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‘We are at a saturation point’

Short-term rentals draw speakers at crowded town listening session

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

Cape Charles should place a temporary moratorium on new short-term vacation rentals until the town approves regulations to govern them, several speakers said Monday, April 29, at a town council listening session.

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With STRs, Cape Charles not enforcing town zoning, page 10

Some speakers said the town’s zoning ordinance already prohibits short-term rentals because the ordinance makes no mention of the rentals among allowed or conditional uses.

However, other speakers — including a number from the town’s business community — attributed Cape Charles’ current prosperity to the short-term rentals, in which residential homes are booked for a vacation stay.

They recommended the town manage the inconveniences caused by its hundreds of short-term rentals — loud nighttime backyard events, reckless golf cart use, and a dearth of street parking caused by vacationers arriving in multiple vehicles — rather

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EASTERN SHORE POST/JIM RITCH

George Proto, a former Cape Charles mayor, addresses the town council about short-term rentals on Monday, April 29.

NORTHAMPTON

Suspected deaths from fentanyl total 5 this year

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

There have been five drug overdose deaths in Northampton County so far in 2024 that police attribute to fentanyl, a highly addictive opioid.

“It’s here, folks, and it’s not going to go away,” said Robert Barnes, of the Virginia State Police, who referenced the five deaths.

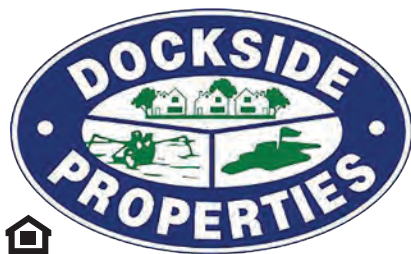
A public forum on fentanyl awareness was held at Northampton High School on Monday, April 29, with speakers from the Eastern Shore Health District, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and state police, among others.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid commonly found in the form of powder or tablets, authorities said.

The drug is also extremely toxic — just 2 milligrams, enough to fit on the tip of a pencil, can be a fatal amount if ingested, authorities said.

Fentanyl can also be mixed with other drugs such as heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine,

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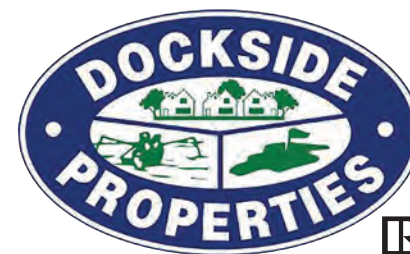
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The Department of Solid Waste looks forward to working with the citizens of Accomack County on this program and encourages everyone to mark their calendars for the second Saturday of May every year! A "FALL CLEAN-UP" will also, be held on the second Saturday in October. This year's event will be October 12, 2024. For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department in Accomack at (757) 787-1468.

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The event will be held at Blackfin Island Grill & Tapas Lounge located at 7085 Maddox Blvd.

Anyone with concerns, questions, or a desire to express gratitude for what the officers do is encouraged to

attend. It will be an informal opportunity to speak with them in a casual, friendly setting.

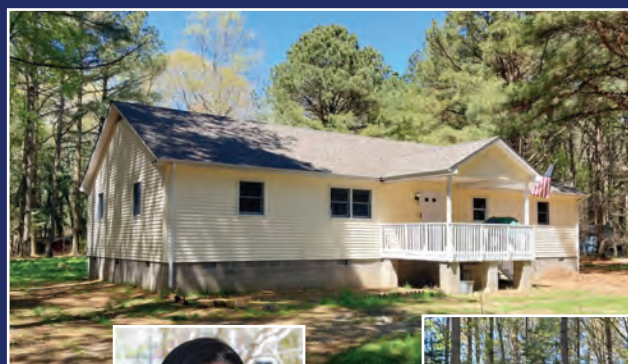
North Street Playhouse event has been canceled

Performances of "I Ought to Be in Pictures" at the North Street Playhouse for May 3, 4, and 5 have been canceled. Performances for May 10, 11, and 12 are still scheduled. Contact the playhouse about switching tickets, receiving credit or a refund, at 757-787-2050.

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Town gives fired police chief \$53K severance check

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The town of Eastville paid the man who served as its police chief and town administrator \$53,215.39 on April 11 as part of a separation agreement, town documents show.

Rob Stubbs was dismissed by the Eastville Town Council April 10 after 25 months performing the two jobs.

Eastville Mayor Jim Sturgis gave no reason for the dismissal. Stubbs said he could not speak to the issue because of a severance agreement with the town.

Stubbs earned \$117,967.50 annually in the dual role for the town, which has a population of 300, according to the 2020 U.S. census.

Sturgis declined to publicly release Stubbs' severance agreement, which he said is exempt from state disclosure laws.

The town provided a copy of his sev-

erance payment check after a Freedom of Information Act request from the Eastern Shore Post.

Other records requests show town police officers collectively have earned tens of thousands of dollars in overtime pay since Jan. 1 under Stubbs' watch.

In a four-month period ending April 3, town police officer David Hall earned \$10,495 in overtime pay in addition to his annual salary of \$70,720.

During the same period, town police officer Jerry Brady earned \$9,270.28 in addition to his annual salary of \$59,280.

Three other police officers, Linwood Christian, Anthony Owens, and Davonte Cobb, earned between \$3,200 and \$3,851 apiece in overtime during the four-month period, on top of their salaries.

Statements for Stubbs' town-issued credit card since Jan. 1, which were also

requested by the Eastern Shore Post, show \$385 in monthly EZ Pass toll transponder charges.

Sturgis said one of the town police officers lives in Hampton Roads "and part of his wage is transportation over the bay and back."

Stubbs' town credit card statement also included a glimpse at the high cost of maintaining a fleet of police vehicles — \$3,116.26 to Preston Ford of Keller for repair to a vehicle air conditioner, \$2,521 to Amsoil for motor oil, \$1,274 to RK Chevrolet in Virginia Beach for engine cooling system maintenance, and \$1,311.95 to Coastal Tire of Exmore for vehicle repair.

Stubbs charged on his town credit card a \$3,530.02 payment to Preston Ford for repairs to a vehicle "that goes into limp mode whenever you step on it," according to the service advisor's description on the invoice.

In all, Stubbs made 65 charges on his town credit card during an 85-day period ending March 29, including for stays at the Hotel Roanoke and the Hilton Richmond Hotel for training.

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

The report showed from July 2022 to November 2023, Eastville police officers had almost as many traffic stops as the cities of Chesapeake and Suffolk combined.

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

David Eder, a former Eastville town manager, was named interim town manager after Stubbs' firing. Christian was named interim town police chief.

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Fentanyl

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and marijuana. It also can be disguised as prescription medication.

“You don’t know what you’re taking,” said Patrick Hartig of the DEA. “Everything has fentanyl in it.”

“I don’t care who your dealer is — friends, family, someone you don’t know. They don’t know what’s in it, and neither do you,” he said of purchasing illegal drugs.

Officials say specific statistics involving fentanyl are hard to determine because not all law enforcement agencies report incidents the same way.

But, Hartig said, “Someone’s dying every single day in Hampton Roads.”

Actions are being taken in the public school system to ensure this drug does not get

into the hands of teenagers and children, Northampton Superintendent Lisa Martin said.

Martin lamented the illegal drug culture, saying, “We’re creating a generation of broken children and broken families.”

Martin announced the creation July 1 of a health advisory board that will create drug prevention awareness and “make sure that we are building strong children every day.”

She said there are “so many opportunities for us to work with our young people, and work with our families, and to try to combat the challenges that are going on in our community.”

Facing the fentanyl challenge is critical, Northampton County Sheriff David Doughty said.

“We’re losing lives here on the Eastern Shore,” Doughty said.

ACCOMACK

Man guilty of sex charges

BY NANCY DRURY DUNCAN
Eastern Shore Post

Justin Travis Sokaitis, 34, of Onley pleaded guilty to six charges involving a 13-year-old girl who lives in Florida.

In July 2020, the Tampa, Fla., police department investigated reports of a person distributing child pornography over the internet.

They identified that person as a 13-year-old girl who was selling explicit sexual photos and videos of herself.

Their investigation found messages between her and Sokaitis, who used the online name “Manufanatic89.”

The two messaged extensively about the cost of the material, what would be shown, and what she would do on the videos.

She clearly identified herself to Sokaitis as being 13 years old, said Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney William Fox. He

said the defendant told the girl he had a lot of money and would be interested in more than just than videos if she were willing.

Fox told the court that the defendant offered to buy her an airline ticket to fly to the Eastern Shore.

On Sept. 1, 2023, after receiving information from the Tampa police department, the Accomack County Sheriff’s Department obtained and executed a search warrant at Sokaitis’ Onley address.

They found computers and a cellphone with messages, photos, and videos of the girl. The defendant immediately admitted what he had done and took responsibility for his actions, said defense attorney Jarrett McCormack.

In a plea agreement with the commonwealth, Sokaitis pleaded guilty to child pornography, soliciting child pornography, indecent liberties, and computer solicitation for sexual intercourse with a minor.

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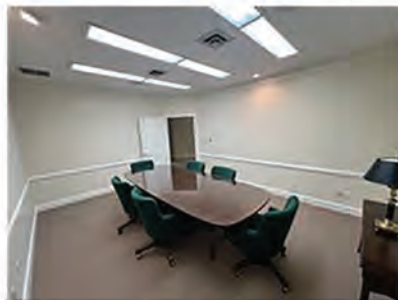
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Rail trail picks up momentum, funding

Information meeting planned
May 8 at Cheriton firehall

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

A new hiking and bicycling trail is coming to the Eastern Shore, with construction between Cheriton and Cape Charles expected to begin next year.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail is a planned path following the 49-mile railroad corridor that once carried trains between Cape Charles and Hallwood. A May 8 public meeting in Cheriton will detail how construction in Northampton County will begin.

Trains stopped running along the corridor several years ago, opening the door for the new project.

“We see the rail trail as a way to rejuvenate the small towns,” said Ron Wolff, executive director of the Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation, a nonprofit group dedicated to developing the trail.

“Tourism is already a big thing on the Eastern Shore, but we can make it even better,” he said.

Almost half of the path is funded, thanks to an influx of federal and state dollars.

That includes \$2.5 million in federal and Virginia Department of Transportation funds, which will construct a path from downtown Cape Charles to Cheriton.

Another 17-mile stretch of the trail between Birdsnest and Onley is also underway, thanks to a \$23.5 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission secured.

Follows railway footprint

The trail follows the footprint of the former railroad that ran along the



EASTERN SHORE POST/CLARA VAUGHN

Construction will start as early as 2025 on sections of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail, shown here in Parksley. The 49-mile bicycling and hiking path will eventually run from Cape Charles to Hallwood, following the former railroad corridor.

spine of the peninsula, connecting Pocomoke City with Cape Charles.

Completed in 1883, the railroad contributed to rapid growth on the Eastern Shore and its trackside towns by carrying freight and passengers north and to mainland Virginia by barge.

However, as freight declined and the tracks deteriorated, the railroad became less viable in recent years, Wolff said.

In 2020, Canonie Atlantic, the company that owns the train tracks, petitioned the federal Surface Trans-

portation Board to decommission the 49.1 miles of the railroad between Hallwood and Cape Charles. Canonie Atlantic, a private company, is owned by a local public commission.

The move triggered a series of procedures known as railbanking — the process used to transform former railroads into walking and bicycling trails.

Railbanking preserves the corridor in case trains return in the future, Wolff said, and allows the land to be used as a trail in the meantime.

Groups such as the national Rails

to Trails Conservancy cite a host of benefits that trails can bring to nearby towns, from attracting visitors and boosting spending at local businesses to providing residents with new opportunities for outdoor recreation.

“Businesses begin to thrive along the corridor, and with all of the towns, we see that as a means of revitalization and economic growth,” Wolff said.

“The other thing that’s of huge importance is the safety factor:

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Group earned \$1.5M for steel rail lines

BY CLARA VAUGHN
Eastern Shore Post

When trains stopped running between Cape Charles and Hallwood, the company that owns the tracks was left with 49 miles of rails, ties, and other steel infrastructure.

That turned out to be a valuable asset, said Ron Wolff, executive director of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail Foundation.

“The rail was built back in the 1880s. Some of

the highest-grade steel that the country has ever made” was from that era, he said.

To make way for a new hiking and biking trail along the corridor, Canonie Atlantic, the company that owns the tracks, had to remove the rails and ties.

It chose Indiana-based National Salvage and Services Corporation for the job, Wolff said.

The company pulled 10,000 gross tons of steel, 150,000 rail ties, and 2,000 tons of other pieces such as spikes and connectors from the train

tracks, which it shipped to Bolivia to be recycled and used in the country’s rail system, Wolff said.

Canonie is using the \$1.5 million earned from the steel to continue operations, which include mowing and spraying the railroad property, making repairs such as recently replacing a culvert in Painter, and continuing to operate its active railroads at Norfolk’s Little Creek and north of Hallwood, he said.

Canonie Atlantic is a private company owned by a local public commission.

Rail trail

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Getting people off ... (Route) 13 and onto a safe network with no motorized vehicles,” he said.

“It will provide a safe means of not only transportation, but exercise and wellness,” Wolff added.

Not all residents welcomed the trail, including farmers who expressed concerns about trail users trespassing on adjacent farmland.

Wolff said that group is represented by Northampton County Farm Bureau President Steve Sturgis, a member of the Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation’s board of directors.

Construction next year

Residents can expect construction on the trail in Cape Charles, from Rayfield’s Pharmacy to the Food Lion shopping center, to begin in 2025, Wolff said.

That segment will continue along South Bayside Road into Cheriton, where it will eventually join the longer, 49-mile Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail.

There will be a public meeting on that portion of the trail Wednesday, May 8, at 5 p.m. at the Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company.

A second section of the trail between Birdsnest and Onley is also underway. Wolff estimated engineering design could

take a year, and construction could begin as soon as 2025 on that segment.

It will include four trailheads, each with restrooms, parking spaces, and bike racks, as well as bus shelters for riders to connect to STAR Transits’ public buses, Wolff said.

“We’re looking at the trail being a means of transportation — a transportation network,” he said. “It connects all of the old historic railroad towns along the corridor.”

Accomack and Northampton counties are pursuing other state grants to build the remaining portions of the path, Wolff said.

■ Visit www.esrailtrail.com to learn more about the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail.

■ For more information on the May 8 public meeting on the Cape Charles and Cheriton portion of the project, see <https://tinyurl.com/4rz7pmzn>

■ The public hearing will be from 5-7 p.m. at the Cheriton Volunteer Fire Company, 21334 South Bayside Road, in Cheriton.

■ Readers can submit comments on the Cape Charles-Cheriton trail during the meeting, or mail them to Kenneth McKinna, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434.

■ Submit comments by email to Kenneth.McKinna@VDOT.Virginia.gov referencing “Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Project Comment” in the subject line.

CAPE CHARLES



SUBMITTED IMAGE

Pictured clockwise from front left are Cape Charles Town Manager John Hozey, Mayor Adam Charney, Councilman Steve Bennett, and Charlie Piekanski, of Virginia American Water.

Town sells water, wastewater systems

Virginia American Water has announced its acquisition of the drinking water and wastewater system assets of the town of Cape Charles for \$15 million.

As part of the acquisition, Virginia American Water will invest more than \$10 million in future critical system improvements over the next eight years.

A comprehensive planning study will be completed during the first year to identify and

prioritize the required capital investment projects to improve the systems and the quality of the drinking water.

“Joining Virginia American Water was the right decision for Cape Charles. This has been a lengthy process to allow the amount of due diligence needed for a decision of this magnitude and for the transparency and public input we committed to from the beginning,” said John Hozey, Cape Charles town manager.

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THE PAPER'S POSITION

Are short-term rentals legal in Cape Charles' R-1 district?

Last year Parksley's town attorney sent a letter to the owners of a food trailer. The message: Because Parksley's zoning ordinance does not name food trailers as a use allowed by right in the town's commercial district, the food trailer was violating the town zoning ordinance. The penalty could be fines up to \$250 and incarceration for up to 30 days for each day in violation, the attorney wrote.

While not being nearly as blunt, several speakers at a Cape Charles town hall meeting on Monday, April 29, raised exactly the same issue about short-term vacation rentals in the town's single-family residential district.

Zoning ordinances typically set forth what is allowed in a given zone rather than what is prohibited. If a property use is not named, it is not allowed by right. The operation of a short-term rental is not included among the permitted uses in the single-family residential, or R-1, district, according to the town ordinance.

This means theoretically — and by the generally accepted zoning rules of many municipalities — hundreds of short-term rental units in Cape Charles are operating illegally because they are not a permitted use. Cape Charles' town zoning ordinance states zoning violators will be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor and subject to a fine of as much as \$250 per day of violation.

The town manager and others disagree, saying the opposite — because short-term rentals are not included in the zoning ordinance, they are allowed and impossible at present to curtail. That's flatly incorrect.

By their thinking, it would also be impossible for the town to stop a prison post-release house, private drug detox center, or homeless shelter in Cape Charles' single-family residential zoning because neither of the three are mentioned as permitted or conditional uses.

Several at the Monday meeting recommended the town manager seek legal clarification on whether short-term rentals really are allowed in the single-family residential area. It seems like a question that should have been asked long before now — especially involving an industry like short-term rentals, which proponents say are critical to the town's economy.

LETTERS

Accomac mayor's words 'hateful'

To the editor:

I am sure the April 26 Eastern Shore Post article, "40 kids and their 60 vehicles and their 30 dogs," quoting Mayor Pat Smith of Accomac, shocked many other residents of the Eastern Shore as much as it did me.

The fearmongering, anti-immigrant, hateful language used by Smith during an official town meeting is an embarrassment to the town, and unfortunately also to the rest of us living in Accomack County and on the Eastern Shore — we will undoubtedly be associated with her comment by others.

Leaving aside its apparent racist overtones, I would just like to point out how wrong Smith is in her over-generalizations that the Shore — and by extension presumably the state and country? — "is hurting because of immigrants."

This is totally false. To the contrary, the current increase in immigration to the United

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States is actually boosting our country's economy greatly today, as it has in the past.

Indeed, if only Smith — and her fellow anti-immigration sympathizers on local governing bodies — would understand the actual facts, perhaps their actions and policies would benefit our local economy, instead of holding it back.

On April 24, the very day of the Accomac town meeting, Washington Post's economics columnist Catherine Rampell wrote, "immigrants are driving a U.S. economic boom ... largely

because immigration has boosted the size of the U.S. labor force."

She noted that in the U.S., worker shortages in fields such as construction and food processing have largely been filled by immigrants.

The Eastern Shore suffers worker shortages in exactly these areas.

Rampell's column continues, "Immigrants are willing to take jobs that native-born Americans are unwilling to do, such as the backbreaking work of harvesting potatoes, building homes and caring for the elderly."

Indeed, the most difficult jobs in these very fields on the Eastern Shore are now being filled by recent immigrants or seasonal workers from Mexico, Central America, and elsewhere.

Rampell further notes that immigrants "are creating entirely new job opportunities by launching new businesses, something immigrants do at much higher rates than native-born Americans."

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During college acceptance time, two ideas for students

I loved everything about college except going to class, which always seemed to get in the way of my other pursuits and priorities.

I still think some of the best lessons involved in the college experience have nothing to do with an actual classroom syllabus.

So I enjoyed reading two columns recently in *The New York Times* detailing how growth and perspective sometimes happens in college that transcends the typical classroom subject matter.

Highlights from the columns are shared here for our current crop of Eastern Shore graduating seniors gearing up for the parties and pageantry at Tailgate State for the fall semester.

The *Times*' Pamela Paul wrote in an April 18 column that the contemporary trend of using matching services to choose a freshman dorm roommate is eroding the valuable experience of facing the unknown.

"The reality is that when kids



Ted Shockley

choose their own roommates, they tend to go with people who are exactly like themselves," Paul wrote.

In pre-selecting roommates, the students are choosing control and comfort at the expense of the benefits of resilience and risk-taking, she wrote.

Even bad roommate pairings can be beneficial, according to Paul, because conflict is "an important part of learning to get along."

Wrote Paul, "Forcing kids from widely diverging backgrounds, ethnicities and economic classes to live in close quarters is one of the benefits of a residential college."

We need people in our country

who understand differences and know how to adapt to them. College dorms are a great place for this education to sprout.

Incuriosity and cultural laziness can happen when we never leave our comfortable bubble. One of life's best experiences is becoming comfortable with what is ambiguous and unknown.

In the second column, published online April 20 by *Times* contributing writer Frank Bruni, the author said he seeks to teach his college students from a place of humility.

"I'm standing before them not as an ambassador of certainty or a font of unassailable verities but as an emissary of doubt," he wrote.

He tells his students in conversations about life, politics, consensus, social ills, and more that "it's complicated."

People have their own conclusions that are layered with their experiences, viewpoints, and realities. There

are not one-size-fits-all answers or solutions.

"I want to give them intelligent questions, not final answers," he wrote.

Further, he said to acknowledge the complexity inherent in our society is "a bulwark against arrogance, absolutism, purity, zeal."

It is called being humble. It is knowing that being informed and intelligent about all facets of an issue is more important than a right answer — because there might not be one.

Again, being comfortable with ambiguity is a wonderful practical skill.

Is the salve for society's ills a need to rededicate ourselves to humility in the face of differing opinions and an understanding that the world is complicated?

I hope that's part of what our local students learn in college.

■ *The writer is editor of the Eastern Shore Post. Reach him at editor@easternshorepost.com*

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Finally, she noted that "immigrants pay taxes and are much less likely than native-born Americans to ever qualify for benefits, including programs such as Medicare and Social Security."

Thus, immigrant workers not only fill the tough jobs Americans reject, they actually subsidize our retirement benefits.

Much more can be said about these facts and their applicability to the economic development of the Eastern Shore, but I will simply urge our local authorities — and the people who vote for them — to listen to Jerome Powell, chairman of the Federal Reserve, when he recently said (on CBS "60 Minutes") that "the U.S. economy has benefitted from immigration ... and a big part of that story is immigration now returning to levels more typical of the pre-pan-

demic era."

And if local authorities don't care what the Federal Reserve says today, maybe they will listen to former President Ronald Reagan, who said some 40 years ago, "Thanks to each wave of new arrivals to this land of economic opportunity, we're a nation forever young, forever bursting with energy and new ideas ... always leading the world to the next frontier.... If we ever closed the door to new Americans, our leadership in the world would be lost."

Stacy Rhodes
Chincoteague

Mayor Pat Smith's remarks 'appalling'

To the editor:

According to the April 26 *Eastern Shore Post* article, "40 kids and their 60 vehicles and their 30 dogs," the mayor of Accomac, Pat Smith,

believes that "the Shore is hurting because of immigrants." The mayor then requested something like "an immigration zoning tool."

These remarks are inappropriate and appalling in an area where immigrants play such a vital part in the economy and in our local culture.

Immigrants and their families are an integral part of our communities, our churches, and the culture of the Eastern Shore, in addition to their significant importance to our economy.

Many immigrants and children of immigrants hold positions of respect and trust within our communities. Others are providing necessary labor to ensure the success of our area.

How many of our farms could succeed without the help of our seasonal and residential immigrants? Would our seafood businesses be able to operate without immigrant workers?

How many of our favorite restaurants are owned and staffed by immigrants who have chosen the Shore as

their home?

Could our nurseries, processing plants, and canneries do without the hard work of our immigrant neighbors?

What about our healthcare system? I have had the privilege, for the last five years, to work with immigrants and the children of immigrants to the United States in our public school system.

I can assure you that these people are among the hardest-working I have ever known.

Most of these families make due with one or no vehicles and rely on and patronize public transportation (not easy here).

These people live, work, volunteer, and spend their money in our communities. By and large, they take care of themselves and each other in a way most of us do not.

The general work ethic is strong. A job is seen as an opportunity.

I admire my immigrant students

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and their families. I appreciate that there are homes where new immigrants are welcomed while they get their start here.

I wish them the best in achieving their American dream. I also hope that those of us who did not have to flee conditions in another country will welcome those who do as valuable assets to the Shore.

These people deserve our empathy and gratitude, not our disdain.

Let's remember, if you are not of Native American descent, your ancestors were also immigrants, many of whom began in poverty but through diligence raised themselves and their progeny to build this great nation we now enjoy.

Imagine what our current immigrants might accomplish in the future.

Deirdre Purcell
Cape Charles

'Not surprised' at comments from Accomac mayor

To the editor:

Regarding the article, "40 kids and their 60 vehicles and their 30 dogs," about the most recent meeting of the Accomac Town Council in the April 26 edition of the Eastern Shore Post, I am a property and business owner in the town of Accomac.

I have attended many of the Accomac Town Council meetings; however, I was not able to attend this one.

I am not surprised at the behavior and comments, as this is common at most meetings.

Events like these bring to light the responsibility that every citizen has to attend the meetings of the local government.

These are people the residents have elected — they represent the residents and are making decisions that affect residents.

I encourage everyone to attend your town meetings to see and hear for yourself how your elected officials behave.

Brenda Smith
Onancock

A need to rethink the national drug problem

To the editor:

This is a response to the notice about the fentanyl crisis awareness forum printed in the April 26 issue of the

Eastern Shore Post.

There are two main components to the overall drug crisis in America: our insatiable demand for illicit drugs, and the criminal enterprises producing and supplying those drugs.

The fentanyl overdose deaths are the deadly tip of a huge iceberg of American illicit drug demand and use.

We humans are deeply addictive creatures. We crave our junk (whatever happens to be) and will do anything — anything — to get that junk.

We will risk out finances, families, careers, health, prison time, and even our very lives to get what we crave.

The street dealers, organized gangs, and drug cartels are simply supplying an in-demand product and rake in the fortunes of money we willingly shell out for our drugs.

Until we reduce our domestic demand for drugs, the multinational illicit production and distribution of those drugs will continue unabated. There's just too much money to be made selling drugs.

Just as the prohibition of alcohol was a monumental failure during the 1920s and early 1930s, our 50-plus year "War on Drugs" has been an equal failure.

The law enforcement approach to solving this problem just doesn't work. We need a total rethinking of the whole problem.

Brian Bloedel
Accomac

The certain death of eloquent and articulate speech'

To the editor:

I loved the paper-position editorial, "Language of locker rooms, language of leadership," in the April 26 edition of the Eastern Shore Post. It was perfectly written.

The crass nature of speaking that is now accepted as the norm feels like the certain death of eloquent and articulate speech.

The single sentence that so perfectly sums it up, "Slipping away in our civil discourse is the line between lewd and prude."

I hope all your readers stop and contemplate it as a whole.

After all, if this is what is becoming of language in speech form, how long before it has tainted our written word?

What will that mean for those of us in the business of written words in one form or another?

I think the editorial touches on a small example of a much bigger problem that you so well conveyed.

Kathryn Vatis
Exmore

NCEF partners with Ace Hardware to raise money

The Northampton County Education Foundation announces its Round-Up for Education campaign in partnership with Rommel's Ace Hardware in Exmore.

The initiative aims to rally community support and raise vital funds to support educational programs and initiatives throughout the Northampton County Public Schools system.

Beginning May 1, customers at Rommel's Ace Hardware have the opportunity to make a difference simply by rounding up their purchases to the nearest dollar.

Every spare cent collected through the Round-Up for Education campaign will directly benefit Northampton County public schools, students, and educators.

"We are excited to team up with Rommel's Ace Hardware for this meaningful campaign," said Billie-Jean Bensen, chair of the foundation.

"The Round-Up for Education initiative provides an effortless yet impactful way for members of our community to support education and invest in the future of our students."

Funds raised through the campaign will support a wide range of educational initiatives.

"We are proud to partner with the Northampton County Education Foundation to make a positive difference in the lives of students and educators," said Carolyn Spalding, manager of Rommel's Ace Hardware.

The campaign will run through May 31 at Rommel's Ace Hardware on Lankford Highway in Exmore.

Community members are encouraged to visit their local store, round up their purchases, and help make a difference in the lives of students and educators.

For more information about the Round-Up for Education campaign or to can get involved, please contact Lori McDonald at lmcdonald@nocoedfoundation.org or visit www.ncedufoundation.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

Friday, May 3

■ **FARMERS AND FLEA MARKET:** 7 a.m., Farmers and Flea Market at the riverfront parking lot. It is free to become a vendor. Call 410-957-1333 for more information.

■ **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.

■ **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.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7:30 p.m., Disney's "Frozen Jr.," at the Mar-Va Theater in Pocomoke City, a Children's Musical Theater Performance by the Theater Academy of Delmarva.

General admission tickets are \$20. Visit www.marvatheater.com

■ **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.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7:30 p.m., The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore under the direction of Paul Kim will present "Fantasies and Fables," with Kim as the violin soloist at Nandua High School in Onley. Admission is free.

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 7:30 p.m., "The Fantasticks: A Musical," at the Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Visit www.artsentercapecharles.org

Saturday, May 4

■ **PLANT SALE:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Willis Wharf Yard and Plant Sale at the Willis Wharf boat ramp. The rain date is May 5.

Best bets...

■ **On Saturday, May 4, there will be a Field Day Fiesta from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. There will be field games for kids and adults from 9-12 followed by live music by Johnny Mo and Fil Rhythm, food trucks, beverages, and games from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is free.**

■ **On Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a Peninsula Tractor Organization Antique Tractor Show at the Nassawadox Sawmill, 10150 Mill St., Nassawadox. Northampton Fire & Rescue will have food and drinks available at the event and all proceeds from the sale of food will go to the fire company.**

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, Onancock Market, corner of Market and Ames streets, Onancock.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Oyster Farm Farmers' Market, inside at the Event Center, 500 Marina Village, Cape Charles.

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■ **CAR SHOW:** 10 a.m., second annual Eastern Shore Show and Shine car show featuring cars, trucks, classics, off-road, rad rides, and motorcycles at Wards Tires and Wheels 33228 Lankford Highway, Painter. There will be a live DJ, 50/50 raffle, food vendors, and more. Proceeds benefit Riverside Shore Cancer Center. Call 757-710-9383.

■ **STORY TIME** 10:30 a.m., story time and

drawing activity with Kelly Harris at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.

■ **LEGOS:** 10:30 a.m., Kids Lego Competition at Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox.

■ **TIE-DYE CLASS:** 11 a.m., there will be a "Grateful Dye Tie-Dye Class," at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. Learn tie-dye techniques and make a t-shirt to wear for the May 18 Grateful Dead tribute concert. There is a \$25 pre-registration required Visit Chincoteagueca.org

■ **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 2 p.m., Disney's "Frozen Jr.," at the Mar-Va Theater in Pocomoke City, a Children's Musical Theater Performance by the Theater Academy of Delmarva. General admission tickets are \$20. Visit www.marvatheater.com

■ **TRACTOR SHOW:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Peninsula Tractor Organization Antique Tractor Show at the Nassawadox Sawmill,

10150 Mill St., Nassawadox. Northampton Fire & Rescue The fire company will have food and drinks available at the event and all proceeds from the sale of food will go to the fire company. The event is free and open to the public. There will be hay rides, a kids pedal tractor pull, and much more.

■ **FOOD FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Franktown United Women of Faith will sponsor the Spring Art and Food Fair at Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road, Franktown. It will be combined with The Montessori Children's House of Franktown's Country Fair.

There will be local artists and vendors, baked goods both fresh and frozen, pimento cheese, violets, plants, and more. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Sunday, May 5

■ **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:** 3 p.m., "The Fantasticks: A Musical," at the Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Visit www.artsentercapecharles.org

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Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

■ **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** For meetings in Accomack and Northampton, visit www.aaeasternshoreva.com or call 757-350-0466.

■ **AL-ANON:** For more on Al-Anon, a group of relatives and friends of alcoholics. visit www.vaalanon.org/districts/district-7-eastern-shore

■ **OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS:** Group meets every Wednesday at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Call 757-999-6771.

■ **COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** All-day, every-day hotline for those impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault: 757-787-1329.

■ **SUICIDE HOTLINE:** If you are having thoughts of suicide or know someone at risk, call 988. Call the local 24-hour hotline at at 757-442-7707 or 800-764-4460.

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- **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:** 3 p.m., Disney's "Frozen Jr.," at the Mar-Va Theater in Pocomoke City, a Children's Musical Theater Performance by the Theater Academy of Delmarva. General admission tickets are \$20. Visit www.marvatheater.com
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 4 p.m., The Orchestra of the Eastern Shore under the direction of Paul Kim will present "Fantasies and Fables," with Kim as the violin soloist at Hungars Episcopal Church. Admission is free.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. Live music in an intimate setting. CCA welcomes back Callum, a young Eastern Shore talent recently nominated in several categories for 2024 International Singer Songwriter Awards. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 under 12. There is a cash bar. Doors open at 6:30. Visit www.Chincoteagueca.org

Monday, May 6

- **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.
- **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.
- **KIDS CRAFTS:** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., kids crafts (ages 3 to 10) at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley.

Tuesday, May 7

- **TECH HELP:** Tech Help Tuesdays all day at the Northampton Free Library,

Nassawadox.

- **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.
- **STORY TIME:** 10:30 a.m., story time at the Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles, featuring stories, rhymes, finger plays, and songs, for ages up to 4 years old.
- **PROGRAM:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., teen gaming and craft night at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Accomac.
- **BINGO:** Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

Wednesday, May 8

- **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.
- **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.
- **LITTER MEETING:** 6 p.m., Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore will have a meeting at the Sage Diner. Call Marilyn Ailes with questions at 757-824-0608.

Thursday, May 9

- **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.
- **BIBLE STUDY:** 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Community Church of God, 9079 Birdsnest Drive, in the social hall.
- **PARK CLEANUP:** 10 a.m. to noon, Thursdays in the Park, sponsored by the

Cape Charles Citizens for Central Park. Meet in the vendor parking area on the south knoll of the park. Watering, pruning, weeding. Bring your own gloves and water bottle. Call 757-331-0798 for more information.

- **STEM NIGHT:** 5:30 p.m., Tween and Teen STEM night with the Norfolk FBI forensics representatives speaking at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.

Friday, May 10

- **FARMERS AND FLEA MARKET:** 7 a.m., Pocomoke Farmers and Flea Market at the riverfront parking lot. It is free to become a vendor. Call 410-957-1333 for more information.
- **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.
- **LIVE MUSIC:** 6:30 p.m., Soul Shakers at the Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Saturday, May 11

- **CHURCH SALE:** 8 a.m., Onley United

Methodist Church is holding a spring sale with frozen casseroles, chicken salad, and other homemade salads, soups, cheeses, and a wide variety of baked goods. No pre-orders will be accepted. The church is located at 25642 East Main St.

- **INDOOR YARD SALE:** 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., The Woman's Club of Accomack County will be having its annual Spring Indoor Yard Sale at 25405 Richmond Ave., Onley, rain or shine. There will be children's toys, children's books, and books.
- cover books, household items, vintage jewelry, plants, seasonal clothing, purses, shoes, and a white elephant table of new and gently used items. There will also be fresh baked goods such as pies, cakes, and cookies along with soups and chili.
- **SPRING CLEANUP:** 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Accomack County will have its annual Spring Cleanup with waive tipping fees at the North Landfill and South Transfer Station.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, Onancock Market, corner of Market and Ames streets, Onancock.
- **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Oyster Farm Farmers' Market, inside at

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Contact Charmin Horton
at horton@escsb.org for further information.

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the Event Center, 500 Marina Village, Cape Charles.

■ **MEETING:** 9 a.m., The Eastern Shore Conference of Baptist Clergy will host its monthly meeting at Shiloh Baptist Church, 32105 Temperanceville Road, Atlantic where Rev. Dr. Harvey Davis, Sr. is the pastor. The meeting will include workshop on "How to Keep the Fire Burning in Ministry" by Rev. Michael Robinson. For more information, contact escbcevents@gmail.com or 757-990-2764.

■ **FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., opening day of the Chincoteague Island Farmers and Artisans Market, 6309 Church Street. There will be fresh local seafood, produce, arts and crafts, and live music. Free admission and parking. It is also the season opening of the Kitchen Art Gallery with works by many local artists. Visit www.ChincoteagueCA.org

Monday, May 13

■ **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.

Tuesday, May 14

■ **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.

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■ **BINGO:** Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

Wednesday, May 15

■ **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.

Thursday, May 16

■ **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.

■ **PARK CLEANUP:** 10 a.m. to noon, Thursdays in the Park, sponsored by the Cape Charles Citizens for Central Park. Meet in the vendor parking area on the south knoll of the park. Watering, pruning, weeding. Bring your own gloves and water bottle. Call 757-331-0798 for more information.

Friday, May 17

■ **FARMERS AND FLEA MARKET:** 7 a.m., Pocomoke Farmers and Flea Market at the riverfront parking lot. It is free to become a vendor. Call 410-957-1333 for more information.

■ **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.

Saturday, May 18

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to noon, Onancock Market, corner of Market and Ames streets, Onancock.

■ **FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Oyster Farm Farmers' Market, inside at the Event Center, 500 Marina Village, Cape Charles.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 3 to 8 p.m., The Little River Band, Firefall, and Irie Tree band at the ESVA Chamberfest, sponsored by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce. Held in Cape Charles. Purchase tickets at <https://www.esvachamber.org>

■ **FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farm-

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ers and Artisans Market, 6309 Church St. There will be fresh local seafood, produce, arts and crafts, and live music. Free admission and parking. Also visit the Kitchen Art Gallery with works by many local artists. Visit www.ChincoteagueCA.org

■ **PREAKNESS GALA:** 6 to 10 p.m., Preakness on the Shore Gala benefitting the Delmarva Discovery Museum, held at the Ocean City Golf Club, 11401 Country Club Drive, Berlin. Music will be by Perfect Strangers and the dress is Preakness attire. Tickets are \$85 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.delmarvadiscovery-center.org>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., tribute concert featuring local musicians performing songs by the Grateful Dead at the Island Concert Stage, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. Admission is \$5 and \$2 for children younger than 12, There will be a cash bar and doors open at 6:30. www.ChincoteagueCA.org

Monday, May 20

■ **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.

Tuesday, May 21

■ **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.

■ **STORY TIME:** 10:30 a.m., story time at the Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles, featuring stories, rhymes, finger plays, and songs, for ages up to 4 years old.

■ **BINGO:** Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

Wednesday, May 22

■ **FREE TENNIS:** 9 a.m., the Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague meets every weekday for round-robin play at the Memorial Park tennis courts. All skill levels are welcome.

ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, May 4th @ 10:00 AM

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OBITUARIES

Eastern Shore Post

Robert “Joe” Baumgardner

Mr. Robert “Joe” Baumgardner, age 69, of Burdett, N.Y., passed away on Feb. 21, 2024. He lived for over 50 years with a significant traumatic brain injury, which included a seizure disorder. He had a huge seizure and had to be put in a medically induced coma. He did not get better. He was gracious in life and passed away peacefully.

Joe grew up on Virginia’s Eastern Shore. He was a talented and lettered athlete in football, baseball, and basketball at the Onancock High School.

Joe was easygoing and had limitations, but he was always a very kind, compassionate, gentle man who loved his wife, two sons, and his five grandchildren tremendously.

Joe attended the Rainbow Chasers Club in Watkins Glen and was best buddies especially with Steve and John. Despite some limitations, Joe always gave his best efforts and did what he could to make whatever needed to be changed or fixed better. To those of us who appreciate compassionate people, Joe was top of the list. He will be missed by many who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Ely Baumgardner; sons, Robert Jr. (Andrea) Baumgardner, of North Ridgeville, Ohio, and Joel (Rachel) Baumgardner, of Elmira Heights, N.Y.; brothers and sister, Eddie (Flo) Baldwin, of Onancock, and Leroy (Laura) Baumgardner, and Pam (Johnny) Taylor, both of Melfa; and five grandchildren, Nathaniel, Landon, Ellie, Molly, and Avery.

He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Frances Baumgardner; brother, John; and sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Richard Colonna.

A loving memorial service was held at the Hector Presbyterian Church on Feb. 24.

Please consider in lieu of flowers a donation in his memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Hector, 5511

SR-414, Hector, NY 14841.

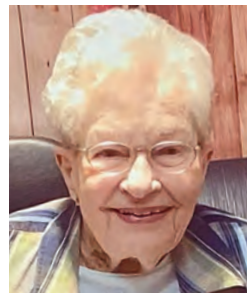
You may leave a memory or condolence for the family in his obituary at www.RoyceChedzoy.com

The Royce-Chedzoy Funeral Home of Watkins Glen is assisting the family.

Nancy Senn

Mrs. Nancy Rushing Senn, 99, died on Tuesday, April 9, at Commonwealth Senior Living in Onancock. Nancy was formerly of Melfa and was a former resident of The Chesapeake in Newport News.

She was predeceased by her husband, H. Gladstone Senn; and her parents, the Rev. Julius and Besie Rushing.



Mrs. Senn

Nancy is survived by a daughter, Barbara S. James, of Nassawadox; a grandson, Chad G. James (Jennifer); and great-grandchildren, Zachary and Brooke, all of Richmond; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Bowden, of Suffolk; and a brother-in-law, Carroll Page Senn, of Lexington.

Nancy graduated from Longwood College and taught business at Onancock High School for 25 years.

The family is grateful to the staff of The Chesapeake, The Commonwealth, and caregivers who shared their love and care for Nancy through the past several years and especially over the last month.

A memorial service will be held at Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore on Saturday, May 4, at 4 p.m.

Kenneth “Mike” Rouke

Mr. Kenneth Michael “Mike” Rouke, a resident of Franktown, passed away peacefully on April 27 at the age of 86, following a brave battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born and raised in Wilmington, Del., Mike graduated from Conrad

High School and went on to earn an associate degree from Goldey Beacom College on a basketball scholarship. Proudly, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserves for eight years as a radarman.

In his younger years, Mike spent cherished summers at Broadkill Beach, built and raced stockcars, and even competed as a featherweight boxer. An outdoorsman at heart, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, activities he continued to relish after retiring from a successful 40-year career as a Nationwide insurance agent.



Mr. Rouke

His love for the land began in the early 1970s, when he and his wife purchased a farm in Middletown, Del. For the next 35 years, alongside his wife, Patricia, he poured his heart into restoring the 1860s plantation. Mike was a self-taught farmer, tending over 100 acres of land on nights and weekends. Sadly, Patricia predeceased him in 2012.

Retirement brought him to his farm on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, a place where he found peace, kind people, and a deep connection with nature. Mike also found time in retirement to serve as the senior warden of Hungars Episcopal Church and the Cure for several years here in Virginia.

Mike is survived by his daughters, Kelly Moore Rouke and Courtney Rouke Karres; his son-in-law, COL (R) Matthew Gus Karres; and three grandsons, 1LT (P) Gus Michael Karres, 2LT Garrett Matthew Karres, and MIDN James Broder Karres.

More than just a loving and loyal son, husband, father, and grandfather, Mike was a pillar of strength and support for his family. He was a protector, a nurturer, and a good soul who never spoke unkindly of others. He was a good listener with a tremendous

sense of humor and a touch of mischievousness at times. Above all, Mike was deeply loved by his family and friends and will be forever missed.

A funeral service honoring Mike’s life and legacy will be held at Hungars Episcopal Church in Machipongo on Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Churchill Pinder officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. There will be a viewing in the church Parish Hall one hour prior to the service.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Attn: Membership Department, 6 Herndon Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403, <https://www.cbf.org/donate> or to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418, <https://www.shorespca.com/>

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Gary Keisel

Mr. Gary Carson Keisel, 69, of Norfolk, passed away on April 22 in Norfolk.

Born on Oct. 10, 1954, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late William A. Keisel and Betty Taylor Keisel. Gary



Mr. Keisel

was a U.S. Army veteran and worked as a civil servant for the Norfolk Navy base as a pipe fitter. He loved metal detecting and spent many hours walking the beach finding

treasures. He enjoyed life fully and will be missed by his friends and family, who were very dear to him.

Other than his mother, Betty, Gary is survived by a son, Jake Carson Keisel, of Richmond and his mother, Juanita Marie Cole Keisel; a sister, Pamela Ward and her husband, Kenneth

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Obituaries

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"Abe," of Exmore; two brothers, Robert Keisel and his wife, Toni, of Norfolk and William Keisel and his wife, Deann, of Kenson, N.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Friday, April 26, at 2 p.m. from the Wesells Cemetery in Mears.

Arrangements were by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

To sign the guest book online, visit: www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Eric Redifer

Friends are invited to join the family of **Col. Eric Lee Redifer, USAF, Ret.**, for interment with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery Friday, May 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Visit www.williamsfuneralhomes.com to share condolences and view the complete obituary.

David Engelhart

In remembrance of a gentle man, **Mr. David Howard Engelhart, 64**, of Snow Hill, Md., and Onley was taken away from us too soon, Saturday, April 27, and now is in the loving arms of our Lord.

David was born May 26, 1959, in Newburgh, N.Y., the son of Margaret McCourt Engelhart and the late William Howard Engelhart.

Dave grew up on Long Island in Bellmore, N.Y. Throughout his life, he thoroughly enjoyed spending time with family and friends and never met a stranger. Dave was a lifelong music lover, having been an accomplished saxophone and bassoon player during his school years at Mephram High

Ruritan Club offering scholarships

The Pungoteague Ruritan Club is offering scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 to students planning to attend or presently attending Eastern Shore Community College or a four-year university.

High school seniors planning to attend ESCC or a four-year university

School. He was also a talented athlete, competing in lacrosse, wrestling, and baseball in his youth. He was an avid fan of the New York Yankees, New York Rangers, and Dallas Cowboys.



Mr. Engelhart

relocated to the Eastern Shore in 1997 and worked with several businesses including Onancock Building Supply and Crutchley Builders. He also worked as zoning administrator for the Town of Onley, an appraiser for the Accomack County Assessor's Office, and a plans examiner for the Accomack County Planning and Zoning Department. Beginning in 2013, Dave served as Planning Director for the Town of Berlin, Md., serving on Berlin's Planning Commission, Historic District Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his loving wife, Barbara (Barbie) Colonna; sisters-in-law, Linda Harold, Pat Morris (Sammy), and Cathy Johnson (Johnny); brothers, Gary (Faith), of Eloy, Ariz., Mark (Cyndy), of Garnet Valley, Pa., and Brian (Renee), of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and a sister, Nancy Birch (Billy), of Snow Hill; and a number of nieces and nephews. David was predeceased by his father, William H. Engelhart.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m., at Doughty Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

are eligible to apply, and current college students who will be continuing an education at either ESCC or a four-year university for the fall of 2024 are also eligible to apply.

Applications are available from guidance directors at Nandua High School, Northampton High School, Broadwater Academy, or on the ESCC website at <https://tinyurl.com/2vyhncfh>

The deadline for receiving applications is Friday, May 3.



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It's all in the family for Northampton soccer

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

Sebastian Mayorga remembers the six-hour drive to Salem like it was yesterday. But even more, he remembers the dreary, awful six-hour ride back home.

Northampton had just lost 2-0 to Galax in the 2022 Class 1 state soccer championship game, and Mayorga took it really hard. And he wasn't even on the team.

At the time, Mayorga was an eighth grader at Northampton Middle, but he knew all the guys on the high school roster. Many of them were like family.

"On that ride home, I told myself, 'We're going to have another chance to win it,'" Mayorga remembers. "I was like, 'I can't wait to make varsity and get on that field with them because I really wanted a state championship.'"

Mayorga indeed made varsity as a freshman last spring and helped lead the Yellow Jackets to a 16-4 record and the state title. They avenged the previous year's loss to Galax with a 4-1 semifinal win and then whipped Westmoreland 4-1 in the final.

Despite losing eight seniors to graduation, the defending state champs have continued their winning ways this spring. They've won 8 of their first 9 games, including a 3-0 victory at Nandua on Wednesday, May 1, completing a season sweep over the Warriors.

As a sophomore midfielder, Mayorga leads the Yellow Jackets with seven goals and seven assists. His cousin Henry Mayorga, a senior striker, also has seven goals. And Thomas Dix, a junior midfielder, has seven goals and three assists.



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Pictured from left are Thomas Dix, Sebastian Mayorga, and Henry Mayorga. They have grown up playing soccer together and hope to win a second state title.

The three of them are the heartbeat of a team that Coach Chase Baxa says is at least as good as last year's.

"We thought it might be a rebuilding year," says Baxa, "but the talent we have with our front six guys is unbelievable — and they're all sophomores and juniors. We're very young but very experienced. I'm sure the guys from last year

would have a lot to say about this, but I think we're even better than last year. We're just solid."

Baxa, in his fourth season as coach, says the Jackets are winning with speed and aggressiveness.

"We're very quick," he says. "We defend hard and attack even harder. We call it a gut-busting style of play because it's just sprint back, get the ball, and then go quickly."

Baxa says the program benefits from a Hispanic-heavy lineup because kids in that culture start playing the game — and becoming proficient — at a very young age.

"Their love for the sport is awesome," says Baxa. "Soccer is these kids' life. They live, eat, and breathe soccer, and that helps our team."

Henry Mayorga agrees.

"We play year-round, and everyone in my family plays soccer," he says. "Everyone's family, we're all related, we all know each other through family gatherings. We've all grown up together. There's a couple non-Hispanics on our team, but they're like family too."

Dix is one of them.

"I've grown up playing with all of them, so I basically inherited the cultural experience from them," he says. "It's been rewarding, and their culture has really influenced my life for the better. I'm as close to them as a brother, and I feel like a brother."

All three players credit Baxa with Northampton's excellence. Baxa played eight years of varsity soccer — four in high school in Pennsylvania, and four more at Geneva College.

"Coach Baxa has done a great job getting us ready for every moment possible," Sebastian Mayorga says. "He's always on us about effort and everything."

"Our coaching has been beyond what anyone could imagine," says Dix. "He's pushed us hard and motivated us to become better players."

Dix agrees with Baxa that this year's team might be better than last year's.

"I'd say we're right there," he says. "Maybe even better."

Vikings swept by Greenbrier Christian Gators

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater softball team hosted the Gators of Greenbrier Christian Academy on Tuesday, April 23. The Gators defeated the homestanding Lady Vikings by a score of 16-1.

The Gators opened up the scoring in the first inning, picking up eight hits and scoring six runs. Greenbrier picked up another six runs on six hits in the top of the third inning. Greenbrier scored another four runs in the fourth inning. Strong offense and pitching from Greenbrier Christian proved to be too much for the Lady Vikings to overcome.

Ramsey Revelle got the start and loss, pitching five innings, giving up nine earned runs on 20 hits, striking out six, and walking two.

Kacey Ford, Tatum Watson, and Carly Clayton each had one hit for Broadwater on the day.

The Broadwater baseball team also hosted the Gators of Greenbrier Christian on April 23 and fell 23-2.

A single by Greenbrier Christian in the first inning scored two runs. Broadwater tied the game in the first following a double by Eli Destro and a single by Derek Boyle. The Gators scored 11 runs on six hits in the top of the second to lead 13-2. The Gators ended up scoring 10 more runs, but the Vikings were held scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Destro and Cohen Kellam each had two hits to lead the Vikings on the day. Olsen Pruitt, Rufus Abbott, Boyle, and Caleb McIntyre each had one hit.

Boyle got the start and loss, allowing one hit, two runs, striking out zero, and walking two.

AMES SIGNS WITH NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN



PHOTO COURTESY KRISTY KELLAM

Broadwater senior Quinn Ames signed on Monday, April 29 to further his academic and baseball career at North Carolina Wesleyan University. Pictured from left in the back row are Athletic Director Ron Anson, Varsity Baseball Head Coach David Stiles, Head of School Fran Ryan, and Guidance Counselor/Assistant Head of School Barbara Parker. Ames is pictured with his mother, Megan, and father, Ted.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Broadwater sweeps doubleheader against Hampton Christian; Revelle records 400th career K

BY KINSEY RAYFIELD

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The Broadwater softball team hosted the Hampton Christian Warriors for a doubleheader on Friday, April 26, and won game one by a score of 12-1.

The Warriors got on base in the first inning, following a hit by pitch. A single scored the lone run for the Warriors in the game.

The Lady Vikings answered back in the bottom of the first inning, scoring 11 runs. Ramsey Revelle doubled, scoring two runs. Carly Clayton singled, scoring a run. Sterling Stonestreet singled, scoring a run. An error allowed a run. Neiley Guinan walked, scoring a run. Adrianna Holloway singled, scoring two runs. An error scored another run. Clayton singled, scoring another, and a single by Tatum Watson scored a final run. Broadwater added another run in the

second inning following a single by Kacey Ford.

Clayton, Watson, and Holloway each collected two hits to lead the Lady Vikings in game one.

Revelle got the start and win, pitching three innings, giving up two hits and one earned run, zero walks, and recording five strikeouts.

The Lady Vikings won game two by a score of 5-0.

Watson opened the scoring with a single, driving in two runs for the Lady Vikings. Broadwater picked up three runs in the second inning after Kayla Evans singled, Sophia Gallivan grounded into fielder's choice, scoring a run, and Watson singled, scoring a run.

Revelle got the start and win, pitching five innings, giving up two hits, zero runs, zero walks, and fanning eight batters. Revelle also earned her 400th career strikeout in game two of the doubleheader.

After setback, bridge's tunnel work continues

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

Construction of the new parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel complex ground to a halt last summer as the tunnel boring machine struck an anchor resting on the floor of the Chesapeake Bay.

After a 241-day setback; however, the \$815 million project resumed as normal, said Jeff Holland, executive director of the bridge-tunnel.

The bridge-tunnel planned media tours on Wednesday, May 1, and Friday, May 3, to detail progress on the new tunnel.

The tunnel boring machine moves forward 50 feet per day on average, and is currently about 1,400 feet into the 6,200-foot distance it has to cover.

The massive machine has a 43-foot diameter head and is 300 feet long.

Last year, however, after striking the anchor, the machine's cutterhead needed an overhaul.

In all, 389 of the 442 cutting tools — each weighing about 150 pounds — were replaced.

The removal of the anchor and cutterhead repairs cost \$60 million. The majority of the cost is expected to be covered by insurance, Holland said in a prepared release.

The new tunnel will carry two lanes of southbound traffic. Afterward a project will begin to make the north tunnel area four lanes, but it is estimated to begin in the late 2030s, Holland said.

Whether the north tunnel project would come in the form of another parallel tunnel or a high-rise bridge remains in question, but another parallel tunnel would come with fewer drawbacks than a high-rise bridge, Holland said.



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A new parallel Thimble Shoal tunnel takes shape as construction continues Wednesday on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.



Pieces of a massive anchor sit on a pallet Wednesday, May 1 on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. A tunnel boring machine struck the anchor last year, causing a delay in construction of the new tunnel.

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Northampton County Government May 2024 Upcoming Events

May 1: Parks Advisory Committee Meeting 5 PM Indiantown Park

May 2: Electoral Board Meeting 10:30 AM

May 7: Planning Commission Work Session 3 PM

May 7: Board of Zoning Appeals 10 AM

May 9: School Board Meeting 6 PM Machipongo

May 14: Board of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM

May 21: ESVA Ground Water Committee Meeting 10 AM Melfa

May 21: Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM

May 27: County Offices and Waste Collection Centers Closed for Memorial Day

May 28: Board of Supervisors Work Session 5 PM

May 28: Reassessment Public Hearing 5 PM

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June 8: Open Saturday for in-person voting 9AM-5PM

June 15: Open Saturday for in-person voting 9AM-5PM

June 15: Last day to vote early in-person.

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Pictured are, front row from left, Jah'Maya Burton, chapter vice president, Kayana Smith, chapter president, and Reagan Rice, chapter secretary. Pictured in second row are Beth Hart, Ragan Payne, Charlotte Tyler, chapter historian, Shelby Fitzgerald, Jerimiah Wharton, Antonio Baines, Parker Shotwell, and Sheila Mapp, FCCLA coordinator. Not pictured is Brian Morales-Chan, chapter treasurer.

Nandua High's FCCLA club competes in state meet

Students representing the Nandua Chapter of the Virginia affiliate of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America organization recently competed in the state competition held on April 12 to 14 in Virginia Beach.

FCCLA is a national career and technical organization for students enrolled in family and consumer sciences courses.

Winners and honorable mentions from Nandua included:

■ Ragan Payne, Professional Presentation — gold medal and national qualifier

■ Kayana Smith and Jah'Maya Burton, Focus On Children — silver medals

■ Shelby Fitzgerald and Bryan Morales-Chan, Food Innovations — silver medals

■ Jerimiah Wharton, Sports Nutrition — silver medal

■ Charlotte Tyler, Fashion Construction — bronze medal and national qualifier

■ Reagan Rice, Area 5 State Officer candidate

■ Antonio Baines and Parker Shotwell, state conference attendants.

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CHINCOTEAGUE

Island Community House welcomes new director

BY JANET BERNOSKY

Eastern Shore Post

Island Community House on Chincoteague Island welcomed its new executive director April 8.

HannahKate Grobin said she is excited to apply her background in group development and program planning in her new role.

"I am incredibly grateful for the warm welcome I have received moving into this role," she said.

"Everyone I have met has been extremely kind and helpful, most especially our volunteers and donors."

Raised in Augusta, Ga., Grobin later earned a bachelor of science degree in outdoor education, with a minor in public health, from Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Ga.

The hands-on, experiential nature of her college program was advantageous in her previous position as the Outdoor Center Coordinator at Camp Bernie, a YMCA camp in Hunterdon County, N.J., where she regularly organized field trips for students.

On Chincoteague Island, she now finds herself also working with older, lifelong learners in the community, and is looking forward to organizing inclusive events for people of all ages, bearing in mind the mission statement of the Island Community



HannahKate Grobin

House:

"To provide accessible space, using a conveniently located house, where residents of all ages can congregate to fulfill social, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs, and drive encouragement for social-

ization."

Likewise, she is focused on the word "community" in her new organization's title.

She uses as an example a patriotic wreath-making event she is hosting on May 9.

"For me, it's more about doing things together, about gathering in community, while also making a nice wreath," she said.

Grobin moved to Chincoteague last month with her husband Eli and their two cats, Cornbread and Beans. She mentioned they both already love their new community, being on the water, and biking all over town.

They have also taken the advice of locals to dine out at area restaurants now, before tourist season heats up.

"Then, we'll check out the food trucks," she said.

■ For more information, visit www.islandcommunityhouse.org

Mary N. Smith meeting slated May 9

The next community meeting at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center will be held Thursday, May 9, at 6 p.m.

Mary N. Smith Alumni Association and its project management team are currently reviewing plans to renovate the center.

The team is working with Commonwealth Architects and community members to determine the future appearance and use of the center.

The public is invited to come out and share ideas on how to make the space better and more accessible to the community.

Arlington Nat'l Cemetery historian to speak May 10

Arlington National Cemetery historian Philip Bigler will host a lecture and book signing at Onancock Baptist Church to discuss two of his books, "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: A Century of Honor, 1921-2021" and "In Honored Glory: Arlington National Cemetery the Final Post."

The lecture will take place Friday, May 10 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 for Shore History members and \$15 for the public.

Tickets may be purchased online at shorehistory.org/ticketsales or at the door. After the lecture at Onancock Baptist Church, Shore History will host a reception and book signing at Ker Place next door.

The "Where They Rest: Shore Heroes at Arlington National Cemetery" exhibit will be on display.

Visit www.shorehistory.org or call 757-787-8012 for more information.

Bigler was one of the official historians of Arlington National Cemetery in the 1980s before he pivoted his career to the world of education.

During his tenure, Bigler assisted with the burial of the Vietnam War Unknown Soldier and prepared for two visits by President Ronald Reagan.

Among his many duties were document preservation, research, public speaking, and coordinating between the cemetery and various interest groups.

Widely recognized for his scholarship and innovative teaching methods, Bigler was named the 1998 National Teacher of the Year during a Rose Garden ceremony hosted by President Bill Clinton.

In 2001, he was appointed as the director of the James Madison Center at James Madison University and served in this position until his retirement in 2010.

He has served as an on-air historian on the History Channel and has been a featured guest on "Nightline" with

Ted Koppel and "Late Night with David Letterman." He has also appeared on CNN and Fox News.

In "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," Bigler chronicles the tomb's history from its early inception after World War I through its formalization and beautification.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has served as the nation's most cherished shrine to the country's fallen unidentified military soldiers for a century.

To properly record this important landmark's history, Bigler spent two years conducting extensive primary source research at the National Archives, the Commission of Fine Arts, the Eisenhower Library, and the Library of Congress.

The resulting work is the most complete and well-documented history of the tomb ever compiled. "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" was awarded the IPPY Silver Medal for Excellence in Non-Fiction in 2020 shortly after its publication.

In "In Honored Glory," Bigler discusses the origins of Memorial Day, the construction of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the subsequent history interments, the Kennedy gravesites, and the current burial requirements.

The book has been cited as the definitive history of Arlington Cemetery. It is a human and personal look at the people, times, and places that Arlington commemorates while celebrating America's past, present, and future.

Bigler has written 10 top-selling books on history and education including "Scandalous Son: The Elusive Search for Dolley Madison's Son, John Payne Todd," "Hostile Fire: The Life and Death of Lt. Sharon A. Lane," and "Teaching History in an Uncivilized World," among others.

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ACCOMACK

County files federal lawsuit alleging insulin overpricing

Accomack County and the city of Portsmouth announced that they have filed lawsuits in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, against various drug manufacturers and prescription benefit managers for monetary damages arising from the overpricing of insulin.

In the United States, diabetes is growing significantly each year. In 1999, 11 million Americans suffered from diabetes, and that number had increased by 2021 to 38.4 million, said attorney Chap Petersen, who is representing Accomack County.

In Virginia alone, one in 10 residents is diabetic, and these numbers are particularly elevated in the southern half of the state.

In Accomack County, an estimated 13.1% of the adult population has diabetes, while in Portsmouth the percentage is 16.8%, Petersen said.

The price of insulin has soared over the past 20 years. Its list price has climbed by more than 10 times (1,000%) since 2003, exponentially above the rate of inflation.

Much of this dramatic increase is driven by the structure of the retail drug market, specifically the role of the pharmacy benefit managers, who, in theory, negotiate with manufacturers to reduce the cost of drugs, Petersen said.

However, PBMs tend to favor drugs that offer higher manufacturer rebates over similar drugs with lower costs, Peterson alleged.

“As a result, insulin users and the payers of their insurance costs — local governments like Portsmouth and Accomack County — bear the brunt of this market failure,” Petersen said in a prepared release.

In recent years, the U.S. Con-

gress has launched an investigation into the increasing price of insulin, finding that insulin manufacturers acted in concert to raise their prices virtually at the same time, thus keeping prices artificially inflated.

This price inflation has a double impact. For uninsured citizens, the price of a vial of insulin exceeds \$100, forcing diabetics to ration their vials; this has a serious impact on their health as a lack of insulin can lead to heart problems, kidney problems, or neuropathy, among others, Petersen said.

On the fiscal side, the health plans offered by local governments to their employees, dependents, and retirees generally include pharmacy benefits, which means these localities pay a substantial portion of the purchase price of prescription diabetes drugs, which are sold at inflated prices.

As a result, municipalities like Accomack or Portsmouth are forced to pay large sums of money for diabetes drugs for which the actual price should be significantly lower.

For this reason, cities and counties across America are taking legal action against insulin overpricing. Portsmouth and Accomack County have joined these lawsuits to ensure access to medicine and a fair price for their citizens.

The attorneys for Portsmouth and Accomack County are Chap Petersen and Associates, PLC, which is headed by former Virginia State Senator Chap Petersen.

His co-counsel is the Finnell firm of Atlanta, Ga., a consumer litigation boutique.

The two firms previously represented a number of Virginia localities in the opioid cases filed in 2019.

Rail Trail sets fundraiser June 21 at Off the Rails

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail Foundation has scheduled its first fundraiser to support the trail for Friday, June 21, from 5-7 p.m. at Off the Rails Restaurant, 18497 Dunne Ave., Parksley.

The fundraiser is a buffet dinner for \$20. Participants of the Le Tour de Shore 2024, supporters of the ESVA Rail Trail, and members of the community are all invited to participate.

No tickets will be sold in advance, but those planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP on Facebook.

Ron Wolff, executive director of the ESVA Rail Trail, said, "I would like to thank G.W. Hart and Off the Rails for hosting the trail's first fundraiser along with the Parksley

Railroad Museum. The ESVA Rail Trail is grateful for the town of Parksley and its continued support of the trail."

All proceeds will benefit the future ESVA Rail Trail, a 49-mile walking and bicycling trail along the historic Eastern Shore railroad corridor.

The ESVA Rail Trail Foundation's mission is to plan, finance, promote, and maintain a multimodal trail along the former Virginia Eastern Shore Railroad.

For more information, visit the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail website or email info@esrailtrail.org. Those interested can follow the ESVA Rail Trail Foundation on Facebook.

NORTHAMPTON HIGH THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE



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On April 19 and 20, Northampton High School students proudly presented a production of "Mama Don't Marry That Man." Under the leadership of Caroline Gibson, the Northampton High theater program has been brought back and has flourished, showcasing the talents of students.

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Town of Painter Proposed Budget FY2025 July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

CONTEMPLATED REVENUES		CONTEMPLATED EXPENDITURES	
Real Estate Taxes	12,000	Solid Waste Collection	25,000
Motor Vehicle License Fees	3,240	ANEC	18,000
Personal Property Taxes	2,500	Town Clerk Salary	12,000
Solid Waste Collection	10,500	Town Clean Up	800
Communications Taxes	3,500	Holiday Decorating Prizes	250
Interest	250	Insurance	2,500
Sales Tax	20,000	Postage and Supplies	800
Fire Prevention Grant	15,000	PO Box Rent	100
Grass Cutting Fees	500	Mowing	1,000
Transfer from Reserves	13,540	Legal Advertising	1,200
Business License Fees	150	Cleaning Town Hall	480
Permits	100	Town Attorney	2,000
		Payroll Taxes	2,000
TOTAL	\$81,280	Painter Volunteer	
		Fire Company	15,000
		Town Elections	150
		TOTAL	\$81,280

Proposed tax rates for calendar year 2024:

Real Estate 7.7 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Personal Property 30 cents per \$100 of valuation

Solid Waste Fees \$100 for calendar year 2024 per business or household unit

(imposed upon owner of real estate where household units or businesses are located.)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2506, that the Town Council of the Town of Painter will, at the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council, hold a public hearing on 5/13/2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office located at 17118 Wayside Drive, Painter, VA 23420 on the proposed budget, a brief synopsis of which is presented above. Any citizen shall have the right to attend the public hearing and state the citizen's views on the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget is on file for review at the Painter Town Office during regular business hours. The reduced real estate tax rate of 7.7 cents per \$100 of valuation is expected to produce real estate tax levies for 2024 which are less than 101% of total real estate tax levies for calendar year 2023, and the provisions of subsections B and C of Virginia Code §58.1-3321 are not triggered.

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Bridge-tunnel warns of scam text messages from defrauders

There has been a recent increase in fraudulent text messages pretending to be toll road agencies or services, according to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

Known as smishing, these text messages are sent to users' mobile phones, impersonating legitimate toll authorities or financial institutions.

These messages often contain urgent requests for personal information, such as account details or payment confirmation, with the aim of defrauding individuals.

The bridge-tunnel asks customers to be cautious with text messages from unfamiliar phone numbers and offers the following tips if you should receive one of these unsolicited texts:

- Do not click the link
- To verify the status of an E-ZPass

account, contact Virginia E-ZPass by calling 877-762-7824.

■ Never share personal information. In the event that a link is clicked and personal information has been shared, take efforts to secure personal information and financial accounts.

■ Report suspicious activity.

File a complaint with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov

Be sure to include the phone number where the text originated and the website listed within the text message.

■ Delete the unsolicited text.

For further assistance, an E-ZPass Customer Service Representative is available at the administration building of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Scholarships offered in Northampton

Five scholarships are to be awarded to Northampton students who have volunteered in the community.

Christ Episcopal Church will give four \$1,000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship to high school seniors or current college students who have completed volunteer or service work to help improve life on the Eastern Shore.

The students must be headed to or enrolled in a college or a trade certification program in 2024.

The scholarships are a recognition for service not necessarily academically based.

The applications are due May 15 and are available through the Northampton High School guidance department or on the Eastern Shore Community College website.

Students may reach out directly to

Christ Episcopal Church by emailing heparish@gmail.com or calling 757-678-7837.

Cape Charles Friends set library book sale

One Friday, May 17, the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library will be holding the first of the group's monthly summer book sales to benefit the library.

The sales will be held on the third Friday of each month from May through September, weather permitting, on the side of the library located at 201 Mason Ave. in Cape Charles.

The next sale will be on Friday, May 17 and will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

People who have children's or current fiction books they would like to donate for future sales can contact the group at friends.cc.memorial.library@gmail.com.

Town's Main Street program accredited

Onancock Main Street has again been designated as an Accredited Main Street America program for meeting rigorous performance standards and exceptional commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach.

To qualify for accredited status — Main Street America's top designation tier — communities must demonstrate a proven track record of achieving outcomes in alignment with the Main Street Approach and exceptional performance in six areas:

- Broad-based community commitment to revitalization
- Inclusive leadership and organizational capacity
- Diversified funding and sustain-

able program operations

- Strategy-driven programming
- Preservation-based economic development
- Demonstrated impact and results.

Onancock Main Street's performance was evaluated through assessments conducted by the organization's personnel and board of directors, and the Virginia Main Street program, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify local programs that meet rigorous national community evaluation standards.

Onancock Main Street has achieved national accreditation for three years and is one of 800 Accredited Main Street America programs this year.

"I am incredibly grateful for all of

the businesses, individuals, and town partners who make our Main Street program the success it is today," said Lisa Fiege, president of OMS.

"Working together, we are making a difference in our local economy and public spaces to improve Onancock for residents, businesses, and tourists," Fiege said.

In 2023, the Main Street America programs:

- Generated \$5.68 billion in local reinvestment
- Helped open 6,630 net new businesses
- Facilitated the creation of 35,162 net new jobs
- Catalyzed the rehabilitation of 10,556 historic buildings
- Leveraged 1,664,763 volunteer hours.

On average, for every dollar that a

Main Street program spent to support operations, it generated \$18.03 of new investment back into downtown and commercial corridor communities.

OMS' mission is to make Onancock the place where residents are proud to live and visitors want to return.

The organization does this by forging community partnerships, cultivating downtown businesses, enhancing the town's artistic and recreational assets, and celebrating its historic and cultural character.

■ For more information, go to ExperienceOnancock.com

■ For more information about Main Street America, visit mainstreet.org



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Town of Onancock

Town Budget from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

Notice of proposed equalized real property tax rate increase

The Town Council of the Town of Onancock proposes to equalize property tax levies

Description

Amount

Assessment Increase: The total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 19.1 percent.

Government Activities
Revenue

\$1,603,348

Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate that would levy the same amount of real estate tax revenue as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.235 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

Government Activities
Expenditures

\$1,603,348

Effective Rate Increase: The Town of Onancock proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.242 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.007 per \$100 or 3%. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."

Governmental Activities -
Net

\$0

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

Special Revenue - Grants

\$1,877,500

Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the Town of Onancock's total budget will exceed last year's by 0.093% (excluding the use of reserves).

Special Revenue
Expenditures

\$1,877,500

A town council workshop will be held on 5/13/24 at 6:00 p.m., and a public hearing on the increase will be held on 5/20/24 at 7:00 p.m. at 15 North Street. This is the second public hearing about the 2024-2025 budget.

Special Revenue - Net

\$0

All hearings shall be open to the public. The governing body shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within such reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the governing body. Town Council workshops may or may not allow for public comment.

Business Activities - Water
Revenue

\$462,400

The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to the assessment of public service corporation property by the State Corporation Commission.

Business Activities - Water
Expenditures

\$305,196

Notwithstanding other general or special law provisions, the tax rate for taxes due on or before June 30 of each year may be fixed on or before May 15 of that tax year.

Business Activities - Debt
Service

\$157,204

Code 1950, § 58-785.1; 1975, c. 622; 1979, c. 473; 1980, c. 396; 1981, c. 212; 1984, c. 675; 1990, c. 579; 2007, c. 948; 2009, cc. 30, 511; 2016, cc. 657, 663; 2022, c. 29; 2023, cc. 506, 507.

Business Activities - Net

\$0

Shore native part of group nominated for a Tony Award

The Tony Awards are professional theater's version of the movies' Oscars.

On Tuesday, Eastern Shore native Tim McMath, a Nandua graduate and North Street Playhouse alum, was part of the nominations for this year's awards for his part of the scenic design for the new Broadway hit, "Stereophonic."

Working as the associate set designer with David Zinn, one of Broadway's most prolific and multiple award-winning set and costume designers, McMath has been involved in the design of numerous recent Broadway plays and musicals, including the recent revival of "Funny Girl," "Fun Home," and "Diana."

In addition to his work with David Zinn, McMath's independent designs can be seen in numerous theaters across the country.

As part of a family that goes back several generations on the Eastern Shore, McMath is the son of Al

and Bev McMath of Onley.

After graduating from Nandua High, he attended the College of William and Mary and later received a master of fine arts degree in scenic design from the University of Washington's School of Drama.

Regarding the beginning of his career, he said, "designing the set for "Biloxi Blues" (at the North Street Playhouse in Onancock) was a foundational experience for me as I was just figuring out how to be a designer.

"I'm really grateful to Terry (Bliss) for putting her faith in an untested designer and giving me that opportunity."

For more information about McMath and to see examples of his sets, visit www.timcmath.com

Be sure to tune in to the Tony Awards on Sunday, June 16, on CBS, to see if his group wins a Tony Award.



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Northampton County Daughters of the American Revolution members Cara Burton, left, and Kathy Lehman clean a state historical marker recognizing Northampton County's Courthouse history. The chapter participated in the 2024 National Historical Marker Day by cleaning markers in Eastville and Franktown.



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Northampton band earns championship

The Northampton High School band traveled to Hershey, Pa. to compete in the Music in the Parks competition held at Palmyra High School and Hershey Park.

Northampton took three groups to perform in the competition: the percussion ensemble, the symphonic band and the marching band to compete over the span of two days against schools from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

All three ensembles performed very well, receiving ratings of superior and excellent from the judges, which are the top two highest ratings a music program can receive at an adjudicated performance.

Besides the ensemble ratings, each ensemble was grouped in either Class A (school enrollment under 750) or Class AA (school enrollment over 750).



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Northampton High School band outside Hershey Park Arena

All three Northampton groups were in Class A and they each brought home first place in the High School Percussion Ensemble category, High School Concert Band category, and Marching Band category.

The symphonic band and the marching band also took home the Overall Grand Champion Concert

Band and Overall Grand Champion Marching Band, which is given to the top group in each category regardless of classification.

To cap off a weekend of performances and being rewarded with the students' hard work, the band program was awarded the Esprit De Corps Award, which recognizes the partici-

pating organization that displays an exemplary attitude of positive support and outstanding personal behavior throughout the festival weekend.

Personal integrity, quality character values, a desire for excellence, and a spirit of cooperation serve as the cornerstone qualities of the Esprit de Corps Award.

All of the students worked hard to earn these distinctions, said Northampton Director Brad Ford. He said school officials "are proud of their accomplishment, especially the senior class as they have been the backbone of this program for the last five years, helping build the program to what it is today."

The Northampton High Spring Concert will be held Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Northampton High School auditorium. Admission is free.

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BENTLEY SIGNS

Grace Bentley, an all-state swimmer at Nandua High School, signed with Washington & Lee University on Wednesday, May 1. Bentley was joined by her family — parents Chris and KJ and sisters Sarah and Caroline — among others at the signing. Bentley says W&L, a Division III school, is “a good fit because I’m coming in at a good spot on the team where I will still have room to grow.” Bentley, who has a 4.3 grade point average, says W&L is “a top-ranked liberal arts college, and I like the opportunity to continue swimming in a competitive environment while keeping academics a priority.” Bentley gave shoutouts to her teammates, the YMCA, her family, and others, and particularly her mom KJ, who is also Nandua’s swim coach: “She’s my biggest role model. I would not be where I am today without her endless support and guidance. She gave me the love for this sport, and I could not have asked for a better coach.”

BERT ADAMOS PHOTO

Onancock pavilion aims for 2025 opening

The Friends of Onancock School’s board of directors report that construction on the performance pavilion is progressing nicely.

The steel superstructure and foundation work were completed in March despite the wet weather.

Progress will depend on weather and delivery of supplies.

The performance pavilion is the next step in a long-term strategic plan developed in 2009 to further develop the 14-acre campus in Onancock.

When completed, the pavilion will feature a 1,500-square foot stage suitable for theater, dance, and musical productions.

The pavilion’s site takes advantage of a natural outdoor amphitheater with adequate space for audiences in a “bring your own chair,” festival-style seating.

The pavilion is projected to open in the

spring or summer of 2025.

For the initial season, the pavilion plans to offer a family friendly “Summer Music Series” featuring numerous musical genres, as well as outdoor movies and theatrical performances.

The pavilion intends to offer free and reduced-price events funded by donors, sponsors, and grants.

It looks forward to collaborating with other Eastern Shore organizations and local talent, several of whom have already expressed interest, including Eastern Shore’s Own Art Center, Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center, Onancock Business and Civic Association, Fil Rhythm, Orchestra of the Eastern Shore, Accomack Community Band, Johnny Mo, and North Street Playhouse.

For more information contact 757-302-1331 or info@historiconancock-school.org

Onley Community Pharmacy now open

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.’s Onley Community Pharmacy is now open to the public.

The pharmacy is located at Onley Community Health Center at 20306 Badger Lane and includes a drive through. Vaccinations are available and prescriptions can be transferred by calling the pharmacy at 757-302-9066.

Delivery options are being researched as well. The pharmacy is available to both patients and non-patients throughout the Eastern Shore community.

“Our pharmacy will offer fast, friendly service,” said Rural Health Director of Pharmacy Chris Deitch.

Rural Health CEO Jeannette Edwards explained the benefit of having a pharmacy under the same roof as a health care facility, “This pharmacy will allow us to integrate care between our providers and the pharmacist, which enhances our ability to provide patient-centered care in a “one stop” setting.

The pharmacy is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; it is closed on Saturday and Sunday. (Eastern Shore Rural Health’s Atlantic Community Pharmacy is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) For more information call 757-302-9066 or go to www.esrhrx.org An app is available for Eastern Shore Rural Health pharmacy customers, text RXLOCAL to 64890 to download the app.

Cape Charles

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than limit them.

“The summer visitors are supporting our businesses,” said Laurie Klingel, a town resident and business owner.

She said those businesses, in turn, support the town and county in a variety of ways, from youth sports programs to high school proms.

It was part of a lively and lengthy discussion that stretched three hours, included dozens of speakers, and laid bare the fissures dividing a town that prides itself on its community closeness and promotes itself as a destination for happiness and hospitality.

Despite intense interest in the issue and a yard-sign campaign to limit short-term rentals, town officials did not adequately plan for the large crowd.

After its tiny civic center filled with roughly 110 people — 25 of whom had to stand — officials locked the building’s outside door, keeping several dozen from entering or speaking at a town hall designed to solicit public input.

The meeting was broadcast on the town’s Facebook page. In a remarkable scene, listeners made more than 250 comments in real time during the meeting.

“This is incredible,” said town manager John Hozey to the gathering. “This is the most people I’ve ever seen in this room.”

The people brought an array of views.

Some said short-term rentals eroded the town’s community camaraderie because the homes were seldom occupied during the offseason, led to unneighborly noise, and gobbled up available housing.

But that wasn’t everyone’s experience.

Ahren Foster, a Richmond resident, said she and her husband use their Cape Charles home as a short-term rental to help pay for it.

“We’ve been welcomed into our block by lovely people,” she said.

“Community is not lost because I rent



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIM RITCH

From left, Cape Charles Town Council members Paul Grossman and Ken Butta, Mayor Adam Charney, Vice Mayor Steve Bennett, and Town Manager John Hozey (foreground), listen to speakers on Monday, April 29.



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIM RITCH

Ahren Foster, a Richmond resident who sometimes uses her home in Cape Charles as a short-term rental, said, “Community is not lost because I rent my home.”

my home.”

“I’m having such a different experience,” she said, from those who have problems with short-term rentals.

The council took no action during the work session, but Hozey said he would get a legal opinion on whether short-term rentals currently violate

town zoning rules.

Hozey also said the town had no rules on its books to curb or halt short-term rentals, which some speakers questioned.

Town resident Jim Metz said the town’s single-family residential, or R-1 district, restricts commercial activities. Other speakers said the

zoning makes no mention of short-term rentals.

“Short term rentals are not a permitted or conditional use of property in zoning district R-1,” he said.

Added George Proto, a former town mayor, “Get an attorney’s opinion; let’s find out what’s going on here. Find out whether they’re legal.”

Liz Pruitt, a Cape Charles resident, said the community needs full-time residents.

During the proliferation of short-term rentals in Cape Charles, “the town has lost almost entirely its racial and economic diversity,” she said.

Moreover, “It’s just not easy to live next to someone’s summer vacation for four or five months of the year,” she said.

She called for a cap on the number of short-term rentals, saying, “We are at a saturation point.”

Hozey said all of the input will be considered.

“We’re not solving any problem tonight,” he said. “It’s our goal to understand the problems better tonight so we can move forward.”

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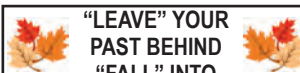
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Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree, supplemented by 3 to 5 years related experience and/or training involving, zoning, planning, landscape design, or code/standards review and enforcement. Prior supervisory and project management experience, demonstrated writing skills, as well as the ability to communicate with the public and colleagues in a diplomatic manner.
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Application instructions and further details can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us>.
First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on May 23, 2024.

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Northampton County Circuit Court

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Building Inspector

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Building Inspector. The essential function of this position is to perform building inspections. Provides customer service and clerical duties.

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

Requires valid Virginia Driver's License.

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

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

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DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Northampton County is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Information Technology.

A bachelor's degree in closely related field is required with a minimum of ten years' related experience.

Responsibilities include supervising staff and overseeing the County's Information Technology, maintaining the County's computer hardware and software for both physical and virtual environments including VoIP systems, and providing network administration. This job also develops and implements network security strategies and acts as the technical lead during activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center.

The position comes with full County benefits and a salary range up to \$122,942, negotiable depending on qualifications and experience.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions and requirements: <https://tinyurl.com/bdcb8hst>

Please submit completed application and resume with cover letter and copies of certifications to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347.

Position is open until filled. Northampton County is an EOE.

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Community Outreach/Electronic Monitoring
Full-time w/ benefits
Starting Salary: \$36,117 - \$46,952 (based on experience)

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a full-time position to assist with electronic monitoring and oversight of the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act (VJCCCA) program grant for the juvenile court system. The purpose of this position is to provide monitoring services for court-involved juveniles, while working with community partners and local probation officers. It is important work and can make a difference in the lives of local youth. This position works with people of diverse racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds. This position provides direct client contact and case work through coordination with community providers and supporting at-risk youth with the goal of maintaining them safely in their community. Successful candidate will be self-motivated and will be responsible for the management of the VJCCCA program and plan.

Minimum qualifications: Associate degree in criminal justice, social work or related field, one (1) or two (2) years experience in similar position; Microsoft Suite proficiency, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. **Preferred Qualifications:** Criminal Justice or probation experience, bilingual capabilities, and case management experience;

Satisfactory completion of a criminal background check, DMV records check and drug screening are required prior to employment. Application instructions and further details can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us>

First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

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FULL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for a full-time Communications Officer. Job does require shift work, nights, weekends, and some holidays.

Qualifications: Over the age of 18 and have obtained a high school diploma or GED. This full-time position is open to both certified and non-certified applicants; however, all part-time applicants are required to be certified prior to applying.

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

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR: LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

Qualifications: Over the age of 21 and have obtained a high school diploma or GED.

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

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For additional details, qualifications, and application process, please visit <https://jobs.vccs.edu/postings/72781>

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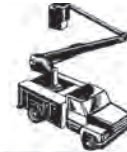
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The above establishment is applying to the
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY
for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant license
to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

William Duncan

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

Legal Ads

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL24000235-00
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

JANESSA SHANTE' FOSQUE
v. DEITRICK KEITH DOWNING

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

It is ORDERED that DEITRICK KEITH DOWNING
appear at the above-named court and protect his interests
on or before JUNE 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

April 5, 2024
Arisleydi Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk

NORTH STREET MARKET LLC
trading as
North Street Market
245 Mason Avenue, Cape Charles,
Northampton County, Virginia 23310-3249

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

Gordon Campbell, Manager

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Accomac Planning Commission will hold a
public meeting in the Town of Accomac Town Hall located
at 23367 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301 on May 7, 2024, at
7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and hear public
comments regarding the application of Steven and Jeanette
Troyer for a Special Use Permit for their business(es) in
their home located at 23438 Back St. in Accomac, Virginia
in the R1 and Historic Districts of the Town of Accomac.

Town of Accomac Planning Commission
Mary Dahlke, Chairman

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL24000306-00
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

DAVID MCCLAMY JR.
v. SHIRLEY ANN WIGGINS

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

It is ORDERED that SHIRLEY ANN WIGGINS
appear at the above-named court and protect her interests
on or before JUNE 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

April 24, 2024
Arisleydi Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will meet on
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers
located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia, to
conduct public hearings on the following matters:

AFD 2024-01 Addition to Happy Union AFD: Laurie Dryden
has applied to add 112 acres to the Happy Union AFD. The
property is described as Tax Map 14-A-21.

Minor Special Use Permit 2024-02: Betty Sewell and
Bundick Properties, LLC are applying for a minor special
use permit to construct a new single wide mobile home. The
property is located at Pine Meadows Way in Exmore and is
further described as Tax Map 9B-7-A1.

Zoning Text Amendment 2024-04: The Board of Supervisors
of Northampton County is proposing a Zoning Text Amend-
ment to revise Sections 154.2.172(B)(3)(b) and 154.2.127(B)
(4)(bb) in the 2000 and 2016 Zoning Ordinances.

The applications are open to public inspection in the
County Administration Office, 16404 Courthouse Road,
Eastville, VA, and can be viewed electronically at [https://
go.boarddocs.com/va/northco/Board.nsf/Public](https://go.boarddocs.com/va/northco/Board.nsf/Public)

Anyone wishing to comment on the above items is invited to
attend the meeting and make their comments known. Writ-
ten comments can be submitted to the County Administra-
tion Office, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, and via email
to jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us.

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



ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 15, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
Location Change

The Accomack County Board of Super-
visors will hold its regular meeting on
Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in
the Cafetorium of Metompin Elementary

School located at 24501 Parksley Road - Parksley, VA. Public
hearings will be held at 6:30 p.m. to afford interested persons
the opportunity to be heard or present written comments on
the following matter(s):

**Conduct a Public Hearing: CUSE-000219-2021: R2JS
LLC (Tax Map # 5-A-1)**

A public hearing on a request for a Conditional Use Permit
under Section 106-534(12) of the Accomack County Code
for the construction of a 140 Townhome and Commercial
Mixed-Use Development on parcel number 5-A-1 contain-
ing 20 acres located on the west line of Captain's Corridor
at its intersection with State Line Road. The applicant has
requested a two-year extension and no changes have been
proposed.

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

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

County's electronic Board Agenda at:
<https://go.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public>

Live Meeting Audio:
<https://tinyurl.com/3d3ctfnp>

TRUSTEE'S SALE LOT 48 CASTLE ROW, NOTTINGHAM ESTATES CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated February 16, 2023,
recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, Northamp-
ton County, as Instrument Number 230000271, the un-
dersigned will offer for sale at public auction the prop-
erty described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, being
known and designated as: ALL THOSE lots or parcels of
land, together with improvements thereon, situate near
Cheapside, Capeville Magisterial District, Northamp-
ton County, Virginia, designated as Lot 27 and Lot 28
and Lot 48 on a certain plat entitled "Plat of Nottingham
Estates, being a subdivision of Tax Parcel Number 105-
3, as shown in Plat Book 20 at page 3, near Cheapside,
Capeville District, Northampton County, Virginia dated
April 24, 2006," prepared by Hayden Frye and Associ-
ates, Inc., Land Surveyors, a copy of which is recorded
in the Northampton County Clerk's Office in Plat Book
36 at pages 79 through 83.

Sale shall take place on **May 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** at the
front entrance of the Circuit Court building, Northamp-
ton County, Virginia. Sale shall be subject to all matters
of record lawfully affecting the title to the property. The
property will be sold "as is" without any guaranty or rep-
resentation as to condition or title and will be subject to
such other terms and conditions as may be announced at
the sale.

The successful bidder may be required to deposit 10% of
the sale price in cash or by cashiers or certified check at the
time his bid is accepted. Settlement in full shall take place
within 10 days of sale and shall be in cash or by cashiers or
certified check.

M. RICHARD EPPS, P.C.,
Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
M. Richard Epps, P.C., Substitute Trustee
605 Lynnhaven Parkway, Suite 100
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757-498-9600

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will meet on
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers
located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia, to
conduct a public hearing on the following matter:

Zoning Text Amendment 2024-01: The Board of Supervi-
sors of Northampton County is proposing a Zoning Text
Amendment to make the following revisions pertaining
to "campground, rustic":

(i) Amend Section 154.2.003 Definitions by revising the
definition of "campground, rustic"; and

(ii) The addition of the revised definition of "campground,
rustic", to Appendix A: Use Regulations, Category 2 –
Commercial Uses.

The application is open to public inspection in the Coun-
ty Administration Office, 16404 Courthouse Road, East-
ville, VA, and can be viewed electronically at [https://
go.boarddocs.com/va/northco/Board.nsf/Public](https://go.boarddocs.com/va/northco/Board.nsf/Public)

Anyone wishing to comment on the above item is invited to
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Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE LOT 4 OLD CAPE CHARLES ROAD CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated April 11, 2023, recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, Northampton County, as Instrument Number 230000665, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, being known and designated as: All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the Town of Cape Charles, Northampton County, Virginia containing 1 AC and designated as "LOT 4" on that certain plat of survey entitled, "SUBDIVISION OF TRACT A (INSTRUMENT #090002548) TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES, CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DECEMBER 16, 2016" made by MSA, P.C. and recorded on January 30, 2017 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia as Instrument Number 170000133.

Sale shall take place on **May 15, 2024, at 1:10 p.m.** at the front entrance of the Circuit Court building, Northampton County, Virginia. Sale shall be subject to all matters of record lawfully affecting the title to the property. The property will be sold "as is" without any guaranty or representation as to condition or title and will be subject to such other terms and conditions as may be announced at the sale.

The successful bidder may be required to deposit 10% of the sale price in cash or by cashiers or certified check at the time his bid is accepted. Settlement in full shall take place within 10 days of sale and shall be in cash or by cashiers or certified check.

M. RICHARD EPPS, P.C.,
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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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605 Lynnhaven Parkway, Suite 100
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
757-498-9600

TRUSTEE'S SALE LOT 3 OLD CAPE CHARLES ROAD CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated April 11, 2023, recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, Northampton County, as Instrument Number 230000665, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction the property described in and conveyed by said Deed of Trust, being known and designated as: All those certain lots or parcels of land situate in the Town of Cape Charles, Northampton County, Virginia containing 1 AC and designated as "LOT 3" on that certain plat of survey entitled, "SUBDIVISION OF TRACT A (INSTRUMENT #090002548) TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES, CAPEVILLE DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DECEMBER 16, 2016" made by MSA, P.C. and recorded on January 30, 2017 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia as Instrument Number 170000133.

Sale shall take place on **May 15, 2024, at 1:05 p.m.** at the front entrance of the Circuit Court building, Northampton County, Virginia. Sale shall be subject to all matters of record lawfully affecting the title to the property. The property will be sold "as is" without any guaranty or representation as to condition or title and will be subject to such other terms and conditions as may be announced at the sale.

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3. Two-edged sword
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Sports Trivia

By
Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Italian manufacturer became the official tire supplier of the FIA Formula 1 World Championship in 2011?

2. Former professional boxer Tony Burton first portrayed trainer Tony "Duke" Evers in what 1976 film?

3. What Chicago White Sox pitcher recorded the 18th perfect game in Major League Baseball history in a 5-0 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on July 23, 2009?

Bible Trivia

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. How many chosen men of Israel did Saul take with him to the wilderness of Ziph to search for David? (12, 100, 200, or 3,000)

3. The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any ...? (Tongue, Knife, Two-edged sword, or Wit)

4. What insect was a plague on the Egyptians? (Wasp, Locust, Flea, or Cockroach)

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Native Americans planted "Three Sisters" -- corn, beans and squash -- together for their mutual benefit. Corn provided a structure for the beans to climb, beans provided nitrogen to the soil, and squash spread along the ground, preventing the growth of weeds.

* PayPal once accidentally credited a man with \$92 quadrillion.

* "Highway hypnosis" is a mental state where a person can drive a vehicle great distances while responding to external events in a safe and correct manner, but with no recollection of having consciously done so.

* A tattoo needle doesn't actually inject ink. It's just coated with pigment and your skin absorbs the color via capillary action.

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Bahneman IV
To Patrick James Donnelly
32 acres near Belle Haven
For \$139,000
- From Monopoly House I, LLC, and Lester D'Shaun Bell
To Ashley M. Logan and Byron Logan
Lot 1, Section III, Boston Park, Painter
For \$65,000
- From CHC, Inc.,
To Jacque Louise Fredericks and John Augustine Fredericks, Jr.
Captains Cove Lot 92, Section 11
2361 Jolly Rodger Drive, Greenbackville
For \$238,000

- From Alejandro Eduardo Vargas
To Alberta Ruffin and Derrick Ruffin
5 Nelson Ave., Onancock
For \$322,500
- From Racing Moon LLC
To BT Island Holdings
4437 Eastwinds Road, Chincoteague
For \$295,000
- From Irene Katsetos and Antonia Katsetos
To Eric Wigard
5516 Main St., Chincoteague
For \$159,000
- From Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr., and Theresa E. Lewis
To Meagan L. Dill
25529 Pennsylvania Ave., Onley
For \$155,000
- From Franklin D. W. Carr and Isabelle P. Carr
To Holden IV, LLC
26058 Drummondtown Road, Accomac
For \$132,000
- From Christine Wilhelm and Matthew Wilhelm
To Heather J. Leitzel and Matthew L. Leitzel
Captains Cove Lot 794, Sec 1, Castaway Drive, Greenbackville
For \$199,900

- From Ruth C. Estes and Sherry W. Sharp
To BIC Investments
Parcel B, Wattsville
For \$325,000
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4423 Williams Wheatley Road
For \$275,000
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- From Anthony J. Zonetti
To Dawn Postowski and Michael Postowski
Lot 80, Unit 3, Trails End
6416 Wallops Mill Drive, Horntown
For \$85,000
- From Rebecca I. Sewell and Richard J. Murray IV
To Ryan R. Miller and Sean P. Murray
Lot G, Lecato Subdivision,
For \$155,000

- From Brian L. Bobitka and Virginia E. Bobitka
To Mary Elizabeth Diggs
Lot 235 Section II, Oyster Bay, Chincoteague
For \$68,000
- From Kenneth W. Greenwood and Wendy L. Greenwood
To Lorretto Kohlhaus
Lot 184, Unit 2 Trails End, Horntown
For \$24,200
- From Clearview Homes VA, LLC
To Carley Sark and Tyler Sark
35417 Upshur Neck Road, Quinby
For \$319,900
- From Phillip P. Ettinger
To Diane A. Hunsicker and Mark J. Flanagan
Lot 215, Section II, N. Hibiscus Drive, Oyster Bay,
Chincoteague
For \$120,000
- From Thomas A. Cardaci and William A. Middleton
To Captains Cove Golf & Yacht Club Inc.
Lot 1922, Section 4, Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$2,000

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		Friday May 3		Saturday May 4		Sunday May 5		Monday May 6		Tuesday May 7		Wednesday May 8		Thursday May 9
Assateague Beach	H L	4:55 p.m. 10:59 a.m.	H L	5:52 p.m. 11:52 a.m.	H L	6:45 p.m. 12:43 p.m.	H L	7:09 a.m. 1:31 p.m.	H L	7:59 a.m. 2:19 p.m.	H L	8:49 a.m. 3:05 p.m.	H L	9:38 a.m. 3:51 p.m.
Chinco. Channel	H L	4:58 p.m. 10:54 a.m.	H L	5:55 p.m. 11:45 a.m.	H L	6:49 p.m. 12:35 p.m.	H L	7:13 a.m. 1:23 p.m.	H L	8:03 a.m. 2:10 p.m.	H L	8:51 a.m. 2:57 p.m.	H L	9:39 a.m. 3:45 p.m.
Gargatha Neck	H L	5:51 p.m. 11:38 a.m.	H L	6:48 p.m. 12:31 p.m.	H L	7:12 a.m. 1:22 p.m.	H L	8:05 a.m. 2:10 p.m.	H L	8:55 a.m. 2:58 p.m.	H L	9:45 a.m. 3:44 p.m.	H L	10:34 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
Folly Creek	H L	5:44 p.m. 11:23 a.m.	H L	6:41 p.m. 12:16 p.m.	H L	7:05 a.m. 1:07 p.m.	H L	7:58 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	H L	8:48 a.m. 2:43 p.m.	H L	9:38 a.m. 3:29 p.m.	H L	10:27 a.m. 4:15 p.m.
Wachapreague	H L	5:19 p.m. 10:59 a.m.	H L	6:19 p.m. 11:54 a.m.	H L	6:45 a.m. 12:46 p.m.	H L	7:36 a.m. 1:36 p.m.	H L	8:27 a.m. 2:26 p.m.	H L	9:18 a.m. 3:14 p.m.	H L	10:08 a.m. 4:01 p.m.
Quinby Inlet	H L	4:55 p.m. 10:38 a.m.	H L	5:52 p.m. 11:31 a.m.	H L	6:45 p.m. 12:22 p.m.	H L	7:09 a.m. 1:10 p.m.	H L	7:59 a.m. 1:58 p.m.	H L	8:49 a.m. 2:44 p.m.	H L	9:38 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
Machipongo	H L	5:25 p.m. 11:07 a.m.	H L	6:22 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	H L	6:46 a.m. 12:51 p.m.	H L	7:39 a.m. 1:39 p.m.	H L	8:29 a.m. 2:27 p.m.	H L	9:19 a.m. 3:13 p.m.	H L	10:08 a.m. 3:59 p.m.
Tangier Sound Light	H L	8:29 a.m. 3:05 p.m.	H L	9:27 a.m. 3:56 p.m.	H L	10:22 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	H L	11:15 a.m. 5:31 p.m.	H L	12:05 p.m. 6:17 p.m.	H L	12:54 p.m. 7:10 a.m.	H L	1:41 p.m. 8:00 a.m.
Muddy Creek	H L	8:41 a.m. 3:37 p.m.	H L	9:45 a.m. 4:32 p.m.	H L	10:44 a.m. 5:24 p.m.	H L	11:39 a.m. 6:14 p.m.	H L	12:31 p.m. 7:04 a.m.	H L	1:21 p.m. 7:56 a.m.	H L	2:10 p.m. 8:46 a.m.
Guard Shore	H L	8:33 a.m. 3:33 p.m.	H L	9:37 a.m. 4:28 p.m.	H L	10:36 a.m. 5:20 p.m.	H L	11:31 a.m. 6:10 p.m.	H L	12:23 p.m. 6:58 p.m.	H L	1:13 p.m. 7:52 a.m.	H L	2:02 p.m. 8:42 a.m.
Chescon. Creek	H L	8:08 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	H L	9:12 a.m. 3:40 p.m.	H L	10:11 a.m. 4:32 p.m.	H L	11:06 a.m. 5:22 p.m.	H L	11:58 a.m. 6:10 p.m.	H L	12:48 p.m. 7:04 a.m.	H L	1:37 p.m. 7:54 a.m.
Onancock Creek	H L	8:22 a.m. 3:05 p.m.	H L	9:26 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	H L	10:25 a.m. 4:52 p.m.	H L	11:20 a.m. 5:42 p.m.	H L	12:12 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	H L	1:02 p.m. 7:24 a.m.	H L	1:51 p.m. 8:14 a.m.
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: A SHORT — SHIRT

And sweet Notice Shrift Time ago
 Circuit Orders Sightedness Version
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 List Selling Tempered

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

STEEP STAIRWAY

ACROSS

- 1 Offer hush money to
 6 Strip of gear, as a ship
 11 Weight unit for a druggist
 15 "I am at your — and call"
 19 "Elementary" actor Quinn
 20 Sonata, often
 22 Many a cruise stopover
 23 Unconcealed
 24 Customized for
 25 Lee of Marvel Comics
 26 Like a swine
 28 Also-rans
 29 Like a diluted drink
 31 Parceled out
 33 "Haven't — before?"
 34 Shout of discovery
 35 Having two hues
 37 "It could go either way"
 39 Rival of Delta or United
 41 Urgent
 42 Fire residue
 46 Taxpayer's ID
 48 Dedicates
 50 Fender guitar, for short
 52 Ltd. cousin
 53 Pot toppers
 55 Edits for publication
 57 Conflict
 59 Sad paper notices
 61 Say a different way
 63 Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa
 64 Gets broader
 66 "No outlet" street
 68 Always, in music scores
 69 Keyboard instrument
 71 One of three womb-sharers
 73 Florida's Key —
 74 Charges for not paying on time
 76 Decongestant brand
 78 Legal claim on property
 79 Broke a fast
 80 Flimflam
 82 Non-PC person?
 84 Suffix with Taiwan
 85 Bothersome types
 87 Boring type

DOWN

- 1 African tree with a very thick trunk
 2 Italian municipality west of Turin
 3 Perfect choices to fill positions
 4 Stereotypical setting for a brawl
 5 Having a right (to)
 6 In prison, informally
 7 Vardalos of "Connie and Carla"
 8 Toddler bed attachment
 9 Like a truck ascending a steep hill, gear-wise
 10 Silly, like a honking bird
 11 The two dots in "naïve" or "Brontë"
 12 Fly-catching warblers
 13 Shakespeare work part
 14 Imitated a cat
 15 Small restaurants
 16 Lauder of fragrances
 17 Lois' partner
 18 Its capital is Nairobi
 21 Aspiring doc's major stashing stuff
 27 Person
 30 In the buff
 32 Cracked, as a cryptogram
 36 Info group to be input
 38 "Dagnabbit!"
 40 Bee-luring fluids
 43 Chief female officiators in sacred rites
 44 Gets bigger
 45 First division of a 13-Down
 46 Sparse start of some rounds of applause
 47 Utter with a hissing sound
 49 Arena relative
 51 Crafts' counterparts
 54 Apple's Jobs
 56 Pop in a blended family?
 58 Egypt's Nasser
 60 Detects like a dog
 62 Intertwined
 65 Crystal ball gazer, e.g.
 67 Neutralized, as a bomb
 70 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist Charles
 72 Planes' first fliers, often
 75 Operations
 77 Infer (from)
 81 Like a district bishop's jurisdiction
 83 Faith
 86 Difficulty
 88 Finisher just under the winner
 90 Beach footwear
 92 Overalls for hitting the slopes
 93 Sci-fi automatons
 95 Grand home
 96 Purloined
 97 Soundboard control knob
 98 Mojave plant
 99 Northern French city
 101 Inflicted upon
 105 Actor Bert
 109 "Well well!"
 110 Fedora, e.g.

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