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99th ANNUAL CHINCOTEAGUE PONY PENNING

# 'These memories will last forever'

### BY STEFANIE JACKSON

**Eastern Shore Post** 

Chincoteague Island welcomed visitors on Wednesday, July 24, who traveled from near and far — and waited until well past noon — to watch the wild ponies make the 99th annual swim across the channel from their Assateague Island home.

"I think it's been 15 or 20 years since I've said, 'Good afternoon, Chincoteague,' at a pony swim," said Denise Bowden, Chincoteague Fire Company public relations officer and event emcee.

Chincoteague's annual pony swim is typically held in the morning, but this year, spectators had to wait a bit longer than usual for slack tide, which allows the ponies to venture safely across the channel.

Some children passed the time by wading through the marsh waters.

"Mud washes off, but these memories will last forever," Bowden said.

Parents and grandparents recollected reading as children author Marguerite Henry's "Misty of Chincoteague," the novel that left an impression that never faded, even decades later.

A "Misty fan" and pony swim first-timer, Charles Delvige, traveled from Texas for the big event, which

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EASTERN SHORE POST/STEFANIE JACKSON

Ponies rest on shore after swimming Assateague Channel on Wednesday, July 24, during the 99th annual Pony Swim. The swim is organized by the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, which owns and maintains the herd.

WHO WE ARE

# Troy Justis, Post pillar, is fondly remembered

BY TED SHOCKLEY

**Eastern Shore Post** 

Troy C. Justis, a paramedic who parlayed an innate knowledge of human nature, an obsessive attention to detail, and a genuine likability into a long career as the advertising manager for the



Troy Justis Eastern Shore Post, died Thursday, July 18.

Justis was 60 and lived near Painter. He was the last of the original staff that started the Post in 1999 still working at the newspaper.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, July 23, at 2

p.m., at Exmore Baptist Church.

On the afternoon he died, Justis double-checked advertisements on the Post's pages before they were sent to the printing press — just as he had done weekly for the last 25 years.

Justis, who also served as circulation manager, then left the Post's Exmore office to rest before the midnight arrival of the truckload of newspapers to be distributed.

He never made it, dying hours later at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital of a heart attack.

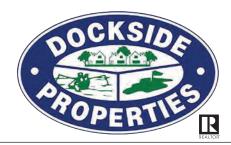
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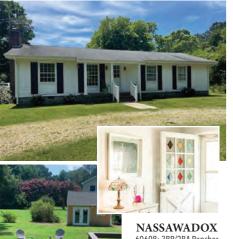


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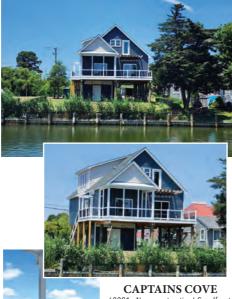
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# **Troy Justis**

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His death touched off a wave of social media mourning and tributes from friends, family, and the Eastern Shore's tightly knit fire and rescue community, which Justis tirelessly served for decades as a mentor, teacher, leader, and advocate.

The outpouring honored Justis' indelible community standing, deep impact on the area's emergency medical services, and contradictory persona — Justis was big-hearted but blunt, amiable but direct, a no-nonsense guy who thoroughly enjoyed a bit of nonsense.

"Wherever he went, there was lively conversation and things got done — on time, accurately, with little fuss and a lot of fun," said Jim Ritch, publisher and co-owner of the Eastern Shore

Justis also was a dedicated family man who deeply loved his wife, children, and grandchildren and endured devastating personal misfortunes, including

AUTO RENTAL

the sudden death of two sons, 18 years apart — one as a child, one as an adult.

"It was always his family who took precedence in every facet of his life," said Cheryl Nowak Sterling, who was the Post's first editor and part of the ownership group that started the paper, in an email statement.

"I was shocked and heartbroken to hear of his sudden death but utterly devastated to realize what this will mean for his family, who already have suffered so many tragedies," she said.

An excellent storyteller, Justis seemingly was born with the gift of gab, a warmth of spirit, and a mission to serve others.

Raised in Onancock, Justis often recounted how, as a child, he would pedal his bicycle to the homes of newcomers to introduce himself and update them on the town's happenings and history — a pint-sized, two-wheeled welcome

He was fascinated by the 1970s television show "Emergency!," the action-packed fictional account of a rescue service that responds to a city's myriad emergencies.

The young Justis was hooked and never imagined another career. He ioined Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co. at age 16 and served for years as rescue chief.

Melfa Fire Chief Greg Nottingham said Justis was a leader with a wealth of institutional knowledge.

Whenever someone called with a question he couldn't answer, Nottingham said he had a ready reply.

"Let me give the phone to Troy," he would tell the caller.

Of Justis' death, Nottingham said, "Everybody's still trying to wrap their heads around it," describing their emotions as "shock" and "disbelief."

Justis also previously worked for Accomack County as a firefighter and paramedic. He was well known as an emergency medical service trainer.

He also was an Eastern Shoreman in full. Justis gave generously to charity events and always supervised the pizza stand at the Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival.

He loved Eastern Shore sweet corn and fresh peaches purchased from roadside stands and seafood bought from the watermen who harvested it, and more than held his own in the

Twenty-five years ago, Candy Farlow — his mother-in-law and one of the Post's founding partners thought the likable and loquacious Justis might have a knack for advertising sales.

As Justis recalled it, "She said I could sell Popsicles to an Eskimo."

Justis thrived in the role, and the dual nature of his personality — a serious-minded man who relished any opportunity to not be serious — was a perfect fit.

"While always at the heart of any hiiinks at the office — many of which he instigated — Troy also showed a very protective side when any of us was in trouble," Sterling said.

In addition to his job responsibilities, over the years Justis became the Post staff's sage advisor and resident authority on newspaper matters of every stripe.

"We will get his work done. We will put out the paper," said Ritch. "But Troy will never be replaced."



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# Pony Penning

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coincided with his 54th birthday.

"It was just kismet," said his sister, Jessica Delvige.

She has raised horses all her life, and she bought raffle tickets for a chance to win King or Queen Neptune — the first colt or filly to complete the pony swim and set hoof on the marsh.

Janet Fuller, of Abingdon, noted that her hometown hosts a similar annual event in which horses are rounded up and auctioned, except it's in the mountains of southwestern Virginia.

She attended the pony swim with her daughter and granddaughters, who recently read "Misty of Chincoteague."

Paul and Kathleen Wiedenhoeft, of Norfolk, bought a few raffle tickets and planned to attend the carnival Wednesday night — where the raffle winner is determined — even though they couldn't raise a pony in the city.

Kathleen Wiedenhoeft said anyone who won a pony but couldn't keep it could always "give it to the little kid crying next to you that didn't win."

She said she was drawn to the annual pony swim for its history and the community around it.

About 200 Chincoteague ponies swam the channel, including around 135 adult ponies and 70 foals.

The ponies entered the water at 12:49 p.m. and completed the channel crossing in 5 minutes, 22 seconds.

The No. 6 pony, a chestnut filly that was first sighted in early April, was the first foal to reach the shore and named Queen Neptune. She is the offspring of Clara and Thunderbolt.

After the ponies rested for about an hour, the famous Saltwater Cowboys — including many members of the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company on horseback — led the ponies on a parade through town to the carnival grounds.

Riding again this year with the Saltwater Cowboys was Jack Brittingham, who is now 91 years old.

"He told me as long as he can get up in the saddle, he's coming," Bowden said.

Every year, the ponies are corralled at the carnival grounds, where they stay until the pony auction on Thursday morning. The auction ended after press time.

Auction proceeds benefit the Chincoteague Fire Company, which does not rely heavily on tax dollars to support its continued operation.

But the financial impact of Pony Penning Week and the auction extends beyond the fire department.

"The whole island's economy is very tightly knit with this event," said Hunter Leonard, spokesman for the Saltwater Cowboys. "It's a huge deal for businesses — restaurants, hotels, everybody on the island, and even off the island.

"We're grateful that everybody else in the community supports us ... to put this on."



EASTERN SHORE POST/STEFANIE JACKSON

About 200 ponies made their annual swim from Assateague Island across the channel to Chincoteague Island at slack tide during the 99th annual Pony Swim. After the five-minute, 22-second swim, around 135 adult ponies and 70 foals made landfall.



EASTERN SHORE POST/STEFANIE JACKSON

Chincoteague ponies make their way towards the shoreline of Chincoteague Island. After their swim, the ponies rest for about an hour before being paraded from Pony Swim Lane to the Chincoteague Carnival Grounds, where they are corralled until the auction the following day.

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# Supervisors want to see how tax dollars are used

### BY JANET BERNOSKY

**Eastern Shore Post** 

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Wednesday, July 17, to approve a new fiscal policy requiring several external organizations to submit their financial information to the county no later than five months after the conclusion of the previous fiscal year.

The Eastern Shore Public Library, the Economic Development Authority of Accomack County, and Accomack County Public Schools are among those required to file by Nov. 30.

In turn, counties must file an annual comprehensive financial report for the previous fiscal year ending on June 30 with the state no later than Dec. 15.

The county itself could face repercussions, including loss of grant funding, for its failure to submit complete and accurate information to the state.

To ensure compliance, the county would potentially seek to impose restrictions on an organization that doesn't submit by Nov. 30, including loss of local funding and fines of up to \$1,000 per day past the deadline until the information is received.

In other news,

- Supervisor Donald L. Hart Jr. participated remotely in the scheduled monthly meeting while traveling home from attending the National Association of Counties convention held in Tampa, Fla.
  - Vice Chair and District 7 Super-

visor H. Jackie Phillips addressed concerns raised by residents and members of the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department about the previously approved VDOT lane diet project that would change the stretch of Market Street in Onancock, from U.S. Route 13 to Hill Street, from a four-lane road to three lanes with a bike path.

This is also the primary route for emergency vehicles responding to calls along the Route 13 corridor in both directions.

Phillips said constituents have expressed safety concerns for potential bike traffic along this route.

The board approved Phillips's request to hold a public hearing in the future to allow citizens to express their views on the project.

Construction is slated to begin in 2028. Should the board of supervisors withdraw support, VDOT would likely not proceed with the project.

■ The Eastern Shore 911 Commission Director Jeff Flournoy provided a status update to the supervisors concerning the new state-of-the-art 911 system that will serve Accomack and Northampton counties.

Flournoy said he is optimistic the project will be completed as anticipated by February 2025, provided all tower and accompanying work is completed on schedule in the next two months.

The \$9.5 million project includes about \$1.5 million in funds provided by the two counties.



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# **EDITORIAL**

### **Eastern Shore Post**

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THE PAPER'S POSITION

# Nurse practitioner's arrest shakes our community

Eastern Shore Rural Health is a tremendous area success story. After 50 years of service, today it has 375 employees and an annual budget of \$41 million. It has 34 medical providers on staff and had almost 91,000 medical visits in 2023. It is hard to imagine our area without the widely ranging, critical services Rural Health provides. It is a well-regarded, model organization.

So the arrest of Rural Health nurse practitioner Lucas Fussell, who served as clinical director of the Onley Community Health Center, on federal child pornography distribution charges was particularly horrifying.

Not only are Fussell's alleged crimes deeply troubling, but it is difficult to imagine that a person charged with commiting such crimes worked at an organization so dedicated to human flourishing.

Federal charging documents show no evidence that Fussell committed these crimes on the job. However, Rural Health officials have launched an internal investigation to ensure the organization remains above reproach.

Rural Health is a community treasure. We wish the organization and its employees the very best as they investigate this issue and put it behind them.

### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The Eastern Shore Post strives for accuracy. Corrections and clarifications will be printed in this space. Email editor@easternshorepost.com.

To clarify an article in the July 19 edition, "Resident tells supervisors STR 'stakes are very high," speaker Sheryl Dalessio recommended limiting Type C short term rentals in Northampton County to no more than six bedrooms, not five or more, which was defined in the June 17, 2024, STR Clean Draft. She said her recommendation was in line with the definition of bed-and-breakfast inn capped at six and a hotel at seven or more in the same draft. She said she was not suggesting a limit to bed-and-breakfast inns.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Save Onancock's heritage oak tree

To the editor:

I have recently heard that the town of Onancock may have plans to remove the 250- to 350 -year-old heritage oak tree behind the theater in town.

With a girth of 17 feet, this tree is a living treasure and should be regarded with respect and deference to its age and historical and cultural significance.

The Shore is preparing for many events commemorating 250 years of freedom since the Revolutionary War.

This tree may have been in place well before that time, perhaps to the days when Indians still occupied the "Foggy Place."

It certainly may have also witnessed the days when the name "Queen Street" had a much different significance. The War of 1812, the Civil War, World War I, and World War II were all experienced by res-

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idents who may have lingered under the shade of that tree.

This is not to mention how it survived the great Onancock fire of 1887.

The small greenspace around the tree should be fenced off with simple posts and chaintype fencing and a commemorative plaque should be installed to celebrate the wonderful history of the town as witnessed by that tree.

Please do not cut down the ancient oak tree due to fear of some future calamity, or for paving of additional parking space.

I have lived in and near Onancock for over 40 years, and I have never heard of any tree killing any person in the town.

The large mature tree canopy provides shade, and it keeps an air of cool moisture about it.

Additional pavement accelerates climatic warming. Trees are living examples of long-term adaptation to changing environmental factors.

I have witnessed the removal of many ancient trees in town to make way for widened roadways and accommodation of motor vehicles.

Please don't repeat these mistakes — put a fence around this tree if necessary, and make a "safe space" for people and for the tree, too.

This tree as a cultural monument may be one of the oldest objects still standing in town for public reverence and contemplation — a true living legacy.

> Miriam Riggs Onancock

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# Northampton schools list year's top 10 highlights

### BY SAMUEL OLEYNIK

**Guest columnist** 

As the school year concluded, Northampton County Public Schools reflected on a year filled with remarkable achievements and progress.

Here are the top 10 accomplishments that have continued to push excellence and innovation to our students, along with how we plan to build on these successes in the next school year.

■ This year, we successfully launched our ride-share program, which provides a cost-effective and environmentally friendly transportation solution to those who may commute across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

This initiative focuses on recruiting and retaining instructional staff in the Hampton Roads area. This also fosters a sense of community among teachers and enhances collaboration.

We aim to grow this program more in the next school year.

■ Recognizing the paramount importance of mental health, NCPS has successfully implemented comprehensive programs, including counseling services and wellness activities, to support the emotional well-being of students, staff, and our parents and families.

Our new partnership with Parent-Guidance, through the Cook Institute, has significantly enhanced our ability to provide concrete help for our families.

We have also allocated funds through a school-based mental health grant, allowing us to further bolster our support for mental health programs in our middle and high school.

In the upcoming year, we are committed to continuing our pursuit of mental health programs that can help improve our community's well-being.

■ This year, we continued

strengthening our partnership with Eastern Shore Rural Health at Kiptopeke and Occohannock elementary schools to improve student health services.

With a signed parent consent form, students can go to the dental office at their school during the regular school day for their dental appointments, eliminating the need for parents to make an appointment or be present for a visit.

Students receive convenient and accessible dental care, promoting overall well-being and academic success.

Our partnership with Rural Health will continue to help students next school year, and we strive for them to be available during the whole school week, too.

■ Our music and arts programs shone brightly, receiving state and national recognition, with students excelling in numerous competitions and showcases.

Our choral and theater programs have been wonderfully revived, thanks to the persistent attitude of our fantastic staff and students.

In our visual arts program, we had a first place winner at the VS-BA Tidewater region Spring Art Contest.

Our Odyssey of the Mind teams have also earned prestige at regional, state, and worldwide competitions. One of our teams placed 22nd in the entire

In the next school year, we are excited to continue expanding our performing arts programs and provide more student performances and exhibition opportunities, inspiring our community with their talent and dedication.

■ With contributions from various community organizations and through grant opportunities, we have allocated funds for new playground equipment for our elementary schools.

Each school will receive new playground equipment, enhancing

the outdoor play experience for our students.

These improvements aim to provide safer, more engaging play spaces that promote physical activity, social interaction, and overall well-being.

We plan to have them constructed and ready for use during the next school year.

■ With financial support from the Northampton County Board of Supervisors this year, NCPS made a significant step forward in providing more competitive salaries, aiming to attract and retain high-quality staff.

The salary increase is one way we have helped our educators feel more valued and supported in their roles.

In addition, we have continued our focus on celebrating and recognizing the many accomplishments of our staff, including teachers and other support staff.

Next year, we plan to make additional compensation improvements to enhance staff retention and recruitment, making NCPS the employer of choice for educators and support staff.

■ NCPS has strengthened its ties with the community through various programs and partnerships. Through our partnerships with the Northampton County Education Foundation, the Northampton County Education Association, the Rotary Club of Cape Charles, Shore Mentors, and countless others, we have provided our students with more hands-on learning.

One program we have implemented has been the All District Reads project, which distributes books to all K-6 students, as well as in-class activities and prizes.

As a result of this program, students read more in English and Spanish.

■ Our athletic teams achieved remarkable success, with several teams winning district and regional championships and student-athletes receiving scholarships and recognition

for their outstanding performances.

Some highlights have been our middle school boys' basketball team winning the division title, both of the high school varsity soccer teams making a deep run in the state championships, and a few of our wrestlers qualifying for states.

Next year, we plan to build on these successes and bring even more prestige to our athletic program.

■ This year, we built upon our generous community donations to expand our STEM labs, specifically in the middle school. We have provided new technology, more handson student activities, and an expansive curriculum with robotics, engineering, 3D printing, and more.

The STEM programs will continue to evolve, with more staff and dedicated learning spaces for students to engage with these principles.

■ The most significant achievement of the year was the ground-breaking ceremony for the new middle school and high school complex on March 6, 2024.

This momentous event marked the beginning of a transformative project that promises to provide state-of-the-art facilities for our students. The new complex, designed by Woolpert, Inc. and constructed by M.B. Kahn Construction Company, Inc., will enhance the educational experience for future generations.

As construction progresses, we will keep the Northampton community informed about the status of this exciting project.

Reflecting on these accomplishments, we thank our dedicated staff, supportive community, and hardworking students. These achievements reflect the collaborative efforts of everyone involved in making NCPS a place of excellence and continuous growth.

We eagerly anticipate building on this success in the coming school year.

■ The writer is communications and parent engagement coordinator for Northampton County Public Schools.

# **ENTERTAINMENT**

### Eastern Shore Post

### Friday, July 26

- 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.
- BENEFIT BREAKFAST: 8 to 9:30 a.m., VFW Post 2296 in Tasley will be having breakfast with scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrapple, sausage gravy and biscuits, donuts, orange juice, and coffee. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested. Everyone is welcome.
- FREE TENNIS: 8:30 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.
- HOT DOG CART: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., No Limits Eastern Shore hot dog cart at 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley.
- STEM PROGRAM: 2 p.m., geode geology at the Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., part of its STEM pop-up series. Break open and take home a geode while learning where they are from.
- CRAFTS: 3 p.m., make your own flower earrings at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. For ages 7 and older
- STREET FESTIVAL: 5 to 8 p.m., Fourth Friday Street Festival, Pocomoke City, with sidewalk vendors, food sales, beer and wine, kids' activities, and live music.
- STORY SWAP: 7 p.m., Hear and share stories on this month's theme: Pony/Pet Tails/Tales. Free admission, cash bar. Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St.
- FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL: 7 to 11 p.m., 99th annual Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Carnival. There will be food, games, rides, and entertainment.

# **Best bets**

- On Friday, July 26, Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, North Street Playhouse presents "Bark!" This musical follows a young dog who hasn't found his bark yet as he meets an eccentric cast of fellow dogs who each has its own dubious wisdom to impart. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults and seniors. Visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets to reserve seats.
- On Wednesday, July 31, the Cape Charles Museum will host a lecture on the Civil War Battle of Cherrystone/Two Ponds with Kellee Blake, retired director of the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Region. Visit <u>capecharlesmuseum.org</u> for tickets.
- PLAY: 8 p.m., The North Street Playhouse presents "Bark!" Reserved seating is \$10 for students, \$25 for adults and seniors. Visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets

### Saturday, July 27

- 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., Exmore's Mid-Shore Market, held at the town park next to Western Auto. It features produce, flowers, fresh baked goods, handicrafts, artwork, and more. For more information, visit its Facebook page.
- FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers 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

- CAR SHOW: 4 to 8 p.m., 17th Annual Wheels on the Waterfront Cruise In. Hot rods, classic cars, trucks and motorcycles will be on display in downtown Crisfield.
- LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Fab 2, 3, 4 in Chincoteague's downtown waterfront park, part of the free Music at the Dock concert series presented by Chincoteague Cultural Alliance and co-sponsored by Seaside Vacations. Bring chairs or blankets.
- FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL: 7 to 11 p.m., 99th annual Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Carnival. There will be food, games, rides, and entertainment.
- MAGIC SHOW: 7 to 8:30 p.m., Island Theater, Rob Westcott, comedy magician. Tickets are \$5, kids 12 and under free.
- PLAY: 8 p.m., The North Street Playhouse presents "Bark!" Reserved seating is \$10 for students, \$25 for adults and seniors. Visit <a href="www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets">www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets</a>

### Sunday, July 28

- 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.
- PLAY: 2:30 p.m., The North Street Playhouse presents "Bark!" Reserved seating is \$10 for students, \$25 for adults and seniors. Visit www.northstreetplayhouse.org/tickets

### Monday, July 29

- STORY TIME: any time, all day 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.
- STORY TIME: 11 a.m., storytime and crafts, presented by the Eastern Shore Community Services Board's "The Hive," at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.
- BINGO: Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

### Tuesday, July 30

- TECH HELP: All day technology assistance at 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.

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### Be included

The Eastern Shore Post wants your listings for live music, theatrical performances, carnivals, special events, and anything else that is just plain fun. Send to

editor@easternshorepost.com

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: For meetings in Accomack and Northampton, visit <u>www.aaeasternshoreva.org</u> or call 757-350-0466.
- AL-ANON: For more on Al-Anon, a group of relatives and friends of alcoholics. visit <u>www.</u> <u>vaalanon.org/districts/district-7-eastern-shore</u>
- OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Group meets every Wednesday at Rock Church, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley. Call 757-999-6771.

**Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore** 

- 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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- GAMING: 5 to 6:30 p.m., teen gaming and Manga Book Club at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.
- BINGO: Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.

### Wednesday, July 31

- STORY TIME: any time, all day 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.
- FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers 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
- BINGO: Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 6:30 to 8 p.m., Vacation Bible School at New Allen Memorial A.M.E. Church, Franktown.
- HISTORICAL LECTURE: 7 to 8 p.m., Kellee Blake, retired director of the National Archives Mid-Atlantic Region, will give a talk on the Civil War Battle of Cherrystone/ Two Ponds at the Cape Charles Museum, 814 Randolph Avenue. Tickets are available at https://capecharlesmuseum.org

### Thursday, August 1

- ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT: 10 to 11 a.m., Eastern Shore Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meeting at Bible Baptist Church, 24577 Front St., Accomac. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Council of the Eastern Shore.
- 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.

- COOKING CLASS: 6 to 7 p.m., Northapton Free Library, make your own banana cream pie. Registration required. Call (757) 414-0010 to register.
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 6:30 to 8 p.m., Vacation Bible School at New Allen Memorial A.M.E. Church, Franktown.
- MOVIE: 7 p.m., movie night at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapeague.

### Friday, August 2

- 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.
- SHOW AND TELL: 10 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Local wildlife demonstration with the Nature Conservancy.
- BENEFIT DINNER: 5 to 7 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St. Cheesesteak sub meal, \$10; chicken tender meal, \$8. Call 410-422-9195 to place a pickup order.
- PIZZA FUNDRAISER: 5 to 8 p.m., drive-through pizza fundraiser at New Church Fire and Rescue, New Church. Pepperoni, sausage, or bacon 16-inch pizzas for \$14, or combination pizzas for \$15.
- FARMERS MARKET: 6 to 9 p.m., Exmore's Mid-Shore Market's first Friday evening market, held at the town park next to Western Auto. There will be entertainment



at the Friday evening markets in addition to produce, flowers, fresh baked goods, handicrafts, artwork, and more. For more information, visit its Facebook page.

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 6:30 to 8 p.m., Vacation Bible School at New Allen Memorial A.M.E. Church, Franktown.
- ART CLASS: 7 p.m. Alcohol Ink with Alcohol, Encore at Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. Learn techniques of using alcohol ink from artist Nancy West. Cash bar avaliable. \$40 pre-registration required, includes all supplies. Visit Chincoteagueca.org to register.
- THEATER: 8 p.m., "Films That Move: An Evening of Dance Film" at the Historic Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.artsentercapecharles.org

### Saturday, August 3

- 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., Exmore's Mid-Shore Market, held at the town park next to Western Auto. It features produce, flowers, fresh baked goods,

handicrafts, artwork, and more. For more information, visit its Facebook page.

- FARMERS AND ARTISANS MAR-KET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers 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
- BLOCK PARTY: 9 a.m. to noon, the Eastern Shore Rural Health Be Well Block Party will be held in downtown Parksley. This free event will feature health screenings, community resources, voter registration, vaccinations, giveaways every 15 minutes, and activities for all ages.
- COAST GUARD APPRECIATION DAY: 10 a.m., Cape Charles Harbor, live demonstrations, cutter tours and displays highlighting the Coast Guard's history in Cape Charles.

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- BLESSING OF THE COMBINES: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the 24th annual Blessing of the Combines will be held in downtown Snow Hill, Md. The highlight of the event is a 11 a.m. parade that will proceed on Route 12 over the river and into downtown. In addition to a large display of new and antique agricultural equipment, there will be a car show, petting zoo., 1 p.m. pedal tractor pull, hayrides, and children's games. There will be plenty of food available. Live music will be provided by County Line Band, Rachel Deao, and Eric Tobiassen. There is parking at the John Walter Smith Park at 6030 Public Landing Road with a 10-minute shuttle bus ride to downtown. There is also parking at Byrd Park on West Market St., a quick walk or wagon ride from the site.
- YOGA: 10 a.m., kids yoga at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.
- SOCIAL: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College. Riverside Health summer social for caregivers and older adults. In addition to live entertainment by Johnny Mo, family entertainment, refreshments, and a free raffle for a smart TV, family caregivers and older adults can learn about the services provided by Riverside Health's Martha W. Goodson Center
- TRACTOR PULL: 5. p.m., antique tractor pull on the grounds of The Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$20 per hook. Find more information at <a href="https://www.thegreatpocomokefair.org">www.thegreatpocomokefair.org</a>
- LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Chris English in Chincoteague's downtown waterfront park, part of the free Music at the Dock concert series presented by Chincoteague Cultural Alliance and co-sponsored by Seaside Vacations. Bring chairs or blankets.
- LIVE MUSIC: 8 p.m., "Sail On: The Beach Boys Tribute," at the Historic Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Tickets are \$30 for adult and \$15 for tickets. Visit <a href="https://www.artsentercapecharles.org">www.artsentercapecharles.org</a>

### **Sunday, August 4**

- HOMECOMING: 11 a.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 7638 Bayside Road, Franktown with Reverend Felton T. Sessoms as speaker.
- LIVE MUSIC: 1 to 4 p.m., open mic and jam session open to local musicians each Sunday at Cape Charles Brewing Compa-

# **Eastern Shore class reunions**

- The Northampton High School Class of 1984 will have its 40th year class reunion Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Exmore Moose Lodge in Belle Haven. For more information, contact Toyka Spady Kellam at 864-982-1097, toysimspa@yahoo.com, or on Facebook, Instagram, and Classmates.com.
- The Mary Nottingham Smith High School Class of 1964 is planning a reunion for September 2024. Contact Conway Bailey at 443-564-9496 or conbail46@aol.com for reunion information. Those interested also can visit the private Facebook page called "Mary N. Smith Class Reunion '64."
- The Northampton High School Class of 1964's 60th class reunion will take place on Sept. 14 at the Island House Restaurant, Wachapreague. For more information, contact Smith James (757-442-0659) or Faye Collins Godbey (757-710-0688). The private Facebook site for class members is Northampton High School Class of 1964. This is a way to get additional information and connect with other class members.
- The Eastern Shore Post wants your announcements for class reunions. They will run in this space each week at no charge leading up to the reunion date. To include your class reunion, email the information to editor@ easternshorepost.com.

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

■ MAKEUP CLASS: 4 p.m., Best Face Forward for Silver-Haired Gals taught by make-up artist Kim Reyes. Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church Street. \$70 pre-registration required, includes all supplies. Register at Chincoteagueca.org.

### **Monday, August 5**

- 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.
- HEALTH FAIR: 9 a.m., Atlantic Community Health Center, free health screenings, vaccines, community resources, giveaways, and activities for all ages.
- STORY TIME: any time, all day story time at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley and the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox.
- STORY TIME: 11 a.m., storytime and crafts, presented by the Eastern Shore Community Services Board's "The Hive," at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.
- BINGO: Doors open at 5 p.m., first game at 7 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. Info: 757-787-7750.

### Tuesday, August 6

- TECH HELP: All day technology assistance at 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.

- HEALTH FAIR: 9 a.m., Chincoteague Community Health Center, free health screenings, vaccines, community resources, giveaways, and activities for all ages.
- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: 5 to 7 p.m., at Cypress Park, Pocomoke City. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.
- BINGO: Doors open 5:30 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Cheriton Volunteer Fire Co., 21334 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton.
- GAMING: 5 to 6:30 p.m., teen gaming at the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.

### Wednesday, August 7

- STORY TIME: any time, all day 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.
- FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers 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 <a href="https://www.ChincoteagueCA.org">www.ChincoteagueCA.org</a>

- HEALTH FAIR: 9 a.m., Onley Community Health Center, free health screenings, vaccines, community resources, giveaways, and activities for all ages.
- CRAFT: 3 p.m. Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley. Crochet Stitch-a-Long, crochet a simple pattern with a librarian. Supplies provided in limited quantities; patrons are encouraged to bring their own supplies.
- HAPPY HOUR: 5 to 7 p.m. Wine Wednesday at Historic Onancock School, 6 College Avenue, Onancock. Wine, art and shopping.
- BINGO: Doors open at 6 p.m., first game 7:30 p.m., Painter Volunteer Fire Co., 17116 Wayside Drive, Painter.
- OPEN MIC: 7 p.m. First Wednesday Open Mic Night at The Machipongo Clam Shack. Signs up at 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, August 8

- 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.
- HEALTH FAIR: 9 a.m., Eastville Community Health Center, free health screenings, vaccines, community resources, give-aways, and activities for all ages.
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM: 10:30 a.m., the PBS Education Van will be at the Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., with an environmental program in the library's backyard.
- 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.
- TECH HELP: 2 to 3 p.m. Technology assistance at Eastern Shore Regional Library in Parksley.
- STORY TIME: 4 p.m. story time with a snack at Northampton Free Library.
- CLASS: 5 p.m. Teen Creative Writing, Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library in Parksley.
- MOVIE: 7 p.m., movie night at Powelton Presbyterian Church, Wachapreague.
- MOVIE: 7 p.m., Onancock International Film entitled "Uproar," at the Roseland

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Theater in Onancock, presented by the Roseland Cinema and Entertainment Center. Admission is \$8.

■ FAIR: 5 to 10 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Event will feature food and craft vendors, demonstrations, carnival attractions, games, and live entertainment. A special event will be truck drag racing on dirt beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.thegreatpocomokefair.org">www.thegreatpocomokefair.org</a>

### Friday, August 9

- 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.

- FAIR: noon to 10 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Event will feature food and craft vendors, demonstrations, carnival attractions, games, and live entertainment. A special event will be the Bullride Mania Rodeo at 7 p.m. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.thegreatpocomokefair.org">www.thegreatpocomokefair.org</a>
- HOT DOG CART: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., No Limits Eastern Shore hot dog cart at 24546 Coastal Blvd., Tasley.
- ART STROLL: 5 to 8 p.m., Second Friday Art Stroll sponsored by the Onancock Business and Civic Association. Enjoy an evening of fine art, live music, and dining. Art galleries, gourmet shops, and boutiques feature extended evening hours, guest artists, music, and wine tastings.
- EXHIBIT OPENING: 6 p.m., "True Sons of Freedom" exhibit opens at Kerr Place with a reception. Exhibit runs until Oct. 12.
- FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: 6 to 9 p.m., Onancock Baptist Church Activites Building, 67 Market St., Onancock. Games, light refreshments and fellowship will be offered at this free event.

- BINGO: Doors open at 6 p.m., first game at 7 p.m. Arcadia High School gym. Cash bingo hosted by the Arcadia High School Booster Club. Admission is \$40 at the door for a three-by-three game board. Regular games payout \$100, bonus games payout \$200. Concessions will be available. No one under 18 will be admitted.
- OWL PROWL: 7:30 p.m., Friday Night Owl Prowl sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library. Join local interpreter Bill Dyas for an evening stroll through the Natural Area Preserve. Call 757-331-1300 to register or visit the library. Group meets at 301 Patrick Henry Ave., Cape Charles.

### Saturday, August 10

- 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., Exmore's Mid-Shore Market, held at the town park next to Western Auto. It features produce, flowers, fresh baked goods, handicrafts, artwork, and more. For more information, visit its Facebook page.

- FARMERS AND ARTISANS MAR-KET: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Farmers 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 <a href="https://www.ChincoteagueCA.org">www.ChincoteagueCA.org</a>
- FAIR: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Great Pocomoke Fair, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. Event will feature food and craft vendors, demonstrations, carnival attractions, games, and live entertainment. A special event will be the 7 p.m. concert by Josh Turner with David Lee Murphy. For more information or tickets. visit www.thegreatpocomokefair.org
- BOOK DISCUSSION: 11 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library. Rebecca Freeman will discuss her book "How To Capture A Woman's Heart & Keep It."
- FISHING TOURNAMENT: 12 p.m. lines in, Onancock Town Wharf. Onancock Fire Department Croaker Classic. For more information or to register visit the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department Facebook.



# **OBITUARIES**

### Eastern Shore Post

### **Troy Justis**

Mr. Troy C. Justis, 60, of Painter, passed away at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock on Thursday, July 18, 2024. Born on a cold Saturday, Jan. 11, 1964, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Larry Lee Justis and Sherri Carmine Justis.

Growing up in Onancock, Troy developed into the man (the myth, the legend) that the folks of the Eastern Shore



Mr. Justis

would come to love and elevate into the social stratosphere as one of its most admired and respected citizens. A proud, hardworking man who valued family above everything

else, he gave a great portion of his time to serving his community.

Since age 16, he volunteered at Melfa Volunteer and Fire Rescue Company. Wearing many hats over the years, he spent the last part of his life as rescue chief. When he wasn't at the fire station, it was a fair bet that he would be at the Eastern Shore Post office, his second home since opening day in 1999, working on advertising for all the small businesses in the community.

When Cheryl Nowak and Candy Farlow started the Eastern Shore Post, they needed someone who was well-liked by the people of the Eastern Shore, had the gift of gab, and sincerely valued the small-business owner. Candy thought of her son-in-law, Troy. He was hired and worked there for 25 years — through three different ownerships. He was the last remaining original staff member.

A practical joker with the gift of levity, he made the workday not just bearable for his coworkers, but an out-and-out pleasure. Troy Justis, or T-Bird as he was sometimes called, built extended families wherever he went. He quietly took care of so many that needed a helping hand or were down on their luck.

And he was fiercely loyal. Those lucky enough to be his friend were granted unprecedented access to his protection, cooking skills, and teasing. Teasing was his love language: if he liked a person, he'd find a way to make a joke to remind them that he cared enough to take the time for silliness.

Fortune would find you on the losing end of an argument if you bet against Troy's beloved Cowboys. Come fall, the blue and silver T-shirts became a staple in his uniform (not to be overshadowed by his ever-present white Reeboks and gold-toe socks.) Much to his Wahoo wife's dismay, he pumped his fists in the air every time Virginia Tech took the field. More country boy than most, it didn't stop him from hooting and hollering at the TV if the New York Yankees were playing.

T-Bird knew trivia about every rock 'n' roll band that ever played a stadium. If Led Zeppelin or the Rolling Stones were on the radio, you'd do well to hush until the song was over. He once had a nighttime radio show on WESR that played requested love songs.

Proud of his Native American lineage, he spent many an afternoon hunting arrowheads in the farmers' fields.

Troy wore so many hats that he needed to duck in the doorways, but none was worn as proudly as that hat that read "Family Man." His wife, kids, grand-kids, siblings, nieces, nephews, and parents were like a 6-volt Coppertop Duracell battery for Troy.

After flirting with JJ during class, the two started dating, and before the ball dropped on New Year's Eve 1999, the two became one. He was an extrovert and couldn't walk down an aisle in Walmart without talking to 50 people. She is a quiet, smart bookworm (the smartest woman that ever walked the face of this Earth, as Troy would say). As a team, they worked best — complementing one another's strengths, whether it was teaching CPR side-byside or raising a family together. And when tragedy struck not once, but twice,

and two of his sons died at a young age, it was as a family unit that they pulled through.

Troy made sure that every person he met knew how valuable his family was to him. Any conversation with T-Bird lasting longer than two minutes would surely include how JJ was getting an invitation to MENSA any day now, Bud was probably the best mechanic on the Shore, Darbee had more medical knowledge than just about any physician, and Baylee would most certainly play softball in the Olympics one day. After the death of Drew and Taylor, Troy was absolutely destroyed. But then a miracle happened: his grandkids were born, and the smallest little flicker of light started to shine again. Stepping into the role of "T-Pop," that light turned into a lantern, and eventually stadium lights.

He looked forward to annual trips to Pennsylvania Dutch Amish Country with JJ, the kids, grandkids, Tana, Candee, and their families. Somehow, he managed to bring back apple butter, beets, and 474 different kinds of jams to every single person he knew. It was that kind of generosity and remembrance that will be missed the most.

Troy is survived by his wife of nearly 25 years, Jennifer Jo "JJ" Justis, of Painter; children, Anthony Troy "Bud" Justis (Brandalyn), of Willis Wharf, Baylee Justis Cobb (Hunter), of Onancock, and Darbee Pearl Justis, of Painter; grandchildren, Braleigh, Andrea, Vaden, Kayden, Autumn, Ali, and A.J.; sisters, Tana Allen (Lenny), of Accomac, and Candee Justis Reid, of Onancock; brother-in-law, Buddy Taylor (Michelle), of Lyman, Maine; father-in-law, Cliff Taylor (Betty), of Exmore; special friends, David McCready and Greg Nottingham; and coworkers, Ted and Ryan.

He was predeceased by his parents, Larry Lee Justis and Sherri Carmine Justis; beloved sons, Andrew Trey Justis and Austin Taylor Justis; mother-inlaw, Candy Farlow; and brother-in-law, Dean Reid.

A service to celebrate the life of Troy

C. Justis was held at the Exmore Baptist Church Outreach Center on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Jonathan Carpenter officiating. A reception followed at Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co.

Contributions in Troy's memory may be made to Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., P.O. Box 100, Melfa, VA 23410.

Arrangements were by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

### Faye Wilson

Mrs. Joyce Faye Wilson, 78, of Chincoteague Island, passed away on July 20, 2024, at her residence.



Mrs. Wilson

She was born on Aug. 3, 1945, on Chincoteague Island, to the late Dalton and Bertie (Peterson) Outten.

She was a member of Union Bap-

tist Church on Chincoteague. She worked as a secretary for over 40 years at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa.

Faye is survived by her loving spouse of 55 years, Harry "Buck" Wilson, of Chincoteague.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Royce Outten.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, Chincoteague Island, with the Rev. Kevin Eley officiating.

Burial was in the John Taylor Memorial Cemetery in Temperanceville.

Flowers will be accepted, or donations may be made to Union Baptist Church, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc. on Chincoteague Island

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

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# **Obituaries**

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### Wayne Hodgson

Mr. Wayne A. Hodgson, 62, husband of Heidi and a resident of Hacksneck, passed away Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News. A native of



Mr. Hodgson

Ocean County, N.J., he was the son of the late Ronald and Patricia Hodgson.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Heidi; his children Wayne II (Allyson), Coty (Caroline), Dylan

(Chelsey), and Erik (Bethany); a sister, Lee Ann; brothers, David, Douglas, and Ronald; his mother-in-law, Nancy Brunell; and seven grandchildren, Wayne III, Vaylen, Aubree, Autumn, Ali, Wrenley, and Adalyn.

He was a foreman with Branscome. Wayne enjoyed spending time with his family. He also enjoyed woodworking, fishing, traveling, and watching NA-SCAR.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 2 p.m., at Belle Haven Cemetery, with Rob Kelly officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at <a href="https://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com">www.doughtyfuneralhome.com</a>

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

### Sallie Schwartz

Mrs. Sallie Eubank Schwartz, 92, passed away peacefully at her home in Cinnaminson, N.J. on July 9, 2024. She was born in Cape Charles on Dec. 13, 1931, to the late Joseph and Ruth (Burton) Eubank.

For over 70 years, Sallie was the loving and devoted wife of Bradford Schwartz. She was a beloved mother to Ann, Kendall, Leslie, and Whitney, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt who is deeply missed by all including her loyal dog, Luke.

Sallie met her husband, Brad, at The Corner Store in Charlottesville, and they were married following a brief courtship and elopement. She supported Brad through medical school before they began an adventurous life together in the U.S. Navy. While in the military, they moved frequently, raising their family all over the U.S. and in Japan.

After Brad's retirement from the military, they settled in York County, Pa., where they maintained a farm for over 30 years. While on the farm, she raised Black Angus cows and a multitude of geese, ducks, dogs, and cats. Sallie was a talented craftsperson; proficient in weaving, basketry, crewel, pottery, and Ikebana. She was an active juried member of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen. Sallie had a keen eye for antiques and enjoyed "junking" throughout her life; both in the U.S. and overseas.

Sallie will be remembered for her love and dedication to her husband and to her four daughters and their families. The memories she helped to make are a blessing to her family and those that knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sallie's name may be made to The Food Bank of South Jersey at <a href="https://foodbanksj.org">https://foodbanksj.org</a> or the ASPCA at <a href="https://www.aspca.org">https://www.aspca.org</a>

### Eric Bloxom

Mr. Eric Wayne Bloxom, 60, husband of Cheryl Lynn Bloxom and a resident of Parksley, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2024. Born Oct. 26, 1963, in Nassawadox, he was the oldest child and only son born to the late Howard

Marvin Bloxom and the late Carol Cutler Wright.

Eric worked as a maintenance technician in the poultry industry and particularly enjoyed his time with Per-



Mr. Bloxom

due Farms. He was a member of Drummondtown Baptist Church, having attended every Sunday, along with his wife, over the last several years. Known as the Hunting

Creek "dockmaster," he rarely missed an evening ride to oversee things at the dock and make certain all was in order. Outside of his family, there were not many things Eric loved more than hunting, and he spent as much time as possible doing just that.

In addition to his wife, Eric is survived by his daughters, Erica Williams (Steven), of Atlantic, Tyler Bloxom, of Parksley, and Michaela Bloxom, of Onancock; sisters, Candy Alward (George) and Dana Bloxom, all of Atlantic; grandchildren, Bella and Gracie Williams; nephew and niece, Ian and Maggie Alward; sister-in-law, Lou Ann Lewis and her family; his pot bellied pig, Roxanne, who he called his "other woman;" cat, Mini; and countless friends.

A service to celebrate Eric's life will be held at Drummondtown Baptist Church on Sunday, July 28, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. David Denny officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Eric's memory may be made to Drummondtown Baptist Church, P.O. Box 282, Accomac, VA 23301, to benefit their stained glass window restoration.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at

www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

### Bernice Merritt

Mrs. Bernice Ann Merritt, 71, of Chincoteague Island, passed from this life on Saturday, July 20, 2024. She was born on July 20, 1953, to the late Kenneth Golway Jr. and the late Ruth Golway at Chandler Airforce Base in Arizona.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Linda Riley. Bernice is



Mrs. Merritt

loving husband, Eugene Merritt Jr., of Chincoteague Island; daughter, Sheila Conner; son, Eugene Merritt III; a granddaughter, Elissa Moser (Brandon);

survived by her

a grandson, Bradley Conner; and a brother, Kenneth Golway. She had one great-grandson, Finn Moser, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bernice retired from NASA as a balloon program manager and went back to work at Hawk Institute as a vice president of program management, from which she recently retired. She loved to cook family dinners and holiday dinners, and she enjoyed watercolor and oil painting in her free time. She will be deeply missed, but all those memories will live on.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 26, at the Union Baptist Church on Chincoteague Island. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to the National Kidney Foundation, <a href="https://support.kidney.org/">https://support.kidney.org/</a> and/or the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 691 Chincoteague Island, VA 23336 <a href="https://cvfc3.com/about/donate/">https://cvfc3.com/about/donate/</a>

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Island. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

## Josh Turner to headline Great Pocomoke Fair

Country music star Josh Turner, a two-time Grammy Award nominee who has recorded four No. 1 hits on Billboard's Hot Country charts, headlines this year's Great Pocomoke Fair with an Aug. 10 concert.

The fair begins at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, and runs through 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, at the fair complex, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City.

The fair features dozens of food and craft vendors, demonstrations, carnival attractions, games, and live entertainment.

Turner will be joined by special guest David Lee Murphy, who is known for his No. 1 hits "Dust on the Bottle" and "Everything's Gonna Be Alright" and who will perform the opening act.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. concert start at \$29 and can be purchased at <a href="https://www.thegreatpocomokefair.org">www.thegreatpocomokefair.org</a>

Other events include a demolition derby on Sunday, Aug. 11, a rodeo on Friday, Aug. 9, and pickup truck dirt drag races on Thursday, Aug. 8.

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### **GUEST COLUMN**

# Shore Little League baseball says 'thanks' after all-star run

District 8 championship team goes 2-2 in state tournament

### BY BENJAMIN LEWIS

**Guest columnist** 

On behalf of the Shore Little League Major Boys All-Star team, the coaches, players, and volunteers of the league want to offer a big thank you to the Eastern Shore community for its support leading up to the Virginia state tournament.

The Shore Major Boys won the District 8 tournament, held in Virginia Beach in late June, for the first time in 16 years.

Along the way, two wins over old nemesis Virginia Beach highlighted a 4-0 tournament record.

In the three-plus weeks leading up to the state tournament in Louisa, many hours were put in by parents, coaches, players, and volunteers to raise money for the trip.

It was during this time that the people and businesses of the Eastern Shore community showed up in big ways to support the boys.

From donations of gift cards to local businesses for a raffle, to cash donations, barbecue fundraisers, a charity golf tournament at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club, a radio spot on WESR, and several anonymous gifts, the generosity of our community was on full display.

When the team, coaches, and families arrived in Louisa, the support didn't stop.

Well over 100 fans made the threehour trip to watch the boys play on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, July 19 to 22.

The Shore Little League team was by far the best represented team at the tournament.

A sea of orange and black along the foul lines and behind the outfield fence cheered on the team from the

first pitch to the last, providing the boys with memories they will carry for a lifetime.

While we didn't win the tournament, we finished 2-2 and advanced to the final eight, the best showing for an Eastern Shore major boys program in anvone's memory.

The exciting and nail-biting finishes, tough pitching, and big hits all combined for an unbelievable experience for the team and fans.

Little League baseball remains one of the bedrocks of American culture for good reason.

While other opportunities for playing baseball exist in today's modern sporting world, there's nothing that unites a community like Little League.

There's just something about a small program like Shore heading to the state tournament from tiny Nassawadox and competing against other programs across the commonwealth, from Wise County to Chincoteague, Danville to Alexandria.

The spirit of the 2024 Shore season and its successes will carry on in the hearts of the players long after they've hung up their cleats, no matter how successful some of them may one day become.

It's the hope of their coaches and parents that one day, they, too, will take their children out to their local Little League and nurture the next generation of baseball players.

And thanks to our generous Eastern Shore community, we know they will find the flame of support and encouragement for youth baseball still burning brightly.

■ *The writer is a coach of the Shore* Little League Major Boys All-Star team and writes on behalf of Manager Ben Willis and Coach Jeb Brady.

# **SPORTS**

### Eastern Shore Post

# Flounder fishing productive near Chincoteague

What started as an epic year of angling opportunities in our local waters has begun to taper off as we enter the



Bill Hall summer drum portion of the calendar. As a rule, anglers targeting all but the most tropical of our species (Spanmackerel, Atlantic spadefish, etc.), will typically enjoy better success fishing during the cooler wa-

ters of an incoming tide as well as concentrating efforts in deeper water depths during the hottest portion of the day.

This being said, there are always exceptions and any time you can spend on or in the water is often better than sitting in front of a computer or whatever work you may do. Remember to protect yourself with suitable protective clothing and sunscreen and carry a good supply of fresh water and/or sports drinks.

### Upper Shore

Captain Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, described the fishing over the last week as "unpredictable." He said flounder anglers fishing the near shore ocean reefs would catch a limit one day and could hardly find a keeper in the same spot on the next day.

Spadefish have been ever-present on the same structures, although their willingness to take a bait has not been dependable. I believe the recent inconsistency of the inshore ocean bite has been due to recent upwelling of the ocean waters, as local divers have reported that the water temperatures in these areas have fallen dramatically over the last weekend. Once the water temperatures stabilize, look for the bite to resume.

Offshore action has finally showed some signs of improvement, although it remains slower than expected for this time of year. Sporadic catches of small king mackerel, dolphin (mahi mahi), false albacore, and even a few large bluefin tuna have been made recently between the 26-Mile Hill and the 30-Fathom Line. A few yellowfin tuna catches, plus white and blue marlin releases, have come from the deep-water canyons. Deep dropping for blueline and golden tilefish remains the most consistent offshore fishery.

The fishery in the upper portion of the Chesapeake Bay has slowed down as the high water temperatures have either reduced the feeding activity of most of the fish species or pushed them further north in search of cooler water temps.

Anglers can still find pockets of speckled trout, puppy drum, and striped bass in the shallows, particularly if they fish an incoming tide early in the morning or late in the evening when the sun's rays are not so brutal.

### Chincoteague

Flounder fishing inside the inlet remains productive in the number of fish caught, although the number of keeper-sized fish continues to be in the vast minority. Still, most anglers are finding a few keeper-sized fish for their efforts.

The deeper, cooler waters of Chincoteague Channel have been one of the most productive flounder locations as of late. The last of the incoming tide through the early portion of the outgo-



PHOTO COURTESY CAPTAIN STEVE'S BAIT AND TACKLE

Marsha Murphy poses with the limit of flounder that she and her husband, Jerry, landed while fishing in the Chincoteague Channel.

ing tide remains the period when most of the flatfish's feeding activity has been occurring.

Nice catches of kingfish (whiting) and small croakers have been made by anglers soaking live and artificial bloodworms, squid, and shrimp baits inside the inlet. Anglers fishing in the surf have been hooking up with good numbers of kingfish, plus an assortment of skates, rays, and small sharks.

### Wachapreague

Captain Lindsay Paul, aboard the Almost Persuaded, told me that the flounder bite out of Wachapreague is "still holding steady" with a lot of undersized fish. Most anglers are finding a few keeper-sized fish with a few managing limit catches. Berkley Gulp, combined with live minnows or silversides and fished during the flood tide through the first of the ebb has been

the key to putting fish into the boat.

The black sea bass bite on the wrecks has been steady, but the ocean flounder bite is not meeting expectations. Deep dropping remains very productive with some citation-sized tilefish boated. The blue water trolling bite has produced some dolphin (mahi mahi) with a few tuna, but Paul described the overall offshore action as "slow."

### Lower Shore

Schools of Spanish mackerel have been encountered from the Cell down to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Dedicated mackerel anglers are speed trolling small Clark and Drone spoons on long leaders behind inline sinkers and small planers. The Spanish mackerel trolling rule of thumb is if you are catching bluefish while trolling for mackerel, you are not trolling fast enough.

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# Fishing

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Recent cobia action has been inconsistent, with some anglers theorizing that the larger female fish are beginning the spawning process and are losing interest in aggressively feeding. Good numbers of sand mullet (whiting) have been caught in front of the concrete ships off Kiptopeke. Small hooks baited with shrimp, crab, and bloodworms have proved irresistible to the tasty panfish.

Anglers targeting large flounder over the tunnels of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel have landed a few trophy-sized doormats. The area around the third island still holds schools of small- to medium-sized spadefish. Small croakers, spot, trout, and ribbonfish are possible catches off the piers of the lower bay.

The writer was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Saltwater Master Angler status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. He has won numerous Virginia Press Association awards for his columns.

# Ladies golf tourney set for Tuesday, Aug. 13

The Ladies Golf Association of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club will be holding its annual charity golf tournament to benefit the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

The LGA has been supporting ESCADV for many years and invites local golfers to join them. The tournament is open to teams of two adult female golfers. Membership at the ESYCC is not required to enter.

All entries must have a GHIN number to register. The maximum handicap is 36.

The entry fee of \$85 per person includes a practice round on Monday, Aug. 12, Corner Bakery donuts, coffee and beverages on the course, lunch, and prizes. The cart fee for the practice round is not included.

The field is limited to 32 teams. Visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3bb4w73y">https://tinyurl.com/3bb4w73y</a> for more information and to register.

**GOLF** 

# Fairways for Firefighters eighth annual tournament a success

The Fairways for Firefighters Golf Tournament to benefit the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department was again a rousing success with 33 foursomes competing at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club on Friday, July 5.

Adam James, organizer of the tournament and former longtime chief of the OVFD, said, "The Onancock Volunteer Fire Department was excited to welcome 33 four-member teams to the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club for our eighth annual Fairways for Firefighters golf tournament. The staff of the ESYCC did an incredible job keeping the participants hydrated and the course in immaculate condition through some very hot and dry conditions. The department wants to thank all of its sponsors, volunteers, participants, and the staff of the country club for another very successful event."

The team of Tyler Ames, Jamie Nalls, Jason Hart, and Ryan Horner won first place in the first flight with a 51 in a Captain's Choice format, aided by mulligans and a couple of tosses.

A foursome with Brant Bloxom, Tommy Davis Jr., Donnie Killmon, and Seth Lam won the second flight with a 60, followed by the second place team in the second flight with a 62, R.A. Parks, Bill Zazynski, Ross Lender, and Jamie Childress.

Aaron Turner was the closest to the pin winner. Brandon Jones had the longest drive, and Will Carstens was closest to the firehose.



SUBMITTED PHOT

From left, the team of Jamie Nalls, Tyler Ames, Jason Hart, and Ryan Horner won first place in the first flight with a 51 in the Fairways for Firefighters Golf Tournament at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club on July 5.



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The Fairways for Firefighters Golf Tournament was a festive event with many teams coordinating their wardrobe. From left, the team of Bryan Applegate, Jeremie Buyea, Cole Bonniwell, and Adam James were the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

# ESCBA Scholarship winners aim high

### BY MARK MORING

**Eastern Shore Post** 

Recent high school graduates on the Eastern Shore are poised to soar into promising futures. But two students in particular are taking that soaring metaphor quite literally.

Derek Boyle, from Broadwater Academy, and Kyli Hewett, from Arcadia High, both plan to be pilots — Boyle with the U.S. Navy, and Hewett with a commercial airline.

These exceptional students were recently awarded \$1,500 scholarships from the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association. The students were honored at the ESCBA's monthly meeting at the Island House Restaurant in Wachapreague.

The scholarships are based on excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and an exemplary life of Christian faith.

Candidates are also evaluated on a written essay and interviews by the scholarship committee. Boyle and Hewett read their essays aloud at the ESCBA event.

Boyle, son of Patrick and Susan Boyle, of Painter, was Broadwater's valedictorian with a 4.40 GPA. He was in the Beta Club and Honor Council, participated in the Virginia Model General Assembly, is an Eagle Scout, played baseball, and ran cross-country.

He's active at Onancock Baptist Church and has a long list of volunteer experience on the Shore. He also has a younger sister, Claire, at Broadwater.

Hewett, daughter of Larry and Kelly Hewett, of New Church, was Arcadia's valedictorian with a 4.26 GPA. She was in Beta Club, was president of her school's Model General Assembly, Future Business Leaders of America, and Hi-Y, and played softball and volleyball.

She's active at Pittsville United Methodist Church and has many hours of community service. She has a younger brother, Harris, at Arcadia.

Boyle has been focused on becom-



EASTERN SHORE POST/MARK MORING

ESCBA scholarship winners Derek Boyle and Kyli Hewett (center front) are soon off to Yale University and Averett University, respectively. Joining them are Derek's father Patrick Boyle (left) and Kyli's mother Kelly Hewett (right). In the back row are ESCBA Scholarship Committee Chairman Vernon Bell, between the winners, and President Jerry Phillips.

ing a Navy pilot ever since seeing the Blue Angels when he was 10 years old.

He hoped to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis but instead will attend Yale and take part in the Navy's ROTC program there.

"Apparently the Naval Academy isn't the Lord's plan for me," he said. "But I didn't get down about it; I just had to figure out the next best option. And Yale is a great fit."

Boyle says his faith directs his steps. "I look to the Word as guidance in everything I do. It makes me a better person, so I try to live that out every day."

He says he also tries to be a servant leader — and cites a surprising role model on that front.

"The best example of servant leadership was Jesus, of course," Boyle said. "But another great example was our first president, George Washington. He treated others with respect, and led as you would want to yourself be led. It's like the Golden Rule, but

adding leadership to it.

"It's important for a leader to listen to those around you. You may end up doing things that may not be the way you wanted it to be, but it was best for everyone else, and that's the decision you have to make. Washington was like that."

Hewett has also been enamored with flying since she was a young girl. Her father works with Piedmont Airlines (an American Airlines subsidiary) in Salisbury, Md., and one of the job perks was frequent free flights around the U.S.

"We've flown all over," she said.
"Whenever we went to the airport,
I was so excited." When boarding
planes, she would always glimpse into
the cockpit at the pilots and imagine
herself at the helm someday.

Hewett will continue pursuing that dream at Averett University in Danville, where she will take part in their aeronautics program. Hewett says her Christian faith "keeps me rooted. If I didn't have God in my life, I don't think I'd be as calm. Knowing that He's on my side brings me peace of mind."

Boyle and Hewett emerged as winners from a field of 14 applicants representing four public schools (Arcadia, Chincoteague, Nandua, and Northampton), two private schools (Broadwater and Holly Grove Christian), and one homeschooled student.

Vernon Bell, chairman of the ES-CBA scholarship committee, praised this year's crop of candidates.

"We met outstanding students who have already served their churches, communities, and schools in extraordinary ways and have plans to do even more in the future," Bell said. "We had a banner year with applicants. All were extremely qualified. After considering them all, we were honored to choose Derek and Kyli as this year's scholarship recipients."

### **EXHIBIT OPENING**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

An exhibit opening at Ker Place on Friday, Aug. 9, will feature portraits and information about African American soldiers from Virginia who fought in WWI.

# Ker Place to host exhibit highlighting African American WWI soldiers

The Library of Virginia's "True Sons of Freedom" traveling exhibit opens Friday, Aug. 9 at Ker Place in Onancock with a reception at 6 p.m. The exhibit will hang in Ker Place until Saturday, Oct. 12. Admission to the museum is free and open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and select Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To commemorate World War I, "True Sons of Freedom" uses photographs of African American soldiers from Virginia who fought overseas to defend freedoms they were denied at home.

African Americans from all parts of the commonwealth served in the Army and Navy during World War I. The soldiers highlighted in "True Sons of Freedom" came from locations across Virginia, including the Eastern Shore, and most worked as farmers or laborers before the conflict.

Reflecting the pride and determination of African American World War I servicemen, the images were submitted by these veterans with their responses to military service

questionnaires created by the Virginia War History Commission as part of an effort to capture the scope of Virginians' participation in the Great War. The questionnaires about the veterans' experiences provide invaluable genealogical information about the soldiers, their families, and their service records.

World War I recruitment efforts aimed at African Americans brought new soldiers into the armed services, providing them with opportunities to travel, work, and, in many cases for the first time face cameras — all outside the restrictions of the Jim Crow South.

These pocket-sized portraits, made outdoors or in makeshift studios, became mementos for families and sweethearts. They pose in uniform, some in casual stances, others with a rifle to show their combat readiness. The portraits reflect how these African American veterans wanted themselves seen.

For more information, call Shore History at 757-787-8012 or visit shorehistory.org Call before a Saturday visit to ensure Ker Place is open.

### **STATE**

# Warner, Kaine announce NOAA funding for Chincoteague refuge

On July 18, U.S. Sens. Mark R. Warner and Tim Kaine announced \$17.5 million in federal funding for restoration and resiliency projects that benefit coastal communities and tribes across the commonwealth.

The funding was awarded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience grant program and was made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, which Warner and Kaine helped pass.

"We are fortunate to have such bountiful natural resources in Virginia, which is why we have championed efforts to protect and support Virginia's great outdoors," the senators said

Ducks Unlimited will receive \$9.5

million in funding to restore Swan Cove, the southernmost impoundment at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge on Assateague Island.

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources will receive \$8 million in funding to protect eroding marshes at Ragged Island Wildlife Management Area in Isle of Wight County.

NOAA Fisheries' announcement comes as a part of \$286 million soon to be deployed across the nation to support critical ecosystems that will be affected by climate change and extreme weather over the coming decades.

In May, Warner and Kaine announced another \$14 million in funding for conservation projects across the commonwealth.

### **TRAINING**

# Center for Community and Family Development hosting two free estate planning seminars

The Center for Community and Family Development is holding two seminars regarding how to create an estate plan.

Creating an estate plan is a crucial step in ensuring your wishes are honored and your loved ones are taken care of. It is a plan when you are alive as well as after you die. Many people think you don't have an estate until you die, but it is often just as important to think about your estate while you are alive.

An estate plan lets you document what you want to happen if you become incapacitated and can't make decisions for yourself while you are alive and what you want to happen to your estate after you die.

The seminars will take place at two locations on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

The first session will be held at the Senior Center and Head Start Building located at 28281 Main St., Hallwood, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The second session will be held at the Eastern Shore Community College academic building in room 113 from 6 to 8 p.m.

This program is sponsored by the Center for Community & Family Development and the Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/CAA with special presentations from Riverside Home Health Care and Milton Ames, a retired certified financial planner.

These free seminars require pre-registration by Friday, Aug. 2. To register, call or text 757-710-8835, or email centercfd@gmail.com. For additional questions, contact Brenda Holden at 757-710-8835.

### **COMMUNITY**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cape Charles Yacht Center will host Coast Guard Appreciation Day on Saturday, Aug. 3 with live demonstrations, tours of a 1987 cutter, and a proclamation presentation.

### Cape Charles to mark Coast Guard Appreciation Day

As a community with a deep water commercial and recreational harbor, Cape Charles is fortunate to have a U.S. Coast Guard Station located on the waterfront. Station Cape Charles performs a variety of missions to provide safety and security for local and visiting mariners.

The Cape Charles Yacht Club has traditionally hosted a reception for Coast Guard members and their families around the Coast Guard's birthday of Aug. 4 to thank them for their service to the community. This year, Cape Charles Yacht Center has planned an expanded event to allow a broader segment of the community

to express their appreciation.

The Coast Guard plans to have several surface and air assets available at the old ferry dock property on the south side of Mason Avenue starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3.

A search and rescue helicopter will demonstrate rescue operations in the harbor just off the dock.

A 1987 cutter will be docked alongside for the public to tour from 10 a.m. to noon. A small patrol boat from Station Cape Charles will also be on static display. As these are operational assets, their availability could change as requirements dictate.

### **MILESTONES**

### Two Shore natives achieve educational milestones

Jennifer Pham, of Painter, has completed new student orientation and enrolled at Troy University for the fall 2024 semester at the Troy Campus.

Amelia C. Haberman, of Cape Charles, received dean's list honors for the spring 2024 semester at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn.

### **SAFETY TIP**

# Department of Forestry stresses importance of lawn mower safety in preventing wildfires

As summer heat amps up, so does the risk of setting off a natural disaster while tidying up the yard.

Lawn mowers and other yard equipment like weed eaters, chainsaws, grinders, welders, and tractors can potentially trigger wildfires during the dry, hot summer months.

Lawn mowers can spark a fiery chain reaction in a number of ways, said Scott DeNoon, a member of Virginia Farm Bureau's Safety Advisory Committee.

Dry grass that has built up in the mower deck and reached the muffler can catch fire, fall out, and ignite the surrounding area.

"Additionally, the mower blades can hit rocks or other hidden debris in dry vegetation and generate sparks that ignite dry weeds, brush, and leaves," DeNoon added.

The Virginia Department of Forestry responded to 21 wildfires in a single week in June.

Wildfires are especially dangerous to people who use forests and outdoor areas or live in nearby homes and communities.

They also wreak havoc on the environment — harming wildlife and their habitats.

Unlike most natural disasters, nine out of 10 wildfires are sparked by humans — meaning most are preventable.

Common causes of lawn mower fires include adding fuel or oil to a hot engine and failing to properly maintain a mower. A lawn mower can overheat and ignite if the carburetor has a leaky gasket, DeNoon said.

"Invest the time necessary to create a safe mowing experience," he said.

Before starting up the mower, DeNoon advises keeping the following safety tips in mind:

Fill up the mower with gas and check the oil level before use.

Let the mower cool down before refueling.

Routinely clean out grass from the mower blades with a hose.

Never put your hands near the blade unless the spark plug has been disconnected and the unit has completely cooled.

Mow in the early morning hours before temperatures rise and humidity levels drop. The Department of Forestry recommends mowing before 10 a.m.

Avoid mowing during excessively dry, hot, or windy days whenever possible.

Maintain mowing equipment to prevent overheating and inspect before each use.

Ensure that the blades are sharp — dull blades are more likely to produce sparks.

Check for fuel leaks.

Remove rocks and debris from the mowing area.

For more wildfire prevention tips, visit dof.virginia.gov

### COMMUNITY

### Arcadia Booster Club to host cash bingo night

The Arcadia Booster Club is hosting a cash bingo night on Friday, Aug. 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Arcadia High School gym. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and concessions will be avail-

able. Admission is \$40 at the door for a three-by-three game board. Bonus games will be two for \$5.

Only those 18 or older will be admitted.

# Grant funding available for historic preservation projects

The Virginia 250 Preservation Fund has been launched ahead of the 250th anniversary of the 1776 U.S. Declaration of Independence. The Department of Historic Resources will administer the \$20 million in state funds for historic preservation projects across Virginia.

The purpose of the special fund is to support capital improvement projects at historic sites and museums that anticipate a significant increase in visitation during the upcoming semiquincentennial in 2026.

"The Virginia 250 Preservation Fund is critical to ensuring that Virginia is prepared to host millions of Americans for the semiquincentennial celebration of our glorious history," said Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

"As home to Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Patrick Henry, and the Battle of Hampton to the Siege of Yorktown, Virginia was at the forefront of our history. Bolstering our historic sites and museums will not only encourage and aid tourism, it is our responsibility as stewards of American history," he said.

The Department of Historic Resources has designed a grant program, consisting of a two-step application process, by which these funds will be distributed for capital improvements at significant historic sites and history museums in the commonwealth.

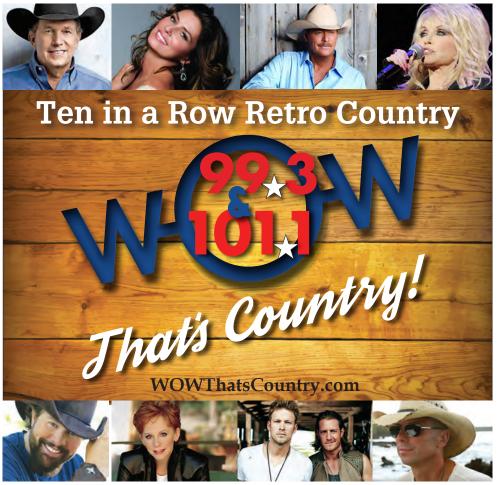
Preapplications are being accepted until Aug. 30. Those projects that advance will have until Oct. 14 to submit a full application.

"The Department of Historic Resources is incredibly grateful to Gov. Youngkin and the General Assembly for providing this essential funding," said Julie Langan, director of the Department of Historic Resources. "We are so excited to work with Virginians to support our historic sites and resources in anticipation of our nation's 250th birthday."

Eligible applicants for the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund include nonprofit organizations that are registered as tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code, Virginia localities as defined under Code § 1-221, and state- or federally-recognized Indian tribes in Virginia. All applicants must be the owner of the project property or be able to submit a signed letter of support from the property owner and a copy of the recorded deed.

The department invites all historic sites or museums that meet the requirements specified above to apply.

History museums in nonhistoric buildings are also eligible for funding, but priority will be given to projects featuring properties listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register or the National Register of Historic Places, properties designated as a National Historic Landmark, or properties determined eligible for any such listing by the Department of Historic Resources.







EASTERN SHORE POST/STEFANIE JACKSON

Ponies and people congregate in the marsh after the pony swim on Wednesday, July 24, part of the 99th annual Chincoteague Pony Penning.



# VDDT Virginia Department of Transportation

### Eastern Shore Rail to Trail: Cape Charles to Cheriton Northampton County

### **Environmental Document Available for Public Review**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is proposing to convert approximately 3.5 miles of the rail banked corridor of the Bay Coast Railroad in Northampton County. The proposal includes two project segments of the shared use path that would extend from the towns of Cape Charles to Cheriton. One 2.17-mile segment will start in Cape Charles from the intersection of Fig Street and Mason Avenue and end at the shopping center located near the intersection of Route 13 (Lankford Highway) and Country Place. The other 1.4-mile Cheriton segment will continue northward from Route 13 and Country Place to Route 639 (Sunnyside Road). Construction of the path would occur largely within right-of-way managed by operators of the railroad, Canonie Atlantic, supplemented by minor sections using preexisting VDOT right-of-way.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion, has been prepared to evaluate the environmental impacts of the proposed construction of both segments of the shared use trail.

For more information, visit the project webpage on the VDOT website at: <a href="https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/ESRTCapeCharlesCheriton">https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/ESRTCapeCharlesCheriton</a>

The Categorical Exclusion was prepared in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR 771(c)(22)) and is available for review on the project webpage; at the VDOT Hampton Roads District Office located at 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435, (757) 956-3332, 800-367-7623, or TTY/TDD 711; and at the Accomac Residency located at 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301, (757) 787-5856. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

The public comment period expires August 7, 2024. Comments regarding the document should be mailed to Mr. Owen Sitler, Virginia Department of Transportation, 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435 or emailed to Owen.Sitler@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "Eastern Shore Rail to Trail CE" in the subject line.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places are included in the NEPA documentation.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT Civil Rights at 757-956-3000.

State Project: 9999-182-182, M501, P101, R201; and 9999-065-183, M501, P101, R201

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### PONY PARADE





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People lined the streets on Chincoteague Island on Wednesday, July 24, during the parade from the swim site to the carnival grounds, part of the 99th annual Chincoteague Pony Penning.

# National Farmers Market Week observed in Virginia

Picking out farm-fresh produce, mingling with growers and supporting the community are all part of a day's fun when visiting a local farmers mar-

As National Farmers Market Week kicks off Aug. 4 to 10, communities are celebrating the role farmers markets play in supporting local agriculture, building connections and delivering fresh local produce to patrons. Now in its 25th year, the annual event is sponsored by the Farmers Market Coalition, which aims to highlight markets' impact on the nation's food system and economy.

"The food sales at farmers markets create stronger local economies because a greater share of the money spent there is more likely to remain in the community - supporting local jobs and services, compared to the money being sent to a distant corporate office," explained Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

That's evident in a statistic from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that reports growers selling locally create 13 full-time farm operator jobs per \$1 million in revenue earned, compared to only three jobs created by those who

Additionally, of \$2.9 billion in direct-to-consumer sales, on-farm stores and farmers markets accounted for \$1.7 billion. And 78% of farms selling directly to consumers sold their marketed food within 100 miles of the farm.

Farmers markets also play a crucial role in addressing food insecurity. Many markets accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits and participate in Virginia Fresh Match.

In 2021, over \$100 million in federal nutrition benefits was redeemed nationally at farmers markets and through direct market sales, according to the USDA.

### USDA helps connect students with agriculture

A historic investment by the U.S. Department of Agriculture is helping connect more Virginia students to agriculture by building healthier communities and lifelong learning opportunities.

Virginia will benefit from a record-breaking \$14.3 million investment in Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grants awarded to 154 projects in 43 states, Guam and Puerto Rico. These funds will help 1.9 million children eat more nutritious foods in schools while supporting farmers in their communities.

"Farm to school is a huge win for children, schools, farmers, producers and communities," said USDA Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

"When schools have access to fresh, local food options with homegrown flavor, they can serve delicious, healthy dishes that kids are excited to eat, while also supporting the local economy."

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# Haynie, Tangier passenger ferry captain, retires

### BY MILES LAYTON

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

Town residents came out to congratulate Captain Mark Haynie, who is retiring after ferrying thousands of tourists between the Maryland mainland and Tangier Island for the past 15 years.

Friday, July 19, the Tangier Volunteer Fire Department used a hose to spray water high in the air over Haynie's boat, the Sharon Kay III, as it motored toward the town dock, where a crowd awaited to thank the captain for his service.

Mayor James "Ooker" Eskridge gave a short speech to mark the occasion of Haynie's last run to Tangier.

"Mark would always be willing to add special and emergency medical charters. At any time, day or night, Mark could be counted on, even in the dead of night, hauled out of bed for a medical emergency," Eskridge said.

"Tonight marks his last official regular run. Fair winds and following seas as you enter retirement, captain. Your rest is well earned and deserved. You will be sorely missed."

With a skilled hand behind the wheel, Haynie is comfortable piloting the Sharon Kay III, which holds up to 29 passengers, as he ferries tourists back and forth seven days a week across the Tangier Sound between the island where he grew up and Crisfield.

"Yeah. I'm going to miss it," said Haynie. "I'll miss talking to people and dealing with people. I'm going to miss it."

Being a waterman comes naturally to Haynie, 71, who spent a lifetime crabbing and oystering on the Chesapeake Bay before turning his wheel toward the ferry service in 2008.

The trip between Tangier and Crisfield takes about 45 minutes. Passengers can see Smith Island and other islands.

Nearing Tangier, tourists revel at the iconic Swain Memorial United Methodist Church or the water tower in the distance as the boat approaches the crab shanties bordering the harbor.

"The trip is pretty easy most of the time," Haynie said. "Most times, the weather's pretty good. Winter time, you have some bad trips. But yeah, I've enjoyed almost every minute of it."

Cruising the Chesapeake Bay can be a pleasant experience with smooth waters — or a bit more animated crossing when strong winds and bad weather mean steering through rough



MILES LAYTON PHOTO

Mark Haynie stands in his boat, the Sharon Kay III, on his last passenger ferry run from Crisfield to Tangier Island. Haynie is retiring. "I'm going to miss talking to the people and dealing with people," he said.

waves.

"We had one time that we had a funeral," Haynie said. "When we got in Crisfield we had 60-65 mph winds, so that was too dangerous to be out in, but that hit us while we were out there. We made it in with 23 people."

A skilled waterman, Allen Parks, is taking over Haynie's route to bring tourists to Tangier and make other important runs as needed 12 to 13 miles away to Crisfield, Haynie said.

So what's next for Haynie? He's too skilled a captain to sit on the dock of the bay wasting time, as the Otis Redding song says.

"Well, I'd like to find something to do," Haynie said. "I got a smaller boat. I could travel around in her and all. There's some fishing and crabbing."

# Rural Health supports employees, patients after arrest

### BY STEFANIE JACKSON

**Eastern Shore Post** 

Eastern Shore Rural Health is reaching out in support of its employees and patients in the wake of the arrest and subsequent firing of one of its nurse practitioners, who has been charged with distributing child pornography.

"This is really a shock to everyone," said ESRH Chief Executive Officer Jeannette Edwards on Thursday, July 18, two days after the employee was taken into police custody.

Lucas Allen Fussell, 42, of Coastal Boulevard, Onley, was arrested at his home on Tuesday, July 16 by the FBI, with the assistance of Virginia State Police. He has been denied bond on the federal charges

"I'm really worried for the staff," Edwards said. "When you work with someone day in and day out, it's second family."

Fussell, who was a Rural Health employee for 12 years, had kept secret his electronic communications that included sexually explicit details about some of his patients, including an 11-year-old male, according to the affidavit that led to Fussell's arrest.



**Fussell** 

"The entire team is saddened and shocked by the news," said ESRH Director of Communications and Development Amy Bull. "This alleged behavior runs contrary to our expectations and values."

Edwards con-

firmed that, in addition to an investigation by law enforcement, an internal investigation is ongoing with the assistance of "outside expert counsel."

As of Thursday, July 18, law enforcement officers had not yet taken any ESRH computers, which had been locked up, but the health system will "fully cooperate" when asked, Edwards said.

The well-being of Rural Health employees and patients is the top priority in the aftermath of Fussell's arrest and termination.

Starting the evening of Wednesday, July 17, and continuing into Thursday, individual and group meetings with Rural Health employees were being held to provide them support and demonstrate how to inform

patients of the ongoing situation, Edwards said.

Patients and family members who have questions or concerns following Fussell's arrest are encouraged to call 757-678-1523 and leave a message on the confidential phone line, and a Rural Health staff member will return the call.

Those requiring assistance discussing any type of abuse should call their local community health center and make an appointment: Atlantic, 757-824-5676; Chincoteague, 757-336-3682, Onley, 757-787-7374; or Eastville, 757-331-1086.

Edwards advised parents and guardians to talk regularly with their children about the adults in their lives and what interactions are appropriate and inappropriate.

Relationships between doctors and patients should always be "safe and healthy," she said.

Eastern Shore Rural Health is contacting all of Fussell's former patients who had appointments booked to reschedule.

Appointments for patients needing treatment for acute conditions are being prioritized over care for chronic health conditions, Edwards noted.

Not all of Fussell's former patients had been contacted as of Thursday. but they will be, she said.

"The staff has been fabulous," Edwards said.

All of Rural Health's providers are sharing the extra workload. They have divided up Fussell's former patients and are completing tasks such as submitting medication refills and reviewing bloodwork and x-rays.

"We're going to take care of our patients ... rest assured." Edwards said.

She said that even providers who left Rural Health eight or nine years ago have been in touch to ask how they can help.

"That's what I love about Rural Health," Edwards said. "To see the organization come together and see the outside (community) come together to support Eastern Shore Rural Health has been fabulous."

To anyone who has been affected by abuse, "We're lending our support; we're praying for you," Edwards said.

"We're grateful to our patients, staff, and members of the community who stand with us in support of all victims of child abuse of any kind," Bull said. "We send our thoughts to anyone who has been hurt by sexual abuse."

### Wor-Wic Community College announces grads

The following students from Accomack County completed their program requirements to graduate from Wor-Wic Community College, Salisbury, Md., this past fall and spring:

- Megan Leigh Heady, of Bloxom, associate of applied science in culinary arts
- Trace Adams, of Chincoteague, certificate in criminal justice
- Patricia L. Abrams, of New Church, certificate in criminal justice
- Leighann Marie Linton, of Parksley, associate of applied science in radiologic technology

■ Judith McMahan, of Wallops Island, associate of science in nursing.

### Chaffins earns degree from Old Dominion

Old Dominion University in Norfolk held graduation exercises in May.

Among the area graduates is Zackary Chaffins, of Temperanceville, bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

## Students from Shore graduate from W&M

The following residents recently

graduated from the College of William

- Denilson Hernandez, of Bloxom, bachelor of science
- Connor Dendler, of Chincoteague, bachelor of arts
- Anna Hart, of Keller, bachelor of
- Kerry Ford, of Onancock, bachelor
- Claire Burns, of Temperanceville, bachelor of science
- Gabriel Burns, of Temperanceville, bachelor of science

Founded by royal charter in 1693, William & Mary is the second-oldest educational institution in the nation.

### Merritt on dean's list at Virginia Tech

Among the students from the Eastern Shore who made the dean's list during the spring semester at Virginia Tech is Emma Merritt.

Merritt is the daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Merritt, of New Church. She is a senior at Virginia Tech. She is a student in the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

All full-time students who earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher are eligible for recognition on the dean's list.

# After debate, unspent grant money set for sidewalks

### BY JANET BERNOSKY

**Eastern Shore Post** 

Allegations of grant money left on the table and "backdoor" deals and the issue of how grant money should be spent were heated topics of debate at the Monday, July 22, meeting of the Pocomoke City Council.

A total of \$96,766 in infrastructure grant money was unused by the city during fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

The Worcester County Council sought recently to take back the funds, then transfer them to a developer with projects in Pocomoke City without first contacting the mayor or city council.

On Tuesday, July 9, Pocomoke City Manager John Barkley received an email from Melanie Pursel, director of tourism and economic development for Worcester County. In the email, Pursel asked Barkley to send a letter of support for

the request from the county to transfer \$96,000 in grant money earmarked for Pocomoke City infrastructure projects to the private renovation project of the Newberry building on Market Street, owned by developer Bret Davis.

Pursel mentioned that although she was aware that Barkley had spoken with Weston S. Young, chief administrative officer for Worcester County, "the commissioners want something from the town."

While none of the Worcester County supervisors were copied in the email, Davis and Young were.

On Saturday, July 13, Barkley forwarded Pursel's email to Pocomoke Mayor Todd J. Nock, city council members, and City Clerk Melinda Stafford. The mayor and city council held a closed session on the topic on Tuesday, July 16.

At the Monday, July 22 meeting, Nock addressed the chain of events publicly, adding that at the closed session, there was a discussion to earmark the funds for sidewalks and roads instead of awarding it to Davis's personal project.

At the closed session, council members began to pinpoint roads and sidewalks in their districts that were most derelict, requiring immediate attention.

Later in the meeting, Nock indicated there was an additional \$48,000 in fiscal year 2025 funds to put toward the sidewalk project, bringing the total to \$144,766.

Councilwoman and first vice-president Monda Marsh said she felt ashamed that the commissioners would consider what Marsh said was a "backdoor deal" without including the mayor and city council in the discussion.

"We are going to keep the money in Pocomoke," Marsh said. "I have sidewalks in my district that are growing

"If we fix the infrastructure, we will attract developers with deeper pockets for bigger housing projects to attract NASA employees and its contractors," she said.

Councilman C. L. Marsh immediately took issue with Marsh's comments, saying her words were "insulting" to developers already doing business in the city.

R. Scott Holland thanked the Davises and the Chapmans, local developers, for their contributions to the city.

"I haven't done any backdoor deals," Holland said.

Council voted unanimously to keep the infrastructure money in Pocomoke.

"Once we get this done, we get something off our plates," Nock said about the road and sidewalk project. "And we have too much on our plates."

# UBLIC NOTIC

### **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON**

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the County of Northampton will meet on the days hereafter listed for the purpose of hearing property owners who believe their real property assessment is inaccurate. Upon hearing such complaints, either verbal or written, the Board will give consideration TO EITHER INCREASE, DECREASE, OR AFFIRM such real estate assessment. The taxpayer or agent must provide a preponderance of evidence that the assessment of the property is not uniform with the assessments of other similar properties or that the property is assessed above or below its fair market value.

Appointments will be scheduled every 30 minutes to minimize waiting. To appear before the Board of Equalization, please call (757) 695-9300, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday, to request an application. Meetings of the Board to hear objections will be held in the conference room on the second floor of the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, 23347. The dates and times are:

> July 31, 2024 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. August 2, 2024 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. August 23, 2024 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. September 18, 2024 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. October 16, 2024 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. November 8, 2024 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. **December 13, 2024** 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M.

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# Northampton schools hire six new administrators

Northampton County Public Schools announces the hiring of six new administrators for the 2024-25 school year.

"These appointments bring a wealth of experience and leadership to the district, ensuring continued excellence in education for all students," the school system stated in a press release.

■ Taneshia Rachal has been appointed as the division's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

She most recently served as director of instruction in Greenville County Public Schools, leading the development of its division literacy plan.

Rachal holds a doctor of education degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and a master of education degree from the University of Mary Washington.

She has served as president of the Women Education Leaders of Virginia and secretary of the Virginia Alliance of Black School Educators.

She will earn \$121,686 annually.

■ Wandnetta McCray has been appointed director of assessment and accountability.

A graduate of Northampton High School, McCray is from Melfa and has 25 years of experience in Accomack County Public Schools, most recently serving as principal of Arcadia Middle School.

She is pursuing an Ed.D. in educational leadership from the University of Maryland, which she anticipates completing in May 2025.

McCray holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Virginia and is a member of the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals.

She will earn \$98,458 annually.

■ Gary Clark has been appointed principal of Northampton High School.

A Virginia Beach native, Clark holds an education specialist degree, a bachelor of science in business administration, and a master of science in education. His previous roles include interim director of exceptional education and principal of J.P. King Jr. Middle School in Franklin City Public Schools.

Clark has been actively involved in several committees, including the Career and Technology Advisory Committee and the Strategic Plan Committee.

He will earn \$101,121 annually.

■ Kathleen McCowan is the new principal of Occohannock Elementary School.

From Gwinn, Mich., McCowan holds a school administrator certificate and a master of arts in education from Northern Michigan University.

She most recently served as principal of K.I. Sawyer Elementary School in Gwinn, where she implemented district-wide multi-tiered systems of support.

McCowan began her career as a kindergarten teacher at Springfield Academy and Preschool in Springfield.

She will earn \$94,383 annually.

■ Erica Quintana has been named

assistant principal of Northampton High School.

A graduate of Northampton High School, Quintana is from Cape Charles and most recently served as a career and technical education teacher in Accomack County Public Schools for 18 years.

She holds a master of arts in educational administration from Grand Canyon University and a bachelor of science in business management from Virginia State University.

She will earn \$77,372 annually.

■ Hannah Cagle has been hired as assistant principal of Northampton Middle School.

She holds an education specialist degree in educational leadership from Old Dominion University and a master of arts in education from the University of Phoenix.

Cagle taught secondary science and STEM in Newport News Public Schools for six years and has experience in the environmental services industry.

She will earn \$69,988 annually.

# Two earn associate degrees from UMGC

University of Maryland Global Campus graduated nearly 14,000 students worldwide during the 2023-24 academic year.

Students from all 50 states, three U.S. territories, and 24 countries earned UMGC degrees and more than 3,200 graduates attended ceremonies around the world, including in Germany, Japan, Korea, and Guam, as well as "Grad Walk" in Adelphi, Md., in May.

Eastern Shore of Virginia students included

Trinity Reyes, of Wallops Island, who earned an associate of arts in general studies, and Israel Reyes, of Wallops Island, who also earned an associate of arts in general studies.

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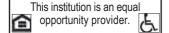
### Exmore Village I & II **Apartments**

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# **Help Wanted**

### **Now Hiring:**

Line cooks, dishwashers, and food runners

> Excellent pay and work environment. Must be 18+ years old. 10 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417

Apply in person or call Elon at (443) 655-4779.

#### OPEN POSITIONS

Northampton County has the following open positions in the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department:

- · Land Use Official/Zoning Administrator
- · Environmental Specialist
- · Building Inspector

Please refer to Northampton county's website at https://tinyurl.com/yezes6ra for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. Positions open until filled.



#### **CAREER SERVICES COACH - TITLE III GRANT**

Eastern Shore Community College is a member of the Virginia Community College System. The College serves the residents of Accomack County and Northampton County as a two-year institution of higher learning.

The Career Services Coach supports the activities of ESCC's Contact to Career program, including a comprehensive Career Services Center and the Title III grant that funds the program. The Career Services Coach will assist in the implementation of strategies that improve student retention, increase students in internships, increase the number of students who attain credentials, and increase the number of students who transition from adult education to academic programs. This position will also assist in services, programs, and events that support the school's mission, meeting the needs of a diverse campus population, and fostering student professional and career development. Finally, this individual must be able to provide excellent service to students, alumni, employers, and members of the community.

ESCC is seeking applications for this full-time restricted classified position that includes benefits. For additional details, qualifications, and application process, please visit https://jobs.vccs.edu/ postings/75365

ESCC is an EOE/AA employer.

Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following positions: Full-Time Certified Law Enforcement Officer and Full-Time Correctional Officer and Full-Time Dispatcher. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at www. accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org Open until filled. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Em-

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS **ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS FOR:**

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

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.

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

### Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore **Regional Jail**

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some

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

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

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

Open until filled.

### Apply in person at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

REMINDER: THE POST'S OFFICE IS NOW LOCATED AT 3257B MAIN ST., EXMORE

### **Help Wanted**

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Northampton County, located on Virginia's Eastern Shore, seeks a full-time County Attorney.

The County Attorney is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serves as legal advisor to the Board, the County Administrator, and County departments, and boards and commissions, and other officials of the County affecting County interests.

### **DUTIES:**

The County Attorney will:

- Report directly to the Board of Supervisors and work with management-level employees to guide County policies and operations from a legal perspective;
- Conduct legal research, provide advice and/or written opinions on questions of County, state, and federal law, most frequently in the areas of land use and zoning, property; employment; public procurement, contracts, and general local government law;
- Attend all Board of Supervisors meetings; advise the Board of Supervisors on parliamentary procedure; prepare resolutions and ordinances for consideration and action by the Board;
- Attend other commission and board meetings as requested, such as the Planning Commission and the Wetlands Board;
- Advise the Board of Supervisors and other boards and commissions and appropriate County employees on actual or possible litigation; represent the County in legal matters before the Courts; bring civil suits as directed by the Board of Supervisors, defend the County in suits brought against it; retain and supervise outside litigation specialists, as appropriate, for the same;
- Draft or "approve as to form" all bonds, deeds, leases, franchises, contracts or other legal instruments to which the County is a party or in which it has an interest;
- Draft documents memorializing all special use permits and maintenance agreements for subdivision approval;
- Work with County staff or consultants to draft ordinances to be adopted by the Board;
- Collaborate with the County School Board's legal counsel, when requested, on legal matters;
- Provide representation for the County Department of Social Services;
- · Perform related tasks as required.

#### **EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE:**

- Juris Doctorate Degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association;
- · Membership in the Virginia Bar;
- Experience as a practicing attorney in local government, with preference for experience in Virginia;
- Knowledge of municipal corporation law; comprehensive knowledge of local, State and Federal laws and court decisions affecting counties; knowledge of legislation affecting Virginia's coastal communities, such as the Chesapeake Bay Acts and its regulations;
- · Knowledge of parliamentary rules of procedure;
- Expertise in land use and employment law;
- · Litigation and trial experience;
- · Tact, good professional judgment and ethics;
- · Ability to speak and write effectively.

#### **COMPENSATION & BENEFITS:**

\$110,000 to \$170,000 based upon the background and qualifications of the successful candidate. Northampton County has an attractive benefits package which includes: annual leave, holidays, and sick leave; health insurance, dental plan, life insurance, long-term disability insurance; Virginia Retirement System, and an employee assistance program.

#### **APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS:**

Applications may be obtained from the county website or in person at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA. Please submit a resume, cover letter, and contact information for five work-related references and a writing sample to Charles Kolakowski, County Administrator, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 or electronically to <a href="mailto:ckolakowski@co.northampton.va.us">ckolakowski@co.northampton.va.us</a> or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA.

This position is open until filled. Virtual and/or on-site interviews in Eastville, Virginia will be offered by the Board of Supervisors to those candidates named as finalists, with reference checks, background checks, and academic verifications conducted after receiving candidates' permission.

Northampton County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, or disability.

#### LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION MANAGER

Do you have experience with landscape irrigation or plumbing and don't feel fulfilled or appreciated in your current job? If so, this might be a good opportunity for you!

Browder-Hite in Exmore is currently seeking the right person to head up our irrigation division. We service landscape irrigation systems from Chincoteague to the Bridge-Tunnel, installing new systems and maintaining existing ones. We troubleshoot problems, repair damages, install new equipment, advise clients, and design new, water-efficient systems.

The right person for this role is a leader, self-starter, self-motivated, has verifiable experience with water delivery systems or irrigation, and has a good driving record. This is a full-time, year-round position and offers paid time off, paid major holidays, reimbursements, profit sharing, and career advancement opportunities. The pay range for this position is \$20-25/hr depending on experience.

Email <u>TWarren@BrowderHite.com</u> for instructions on how to apply.



#### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE SENIOR Position #05629

The Eastern Shore Health District is seeking an experienced Registered Nurse to provide public health clinical nursing support for the Accomack and Northampton County Health Departments. This position manages and coordinates the District's Family Planning Program.

For detailed job information or to apply for this position, visit http://jobs.virginia.gov/

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by August 3, 2024, 11:55 pm. EEO.

#### DEPUTY CLERK

Northampton County Circuit Court

Northampton County Circuit Court Clerk's Office is in quest of a Deputy Clerk to handle land records and general office tasks as well as helping in all areas of the office, performing duties for others during absences and assisting each department during peak times; will provide a high level of knowledge, skills and abilities in office operations and procedures. This position is primarily responsible in all areas processing court documents, records and paperwork prepared with accuracy and in accordance with appropriate policies and procedures, data entry; cash handling and accounting procedures; filing; must have ability to work with the public in person and by telephone; ability to work with little direct supervision; working under deadlines. Considerable Clerk's Office, Judicial/legal experience necessary for this position. Salary range will be discussed. Only interviewed applicants will be notified of the filling of the position. Typing test with accuracy of 50 wpm is preferred.

Deadline: July 26, 2024.

Interested persons may contact the Human Resources Department, Northampton County, P.O. Box 66, Eastville VA 23347. A county application <u>and</u> resume are required.

**Equal Opportunity Employer** 



### Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Position #X3466

Support fellow moms as a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor (hourly position) for the Women's, Children's, and Infants' Supplemental Food Program (WIC)! Breastfeeding Peer Counselors promote breastfeeding among WIC participants, health care workers, and the community.

For detailed job information or to apply, visit <a href="http://jobs.virginia.gov/">http://jobs.virginia.gov/</a> Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by August 8, 2024, at 11:55 p.m. EEO.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN**

Northampton County is accepting applications for two full-time IT technicians in the Information Technology Department.

The essential function of these positions is to assist in the daily operations of the department, covering all county facilities. These individuals will need to be able to operate independently and be familiar with basic systems administration, network administration, and technical support.

Successful candidates should possess:

Diagnostic and problem-solving skills

An understanding of multiple computer systems and networks

Knowledge of internet security and data privacy

Ability to communicate technical concepts to varied audiences

Strong sense of discretion and confidentiality

Experience with WAN/LAN networks

Bachelors' degree in an IT related field is desired. This position requires a valid Virginia drivers license and a criminal background check.

Minimum salary for this position is \$44,665

Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. Position open until filled. EOE.

### **Help Wanted**

Want to be part of a Caring, Professional, **INNOVATIVE, Inclusive company?** Come join the CSB...now offering a 32 hour work week with full time pay and benefits!

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:

### \$1,000 Sign-On Bonus:

**Developmental Services Case Manager Psychosocial Rehabilitation Counselor** Mental Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager **Health Navigator** 

**Emergency Services Clinician Developmental Disabilities Aide** (\$13.00-\$15/00/hour-\$2.50/hr night & wkend differential) Clinician (REMOTE)

For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB's website at www.escsb.org



"We passionately believe in the potential of all." Innovative, Inclusive, Caring, Professional



# ACCOMACK CUNTY Virginia

**Ditch Maintenance Program Coordinator** F/T position with benefit Salary Range: \$ 32,150.00 - \$ 46,618.00 (based on experience)

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a fulltime Ditch Maintenance Program Coordinator. The position is responsible for evaluating project sites, obtaining easements and regulatory clearances, and working with contracted vendors for excavating and tree removal services for the purpose of maintaining the County's ditch maintenance program. The position also compiles and submits required written reports. Minimum qualifications are: a H.S. diploma or GED. supplemented by vocational/technical training either in equipment operation, maintenance and repair or general office support. 1 to 3 years' experience in procurement of services through government bid processes, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Possession of a valid driver's license and the satisfactory completion of a criminal history and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. Electronic applications are preferred, but paper versions will be accepted if complete. This position is open until filled, and review of applications will begin on Thursday, August 1, 2024. A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities

> Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

# **Always online at** www.easternshorepost.com

### **Help Wanted**

**MILLWRIGHTS** -PIPE FITTERS/WELDERS MAINTENANCE MECHANIC \* MIG - TIG - STICK \*FT-PT & Weekends

\*Exp'd only. \* Valid Driver's License and Transportation. Day shift and night shift positions. DOUGLAS REPAIRS, INC., SNOW HILL, MD. Call 410-632-1346 or 443-783-4125.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT** - Part time. Must have Quickbooks & Microsoft Office experience. Douglas Repairs, Inc., Snow Hill, MD. Call 410-632-1346.

HVAC/R **HELPER** WANTED - Must have driver's license, good work ethic. Call 757-442-4428.

**DEPUTY CLERK** Northampton General District Court. Full time w/ state benefits. See website for job description, pay, and benefits. Apply online only. No calls please. www.vacourts.gov

### Rentals - Houses

NUEVA Casa- 3 Recamaras, 2 Banos Solo \$500 Deposito - Llame para los requisitos: 302-846-9100.

NEW 3BR, 2BA \$500 DEPOSIT CALL FOR DE-TAILS: 302-846-9100.

### Real Estate

WE BUY LAND!!! Call Clayton Homes for more information. 302-846-9100.

PAINTER - Red Hill. 7 acres. Call 757-710-4859 for more information.

### **Short Term** Rentals

SHORT TERM RENTAL - House for rent. Daily or weekly. 3BR, 2 Bath. Deposit required. Call 757-678-5790 for more details.

### Seeking

LOST FRIEND JESSICA - I saw an angel at D.G. in Onley w/ boys D & J. Phone got smashed. New # 757-948-0195. Joseph.

### **Yard Sale**

YARD SALE - 7-27-24. 9 a.m. 19187 Badger Lane, Onancock. Clothes, toys, books, records, household items, and much more!

### **Pets**

AUSTRALIAN **CATTLE** DOG PUPPIES Males \$300, female \$550. Reds & blues. 8 weeks old, ready to go, first vaccines, dewormed, first flea treatment. 757-710-6643.

### **Apartments**

BEAUTIFULLY RENOVAT-ED STUDIO APARTMENTS - Furnished with W/D, gorgeous pool, game/exercise \$999/month. CALL TODAY! 757-500-9080.

### Misc. For Sale

FRANCISCAN APPLE - 81 PIECE Dinnerware: Plates, bowls, salvers, platters, cups, tea service, S&P, butter \$350/OBO. Call 757-336-6792.

### **Mobile Homes**

READY TO MOVE INTO!!! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Partially Furnished. Call for more details 302-846-9100.

WE PAY TOP DOLLAR FOR USED HOMES AND TRADE-INS!!! Call for evaluations 302-846-9100.

### Place an Ad

WANT TO PLACE AN AD? Contact Rvan at the Post. A 5-line ad like this one costs only \$15. Call 757-789-7678. ryan@easternshorepost.com

> Check out the **July 2024** edition of **Shore First!**

### Thanks for reading the Post!



### SHERATON STYLE WALNUT HUNTBOARD

Gallery back with star inlay. Satinwood banding and escutcheon on drawer. One long drawer and two side drawers. Arched apron and tapered and reeded legs. Circa 1820.

Length: 55 1/2"; Depth: 21"; Height: 49 1/2"

This antique huntboard was part of the Althea and Bootie Shelton estate. It is still located at the Happy Union Farm in Nassawadox.

It was appraised by a professional antique appraiser for \$15.000.

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

Would the gentleman that made me an offer on this huntboard please call me? I have misplaced your phone number. Thank you! Gina

Call 757-434-2255

### Feed & Seed

HORSE HAY for sale and STRAW for sale. Call 757-824-3930 or call 757-894-1339 (cell).

### Farm & Lawn **Equipment**

1953 ANNIVERSARY JU-BILEE 600 FORD TRAC-TOR - \$3,500. 442-7507.

### **Services**

DIVORCE uncontested \$475 + \$86 costs. WILLS \$295. Hablo espanol. Hilton Oliver, Attorney. 757-490-0126. hilton@hiltonoliverattorneyva.com

### SIMPSON TREE & **BOBCAT SERVICE**

Tree trimming, removal and stump grinding. Call 757-710-8477.

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Pine, Oak, Walnut, Cherry and more for sale. Rough cut or planed available or we saw your logs. Portable Sawmill.

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### **PARKS PAVING**

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Residential • Commercial FREE Estimates • Stump Grinding Stump Removal • Lot Clearing • Excavation Licensed and Insured

**Place** classified ads in **English &** Spanish. **Buy one & pay** 1/2 price for the translation. Call 757-789-7678.

**Pongan** anuncios clasificados en inglés y español. **Compren uno** y paguen 1/2 por la traduccion. Llamen al 757-789-7678.

### Cars, Trucks, ATVs, RVs, **Parts**

4 PIECE SET - 2021 to 2023 Ford Maverick pickup 17" aluminum XLT standard rims. As new condition. \$300. Call 757-442-5459 after 5 p.m.

2012 INTERNATIONAL PROSTAR - 450hp, 10 speed manual, many upgrades, 487k miles, ready to work, \$15k OBO call 757-302-3222.

2004 AIRSTREAM SAFARI TRAILER - 25 ft. 757-336-

'96 S-10 EXTENDED - 154k miles. A/C. Automatic. V6. \$2,000. 757-302-0047. Call between noon and 5 p.m.



### **2009 SUBURBAN Z71**

Leather interior: 3 rows of seats; 1 owner. \$8,995

757-709-8271

Got a boat or truck you want to sell? Put it in the Post for only \$40 until sold (\$55 with photo). Call Ryan at 757.789.7678.



The Pungoteague **Ruritan Club** is seeking aluminum ramps to install for low-income families. If any local resident has an aluminum ramp that can be donated or sold at a reasonable cost, please contact David Shaw at 757-442-3393.



Find what you're looking for in the classifieds!



### **FULL SIZE** 90 FORD BRONCO 5.8 **4 WHEEL DRIVE** W/ 6-INCH LIFTS

127k miles Automatic transmission Exterior color: Black

Interior color: Blue Fuel type: Gasoline Very good condition Clean title. Runs great. New fuel pump, new water pump, new battery, good tires, new quarter panel (if

desired), and soft top. Interior very clean. \$14.900

Contact Don 305-395-2400. Leave a message.



### **2006 ACURA MDX-SHAWD**

Nav/Ent/Leather New tires/shocks/ AC pump Drives like new. \$7.500 757-999-4140



LOADMASTER TRAILER - New and used. 757-588-1950. No calls after

21' SAN JUAN SAILBOAT - From 1970s. Comes with sails & motor. FREE. Contact Sophie at 304-421-2374 or sschwar3@gmail.com

2001 17' CAROLINA SKIFF - Center console, 50 HP twostroke Mercury w/ trailer and boat cover. \$5,750. Call 757-442-7458.



### **Godfrey Sweetwater** 20 ft pontoon boat w/ Mercury motor

Boat & motor have 61 hrs. Paid \$32,000 in 2017. Has 2 axle trailer. \$20,000 OBO.

Call Mike 717-554-2603.



### FREE 1998 27<sup>9</sup> Regal Commodore

**Need 3-axle trailer** to move. Will make a good house boat; sleeps 6; 1/2 bath and kitchen. Must see to appreciate. Call (757) 470-8385.



19' DLX Skiff w/ new 60 HP Suzuki, boat cover. Load Rite trailer. \$14,900. Leave message 757-710-5175.



### Classic '77 Wellcraft V20 with '21 Suzuki 150 (30 hrs runtime).

new hydraulic wheel steering, bimini canvas top, on '21 Vantage trailer \$16.500 757-331-0315

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# BUDDY 170i MOTOR SCOOTER

**Buddy Front Rack &** Rear Rack, Genuine Side Guards, Soft Italia Topcase, Performance Pipe. Owner's Manual Mileage: 1,867 Price: \$1,075

Call 610-357-3420

### **ESTATE** "TAG" SALE

Sat., 07/27 & Sun., 07/28 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days

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Modern & Japanese Furniture & Décor, Lots of Kitchenware & Outdoor Deck Furniture. Tool Cabinets, Yard Tools Coolers & Power Tools.

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# Legal Ads

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to receive public comment on the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION FOR REHABILITATED STRUCTURES IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY"

The purpose of the amendment is to provide for not more than two (2) one-year extensions if the rehabilitation work on a commercial or industrial structure is not completed within two years. The amendment also includes a provision that the applicant may appeal to the Board of Supervisors if the Commissioner of the Revenue denies a requested extension.

This proposed ordinance is available for review at the County Administrator's office, Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours. Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing to express their views.

HANDICAPPED ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Call 757-678-0440

Charles Kolakowski, County Administrator

### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) CAPTAIN'S COVE GOLF & YACHT CLUB, INC.

### INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Captain's Cove Golf & Yacht Club, Inc. (Captain's Cove) is seeking proposals from qualified real estate agents to develop and execute a comprehensive marketing and sales plan for lots owned by the Property Owner's Association (POA).

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The selected real estate agent will be responsible for conducting a market analysis, developing a marketing strategy, creating a sales plan, enhancing brand positioning, and providing regular reports and analytics.

#### PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Interested real estate agents are invited to submit their proposals electronically by August 1, 2024. Proposals should include an executive summary, company profile, detailed approach and methodology, relevant experience and references, budget and pricing, and a proposed timeline.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Proposals will be evaluated based on relevant experience, quality of the marketing and sales plan, understanding of the target market, references, and overall value.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information and submission guidelines, please contact:

Justin Wilder
General Manager
Captain's Cove Golf & Yacht Club, Inc.
3323 Dock Court
Greenbackville, VA 23356
757-824-3465
jwilder@captscove.com

Captain's Cove looks forward to partnering with a dedicated and innovative real estate agent to achieve our sales goals.

### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE 4440 Webbs Lane, Horntown, VA 23395

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 25, 2011 and recorded December 21, 2011 in Instrument Number 201104665 in the Clerk's Office for the Accomack County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$10,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301.

#### August 02, 2024 at 3:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land fronting for a distance of Sixty Feet (60 ft.) more or less on a certain outlet leading to the County Road from New Church to Wattsville, the said lot being located near the Village of Horntown in Atlantic Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, and being more particularly described and bounded as follows:

On the North for a distance of Sixty Feet (60 ft.) more or less by the aforesaid outlet leading from the land herein described to the County Highway leading from New Church to Wattsville, the said outlet separating the lot herein conveyed from the land of Clyde Cannon; on the East, for a distance of One Hundred Five Feet (105 FT.) more or less by the land of James Townsend; on the South, for a distance of Sixty Feet (60 ft.) more or less by the remaining land of the said William J. Townsend and Lula Mae Townsend from which this lot is taken; and on the West, for a distance of One Hundred Five Feet (105 ft.) more of less by the land formerly owned by Asbury Cannon and now owned by John Cannon, together with all the rights, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, including the right to the use of the aforesaid outlet leading to the County Road from New Church to Wattsville, the said outlet to be for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the lot herein conveyed - it being the Northern-One-Half of the same lot or parcel of land conveyed by Asbury Cannon and wife to the said William J. Townsend and Lula Mae Townsend, by deed dated May 11, 1962 and recorded in the clerk's office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County immediately prior to the recording of this deed, the lot herein conveyed has been measured in accordance with the above dimensions and iron stobs have been placed at each corner thereof.

The conveyance of the lot herein above described is subject, however, to a right of way or driveway ten feet (10ft) in width along the eastern Boundary of the said lot leading from the remaining land of the said William J. Townsend and Lula Mae Townsend to the aforesaid outlet which the said William J. Townsend and Lula Mae Townsend reserve for the purpose of ingress and egress from the aforesaid outlet to the county road across the eastern side of the lot herein conveyed to the remaining lands of the said William J. Townsend and Lula Mae Townsend.

Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

### AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

#### FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

### **Sports Trivia**

By Ryan A. Berenz

- 1. As of the 2020 Tokyo Games, what country has won the most Olympic gold medals in men's field hockey?
- 2. What country defeated the U.S. Men's Basketball Team 89-81 in the semifinals of the 2004 Athens Olympic tournament?
- 3. At the 2012 London Games, Pavlos Kontides won the first Olympic medal, a silver, for the Mediterranean island nation of Cyprus. In what sport did Kontides compete?
- 4. What country swept the medals in the women's 100-meter dash at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics?
- 5. After being criticized for racing against horses to make money, what Olympic athlete said, "I had four gold medals, but you can't eat four gold medals."
- 6. America's Victor Montalvo and Lithuania's Dominika "Nicka" Banevic are elite athletes competing in what Olympic sport?

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> 5. Jesse Owens 6. Breakdancing

3. Sailing 4. Jamaica

1. India, with eight 2. Argentina

Answers

# Legal Ads

	COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE	PARCEL 16:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. ANTHONY D. HALL				
the cases specifi August 13, 202	crees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia entered in ed herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, 4, at the Accomack County Circuit Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, 301 at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:	PARCEL 17:	MAP NO. 09300A000002500 19142 GASKINS ROAD ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RUTH ALICE JOURDAN MAP NO. 029A10100023300				
PARCEL 1:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. EULA AMES MAP NO. 042A2A000007400 ON WISHARTS POINT ROAD	PARCEL 18:	LOT 233, UNIT 1, SHEET 1, CHINCOTEAGUE BAY TRAILS END ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. LIZZIE MAE JUSTICE				
PARCEL 2:	APPROXIMATELY 3.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS  ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. AMIDSHIP LLC	PARCEL 18:	MAP NO. 04300A0000023B0 33211 NOCKS LANDING ROAD				
	MAP NO. 005A70100018200 LOT 182, SECTION 13, CAPTAIN'S COVE	PARCEL 19:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. ELIZABETH C. KELLEY MAP NO. 09200A000006100				
PARCEL 3:	MAP NO. 102B0A000007300		ON GASKINS ROAD APPROXIMATELY 1.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS				
PARCEL 4:	28562 LANKFORD HIGHWAY; TOWN OF MELFA  ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DORETHA BRADSHAW MAP NO. 05400A0000033A0 ON WHITES CROSSING	PARCEL 20:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. CORRINE LEWIS MAP NO. 042A2A0000077A0 ON WISHARTS POINT ROAD APPROXIMATELY 0.33 ACRE, MORE OR LESS				
PARCEL 5:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. REBECCA G. BRICKHOUSE MAP NO. 119000100001300 16234 COAL KILN ROAD APPROXIMATELY 0.50 ACRE, MORE OR LESS	PARCEL 21:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DENNIS J. MILLER MAP NO. 109D00100002000 ON NANDUA SHORES DRIVE				
PARCEL 6:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MICHAEL O. BROWN MAP NO. 029A20100035800 LOT 358, UNIT II, SHEET 2, CHINCOTEAGUE BAY TRAILS END MOBILE HOME DOES NOT CONVEY	PARCEL 22:	APPROXIMATELY 1.29 ACRES, MORE OR LESS  ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. ROGER L. MILLS MAP NO. 062A1A0000229A0 4428 PARKER LANE; TOWN OF TANGIER APPROXIMATELY 0.25 ACRE, MORE OR LESS				
PARCEL 7:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. ROBERT BULL MAP NO. 109A00100000800 OFF BOSTON ROAD (2 PARTS)	PARCEL 23:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. SUSAN P. MURTAUGH MAP NO. 022A00100000700 LOT 7, SECTION 1, PEFLEY BEACH				
PARCEL 8:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DOROTHEA E. CLARK MAP NO. 005A70100036800 LOT 368, SECTION 13, CAPTAIN'S COVE	PARCEL 24:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. BILLIE B. RAGLAND MAP NO. 078A1A000003200 24329 COOKE STREET; TOWN OF PARKSLEY				
PARCEL 9:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DOROTHEA E. CLARK/THE COVE LLC MAP NO. $005A40100188400$ LOT $1884$ , SECTION 4, CAPTAIN'S COVE	PARCEL 25:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. KIM MARIE SEAMANS MAP NO. 062A1A000013500 16219 MAIN RIDGE ROAD; TOWN OF TANGIER				
PARCEL 10:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DOROTHEA E. CLARK/THE COVE LLC MAP NO. $005A40100188500$ LOT $1885$ , SECTION 4, CAPTAIN'S COVE	PARCEL 26:	RINTHY SMITH – NON JUDICIAL SALE MAP NO. 12000A0000070B0 OFF SAVAGETOWN ROAD AND SEASIDE ROAD				
PARCEL 11:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DOROTHEA E. CLARK/THE COVE LLC MAP NO. 005A60200014800 LOT 148, SECTION 10, CAPTAIN'S COVE	PARCEL 27:	TOWN OF KELLER vs. HAZEL ELIZABETH YOUNG MAP NO. 111B00304000800 18150 N R NORTH STREET				
PARCEL 12:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DOROTHEA E. CLARK/ELLIS HOLDING LLC MAP NO. 005A10100074100 LOT 741, SECTION 1, CAPTAIN'S COVE	due in ten day	ale shall be cash or a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance is.				
PARCEL 13:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. DOROTHEA E. CLARK/ELLIS HOLDING LLC MAP NO. $005A10100106100$ LOT $1061$ , SECTION 1, CAPTAIN'S COVE	Each sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.  JAMES W. ELLIOTT Special Commissioner					
PARCEL 14:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. THOMAS F. CROCKETT MAP NO. 062A1A000007100 4391 RAYVILLE LANE; TOWN OF TANGIER	7100 U. S. Route 17 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-7000 www.vataxsale.com					
PARCEL 15:	ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. KEVIN CROPPER MAP NO. $014A01000B00007$ 35261 RAYMOND TOWNSEND LANE APPROXIMATELY $0.47$ ACRE, MORE OR LESS						

# THE DEADLINE FOR OBITUARIES, CLASSIFIED ADS, AND LEGAL ADS IS WEDNESDAY BY NOON.

# Legal Ads

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Lord Baltimore LLC (VMRC #2024-1114) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct a 50-footlong by 6-foot-wide ADA accessible pier with a 6-foot by 5-foot duck blind adjacent to property serving 26297 Pitts Creek Road situated along the Pocomoke River in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2024-1114) at <a href="https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/">https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/</a> We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

### ACCOMACK COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING Monday, July 29, 2024

Luminary Air Group Offices 18321 Parkway – Melfa, Virginia, 23410

The Accomack County Economic Development Authority will hold a special meeting on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. to conduct a closed session (pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-.3711(A)(3)) for the discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Further discussion and/or action concerning the proposed lease may take place in open session.

As well as conduct a closed session (pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-.3711(A)(5)) for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the businesses or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

The special meeting will be held at 18321 Parkway, Melfa, Virginia 23410.

#### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 AT 7 P.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

### A. REZ-000657-2024: Battery Storage Holdings, LLC — Tax Map # 26D-A-40 & 41

Request to conditionally rezone from the Residential District to the Industrial District parcels 26D-A-40 & 41 containing 4.51 acres and located on the west side of Withams Road, approximately 617' east of its intersection with Neal Parker Road. This use will be controlled by zoning ordinance regulations. The application seeks rezoning to construct a battery storage facility. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan recommends Agricultural District.

Public hearing-related materials are available for review at the Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue – Room 105 – Accomac, Virginia or <a href="http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public">http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public</a> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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

### Town of Cape Charles Notice of Public Hearing Appeal of Zoning Administrator Decision

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comment on the following:

A. An application from Paul Chandler appealing the decision from the Zoning Administrator dated May 31, 2024, which cited that 204 Bay Avenue was in violation of Cape Charles Zoning Ordinances as follows:

I. CCZO Section 2.4.2 (A) (1)

II. CCZO Section 2.4.3(1)

III. CCZO Section 8.16

IV. CCZO Section 8.17

Said appeal application is authorized pursuant to Cape Charles Zoning Ordinance Section 2.6.2 (C) & 2.6.4. The property is located in the Residential-1 (R-1) Zoning District.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the application.

The application and supporting documentation are available for public review on our website at <a href="www.capecharles.org/calendar.aspx">www.capecharles.org/calendar.aspx</a>

Please contact Town Planner & Zoning Administrator Katie Nunez at 757-331-2036, or by email at <u>planner@capecharles.org</u> if you have any questions or require additional information.

Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

# ACCOMACK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING

The Accomack County School Board will hold a Special Closed Meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Conference Room.

Gretta L. Smith Accomack County School Board Clerk

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club (VMRC #2024-0948) is requesting a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to add a floating dock with 10 new slips to an existing pier adjacent to property serving 14421 Country Club Road situated along Taylor Creek in Accomack County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2024-0948) at <a href="https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/">https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/</a> We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

### ACCOMACK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, August 6, 2024, The Accomack County School Board will hold a public hearing on its FY25 Operating Budget. The hearing will be held in the cafeteria at Metompkin Elementary School starting at 6:30 p.m.

Gretta L. Smith School Board Clerk

### VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff CIVIL CASE NO. 24-75

vs.

The heirs and devisees of Nellie Bull BAGWELL OIL

Defendants

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, shown as Lot 11 on a plat recorded in Plat Book 87, page 112 and designated as tax map number 109A00400001100.

standing in the name of Nellie Bull, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Nellie Bull; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Nellie Bull.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before September 2, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Enter this 23rd day of July, 2024.

Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

James W. Elliott Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 Yorktown, VA 23692 757-898-7000

#### BUGS BAR & GRILLE LLC

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for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer - Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

#### Edward Rowley, Owner

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







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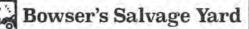


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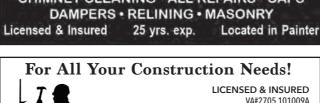


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# **PUBLIC RECORDS**

### Eastern Shore Post

### Marriage Licenses

- Laval Rashawn White, 42, of Birdsnest, and Patina Lynn Boggs, 40, of Exmore
- Daniel Scott Hockensmith, 41, of Hartly, Del., and Heather Elizabeth Snyder, 33, of Nassawadox

### Northampton Property Transfers

■ From Daniel and Lorrie Marro
To Jason and Sarah Walker
Lot 57, Heron Pointe and Palmer course, Bay Creek,
Cape Charles
For \$1,375,000

- From M. Richard Epps PC, substitute trustee
  To General Builders II LLC
  Lot, 52.5 acres, near Cedar Grove
  For \$702.000
- From LTS Holdings LLC
  To Daniel and Lorrie Marro
  Lot 12, Parcel K, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
  For \$425.000
- From H.J. Brennan, trustee
  To Airlia and Robert Gustafson, trustees
  Lot 4A, Sunset Shores, Church Neck
  For \$600,000
- From Janet Malone
  To Natalie Pepper, trustee
  Lot, 15.105 acres, Stewarts Wharf, Franktown district
  For \$973,500

- From Katherine and James Workman Sr.
  To Edward Winslow
  Lot, 1.72 acres, near Silver Beach
  For \$760,000
- From James Doeltz
  To John and Izabela Roca
  Lot in Occohannock Neck, near Jamesville
  For \$286.000
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
  To William and Tamera Barnes
  Lot L15, Village L, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
  For \$295,000
- From David and Suzanne Shulmister, Charles and Ann Cole, and Thomas and Joan Wagner To Brian Jones and Kelly Keesee-Jones Lot 1, Parcel K, Bay Creek, Cape Charles For \$80,000

- From Gary and Diane Goschler To David and Eleanor Lasher Lot 55, Vaucluse Shores, Church Neck For \$295.000
- From David and Lee Anne Bloom To Timothy Cirillo and Linda Odorisio Lot L-6, Village L, Bay Creek, Cape Charles For \$352,500

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**Thanks for reading!** 

### **EDUCATION**

# NCPS applies for 21st Community Learning Center Grant

Northampton County Public Schools has taken a significant step forward in supporting elementary families by submitting two applications for the 21st Community Learning Center Grant Award. This award will provide an after-school enrichment program for K-6 students at Occohannock and Kiptopeke elementary schools. In partnership with the YMCA of South Hampton Roads, this program promises to offer a range of benefits at no cost to students and their families.

The grant will enable NCPS to launch the first licensed after-school care program in Northampton County. The program is designed to provide instructional enrichment and remediation through thematic units, health awareness, social-emotional learning, the arts, and family involvement. A decision on the grant is expected by mid-August.

The program, a joint effort between the YMCA, NCPS, and community partners, will commence immediately after the school day ends at 3:30

p.m. The YMCA will oversee the enrichment activities, while NCPS will handle the instructional aspects. Community partners will also contribute by offering students hands-on activities, guest presentations, and career insights.

This initiative is designed to serve up to 98 students and their families at each school. It aims to equip students with the skills needed to handle daily challenges, develop self-confidence, and own their responsibility for the future. Teachers, YMCA-trained instructors, and community partners will collaborate to mentor students and inspire them to reach their highest potential.

The program will focus on mentoring and social-emotional well-being, which research has shown to improve students' attention, transitions, and cooperation. Family engagement events will also facilitate learning for families.

Thematic instructional units based on "Life on the Eastern Shore" will teach learning and literacy skills, provide career exploration, and promote character education and social awareness. All lessons will align with the Virginia Standards of Learning in core content areas and incorporate learning, life, and literacy skills.

A summer after-school program will provide additional support for students and families, continuing through the afternoon after summer school.

According to the grant application submitted by NCPS, the anticipated success of this after-school program is expected to positively impact students' performance during the regular school day, opening up greater opportunities for them. Families will benefit economically and from the peace of mind of knowing their children are safe and receiving the academic and social support they deserve. Local businesses will also benefit as employees can work longer hours without compromising family time.

Applications are now open, and spots have started to fill. To register, visit the NCPS website, open the menu, find "This School Year," and then click on "2024-2025 After School Program Application." Submit one application per child.

# Seaside Bayside

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

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KIFCAXVSQOLJHEC AMXPVTRNGPNLCJH F A D E B P E N G U I N A Y X V L T(M A D A G A S C A R) R P O D M B R N K K I G S L N E N DIBAEZNXWUOTARI Q V G P S A M T S I R H C E L OENLLJBIGFODCAS Y S U I T I R U A M M X W V A TSRRRPOETTOYAMR NSLDRAWDEECNIRP

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: FLIGHTLESS ANTARCTIC BIRD

Bird Carnac Christmas

Comoros

Garden Madagascar Maldives

Mauritius

Mayotte Pemba Penang

Praslin

Prince Edward Seal Sri Lanka

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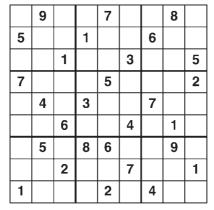
### Last week's answers



7	3	9	6	4	2	8	5	1
2	5	8	3	7	1	4	9	6
1	6	4	8	5	9	3	2	7
8	1	3	7	2	4	5	6	9
9	2	5	1	3	6	7	8	4
6	4	7	9	8	5	1	3	2
5	7	1	2	6	3	9	4	8
4	9	6	5	1	8	2	7	3
3	8	2	4	9	7	6	1	5

# Weekly **SUDOKU**

### by Linda Thistle



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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Suner Crossword

### SHADY **NUMBERS**

82 Motel

relative

84 People in an

85 Language's

letters

86 In a suller

87 Appearance

88 Blood type,

wav

embrace, e.g.

		Super C	rosswo
ACROSS	50 Prince hit	■ 95 Bazillions	5 Drive at 10
1 Abolished	sung by kin		mph, say
10 Helical	and queens		6 Concerning
shape	53 Many TikTo		bees
<b>16</b> — Tzu	users	100 Old JFK flier	7 Toy with
(toy dog)	54 Rotation sta		8 Suffix with
20 "General	55 Cash cache	e. problems	south
Hospital,"	for short	102 John Cougar	9 Light pat
for one	56 Spanish	Mellencamp	10 Brief burst
21 Pre-euro	article	hit sung by	11 Former NFL
Spanish	57 Mother bird		guarterback
currency	58 Garlicky	108 Old Turkish	Rodney
22 Joking Jay	sauce	bigwigs	12 Suffix with
23 Marcels hit	<b>60</b> Cafe	<b>109</b> "Where —	104-Down
sung by	offerings	begin?"	13 Rock's —
members	63 "— careful	110 Sewer	Speedwagor
of an old	out there"	rodent	14 — -Z (total)
German	66 Ancient	111 Overwhelm	15 "Trading
kingdom?	Roman poe	et 114 Luxury Swiss	Places"
<b>25</b> "Frozen"	70 Beatles hit	watch brand	director John
heroine	sung by sm	all 115 Alannah	16 lcy
26 NBC hit	finches?	Myles hit	precipitation
since '75	74 Cuts short	sung by	17 Beneficial
<b>27</b> — Vegas	<b>75</b> Puts a	roofers?	companion,
Raiders	question to	<b>122</b> Move, in	as a spouse
28 Gallery stuff	76 Artifact	Realtor-	18 Ripe for the
29 Further down	77 Hunger ma	y speak	market
31 Bing Crosby	cause them		19 Turns
hit sung by a	78 Syrup base	as a photo	laryngitic
alcalaton?	90 Donnoint	124 Most usboot	24 Cofé ou

skeleton?

40 Munch on

novelist Scott

37 "One I."

41 Lift up

42 Enzyme

suffix

Abbr.

46 R.E.M.

frontman

Michael

(British auto)

48 - Martin

78 Syrup base as a photo 124 Most upbeat 81 Penpoint, e.g. 125 Eye affliction

83 Before, to Byron 84 Oasis animal 87 Rolling

43 And the like: 44 Sharif of film 93 Novelist Mario

Vargas -94 Everything considered 127 Chose by ballot DOWN 1 Viper types 2 Brought into the world 3 Cuban leader

amiable way

Castro 4 CIA missions, e.g

Speedwagon

80 Penpoint 126 In an

Stones hit sung by coffee lovers?

Places<sup>3</sup> director John 6 lcy precipitation Beneficial companion, as a spouse 8 Ripe for the market 9 Turns laryngitic 24 Café au -30 Lordly home 31 Weapon swung by a

gaucho 32 Be dressed in 33 Lyre's cousin – Pet (1980s fad)

35 Pueblo people 36 Nothing, in France 37 Stone patio

38 Like a perfect world 39 "Perry Mason" star Burr

44 Decide (to) 45 "The --Curse" (1944 horror film) 46 Related to sight, touch,

informally 89 Nitpick etc. 47 — la la 90 Overhasty 49 Mexican wife 91 Painter Dix 51 Forest 92 ETs' ships abode 99 Altima maker

52 Quiet period 100 Brand of 57 Stitched power tools 101 Glory of edge 59 Scottish girls Love" singer 61 "Eww. a Peter mouse!'

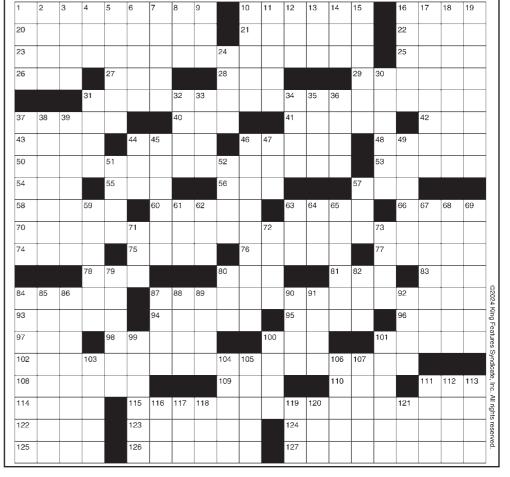
103 Sevigny of 62 Gore and "Big Love" Roker 104 Perfect 63 Fast internet 105 In a majestic SVC. manner

64 Yes, in Dijon 106 Nerd on 65 Second "Family flagship U.K. Matters" TV network 107 Preserved 67 It may be 111 2004 Chevv

balsamic debut 112 Part of NNW 68 Implant firmly 113 Suffix with 69 Arid areas major

**116** Maui 71 Shrill bark 72 "Dragnet" garland **117** Bit of star Jack 73 Galaxy and a circle

iPhone buys 118 Connect (to) 79 Nome's 119 German cry 120 — Guevará home 80 Ducks' and 121 Actress Devils' org.









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