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‘Love will cause you to lift others up instead of pushing others down’

At annual event, Rev. James Rich reminds large crowd, ‘Hate separates us’

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The country is divided, but the Rev. James Rich told a large audience at the Accomack County NAACP’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day Memorial Service that love must overcome differences of opinion.

“Hate separates us,” said Rich during the Monday, Jan. 19, event at Macedonia AME Church in Accomack. “When we choose to love we are choosing to live in the spirit of God.”

He continued: “It’s easy to love the people you like. It’s easy to love the people you line up in agreement with.”

“That isn’t what Jesus was talking about.”

With a number of local elected officials and community leaders in the audience, the annual event combined a worship service, a religious concert, and an opportunity for local youth to shine.

The Arcadia High School National Junior ROTC chapter posted the colors at the service and led the annual Freedom Walk to the circuit court green afterward.

Musical selections were delivered by the Foundation of Faith Mass Choir and the Living Word Praise Team.

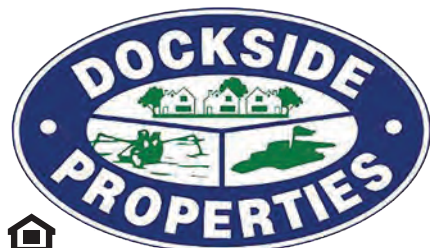
The crowd ended the ceremony with a rendition of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” often referred to the Black National

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From left, Accomack Supervisor Vanessa Kay Johnson, Supervisor Calvin Washington, the Rev. James Rich, the Rev. David Sabatino, and his wife, Gloria Sabatino, stand in front of a crowd that marched to the Accomack Circuit Court green as part of King Day observances on Monday, Jan. 19.

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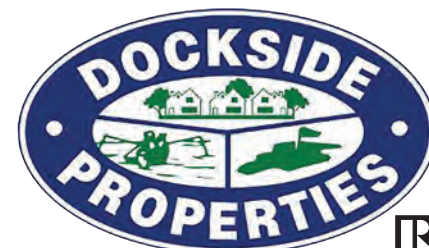
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Terique Denovis McCloud, 26, of Melfa, was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute a schedule I or schedule II controlled substance, Accomack County Sheriff Todd Wessells said.

McCloud is currently incarcerated at the Accomack County Jail, where

bail has been denied.

The search was conducted as part of an investigation into the possession and distribution of controlled substances.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Virginia State Police and the Northampton County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation remains ongoing. Call the Accomack County Sheriff's Office at 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666. Tips may also be submitted through the department's website at <https://tinyurl.com/2k7fjhnz>

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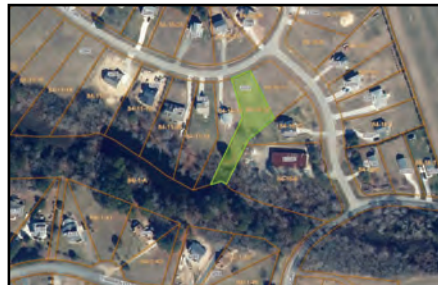
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Groundwater committee against poultry waste pumped into ground

BY TED SHOCKLEY

Eastern Shore Post

A committee that advises Eastern Shore governments on groundwater issues unanimously passed, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, a resolution against a proposal by a company to pump excess poultry litter more than a mile underground.

The proposal, by Texas-based company Vaulted Deep, is not allowed under current Accomack County zoning. The company has appealed the decision, and the proposal will be heard by the Accomack County Board of Zoning Appeals at its 10 a.m. meeting March 4.

One of the top concerns surrounding the project is the possible contamination of the Eastern Shore's sole source aquifer, which supplies drinking water for Accomack and Northampton counties.

In its resolution, the Eastern Shore Groundwater Committee also asked for the state to pass legislation against the practice.

Speakers at the groundwater committee meeting lodged concerns about

the proposal, including Parksley resident Billy Graham, who said Eastern Shore residents have worked "to keep this place as healthy and as clean as we can."

The meeting drew a large crowd to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce building in Melfa, where it was held, and dozens more watched the meeting virtually.

On Jan. 13, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution opposing the poultry waste plan.

The Exmore Town Council on Monday, Jan. 12, also asked the town attorney and town manager to work together to create a resolution opposing it.

Vaulted Deep proposes to dispose of carbon in the form of poultry litter in order to receive carbon credits.

The carbon credits can then be sold to larger corporations for them to be able to emit a certain amount of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases, which is how Vaulted Deep would profit from the project.

If allowed, the project would bring 31 new jobs to Accomack County.

Habitat's February Freeze is slated

The 29th annual Freezin' for a Reason to benefit the Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Cape Charles beach.

The celebrity dipper is Pattie Brogan, a mortgage loan officer with One Presidential Mortgage.

Over the past 12 years, Habitat's celebrity dippers have raised, through sponsorships and matching funds, more than \$750,000 to support the construction of Habitat homes.

These funds, along with proceeds from other fundraisers and donors, have helped construct 57 homes for

first-time homeowners on the Eastern Shore.

Habitat is a nonprofit and houses are sold to selected families at cost.

Habitat is funded almost exclusively by private donations of individuals, businesses, and churches, as well as mortgage payments from existing homes.

The affiliate also receives funds from United Way, the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, and the Eastern Shore Community Foundation. Government grants occasionally fund capital expenses, but no government money is used in building Habitat homes on the Shore.



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Strickler to run for 2nd District U.S. House seat

A Northampton County man who was a cabinet secretary under former Gov. Ralph Northam has begun a campaign for the state's 2nd District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Matt Strickler, 44, who lives south of Cape Charles, called himself a "life-long Virginian, public servant, and outdoorsman" in his announcement.

"The people I know are fed up with Congress not doing its job, and so am I. We all deserve a representative with the courage to stand up for what's right, regardless of who is in the White House or what billionaires are trying to buy our elections," said Strickler.

The seat is now held by U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans.

A product of Virginia public schools, Strickler has spent his career working in public service at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, as



Matt Strickler

deputy assistant secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior, as a legislative aide to then-Senator Ralph Northam, and as Virginia's secretary of natural and historic resources and chief resilience officer from 2018-2021.

"We need an experienced, independent voice to pump the brakes on destructive tariffs, reductions in key public services, and misuse of our military and federal law enforcement," Strickler said in a prepared release.

"At the same time, we also need a positive vision for America, including a fairer economy that works for regular people by helping them earn more and making everything from housing to health care to groceries more affordable — that's

why I'm running for Congress."

As a cabinet secretary under Northam, Strickler oversaw five state agencies with 2,200 employees and a half-a-billion dollar budget.

He led the strongest Chesapeake Bay cleanup effort in Virginia history, developed Virginia's first coastal resilience master plan, and worked with the General Assembly to help communities across the Commonwealth fight back against flooding.

He also took on special interests to reduce air and water pollution, promote affordable clean energy, fight climate change, and conserve marine resources like oysters, striped bass, and Atlantic Menhaden.

Strickler resides in Northampton County with his wife, Laura, in the same Eastern Shore farmhouse where his grandparents helped raise him.

He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

Radford announces dean's list students

Radford University has released its dean's list for fall 2025. Appearing on the dean's list is the most prestigious academic recognition students can receive for their performance during a semester.

Appearing on the dean's list from the Eastern Shore of Virginia are two Chincoteague residents, Michelle Jones and Kaley Tyler.

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On King Day, Impact Center holds grand opening

BY JIMMY SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The Impact Center at Cape Charles Elementary, a former Washington-Rosenwald School, held its grand opening on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 19, with almost 200 people in attendance.

The event marked the completion of remodeling at the long-abandoned Cape Charles Elementary School, which will now serve as a community hub.

“I always had a dream that one day, right here on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, this building would be a place where unity resided, not just in words, but in action,” said Teyva Griffin, the founder and president of the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative.

The CCRSRI bought the building in 2019 for \$275,000 and began the long process of acquiring funding and remodeling it.

Those in attendance at the grand opening hailed from varying backgrounds, including former students of the school, area residents who worked on the restoration project, and family members of former school staff.

Also in attendance was John Nottingham, the last surviving teacher of the school.

The Impact Center will act as a community center and gathering place for Cape Charles and the surrounding community.

The building contains a community kitchen, an auditorium, and other spaces.

The Impact Center has also partnered with Eastern Shore Community College to offer classes for lower Northampton County students to allow them to have a shorter commute to school.

Eastern Shore Community College President Daryl Minus spoke at the event.

Richard Press Sr., a school alumnus and member of the center’s advisory



Teyva Griffin, the founder and president of the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative, speaks while Roberta Newman and Richard Press Sr., board members, listen during the grand opening.

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board, said he can remember when he and his classmates had to walk from town to school, traversing the overpass that is colloquially known as “the hump.”

“The hump was a division” during segregated times, Press said. He said crossing “the hump” meant going into an area where Black children were

more comfortable and able to express themselves.

The school first opened in 1929 as part of an initiative to educate Black children during legalized segregation, according to the CCRSRI’s website.

It operated as an all-Black school until 1966, and shortly thereafter became a seafood processing plant,

which closed in 1977.

Many Eastern Shore residents remember the building wearing lettering reminiscent of its days as a seafood processing plant, but back in 2009, Griffin saw much more than that.

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From an unpopular project, we have community unity

Has there ever been a critical issue on the Eastern Shore of Virginia that garnered full agreement and absolute consensus from every single resident?

There have not been many — but one exists now. And this incidence of unity, unanimity, and community cohesion comes from the unlikeliest of places.

From excrement, we have entente. In our consternation, we have concurrence.

It appears nobody in Accomack or Northampton counties is in favor of a plan in northern Accomack County by a Texas-based business to pump a poultry litter slurry 5,000 feet into the ground under the area's sole-source aquifer.

The company's engineers and scientists say the concept works well elsewhere. But the risk to our aquifer and our environment is simply too great for such a project.

The Accomack County Board of Zoning Appeals at its March meeting should vote against allowing this project to proceed.

However, the regional togetherness and awareness that the poultry litter pumping proposal has hatched is impressive and rare — and should not go overlooked.

Consider the disparate voices on the Eastern Shore who have banded together in solidarity against the proposal: men and women, Republicans and Democrats, Accomack and Northampton residents, casual observers and community activists, people of every race and background, generational Eastern Shore families and those who moved here more recently.

So we must tip our caps to Vaulted Deep, the Texas company that is proposing the poultry litter pumping. Its plan is not a good fit for our area. But the company unwittingly helped bring the entire Eastern Shore of Virginia together in agreement. And that is hard to do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After an aquifer is contaminated, there is no second chance

To the editor:

Our water is not a dumping ground.

The Eastern Shore has one aquifer and no backup. Every person here drinks from it.

Proposals to inject poultry waste and human sewage beneath our land places that shared water at risk — once an aquifer is contaminated, there is no second chance.

This is not a distant or abstract concern. The sole-source aquifer beneath Accomack and Northampton counties supplies every home, school, business, and medical facility on the Shore.

If it is polluted, the damage will not be temporary or easily repaired. Aquifers do not recover on political timelines or corporate schedules. They carry the consequences of today's decisions far into the future.

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Supporters of deep well injection describe the process as safe and contained. But the Eastern Shore's geology tells a different story.

Our land is sandy, layered, and hydrologically connected — not sealed by thick, impermeable rock. Fluids injected under pressure do not reliably stay in place.

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Eastern Shore military duty deaths from Jan. 21 through Jan. 29

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

January has been a deadly month for Eastern Shore of Virginia servicemen over the years.

Here are profiles of those from Accomack and Northampton counties who died in service to our country from Jan. 21 through Jan. 29.

■ U.S. Army Pvt. Charles Ashby Crockett, 19, of Tangier Island, was killed in action in Italy on Jan. 21, 1944, during World War II.

Crockett was posthumously awarded the Silver Star — the U.S. armed forces' third-highest military decoration for valor in combat.

According to an Associated Press news article, Crockett was part of an infantry unit ordered to cross a river and attack an enemy entrenchment on the other side.

Crockett and the group were cited as follows "their fortitude, tenacity of purpose, and devotion to duty against vastly superior enemy forces constitute an outstanding example of fighting courage that will long endure as an inspiration to all who witnessed or have knowledge of their valorous deeds."

His remains are interred in Swain Memorial United Methodist Cemetery, Tangier Island.

His gravestone reads, "He did it willingly. Was awarded Silver Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Citation, 5 Battle Stars."

■ U.S. Army Pvt. Floyd Franklin Fisher, 33, of Chincoteague Is-

land, was killed Jan. 23, 1943, near Thomasville, Ga., while en route on a train from New Jersey to a military camp.

"He accidentally fell from the train," reported the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper. "The accident was not discovered until he was found missing at the check-up at Bainbridge, Ga."

Fisher was survived by a son, Barry, who died in 2020 at the age of 87 and who had a very distinguished military career.

Barry Fisher retired from the U.S. Coast Guard as a senior chief and served in the Vietnam War. He also founded Fisher Marine Construction on Chincoteague Island, which is still in business today.

■ U.S. Army Cpl. Robert Holland Moore, 25, of Eastville, was first reported missing and then reported killed in action in France on Jan. 25, 1945, during World War II.

According to the Peninsula Enterprise newspaper, Moore's family received a letter on Feb. 13, 1945, that the soldier had been reported missing.

His father, Leonard G. Moore Sr., was ill and "was never told about his son on account of his health," the newspaper reported. On Feb. 21, the soldier's father died. On Feb. 24, the family received a telegram that the soldier had been killed in action.

Moore, who was with the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion, was engaged in the Battle of Colmar Pocket



Robert Holland Moore



Warren Reed Eskridge

in France when he was killed.

Moore was survived by his mother, Manie Robinson Moore, five brothers, and four sisters.

His remains are interred at the Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial in Lorraine, France.

■ U.S. Army Cpl. Warren Reed Eskridge, 21, of Tangier, was killed in action during the Vietnam War on Jan. 28, 1969.

Eskridge, an infantryman with the 1st Cavalry Division, died "from wounds received while on a combat operation when he engaged hostile forces in a firefight," according to an article about Eskridge's death in the Feb. 10, 1969, edition of The Evening Sun newspaper of Baltimore.

Eskridge was "unusually ambitious, independent, self-reliant. People here respect that," said Tangier's mayor at the time, William L. Crockett.

The paper stated, "Warren was patriotic without, as one said, 'running his mouth about it.' He had one military deferment because of

his work with his father, but he couldn't take another deferment."

Eskridge's remains are interred in the Swain Memorial United Methodist Church Cemetery on Tangier Island.

He was survived by his parents, Mildred Eskridge, who died in 1976, and William Thomas Eskridge, who died in 2007, four brothers, and two sisters.



Charles Herbert Fletcher

■ U.S. Coast Guard Seaman 1st Class Charles Herbert Fletcher, 20, of Chincoteague, became the first serviceman from Accomack County to lose his life in World War II.

The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Alexander Hamilton, on which he served, was sunk after an attack by a German U-boat on Jan. 29, 1942, off the coast of Iceland.

His body was not recovered.

His name is in the U.S. Coast Guard Tablets of the Missing at the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial in England.

He also has a marker in the Downing's Cemetery in Oak Hall, where the bodies of his parents, Mary Fletcher, who died in 1976, and Charles Fletcher, who died in 1967, also are interred.

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underground does not eliminate that risk; it hides it.

Communities like ours have seen this pattern before.

When industrial systems generate more waste than ecosystems can absorb, the question becomes where to put it.

Too often, rural regions are ex-

pected to accept dangers that more powerful communities would never tolerate.

That is how environmental harm is quietly displaced and why vigilance matters.

There are better options. Poultry waste can be processed, composted, pelletized, and transported to areas where nutrients are needed.

Waste volumes can be reduced. Poultry density can be brought into

balance with the land's capacity.

These approaches require investment and responsibility, but they protect water rather than risk disaster.

Deep-well injection is not recycling or restoration. It is disposal by burial.

For Black communities especially, water is never just a utility. It is life, memory, and survival. We know the cost of being told, "It's safe," only to

learn years later that safety was assumed rather than proven.

The Eastern Shore faces a clear choice. Once an aquifer is contaminated, there is no do-over. Our water is not a dumping ground. It is a public trust borrowed from our children and owed to generations we will never meet.

Gerald Boyd
Birdsnest

ENTERTAINMENT

Eastern Shore Post

Friday, January 23

■ **WALKING GROUP:** 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Walkers meet at Island Community House before taking a one-and-half mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.

■ **COFFEE TALK:** 9 to 10 a.m., Eastville Community Center, 17202 Courthouse Road, Eastville. The Virginia Cooperative Extension's Perk Up and Learn Coffee Hour will cover ticks and their diseases on the Eastern Shore. This free event is open to the public. Attendees will learn how to identify local ticks, learn about the illnesses they can cause, and gain knowledge on effective strategies to prevent tick bites.

■ **COFFEE TASTING:** 10 a.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, Pocomoke City. Cast 26 Coffee is leading a coffee tasting experience. To register call 410-957-0878.

■ **CRAFT:** Noon to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. This month's adult craft is a mini winter-themed cross stitch.

■ **DINNER:** 5 to 8 p.m., St. George's Episcopal Church, 30118 Bobtown Road, Pungoteague. The church is hosting a French dinner in the parish hall. Dine in and take out will be available. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children age 12 and under.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Charlotte Hotel, Onancock. La Doo Vay performs live jazz.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

■ **MUSICAL REVUE:** 7 p.m., North Street Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse presents "A Starry Night at North Street," a musical revue featuring performances by singers who have graced the stage in playhouse musicals. Tickets are \$15 and can be

Best bets

■ **Saturday, Jan. 24, and Sunday, Jan. 25,** are forecast to be snowy. There may be changes to scheduled events. Breaking out the sled, starting a snowball fight, or building a snowman may be the best bet this weekend.

■ **Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m.,** the Cape Charles Museum is hosting a paint and sip. Painters can bring their own snacks and drinks to enjoy while creating a painting. The cost is \$40. Email barboh5@gmail.com or text 410-707-1610 to register.

purchased at www.northstreetplayhouse.org

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, Chincoteague. Crescent Moon Duo perform live.

Saturday, January 24

■ **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** 9:30 a.m., Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 21445 Bay-side Road, Onancock. The church is hosting a prayer breakfast. The guest preacher will be Rev. Roland Major of Cashville Charge United Methodist Church.

■ **CRAFT:** 10 a.m. to noon, Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, Pocomoke City. Enjoy hot cocoa and crafts during a family-focused craft time.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids age 5 and under can hear a story and engage in play literacy.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bayview Heritage Gardens, 22807 Blue Heron Road, Cheriton. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **CRAFT:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. Crafters of all ages are invited to create a book-mark. All supplies will be provided.

■ **PAINT AND SIP:** 2 to 4:30 p.m., Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. Learn to paint a winter forest in the moonlight during the Eastern Shore Art League's paint and sip. Participants must be age 21 or over. All materials are provided. To register contact Maura Davis at littlemcd1984@gmail.com

■ **CHILI COOK-OFF:** 5 to 7:30 p.m., Onancock Baptist Church, 1 Crockett Ave., Onancock. The church's women's ministry is hosting a chili cook-off competition. Anyone can bring a chili to submit. Dinner will be followed by a bunco game night.

■ **QUARTER AUCTION:** Doors open 6 p.m., auction starts 7 p.m., Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven. The Nandua Booster Club is hosting its annual quarter auction. Admission is \$10 and all-in paddles are \$50.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 9 p.m., Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Margot and Val perform live.

■ **MUSICAL REVUE:** 7 p.m., North Street

Playhouse, Onancock. The playhouse presents "A Starry Night at North Street," a musical revue featuring performances by singers who have graced the stage in playhouse musicals. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.northstreetplayhouse.org

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., Chattie's Lounge, Chincoteague. Medium Wave Jay performs live.

Sunday, January 25

■ **CHILI COOK-OFF:** Noon, Epworth United Methodist Church, 4158 Seaside Road, Exmore. The church is hosting a soup and chili cook-off. There will also be soup for sale.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 2 to 5 p.m., Giddens Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Franktown. Melinda and the Speakeasies perform live. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Monday, January 26

■ **BINGO:** 1 to 3 p.m., Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague. Island Community House and Village Neighbors are hosting bingo. The cost is \$5 per card or \$20 for five cards.

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The Island Community House hosts open board game play. Bring a friend or make some new ones. Snacks are welcome.

Tuesday, January 27

■ **CROCHET CLUB:** 10 a.m. to noon, Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The Coastal Crocheters will meet. Crocheters are invited to create in a welcoming, safe environment.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10:30 a.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, Pocomoke City.

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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

Important standing meetings and emergency numbers for the Eastern Shore

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

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

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

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

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

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Children age 5 and under can enjoy songs, rhymes, and stories about folklore and fairy tales.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northampton County Parks and Recreation Community Center, 7247 Young St., Machipongo. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **ART WORKSHOP:** 1 to 3 p.m., Historic Onancock School, Studio 104, Onancock. During the Eastern Shore Art League Stitches Together Catherine Britton will teach attendees the basics of how to embellish home goods and clothing. No experience is necessary and all materials will be provided. This is a free event open to the public. Email gtcebritt@verizon.net to reserve a spot.

■ **TEEN GAME NIGHT:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Teens can play video or board games or put together a puzzle.

■ **TRAINING:** 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Get trained and certified to use the MakerSpace 3D printer at the library. Call the library to register 757-787-3400.

■ **YARN CLUB:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Crafters can bring their knitting or crochet projects and chat with other fiber artists while working.

Wednesday, January 28

■ **TECH HELP:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox. Get help with tech devices on demand all day.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1

p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3305 Main St., Exmore. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saxis Volunteer Fire Company, 8337 Free School Road, Saxis. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **SIT AND STITCH:** 1 to 3 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Bring a handheld project and work in the company of others.

■ **YOUTH ACTIVITY:** 2 p.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, Pocomoke City. During The Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence children from ages 12 to 18 can learn about the founding fathers and can practice their own signature using a variety of quills and fountain pens.

■ **PAINT AND SIP:** 3 p.m., Cape Charles Museum, Cape Charles. The museum is hosting a paint and sip. Guests can bring their own snacks and beverages to enjoy while creating a painting. The cost is \$40 and all painting materials are included. Email barboh5@gmail.com or text 410-707-1610 to register.

■ **PANCAKE DINNER:** 5 to 7:30 p.m., Don's Seafood, Chincoteague. The Chincoteague After Prom Committee is hosting a pancake dinner. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 10 and under. Takeout will be available.

■ **DINNER:** 6 p.m., Smiths Chapel Methodist Church, 35475 Upshers Neck Road, Quinby. The church is hosting a soup and chili fellowship dinner by donation.

■ **MEETING:** 6 p.m., Cape Charles Brewing Company, Cape Charles. Eastern Shore Ducks Unlimited is hosting a happy hour. There will be discussion about the organization's upcoming banquet. Those interested in volunteering for the event can attend to learn more. Appetizers will be provided. This is a free event. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/4p28e4r8>

Thursday, January 29

■ **PLAYTIME:** 9 to 9:45 a.m., Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague. The church is hosting a weekly playtime for children age 4 and under and their caregivers.

■ **STORYTIME:** 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. During Tales for Tots children age 5 and under

can hear stories, sing songs, and play.

■ **GAMES:** 1 to 4 p.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. The Island Community House hosts open board game play. Bring a friend or make some new ones. Snacks are welcome.

■ **CROCHET CLUB:** 4 to 6 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The Coastal Crocheters will meet. Crocheters are invited to create in a welcoming, safe environment.

■ **SOUP-ER-BOWL:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Painter Garrison's Methodist Church, Painter. The church is hosting Soup-er Bowl and Bible Brains. There will be a free soup and sandwich dinner with dessert in the fellowship hall, followed by Bible trivia in the sanctuary.

■ **MOVIE:** 6 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The library is hosting a screening of "Up." There will also be free popcorn.

■ **DANCING:** 6 to 7:30 p.m., The Oyster Farm Seafood Eatery, Cape Charles. Ballroom and More on the Eastern Shore is hosting a dance lesson. The cost is \$5 per person. All skill levels are welcome.

■ **NEEDLECRAFT GROUP:** 6 to 8 p.m.,

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Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague. The Saltwater Stitchers will meet. Crafters of all skill levels are invited to share community and work on knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, or other needlecraft.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii, Onancock. Sean Thomas and the Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio perform live every Thursday.

Friday, January 30

■ WALKING GROUP: 9 to 10 a.m., Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague. Walkers meet at Island Community House before taking a one-and-half mile walk around downtown Chincoteague.

■ MINDFULNESS: 1 p.m., Worcester County Library Pocomoke Branch, Pocomoke City. Bevin Jones, a licensed professional therapist, will demonstrate and lead five mindfulness exercises. To register call 410-957-0878.

■ OYSTER ROAST: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. ESCC is hosting its annual oyster roast. Tickets include roasted oysters, steamed clams, chowder, barbecue, sides, and beverages. There will also be a silent auction and live music by the Russell Scarborough Jazz quartet. To purchase tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/nhcbpy7b>

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 9 p.m., The Blarney Stone Pub, Onancock. Hemlock Hollow performs live.

Saturday, January 31

■ CRAFT SWAP: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Ave., Cape Charles. An arts and crafts supply swap is being held at the civic center. Crafters can drop off excess supplies to share or pick up items for their collection, all for free. Tables will be provided.

■ STORYTIME: 10:30 a.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. Kids age 5 and under can hear a story and engage in play literacy.

■ SPORTSMAN'S DINNER: 4:30 p.m., Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. The Elk's Lodge is hosting its annual Sportsman's Dinner and Giveaway. There will be a dinner, raffles, and an auction to benefit the lodge. Call 757-787-7750 for information.

■ FUNDRAISER: 4:30 p.m., Exmore Moose Lodge, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Hav-

en. Norther Accomack Community Cats is hosting a benefit concert. Live music will be provided by Fil Rhythm and Crowdog. There will also be a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a bake sale. Admission is \$5.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Willie C. and the Gang perform live. To make reservations call 757-710-8718. The cost is \$15.

Tuesday, February 3

■ VETERANS ASSISTANCE: 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. A representative from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be present to help veterans understand their benefits.

Wednesday, February 4

■ MOTHERS GROUP: 11 a.m., Onley Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 25501 W. Main St, Onley. The Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center is hosting Mom Connect, a group for all moms on the Shore. This month's topic will be on cold and flu care with Dr. Susan Boyle.

■ FOOD DISTRIBUTION: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 28281 Main St., Hallwood. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ WINE WEDNESDAY: 5 to 7 p.m., Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock. Shops and studios will be open for extended hours. Visitors can shop while enjoying wine.

■ LECTURE: 7 p.m., Cape Charles Memorial Library, 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles. Local genealogist Bobby Harmon will deliver a lecture titled "Untold Black History of Northampton County." This program is free and open to all.

Thursday, February 5

■ INFORMATION SESSION: Breakfast 8 to 9 a.m., listening session 9 to 11 a.m., Eastern Shore Agricultural and Research Extension Center, 33446 Research Drive, Painter. A Resilient Agriculture Community Listening Session is being held. The session will explore how farmers, families, and communities in coastal Virginia deal with extreme weather through interactive activities and group discussions. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/yw6th7en>

■ STORYTIME: 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. During Tales for Tots children age 5 and under can hear stories, sing songs, and play.

■ BOOK CLUB: 5:30 p.m., Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library, Parksley. The

library's Romance Book Club will meet. Readers can choose from four titles to read and meet for tea, cookies, and discussion. The titles this month are "Thrown for a Loop," by Bowen Sarina, "Like in Love with You," by Emma Alban, "The Marriage Method," by Mimi Matthews, and "The Bodyguard Affair," by Amy Lea.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii, Onancock. Sean Thomas and the Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio perform live every Thursday.

Friday, February 6

■ DANCE: 6 to 8 p.m., Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. The Boys and Girls Club of the ESVA is hosting a Valentine's Day dance for kids in third through fifth grade. There will be music, dancing, snacks, and a Valentine's photo op. Admission is \$5.

Saturday, February 7

■ SOUP SALE: 9:30 to noon, Calvary United Methodist Church, 21457 Hopkins Road, Parksley. The church is hosting a soup sale. Pints are \$5 and quarts are \$10. Soups include Eastern Shore clam chowder, vegetable beef, peas and dumplings, and navy bean and ham. Orders are due by Saturday, Feb. 6. To order call 757-894-0707 or 757-710-4734.

■ FOOD DISTRIBUTION: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Myrtle Landing Apartment, 815 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ FUNDRAISER: 6 p.m., Historic Palace Theatre, Cape Charles. The theater is hosting a masquerade. There will be dancing, live music, a cash bar, and light refreshments. The attire is black tie optional. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/f7e6pcup>

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., The Listening Room at Morphosis, 33 Market St., Onancock. Bayside Jazz performs live. To make reservations call 757-710-8718. The cost is \$15.

■ CONCERT: 7 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Cultural Center, 13 Market St., Onancock. The Crim Dell Quartet will perform a variety of jazz, classical, and pop favorites.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 7 p.m., Giddens Do Drop Inn, 8204 Bayford Road, Franktown. The Harlem Nights fundraiser will feature music by Melinda and the Speakeasies and the Down 'N Outs. There will also be hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Tuesday, February 10

■ BREAKFAST: 8:30 to 10 a.m., Ameri-

can Legion Post 159, 4023 Main St., Chincoteague. All veterans and active military personnel are invited to Veteran's Cafe, a free breakfast held by the legion.

■ VETERANS ASSISTANCE: 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Post 159, Chincoteague. A representative from the Virginia Department of Veterans Services will be present to help veterans understand their benefits.

■ FOOD DISTRIBUTION: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northampton County Parks and Recreation Community Center, 7247 Young St., Machipongo. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ COMMITTEE MEETING: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Support Committee will meet to discuss resources and needs. A light lunch will be provided. Veterans and their families are welcome.

■ MEETING: 6 p.m., American Legion Post 56, Cheriton. The legion will hold its monthly meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 11

■ VETERANS SUPPORT: 11 a.m., Tasley Volunteer Fire Company, Tasley. The Veterans Peer Support Group for Eastern Shore veterans will meet. This guided support group allows veterans to connect.

■ FOOD DISTRIBUTION: 11 a.m. to noon, St. John's United Methodist Church, 10352 Atlantic Road, Atlantic. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ FOOD DISTRIBUTION: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Exmore Town Park, 3305 Main St., Exmore. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

Thursday, February 12

■ STORYTIME: 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. During Tales for Tots children age 5 and under can hear stories, sing songs, and play.

■ LIVE MUSIC: 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii, Onancock. Sean Thomas and the Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio perform live every Thursday.

■ MOVIE: 7 p.m., Roseland Theatre, Onancock. Onancock International Films is screening "Tina." Tickets are \$8.

Friday, February 13

■ DEATH BY CHOCOLATE: From 3 to 7 p.m. Death By Chocolate will bring a

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scavenger hunt to downtown Chincoteague. Visit participating businesses for a chocolate treat and get a playing card validated for a chance to win prizes and raffles. This is a free event.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 p.m., the North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock. The Chris English Band performs live. To make reservations call 757-710-8718. The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Purchase tickets at Morphosis.

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theater Company presents "Southern Fried Funeral." Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased beginning Jan. 23 at H and H Pharmacy or online at <https://tinyurl.com/23zdehuk>

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 7 to 10 p.m., Captain's Cove Marina Club, Greenbackville. The Rhythm Section performs live.

Saturday, February 14

■ **VENDOR FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Great

Pocomoke Fairgrounds, 2037 Broad St., Pocomoke City. The fair is hosting a craft and food vendor fair in honor of Valentine's Day.

■ **DEATH BY CHOCOLATE:** From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Death By Chocolate will bring a scavenger hunt to downtown Chincoteague. Visit participating businesses for a chocolate treat and get a playing card validated for a chance to win prizes and raffles. This is a free event.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bayview Heritage Gardens, 22807 Blue Heron Road, Cheriton. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **BRUNCH:** Noon to 4 p.m., Eastern Shore Community College Great Hall, Melfa. The Love Yourself First Brunch: The Blooming Experience is a women-only brunch focused on empowerment, self-love, personal growth, wellness, and connection. The cost is \$45. For tickets visit <https://tinyurl.com/4dfkhmj2>

■ **LECTURE:** 6 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague. Darcy Cole will discuss the 2025 Chincoteague pony foal season. The cost is \$10. To register for a seat visit

<https://tinyurl.com/ycywk6se>

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theater Company presents "Southern Fried Funeral." Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased beginning Jan. 23 at H and H Pharmacy or online at <https://tinyurl.com/23zdehuk>

Sunday, February 15

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theater Company presents "Southern Fried Funeral." Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased beginning Jan. 23 at H and H Pharmacy or online at <https://tinyurl.com/23zdehuk>

Wednesday, February 18

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 10 to 11:30 a.m., African Baptist Church, 4224 Sunny Side Road, Cheriton. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 28281 Main St., Hallwood. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

Thursday, February 19

■ **STORYTIME:** 10 a.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. During Tales for Tots children age 5 and under can hear stories, sing songs, and play.

■ **LIVE MUSIC:** 6 to 8 p.m., Kuchisabishii, Onancock. Sean Thomas and the Kuchisabishii Jazz Trio perform live every Thursday.

Friday, February 20

■ **PLAY:** 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague. The Chincoteague Island Theater Company presents "Southern Fried Funeral." Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased beginning Jan. 23 at H and H Pharmacy or online at <https://tinyurl.com/23zdehuk>

Saturday, February 21

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 9 to 10:30 a.m., Jerusalem Baptist Church, 10011 Jerusalem Road, Temperanceville. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.

■ **FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Myrtle Landing Apartment, 815 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles. The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore is hosting a mobile pantry.



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Eastern Shore Post

Wendy Hall

Mrs. Wendy Pusey Hall, 77, of Melfa, wife of Charles B. Hall, passed away on Jan. 7, 2026, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

Born on June 19, 1948, in Cape Charles, she was the daughter of the late Wendell Alva Pusey and Sadie Lambertson Pusey.



Mrs. Hall

Wendy dedicated her life to the service of others, especially the children of Virginia's Eastern Shore, where she worked for more than 35 years as a teacher, mostly at Oc-

cohannock Elementary School.

On the dean's list for all four years at Queens College, Wendy earned her master's degree in education from Georgia State University. She later earned a Reading Specialist Endorsement from the University of Virginia. Her instruction extended to church basements and school gymnasiums, where she blazed a trail for women's fitness.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, James Wendell May (Katy) of Portland, Ore.; two daughters, Rachel Gene May, of Eastville, and Mary Charles Hall (Tyler), of Virginia Beach; a sister, Donna Park (Bob), of Suffolk; and three grandchildren, Cyrus, Kamran, and Roya May, all of whom she loved very much.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Keith Pusey, and by her son, Benjamin May.

A memorial service for Wendy will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Benjamin Lewis May Fund, University Counseling Center, Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Jill Koch

Mrs. Jill Ann Bowden Koch, 64, of Elizabeth City, N.C., died at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026. The community has lost someone special.

She was born in Northampton County on Feb. 8, 1961, to Carolyn



Mrs. Koch

Gladden Bowden and the late Kirby R. Bowden.

She was the wife of Charles "Richard" Koch Jr.

Jill was the owner of Photography By Jill, capturing a life-

time of memories for so many families within the Elizabeth City community. So many children grew up in front of her lens. She loved watching them grow, capturing portraits and photographs of various milestones throughout their lives, such as births, graduations, weddings, and family reunions.

She loved her dog, Brinkley, like her child. Jill had a special love of Silver Beach, and she and Richard spent time there making countless memories.

In addition to her mother and husband, she is survived by a niece, Kirby Thornton; two nephews, Michael Thornton and Wyatt Thornton; and many extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Heidi Bowden Thornton.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, 700 N. Road Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909, officiated by the Rev. Caleb Bass. There will be a reception following the service in the church fellowship hall. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Belle Haven Cemetery. There will be a reception following at the Exmore Moose Lodge, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven, VA 23306.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jill's name to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org/donate.html or P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

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Twiford Funeral Homes, 405 E. Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 is serving the Koch family. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.TwifordFH.com

Hazel Smack

Mrs. Hazel Mae Smack, 82, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026.

A native of Painter, Hazel was born to the late Johnnie Voyles and the late Ruby Voyles Mears. She was the beloved wife of the late Tommy Smack.



Mrs. Smack

Hazel spent many years working as a waitress before

retiring, and she was a faithful member of Zion Apostolic Church in Belle Haven.

Hazel will be remembered for her warm heart, strong faith, and devotion to her family and friends. She cherished time spent with loved ones and was especially proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Mary Ann Justis (Ray), Georgie Lee Alaniz, Ella Mae Like, Sharon Parks (Tim), and Diann Bendix (Max); her longtime companion and best friend of over 10 years, Clayton Ray Parks; her sisters, Ethel Shuster and Shirley Anderson; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Her memory will be lovingly cherished by all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m., at Doughty Funeral Home, with the Rev. Eric Levesque officiating. Friends will join family from 4 to 6 p.m. prior to the service. Inurnment will be private.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Kenneth Justis

Mr. Kenneth Allen Justis, 82, of Onancock, was welcomed home by his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026. He is now joyfully reunited with those who went before him, and as he would have loved to imagine it, sailing the seas of heaven together.



Mr. Justis

Born Sept. 5, 1943, in Nassawadox, and raised in Parksley, Kenny was the youngest child of the late Thomas Andrew Justis and Carvella Killmon Justis.

After graduating from Parksley High School in 1961, Kenny enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served his country. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to the Eastern Shore and began a distinguished career as an electronics technician at NASA's Wallops Island facility. He later worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), where he dedicated many years of service before retiring in 2001. Kenny was grateful for opportunities to travel to Alaska and Hawaii, supporting training related to satellite equipment.

An avid sailor, Kenny's love for the water led him on countless adventures along the Intracoastal Waterway and to the Bahamas, often alongside his good friend, the late Bob Taylor, and later with his wife, Dianne. His brother Stewart sparked in him an appreciation for antique automobiles, a passion Kenny continued to enjoy throughout his life.

He was a member of Baptist Bible Church, a longtime member of the Accomack-Northampton Antique Automobile Club of America, a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the Onancock Sailing Club, and most recently, American Legion Post 100 in Parksley.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Dianne Kothe Justis; his daughter,

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Dawn Mason (Michael), of Pocomoke City; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Connie Williams Justis; and by his sister and brothers, Viola Sammons, Stewart F. Justis, Garmon T. Justis, Stanley N. Justis Sr., Vance I. Justis, and Ames Justis.

ALL announces spring lineup of class offerings

The Academy for Lifetime Learning is pleased to announce its spring 2026 lineup of classes.

There are some new offerings as well as some old favorites. Classes begin in late January and end in May, so there is still time to sign up. You may register for as many classes as fit into your schedule. No matter how many classes you choose to take, you will pay only the one-time enrollment fee of \$30.

This semester you can learn about our Eastern Shore shorebirds, hear a lecture on Turkey and the Seven Churches of St. John the Apostle, or learn how to use features of your iPhone beyond making calls and texting.

Dennis Custis will be returning with his always-popular lecture on Eastern Shore history. And if you would like to learn about and prepare Moroccan food, don't miss Mary Kay Mulligan's Cuisines of Morocco.

Some classes will be at Eastern Shore Community College. Others will be held in locations throughout the community. To see course offerings, schedules, class times, and locations, check out the ALL website at www.allesva.org. The website has online registration available, as well as a printable copy of the registration form that can be downloaded and mailed in by those who prefer to register that way.

The Academy for Lifetime Learning is an all-volunteer organization of individuals who share their interests and life experience to provide a rich and varied menu of courses.

All money collected from membership fees, except for a small amount used to pay

A service celebrating Kenny's life will be held at Baptist Bible Church on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Jonathan Budd officiating. The family will gather for private interment at Liberty Cemetery.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Baptist Bible Church, 24577 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301, or to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onancock, VA 23417.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

the expenses of the organization, is given each year in scholarships to help Eastern Shore high school graduates continue their education.

Auditions for 'Piece of Eden' set for Jan. 31

There will be auditions for "Piece of Eden" on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m. at the Historic Palace Theatre in Cape Charles.

"Piece of Eden" is a musical drama based on the history of the Eastern Shore. Written by Jean Collins and adapted for the stage by Sheila Cardano, with original music by Gwen Skeens, it will be directed by Clelia Cardano Sheppard. Megan Cartwright will direct music.

Show dates are April 24 through 26 and May 1 through 3.

If interested in auditioning, come prepared with a favorite short monologue and a song no longer than 12 measures.

For questions, call 757-651-1000.

Birding Eastern Shore outing slated for Feb. 7

Join Mario Balitbit on Feb. 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. to observe winter waterfowl, shorebirds, and gulls from the unique vantage point of CBBT Island 4.

The cost is \$15 per person, and payment and registration form are required by Jan. 29 at 5 p.m.

The group will meet at the parking lot behind the CBBT Administration building, 32386 Charles M. Lankford Junior Memorial Highway, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

Learn more at the group's website at www.birdingeasternshore.org

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Eastern Shore Post

In a sign discussion, some signs of how town slighted Black people

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

The community center now occupying the former Cape Charles school for Black students asked the town for permission to erect a sign in front measuring roughly 8 feet by 8 feet.

After discussions and two failed votes, the Cape Charles Town Council on Thursday, Jan. 15, approved a 7-foot by 7-foot sign for the front lawn of the Impact Center at the former Washington-Rosenwald school.

Before the vote the council and on-lookers received a brief history on the difficult past and current plight of Black people, neighborhoods, and education in Cape Charles.

The sign proposal required a conditional-use permit because it far exceeded the size specified in the town’s sign ordinance.

The large size was requested for many reasons. For one, it would allow the

Impact Center to advertise its offerings, said Elise McMath, director of programming and communications.

But the sign also “signals that African-American history is a valued and intentional part of Cape Charles’ identity, worthy of recognition in the same public, visible ways as other historic institutions in town,” McMath told the town council.

McMath then gently addressed town realities few publicly acknowledge — that Cape Charles’ transition into a vacation destination essentially has wiped out its Black communities and social structures.

“This consideration (for the sign) carries particular weight when it comes to African-American history and the town of Cape Charles,” McMath said.

“Buildings that held priceless cultural, social, and architectural significance have been demolished,” she said.

“New construction often replaced rather than reflected the historic fabric of the community,” she said.

“As a result, the story of African-American life here is too often invisible or absent altogether from the town’s visual record,” McMath said.

The large sign in front of the remodeled former segregated school will ensure history is “not hidden, not forgotten, and not treated as incidental,” she said.

“An appropriately sized sign helps convey the seriousness of the Impact Center’s purpose — education workforce development and the preservation of African-American history,” McMath said.

Commingling the town’s sign ordinance, the town’s racial history, and allegations of the diminishment of Black landmarks “confuse(s) the issues,” said council member Clayton Newman.

“This is such a difficult thing be-

cause this is nothing about the social implication of what has been done in this town over the last 150 years,” Newman said.

Others saw it differently.

Impact Center board director Mark Usry said the large sign was appropriate for a school that was “placed where it was to keep it out of sight.”

“It’s a way of making things a little bit right, based on the history of the town,” he said, advocating for the approval of the sign.

Fellow board director Dianne Davis said of the former school, “This is the only African-American structure that we have left.”

Looking for compromise, council member Tammy Holloway suggested a 7-foot by 7-foot alternative. It passed in a 5-1 vote, with council member Paul Grossman voting against. Grossman earlier proposed a 36-square-foot sign, as recommended by the town’s planning commission.



**Accomack County Economic Development Authority
Fiscal 2024-2025 Summary Statement of Financial Condition**

As required by the Code of Virginia § 30-140, a summary of the financial condition of the EDA for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year is hereby published. The EDA’s complete financial activity is included in the County of Accomack’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report can be obtained from www.co.accomack.va.us.

Financial Condition Summary			
<u>Statement of Net Position Summary</u>		<u>Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Summary</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,436,326	Total Operating Revenues	\$ 135,266
Deferred Outflows	\$ -	Total Operating Expenditures	(233,486)
Total Liabilities	\$ 599,477	Operating Loss	(98,220)
Deferred Inflows	\$ -	Other Sources	(6,757)
Total Net Position	\$ 2,836,849	Other (Uses)	-
		Total Other Sources (Uses)	(6,757)
		Change in Net Position	\$ (104,977)

**Greenbackville Boat Harbor Committee
Fiscal 2024-2025 Summary Statement of Financial Condition**

As required by the Code of Virginia § 30-140, a summary of the financial condition of the Greenbackville Boat Harbor Committee for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year is hereby published. The Committee’s complete financial activity is issued in separate financial statements. These statements can be obtained from the Greenbackville Boat Harbor Committee, P.O. Box 74, Greenbackville, VA 23356.

Financial Condition Summary			
<u>Statement of Net Position Summary</u>		<u>Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Summary</u>	
Total Assets	\$ 157,424	Total Operating Revenues	\$ 31,770
Total Liabilities	\$ -	Total Operating Expenditures	(11,302)
Total Net Position	\$ 157,424	Operating Loss	20,468
		Other Sources	1,141
		Other (Uses)	-
		Total Other Sources (Uses)	1,141
		Change in Net Position	\$ 21,609

ESCC President Takes “Community” Off-Campus

The “community” in community college has always been at the forefront of the ESCC mission and, as witnessed this weekend, it is taken very seriously by college president, Dr. Daryl Minus. Leading ESCC since July 1, 2025, Dr. Minus has spent a considerable amount of time immersing himself with community leaders, local organizations, and all things “Eastern Shore”.

On Saturday, Dr. Minus was one of a group of community “dippers” who braved the cold January waters of Camp Occohannock on the Bay in their annual “Polar Duck Dip”. This annual event is the organization’s major fundraiser that funds capital improvements and expands programs and scholarships to the popular resource that has impacted such a large cross-section of area youth over the years.

“I am so impressed and amazed by the incredible breadth of offerings and programs the camp has offered the Shore. Their reputation as such a vibrant and influential resource has been cited by many students and others, for helping shape young people and prepare them for future success”, Dr. Minus commented.

Minus further noted, “I’m reminded of the dedication our former president Dr. Dick Jenkins had to Camp Occohannock. I attended his funeral service soon after I arrived on the



Dr. Minus participated in Saturday’s Polar Duck Dip and Monday’s Impact Center Open House on MLK Jr. Day.

Shore and was immediately touched by hearing testimony about his commitment there. I was flattered to be asked to participate and, though I’m still thawing out, I had a great time and was proud to help.”

On the following Monday this week, Dr. Minus was once again involved in another major local event acknowledging Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the unveiling of a newly restored historic landmark on the Shore. “It was an honor to deliver the keynote address at the grand opening of the Impact Center, a Washington Rosenwald School at Cape Charles Elementary. The Impact Center will build on its historic legacy and become a hub for community engagement and empowerment on Virginia’s Eastern Shore. The opportunity to participate in this event on Dr. Martin Luther King Day was a perfect way to honor his service, contributions, and sacrifice.”

Dr. Minus addressed a standing room only crowd at the refurbished site where other speakers included students from the original Cape Charles Elementary School, project coordinators and board members, and a number of community leaders. Eastern Shore Community College will be offering programs available at the Impact Center and plans are underway to begin its service to the community. As Minus addressed the audience on the King holiday, he further remarked that “community-driven change is made possible by uniting under shared interests, a unified vision, and collective ambition. We are all connected by what Dr. King describes as the ‘inescapable network of mutuality.’ We all have a role in creating the change that is necessary to enhance ideals of equity, shared community, and humanity. The work is not easy, but we owe it to future generations and the ones that came before us to keep pushing forward. Justice is a manifestation of hope through intentional action.” Pictures and video from this event can be viewed on ESCC Facebook and Instagram.

These community events and the involvement of Eastern Shore Community College speak directly to our “YES!” culture. “Your Eastern Shore” continues to guide our college efforts internally and externally. As our spring semester gets underway, we remind students that it’s always a good time to let us help you find YOUR “YES!”. Come see us about the upcoming 2nd 8-week session beginning in March and our continued selection of Workforce Development offerings!

Call 757-789-1720 or email studentservices@es.vccs.edu for more information.



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DIARY OF A COLLEGE ATHLETE

The first in a monthly series about the experiences of an Eastern Shore high school graduate as she juggles college classes and competition

My winding road from Chincoteague to the SEC

I still remember sitting in my room and watching the Women's College Softball World Series. Even though I was still a young girl, I knew I wanted to play at that level, and that dream never faded.

I kept showing up every day, working with my dad, becoming an all-state player at Chincoteague High School. The dream was still alive.

Then COVID-19 hit, and everything stopped. Re-recruiting was put on hold, seasons were canceled, showcases disappeared. Suddenly the future I had been working toward felt uncertain. I started to wonder if my opportunity had already passed.

But my dad never let me stop working. When restrictions finally eased and travel ball returned, I came back stronger. Bill Dryden, of Windmill Pitching in Delmar, Del., — one of the best coaches and people I've known — believed I was Division I material. He sent my videos to multiple programs, including Virginia Tech.

My dad loved Tech and so did I. But like most teenage girls, I wanted to go my own way, to decide on my own terms. Still, the more I learned about Tech's program, the campus, and the culture, the more I liked it. In September of my junior year, the Hokies made me an offer, and I accepted it immediately. My dad and I were thrilled.

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Emma Jackson, an outfielder for the University of Missouri, was recently named to Softball America's Preseason Top 100 player list.

college athletics hit me. The game felt faster, the expectations higher. Coming from a small town, I suddenly felt very small in a very big environment.

As the year went on, a series of moments slowly pulled me away from the game I had loved for so long. There were days I didn't even want to pick up a bat.

When I returned home after my freshman season, I felt lost. Softball had always been my identity, yet now every swing felt heavy. Instead of

confidence, it brought frustration. Instead of happiness, it brought pain.

A nagging voice in my head told me I should transfer to a Division III school or even a junior college, where I could do big things. Fortunately, I didn't listen to that voice.

East Carolina University gave me a fresh start — not just as a player but as a person. Slowly, I began to rediscover my love for the game and what competing truly meant to me. The

coaching staff believed in me, and for the first time in a long while, I started to believe in myself, too.

In my two years as an outfielder at ECU, I was twice named to the American Athletic Conference second team. Last year, as a junior, I batted .326 with a team-leading 21 homers and 54 RBI. I also made the conference All-Academic Team both years.

My time at ECU helped me grow both on and off the field, but as I continued to mature, I felt another pull — a desire to challenge myself at the highest level once more. This time, I felt ready.

That next step led me to the University of Missouri.

Mizzou offered everything I was looking for: elite competition in the SEC, a coaching staff committed to development and honesty, and a culture built on accountability and trust. I wasn't chasing a logo or a childhood dream anymore — I was choosing a place that fit the player and person I had become.

My first semester in Columbia confirmed I had made the right decision. I settled into my academics, where I'm majoring in general studies. I built meaningful relationships and embraced the daily grind with my new teammates. I felt challenged, supported, and excited about what was ahead.

Our first game is coming soon. We play Penn State on Feb. 6 in a tip-off tournament in Clearwater, Fla. I can't wait.

■ *Emma Jackson, a senior outfielder on the Missouri softball team, was recently named to Softball America's Preseason Top 100. She was an all-state player at Chincoteague High School, where she graduated in 2022. This is her first monthly journal for the Post.*

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Arcadia drops two straight

On Monday, Jan. 19, Arcadia dropped its second straight with a 53-44 loss to Greenville in the Greenville County MLK Classic.

The Firebirds (9-4) were paced by Megan “Boo” Montross (17 points), Amani Hope (13 points, four rebounds, four assists, three steals), and Payton Taylor (seven points, five rebounds, 10 assists).

“Even though we came away with a loss, I think we played extremely well,” said Arcadia coach Casey Cordrey. “Greenville was bigger, stronger, and faster, but that didn’t keep us from being in the game.”

On Friday, Jan. 16, Arcadia spotted visiting Smithfield a 9-0 lead after one quarter and never recovered, falling 47-25.

The Firebirds were led by Ashaureya Tankard (seven points, 11 rebounds) and Hope (seven points, five rebounds).

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, Montross had 14 points to lead Arcadia to a 40-32 win over visiting Peninsula Catholic.

Other top Firebirds were Hope (12 points, five rebounds, five assists, five steals) and Ryann Giddins (eight points, 10 rebounds).

BA wins one of three

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Kacey Ford led a balanced attack to pace Broadwater Academy to a 41-20 win over visiting Denbigh Baptist.

Other leaders for Broadwater (5-4) were Adrianna Holloway (eight points, six rebounds, three blocks), Ava Webb (eight points), and Miranda Smith (six points, six rebounds, five steals).

On Friday, Jan. 16, the Vikings fell, 53-30, at Portsmouth Christian.

BA was led by Ford (12 points) and Smith (eight points, 16 rebounds, four steals, four blocks).

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, the Vikings lost at Holly Grove Christian School, 36-26, despite fine showings from Holloway (12 points),



PHOTO COURTESY MEGAN AMES

Broadwater Academy baseball star Cohen Kellam signed with Wilson College, a Division III school in Chambersburg, Pa., this week. Kellam, primarily a catcher, batted .387 last spring as a junior. He considered a number of colleges, but chose Wilson because it’s “in a small town that reminds me of the Eastern Shore. Everyone I met during my recruiting visit made me feel very welcomed.” Wilson’s baseball team won just 9 of 36 games last year, but Kellam anticipates a turnaround: “We have a strong 2026 recruiting class coming in, and I am looking forward to helping the program be more successful.” Kellam plans to major in exercise science with an eye toward a career in physical therapy or sports medicine. He thanked his parents, Gar and Crystal Kellam of Silver Beach (flanking Kellam on the front row) and Viking coaches Chris Fuller and Zack Papillo (back row) “for their support and guidance.”

Ford (seven points, five steals), and Smith, (four points, 11 rebounds, six steals).

Northampton falls

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Northampton dropped a 40-38 decision to vis-

iting Windsor. No individual stats were available for the Yellow Jackets (2-5).

Ponies downed

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Chincoteague fell, 48-13, at Middlesex. Hope Fosque

led the Ponies (0-8) with four points.

Eagles on a hot streak

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Holly Grove Christian School notched a 2-0 forfeit victory over Nandua, the fourth straight win for the Eagles (7-4).

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Roundup

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On Friday, Jan. 16, Mackenzie Muir, Abby Pruitt, and Cate Sterling had seven points each in a 31-26 win at Seaside Christian Academy.

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, Pruitt's 10 points, eight boards, and eight steals led the Eagles to a 36-26 win over visiting Broadwater.

Other HGCS leaders were Audrey Davis (eight points, six steals) and Muir (seven points, eight steals).

BOYS BASKETBALL

Arcadia splits two

On Monday, Jan. 19, Jordan Cropper's 21 points, 11 rebounds, three assists, and three steals led Arcadia to a 70-63 victory over Camden County in the 8th Annual Border Clash at Elizabeth City State University.

Other leaders for the Firebirds (8-6) included Ephraim Previlus (14 points, 12 rebounds), Kamren Harmon (13 points), and Shane Tull (11 points.)

On Thursday, Jan. 15, the Firebirds took a 72-68 loss at Lakeland despite 25 points, 12 rebounds, four assists, and six blocks by Cropper and 18 points from Tull.

Jackets stung twice

On Saturday, Jan. 17, Northampton fell, 64-57, at Greenville County despite 22 points, five rebounds, and four assists from Jasheem Collins.

Other leaders for the Jackets (7-5) were TraQuan Coston (16 points, six rebounds) and Antoine Horsley (17 rebounds).

On Thursday, Jan. 15, Northampton lost, 89-57, to visiting Green Run.

Top performers for the Jackets were Collins (22 points, five rebounds), Coston (seven points, six rebounds, four assists), and Jaquan Doughty (14 points).

Chincoteague victorious

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Austin Ad-

ams had 22 points, seven rebounds, and two blocks to lead Chincoteague to a 65-56 win at Middlesex.

Other leaders for the Ponies (5-4) were Braedyn Ayres (14 points, 10 assists, seven rebounds), J'Darius Davis (13 points, four assists, four rebounds, four steals), and Camaury Davis (11 points, four assists).

Chincoteague coach Tim Johnson called it "by far the most complete game we've played this season. I've been hard on the guys about the little details, and they answered the call."

Johnson noted "some huge contributions off the bench, led by Jermaine Logan, who was a spark plug on the defensive end."

Broadwater struggles

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Broadwater Academy dropped its fifth straight, a 72-39 loss to visiting Denbigh Baptist Christian.

Noah Pruitt led the Vikings (2-6) with 12 points and six rebounds, while Bennett Custis added 11 points.

On Friday, Jan. 16, the Vikings lost 92-22 at Portsmouth Christian.

Grayson Ross led BA with eight points.

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, Broadwater fell 49-29 at Holly Grove Christian.

Noah Pruitt led the Vikes with nine points.

Nandua woes continue

On Monday, Jan. 19, Nandua suffered its 11th straight loss, falling 62-43 to Perquimans County in the 8th Annual Border Clash at Elizabeth City State University.

On Friday, Jan. 16, the Warriors fell, 75-55, at Bruton, and on Wednesday, Jan. 14, they lost 70-24 at Crisfield.

Nandua (1-12) did not report individual stats for any of the games.

Eagles top Vikings

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, Balazs Kiss had 15 points, five assists, and four steals to lead Holly Grove Christian to a 49-29 win over visit-

ing Broadwater Academy. Jack Ellis added eight rebounds for the Eagles.

SWIMMING

Warriors excel

On Friday, Jan. 16, Nandua's girls swim team swept a tri-meet with Middlesex (103-18) and Lancaster (96-25) at the Eastern Shore YMCA, the Warriors' home pool. The Warrior boys, meanwhile, beat Lancaster, 96-25, but lost a close one to Middlesex, 69-64.

Nandua's first-place girls finishers included Sarah Bentley (50 free, 100 breast), Ashlyn Ebenezer (200 free, 100 free), Molly Sams (200 IM), Chloe Bacchi (400 free), Campbell Bays (100 back), the 200 medley relay team (Sams, Bacchi, Sadie Reiter, Bentley), and the 400 free relay team (Bacchi, Bentley, Ebenezer, Reiter).

Orion Loredó won two events (50 free, 100 butterfly) for the Nandua boys.

It was the final contest at home for seniors Bays, Bentley, Sams, Rylee Marshall, Lucas Calvetti, Dominic Sawyer, and Hayden Williams.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Coates keeps shining

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Northampton's Rylee Coates won the 55-meter hurdles (8.69 seconds) and the pole vault (11-0) and finished second in the 55-meter dash (7.52) in a 19-team meet at Hampton's Boo Williams SportsPlex. Coates' showing led the Yellow Jackets to an eighth place finish.

Other top Northampton girls performers included the 4x400 relay team (5:17.54, names unavailable).

Top boys performers for the Jackets included Hudson Taylor (ninth, 500 meters, 1:15.79) and the 4x400 relay team (names unavailable). The Jacket boys finished tied for 14th place among 19 teams.

On Friday, Jan. 16, Coates won the only two events she entered — the 55-meter hurdles (8.69) and the pole vault (10-0) — in a 13-team

girls meet in Hampton.

In the 14-team boys contest, Northampton's top performers included Camron Wimber (fifth, 300 dash, 39.78; sixth, high jump, 5-2), Tourean Sunkins (sixth, 500 dash, 1:21.29), and Northampton's 4x400 relay team (names unavailable).

WRESTLING

Three Jackets on podium

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16 and 17, three Northampton wrestlers finished on the podium (top six) in the 35-team Ram Rumble tournament in Williamsburg.

Andrew Daggins (144 pounds) finished fourth, Jerry Sturgis (190) finished fifth, and Justin Suarez (285) finished sixth, pacing the Yellow Jackets to an 11th place finish. Sturgis earned the fastest pin in the tournament at nine seconds.

Daggins, Sturgis, and Suarez were among seven Jackets to make it through the first day to the medal rounds on Saturday. The others were Cameron Sanders, Lucas Kindt, Brendan McGee, and Palmer Hubbard.

"I'm proud of the grit, determination, and hard work shown by every athlete who represented Northampton this weekend," said coach Ray Wells.

Warriors third at meet

On Saturday, Jan. 17, Nandua's boys wrestling team finished third (out of 12 teams) at the Cavalier Duals at King William High School, going 3-2 on the day.

The Warriors topped King William, Amelia County, and Carver College and Career Academy, and lost to Courtland and Cosby.

Caiden Hoffman (120 pounds) and Dylan Padgett (126/132) each went 5-0 on the day, with Hoffman chosen as the team's Most Outstanding Wrestler on the day.

Nandua coach Nathan Metzger said his squad "wrestled tough. You could really see the improvement of many of the wrestlers as they pulled out tough wins."

Nandua girls hoops team forfeits five after fracas

BY MARK MORING
Eastern Shore Post

The Nandua High School girls basketball team has forfeited five games after least five of its players were suspended from the team for fighting or leaving the bench at the end of a Jan. 14 game at Crisfield.

Nandua (2-3) has forfeited games Jan. 20 against Holly Grove Christian, Jan. 22 at Pocomoke, Jan. 26 at Salisbury School, and two district games, Jan. 27 at Northampton and Jan. 29 against Chincoteague, according to the Eastern Shore District’s website, www.easternshoredistrictva.org

The games will be forfeited because Nandua will not have enough players to field a team, according to people with knowledge of the incident. The people were granted anonymity by the Post because they were not authorized to speak about the suspensions.

Sources said tensions were running high near the end of the game at Crisfield. Late in the fourth quarter, several players from both teams dove for a loose ball on the floor, and in the scramble for possession, contact was made.

Things escalated quickly, and punches were thrown from both sides, said a source who called it “aggressive and ugly.” A video shows players from both teams left their benches, and several others came onto the floor from the bleachers.

Referees called the game off afterward. It was recorded as a cancellation.

Nandua coach Shaquontae Kellam and athletic director Luke Brankley declined to comment and referred inquiries to the school board office.

Danielle Clark, the district’s public information officer, declined to answer questions, saying, “Accomack County Public Schools has handled the matter in accordance with both the division’s and (Virginia High School League) policies.” The VHSL governs state high school sports.

The school district handbook states that the mandatory consequence for fighting another student is five days of out-of-school suspension for the first offense.

Mike McCall, VHSL director of communications, said he could not comment on specifics of the incident, but did note that “if you leave the bench during a fight, there’s an automatic suspension, even if you don’t engage. You cannot cross that line onto the court. You have to remain on the bench.”

The VHSL Handbook spells out consequences for specific types of actions in an altercation. Rule 27-11-6 says in part: “For engaging in fighting (including throwing punches as an instigator, in retaliation, or intentionally kicking or stomping an opponent), biting or aggressive physical contact shall result in a suspension from contests totaling a minimum of 30% of the total contest limitations for that sport (a player shall be ineligible for the team’s scheduled contests until the suspension is completed). ... Student/athletes who leave the bench area and become actively involved in an altercation will result in a suspension from contests totaling a minimum of 20% of the total contest limitations for that sport.”

Nandua’s athletic handbook states that “Good sportsmanship is an area of special emphasis at Nandua High School,” and that every athlete is expected to “retain his/her composure at all times and never leave the bench or enter the playing field/court to engage in a fight.”

It is unknown how many Crisfield players were punished. Crisfield officials decided to close its next game to the public with only players, coaches, officials, and required school staff allowed to attend. The school’s social media page noted, “This temporary measure is being taken to ensure student safety and to reinforce expectations for appropriate behavior at school-sponsored events.”

High School Sports Schedule Jan. 23 to Jan. 31

FRIDAY, 1/23

Boys Basketball
StoneBridge at Broadwater, 7 p.m.
Greenwood Mennonite at Holly Grove, 6 p.m.
Pocomoke at Nandua, 6 p.m.
Thomas Jefferson at Arcadia, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
StoneBridge at Broadwater, 5:30 p.m.
Gwood Mennonite at Holly Grove, 4:30 p.m.
Lancaster at Northampton, 5:30 p.m.
Arcadia at Thomas Jefferson, 6 p.m.

Swimming
Nandua at Sussex Central, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, 1/24

Boys Basketball
Northampton at Essex, 3 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Northampton at Essex, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, 1/26

Boys Basketball
Holly Grove at Chincoteague, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Holly Grove at Chincoteague, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1/27

Boys Basketball
Broadwater at Atlantic Shores, 7 p.m.
Nandua at Northampton, 7 p.m.
Chincoteague at Arcadia, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Broadwater at Atlantic Shores, 5:30 p.m.
Chincoteague at Arcadia, 5:30 p.m.

Indoor Track & Field
Northampton at Boo Williams Sportsplex, Hampton, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 1/28

Boys and Girls Wrestling
Nandua, Manteo, Churchland at Pasquotank County, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 1/29

Boys Basketball
Chincoteague at Nandua, 7 p.m.
Northampton at Arcadia, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Northampton at Arcadia, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 1/30

Boys Basketball
Gateway Christian at Broadwater, 6 p.m.
Holly Grove at St. Michaels, 6 p.m.
Northampton at Charles City County, 7 p.m.
Oaktree Academy at Arcadia, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Gateway Christian at Broadwater, 4:30 p.m.
Holly Grove at St. Michaels HS, 4:30 p.m.
Northampton at Charles City County, 5:30 p.m.

Indoor Track & Field
Northampton at Boo Williams Sportsplex, Hampton, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 1/31

Swimming
Nandua vs Delmarva Christian at Sussex Academy, 1:30 p.m.

Boys Wrestling
Warriors Duals at Nandua (Nandua, Arcadia, Northampton, Nansemond River, Snow Hill, Windsor), 8 a.m.

Sports Coverage

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2s2nzfzf> to report scores and stats. Please report your results as soon as possible after your games – by 10 a.m. the next day or by midnight for games played on Tuesdays. If you have questions or suggestions for sports-related stories, contact Mark Moring at mark@easternshorepost.com.

Schedule was accurate at press time but is always subject to change.

SOUP FOR SENIORS FEEDS COMMUNITY ON MLK DAY



EASTERN SHORE POST/SARAH BARBAN
Members of several Divine Nine Sororities gathered for a group picture during the Soup for Seniors event at the Do Drop Inn in Weirwood. Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and Delta Sigma Theta were represented at the event. Local sorority chapters support the annual event, which is held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



EASTERN SHORE POST/SARAH BARBAN
Pictured from left are Ellen O'Brien, Linda Hitchings, Heather Atkinson, Devin Allen, and Martha Allen. They dished up bowls of soup to be delivered in the community as part of Soup for Seniors, a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event that is organized by the Northampton County NAACP and Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore. It was held at the Do Drop Inn in Weirwood.



EASTERN SHORE POST/SARAH BARBAN
Ellen O'Brien and Linda Hitchings fill to-go containers with soup at the Do Drop Inn as part of Soup for Seniors.



EASTERN SHORE POST/SARAH BARBAN
Decorated paper bags line tables at the Do Drop Inn on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The bags were set to be filled with containers of soup and delivered to seniors.

Tull presented 2026 DAR Good Citizen Award

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held its January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Ker Place in Onancock.

The program for the meeting was the presentation of the chapter's 2026 Good Citizen Award.

The recipient was Ja'Khan'di Tull, daughter of Kandi Riley, of Oak Hall.

Tull is a senior at Arcadia High School and is active in the Future Business Leaders of America, BETA, the Drama, Yearbook, and Guitar Clubs, and the Hi-Y, where she served as a Model General Assembly delegate. She also attended Space Camp as part of the STEM program.

In her community, Tull has volunteered over 541 hours and serves as a director of the food pantry at her church. She also is a peer tutor in math, science, and history.

The essay topic for this year was "Our nation will celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America on July 4, 2026. Describe how the characteristics of a good citizen help to renew and strengthen the democracy achieved by the Patriots of the American Revolution."

Tull read her winning essay and recognized family members and her guidance counselor, who also attended the meeting.

She received a certificate, the Good Citizens Award pin, a rose, and a monetary gift.

The DAR Good Citizens Award, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities.



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Pictured from left are Laura Cody, Arcadia High School guidance counselor, Ja'Khan'di Tull, winner of the Good Citizen Award, and Sarah Bingman, DAR chapter regent.



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Wendy Lilliston, president of the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, receives a check for the profits from the hospital ball from Anne Kyle Doughty and Brittany Lewis, co-chairs of the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Ball.

Hospital ball nets \$40K

The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary netted \$40,000 to support Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital at its 59th Annual Hospital Ball, held in honor of Beverly Mancuso-Misuna.

All funds raised at the event benefit the Shore community by enhancing patient care and services at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

For more than a century, the auxiliary has provided leadership support for construction projects, continuing education scholarships for hospital team members, patient comforts, new equipment, and other needs identified by the hospital. The auxiliary's mission is also supported through the Carousel Gift Shop.

The 60th Annual Hospital Ball will take place on Sept. 26.

Details on location, sponsorship opportunities, and ticket information are to be announced.

The Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is a volunteer-driven organization. Members give their time and talents throughout the year, staffing the Carousel Gift Shop, organizing community events, and supporting fundraising efforts that support services at the hospital.

The auxiliary welcomes new volunteers who want to make a difference.

Community members interested in joining or learning more can reach out to auxiliary leadership or visit www.facebook.com/RSMHBALL

ANEC to debut energy usage tool

A&N Electric Cooperative is launching a new feature in SmartHub this January that will help members better understand how their homes use electricity.

This tool, called Bidgely, breaks down energy usage to the appliance level, giving members greater insight into their energy habits.

Bidgely uses advanced computer programs and artificial intelligence to study the data from electric meters.

With this information, Bidgely can determine how much energy different household appliances — like water heaters, refrigerators, and air conditioners — use throughout the day.

No additional devices are needed in the home.

With this new SmartHub feature, members will be able to:

- See which appliances use the most energy in the home

- Receive practical suggestions on how to lower energy bills based on usage patterns

- Compare a home's energy use to similar homes

- Check energy insights anytime on the SmartHub website or mobile app.

"These new tools will give our members a simple way to see where their energy goes," said Lori Shreaves, ANEC's director of member services. "When people understand how they use electricity, they can make better decisions and save money."

To learn more about Bidgely and find answers to common questions, visit www.anec.com and search "Bidgely."

CAPE CHARLES

2026 Town Wide Read selected

The Cape Charles Memorial Library has selected "Johnny Tremain" as the 2026 Town Wide Read.

The Town Wide Read aims to get as many town residents as possible to read, watch a film adaptation of, and discuss the same book.

The Town Wide Read will culminate with a free screening of the Walt Disney movie "Johnny Tremain" at the Historic Palace Theatre on Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

Copies of "Johnny Tremain"

are available at the library and on Libby, an app that allows users to download e-books and audiobooks using their library card.

First published in 1943, "Johnny Tremain," by Esther Forbes, is a Newbury Prize-winning book set around Boston before the Revolutionary War.

To learn more contact the library at 757-331-1300.

The Cape Charles Memorial Library is located at 201 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

Pocomoke library offers free tax preparation

The Worcester County Library Pocomoke City Branch is offering free tax preparation through AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.

This program is open to taxpayers of all ages. AARP membership is not required.

Volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year.

To set up an appointment call 410-957-0878.

The Pocomoke City library is located at 401 5th St., Pocomoke City.

GRAND OPENING AT THE IMPACT CENTER AT CAPE CHARLES ELEMENTARY



EASTERN SHORE POST/JIMMY SHOCKLEY

At left, Diego Maldonado Vera sings during the grand opening of the Impact Center at Cape Charles Elementary on Monday, Jan. 19. A large crowd attended the event.

**Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission
Fiscal 2024-2025 Summary Statement of Financial Condition**

As required by the Code of Virginia § 30-140, a summary of the financial condition of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year is hereby published. The Commission's complete financial activity is issued in separate financial statements. These statements can be obtained from the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, P.O. Box 417, Accomac, VA 23301.

Financial Condition Summary

<u>Statement of Net Position Summary</u>		<u>Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Summary</u>	
Total Assets	\$ 3,650,101	Total Operating Revenues	\$ 3,902,412
Deferred Outflows	\$ 189,633	Total Operating Expenditures	\$ (3,802,936)
Total Liabilities	\$ 840,162	Operating Income	\$ 99,476
Deferred Inflows	\$ 153,421	Other Sources	243,229
Total Net Position	\$ 2,846,151	Other (Uses)	
		Total Other Sources (Uses)	243,229
		Change in Net Position	\$ 342,705



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March

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Anthem.

But it was Rich, the pastor of Greater Works Worship Center in Accomac, whose enthusiasm and deep singing voice brought the event to a pinnacle.

Rich implored the gathering to let love cross lines drawn by opinions, differences, or votes.

"I've still got to love you," he said. "Jesus said, 'Love your enemies.'"

He also referenced King's work to advocate for nonviolence.

The Rev. Calvin Washington, a member of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, offered a stirring prayer during the event in which he told listeners to "keep marching when the road grows long."

The Rev. David Sabatino, president of the Accomack County NAACP, recognized the recent ascension of Supervisor Reneta Major to chair of the county's board of supervisors and Supervisor Vanessa Kay Johnson to vice chair.

It is the first time in the history of the county that the board of supervisors has been led by two Black members and two members who are women.

Sabatino referenced Major's late mother, Julia Major, who was the board of supervisors' first Black member.

"I know this would be a great day for your mom," Sabatino told Major from the pulpit.

Before the chilly walk to the courthouse, Rich had words of advice:

"Love will cause you to lift others up instead of pushing others down," he told the crowd.

At top, the Arcadia High School National Junior ROTC leads the Freedom March to the courthouse green. At right, children in attendance at the march hold their signs.

EASTERN SHORE POST/TED SHOCKLEY



Scientists: Assateague hook impacts island, causeway

BY JANET BERNOSKY
Eastern Shore Post

Speaking before a full house at the Chincoteague Center on Thursday, Jan. 15, Chris Hein, a coastal geologist with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Williamsburg, spoke of threats to Chincoteague caused by erosion to Assateague Island’s hook.

Hein was joined by Iannis Georgiou for the lecture “An Island Shaped by Its Inlet: The Evolving Threat to Chincoteague.”

Georgiou is a coastal scientist with The Water Institute of the Gulf in Louisiana and holds a doctorate in engineering and applied science from the University of New Orleans.

Hein’s and Georgiou’s joint research has documented changes to the hook, largely driven by migrating sand from the north and overwash from storms.

While its bottom has widened over the course of several decades, this has caused erosion to the hook’s spit that projected across the inlet. The spit had given Chincoteague some degree of protection from waves.

However, a now-widened inlet causes the southern end to be exposed to stronger wave action — to the marsh

and nearby harbor, in particular. Its effects, though, can also be felt along the island’s coastline and causeway, Hein said.

Arthur Leonard, a former town mayor, expressed concern over this potential larger volume of water, something Georgiou said could result in a higher storm surge.

Hein was quick to dispel concerns by audience members that steps taken by Ocean City, in particular, to preserve its beach could have caused this.

“It’s the natural growth of a totally natural system here, ... typical barrier island dynamics,” he said, adding the situation is also affected by rising sea levels.

Hein mentioned that poles placed at the southern end of Assateague are gathering ongoing data for the study.

This data will provide the town of Chincoteague with documentation to seek funding for potential solutions to the situation.

“Throughout their presentation, the depth of their research and their passion for the topic was apparent,” Town Manager Mike Tolbert said later of Hein and Georgiou.

“I can’t say enough how important their work has been to the town of Chincoteague.”

JMU names dean’s list

James Madison University is pleased to announce the following students who made the dean’s list for the fall 2025 semester:

Hermia Scarbough, of Onley, who is majoring in communication sciences and disorders

Colleen Brittingham, of Greenbackville, who is majoring in health sciences

Candith-Araceli Guzman, of Parkesley, who is majoring in individualized study

Addison Morris, of Exmore, who is

majoring in psychology

Kent Reed, of Chincoteague, who is majoring in sport and recreation management.

Pham on provost’s list

Jennifer Pham, of Painter, has been named to the provost’s list at Troy University for the fall semester.

The provost’s list honors full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65.



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Town manager pledges to help warn of ‘Lake Madison’

BY TED SHOCKLEY
Eastern Shore Post

When the owner of a short-term rental at 411 Madison Ave., Cape Charles, hears of a storm coming, he has to remind his vacationing tenant to park behind the home.

Or else.
“We have to keep an eye on the weather maps and text them and say, ‘Make sure you have your cars in the back of the house or they’re going to float away,’” the owner, Barry Gabler, told the Cape Charles Town Council on Thursday, Jan. 15.

He referred to the low area at the intersection of Madison Avenue and Plum Street as “Lake Madison,” which it is commonly called because it collects so much rain water.

He asked the town council to request the Virginia Department of Transportation to install signs warn-

ing of flooding.
Cape Charles Town Manager Rick Keuroglan said he would advocate for some signage.

The area is north of the Cape Charles Lofts — the former town high school. It is known by many for its flooding.

But when Gabler, of Maryland, came to Cape Charles and wanted to buy property, nobody told him about Lake Madison when he purchased his home site.

“We didn’t know,” he told the town council. “It’s like the lowest point in town.”

He said any time there is a high tide and a heavy rain at the same time, “You can see pictures ... (of) cars floating down the street.”

“Everything comes down there,” he said of the drainage. “It’s really bad.”

He built the home in 2023. He said he installed a rear driveway so there was off-street parking away from

where the water collects.
He indicated that he felt by having the town ask VDOT to place flood warning signs, the state agency might be more willing.

Gabler said he personally would be willing to buy the signs and install them, if needed.

Town council member Andy Buchholz agreed the area is prone to flooding.

“Good thing you weren’t here during Ernesto,” he said of the 2024 hurricane.

Recycling possibility

A representative of a company called GP Backroad Recycling made a sales pitch to the Cape Charles Town Council to collect recyclables from households and businesses.

Gaelan Patel, the representative, said the company is a locally operat-

ed recycling business focused on small communities.

He provided figures showing 32% of the 2.6 million pounds of trash thrown away by the town could be recycled.

Patel proposed having plastic curb recycling cans in which all recyclables would be deposited. It would be sorted offsite later.

He said cardboard, paper, plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars, paperboard and cartons, aluminum and steel cans, and more could be recycled.

“Do you guys see this as something Cape Charles would need?” he asked.

The town council will weigh the need and, if consensus is reached, will issue a request for proposals during which Patel’s business could bid.

Patel said he is attempting to get the business started with Cape Charles and then expand to collect recyclables from other communities.

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Shore musician Forest Flynn nominated for music award

BY SARAH BARBAN

Eastern Shore Post

Eastern Shore native Forest Flynn has been playing music most of his life, but he seems to be on a creative hot streak.

He has been nominated in the folk/acoustic category for a Veer Music Award. Veer Magazine is an independent Hampton Roads publication covering arts and culture.

Flynn also recently recorded a new song called “Thrills,” which was inspired by the arson spree on the Eastern Shore.

On Jan. 4 he recorded a live Tiny Desk Concert with WHRO, and on Jan. 10 he played his first show in front of a ticketed audience during Live at St. Johns in Portsmouth.

Flynn said the nomination was a surprise, partially because of the timing.

“I wanted to get promotion for ‘Thrills,’” he said. “So I emailed the publisher at Veer about the song and asked him to listen to it. He told me I’d been nominated for the 2026 music awards and to keep an eye on their Facebook for the announcement. It was kind of a funny interaction.”

Flynn describes his music as “if the Allman Brothers and Third Eye Blind



COURTESY PHOTO

Forest Flynn, a Northampton County native now living in Hampton, has been nominated in the folk/acoustic category for a Veer Music Award.

had a kid and the Drive By Truckers were playing on the radio.”

The Eastern Shore is also a source of inspiration for the Bridgetown native.

“The songs that are my favorites to play live are all about the East-

ern Shore, growing up here, partying, fishing, riding around the back roads, running around the woods,” he said. “I want to tell our stories.”

In fact it was his love of the Eastern Shore that first inspired him to begin writing original music while he was in college at George Mason University during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He had nothing else to do and wanted to write about going home, Flynn said.

“That’s where I started writing songs,” he said. “I was sitting up in Fairfax and it’s not like the Shore at all. I started writing songs about what I wanted to go back to.”

Flynn graduated from George Mason in 2023 and currently works for the City of Hampton as a code compliance inspector.

Music is a family affair for the Flynns.

Forest recalls early memories of tapping his foot to the music while his parents played on stage at The Chair Place.

At 10 or 11 years old he asked his father to teach him how to play guitar.

His father, Terry, plays guitar and bass. His mother, Jean, sings and plays the piano and per-

cussion. Liam, Forest’s younger brother, plays guitar and has helped write many of the songs Forest performs.

“They’re as much his songs as they are mine,” Forest said.

Playing those original songs live, in front of an audience that paid to see him, is an awesome feeling, Flynn said.

“It’s really cool when you get to play a venue where people pay, when people are there for your songs, when they don’t want to hear covers,” he said.

Flynn fronts a cover band called Old Soul Revival, in addition to performing solo in Hampton Roads and occasionally as a band with his brother and father.

However, music is about to take a backseat to fatherhood. Flynn and his wife are expecting a baby girl.

“When she comes I’ll want to spend my time with her and my wife,” he said. “That’s the way I grew up. Once she gets older I’d like to go on tour a little bit.”

Voting is open for the Veer Music Awards through Monday, Jan. 26, at veermag.com.

The Veer Music Awards ceremony will be held at The Norva in Norfolk on Monday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. The event is free.

Demand for protein fuels poultry industry

Of all the challenges facing the agriculture industry, ever-increasing consumer demand for a variety of protein-packed poultry products is a convenient problem for U.S. producers and companies.

The poultry industry experienced a “premiumization paradox” in 2025, according to WATT Poultry, a media and marketing company serving the global poultry and egg industries.

While health trends drive baseline demand for chicken, quick-service restaurant competition forces con-

stant innovation with dozens of popular new menu items.

The U.S. poultry sector is trying to keep up — balancing mass-market affordability with high-value, notable products.

“There are a lot of different consumer demands, and it’s a challenge for the industry to meet those demands with supply and new products,” said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development, and innovation at Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. “But at the same time, it’s a great opportunity for the industry with its multifaceted consumer base.”

Poultry companies are not dealing with a monolithic or uniform consum-

er, he continued.

“They have to balance their product offerings based on the demand for various types of chicken,” Banks said.

Historically, dark poultry meat in the U.S. has been sold at a discount to white meat. But consumer preferences are shifting, and innovations have standardized dark meat deboning and processing.

“Traditionally, you’d tend to see dark meat in prepared entrees or any canned soup with chicken meat in it,” Banks said. “But with the advent of Buffalo wings and other types of prepared, convenient chicken products, and growing ethnic demand, we’re seeing the dark meats being incorporated into more items with greater

convenience and flexibility.”

Americans consumed an estimated 104.5 pounds of chicken products per capita in 2025, according to the National Chicken Council. That’s an increase of about two pounds per person since 2024. And surveys show that 70% of American adults are seeking more protein.

This health consciousness aligns with the estimated 8-10% of U.S. adults, or about 20-25 million people, who are now taking GLP-1 medications for weight loss. These drugs are driving a reduction in calorie intake while attracting consumers to healthier, protein-rich food choices like poultry that preserve lean muscle mass during weight loss.



DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INC. GIVES PRIZES AT BINGO

Pictured from left are Terry Bailey, Mae Gray, Ruth Tankard, Rhonda Hall, Lisa Johnson, and Virginia Heath. Local seniors 55 and older were treated to refreshments and over two dozen prizes donated by the members of the Accomack Northampton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the monthly bingo event at the Mary N. Smith Cultural Center in Accomac. The event featured 20 regular bingo games plus a black-out game for approximately 100 guests. The local Deltas remain committed to providing these and additional community services through the leadership of Chapter President Tysha Chambliss. "As part of our commitment to Social Action, of course we continue to honor our seasoned citizens," said Ruth Downing, event leader for the Deltas. Bailey, social action committee chair, said, "It is a blessing to see the seniors laugh and smile." Not pictured is Pauline Milbourne.

COURTESY PHOTO

\$90K grant funds native trees, shrubs on rail trail

Elaine Meil, executive director of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, has announced the award of \$90,000 in Virginia Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Program funds.

The grant will fund the planting of native trees and shrubs along the Cape Charles and Treherneville-Birdsnest sections of the Eastern Shore Rail Trail by a qualified landscape contractor using biochar as a soil amendment.

Qualified landscape contractors interested in responding to the request for bids should call the A-NPDC's office.

"The planting of trees along the Eastern Shore Rail Trail will provide shade, buffer traffic noise, and provide wildlife habitat along the Eastern Shore's first transportation trail," Meil said.

The kickoff of the tree planting proj-

ect was on Wednesday, Jan. 21, when VDOF foresters and area volunteers planted several trees and shrubs west of the Birdsnest Convenience Center, in temperatures well below normal for mid-January.

Ron Wolff, executive director of the rail trail and a planting volunteer said, "It is a great partnership working with the A-NPDC and the ESRTF to secure this forestry grant for plantings along the Eastern Shore Rail Trail that will grow and have a long-lasting effect well into the future."

The Birdsnest Community Church of God provided a much-needed place for the volunteers to warm up during the planting and even donated to the A-NPDC's tree planting fund.

The Eastern Shore Rail Trail Foundation is leading the development of the 49.1-mile Eastern Shore Rail Trail.

The trail, which is currently under construction in Cape Charles in its initial phases, will transform the former Bay Coast Railroad corridor into

a shared-use trail for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized users.

The A-NPDC also will enhance the dedicated page on its website devoted to the project for education of the public regarding the benefits of planting native species, providing a species planting list as well as their history on the Eastern Shore, and the benefits of using biochar in native vegetation plantings.

Treherneville and Birdsnest are historic Black communities, and an increased number of trees in this community will be beneficial for its residents, as trees and shrubs help clean air and water, lower energy costs by providing shade, manage stormwater, boost property values, and provide wildlife habitat.

Robbie Lewis, the Eastern Shore-area forester, is guiding this project to completion with support from UC&F foresters.

Lara Johnson, urban and community forestry program manager at the Virginia Department of Forestry, said,

"The Virginia Department of Forestry is proud to partner on this local effort with A-NPDC. Our goal is for everyone to benefit from these trees, whether you help plant them, learn about them online, or simply spend time enjoying their shade while visiting the newly developed trail."

The UC&F Program fosters partnerships between government agencies, businesses, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations to ensure trees in our communities receive necessary care long into the future. Program staff provide assistance, including education, community engagement, tree selection, and grants for tree planting and local program development.

These resources and others are available for municipalities and local governments to promote a healthy tree canopy. The USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program directly supports this state program delivered in all 50 states and in U.S. territories.

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I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Intensive Care Unit staff. To every doctor, nurse, aide, food service worker, and housekeeper who played a part in the care of my husband, Forrest Collins Jr., from the moment he was rolled into the emergency department on Jan. 7 until his discharge on Jan. 13. Your compassion, kindness, and professionalism will be forever remembered. Thank you for a job well done! May God bless each one of you.

*With a grateful heart,
Mrs. Noraleen Collins & Family*

Help Wanted

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Utility Driver & Operator
F/T position with benefits
Open Until Filled | Starting Salary: \$35,429 - \$46,058
(based on experience)

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a full-time Utility Driver & Operator in the Department of Public Works.

Description: The position's primary responsibility is to drive and operate a variety of trucks and equipment. Employees in this classification perform skilled and manual work. Position is responsible for operating roll-off trucks, tractor/trailer trucks, dump trucks, heavy equipment (e.g., loaders, excavators, and dozers), portable power equipment, and hand tools.

Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or GED; supplemented by one (1) to two (2) years previous experience and/or training involving the operation of heavy automotive equipment; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Possession of a Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement. Satisfactory completion of a background check, medical exam including drug screening, and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. DMV records check will be performed annually thereafter.

A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us>

Review of applications will begin on Wednesday January 28, 2026.

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

Help Wanted

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, PERMITTING & ENFORCEMENT

The County of Northampton is accepting applications for a highly qualified and experienced Director of Planning, Permitting & Enforcement.

This position will work with County Administration and other agencies on community and economic development opportunities. Requires bachelor's degree in planning, environmental studies, engineering, or other closely related field. Requires ten (10) years of experience involving environmental work, community development, planning, site inspections, engineering, or code review and enforcement.

The essential function of this position is to oversee and direct operations of planning, zoning, permits, building inspections, and code compliance. The position is responsible for staff supervision, managing and implementing County goals and objectives, establishing short- and long-range plans, developing policy and procedures, managing planning activities and events, and preparing budgets.

This position also evaluates, documents, and reports on events and activities to senior management and elected or appointed officials and oversees the building official for administration of Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Additionally, the director oversees administration of the Northampton County Land Use Code to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of County residents. This position, with the appropriate certifications, performs plan reviews for storm water management and erosion and sediment control.

The salary range is \$91,9825 to \$140,795.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions and requirements https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

Please submit completed application and resume with cover letter and copies of certifications to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347. This position is open until filled. Northampton County is an EOE.



Need to earn some extra money working part-time hours?

How about a \$1,000 Sign on Bonus?* STAR Transit is hiring PT CDL Drivers for a local passenger service. New higher ROP \$19/hr. Steady income, PTO & paid holidays. CDL w/ Passenger Endorsement is preferred, but training may be provided to obtain CDL. Good DMV Record is a must! **Questions: Contact Bill @ 757-787-8322. Apply: Star Transit, 21250 Cooperative Way, Tasley, VA.**

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*Sign-On Bonus not applicable to former employees separated within the last year.

Help Wanted

OPEN POSITIONS

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR

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

Requires high school diploma or GED, and one (1) year of related experience. Experience as a building inspector is desired. Provides customer service to the public pertaining to building permits. The position is responsible for performing building inspections and reviewing construction plans.

Requires valid Virginia Driver's License. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$48,261 to \$73,644.

CODE COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Code Compliance Inspector. The essential function of this position is to provide customer service to the public pertaining to code inspections and enforcement of county codes. The position is responsible for inspections and enforces violations of Chapter 92: Abandoned, Inoperable and Unattended Vehicles; Chapter 94: Nuisances; and Chapter 154: Zoning Code.

Requires high school diploma or GED, and one (1) year of related experience. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$42,665 to \$65,073.

PLANNER/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Planner/Community Redevelopment Specialist. The essential function of this position is to provide planning and technical support for the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department and various boards and committees. The position is responsible for assisting with planning, policy analysis, regulation enforcement, technical research and support, site/plan review, customer service, and related records and reports. The position works under general supervision of the Director.

Requires Bachelor's degree in planning or closely related field of study or at least three (3) years of related experience and demonstrated ability to handle multiple projects, public speaking, and maintain good public relations. Excellent communication skills are essential. This salary ranges from \$62,877 to \$96,192.

Please refer to Northampton county's website at <https://tinyurl.com/yezesa6ra> for further position descriptions. Please submit a completed County application with cover letter to Human Resources. Positions open until filled.

PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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

Qualifications: Over the age of 18 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. All part-time applicants are required to be certified prior to applying.

Applications may be obtained from Northampton County Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347 or from the County's website https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

This position is open until filled. EOE.

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

\$1,000 Sign-On Bonus:

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(\$13.00-\$15.00/hour-\$2.50/hr night & wkend differential)

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



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CHINCOTEAGUE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME POSITIONS

The Town of Chincoteague is accepting applications for full-time positions in the Public Works department. Applicants must have a valid driver's license. Pay starts at \$15.00/hour but varies with experience level. Training is provided. Applications are available at 6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336. EEO.



Join Our Team.

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel is accepting applications for the following position:

CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER

To apply, visit or call:

www.cbbt.com | (757) 331-2960



SCAN HERE to learn more about this position opening.

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District is an Equal Opportunity 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 Employer.

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Human Resources Director

F/T position with benefits

Starting Salary Range: \$94,007 to \$122,209

(based on experience and credentials)

Open Until Filled

Accomack County is currently recruiting for the position of Director of Human Resources.

Description: This position reports to the County Administrator and is responsible County's human resources functions by establishing and maintaining sound, transparent, and consistent policies, practices, and procedures and by overseeing the operation of the County's human resource functions to ensure an inclusive and diverse workforce. The human resources director directs and coordinates all human resources activities, including but not limited to employee relations, recruitment and retention, compensation, benefits, organizational development, skill development, and employee-related services by performing the following duties personally or through other staff.

Upcoming projects/initiatives: The successful candidate will play a critical role on the implementation team for a new ERP software platform and will serve on the County's leadership team.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Human Resources, Public Administration, or a related field preferred; an equivalent combination of relevant education, training, and experience will be considered. Current PHR and/or SHRM certification and a minimum of ten (10) years of progressively responsible Human Resources experience required. Experience using and implementing HR modules within ERP systems, including leave management. **Preferred Qualifications:** Master's degree in Human Resource Management or Master's in Business Administration, Public Administration with a concentration in Human Resources, and ten (10) or more years of experience in HR department. Experience with HRIS and/or payroll systems and leave management systems.

Excellent benefits package includes participation in the Virginia Retirement System, vacation, sick leave, life insurance, health insurance, and professional development expenses.

Applications can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>

First consideration given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2026.

For questions, or to request accommodation, please contact: Human Resources, 757-787-5710 or AskHR@co.accomack.va.us

Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

TOWN OF ONLEY POLICE OFFICER \$5,000 SIGN-ON BONUS FOR DCJS-CERTIFIED OFFICERS*

The Town of Onley is accepting applications for full-time DCJS-certified police officers. A complete job description and application are available at www.townofonley.org

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Applications will be received at the Onley Town Office, 25308 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA. The Town of Onley is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Subject to certain terms and conditions.*

Help Wanted

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY EASTVILLE, VA 23347

DEPUTY TREASURER I

SUMMARY

Performs responsible skilled clerical work assisting with the operation of the Treasurer's office; does related work as required. Work performed under regular supervision.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Receive and process payment for personal property, real estate, dog tags, utility bills, and other fees.
- Answer calls from citizens, answer questions, and provide accurate information. Greet and assist walk-in customers.
- Count and verify cash and checks and balance a cash drawer daily.
- Research delinquent real estate taxes for title companies and attorneys.
- Process office deposits and prepare bank deposits.
- Assist with debt set off program.
- Post landfill payments, school deposits, Social Service deposits from various County departments.
- Receive and process incoming and outgoing mail. Pick up and drop off mail daily.
- Deposit money in the bank.
- Process County bank statements.
- Assist in processing delinquent payments for personal property and real estate for attorneys.
- Issue and release DMV stops for customers.
- Help train new employees.
- Assist with all office filing and record keeping.
- Assist Treasurer on various projects as needed.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITY

Candidate will need a general knowledge of the laws, ordinances, business, office practices, principals, methods, and practices of accounting and regulations governing the operations of the Treasurer's Office. Operate standard office, word processing, and data entry software and equipment. Also, follow oral and written instructions and maintain effective relationships with associates and the public. The successful candidate must be able to maintain positive customer interactions in a very fast paced environment.

Applications close on February 6, 2026.

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for:

Jail Deputy at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

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

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

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

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

Open until filled.

Apply in person at the Eastern Shore Regional Jail

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a part-time custodian. The primary duty of this position will be to clean and maintain County-owned facilities.

Pay rate for this position is \$15/hr or more, depending on experience. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Requires high school diploma, GED or vocational training, and a valid Virginia Driver's license.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements, and application form at <https://tinyurl.com/46cc4bf5> or an application can be obtained through the Human Resources office.

Please submit completed county application form online or to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road. Position is open until filled. Northampton County is an EOE.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is seeking applications for 3 summer Short Term Experience Program (STEP) Interns at the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve (VVCRR) in Nassawadox, VA:

- **STEP Environmental Education Intern:** Will assist our education team to provide summer school programming to rising 5th and 6th graders in Accomack and Northampton County public schools (**Job ID: JR101526**).
- **STEP Coastal Drone Intern:** This Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) and Remote Sensing Intern will assist with collecting, processing, and analyzing aerial imagery to support conservation, research, and land stewardship (**Job ID: JR101525**).
- **STEP Coastal Conservation Intern:** Will assist science and conservation staff with marine habitat restoration, stewardship of barrier island beach nesting birds and public outreach (**Job ID: JR101524**).

These 10-week, 35 hour/week positions will begin in May 2026. Educational requirements vary between positions. To see complete details for these positions and to apply, go to www.nature.org/careers, click *Explore Opportunities*, search jobs by the position title, location or Job ID, then click *Apply Now* to submit an online application by **11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2026**. TNC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Don't miss out on this opportunity to work in one of the largest stretches of wilderness on the east coast!

PART-TIME GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Northampton County Department of Public Works is accepting applications for a part-time grounds maintenance worker. The primary duty of this position will be to maintain the lawns of various County-owned facilities. Other general facilities maintenance duties may also be required. This is a year-round part-time position with up to 35 hours per week during the lawn care season and up to 20 hours per week during the off-season. Experience operating zero-turn lawn mowers and towing trailers is a plus. A valid Virginia Driver's license is required.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for a complete job description, requirements, and application form.

Please submit completed county application form to Human Resources, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or in person to 16404 Courthouse Road. **Position open until filled.** Northampton County is an EOE.



EVENING CIRCULATION DESK EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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 Evening Circulation Desk provides support for the library and its patrons, primarily in the evenings but with occasional day hours as mutually agreed. The position is responsible for monitoring the LRC during the hours of employment. Responsibilities are related to a physical presence in the facility to support patrons who use the study rooms, computers, and copiers, and those who wish to remove or return materials.

ESCC is seeking applications for this part-time position. For additional details, qualifications, and the application process, please visit <https://jobs.vccs.edu/postings/92405>

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ACADEMIC ADVISOR EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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 Academic Advisor's primary role will be onboarding and supporting students in G3 (Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back) programs that directly lead to an industry-recognized credential and employment. Additionally, the responsibilities include assisting prospective students from the point of inquiry to credential completion, supporting students through their academic and/or workforce-credentialing journey, utilizing technology and other resources to connect with students, and contributing to the success of the student service team.

ESCC is seeking applications for this full-time position. For additional details, qualifications, and the application process, please visit <https://jobs.vccs.edu/postings/92217>

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Legal Ads

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Accomack County School Board will hold a Public Hearing on Feb. 3, 2026, to consider the FY 2027 Operating budget of \$75,863,870. This meeting will be held at Metompkin Elementary School, located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The proposed budget can be found on BoardDocs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Accomack County School Board will hold a Budget Workshop on Feb 3, 2026, to consider the FY 2027 Operating budget of \$75,863,870. This meeting will be held at Metompkin Elementary School, located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The proposed budget can be found on BoardDocs.

Legal Ads

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
HORIZON FARM CREDIT, ACA,
Plaintiff
CHANCERY NO. CL25000340-00
vs.
WILLIE ELIZABETH PRESS,
Defendant

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to commence a creditor's sale of real property in order to enforce a judgment lien held by Horizon Farm Credit, ACA ("Horizon"), with respect to one or both of the properties of Willie Elizabeth Press ("Ms. Press") located at 9134 and 9144 Occohannock Neck Road, Exmore, Va. - tax map nos. 9-A-26 and 9-A-27.

It is ORDERED that Horizon be, and it hereby is, permitted to order that Ms. Press appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before February 23, 2026.

It is further ORDERED that this *Order of Publication* be published once a week for four successive weeks in each and of Inside Business and the Eastern Shore Post.

Date: 12/29/25

Lynwood W. Lewis Jr.
Judge

I ASK FOR THIS:

Peter G. Zemanian (VSB No. 24922)
Zemanian Law Group
6464 Hampton Blvd., Suite A
Norfolk, Virginia 23508
757-622-0090
Counsel for Horizon Farm Credit, ACA

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY
THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-206
vs.
The heirs of CLEMENT A. SMITH, deceased, et als
Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax parcel 04100A000002700.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Dennis W. Smith, Jason Smith, Carolyne Horton, Teresa Sharpe, and the heirs of Clement A. Smith appear at the above-named Court and protect their interests on or before March 13, 2026.

Enter this 13th day of January, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

I ask for this:

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

Legal Ads

TRUSTEE'S SALE 3229 CAPTAINS CORRIDOR, GREENBACKVILLE, VA 23356

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 25, 2019, in the original principal amount of \$204,300.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 190002308, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomack, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 17, 2026, at 1:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED NEAR GREENBACKVILLE, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BEING LOT 1259, SECTION 1, CAPTAINS COVE, AS THE SAME APPEARS DULY DEDICATED, PLATTED AND RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 285, PAGE 94, AND IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 83.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com

PUBLIC NOTICE CANDIDACY FILING 2026 POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND

The deadline to file as a candidate for District 1 and District 2 Councilmember for this year's municipal election in Pocomoke City is Friday, February 6, at 4:30 p.m.

Certificate of nomination forms are available by contacting the City Clerk at City Hall at 410-957-1333 ex. 103. The fee to file a certificate of nomination is \$25.00. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age, a registered voter of the County, and a resident of the District of which they will represent for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the election.

The successful candidates will take office on April 14, 2026 and serve for a four (4) year term.

Board of Elections Supervisors
City of Pocomoke

PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Chincoteague, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 23, 2026 to February 23, 2026

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Bayside Hospitality, LLC; 3791 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336; VA0091677

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Marina Bay Hotel & Suites; 3801 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Bayside Hospitality, LLC has applied for reissuance of a permit for Marina Bay Hotel & Suites. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from a hotel operation at a rate of 0.012 million gallons per day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be pumped and hauled by a septage hauler to Pocomoke City, MD. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage in the Chincoteague Channel in Accomack County in the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Ocean, and Small Coastal basin watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, nutrients, solids, bacteria, inorganics, and organic matter.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Julie K. Gilliam; DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462; Phone: 757-374-6546; E-mail: julie.k.gilliam@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

**The deadline for placing obituaries
and ads is noon on Wednesday.**

TRUSTEE'S SALE 10204 HARE VALLEY TRAIL, EXMORE, VA 23350 TAX MAP/ PARCEL ID NO./GPIN 15D-2-4

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated October 5, 2015, in the original principal amount of \$54,346.00, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Northampton, Virginia, as Instrument No. 150001360, as assigned to Noteholder by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded as Instrument No. 160000738, the property briefly described below will be offered for sale at public auction:

All that certain parcel of land, shown as "4", containing Forty-Seven Hundredths Acre (0.47 A) on a certain plat entitled, "Plat of Survey, Parcel of Land (Hare Valley Estates, Lot 4) surveyed at the request of Melissa Brickhouse, located at Hare Valley, Franktown District, Northampton County, Virginia", dated June 17, 2004, and made by Shore Engineering Co., Inc., which plat is attached to a certain Deed dated May 10, 2004, from Downing Development Corporation, a Virginia Corporation, to Melissa Brickhouse, which Deed is recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia, (as Instrument No. 040002554), reference to said plat is hereby made for a more particular description of the real estate herein conveyed.

The sale will take place on **FEBRUARY 18, 2026, AT 11:00 A.M.**, at the front entrance to the building housing the Circuit Court for Northampton County, located at 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA. The undersigned reserves the right to suspend bidding and/or to adjourn the bidding prior to the completion of sale.

The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property.

TERMS: A deposit in the form of CERTIFIED FUNDS in the amount of \$10,000.00 (CASH NOT ACCEPTED) or 10% of the successful bid, whichever is lower, is required of any bidder at the time of sale. Closing within fifteen (15) days of sale. If the payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of sale, the deposit shall be retained by the Trustee as liquidated damages. Time is of the essence. Trustee has no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon conclusion of the Substitute Trustee's sale. Purchaser to pay all closing costs, including cost of Trustee's Deed. Sale subject to lender confirmation. The Trustee may file IRS Form 8300, and a successful bidder shall provide all required information and produce a Government Picture Identification Card. Additional terms may be announced at sale. James A. Evans, Attorney At Law, PLC, Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Evans, Attorney At Law, PLC, Substitute Trustee, 2101 Parks Avenue, Suite 301, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. 1-757-437-9500 (25-02209) or visit our website at www.vblawyers.com

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FORECLOSURE SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN CAPTAIN'S COVE January 31, 2026, 10:00 AM To be held at the Marina Club in Captain's Cove Subdivision 3323 Dock Ct., Greenbackville, VA 23356

The following properties will be auctioned:

Section/Lot:7-0030, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60100003000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:7-0031, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60100003100
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:7-0104, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60100010400
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:8-0008, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50300000800
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:8-0013, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50300001300
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:8-0042, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50300004200
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:8-0059, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50300005900
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:8-0066, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50300006600
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:9-0049, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50400004900
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:9-0137, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A504000013700
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:9-0141, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A504000014100
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:9-0159, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A504000015900
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:9-0168, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A504000016800
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:9-0190, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A504000019000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:10-0001, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60200000100
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:10-0006, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60200000600
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:10-0035, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60200003500
Assessed Value: \$4,000.00

Section/Lot:10-0080, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A60200008000
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:10-0159, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A602000015900
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:11-0006, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50100000600
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:11-0044, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50100004400
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:11-0087, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50100008700
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:11-0091, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A50100009100
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:11-0106, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A501000010600
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:11-0108, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A501000010800
Assessed Value: \$5,000.00

Section/Lot:12-0009, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A70200000900
Assessed Value: \$2,000.00

Section/Lot:12-0010, Captain's Cove
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Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot:18-0062, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A901000006200
Assessed Value: \$900.00

Section/Lot:18-0070, Captain's Cove
Tax Map No. 005A901000007000
Assessed Value: \$900.00

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Tax Map No. 005A901000008400
Assessed Value: \$900.00

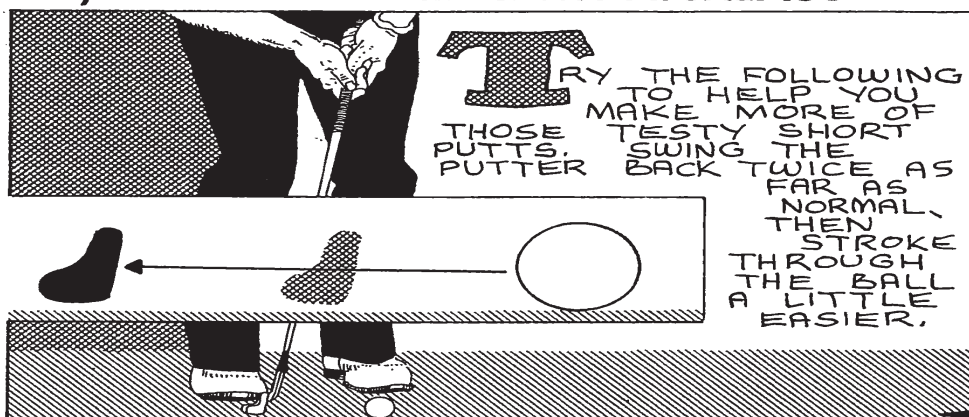
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Assessed Value: \$900.00

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Tax Map No. 005A901000009200
Assessed Value: \$900.00

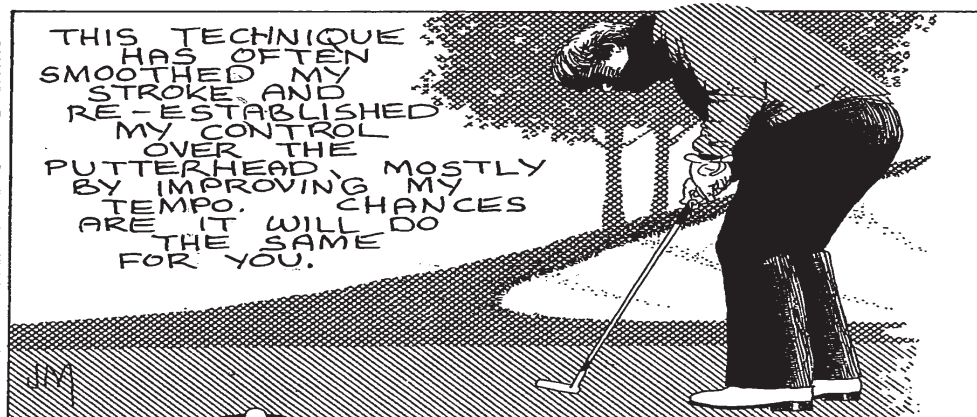
TERMS: Minimum Bids will be announced prior to the start of the auction on the date of sale. Announcements made at auction time take precedence over any print, electronic, or verbal information, including but not limited to the Minimum Bid. Successful bidder will be required to deposit with Trustee a deposit (non-refundable) in an amount equal to the lesser of \$5,000 or 10% of successful bid in cash or certified funds at time of sale, with the closing to occur within thirty days of the date of said sale. Written one-price bids will be accepted for any of the properties pursuant to the terms set forth in Va. Code § 55.1-1833. There is no warranty relating to right, title, interest, or the like in this disposition. Property is being sold pursuant to Va. Code § 55.1-1833, and title will be conveyed pursuant to statute and subject to all liens or encumbrances as provided in said statute. All information for review by appointment only. Notwithstanding the Minimum Bids announced at the time of sale, the Trustee reserves the right to accept and/or reject all offers. Time is of the essence. Other conditions may be announced at the sale.

TRUSTEE: Pender & Coward, P.C.,
222 Central Park Ave., Virginia Beach, VA
Phone: (757) 490-6261
Email: capcove@pendercoward.com

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026, AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA**, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. APPL-000168-2025 — Nishana Morgan on Behalf of NKM Properties — 24070 Tall Pines Drive, Onancock

The applicant appealed the zoning administrator's decision pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-369. The decision was that renovations to the home completed by the applicant were over 50% of its market value thus requiring the home to comply with the current floodplain regulations. Further, the applicant appealed the zoning administrator's decision that the improvements made in converting the garage to living space is subject to the current floodplain regulations. The approximately .46-acre site is located at 24070 Tall Pines Drive near Onancock, approximately 450' east of its intersection with Little Mimosa Drive, and is on Tax Map # 83C-1-23 and 83C-1-22. The parcel is zoned Agricultural and is located in a special flood hazard area (6BFE).

B. SUSE-000189-2025 — Paul Froehlich on Behalf of Garland Harvie — 16400 Hopeton Road, Parksley

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(26) for antennas and towers over 100 feet in height. The applicant intends to locate a 199' monopole tower on the property. The approximately 16-acre site is located at 16400 Hopeton Road near Parksley, approximately 2400' north east of its intersection with Dennis Drive and is on Tax Map # 68-A-188A. The property is zoned Agricultural.

C. SUSE-000190-2025 and VAR-000193-2025 — Norman Pitt Sr. — 28080 Block of Phillips Drive, Melfa

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22) for dwelling, accessory, on lots with a minimum area of five acres, or on nonconforming lots with a minimum area of 60,000 square feet recorded in the land records as of June 28, 2006. The applicant intends to place two dwellings on a single lot. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 90' from the 140' minimum separation distance pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-238. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 599 square feet from the 1200 square foot maximum house size pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22). Further, the applicant requests a variance of 37,950

square feet from the 60,000 square foot minimum for lots pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22). The approximately .50-acre site is located at the 28080 Block of Phillips Drive near Melfa, approximately 550' south east of its intersection with Big Farm Road and is on Tax Map # 102-6-B4. The property is zoned Agricultural.

D. SUSE-000191-2025 and VAR-000194-2025 — Norman Pitt Sr. — 28080 Block of Phillips Drive, Parksley

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22) for dwelling, accessory, on lots with a minimum area of five acres, or on nonconforming lots with a minimum area of 60,000 square feet recorded in the land records as of June 28, 2006. The applicant intends to place two dwellings on a single lot. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 90' from the 140' minimum separation distance pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-238. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 599 square feet from the 1200 square foot maximum house size pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22). Further, the applicant requests a variance of 37,950 square feet from the 60,000 square foot minimum for lots pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(22). The approximately .50-acre site is located at the 28080 Block of Phillips Drive near Melfa, approximately 630' south east of its intersection with Big Farm Road and is on Tax Map # 102-6-B5. The property is zoned Agricultural.

E. SUSE-000184-2025 and VAR-000192-2025 — Robert and Josette Wheatley — 15467 Pungoteague Road, Pungoteague

The applicant requests a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a) (11) for travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation or storage of chattels. The applicant has placed an RV for habitation while a home is being constructed. Further, the applicant requests a variance of 4' from the 36' maximum travel trailer length pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-1. The approximately 62-acre site is located at 15467 Pungoteague Road near Pungoteague, approximately 1350' south east of its intersection with Waterfield Street and is on Tax Map # 100-A-15. The property is zoned Residential. This is an after the fact application.

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

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

TRUSTEE'S SALE

3105 MERIDIAN DRIVE (F/K/A 383 JIB CT.), GREENBACKVILLE, VA 23356

TAX MAP/ PARCEL ID NO./GPIN 005A20100038300

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated January 19, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$255,192.00, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia, as Instrument No. 220000320, as modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument No. 230001865, and again modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument No. 240004176, and as assigned to Noteholder by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded as Instrument No. 250003363, the property briefly described below will be offered for sale at public auction:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate and being in the Atlantic Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, being described as follows: Lot 383, Section 2, Captain's Cove, as the same appears duly dedicated, plat- ted and recorded among the Land Records of Accomack County, Virginia, in Deed Book 315, at Page 532, and in Plat Book 17, at Page 89, et seq.

The sale will take place on **FEBRUARY 18, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.**, at the front of the building housing the Circuit Court of Accomack County, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA. The undersigned reserves the right to suspend bidding and/or to adjourn the bidding prior to the completion of sale.

The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property.

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CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL DISTRICT RMF NO. 5044.5122, BID NO. M-26-001 STEEL BRIDGE PAINTING PROJECT INVITATION TO BID

This project generally consists of steel repairs, surface preparation and painting of all structural steel at the following locations on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel facility.

- Northbound North Channel Bridge NCB-NB
- Southbound North Channel Bridge NCB-SB
- Northbound Fisherman Inlet Bridge FIB-NB
- Southbound Fisherman Inlet Bridge FIB-SB
- Trestle Span ASB1
- Trestle Span ASB204
- Trestle Span BSB1
- Trestle Span BSB202
- Trestle Span CSB1
- Trestle Span BNB1-2

Plans and Specifications for this project are available on the District's website at <https://www.cbdt.com/requests-for-proposals/>

Sealed bids for this project will be received until 2:00 p.m. on February 24, 2026, in the office of the Director of Maintenance, Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District, 32386 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles, VA 23310, Attention: Mr. Timothy R. Holloway, at which time the bids will be publicly opened.

TRUSTEE'S SALE 19187 BADGER LANE, ONANCOCK, VA 23417

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 13, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$236,363.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 210004844, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomack, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on March 17, 2026, at 1:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: PARCEL 1: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND FRONTING FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FEET (100 FT.) ON VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 638 AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED FEET (200 FT.), DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 14 ON A CERTAIN PLOT PLAN ENTITLED "BLAKE DEVELOPMENT NEAR ONANCOCK, VA." RECORDED ALONG WITH A DEED FROM FRANK W. BLAKE AND WIFE TO JOHN K. RUSSELL AND WIFE DATED APRIL 27, 1973 RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 330, PAGE 238, SAID PLAT BEING RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 330, PAGE 240 IN SAID CLERK'S OFFICE, SAID LOT BEING BOUNDED GENERALLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHEAST FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FEET (100 FT.) BY LOT NO. 15, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT; ON THE SOUTHEAST FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED FEET (200 FT.) BY PARCEL 2 HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; ON THE SOUTHWEST FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FEET (100 FT.) BY VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 638, THE PUBLIC ROAD LEADING FROM VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 718 (THE ONANCOCK-PUNGOTEAGUE ROAD) TO THE TOWN OF ONLEY, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT; AND ON THE NORTHWEST FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED FEET (200 FT.) BY LOT NO. 12, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLOT PLAN. THE WESTERNMOST CORNER OF SAID LOT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE LOT WITH THE SOUTHERNMOST CORNER OF LOT NO. 12 AT THE EDGE OF VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 638 IS LOCATED TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE FEET (263 FT.) IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION FROM THE MARKER, AS SHOWN ON SAID PLOT PLAN, MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 718 AND VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 638. PARCEL 2: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE AS AFORESAID BEING AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT OF SURVEY THIS PARCEL OF LAND WAS CONVEYED AT THE REQUEST OF FRANK W. BLAKE, II LOCATED ONANCOCK, LEE DISTRICT ACCOMACK COUNTY VIRGINIA" MADE BY GRANVILLE

F. HOGG, C.L.S., DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1983, WHICH PLAT IS ATTACHED TO AND RECORDED AS A PART OF A DEED FROM F M A CORP., A VIRGINIA CORPORATION, TO LEROY J. NELSON DATED JANUARY 23, 1984 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 472, PAGE 88, IN SAID CLERK'S OFFICE, AND IS ALL AND THE SAME LAND CONVEYED IN SAID DEED. SAID LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND IS BOUNDED GENERALLY ON THE NORTHWEST BY PARCEL 1 HEREINBEFORE DESCRIBED, BEING LOT 14 ON SAID PLAT FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED FEET (200 FT.); ON THE NORTHEAST BY LOT NO. 15 ON SAID PLAT FOR A DISTANCE OF FOUR FEET (4 FT.); ON THE SOUTHEAST BY NELSON DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED FEET (200 FT.); AND ON THE SOUTHWEST BY VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 638, THE PUBLIC ROAD LEADING FROM VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 718 (THE ONANCOCK-PUNGOTEAGUE ROAD) TO THE TOWN OF ONLEY, FOR A DISTANCE OF FOUR FEET (4 FT.). LESS AND EXCEPT ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FOR ROUTE 638 IN A CERTAIN DEED DATED MARCH 10, 1995 AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 686, PAGE 531.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com

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THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 25-823
vs.

The heirs and devisees of
WANDA YNETTE MASON, et als

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent real estate taxes on tax parcel 094D00900003000.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that Fred D. Mason Jr., Angelia G. Ayers, Nathan Gibson, Albert C. Gibson Jr., Eddron Kelley, Deidreion Kelly, Zelmaya Kelley, and the heirs of Wanda Ynette Mason, Dorothy J. Mason, and Zelma M. Kelly appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before March 12, 2026.

Enter this 12th day of January, 2026.

Brandy Childress, Deputy Clerk

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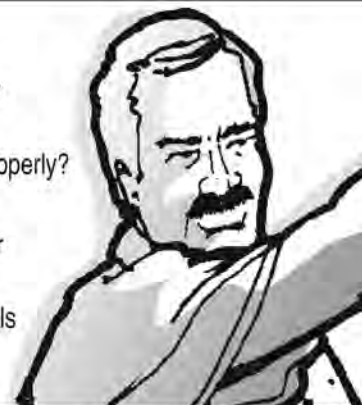


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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, to consider and to hear public comments on two cases.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with site visits to the affected properties, in the order in which the cases are listed below. The Board will reconvene at or around 10:15 AM that same morning in Board Chambers in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, for the purpose of conducting public hearings.

APPEAL 2025-04: Michael & Amy Young, represented by Joseph V. Sherman, have appealed the County's Zoning Administrator's decision rendered on September 17, 2025. The administrator determined that chickens housed on a residential lot are considered "livestock production," a use only allowed with a special use permit in the Existing Subdivision/Residential - Rural Village Rural Residential (ES/R-RVRR) zoning district. The property is located at 4450 Wilsonia Shores Drive, Machipongo, VA and is further described as Tax Map 38C2-1-20A.

BUFFER EXCEPTION 2025-03: Sandra Wennergren has applied for a buffer exception to move a single-family residence out of the floodplain, relocating approximately 14 ft. to the west. A deck and accessibility ramp will be added for safety. The property is located at 6337 Sunnyside Road, Cape Charles, VA and is further described as Tax Map 85A-3-21.

The case files may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Written comments may be sent via e-mail to olivia.bennett@co.northampton.va.us or may be submitted by mail or hand-delivery to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office in the County Administration Building.

Persons needing assistance attending the meeting or viewing the files may contact the County at (757) 678-0443, ext. 544.

For questions on case information, contact the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office at (757) 678-0443, ext. 545.

Sports Trivia

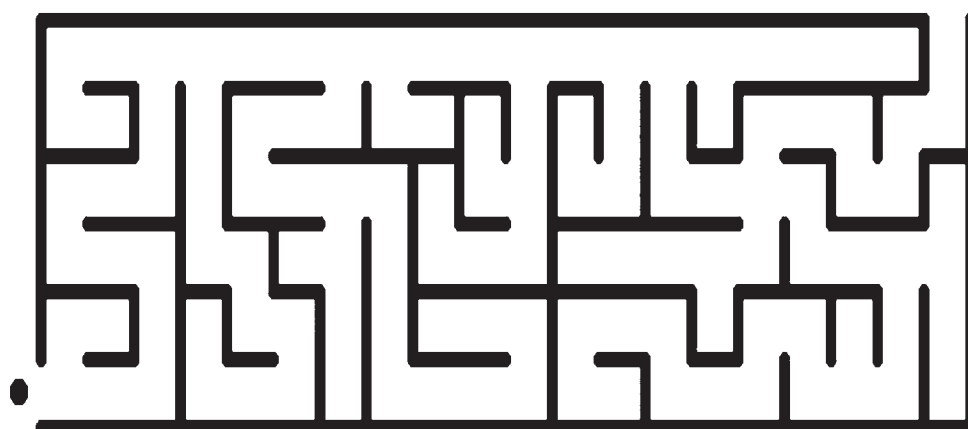
By Ryan Berenz

1. Name the Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, known as "The Heater From Van Meter," who had his No. 19 retired by the Cleveland Indians in 1956.
2. Florida-based sports radio personality and podcaster Jon Weiner is better known by what professional name?
3. What U.S. city was awarded the 1976 Winter Olympics but then had to back out after voters rejected using state tax revenues to support the Games in a 1972 referendum?
4. In November 1988, which Canadian boxer did Sugar Ray Leonard defeat to win the WBC light heavyweight championship?

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

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: ALL — ON DECK

- Ahoy Loose canon Overboard Taken aback
Keel over Make waves Pipe down Toe the line
Limey Mate Scuttlebutt Wide berth
Long shot Onboard Shipshape

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Last week's answers

PORTABLE MBA LOPS GIS
ANOINTER OOP OPAL ERA
MAGEGUIDED SURGERY TEL
PIE OMEN HONE PEPE
ARROWFOCUS ROUNDCOVER
RARA TRISTE OLEAN
OMANCATHOLIC SORENT
NANOOK ETYM SSNS
BRIT ESSO ORE CAICOS
OYL ASH BONY ANDIVORY
ALIGN INNERMENU RERAN
RONINTHEFIRE ITS ETC
DUELER ALT FATE CLII
HITLIST VENTPLANNING
ADHOC ATTEST ANYA
ICEWEATHER RASHTALKER
RAVE SUER MAYI
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ODE IDEE URN HOPELESS
SSW NESS SSS STICKSTO

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword THE THIRD PERSON

- ACROSS
1 Go to
7 Stogie who sometimes replaced
Curly
12 Sauna locale
15 Defeater of Gore
19 Time: Prefix
20 On the briny
21 Retained
23 Old foxtrot dancer makes a two-in-one chess move?
25 Makes lively
26 Flow blockers
27 Oct. preceder
28 "All I Wanna Do" singer boasts?
30 Prefix with propyl
31 Winter hrs. in Philadelphia
33 Lawman Wyatt
34 Falsehood
35 "The Finest Hours" co-star years deeply?
40 America's first female astronaut takes a bus?
45 Top-secret U.S. org.
46 Starting on
48 Sanaa locale
49 "Samson and Delilah" co-star devel-ops fully?
55 Conductor
59 Big 20th-cen. conflict
60 Actress — de Armas
61 Universal rule
63 "Eww, mice!"
64 Harry Potter's skill
68 "Play It as It Lays" co-star does a fusing job?
72 "Middle Child" rapper
73 In the past
75 Spain's El —
76 Really annoy
77 "Broadcast News" co-star feels sore?
80 Dirt Devil or DustBuster, for short
82 "Botch- —" (1952 song)
83 Former TWA competitor
84 Coll. in Columbus
86 NYSE debut
87 Rolo filling
91 Frontwoman of Hole has a deep fondness?
96 Cowboy rope
98 Italian money
99 A, in Munich
100 "Jerry Maguire" star goes sailing?
105 "Coma" novelist makes dinner?
110 "There — god!"
111 Barber's cut
113 Boise-to-Tucson dir.
114 "Dr." of music
115 Miami Heat great walks in water?
120 Potentially shocking fish
122 Writer Uris
123 Came through, as a radio signal
124 "Cheers" actress years?
128 Setting fire to
129 Shire of film
130 "Apparently!"
131 Throw easily
132 Golf gadget
133 "Geez, that's rough"
134 Recluses
DOWN
1 Not alkaline
2 Defeat soundly
3 Quake
4 Vast spans
5 Dir. 135 degrees from 113-Across
6 G.P., for one
7 Postpaid enc.
8 URL start
9 Immigrant's class, in brief
10 Edwin of Reagan's Cabinet
11 Old Turkish officials
12 In a cutting way
13 Like a runt
14 Indigo dye
15 Wild pig
16 Innumerable
17 1-year-old on "Family Guy"
18 Steeds, in Westerns
22 Sierra maker
24 Sparkling 119-Down, for short
29 History topic
31 Exxon, once
32 Trade blows
36 Accrued qty.
37 Indian bread
38 This, in Peru
39 —wester
41 Subsidiary theorem
42 Singer Sumac
43 Singer Des'—
44 Officeholders
47 Munich Mrs.
49 Beetles and Golfs, in brief
50 Famed flag-raising site of 1945
51 Orbiting body, e.g.
52 Spring month
53 Firm bigwigs
54 "Yes, yes," in Mexico
56 City in Israel
57 Procedural form-filling founder
58 Endorses
62 Quirky
65 Maj.'s superior
66 Yale student
67 "Stuck" actor Stephen
68 "Road —" (1947 comedy film)
69 In-favor vote
70 Pale
71 LAX takeoff guess
73 Throat-check sounds
74 Avocado dip, informally
77 Former female mil. group
78 Prefix with grain or color
79 Irrefutable
80 Color shade
81 Bus. entities
84 Other, to Jorge
85 Snooty type
88 Oval portion
89 Pre-2001 space station
90 It fills la mer
92 1921 Karel Capek play
93 Cravings
94 Pet pests
95 Artist Yoko
97 WikiLeaks founder
100 Little goody
101 New York city or river
102 Yucatec speakers
103 Put a stop to
104 Noon nap
106 Atoll unit
107 Danish port
108 Big chain of food stores
109 Has a hunch
112 "Hogwash!"
116 French pals
117 After taxes
118 Correct copy
119 Pinot, e.g.
120 Filmmaker Kazan
121 Panache
122 Pork cut
125 Graceful tree
126 Fashion inits.
127 Lav in a pub

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