor plumbing.

She continued to work on the project with Alice Coles and Bayview community residents.

“It was just everybody coming together to help develop that area,” Cabarrus said.

Cabarrus has participated in many other efforts to lift up the Northampton community.

She supported musician Arthur “Big Boy” Crudup, who lived in Nassawadox prior to his death, when he sued his record company for unpaid songwriting royalties. Elvis Presley recorded one of Crudup’s songs.

She assisted in the effort to make the Northampton County School Board an elected body instead of an appointed one.

She started a scholarship through the NAACP, which has awarded more than \$150,000 to Accomack and Northampton students.

Cabarrus also has advocated for education, housing, and health matters on a national level and won many awards for her work.

She was often motivated by her love for her family members and the difficulties they endured.

Her father, who died of lung cancer at age 88, was the reason the Do Drop Inn became a smoke-free restaurant 20 years before it was required by state law.

Her daughter, who had asthma and became critically ill at 7 months old, also inspired her.

“It was snowing. I’ll never forget my parents walking to the hospital four miles from where we lived to Nassawadox,” Cabarrus said.

The doctor told Cabarrus that her daughter “may not make it through the night.”

The hospital at that time was segregated. “They would put about seven or eight babies in a room in a crib ... and

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# Jane Cabarrus

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sometimes it was in the hall,” Cabarrus said.

“Ever since then, I said my daughter will never know that she came up in a condition where ... we didn’t have,” she said.

Her daughter grew up and graduated from college. Tracy Giddens-Jarrett is now the director of organ recovery services for LifeNet Health.

“I always felt like my parents wanted me to be somebody. ... I owed them a lot, so I dedicated my life to the struggles of going to work, working three jobs, and still maintaining community, and learning all I could, and (meeting) people, traveling on the Shore, off the Shore,” Cabarrus said.

But making a difference was often dangerous work.

“There were times we couldn’t even open our own mail” because of anthrax threats to NAACP members and civil rights activists, Cabarrus said.

There was even Ku Klux Klan activity on the Eastern Shore at one time, she noted.

## ‘I want to do the right thing for our Eastern Shore communities, and that’s bringing people

**Jane Cabarrus, president  
Northampton County  
Branch NAACP**

Cabarrus persisted by rising above the fray. “Instead of fighting the system or fighting people,” she approached social issues from “a different angle,” she said.

“You don’t ever see me standing on top of the table about anything. I go to the people (and say), ‘Let’s talk about it. Let’s see what changes we can make,’” Cabarrus said.

“I want to do the right thing for our Eastern Shore communities, and that’s bringing people together,” she said.

Her motto is “to help all mankind pursue the paths of justice and strive for racial equality.”

## ANNIE R. BOSTON SCHOLARS NAMED



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For over 20 years, the Annie R. Boston Scholarship Committee of Gaskins Chapel AME Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Justin W. Nick, has provided scholarships to students pursuing higher education. Kyli Hewett, of Arcadia High School, and Kayana Smith, of Nandua High School were selected to receive this year’s scholarship. The candidates were also evaluated on an essay, academic achievement, and community involvement. Pictured from left are Nick, Hewett, Smith, and Sheila Walker.

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# Felton Sessoms: A fisher of men

BY STEFANIE JACKSON

Eastern Shore Post

The Rev. Felton Sessoms may be best known as the recently retired pastor of Cape Charles' First Baptist Church, with 20 years of experience, but his community service and activism started when he was just a teenager.

As a senior in high school, Sessoms protested against racial segregation by participating in sit-ins at local drug stores.

"We did that as students because our parents couldn't participate — because they would lose their employment," Sessoms explained.

Before that, as a teenager, he saved his allowance to help African American voters pay poll taxes, and he provided them transportation to the polls on Election Day.

Sessoms, who was born and raised in Nassawadox, graduated in 1965 from segregated Northampton County High School, in Machipongo.

He commended his "awesome" parents, James and Mary Sessoms, for setting goals for him and his two sisters and encouraging them to learn and achieve.

"They treated us ... based off who we were. They never compared us," Sessoms said.

He majored in biology at Virginia State College and then served three years in the U.S. military. Sessoms is a Vietnam War veteran.

His father, who died in 1980, was the one who encouraged him to return to the Eastern Shore.

James Sessoms was a successful entrepreneur who owned and operated a modern, "state-of-the-art" grocery store on U.S. Route 13.

He later bought and renovated several homes because "he believed everybody should have a decent place to live," Felton Sessoms said.

James Sessoms inspired his son, who was always "trying to create an



**The Rev. Felton Sessoms sings "The Star-Spangled Banner" at a Cape Charles event in 2021. Sessoms is a retired pastor and elected official.**

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environment where there was inclusivity, and those who were marginalized had a voice. I found the most expedient way to do this was through politics," Felton Sessoms said.

He was on the Nassawadox Town Council for 14 years, starting in the mid-1970s through the early 1980s.

Sessoms is most proud of the work

the town council did on the Sawmill housing project, which replaced substandard housing in town with modest homes that had indoor plumbing and electricity.

He later was the mayor of Nassawadox, from about 1995 to 1999, before becoming a Northampton County supervisor and serving a four-year

term.

Sessoms' only regret during his time as a Northampton supervisor was that the board missed an opportunity to collaborate with a German company that would have introduced wind turbines to the county and provided free electricity to Cape Charles.

He was involved in a nearly 30-year career as an environmental health specialist for the local health department when he was called to the ministry around 2000.

Sessoms, who was attending Bethel Baptist Church, in Franktown, was preparing for Sunday school one day when he heard a voice speak to him:

"You will no longer be a fisherman. You will be a fisher of men."

He heard the voice again. The message resonated with Sessoms, who "loved fishing. ... I was more in the bay, fishing, than I was in church," he said.

He questioned why God would call such an imperfect person to the ministry.

"I've done everything; I've got every T-shirt you can think of," Sessoms said.

"I know, that's why I'm calling you," he said God responded.

Sessoms was called to be the pastor of First Baptist Church in 2003, and soon after, he started working online to obtain a master's degree in divinity from Regent University, in Virginia Beach. He completed the program in 2007.

His life experiences served him well as a pastor, and he learned he could relate to all generations, including the younger ones, just by being a good listener.

"Oftentimes we relegate them to positions of tomorrow, when they want to be relative today," Sessoms said of the younger generations.

He grew the youth presence in church by starting out small, choosing to mentor a couple of young men

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# Felton Sessoms

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who were “progressive and ... well-liked, well-respected among their peers.”

The church held a few social events for the youth, and the program grew from there and later added opportunities for young women.

Sessoms invited young men to church and permitted them to sing in the choir, even though there was some objection because the youth weren’t members of the church.

“The Bible says nothing about membership. It says ... we are to make disciples of persons,” Sessoms said.

“That’s where the church gets lost today, because we measure effectiveness by the number of persons who we have to come to church every Sunday or how large our budget is. ...

That doesn’t mean we’re doing what God would have us to do,” Sessoms said.

Someone donated a drum set to the church, which was “embraced” by the somewhat conservative congregation, and the music program grew.

The youth program expanded to include a youth choir, dance team, and more.

But when the church reopened its doors after the COVID-19 pandemic, “people didn’t come back, especially young people, and they still aren’t back,” Sessoms said.

He prayerfully hopes that whoever is the next pastor of First Baptist Church will prioritize getting young people back into the ministry.

“It’s time for the church to have a new vision,” said Sessoms, who will be 77 years old in July.

“The Bible tells us there is a season for everything,” he said. “My season has come and my season has gone.”

## Accomack Kiwanis scholarships available

The Kiwanis Club of Accomack is seeking nominations from the community for the 2024 Kiwanis President’s Scholarship.

Two scholarships, one to a graduating high school senior and one to a returning college student, in the amount of \$1,000 each, will be awarded to deserving Eastern Shore individuals pursuing an undergraduate or vocational degree program.

The recipient may use the award to offset any costs of higher education, such as tuition, books, child care and transportation.

The focus of the scholarships is based on one of the key Kiwanis principles, “serving children, one child and one community at a time.”

The scholarship money is allocated as part of the club’s responsibility to serve the local community. The funds are raised from community activities that

include the annual craft show held each November.

The Kiwanis Club of Accomack seeks to reward those who have shown special “passion” for community service and children. The club recognizes that this community service may have occurred under difficult situations related to family, employment, school, and other circumstances. The scholarship committee will consider service, leadership, and need.

Nominations are welcomed from anyone in the community. Nomination forms can be obtained at the Book Bin, or by emailing [tango42@ymail.com](mailto:tango42@ymail.com). The nomination deadline is May 1.

The Kiwanis Club of Accomack is part of Kiwanis International, a global service organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Club meetings are held the first and third Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. and the fifth Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Sage Restaurant in Onley. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Connie Campbell at 757-442-4427.

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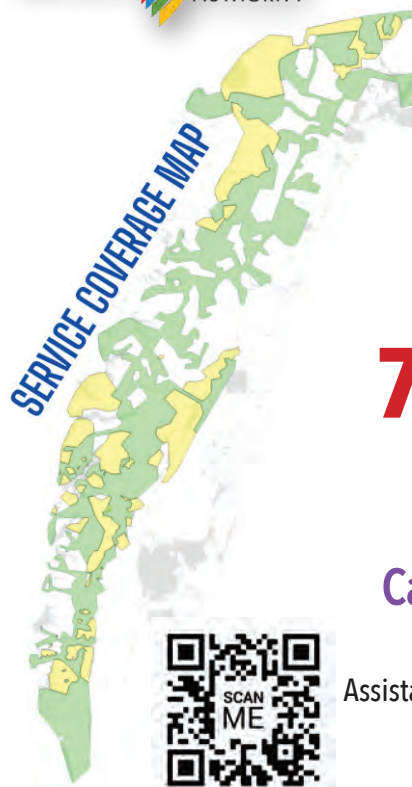
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# Thomas Downing: NYC oyster king

**BY CURTIS BADGER**

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

Tom Downing's mother and father were owned by Captain John Downing of Chincoteague Island, who had given them his surname.

John Downing got religion and became convinced that it was impossible to be a good Methodist and an owner of slaves. He not only gave Tom Downing's parents their freedom, he also gave them a job building and maintaining a meeting house in upper Accomack County.

So Tom Downing, who was born in 1791, grew up a free young man on Chincoteague and set about making a living the same way most of the other free young men did on the island. He fished and signed clams and raked oysters.

When he was young his parents sent him to a tutor, reportedly the same one Henry A. Wise went to a few years later. Wise, of course, would become the governor of Virginia.

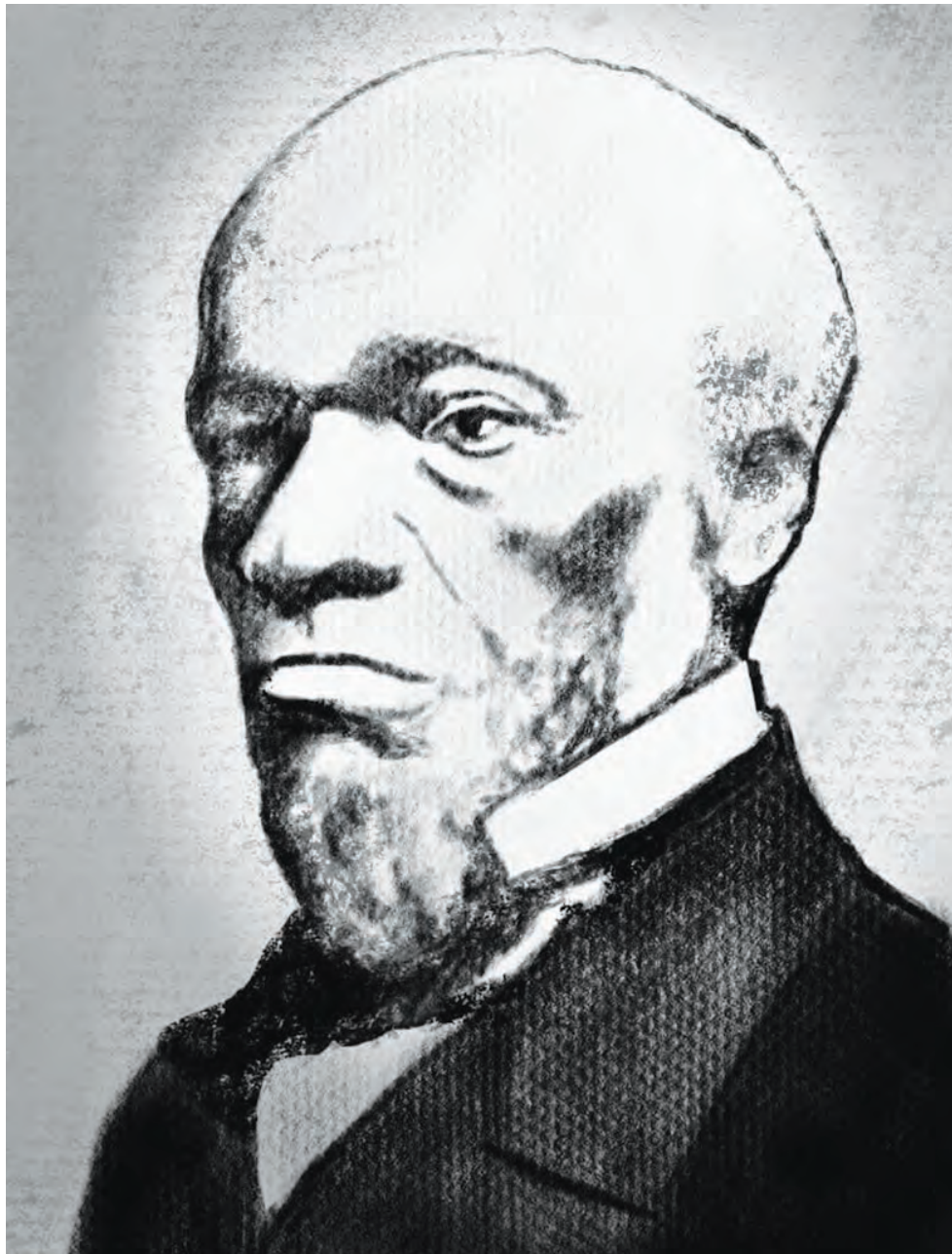
It turns out that Downing was an outstanding waterman, coached, perhaps, by the man who had once owned his mother and father. Downing was successful at catching seafood, but his real interest was in what happened to the seafood after it was caught.

He was especially fond of oysters, and when he wasn't working the oyster rocks of Chincoteague Bay, he was in the kitchen perfecting oyster stew.

Downing served in the army during the War of 1812, and when the war ended, he followed the army to Philadelphia, where he met his future wife, Rebecca West.

Soon the couple moved to New York and rented an apartment at 33 Pell St. Downing bought a small skiff and some oyster tongs, and each morning he would cross the Hudson to the oyster rocks in New Jersey, tong for oysters, and return with a load to sell to his regular customers before dark.

Downing had a reputation for excel-



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**Thomas Downing, born to former slaves from Chincoteague Island, operated a popular oyster cellar in New York City.**

lent oysters, and his customer base grew quickly.

In 1825 he opened an oyster cellar at 5 Broad St. in New York's financial district. Oyster cellars at the time had a reputation for being seedy places often frequented by prostitutes, but Downing's oyster house was scrupulously clean, nicely decorated, and

welcoming to couples. It quickly became the place to go among the city's financial and political leaders.

"Downing's was a place where oysters were eaten and deals were made," wrote Mark Kurlansky in his 2006 book "The Big Oyster – History on the Half Shell."

Downing's Oyster House expanded

in 1835, adding the two neighboring units at numbers 3 and 7 Broad St.

Downing's also began a catering business, which became very much in demand, building upon the popularity of the oyster cellar. When the celebrated English novelist Charles Dickens visited the city in 1843, Downing's was called.

"The city turned to Downing's, the most celebrated oyster cellar, to cater Dickens's introduction to twenty-five-hundred of New York's elite," wrote Kurlansky.

"Downing's at that time was the caterer of official events. When a company opened, a ship was launched, a steam-powered vessel crossed the Atlantic, the Erie Railroad was extended north of the city ... Downing's catered."

Downing, who grew up on Chincoteague Island raking oysters in Chincoteague Bay, had become one of New York's most successful businessmen.

He died in New York City in 1866 at age 75, and The New York Times ran an extensive obituary, saying that his "eating house at Broad Street became known for the excellent viands to be procured there."

One thing the Times obituary did not mention was Downing's link with the Underground Railroad.

Clint Smith, in his book "How the Word is Passed," writes that Downing used his restaurant to provide cover for slaves heading north for freedom in Canada. He quotes a tour guide:

"While he's upstairs dining and schmoozing, underneath his feet, his son George is hiding people in their cupboards."

And this presents an intriguing question. Downing had links to the Eastern Shore and New York. Harriet Tubman had links to the Eastern Shore and New York. Could the slaves Tubman was sending north possibly have been hiding in Downing's cupboards?

# Wayne Bell

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early childhood education organization with locations throughout Hampton Roads and, most recently, in Onancock.

He's also the varsity boys basketball coach at his alma mater, Northampton High School, where he established a mandatory tutoring program for his players, funded by the nonprofit Northampton County Education Foundation. He even coached his sons, Wayne III (25) and Jawaun (22), who have more recently given him three grandchildren.

Bell's community service spreads far and wide. He's in Kappa Alpha Psi, a historically African-American fraternity known for its good works, including providing coats for kids and scholarships for students. Bell was in on the ground floor of the new Northampton County YMCA, is a member of the Barrier Islands Center, and is a trustee at Bethel AME Church in Eastville.

"Wayne is a huge asset to the community," said Andre Elliott, senior executive director of the Eastern Shore Family YMCA. "In addition to being one of the go-to leaders for just about everything on the Shore, Wayne is committed to making our community a better place."

Elliott first met Bell while playing youth baseball in Cape Charles in the 1980s. "Even then, his kindness to others and leadership skills shined through," says Elliott.

The Rev. Charles Kellam, pastor at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Painter, also has high praise for Bell.

"He shows gratitude for his upbringing in this community by giving back," says Kellam, who also mentors students at Northampton High. "He is a giver of his time and other resources, and he will help kids in any way possible. Wayne leads by example. He's a hard worker, a great parent, and a loyal friend."

Bell's journey to get to this point has taken a few turns along the way. He graduated from Virginia State University in 1996 with a degree in political science and with an eye toward law



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**Wayne Bell is seated at the Children's Harbor in Onancock. "Wayne leads by example. He's a hard worker, a great parent, and a loyal friend," said the Rev. Charles Kellam.**

school. He worked for a while to pay off school loans, including a 10-year stint as a juvenile probation officer, changing his career trajectory.

It was his turn to talk to teens who ended up in sheriff's cars.

"As a juvenile probation officer, I had the ability to impact positively a lot of lives of children who some people would've considered to be lost," he says. "I saw that I was making a significant difference."

After that, Bell was among the founders of a mental health counseling center called Therapeutic Interventions, which they owned and developed for about 10 years. After selling that company in 2018, he later was named interim CEO of Children's Harbor; the "interim" part of that title was dropped after a few months.

Bell makes a daily round trip to Children's Harbor's home office in Norfolk — except during basketball season, when he's coaching the Yellow Jackets basketball team.

He jokes that being the CEO gives

him that kind of "flexibility" but adds that the board fully supports him in that. (Bell recently conducted a board meeting from his car in the Arcadia High School parking lot, then adjourned the meeting and ran into the gym, just in time for the opening jump ball.)

Ann Beamer Williams was instrumental in convincing Bell to open a Children's Harbor location on the Shore. Previously, it only had locations in Hampton Roads.

"Opening an early learning center in Accomack County had been a dream of mine for over 25 years," says Williams, founder of Sleep Baby Now, which works with parents who struggle getting their youngsters to sleep. "I reached out to Wayne because we needed more child care in the community, and I knew Children's Harbor was a great organization."

Bell and Williams worked together to make it happen, meeting with the Accomack County Board of Supervisors multiple times and reaching out to

then-Gov. Northam, requesting — and receiving — \$250,000 "seed money" from the state to get the project rolling.

"Wayne's involvement in and commitment to helping young people is such an inspiration," Williams says. "He truly believes in giving back to the community where he was raised, and uses his many connections and resources to help to that end."

"I've always had a passion of working with children," Bell says, "and have long realized and recognized the importance of investing back in them."

Some days, he sees that passion pay off in real time — in a child's smile, perhaps, or when a player passes an important quiz in school. Other days, he sees it years later — as when a former juvenile delinquent, now a grown man, approached him in a mall.

"I recognized him as someone I had on probation years ago," Bell says. "He shook my hand and said, 'I really appreciate you being tough on me back then. The things you shared with me really made an impact.'"

CHINCOTEAGUE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY 99TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



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At the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company’s 99th annual awards banquet, President Harry Thornton, left, presents a token of recognition to retiring U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officer Jim Fair. Fire company officials said Fair played a huge role in the fire company’s pony efforts at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge — from all the roundups to the famous Monday morning beach walk.



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The following are recognized for their achievements for 2023, from left, Harry Thornton, Officer of the Year; Jasmine Lewis, Junior Firefighter of the Year; Noah Jester, Driver of the Year; Jan Budd, Honorary Member of the Year; John Lewis, Life Member of the Year, and Alex Tucker, Firefighter of the Year.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

At its 99th annual awards banquet, the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company recognizes its current officers. Pictured are, back row from left, Ollie Reed, rescue captain; Alex Tucker, deputy chief; Baxter Brasure, assistant treasurer; Cody Britton, 2nd assistant engineer; Harry Thornton, president; Sam Richardson, 2nd assistant chief; and Hunter Leonard, public relations officer. Front Row: Andrew Olsen, chief engineer; Bobby Lappin, fire chief; Denise Bowden, vice president; Cathy Repsher, secretary; J.W. Jeffries, assistant secretary. Not pictured is Billy Joe Tarr, treasurer; and Dean Orsino, 1st assistant chief engineer.



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Several members of the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company are recognized at their annual awards banquet for having 50 years or more of service to the company and the community. Pictured from left are: Ollie Reed, Harry Thornton, George Bowden, David Savage, Joe Thornton, and with 49 years of continuous active service, J.W. Jeffries. Not pictured are Joe Boy Reed, Terry Savage, Billy Ray Bunting, Leonard Jester, Ralph Shreaves Jr., Ronnie Lewis, and Bobby Cherrix.

# SPORTS

Eastern Shore Post

## Nandua, Northampton wrestlers excel at state tourney

**BY MARK MORING**  
Eastern Shore Post

Nandua High School sophomore Dylan Padgett came up just short in his quest for a state wrestling championship, finishing third in the 113-pound division in the Class 2 tournament last weekend.

Padgett, who finished the season with a remarkable 39-1 record, beat Wise Central's Kelan Ventro 2-1 in the match for third place.

Nandua wrestling coach Nathan Metzger said Padgett "showed grit and determination" en route to this third-place finish. "They say wrestling is 80% mental and 20% physical; Dylan displayed both."

Also in the Class 2 championships, Arcadia's Jacob Hall (285 pounds) and Tre-Shon Johnson (144) each won their first-round matches but advanced no further. Bradley Hall (190) also participated but lost his first-round match.

In the Class 1 wrestling championships, Northampton's Andrew Daggins (144) and Gibson Hubbard (215) took third in their divisions,

and Jerry Sturgis (190) finished fifth.

Nandua sent three more wrestlers to states — sophomores Arnold Destine (120), Armando Meneses-Vazquez (138), and Roque Vicente-Gomez (165) — but none advanced beyond the first day.

Metzger said that "while the team competition was fierce, we had the opportunity to learn a lot of lessons, both on and off the mat." He said he was "super proud" of the team.

Nandua will send 11 female wrestlers to the Virginia Girls State Wrestling Tournament, to be held Friday, Feb. 23, and Saturday, Feb. 24, at Garfield High School in Woodbridge.

They are seniors Delaney Drummond, Layla Jones, and Yaretzy Velasquez-Roblero; juniors Yoselin Saucedo-Escalante, Iris Martinez-Chavez, and Dulce Perez-Vicente; sophomores Vanessa Lopez-Morales, Stephanie Cruz-Vargas, and Mariana Morales-Chan; and freshmen Estreita Vicente-Gomez and Jaelin Yanez-Castaneda.



PHOTO COURTESY NATHAN METZGER

Dylan Padgett, second from left, stands on the podium at the Class 2 State Championships.

## Jackets, Warriors advance in regional hoops tourneys

**BY MARK MORING**  
Eastern Shore Post

Three players tallied double-doubles for Northampton on Tuesday, Feb. 20, to lead the Yellow Jackets to an 82-48 victory over Charles City in the quarterfinals of the boys 1A regional basketball tournament.

Ronyell Coston (26 points, 10 rebounds), Quay Washington (22 points, 11 steals), and Damarius Lofton (10 points, 11 rebounds) led the way for Northampton (17-7).

The Jackets traveled to Middlesex Thursday, Feb. 22, for a semifinal game that ended after deadline. Middlesex (17-4) had advanced with a 66-48 win over Chincoteague (5-11).

In the 2A regional tournament, Nandua, seeded sixth, pulled off an upset with a thrilling 47-46 win at third-seeded Greenville County.

With 1:34 remaining, Ny'Zir Dix hit a 3-pointer to tie the game 45-45; the shot gave Dix, a senior, his 1,000th career point. Moments later,

Nandua forced a turnover and went ahead 47-45 on a basket by Juelz Scarborough. Greenville County cut it to 47-46 on a free throw and then had the ball with a chance to take the lead, but the Warriors' defense held on.

Dix finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds, and 5 assists, and Makai Dorn added 10 points and 4 steals. Nazere Blake was singled out for his excellent defense. The Warriors (13-9) traveled to second-seeded Bruton (17-6) for a Thursday semifinal.

Also in the 2A regionals, Arcadia dropped a 65-62 decision at Amelia. Jordan Cropper led Arcadia (12-11) with 20 points and eight rebounds.

In girls 1A regional action Monday, third-seeded Chincoteague was upset 43-40 by sixth-seeded Charles City. The Lady Ponies finished the year at 7-7.

Last week, Nandua's girls lost their first-round 2A regional game to Lunenburg Central 77-42. The Warriors, who won the Eastern Shore District title, went 13-7 for the year.

# Vikings split games with Gators and Chargers

**BY KINSEY RAYFIELD**  
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater Lady Vikings hosted the Gators of Greenbrier Christian on Wednesday, Feb. 14, and defeated the visitors by a score of 50-44, avenging their 62-48 loss to Greenbrier from Feb. 9.

The Vikings and Gators were back and forth in the first quarter, which ended with the teams tied 12-12. Momentum continued for both teams, with the Gators edging out the Vikings 14-13 in the second quarter to take a one point lead into half-time.

Both teams were equally matched up. The lead was exchanged multiple times in the third quarter, but Greenbrier came out ahead, scoring 12 points to Broadwater's 11. In the fourth quarter, however, momentum shifted in favor of the Vikings, with high-powered offense coming from junior Leah Smith. The Vikings outscored the Gators 14-6 in the final quarter to capture the 50-44 conference victory.

Standout players for Broadwater included Smith, who had 23 points, 15 rebounds, two assists, and three steals. Kacey Ford contributed 15 points, five rebounds, and an assist. Kayla Evans tallied six points for the Vikings.

The Broadwater boys basketball team also hosted the Gators on Feb. 14 and fell 55-48.

A back-and-forth first quarter ended with the Vikings leading the visitors 11-10. The Gators outscored the Vikings 17-15 in the second quarter, and each team added 10 points in the third quarter. The Gators led by one heading into the fourth quarter. Momentum went in favor of Greenbrier in the fourth quarter, as the Gators outscored Broadwater 18-12 to capture the victory.

Senior Quinn Ames led the Vikings with 14 points, 10 rebounds, four blocks, and one steal. Olsen Pruitt contributed 10 points, and Rufus Abbott added nine on the night.

The Lady Vikings basketball team returned to the court on Thursday, Feb. 15, and fell to the (12-2) Chargers of Isle of Wight Academy.

Smith led the Vikings with 11 points, three rebounds, and five blocks. Elana Hickman contributed nine points, and Tatum Watson added eight.

The Broadwater boys also returned to the court on Feb. 15 for senior night and defeated Isle of Wight 49-40.

Noah Pruitt led Broadwater on the night with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Grayson Ross also added 14 points, and Abbott contributed 10.



PHOTO COURTESY MEGAN AMES

From left, Rufus Abbott (3), Chris Ames (25), Logan Hickman (5), and Quinn Ames (24) play defense on Wednesday, Feb.14, against Greenbrier Christian.



Pictured are Neiley Guinan (5) and Leah Smith (21) during Broadwater's match-up with Greenbrier Christian on Feb. 14.

PHOTO COURTESY MEGAN AMES

# Bentley, Warriors shine in swimming championships

**BY MARK MORING**  
Eastern Shore Post

Nandua High School’s Grace Bentley came oh-so-close to winning a state title in the Class 2 swimming championships in Richmond last week.

Bentley, a senior, held a slight lead as she approached the finish line in the 100 free, but came up mere inches — and just 6/100ths of a second — short to Bruton’s Alyssa White, who won in 53.56 seconds. Bentley also finished second in the 100 back, behind first-place Evie Grim of Radford.

In all, Bentley made four trips to the awards podium — winning silver in the 100 free and 100 back, and bronze in two relays — to lead the Warriors to a third-place team finish. Bentley’s sister, Sarah, a sophomore, also made four trips to the podium, winning bronze in the 100 breast and in two relays, and sixth in the 50 free.

Meanwhile, Nandua’s boys team finished seventh, their best showing at states in program history.

Nandua girls coach KJ Bentley, Grace’s mother, said Grace’s close loss in the 100 free “was heartbreaking, but she handled it like her name, with such grace.”

Bentley said she and boys coach Carter Harmon “are extremely happy with both teams’ performances at states. Our swimmers swam season best and personal best times. As coaches, we really can’t ask for more than that.”

Nandua placed five swimmers — four girls and one boy — on the All-State team (top 3 finishers): Grace Bentley (200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 100 free, 100 back), Sarah Bentley (200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 100 breast), senior Emma Cathey (200 medley relay, 200 free relay), junior Meya Charnock (200 medley relay, 200 free relay), and junior Lucas Calvetti (100 fly).

Other Warriors who competed at the state swim meet included senior Oliver Cossitt; juniors Morgan Johnson, Camden Lewis, and Zach Smith; sophomores Lucas Elliott and Hayden Williams; and freshman Parker Shotwell.



PHOTO COURTESY KJ BENTLEY

Nandua’s boys and girls swim teams had a great showing at states.



Grace Bentley poses in one of her four trips to the awards podium at the Class 2 swimming championships in Richmond.

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The Town of Nassawadox will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., to consider a Curfew Ordinance for Minors. The hearing will be held at Northampton Fire and Rescue Building, 10239 Pine Ave., Nassawadox, VA 23413.



## NOTICE

### Accomack County's Annis Cove Boat Ramp

Please be advised that the replacement of the concrete boat ramp at Annis Cove located on Guilford Creek will commence on or about March 1st, 2024. The concrete ramp will be closed for construction during the month of March. For additional information, please contact the Public Works & Facilities Office at (757) 787-1468.

## Public Meeting Town of Accomac

The Town of Accomac will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office located at 23367 Front St., Accomac. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the Troyer Special Use Permit and update all permit information in the Town's Ordinance.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet for the purpose of conducting two public hearings. Site visits to the properties will occur immediately prior to the commencement of the Board meeting.

**Buffer Exception 2023-05:** Christopher Morgan and Nan Arpino have applied for a buffer exception to extend an existing deck towards the shoreline and construct an addition to the left front of the residence. The property is located at 27515 Allure Chase, Cape Charles, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 104C-1-A.

**Buffer Exception 2024-01:** Gregory Winkelman is requesting a buffer exception for an encroachment of 200 square-feet into the buffer area to construct a screened porch on the northwest side of the existing residence. The property is located at 13583 Solitude Trail, Machipongo, VA, and is further described as Tax Map 48-A-8.

Anyone interested in the above matters should attend the public hearing to make their comments known. Additionally, comments may also be written and sent to the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department. The files may be viewed in the Northampton County Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department in Eastville, VA, located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA.

Handicapped Assistance Available: Please telephone 757-678-0443, extension 516, at least 48 hours in advance.

# Legal Ads

## VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

JOSEPH GREGORY KELLAM, et al.,  
vs.  
GLORIA JEAN DUNHAM CLAY, et al.

Plaintiffs  
CASE NO. CL23000580-00

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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# Legal Ads

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

Case No. 24CL000125-00  
Accomack County Circuit Court  
23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA 23301

AUBREY LYNN CROCKETT  
v. N/A  
The object of this suit is to:  
OBTAIN A NAME CHANGE

It is ORDERED that JAMES KEYSER appear at the  
above-named court and protect his/her interests on or  
before APRIL 17, 2024.

February 16, 2024  
Caretta S. Harris, Dep. Clerk

NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has  
been abandoned for more than **60 DAYS** on the property  
of Cape Charles Yacht Center, 1011 Bayshore Road, Cape  
Charles, VA, 23310, (757) 250-2913.

**Description of watercraft:** 31 ft. Silverton sportfish.  
White fiberglass hull with ID STN31008MB3A.

Application for Watercraft Registration/Title will be made in  
accordance with Section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia  
if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days  
of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia  
Department of Wildlife Resources with questions.

VIRGINIA WINERY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY,  
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VWDC,  
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The above establishment is applying to the  
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY  
for a Wholesale Wine (30,000 gallons or less annually)  
license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Stan Joynes, Chairman

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Chip Bundick (MRC  
#2023-0657) is requesting a permit from the Virginia  
Marine Resources to replace an existing 14-foot sec-  
tion and 50-foot section of bulkhead, no more than 2  
feet channelward of the existing bulkhead, adjacent to  
property serving 2383 Main Street situated along the  
Chincoteague Channel in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC  
#2023-0657) at <http://tinyurl.com/bdtmf38d> We  
will accept comments by the USPS provided they are  
received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Re-  
sources Commission, Habitat Management Division,  
380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff  
CIVIL CASE NO. 23-922

vs.

JONATHON C. PARKS  
BILLY CHARLES PARKS  
LESLIE AMES PARKS  
The heirs and devisees of WILLIAM JAMES PARKS  
BAGWELL OIL COMPANY  
C D MARSH JEWELERS

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff  
for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described  
as follows:  
All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia,  
being 0.50 acre, more or less, designated as tax map  
number 121A0A000000400.  
standing in the names of Jonathon C. Parks, Billy Charles  
Parks and Leslie Ames Parks, pursuant to Section 58.1-  
3965 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia.  
And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been  
used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs,  
devisees and successors in title of William James Parks (also  
known as William H. Parks) and Billy Charles Parks (also  
known as William Charles Parks); 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 William James Parks and  
Billy Charles Parks; that due diligence has been used to as-  
certain the location of Jonathon C. Parks, whose last known  
post office address is 20111 Quinby Bridge Road, Quinby,  
VA 23423; that Leslie Ames Parks (also known as Leslie  
Ames Parks Dise) is a nonresident of the state of Virginia,  
whose last known post office address is South Carolina; that  
due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Jacob  
Parks, Justin Parks and Ava Parks, each of whom have an  
unknown post office address.  
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  
27, 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 21st day of February, 2024.

Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, DY  
TESTE:  
Hon. Talia Taylor, Clerk  
Circuit Court of Accomack County

I ask for this:  
James W. Elliott  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1410  
Yorktown, VA 23692  
757-898-7000

## Sports Trivia by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What action did TV talk show host Johnny Carson mimic after every monologue?
2. Billed as “The War of the Worlds,” a 1976 fight in Tokyo featured Japanese pro wrestler Antonio Inoki vs. what American boxer?
3. What UMass Minute-men defensive stand-out was drafted No. 2 overall by the Toronto Raptors in the 1996 NBA Draft?
4. Name the linebacker who played 219 regu-lar-season NFL games from 1998-2012 but never appeared in the playoffs.
5. What sport did the duo of Randy Stoklos and Sinjin Smith dominate through the 1980s and ‘90s?

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5. Beach volleyball  
4. Takeo Spikes  
3. Marcus Camby  
2. Muhammad Ali  
1. A golf swing

Answers

## Bible Trivia by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Peter (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What was a god of the Philistines that had a man’s face and hands, but the body and tail of a fish? (Bullock, Elohim, Dagon, or Baal-gad)
3. Who slew a giant that had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot when he defied Israel? (Sibbechai, Cyrus, Silas, or Jonathan)
4. From Proverbs 22, what is a good name better than? (Great riches, Scorn, Its own reward, or Lust)
5. What town was home to Jesse’s boys? (Gilgal, Jericho, Hebron, or Bethlehem)
6. On which day of creation did dry ground appear? (Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth)

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6. Third  
5. Bethlehem  
4. Great riches  
3. Jonathan  
2. Dagon  
1. New

Answers

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Lot 23 and part of Lot 24, Cheriton  
For \$240,000
- From Thomas and Cynthia Kruse  
To James and Danielle Hansen  
Lot, 2.92 acres, near Machipongo  
For \$880,000
- From Cynthia Bradford, Treasurer of the County of Northampton, and Robert and Helen Williams  
To T. Wilson Jr.  
Lot, Lincoln Manor, Exmore  
For \$1,700

- From Deborah and John Alsko II  
To John and Margaret Bowman  
Unit 4, Bay Lake Condominiums, Cape Charles  
For \$345,000
- From Eduardo and Teresa Montalvo  
To General Builders II LLC  
Lot 55, Nottingham Estates, near Cheapside  
For \$43,000
- From Joseph and Donald Rizzo and Joseph Stepnoski  
To Porch Light Go LLC  
Lot in Nassawadox  
For \$51,234
- From Bonnie Nottingham  
To John Britton  
Parcel IV Wooded, 1.41 acres, near Picketts Harbor, Capeville district  
For \$320,000

- From Melissa Press, Tonya White, and Christine and Sherry Hughes  
To Joun and Jung Lim  
Lot, 1.024 acres, near Fairview  
For \$230,000

### Accomack property transfers

- From Roman Rome  
To Christine Rufener  
3214 Main St., Chincoteague  
For \$465,000
- From Laura Anna Shuck  
To Darrell A. Hinmon Sr.  
7097 Fleming Road  
For \$255,000
- From Bonnie Waddell and Robin Rull  
To Timothy and Jessica Smith  
Parcel near Locust Mount  
For \$130,000

- From Lara E. And Frederick W. Ellis  
To Richard Soistman Jr. and Carleen Geppi  
Trails End, Lot 227  
For \$35,000
- From Dennis K. Williams  
To Robert Vernon and Susan S. Snyder  
26064 Guard Shore Road  
For \$105,000
- From L&K Rantz LLC  
To George Linvill and Eulo Property Holdings  
Land off Groton Town Road  
For \$100,000
- From Ruth C. Estes  
To Dolly E. Fulcher and Lloyd O. Whitehead  
5.9 acres on Chincoteague Road  
For \$250,000
- From The Larry K. Rantz irrevocable Trust and Larry Kemp Rantz Jr., trustee  
To Eulo Property Holdings LLC  
.77 acres in Hallwood  
For \$20,000

- From Timothy A. Wharton and Charles M. Wharton  
To Curtis D. And Debbie Spady  
One-third acre at Texaco Town, Onley  
For \$13,800
- From Michelle Denton  
To Melinda and Richard C. Torrence  
15509 Pungoteague Road  
For \$215,000
- From Mary Colona Luster  
To Kristin Kelly Edwards  
16 Brooklyn Ave., Wachapreague  
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Bayside

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|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Assateague Beach       | H<br>L | 7:26 a.m.<br>2:02 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:02 a.m.<br>2:32 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:38 a.m.<br>3:03 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:13 a.m.<br>3:34 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:48 a.m.<br>4:07 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:23 a.m.<br>4:41 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:00 a.m.<br>5:17 p.m. |
| Chinco. Channel        | H<br>L | 7:20 a.m.<br>1:44 p.m.  | H<br>L | 7:59 a.m.<br>2:20 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:36 a.m.<br>2:55 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:12 a.m.<br>3:27 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:47 a.m.<br>3:58 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:22 a.m.<br>4:27 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:58 a.m.<br>4:55 p.m. |
| Gargatha Neck          | H<br>L | 8:22 a.m.<br>2:41 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:58 a.m.<br>3:11 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:34 a.m.<br>3:42 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:09 a.m.<br>4:13 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:44 a.m.<br>4:46 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:19 a.m.<br>5:20 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:56 a.m.<br>5:56 p.m. |
| Folly Creek            | H<br>L | 8:15 a.m.<br>2:26 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:51 a.m.<br>2:56 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:27 a.m.<br>3:27 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:02 a.m.<br>3:58 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:37 a.m.<br>4:31 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:12 a.m.<br>5:05 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:49 a.m.<br>5:41 p.m. |
| Wachapreague           | H<br>L | 7:43 a.m.<br>1:51 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:23 a.m.<br>2:29 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:01 a.m.<br>3:03 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:37 a.m.<br>3:35 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:10 a.m.<br>4:04 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:43 a.m.<br>4:32 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:15 a.m.<br>5:00 p.m. |
| Quinby Inlet           | H<br>L | 7:26 a.m.<br>1:41 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:02 a.m.<br>2:11 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:38 a.m.<br>2:42 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:13 a.m.<br>3:13 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:48 a.m.<br>3:46 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:23 a.m.<br>4:20 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:00 a.m.<br>4:56 p.m. |
| Machipongo             | H<br>L | 7:56 a.m.<br>2:10 p.m.  | H<br>L | 8:32 a.m.<br>2:40 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:08 a.m.<br>3:11 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:43 a.m.<br>3:42 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:18 a.m.<br>4:15 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:53 a.m.<br>4:49 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:30 a.m.<br>5:25 p.m. |
| Tangier Sound<br>Light | H<br>L | 11:29 a.m.<br>5:54 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:02 p.m.<br>6:27 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:33 p.m.<br>6:59 p.m. | H<br>L | 1:03 p.m.<br>7:06 a.m.  | H<br>L | 1:35 p.m.<br>7:44 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:10 p.m.<br>8:24 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:49 p.m.<br>9:09 a.m.  |
| Muddy Creek            | H<br>L | 12:00 p.m.<br>6:46 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:33 p.m.<br>6:47 a.m. | H<br>L | 1:04 p.m.<br>7:22 a.m.  | H<br>L | 1:35 p.m.<br>7:57 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:05 p.m.<br>8:32 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:37 p.m.<br>9:08 a.m.  | H<br>L | 3:12 p.m.<br>9:47 a.m.  |
| Guard Shore            | H<br>L | 11:52 a.m.<br>6:42 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:25 p.m.<br>6:43 a.m. | H<br>L | 12:56 p.m.<br>7:18 a.m. | H<br>L | 1:27 p.m.<br>7:53 a.m.  | H<br>L | 1:57 p.m.<br>8:28 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:29 p.m.<br>9:04 a.m.  | H<br>L | 3:04 p.m.<br>9:43 a.m.  |
| Chescon. Creek         | H<br>L | 11:27 a.m.<br>5:54 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:00 p.m.<br>6:25 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:31 p.m.<br>6:54 p.m. | H<br>L | 1:02 p.m.<br>7:05 a.m.  | H<br>L | 1:32 p.m.<br>7:40 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:04 p.m.<br>8:16 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:39 p.m.<br>8:55 a.m.  |
| Onancock Creek         | H<br>L | 11:41 a.m.<br>6:14 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:14 p.m.<br>6:45 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:45 p.m.<br>6:50 a.m. | H<br>L | 1:16 p.m.<br>7:25 a.m.  | H<br>L | 1:46 p.m.<br>8:00 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:18 p.m.<br>8:36 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:53 p.m.<br>9:15 a.m.  |
| Pungoteague Creek      | H<br>L | 10:57 a.m.<br>5:28 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:30 a.m.<br>5:59 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:01 p.m.<br>6:28 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:32 p.m.<br>6:57 p.m. | H<br>L | 1:02 p.m.<br>7:14 a.m.  | H<br>L | 1:34 p.m.<br>7:50 a.m.  | H<br>L | 2:09 p.m.<br>8:29 a.m.  |
| Nassawadox             | H<br>L | 9:36 a.m.<br>3:46 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:11 a.m.<br>4:19 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:43 a.m.<br>4:50 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:15 a.m.<br>5:20 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:47 a.m.<br>5:49 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:20 p.m.<br>6:20 p.m. | H<br>L | 12:55 p.m.<br>6:53 p.m. |
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| Cape Charles           | H<br>L | 8:31 a.m.<br>2:58 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:04 a.m.<br>3:29 p.m.  | H<br>L | 9:35 a.m.<br>3:58 p.m.  | H<br>L | 10:06 a.m.<br>4:27 p.m. | H<br>L | 10:36 a.m.<br>4:56 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:08 a.m.<br>5:28 p.m. | H<br>L | 11:43 a.m.<br>6:02 p.m. |
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: AND KETCHUP

- Barley  
Buckwheat  
Camelina  
Canola
- Corn  
Flax  
Olives  
Peanuts
- Pennycress  
Quinoa  
Rice  
Rye
- Safflower  
Sorghum  
Wheat

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Last week's answers

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ATNOON LITHIUM NAGANO  
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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

RULING PARTY

ACROSS

- 1 Gilda Radner character on "Saturday Night Live"  
9 Certain martial arts surface  
16 Just OK  
20 Enthusiastic reply to a request  
21 Raised, as a building  
22 Central point  
23 British ruler applying veneer?  
25 Violent anger  
26 Nutrition Facts category  
27 Brewed beverage  
28 Great Plains tribe  
29 The Devil  
30 Nile goddess  
33 Turkish ruler's pungent condiment?  
38 Quaint office transcribers  
41 Sleep study diagnosis  
42 Regarding  
43 Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has?

46 Small sailboats

- 51 Nuptial vow  
52 Really smell  
53 Kind of tide  
56 China's Zhou —  
57 Actress Perez  
59 Hindu ruler's radio sign-off?  
65 Secretive U.S. org.  
67 Tehran's land  
68 Jug handle  
69 Skye of film  
70 Save the Russian ruler from tumbling to the ground?  
75 Actors Mineo and Landi  
77 Car club inits.  
78 Coin-op hole  
79 Thesaurus entry: Abbr.  
80 Afghan ruler caught up in a tornado?  
85 Stared in amazement  
89 Agate playing marble, informally  
90 Lingo suffix  
91 Greek money  
93 Brewed beverage

94 Exam taker

- 96 Very easy task for a Muslim ruler?  
102 Many a war vet's affliction  
105 Behave badly  
106 Yellowstone gusher  
107 English ruler making mouse sounds?  
111 Bomb part  
120 Liquid- (Drano rival)  
113 Electees  
114 Iowa college  
116 Louver strip  
120 Hula —  
121 What's revealed by taking an X-ray of a Persian ruler?  
127 Shower affection (on)  
128 Butt forcefully  
129 Waters north of Australia  
130 Went swiftly  
131 Visits during a trip  
132 Car mileage recorder

2 Tibet locale

- 3 Bat very gently  
4 Emerging  
5 Actor Studi  
6 Herr's "Alas!"  
7 Sits tight  
8 Writer Rice  
9 Pa Clampett  
10 Arg. neighbor  
11 Last mo.  
12 Golfer Lorena  
13 Volcano in E. Sicily  
14 — Fables  
15 Six-pt. plays  
16 Shredded bit  
17 Pontificate  
18 Fructose, e.g.  
19 Yoked yaks  
24 Utters breathlessly  
29 Oral  
31 Most vinegary  
32 "Understood"  
34 Sch. in the Granite State  
35 Director Ang  
36 Mai — (drink)  
37 UFO pilots  
38 Commotion  
39 Commotion  
40 Actress Mireille —  
41 Singer Paul

44 Ending for cash

- 45 Comedian Hart, casually  
47 Hoosier State  
48 Building story  
49 Part-goat god  
50 Where it's at  
54 "It's — real!"  
55 Boast  
58 Irritated  
60 Big name in peanut butter  
61 Break out in —  
62 Actress Berry  
63 Set to a slow speed  
64 Bow shapes  
66 Berry of Brazil  
70 Some mollusks  
71 Loathe  
72 Oohs and —  
73 "Lord, is —?"  
74 Precursors of embryos  
75 Brief parody  
76 Cry of woe  
81 Person crying  
82 Golf gizmo  
83 Kind of tide  
84 Used a spade  
86 Cronies  
87 Model Macpherson  
88 Doe or stag

92 Spaghetti sauce brand

- 95 GPS calculation  
97 Egyptian — (cat breed)  
98 Cold cubes  
99 GPS calculation  
100 Grape cluster  
101 Visual insult  
103 Slope-hitter's headwear  
104 Energetic sort  
107 Small sailboat  
108 Citation  
109 Officiated on the diamond  
110 Vessel used to lure U-boats  
111 Foul-smelling  
112 Profs' degs.  
115 Maestro Klemperer  
117 Strong desire  
118 1940s film critic James  
119 "— she blows!"  
121 This yr.'s grads  
122 Hosp. VIPs  
123 "Give — try"  
124 Obtained  
125 Med. group  
126 DVD- —

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