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Fate of More Than 60 Inlet View Cats Uncertain

Some island residents worry about future of more than 60 cats that remain in Inlet View long after residents had to leave

By Carol Vaughn

Chincoteague, like many communities, is home to a number of “community cats” — outdoor-dwelling cats that are sometimes fed by residents, but are not owned by anyone.

Some on the island have expressed concern about the fate of upwards of 60 such cats that live in the Inlet View area, at the southern end of Chincoteague.

Inlet View campground is set to be redeveloped, according to plans announced to the Chincoteague town council in September.

The campground has been empty of human residents since last fall. Still, the cats remain on the premises.

Redevelopment plans for the property “are still in progress and are not ready to be shared at this phase, but we will be providing the community with updates as things move forward,” said Rafael Correa, chief financial officer of Blue Water Development of Ocean City, Md.

The developer withdrew a request for the town council to support a plan allowing for a sewer line to be installed

along Main Street to serve Inlet View, after the council voted at a Sept. 19 work session to table the request until the Oct. 7 meeting.

The vote came after 22 people commented on the sewer line request at the session.

Chincoteague Town Manager James West said at the time that the developer’s attorney had withdrawn the request by letter “and asked to be removed from the agenda. No explanation was given.”

Correa said Blue Water Development “has always been and will always be an extremely pet- and animal-friendly company.”

He noted all the company’s properties are pet-friendly and said the company “regularly engage(s) in philanthropic efforts that support animal welfare,” including hosting a mural installation at the Drifting Sands Hotel last summer to support the New Jersey Osprey Project, and hosting a wreath-selling fundraiser benefiting the Worcester County Humane Society at Aloft Ocean City in December.

“Regarding the cats at Inlet View, we will take any and all appropriate



Some of Chincoteague’s “community cats” photographed during a trap-neuter-return clinic on Chincoteague held Nov. 1-3, 2019. Photo courtesy of Chincoteague Island Community Cats.

steps to ensure the humane treatment of any animals that will be impacted by the redevelopment effort. This will include allowing sufficient time for the collection and relocation of all cats before the demo effort begins,” he said in a written statement.

Cats have a large territory based on location of food, water, and shelter, and it can be difficult to relocate feral cats, according to experts.

Relocating them “should only be attempted after every effort has been

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Shore, Virginia Primary Voters Choose Biden

Shore’s results mirror those of the state with Biden winning both county primaries by wide margins

By Carol Vaughn and Stefanie Jackson

Accomack and Northampton County’s Democratic primary results mirrored Virginia’s, with Joe Biden winning by a large margin in both counties.

Biden won in Accomack with 61.34% of the vote, according to unofficial results.

Sen. Bernie Sanders came in a distant second in Accomack, with 18.1% of the vote.

Michael Bloomberg garnered 11.32% of the vote in Accomack, and Elizabeth Warren came in fourth, with 5.24%.

Northampton County voters also chose Biden, who won the county with 63.85% of the vote, compared to second-place finisher Sanders with 15.77%.

Bloomberg came in third with 12.6% of the vote.

Biden carried the state with 53.32% of the vote. Sanders came in second in the state with 23.15%, and Warren was third with 10.75%.

Bloomberg received 9.67% of the vote statewide.

Of 14 names on the ballot in Virginia, five people — Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth

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State Bar Revokes Eastville Attorney Paul Watson’s License to Practice Law

The action was taken four months after the Virginia State Bar suspended Watson’s license for two years Sept. 27, 2019, for violating professional rules of conduct

By Stefanie Jackson

Eastville attorney Paul Watson has consented to the Virginia State Bar revoking his license to practice law, according to a Feb. 28 press release.

By his consent, Watson acknowledged that allegations of his misconduct as an attorney were true, the

state bar said.

In his affidavit consenting to the revocation, Watson referred to a complaint against him filed by Donna L. Grant in spring 2019, two years after she hired him to file a bankruptcy petition on her behalf.

Grant paid \$1,300 in advance for

Watson to represent her. He admitted in the affidavit that he did not deposit the money into a trust but “converted those funds for my personal use.”

Furthermore, Watson neither filed the bankruptcy petition for Grant nor “otherwise diligently pursued her matter,” and

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~Inlet View Cats~

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made to maintain the cats safely in their original territory," according to the website www.neighborhoodcats.org

The process, to be successful, includes confining cats in their new territory for three to four weeks.

Additionally, when cats are removed from an area, it is likely new cats will then move in.

"Trapping and euthanizing is not the answer, because there is going to be a food source there. If people are feeding the cats now, if there are dumpsters, cats are going to move back into the area," said Julie Brommer, founder of a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Chincoteague's community cats.

A better alternative is the trap-neuter-return approach, according to animal advocacy groups including Best Friends Animal Society, among others.

Volunteers with Chincoteague Island Community Cats trapped 20 cats from Inlet View as part of its November trap-neuter-return clinic.

The cats, along with felines from other parts of Chincoteague, were neu-

tered or spayed, vaccinated, and returned to the property from which they came, according to Brommer.

Cats that are neutered or spayed and vaccinated in the clinics are marked with an ear tip.

The Chincoteague group, which obtained its official nonprofit status in November, has held four week-end trap-neuter-return clinics so far, and is planning another one June 4 through 7.

Brommer said she has a waiting list of more than 100 places on Chincoteague where community cats have been seen, mainly on the part of the island south of Maddox Boulevard down to Inlet View.

"They are part of the island," she said. Additional resources are needed for the trap-neuter-return effort on Chincoteague.

"We need funding, we need advertising and publicity," Brommer said.

"We borrow all of our traps from different organizations — in November, we were able to borrow over 100 traps, which allowed us to be very successful," she said.

Kittens eight weeks old or younger that are trapped may be adoptable, but older cats are unlikely to adapt well to domestic life, according to Brommer.

Still, if they are returned to their original territory after being neutered or spayed, they will defend it, keeping other feral cats from coming there, and at the same time will not procreate.

A model for Chincoteague to consider in order to cope with its community cats is Atlantic City, N. J., according to Brommer.

Alley Cat Allies, which also has supported the Chincoteague group with a grant, helps care for the famous community cat colonies that live outdoors along the Atlantic City Boardwalk, in a city-endorsed project.

The group since 2000 has trapped, neutered or spayed and vaccinated more than 350 cats in the boardwalk area, according to www.alleycat.org

Over time, the population has decreased by more than 72%.

Today, 89 cats in 15 colonies remain along the boardwalk, where Alley Cat Allies staff and volunteers monitor and maintain them daily.

"The Boardwalk Cats have become beloved members of the Atlantic City community, delighting residents, drawing media attention, and bringing in tourist admirers from across the nation,"

according to the organization's website.

Because Chincoteague is an island, it provides "an ideal opportunity to show that trap, neuter, and return works," Brommer said.

Education is key, Brommer said, noting that, for example, there are ways for people who do not want cats on their property to humanely deter them, such as putting coffee grounds or citrus peels in flower beds, and using solar-powered and motion-activated devices that flash or spray water.

"They will learn; they are smart," she said.

People who want to care for the cats can plant catnip or install an outside sand litter area to attract them to come where they are wanted.

"Chincoteague could be a place to come save the cats as well as the ponies," Brommer said.

To donate, volunteer, or get more information about Chincoteague Island Community Cats, go to the website, www.cicommunitycats.org/

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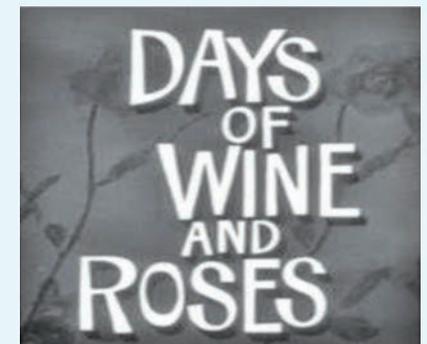
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Northampton School Employees Will Get 4% Raise, Bump in Insurance Contributions

Northampton school division ranks last in the percentage of employee health insurance costs paid by 118 Virginia school divisions

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton County Public Schools proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 totals more than \$22 million and includes a 4% raise for all teachers and staff, plus more money for health insurance for eligible positions.

"If we're going to hire people and expect people to stay, we have to become a little bit more competitive in our health insurance," said Superintendent Eddie Lawrence.

Full-time employees with health benefits will get an extra \$20 per pay period for health insurance, or \$40 per month.

That will increase Northampton

schools' monthly contributions for the cost of health insurance from \$360 to \$400 per eligible employee.

The goal is for the school division to be contributing 70% of health insurance costs within "the course of five years. That's going to be aggressive," said Chief Financial Officer Brook Thomas.

The Virginia Education Association studied the percentages by which school divisions fund employee health insurance. Out of 118 participating school divisions, Northampton ranked dead last at 118.

"We have a lot of work to do on health insurance. It's that stagnant," Thomas said.

In previous years, raises were given, but health insurance contributions "stayed flat," she noted.

The 4% raise proposed for next year was calculated using the midpoint method, meaning each teacher would receive the same amount of money, because the raise is 4% of the

middle salary on the pay scale.

Every teacher would get a raise of \$1,927. That would increase the starting salary for a Northampton public school teacher to more than \$40,000. The highest teacher salary would be about \$63,000.

During the public comment period, the Rev. Willie Justis complimented the school board on its decision to use the midpoint method to calculate teacher raises.

"We have not had really any complaints. ... The teachers seem to think it's fair. They understand it," Lawrence said.

The midpoint method is also used to calculate raises for school administrators and staff like custodians and cafeteria workers, he said.

School board chair Maxine Rasmussen added that before the midpoint method was used, "The guy down here at the bottom, he got very little, next to ... the person at the top."

"The gap kept growing, and with

using the midpoint, you don't have that gap grow as much," she said.

School staff will also receive a 4% raise. Any employee earning less than \$10.80 per hour – the pay rate considered a living wage in Northampton, according to one consulting firm – will also get an extra 25 cents per hour.

The additional pay and health insurance contributions would cost a total of about \$746,000.

Nearly 80% of the budget is for salaries and benefits.

The proposed budget includes about \$37,000 for an additional social worker who would work part time, and \$60,000 for another guidance counselor.

The Virginia General Assembly is proposing "unfunded mandates" regarding the number of guidance counselors required in public schools, Lawrence said.

Currently, Virginia school divisions must employ one guidance

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Governor and First Lady To Open Exmore's GIG

By Stefanie Jackson

The GIG in Exmore, the Eastern Shore's first high-tech coworking space, will celebrate its grand opening Saturday, March 14, 3 p.m., with special guests Gov. Ralph Northam and first lady Pamela Northam.

The GIG, or Gather, Innovate, Grow, was started for anyone who needs office space with access to high-speed internet and other technologies – from entrepreneurs to small-business owners and other professionals – where they can work either independently or collaboratively.

As the governor and first lady participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, another event will be underway – an Eastern Shore Foundation fundraiser called the Battle of the Oysters, which will be held on the GIG property at “The Shed.”

The family-friendly event will feature oysters, clams, hot dogs, and other foods fresh from the Shore.

Fundraiser tickets and sponsorships are available. Sponsors will get sign recognition at the event, plus one,

two, or four tickets, depending on the level of sponsorship chosen. Sponsors should sign up by Monday, March 9.

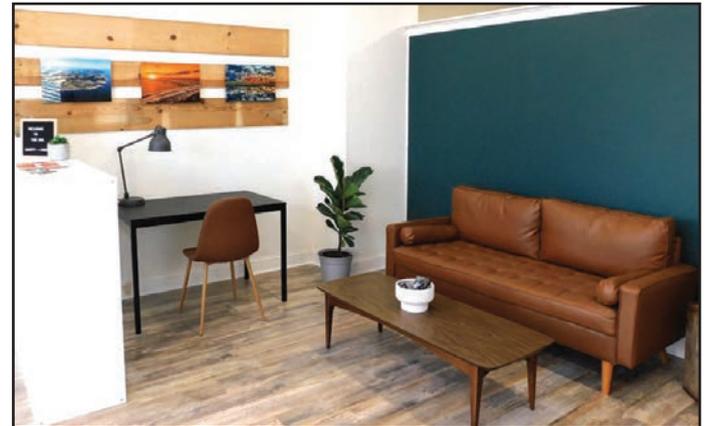
The GIG will also offer Welcome Wednesdays starting this month.

Every Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the GIG will host open hours when anyone can stop by to meet the staff, settle into a comfortable work area, and sample the high-speed guest Wi-Fi.

New clients can purchase monthly memberships that include key cards for 24/7 access to the office space, 1-gigabyte broadband internet, printers, and other amenities.

Day passes are also available for access during regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The meeting room, which includes



high-speed internet, high-definition television, and teleconferencing capability, can be rented by the hour. Meeting-room time is included with monthly memberships.

The GIG is located at 3292 Main Street, Exmore. For general information, stop by or email info@thegig.com

For more information on sponsoring the Battle of the Oysters fundraiser, contact Ron Matthews at 757-894-4329.

counselor for every 455 elementary school students, 370 middle school students, and 325 high school students.

Gov. Ralph Northam and the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate all propose one guidance counselor for every 375 elementary school students, 325 middle school students, and 300 high school students by 2021.

Northam's two-year proposal includes one guidance counselor for every 250 students (in any grade) by 2022, but the Senate proposes one guidance counselor for every 300 students, and the House of Delegates proposes one guidance counselor for every 325 students.

Northampton schools have four guidance counselors, but they would need to add a fifth in most scenarios.

The Northampton school board will ask county supervisors to fund about \$9.45 million of the school division's proposed \$22 million operating budget for FY 2021, around \$292,000 more than supervisors provided last year.



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Warren, Joe Biden, Tulsi Gabbard, and Michael Bloomberg — remained in the race as of election day.

Tuesday's primary was the fifth time in 32 years Virginia Democrats held a primary to choose the party's candidate for president, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

More than 23% of registered voters cast ballots in Virginia's primary Tuesday, surpassing the 20% turnout in 2008 and the 14% turnout in 2016, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch. In 2008 and 2016, both Republican and Democratic primaries were held.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, 54,653 Virginians voted absentee in advance of Tuesday's primary, compared to 16,046 in the March 2016 primary.

Acomack and Northampton counties were among regions with the highest growth in early voting, along with parts of Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia.

The number of early voters in those

2020 Presidential Primary Results by Precinct (Unofficial Results)

	Corey Booker	Julian Castro	Bernie Sanders	Elizabeth Warren	Marianne Williamson	Michael Bennet	Joseph Biden	Amy Klobuchar	Tulsi Gabbard	Deval Patrick	Pete Buttigieg	Andrew Yang	Tom Steyer	Michael Bloomberg
Acomack County														
Central Absentee Precinct	0	0	25	25	0	0	42	9	3	0	26	0	1	32
101 - Chincoteague	0	0	82	30	1	0	205	1	1	0	1	1	0	36
201 - Atlantic	0	0	20	7	2	0	63	1	4	0	0	0	0	12
202 - Greenbackville	1	0	55	18	0	0	120	1	12	0	3	1	0	17
301 - New Church	2	1	25	6	0	0	182	0	1	0	0	0	0	39
401 - Bloxom	0	0	19	8	0	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
402 - Parksley	1	0	21	5	0	0	73	1	2	0	1	0	0	13
403 - Saxis	0	0	16	5	0	0	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
501 - Mappsville	1	0	21	1	0	2	89	0	0	0	1	0	0	15
502 - Rue	1	0	16	1	0	0	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
601 - Accomac	0	0	42	15	0	0	159	1	3	0	0	0	0	32
602 - Tangier	0	0	3	1	0	2	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	3
701 - Nandua	0	0	88	28	0	1	295	4	4	0	2	0	0	51
801 - Bobtown	0	0	22	9	0	0	74	1	5	0	0	0	0	25
802 - Melfa	0	1	21	2	0	3	152	2	2	0	0	0	0	19
803 - Wachapreague	2	0	24	1	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	1	0	17
901 - Painter	0	0	98	11	0	1	329	0	3	0	3	0	1	45
Northampton County														
Central Absentee Precinct	0	0	8	11	0	0	35	9	0	0	12	0	1	22
Precinct 1	0	0	87	18	1	1	318	2	2	0	3	0	0	70
Precinct 2	1	0	47	7	0	2	251	1	1	0	0	2	0	29
Precinct 3	1	0	39	15	0	0	218	1	0	0	0	0	0	29
Precinct 4	0	0	61	18	0	0	196	3	5	0	3	0	1	44
Precinct 5	2	0	42	14	0	0	132	1	1	0	0	0	1	33

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areas was up between 121% and 180%, according to the Virginia Department of Elections.

The primary was the next-to-last statewide election before Virginia allows no-excuse early voting in November, according to VPAP.

The majority of Northampton County voters who participated in the Democratic presidential primary on Tuesday picked Joe Biden to face President Donald Trump in the November election.

“Polling places saw a pretty steady stream of voters throughout the day,” said voter registrar Terrence Flynn.

“Usually turnout for a single race, single party primary is low, but this was a presidential primary, so turnout was somewhat higher at 20%,” he continued.

In Accomack, about 15% of active, registered voters made it to the polls.

A total of 1,810 Northampton voters participated; in Accomack 3,303 votes were cast.

“Thanks to our great Northampton voters and officers of election, voting went very smoothly in Northampton,” Flynn said.

~Watson~

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“also failed to respond to Mrs. Grant’s numerous attempts” to contact him.

The bar suspended Watson’s license to practice law Sept. 27, 2019, for two years.

Barely four months later, he had consented to the state bar taking the next step and revoking his license, “because I know that if the disciplinary proceedings based on the alleged misconduct were brought or prosecuted to a conclusion, I could not successfully defend them,” the affidavit discloses.

Effective Feb. 10, Paul Granville Watson IV was stricken from the roll, and he may no longer practice law in Virginia.

Grant was not the only client who has complained about Watson’s performance as an attorney.

Elaine Baseman, who was awarded \$25,000 in an Accomack civil case, had an experience similar to Grant’s, according to the bar’s investigations that led to Watson’s 2019 suspension.

Watson advised Baseman “to pursue

the partition and sale of real estate she owned jointly with one of the judgment debtors” to obtain the \$25,000 she was owed. He agreed to pursue the matter on her behalf for \$1,500, which she paid in advance in July 2017.

A month later, Watson told her a hearing was scheduled for Oct. 2, 2017. Baseman attempted unsuccessfully to contact Watson for advice on preparing for the hearing, and when she reported to the courthouse on the given date, the hearing did not occur.

For three months, Baseman kept trying to contact Watson, without success. She learned from the court that he had never filed her petition.

Baseman filed a complaint with the state bar in January 2018. After Watson was referred for a formal investigation, he filed Baseman’s petition, but she was no longer interested in pursuing the matter and requested a refund.

Watson refunded the money in June 2018. He told the state bar the money had been kept in a trust the entire time, even though an investigative committee said Watson had “disbursed at least \$1,431.69 of Ms. Baseman’s advance fee monies out of the trust to himself and/or his law firm for his personal use and benefit.”

The committee asked to see Watson’s “entire file” regarding his representation of Baseman, with a deadline of March 20, 2018. He responded, but documents were missing, such as paper and electronic bank account records, bank statements, canceled checks, cash receipts, and deposit tickets.

The bar’s investigator asked for the documents Aug. 2, 2018. By October, the bar still had not received all the requested documents. It issued Watson a notice of noncompliance and request for interim suspension Oct. 18, 2018.

A week later, Watson admitted in an email that “he did not have any further trust account documents to produce.”

Others have made complaints that Watson failed to file paperwork, communicate with clients, or show up to represent them.

The state bar website listed six disciplinary actions taken against Watson between 2007 and 2009, and his license was suspended for 60 days in 2010.

Watson served as a Virginia attorney for nearly 20 years.

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Accomack Supervisor Asks School To Consider EMT Program

Virginia Department of Education has issued guidelines for implementation of EMT programs in Virginia high schools

By Carol Vaughn

An Accomack County official asked public school administrators to look into offering high school students an emergency medical technician certification program.

Supervisor Paul Muhly at the February board of supervisors meeting spoke about a Dec. 13 memo from James F. Lane, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction, which includes information about guidelines for EMT programs in Virginia schools.

The updated guidelines “unify state and national standards and establish consistent EMT program standards to ensure high-quality programs are implemented in high schools and technical centers” across Virginia, according to the memo.

“We as a county and (department of) public safety have needs and we’re constantly training EMTs, but this program is available already statewide,” Muhly said, adding, “It’s something that I hope that the (school) superintendent will look into for our schools here.”

Offering the program “not only... would give a high school graduate a certified skill when they graduate, but it also would increase our labor pool of EMTs for the county,” he said.

Rhonda Hall, assistant superintendent of instruction for Accomack County Public Schools, said several steps would be involved in establishing the new instructional program.

“It’s a process,” she said.

First, a survey needs to be conducted to find out the level of interest, she said.

Additionally, a properly licensed instructor has to be found, along with funding to pay for him or her.

The Virginia Department of Education requires EMT courses offered by

high schools to have a course length of 280 hours, or 36 weeks, which is double the time traditional courses require, according to Hall.

Supervisor Ron Wolff said the program could be offered over a two-year period.

Students must be 16 or older to participate, according to the guidelines.

Hall also said additional funding could be needed for facilities and

equipment for the program.

The idea of offering the EMT program, “maybe...is something that we can look at, not for this coming year, but for another year,” she said, adding, “...It’s a great opportunity for our students; however, there are some hoops you have to jump through.”

“We know that this takes place in other counties,” Wolff said.

Specialty Crop Funding Applications Due March 23

Submitted Article

Groups seeking to improve the competitiveness of specialty crops in Virginia are eligible to submit proposals for grants up to \$60,000 per project. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) anticipates administering nearly \$540,000 in funds for the development of specialty crops. The deadline for submitting applications is March 23.

Individual producers are not eligible for grants. Agricultural associations, industry and producer groups, community-based organizations, educational institutions and nonprofits may submit applications to VDACS for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service Specialty Crop Block Grants.

Specialty crops are fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and nursery crops, including floriculture, that are not typically covered by traditional crop insurance. Specialty crops do not include standard commodities such as corn, wheat, soybeans, peanuts, cotton or tobacco. Processed foods are eligible, provided their development enhances the competitiveness of one or more specialty crops.

Specialty crop competitive grant proposals must be specific and explain how an association, industry group, or organization will use the funds to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Some examples include research, promotion, and marketing plans, as well as food safety projects and projects that improve food access.

In awarding the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funds, VDACS will give priority to projects with the sole

purpose of enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crops as they pertain to the following issues:

- Enhancing food safety
- Improving the capacity of all entities in the specialty crop distribution chain to comply with the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act and in cost-share arrangements for finding audits of such systems (including USDA GroupGAP) for small farmers, packers and processors
- Investing in specialty crop research, including research to focus on conservation and environmental outcomes
- Developing new and improved seed varieties and specialty crops
- Improving pest and disease control
- Increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops
- Improving efficiency and reducing costs of distribution systems
- Enhancing sustainability

Guidelines, instructions and the application for the USDA Specialty Crop Competitive Grants are available online at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/sales-specialty-crop-competitive-grant-program.shtml (click on Application Form to apply), via e-mail to Melissa Ball at melissa.ball@vdacs.virginia.gov or by mailing VDACS, Specialty Crop Grants Application, 102 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

Applications received after the 5 p.m. March 23 deadline will not be considered for funding.

The duration of each grant is two years, and the grant period will begin Oct. 1.



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CAPITAL LETTERS



By Del. Rob Bloxom

As we enter the last week, committee work is completed and all bills are on the floor to either be accepted or amended.

If accepted in the opposite chamber, the bill will then go to the governor for his signature. If the opposite chamber has any change in a bill in committee or on the floor, even if it is merely a comma, the bill will have to return to the House to be accepted, changed, or rejected. This is at the point in which the opposite chamber attempts to impose their will on the other body.

A lot of changes this year have been the Senate trying to neuter what I consider “bad” bills coming from the House which lessens the effect of the bill. It is interesting to see if the House will accept a bill that is neutered or if it will just accept the change, in order to get the bill passed. If members of the House do not accept their suggestions, then the bill goes into conference.

If a bill is in conference, that means that it is sent to a panel of three senators and three delegates, who then either agree or disagree on the final bill’s form.

In the background is the budget that has to be reconciled between the two chambers. A lot of bills are “held hostage” so that pressure is applied on the members of the opposing chamber, which will enable them to do what they want to do.

All of this may seem childish, and a lot of it is. Along with this is the feeling of self-importance that many members possess which is hard to endure, but in

the end, the system works. One must also remember that we survived 400 years without this piece of legislation, so we can certainly survive one more.

On a closing note, there are a lot of bills being passed with “no state budget fiscal impact.”

This is not to say that the bills are not costly. The implementation of the bill will not cost the state any money. There are a considerable number of unfunded mandates coming from Richmond this year. The delegates do not seem to realize, or perhaps they really do not care, that everything has a cost. Some of the mandates are going to be extremely hard to implement and furthermore, will be very costly.

As always, I welcome your feedback, comments and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov. You may also call my district office in Mappsville at (757) 824-3456.



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For \$32,500
- From Billy Joe Colonna
To Colby Lee Hill
24378 Tasley Road, Tasley
For \$20,000
- From Ken M. Castelli
To Charles Jared Parks and Anna Elizabeth Pruitt-Parks
0.034 acre on Tangier
For \$15,000
- From Karen Marie Phillips and Janet A. Crowley, AKA Janet M. Crowley, Wendy Sue Torre-Johnson, and Amy Lynne Ringen
To Wendy Sue Torre-Johnson and Mark Edward Johnson
Lot 105, Section 10 Captains Cove
For \$74,500
- From Bonnie and Eric Craigmiles
To Dianna Sue and William Scott Johnson
30326 Pettit Road, Mappsville

- For \$251,000
- From Mary Elizabeth and Thomas Gerard McKenna
To Paul J. Parks and Leigh R. Campbell
Lot 5 Mount Prospect, Onancock
For \$400,000
- From Diane L. and Jerry M. Sterling
To Doreen E. and Robert G. McGill
2 parcels in Accomac
For \$250,000
- From Racing Moon LLC
To Karen and Stephen Keller
7389 Racing Moon Landing, Chincoteague
For \$437,500
- From Douglas E. Dean
To William H. Jackson IF and Sandra E. Black
Trails End Lot 438, Unit 1, Sheet 1
For \$16,000
- From Barry G. Joseph
To Karen Ann and Michael R. Berry
275 acres on Guard Shore Road near Guilford
For \$60,000
- From Rebecca K. and John C. Metz
To Tammy L. Estep and Edwin David Outten

- Lot 28 Creek Bluff, Belle Haven
For \$32,500
- From Shannahan Rentals VA LLC
To Magnolia Management LLC
25065 and 25073 Matthews Road, Hope-ton; 21379 Circle Drive near Deep Creek
For \$115,000
- From Ruth C. Estes, Henry J. Conklin, and Stephen L. Crank
To Conklin Partners LLC
4.39 acres in New Church
For \$40,000
- From Myron Hazell Edwards
To Viola and John L. Parker Jr.
.5 acre lot near Middlesex
For \$1,000
- From Kathleen R. and Stuart J. Levey
To Michele L. And James B. Okuniewski
6346 Chester Park Drive, Chincoteague
For \$310,000
- From Robert Maloney
To Tracie L. Taylor
4222 Pension Street, Chincoteague
For \$130,000
- From Lynn Wescott Johnson
To Brian Wescott Terry
Lot in Davis Wharf
For \$125,500
- From Whitney Wilkinson and Matthew Scott Marshall
To Jonande C. Pierre
10 Hill Street, Onancock
For \$140,000
- From Anne E. and James R. Cox
To Carlas L. Ames and Ivonne J. Savage
Lot 8, Section 1 Cats Bridge, near Belle Haven
For \$45,000
- From Meriwether Payne
To Cross Mill LLC
Henry's Point, Lot B, near Accomac
For \$81,780
- From Jo Anna Rose
To Brandon Barfield
Lot in Guilford
For \$84,500
- From Mark Steven Cotterman
To Margaret E. William D. Riley
Lot 16, Bradford Acres, Quinby
For \$27,000
- From Melvin C. Lewis
To Ronvon Farms LLC
8 parcels totaling around 765 acres near Makemie Park and Hallwood
For \$750,000
- From Curtis C. Whitehead
To Tara S. and Mark S. Berkheiser
Lot 11 Nandua Shores, Painter
For \$87,000
- From Betsy H. Savage, who is the same as Betsy H. Custis, executor of

- the estate of William C. Hardstock
To Mike T. Mulhern and Jennifer N. Zimmerman
3042 Main St., Chincoteague
For \$222,500
- From Equity Trustees LLC
To High Tide Properties LLC
3319 Ridge Road, Chincoteague
For \$31,650
- From Denise L. and Harvey A. Drewer II
To Douglas E. Lukowski and Trisha L. Leimbacher
20422 Saxis Road, Saxis
For \$24,900

Northampton County

- From William and Michele Thomas
To Robert and Tiffani Bigler
Lot 26, Sugar Hill
For \$739,000
- From Gary and Linda Eldridge, trustees
To Josephine Deener and Angela Domanico
Lot 1, Gull Point Farms, near Bayford
For \$524,650
- From Deborah Hill
To General Builders LLC
Lot 13, Stuart's Way, Cape Charles
For \$38,000
- From Michael, Jeffrey, and Dennis Thornes, Jennifer Sloan, and Jarrod Sayers
To Lillian Collier
Parcel 16, 1.052 acres, between Bird- nest and Machipongo
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- From Irene and Philip Morris III
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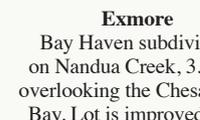
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OBITUARIES

Charles Crowson Jr.

Mr. Charles D. Crowson Jr., age 74, of Newport News, passed away Feb. 27, 2020. He was born on the Eastern Shore Sept. 4, 1945.

He graduated from Parksley High School and the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company Apprentice School. Charles was a member of Warwick Lodge No. 336 A.F. & A.M. and Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., U.S.A. He was employed in the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue as a field inspector, Chief Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue, and as Commissioner of the Revenue. Charles was affiliated with numerous civic organizations and The Commissioner of the Revenue Association. He held several offices and received various awards. After retirement, he was a political consultant and lobbyist. He enjoyed cooking, especially peanut brittle, for friends, traveling and spending time in the Outer Banks.



Mr. Crowson

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charles D. Crowson Sr. and Estelle Young Crowson, and his sister, Betty C. Maddox. He is survived by his wife, Lou Ann; son, O. Douglas Crowson (Teresa); grandchildren, Blake Sterling Crowson, of Richmond, Va., and Jacob Douglas Crowson, of Newport News, Va.; sisters, Bonnie Skiles and Kathy Crowson, both of the Eastern Shore; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service, with Masonic Rights, will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 3 p.m. at Peninsula Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service. Interment will be private at Peninsula Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Animal Aid Society, 80 Butler Farm Rd, Hampton, Virginia 23666.

Arrangements are under the care of Peninsula Funeral Home, 11144 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, Virginia 23601.

Phyllis Dunn

Mrs. Phyllis Eileen Carter Dunn, 96, of Marionville, passed away at her residence Friday, Feb. 28, 2020. She was born in Clinchport, Va., to the late Horton Selba Carter and the late Etta Corna Spivey Carter. Her husband was the late Carl Rhea Dunn.

She was a retired school teacher, attended Red Bank Baptist Church for over forty years, and was a member of Frances Jones Circle. Mrs. Dunn attended Radford College and graduated from Old Dominion University in 1968.

She is survived by two daughters, Glenna Rhea Dunn Sisson and her husband, Richard, of Worcester, Mass., and Sammie Jo Dunn Daou and her husband, Fadi, of Richmond, Va.; one son, Phillip Horton Dunn and his wife, Annette, of Marionville; a niece, Marietta Carter Linde and her husband, Greg, of New Jersey; one nephew, Michael K. Pease, of Duffield, Va.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dunn was predeceased by a daughter, Greta Eileen Dunn Robertson; a son, Carl Rhea (Bus) Dunn Jr.; a brother, Sam Stuart Carter, of Willis Wharf; and a sister, Joan Carter Pease, of Duffield, Va.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Red Bank Baptist Church, Marionville, with the Rev. Dr. John M. Robertson officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Frances Jones Circle at Red Bank Baptist Church, P.O. Box 932, Nassawadox, VA 23413

Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by the Holland Funeral Home, Nassawadox.

Erving Hinman

Mr. Erving Mitchell Hinman, 71, of Hallwood, passed away Feb. 26, 2020, at his residence.

Born Dec. 26, 1948, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Mitchell Erving Hinman and the late Marian Taylor Hinman. Mr. Hinman was a mechanic and loved fishing and NASCAR.

Mr. Hinman is survived by daughters, Pa-



Mr. Hinman

mela Idoni and husband, Mark, of Salisbury, Md., and Angela Taylor and husband, Greg, of Hallwood; grandchildren, Taylor Idoni, Mark Idoni, Joshua Taylor and Brook Taylor; sisters, Flossie M. Joseph and husband, Bill, of Pocomoke, Linda C. Taylor and Eddie Durham, of Bloxom, and Barbara D. Ramey, of Wattsville; two brothers, Eddie B. Hinman and wife, Michelle, of Parksley, and Ricky S. Hinman and wife, Carla, of Bloxom; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Hinman.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 2 p.m. from the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley with the Rev. Mark Layne officiating.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Arrangements were made by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Daniel "Brooke" Layton

Mr. Daniel "Brooke" Layton, 78, of Onancock, husband of Ethel Vermilye Layton, passed away Feb. 25, 2020, at his residence.

Born Sept. 30, 1941, in Wilmington, Del., he was the son of the late Honorable Judge Caleb Rodney Layton III and the late Mamie Brooke Layton. Brooke served our country in the U.S. Army and was posted in Korea after the war. He was a retired banker and loved the outdoors. He was an avid and talented painter and enjoyed spending time at their farm, Winter Quarters, in Bloxom.



Mr. Layton

Other than his wife, Ethel, Brooke is survived by daughters, Elizabeth Layton Powell, of Medford, Ore., and Jennifer Stuart Layton, of Bend, Ore.; a stepdaughter, Parker Keating Spurry, of Easton, Md.; a sister, Marie Layton Laird, of Wilmington, Del.; grandchildren, MaryAnn Powell, of Medford, Ore., Andrew Powell,

of Medford, Ore., Brittney Keating Azouny, of Philadelphia, Pa., Hunter Martin Keating, of Bozeman, Mont., and Stewart McLeod Spurry and Eliza Ker Spurry, both of Easton, Md.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by a stepson, R. Stewart Keating, and a brother, Rodney Caleb Layton.

Funeral services will be private.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the SPCA, P.O. Box 165, Onley, VA 23418, The Waterman's Association, Eastern Shore Watermen's Association, c/o Ernest Bowden, 4219 School Road, Chincoteague, VA 23336 or Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418.

Arrangements were made by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

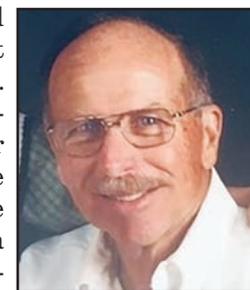
To sign the guest book online, visit www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Emerson Liscum

Mr. Emerson Sylvester Liscum, 79, of Chincoteague Island, passed away Feb. 27, 2020, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md.

He was born in Salisbury, Md., Oct. 22, 1940, to the late Emerson and Mabel Tarr Liscum.

He was a member of Gideons International and Chincoteague Church of God where he taught Sunday school. He was an honorary member of Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company and a Saltwater Cowboy. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard.



Mr. Liscum

Mr. Liscum is survived by his loving spouse of 22 years, Esther Pearl Liscum, of Chincoteague; son, Steven Liscum and his wife, Alison, of Gastonia, N.C.; two grandsons, Nathan and Nole Liscum, both of Gastonia, N.C.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Ina Liscum Yoder.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 1, 2020, at Chincoteague Church of God with Pastor Kevin Stanley officiating. Burial took place

in the John Taylor Memorial Cemetery, Temperanceville.

Memorial donations may be made to Gideons International, C/O Wayne Johnson, P.O. Box 90, Bloxom, VA 23308.

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

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

William Charles Parks Jr.

Mr. William Charles “Chuck” Parks Jr., loving son, brother, and uncle, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, at the age of 43. Born May 7, 1976, in Nassawadox, he was the son of William Charles Parks Sr. and Brenda Allen Parks, of Onancock.

Though Chuck was often a man of few words and preferred to fly under the radar, there were a few things that would ignite his passionate side. He knew everything about computers, both technologically and mechanically, and he spent a great deal of time studying weather patterns and predicting forecasts. Chuck’s excitement grew at the mere mention of barometric pressure, and he detested false weather predictions, never hesitating to express his opinion on the matter. As the only boy of four children, Chuck shared a special bond with his parents and sisters and loved spending time with family. Affectionately known as “Uncle Duck” to his nieces and nephews, and the many children who attended his mother’s daycare over the years, there wasn’t a kid he couldn’t make smile. As long as you didn’t butcher the weather report or mess with his family or his cat, you’d find a beautiful heart of gold and a silly grin. Chuck’s life will forever be celebrated through the many memories made, stories shared, and love he gave.

In addition to his parents, Chuck is survived by his sisters, Terri Parks Allen, of Onancock, Lisa Parks Mason and her husband, Tom, of Accomac, and Becki Parks, of Parksley;



Mr. Parks

nieces and nephews, Colby, Kelsey, Jakob, Maci, and Casey; great-nieces and great-nephew, Olivia, Danny, and Mary Anna; and cat, “Pumpkin,” who was his best bud.

A funeral service was conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Monday, March 2, 2020, with the Rev. William Jefferson officiating. Interment followed in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

Contributions in Chuck’s memory may be made to the Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417 or to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Dianne Shaw

Ms. Dianne Shaw, 71, of Temperanceville, passed away Feb. 25, 2020, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

She was born in Bayshore, N.Y., Jan. 18, 1949, to the late George and Lois Wilson Striffler.

She devoted all of her love and time to her family and friends. Her door was always open and she loved a full house.

Ms. Shaw is survived by her four sons, Albert Joseph Shaw, of Florida, Chris Shaw and Michael Shaw, both of Pennsylvania, and Sean Shaw, of New York; six daughters, Tammy Richter, of Rocky Point, N.Y., Tanya Michelle Shaw, of Princeton, W.V., Geri-Lynn Shaw, of Florida, Amanda Klvana of Medford, N.Y., and Charise Shaw and Lauren Ashley Shaw, both of Temperanceville; 14 grandchildren, Dani-Lee, Dylan, Christopher, Tyler, Rebecca, Amber, Kailee, Anthony, Sofia, Jesse, Ray Ray, Samiyah, Maven, and Tanner; one great-grandson, Greyson; eight siblings, Dennis Striffler, Priscilla Champlin, David Striffler, Debbie Gannon, Cheryl Striffler, Susie Starett, Gloria Cannizzo, and George Striffler; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Ms. Shaw

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Timothy Gene Shaw; and three siblings, Peggy Striffler, Johnny Striffler, and Donald Striffler.

Funeral services will be held at a later date in New York.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

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

Lynn Ernest Stauffer Sr.

Mr. Lynn Ernest Stauffer Sr., 93, husband of Dorothy Boole Stauffer for 74 years and a resident of Melfa, passed away Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

A native of East Greenville, Pa., he was the son of the late Ernest Stauffer and the late Leah Stahl Stauffer. He was a U.S. Army and Navy World War II veteran, retired owner of Horne and



Mr. Stauffer

Stauffer Furniture Store, and an avid fisherman and traveler, having traveled to every country in Europe and watched Picasso paint. Mr. Stauffer lived a full adventurous life.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by a son, Lynn E. Stauffer Jr. and his wife, Carolyn Bloomer, of Sarasota, Fla.; a daughter, Janice Recker and her husband, Rick, of Georgetown, S.C.; seven grandchildren, Holly, Melanie, Janene, Gary, Chris, Vicky, and Michael Jr.; seven great-grandchildren and one on the way; and one great-great-grandson. He was predeceased by two sons, Michael Jeffery Stauffer and William Gary Stauffer, and a sister, Marilyn S. Markley.

A Celebration of Life service for family and friends was conducted Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Doughty Funeral Home with Jeffery Stauffer officiating.

Memorials may be made to A.R.C. Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 626, Exmore, VA 23350.

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

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Planning Commission Recommends Approval of Huntington Farm

Proposed wedding venue, which faced opposition at public hearing, now goes to the Board of Supervisors for its decision

By Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton planning commission recommended approval of a special-use permit (SUP) for a wedding and event venue near the small residential community of Cherrystone on Wednesday night, following two hours of discussion, including public comments that were largely in opposition to the proposal.

“Within the adjacent hamlet, it is 100% opposition,” said Chris Buck, whose family lives closest to Huntington Farm, the site of the proposed event venue.

He gave the planning commission a petition signed by 63 people who either live in Cherrystone or have a stake in the community and oppose

the venue.

The zoning applicant is Tidewater Realty, of Norfolk, a small business owned by five sisters who inherited Huntington Farm from their parents.

One of the sisters, Catherine Fulton, spoke in defense of the application at the Jan. 7 planning commission meeting but later asked the commissioners to table the matter and allow time to meet with the neighbors and work out a compromise.

A Feb. 14 letter written by attorney Andre Wiggins, of Eastville, outlined conditions Tidewater Realty would follow to minimize the event venue’s impact on the neighborhood.

Those conditions included the use of sound barriers, each 4 feet wide and 6.5 feet high, made with a 3-inch-thick sheet of insulation sandwiched between layers of plywood and drywall.

The event tent and music amplifiers would face the waterfront; the sound

barriers would be placed between the tent and the water.

DJs would be instructed not to play music louder than 85 decibels and sound would be monitored by a certified decibel reader.

Wiggins said a native species of holly would be planted along the property, across from the Buck home. The shrub acts as a natural sound barrier, and it can grow 3 feet high per year, up to 25 feet high and 15 feet wide.

None of the conditions were enough to change Buck’s mind, who said, “Northampton County’s not ready for this.”

Northampton’s noise ordinance, as written, cannot be enforced by police, county officials have admitted.

The planning commission is working on a new noise ordinance but it is not near completion.

However, neighbors can file noise complaints with the county magistrate, and noise ordinance violations

can result in jail time, Wiggins pointed out.

Other citizens also maintained their opposition.

Kate Tayloe, who lives farther down Cherrystone Road near another wedding venue, Mimosa Farm, wanted to know how much Huntington Farm will charge to host an event.

“Wondering what the price tag is for ruining the peace and quiet?” she asked.

Tidewater Realty is asking permission to hold up to 40 events per year, from weddings to oyster roasts. They want to host up to 20 events per year with amplified music and 20 events with no amplified music.

Buck noted that one wedding can cause five days of heavy traffic and noise disturbance for setting up the tent, chairs, and other equipment, holding a rehearsal dinner, hosting the main event, taking down the tent, and cleaning up afterward.



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He calculated that 40 events could cause 200 days of neighborhood disruption per year.

One citizen remarked that Huntington Farm would be granted a "constant use permit."

Granville Hogg said Northampton County is "getting away from the intent of agritourism" by permitting event venues in agricultural-rural business zones, a business some consider to be more commercial than agricultural.

The planning commission recommended approval of the application, with 11 conditions related to noise, signage, the number of guests permitted per event, the number of events allowed per year, and other considerations.

It did not demand that an off-duty police officer be present before, during, and after events, which Wiggins asserted would be cost prohibitive.

Northampton supervisors will make the final decision to grant or deny the permit.

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Onancock Votes To Start Contract Negotiations To Join HRSD

By Carol Vaughn

The Onancock town council on Feb. 24 unanimously approved starting contract negotiations with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District, in a step towards having a regional sewer system on the Eastern Shore.

The motion was made by Bob Bloxom, who chaired a committee charged with researching sewer options. It was seconded by Maphis Oswald.

The committee, appointed in August to evaluate a regional sewer system proposal from Hampton Roads Sanitation District, concluded the regional plan is “much lower cost” to Onancock customers than for the town to maintain ownership and control of its system.

Onancock held a public meeting about the Sewer Transmission Line Steering Committee findings on Feb. 20.

Transferring ownership and control of the town sewage treatment plant and system to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District “materially reduces unquantifiable future risk,” according to a presentation given at the meeting.

The committee reviewed bond documents for the treatment plant and the

water system, and concluded bonds for the treatment plant must be paid off in order to transfer ownership to the HRSD.

Committee members interviewed administrators of three counties — Middlesex, Surry, and King William — that participate as small communities in the Hampton Roads Sanitation District.

All of those interviewed were “unreservedly, strongly positive” about the district, according to the presentation.

Onancock’s sewage treatment plant currently treats 221,000 gallons per day, and has capacity to treat 750,000 gallons per day.

Membranes for the system must be replaced every 10 years — the next time is in 2021.

Additionally, a belt press needs replacement and computer-aided control systems need upgrading, the committee found.

The town hired an engineering firm to evaluate current and future costs for maintaining and operating the sewage treatment plant and collection system and to evaluate future risks, including from not adequately maintaining the system; changes in environmental stan-

dards; and other factors.

The firm found major capital and maintenance expenses likely will total \$3.9 million over the next seven years.

If the town continues to own and operate the system, additional future risks include from sea-level rise and storm surge; rising electricity costs; equipment failures; stricter environmental standards; and changes in the number of customers, according to the presentation.

“The conclusions were that joining the HRSD was in our residents’ best interest with regard to future sewer rates,” Bloxom said at Monday’s town council meeting.

An informal poll at the Feb. 20 meeting found attendees were unanimously in support of joining the HRSD.

“Given the public comment and the response from the meeting last Thursday, I think the committee is in favor of bringing this to a vote, if everybody is comfortable doing that,” Bloxom said Monday.

A key assumption moving forward “is that the debt on the sewer plant be paid in full prior to transferring the ownership or the operation of the plant to HRSD,” Bloxom said, adding, “There are

numerous events underway that anticipate that debt being paid off as part of HRSD’s move onto the Eastern Shore.”

He recommended the town “move to the negotiation phase with HRSD, understanding that any contract that is developed has to come back to council for final approval, and with everybody’s understanding that this can’t go forward until and unless that debt is paid in full.”

Historic Onancock School Starting Capital Campaign for ADA Improvements

Nearly 9,000 people attended events at the Historic Onancock School last year, not including people who used the grounds for leisure activities or visitors to individual studios.

“We’re just a real important, key piece to the town of Onancock, and we worked hard for it,” said Joani Donohoe, executive director, in an annual report to the Onancock Town Council.

The board of directors developed a strategic plan in 2018, which extends through 2021 — the centennial of Onancock High School.

In the past year, the board formed additional subcommittees, worked on

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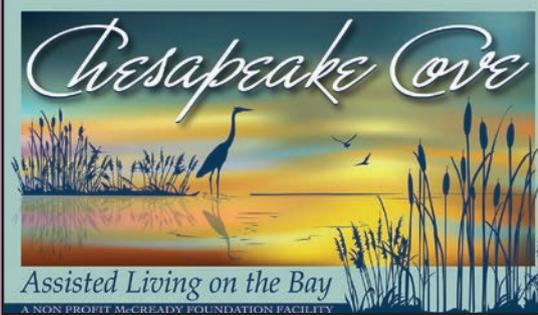
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updating its bylaws, and focused on having more events at the school.

"We are working on getting our identity out much farther, outside of Onancock and up and down the Shore," Donohoe said.

Likely the most significant accomplishment was numerous building improvements completed in 2019.

"We probably improved more of that structure than I have seen in the 5 ½ years that I've been around, and probably a lot more than in the 11 ½ years," she said.

The group raised almost \$15,000 in a campaign started in late 2018 for renovations to the main event room, "which has just turned over in so many more events," according to Donohoe.

More than \$10,000 from rental income, mainly related to use of the room, came in last year.

"We have been able to raise our rates for the room now, now that it has been remodelled," she said.

The room is booked through June.

Additionally, exterior painting and repairs to woodwork were completed in 2019, and work was begun on the roof, which will continue this year.

With the help of Youthworks and a United Way grant, interior painting

was completed, along with installation of new LED fixtures.

Recommendations from a 2012 engineering report are still being used to guide the renovations, Donohoe said.

Work on the former home economics building on the property also has begun, including bringing electricity to the building and running dehumidifiers to dry it out.

The group has money in its budget to continue work on that building, with the goal being to finish this summer.

"The hope is to have classes there," including for children, Donohoe said.

Additionally, the group is getting ready to order rubber mulch for the playground, also using United Way funds.

The building is around 95% rented, with all main floor rooms rented and two empty rooms on the lower level.

Plans for 2020 include finishing the LOVE sign in front of the building and holding a celebration for that this spring.

"We are also gearing up for our 100th anniversary next year," Donohoe said.

Events to mark the milestone are being planned.

"I'm hoping that will affect the whole town, with visitors from out-of-state and a lot of things going on throughout

the year," she said.

The board also has started a capital campaign, planning to raise up to \$150,000 to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We are desperately in need of a wheelchair lift," among other improvements that would make the building accessible to all, Donohoe said.

Donohoe asked for \$10,000 from the town for the campaign.

The group also is making grant applications to United Way and the Eastern Shore Community Foundation.

Having an ADA-compliant building would open the way for many more grants and to host more events, according to the group.

Councilwoman Maphis Oswald applauded the group's accomplishments, saying it has exceeded benchmarks set for the property.

"You have raised the bar way above what we ever expected," she said.

Dog Park in Onancock?

Onancock officials are discussing whether to develop a dog park in town, possibly at the Historic Onancock School or other town-owned property.

"They are fairly simple. The fencing is the most expensive part," said May-

or Fletcher Fosque.

Two dog parks he went to recently, one in Washington, D. C., and another near Annapolis, were both able to be used at no charge, he said, adding, "My feeling is, it should be free, if it's possible."

Fundraising, grants, and sponsorships could help pay for a dog park, he said.

Oswald volunteered to work on the project. "Fundraising for a dog park is generally easy, because people want to contribute to something like that," she said.

"For a town that bills itself as dog-friendly, we ought to have a dog park," she said.

Cost and location are two factors that need to be looked into, Fosque said.

Main Street Designation

The town council approved a resolution saying if Onancock is selected for Main Street designation by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the town agrees to endorse the goal of downtown economic revitalization, and will support the continuation of the Main Street approach to that end.

The Onancock Main Street board of directors is working to apply for the designation by the March 31 deadline.

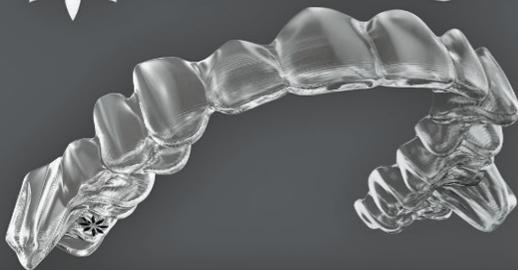
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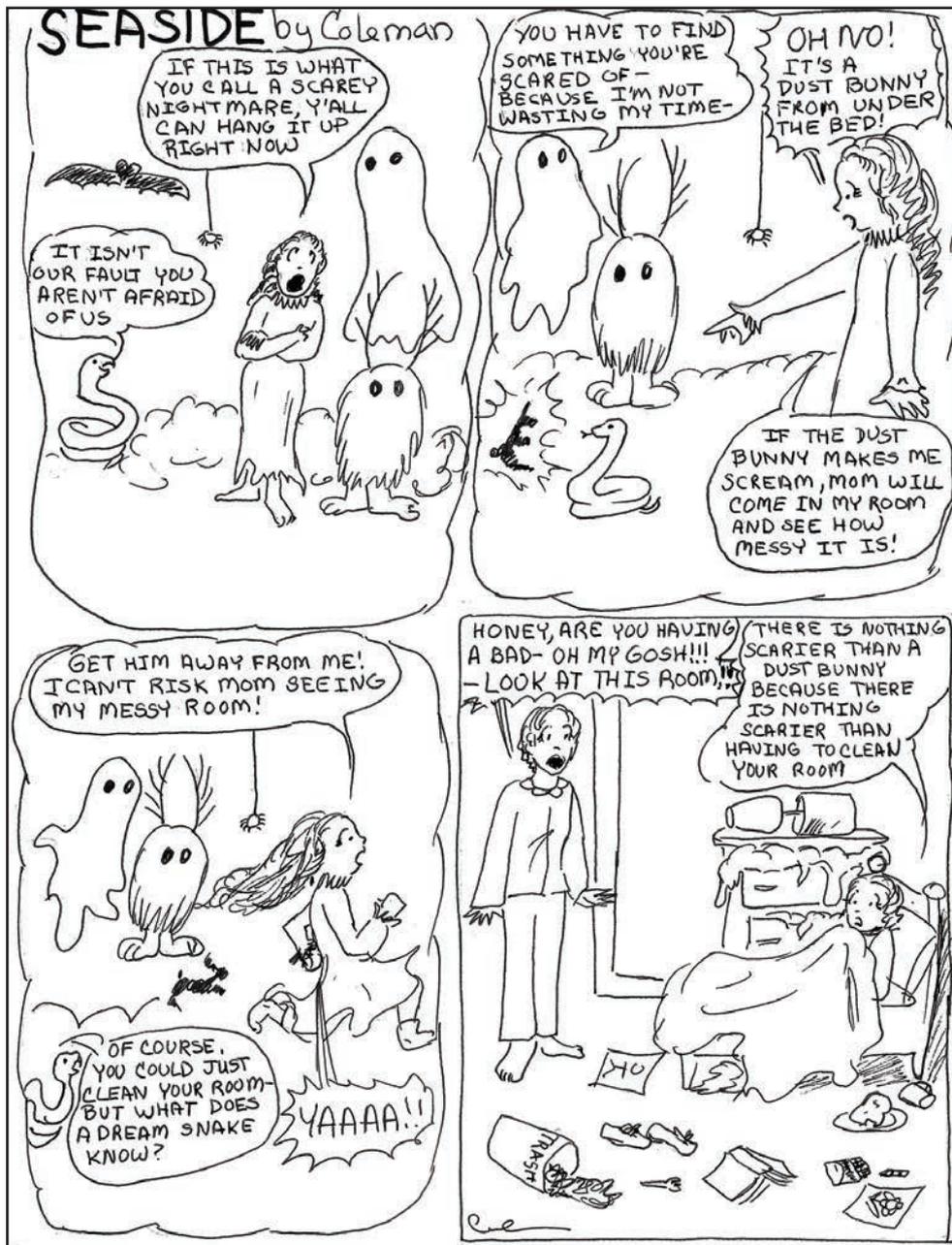
Come see the proposed plans to replace the bridge on Route 178 (Shields Bridge Road) over Occohannock Creek in Accomack County. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has designated the current steel-span bridge, built in 1933, to be in need of replacement. The bridge replacement project is located on Route 178 (Shields Bridge Road) from mile post 2.59 to 2.76.

Review the proposed project plans and environment documentation in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) at the public hearing or VDOT's Accomack Residency Office located at 23096 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia 23301, 757-787-5856. You can also review project information at VDOT's Hampton Roads District Office located at 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435, 757-956-3000, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

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

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing or submit them by **April 17, 2020**, to Ms. Hayden Hill, Virginia Department of Transportation, 7511 Burbage Drive, Suffolk, VA 23435. You may also e-mail your comments to hayden.hill@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 178 Bridge Project Comment" in the subject line.

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Things You Didn't Need To Know

We were doing a routine cleaning of our internet tubes when a New York Times page of useless facts about the cost of certain liquids fell out. Can you believe a respectable newspaper would devote space to whimsical but ultimately useless facts? Shocking.

Here are some of them, by the gallon:

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- Human blood: \$3,343.82
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- Human "clean" urine: \$3,198.40
- Camel's milk: \$144

And here are a few gallon prices the fancy-schmancy New York Times didn't include:

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CAPITAL LETTERS



By Sen. Lynwood Lewis

We are wrapping up here at the General Assembly, but there is still a significant amount of work to complete over the final few days. We are still hoping to adjourn by this Saturday, March 7. At this juncture, the conference committees are ironing out differences in the House and Senate budgets and there are more than 200 bills in conference. When a bill enters into conference, it is because the legislation passed the House and the Senate with different versions. In order for the bill to pass and be sent to the governor, it must pass in identical form in both bodies of the legislature.

This session has been the busiest of my tenure in Richmond, with more consequential legislation being debated and receiving floor votes than during any other session in recent memory. While there are still major policy differences being ironed out in conference committees over legislation surrounding issues like the minimum wage, alternative energy and casino gaming, we have already passed a number of pieces of legislation that will affect the Eastern Shore.

Over the past few months, I have worked with stakeholders across the region and the commonwealth on legislation to expand rural broadband access. After extensive debate on the Senate floor, which we will post video of to my Facebook page, both the House and the Senate have passed SB 791, my legislation, and HB 831, companion legislation carried by Del. Jennifer Carroll-Foy, and we are awaiting Gov. Northam's signature. SB 794 will allow for our co-ops and utilities to use existing infrastructure and easements for broadband deployment. We worked with our farmers, builders, co-ops and property rights' groups to ensure this legislation would give the necessary allowances for broadband expansion without infringing on property rights, and with a carefully constructed, well-vetted final bill, have legislation that makes significant strides in advancing rural broadband.

My legislation to transfer oversight of the menhaden fishery to the Virgin-

ia Marine Resources Commission, SB 791, and my legislation to ban offshore drilling in Virginia Waters (SB 795), a position supported by both Accomack and Northampton County Boards of Supervisors, as well as the localities of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, passed with bipartisan support and will protect the industries and resources that are vital to our way of life on the Shore.

We have also passed legislation that will bring hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues to address flooding and energy efficiency for low-income communities, two issues that are very important for the Shore and Coastal Virginia. Additionally, legislation has moved forward that will give our principals and superintendents more oversight in dealing with disciplinary issues, as well as several pieces of legislation to help address the affordable housing crisis that we are all too aware of on the Shore. I was disappointed, however, that my bill and accompanying budget amendment to include Accomack and Northampton Counties in our budgeting for cost of compete funding were carried over until next year. While the funding was not there this year, there was strong support from many of my colleagues and we will continue to work diligently in the interim for our inclusion in the governor's 2021 amendments to the biennium budget. I believe this is the top priority for the Shore not only for the quality of our schools and to attract and retain teachers, but also for our economic development.

We still are awaiting a finalized budget, and in my final column I will address what that includes, as well as any major policy developments that may happen over the last few days of session. Upon adjournment, we will have just over a month before we return for reconvene session, where we will take up any amendments sent down by the governor as well as vote to sustain or override vetoes of bills.

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“From Shine to Shaker”: Spring Exhibit Serves Up Years of Moonshine and Cocktails



Submitted Article

“From ‘Shine to Shaker,” Ker Place’s spring exhibit that opens tonight at 6 (March 6), will share the Shore’s story of alcohol from the temperance movement through Prohibition-era moonshine and the birth of NASCAR to mixology.

The exhibit’s story begins with local church members launching avid support for the temperance movement. Virginia and the nation as a whole moved toward Prohibition as many Eastern Shoremen built moonshine stills in the woods. The Shore’s nook-and-cranny creeks carried “rumrunners,” while its winding back roads became busy routes for illegal distribution of mash liquor. Cocktails created during those times paved the way for mixologists.

Admission to the exhibit is free, and it will remain open through the summer.

Running tonight in conjunction with the exhibit opening are a sold-out ticketed lecture, cocktail

sampling, and book signing in Ker Place’s basement “speakeasy.” To be put on the waiting list, call 757-787-8012. Attendees will sample classic cocktails as expert Robert Simonson, author of “The Martini Cocktail” and “A Proper Drink,” will discuss how Prohibition unfolded; pre- and post-Prohibition drinks; and a general chronicle of alcohol from then until now. A \$25 ticket includes a regular-size cocktail of his or her choice from the ones sampled during the program.

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Visit www.shorehistory.org or go to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society’s Facebook page at facebook.com/ESVHS.

Above and below, right: Articles on display in the new Ker Place spring exhibit, “From ‘Shine to Shaker,” opening March 6 at 6 p.m.



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	Chinco. Channel	H 5:21 p.m. L 11:37 a.m.	H 5:57 a.m. L 12:30 p.m.	H 7:49 a.m. L 2:19 p.m.	H 8:39 a.m. L 3:06 p.m.	H 9:29 a.m. L 3:52 p.m.	H 10:17 a.m. L 4:38 p.m.	H 11:06 a.m. L 5:26 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 5:54 a.m. L 12:17 p.m.	H 6:49 a.m. L 1:10 p.m.	H 8:41 a.m. L 2:59 p.m.	H 9:31 a.m. L 3:46 p.m.	H 10:21 a.m. L 4:32 p.m.	H 11:09 a.m. L 5:18 p.m.	H 11:58 a.m. L 5:46 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 5:47 a.m. L 12:02 p.m.	H 6:42 a.m. L 12:55 p.m.	H 8:34 a.m. L 2:44 p.m.	H 9:24 a.m. L 3:31 p.m.	H 10:14 a.m. L 4:17 p.m.	H 11:02 a.m. L 5:03 p.m.	H 11:51 a.m. L 5:51 p.m.
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EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

Firebirds Look To Build Off Competitive End To 2019 Season With Fresh 2020 Campaign



Arcadia head coach Michael Hatcher discusses situational baseball with two of his players Monday during practice. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

By Matthew Yoder

The best coaches adapt when circumstances don't go as planned, adjusting on the fly to play to their team's strengths. So, when the top two hitters in Arcadia's order became unavailable before practices got underway, coaches Michael Hatcher and Kyle Williams put their heads together, looking at what they already have in place, to enter the season with a formula for success. As best laid plans often go astray, Hatcher and Williams are moving forward into the 2020 baseball season with the 13 players in front of them on a damp, Monday afternoon in Oak Hall.

What the Firebirds will benefit from is experience, and without hesitation Williams believes gloves in the infield will help the team remain competitive.

"Our strength will definitely be the defense; defense is going to win us games," said Williams.

That's not to say there won't also be a learning curve, as holes will need to be filled to round out the defense. Robbie Sterling is Arcadia's catcher, but will also log substantial innings on the mound, leaving a void behind the plate when he does.

"We're probably going to have a ninth-grader catch at times," Hatcher said.

The outfield, too, will require some retooling, with some players green to the position picking up the slack.

"We have some people that are not used to being on the grass," said Hatcher.

Despite the setbacks, Hatcher and Williams appeared optimistic and focused on Monday afternoon, working through specific scenarios, all the while professing their passion for the intricacies of the sport. They could be seen intensely working with the dedicated athletes they have on

the field, discussing a focus on pitch counts and small ball to keep games within reach.



Coaches Michael Hatcher and Kyle Williams instruct the team as Kamron Downing looks on. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

It's likely the Firebirds will not want to get caught up in slugfests with their opponents, as Hatcher believes 3-2 games will likely be their calling card in pursuit of victory. Perfecting the little details and minimizing mistakes will help offset any power issues, and it will come down to situational execution.

"That is baseball in a nutshell, it's a team game but comes down to individual performances," said Hatcher.

Hatcher and Williams seem up to the task of teaching all aspects of the game, rolling with the punches in an effort to field a competitive unit. The second-year coaches also double as groundskeepers, positioning the field itself to be in live game shape headed into the season. With limited resources, their stewardship is commendable and the field is admittedly much improved from a season ago.

"It's our school, so we take care of it," Williams said.

The Firebirds spring into action next week with a Tuesday scrimmage at Snow Hill and turn around two days later for a home matchup with Pocomoke City in advance of a 16-game season.

Northampton Parks and Recreation Basketball Results

2/29/20 - YOUTH SPORTS

By Brennan Waldorf

The 2019-20 Northampton Parks and Recreation basketball league came to a conclusion last weekend, Feb. 29. The league started in November and concluded last weekend with games being played at the old Northampton middle school. The league has regular season followed by a postseason tournament; its cost is \$35 per player and \$40 for late registration. This year's league winners are as follows:

Pee Wee Division

The NCPR Jazz defeated the NCPR Wizards, 7-5

Boys Minor League

NCPR Hawks defeated the NCPR Lakers, 43-30

Junior Division

NCPR Grizzlies defeated the NCPR Heat, 55-31

All-Star Teams:

Pee Wee All-Stars

- Chad Brown
- Ahmear Brown
- Henry Watson
- Walter Ramah
- TraQuan Coston

- Shemaun Burrows Jr.
- Landon Willke
- Drew Morgan
- Kenneth Long
- Ayden Robinson

Minor All-Stars

- Alexion Sample
- Mason Carpenter
- Amir Bailey
- Timothy McCaskill
- Jaylen Anderson
- Trae'Quan Sebastian
- Michael Rease
- Luke Jones
- Travon Hill
- JaQuan Doughty
- Larry Nottingham Jr.
- DeQuais Harmon

Junior All-Stars

- Bubbie Coston
- Antwan Tatum
- Nyzir Dix
- Na'Rod Jarvis
- DeShawn Halloway
- Kararius Taylor
- TyWone Sebastian
- Ellajah Miller
- Brayden Bury
- Julio Castillo
- Mekhi Spady



Malik Faison puts a move on the Hawks' Travon Hill during their semifinal bout. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.



Malik Collins of the NCPR Lakers brings the ball up court during the championship game. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.



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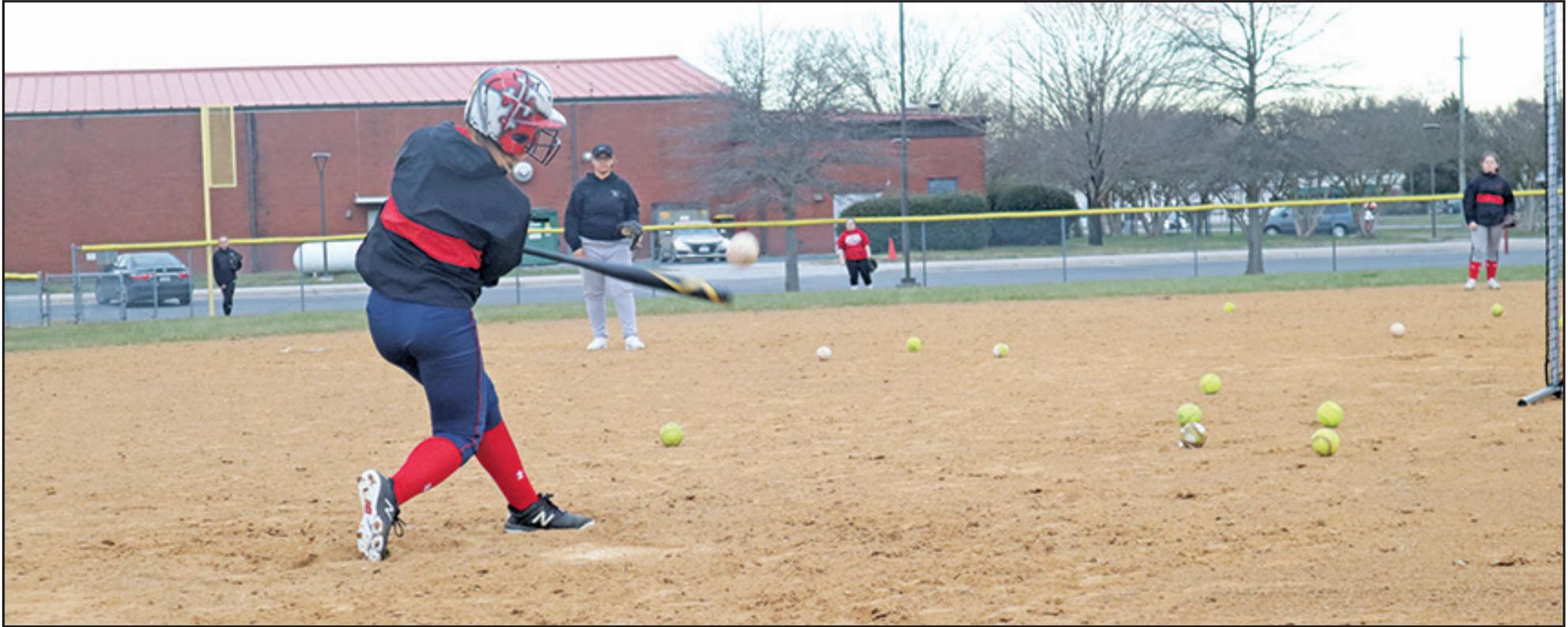
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2020 Arcadia Softball Looks To Make Waves With Fresh Talent And Seasoned Veterans



The Firebirds stepped into their swings with great enthusiasm at Monday's practice. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

By Matthew Yoder

Youth is the word when it comes to the 2020 edition of Arcadia softball. The Firebirds' roster is predominantly made up of freshmen, with three juniors and one lone senior adding needed experience. For fourth-year coach Keith Justis, that inexperience can be looked at as a strength, particularly if the players he has to work with blend their talent with a willingness to learn. By all accounts, that seems to be the case with this team.

Justis made a point of assessing his team's strengths as being defense and youth, and the two overlap when you look at the infield largely consisting of newcomers to varsity softball.

"We're young, but if we work through it, we've got a lot of talent in the infield," said Justis.

Much of the early part of practice Monday afternoon focused heavily on defense, with Justis hammering home groundball drills, as well as prepping what he believes will be a strong outfield headed into the season.

For the better part of a decade, Nandua and softball immortality have been synonymous, and Justis sees his duty as breaking the Warriors' run. With sincere enthusiasm, Justis believes he has the tools to begin the task of unseating a dynasty.

"For the past 10 years, Nandua has been the model we try to base our program off of, we're starting to make a turn, if everything hopefully goes as planned, we will bridge the gap a bit," Justis said.

Monday's practice included a lot of coaching, drilling, and encouragement. The Firebirds eagerly stepped into defensive double play scenarios and equally put forth inspired swings as the focus shifted to hitting, and their coach was quick to vocalize his pleasure with their progress.

"I like that hustle to the ball, great job, exactly what I was hoping for," Justis could be overheard saying.

Assistant baseball coach Kyle Williams made a point to comment on the

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Lady Warrior State Swimming Results

2/19/20 - SWIMMING

By Brennan Waldorf

The Nandua Swimming team traveled to Richmond Feb. 19 to compete in the combined Division I & II State Swimming and Diving tournament. The Warriors have only 18 total swimmers with six on the boys squad and 12 on the girls. The team is small but talented as both boys and girls took third overall in the region and qualified several swimmers for the state tournament.

Glenvar High won the girls portion of the tournament with 242 points followed by Bruton High with 232 and Virginia High with 167. The Lady Warriors finished 17th out of the 29 teams with 44 points and had one medalist in Madison Johnson.

The boys division was won by Radford high with 277 points, Virginia High came in second with 276, and Bruton finished third with 213 points. The Nandua boys fell just outside the top ten coming in 11th overall with 77 points just 3 points behind tenth place

James River High. Next year they'll have an opportunity to return all their swimmers losing no seniors this year.

Swim Results:

Boys 50 Yard Freestyle - 10th place, Luke Parks

Boys 200 Yard Relay - Seventh place, (Medal) Luke Parks, Bennett Cossitt, Cade Williams, Patrick Lilliston

Boys 400 Yard Relay - Eighth place, (Medal) Luke Parks, Bennett Cossitt, Cade Williams, Patrick Lilliston

Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke - Seventh place, (Medal) Madison Johnson

Girls 50 Yard Freestyle - 15th place, Taylor Thornes

Girls 100 Yard Fly - 10th place, Taylor Thornes

Girl 200 Yard IM - 12th place, Lacy Gouldin

Girls 400 Yard Relay - 16th place, Maggie Killmon, Alexandra Penland, Jamie Wert, Nora Bahn

Girls 200 Yard Relay - 15th place, Nora Bahn, Maggie Killmon, Alexandra Penland, Elena Buckner



Sophomore Madison Johnson, left, poses with head coach Chelsea Porter Sharp at the state tournament. She placed 7th overall in the 100-yd. freestyle with a time of 1:18.74. Submitted photo.



The Lady Warriors finished 17th overall at the 2020 Swim and Dive State Tournament. They can return all but three swimmers next season. Submitted photo.

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~ Softball ~

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tremendous talent coming through the ranks of the JV softball team and spilling over to this year's varsity squad.

"They are really talented, they're going to be really good," said Williams. Justis couldn't agree more, and spoke to witnessing his team in real time putting in the work to become fundamentally sound.

"We have a lot of talent and we're starting to hone everything in now," Justis said.

The Firebirds will soon know the fruits of their efforts with a trio of scrimmages next week, starting with a Monday game against Washington in Princess Anne. Games of statistical significance will follow shortly thereafter, and this young Arcadia team will learn quickly what it takes to win games in the present, to help secure success in the future.



Northampton Boys Track Team Lands Good Spot on Championship

The Boys Indoor Track Team had a good day at the VHSL Group 1A/2A Regional Indoor Championship. It placed 6 out of 15 double A and single A schools. These track runners finished third or better and will be going to the states at Salem this weekend. Tyrease Harris, 1st in the pole vault and high hurdles, James Applegate, 2nd in the pole vault, 4x200 relay (Tyrell Crockett, Deonndray Harmon, Lamont Wilson, and Tyrease Harris), 4x400 relay, 3rd place (Deonndray Harmon, Meshawn Rodriguez, Gary Tomlinson, and Tyrease Harris). Photo by Oliver Bennett.

SPORTS SHORTS

Anglers Club to Hold Annual Banquet

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold its Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 7, at the Onancock Elks Lodge at 22454 Front St. in Accomac.

The popular event, which has had as many as 125 attendees, starts at 5:30 p.m., with a roast beef and crab cake dinner, and will include door prizes for each attendee as well as a live auction of a large and awesome array of fine art, decoys, crafts, fishing gear, and other items. Proceeds from the auction help fund the club's youth fishing activities.

Accomack County Parks & Rec All-Star Games Schedule

Accomack County Parks and Recreation will host its all-star games against Northampton Parks and Recreation all-stars on Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m., at Arcadia High School. Donations are \$5 for adults and \$2 for youth. This is a fundraiser for the 20th Annual Older Americans Extravaganza and Luncheon.

The schedule is as followed: 2 p.m. Accomack vs. Northampton (ages 5-8), 3 p.m., Accomack vs. Northampton (ages 9-12), 4 p.m., Accomack vs. Northampton (ages 13-15), and 5 p.m., ACPR Heat vs. Horntown Heat (ages 5-8).

St. John's Youth Basketball League Signups

St. John's Spring Youth Basketball League is having registration every Monday in March, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.,

for ages 5-15. Registration cost is \$10 per participant. Games will begin the first week in April.

The location of the gym is 10352 Atlantic Road, Atlantic.

Call 757-824-6241 for additional information.

Shore Little League Registration Dates

The Shore Little League will be holding registration for baseball and softball. Online registrations are being accepted now at www.shorelittleleague.org. Documents needed include birth certificate and proof of residency.

The registration fee is \$60 per player for ages 4-16. A fee of \$10 will be added to registrations after March 14. The fee is reduced to a rate of \$100 if two or more children, age 4-16, are registering.

The dates for registration are as follows: Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Opening day will be on April 4. For more information, email shorelittleleague@verizon.net.

Free Safety and Marksmanship Training for Shore Youth

The Eastern Shore Rifle Team will be holding free safety and marksmanship training starting March 21, at noon, rain or shine. The entrance to the NOAAWIVA range is 300 yards due east from T's Corner, on the south side of Chincoteague Road.

Participants must wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and a billed cap. Equipment, snacks, and drinks will be provided. For more information call 757-442-3013 or 757-710-0294.

If you would like your ad to run in the Post's Sports Section, call 789-7678.

This Week's Boating Safety Tips

Safe Boating Tips From Flotilla 12-02 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Safe boating takes more than simply keeping your boat in good shape or watching your speed.

One of the best things you can do to enhance your own safety is to continue expanding your education. Many people have obtained their Safe Boating cards through the numerous high-quality online courses, there is nothing wrong with those but they are only basic material.

There is still a tremendous amount of more complex and deeper material to learn. These things can only be learned in human-taught courses run by people who dedicate their own training to being safe boaters.

This month, you will have a chance to get one or more of those more advanced courses. The Painter Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct the Coast Guard basic Boating Safety and Seamanship course, followed by the Advanced Safe Boating course this month, continuing through mid-April. Both courses will be presented in the Exmore firehouse from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The basic course will be offered Tuesday and Thursday nights, March 26, March 31, April 7, with the final exam given on April 9. The basic course meets the Virginia safe boating requirements.

The advanced instruction will follow on the nights of April 14, April 16, and April 21. Coast Guard Auxiliary members familiar with the local area will be providing the instruction which follows the USCG requirements for basic and advanced navigation of inland waterways. To register, contact Bob Haberman at 757-787-2820.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is a volunteer organization and not funded by any government entity. With that in mind, a donation is requested to cover our cost for the books and materials.

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*These boating safety minutes are a Public Service of Flotilla 12-02 (Painter) of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. If you want to learn more about our topics, become a better boater, or help your Coast Guard, check out www.USCGAux.org, call Russell Vreeland at 757-442-7029, or come to our next meeting March 24 at 7 p.m. at Exmore firehouse.

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'Green Book' Music Fills Souls



Story and Photos by Carol Vaughn

A capacity crowd enjoyed “Notes from the ‘Green Book,’” an event held at Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center Friday, Feb. 28. Narrated by James Rich, the evening featured musical selections, performed by local musicians, from the era during which the “Green Book” was published. The travel guide was an important resource for black travelers during the Jim Crow era, when black people faced significant social and legal restrictions.

The “Green Book” was created in 1936, as the rising black middle class had money and cars for travel, but faced restrictions barring them from many lodgings and dining establishments.

Victor H. Green, a black postman who lived in Harlem, addressed this by creating a book that included black-owned or “black-friendly” businesses throughout New York.

By 1938, the guide included hotels, restaurants and other vital, black-accessible businesses for all

states east of the Mississippi. Eventually, it would cover the nation, according to a press release.

Publication ceased in 1966, after the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964.

Musicians performed hit songs, ranging in style from jazz to Motown, from artists including Billie Holiday, Muddy Waters, Ray Charles, and Aretha Franklin, among others.

The audience was on its feet and singing along for much of the evening as old favorites were performed

by a talented group of singers, including Shenae Cooper-Drummond; Jackie Elmandorf; Chris English; Sherry Mayes; James Rich; Aja Ruffin; Catrina Satchell; T.J. Smith; and Unique Bailey. They were accompanied by musicians Robert Buckner; Chris English; Ty Savage; Kevin Harmon; and Michael Teets.

The event was sponsored by Mary N. Smith Alumni Association and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society, and was funded in part by a Virginia Humanities grant.

19th Annual Eastern Shore Community College Heritage Celebration



The Eastern Shore Community College Heritage Celebration, held annually in February, gave visitors a chance to visit with exhibitors and to see the college's new administration building. More than 100 exhibitors shared carvings, art, crafts, health screenings, history, and other information and services with attendees.

Above left, Joel Simpson stands behind his booth featuring hand-turned wood bowls and serving tools. Above right, Jane Cabarrus chats with Judith Grier.



Left: Justin Hickman demonstrates blacksmithing

Right: Nancy Ferguson demonstrates the use of a spinning wheel.

Below left: Robin Hogge of Hunting Creek Handmade paints a lighthouse.

Below right: Ron West of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary talks with Susan Bradley



Photos by Carol Vaughn



Health Matters Coronavirus Information

Courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on Jan. 21. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about six feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this

is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure, and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to two weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your healthcare provider before you go and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out, and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

For more information, go to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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Karen Terwilliger Named President of VES Land Trust Board of Directors

The Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust (VES Land Trust) announced changes to the board of directors and a new three-year strategic plan. The new strategic plan builds off the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan, emphasizing land protection, stewardship and outreach, and addressing changes in the landscape due to rising seas. The board and staff have committed to offering field trips and outdoor experiences for students and community members and helping landowners identify best practices for a more resilient landscape.

Karen Terwilliger was named as president of the board and Carl Nordstrom will serve as vice president. New member, Susan Harris, will join the board as well as former member, Grayson Chesser.

"The incoming board is excited to continue serving the Eastern Shore through strategic land conservation and community outreach," said Terwilliger.



Northampton February Students of the Month

The Northampton High School February students of the month are pictured above with Principal Mike Myers (kneeling at right) and Assistant Principal Heather Marsh (far left): Heatherlea Elliott, Essence Wynne, Nykez Upshur, Wyatt Anderson, Leslie Estrada Ramos, Peyton Mullaly, and Kaylei Brady; (kneeling) Aizmani Joseph; (not pictured) Khia Brittingham and Kyra Stratton.



Chincoteague Island Library Receives Challenge Grant

Taylor Bank donated \$1,000 to the Chincoteague Island Library. The bank was the first contributor to the endowment fund grant match by the Landsberger Family Fund. In January, the library received the full \$25,000 from the Landsberger Family Fund.

Pictured above is Linda Ryan, president of the library board of directors, receiving the donation from Sherry Tarr, branch manager of the Chincoteague Island Taylor Bank.



Vreeland Speaks to CBA

Russell Vreeland, left, was the guest speaker of the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association recently. Vreeland, a former college professor, is a scientist who is known for formulating micro-biological combinations that can evaporate toxic saline water effluents that are harming our environment. He is now working with worldwide meat manufacturers, battery manufacturers, electric generation companies, and lithium producers. His company is based in Belle Haven. At right is CBA president George Bryan.



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Terrific Kids at Chincoteague Elementary School

The Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague presented Terrific Kids awards for the second grading period to students at Chincoteague Elementary School. These awards honor students who demonstrate a positive attitude, good character, responsible citizenship, and/or academic improvement. Recipients are pictured above, (front row, from left): Haleigh Kenlon, Kendyll Farrell, Kinsley Cook, Ta'Liyah Tankard, Ava Northan, and Bailee Acebol; (back row, from left): Faith Fosque, Julia Duston, and Jaxon Young; and absent from photo: Easton Watson, Alanna Flowers, and Ethan Gorsuch.

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Bass Named to Dean's List

Sierra Bass, of Atlantic, has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2019 semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Bass is majoring in media arts and design.

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Chincoteague BETA Students Bring Home Awards

Chincoteague Elementary School Junior BETA students traveled to Hampton, Va., Feb. 11-13, to compete in the state convention. The BETA club brought home 17 club, individual, and group awards. Students who placed are now invited to participate in the National Junior Beta Convention, to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, in June.

Winners include: 1st Math 4th Grade - Nick Patterson; 2nd Social Studies 5th Grade - Grayson Bohl; 1st Marketing and Communications - Jaden Reese, Cameron Williams, Jeremiah Downing, and Maddie Holloway; 1st Book Battle - Julia Duston, Meredith Wright, and Cameron Williams; 2nd Performing Arts - Group- Emma Tyler, Alexis Toth, Khloe Holston, and Shyla Doughty; 2nd Performing Arts - Solo- Lindsey Maguire; 1st Apparel Design - Pearce Jewell, Julia Duston, Nicholas Patterson, and Jahzara Austin; 2nd 2D Design - Jeremiah Downing, Peyton Speidel, Taylor Rose, Ava Barrett, Maddie Holloway, and Jahzara Austin; 2nd 3D Design - Makoa Busquets, Mikah Busquets, Travis Jillard, Shyla Doughty, Meredith Wright, and Rylee Giddings; 2nd Digital Art - Meredith Wright; 3rd Fiber Arts - Grayson Bohl; 3rd Jewelry - Taylor Rose; 3rd Mixed Media - Lindsey Maguire; 2nd Painting - Alexis Toth; and 1st Sculpture - Will Watson.

Pictured in the photo above are (front row): Emma Tyler, Shyla Doughty, Alexis Toth, Khloe Holston, Taylor Rose, Maddie Holloway, Peyton Speidel, Rylee Giddings, Faith Stadler, Lindsey Maguire, and Jahzara Austin; (back row): Grayson Bohl, Pearce Jewell, Jeremiah Downing, Ava Barrett, Jaden Reese, Travis Jillard, Clayton Luck, William Watson, Mikah Busquets, Makoa Busquets, Nick Patterson, Cameron Williams, Julia Duston and Meredith Wright.

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Community Notes

Birdsnest

A lunch sale to benefit Northampton High School's prom, A Sweet Affair, will be Saturday, March 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at New Mission UMC, 8240 Treherneville Drive. Lunch is \$10 each and choices include baked chicken, fried chicken, fish, potato salad, string beans, cornbread/rolls, and cake. The New Mission Kitchen Ministry will do food prep. To place an order, email Ivory Turner at iturner@ncpsk12.com and write "NHS Prom Order" in the subject.

Cheriton

Friends of Kiptopeke State Park (F.K.S.P.) will tour Barrier Island Salt Company, 21209 N. Bayside Rd., Monday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. The F.K.S.P. meeting will be held afterward, at 6:15 p.m.

Marionville

A pancake and egg missions breakfast will be Saturday, March 21, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Red Bank Baptist Church. A donation is requested of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6 to 12, with kids 6 and under for free. Proceeds go to the mission and ministry projects.

A Saturday for Stephanie, a fundraiser for Stephanie Diem Zodon who is battling breast cancer, will be Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be craft vendors, food, and silent auction items.

Onancock

The E.S. Bird Club will show the

movie "Watching Warblers" Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m., at Commonwealth Senior Living at Eastern Shore.

"Watching Warblers" is the first of a series of motion picture guides to the birds of North America filmed and produced by Eastern Shore residents Michael Male and Judy Fieth. This program explores the lives of 39 warbler species that nest in Eastern North America. Many of these birds may be seen on this spring's field trips or in your own backyard. You can learn more about Michael and Judy's finished projects at www.birdfilms.com

Onancock International Films will present the Spanish film, "Pain and Glory," Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the Roseland Theatre. Tickets will be \$8. Season passes are \$25 and available for purchase at The Book Bin.

A beginning beekeeping workshop will be Saturdays, March 14 and 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Historic Onancock School, 6 College

Ave. Registration is \$50 and includes course registration, textbook, materials, breakfast/light lunch, and a three-month membership to the E.S.V.A. Beekeepers' Guild. To register, go to www.bgesva.org For more information, call 787-2195.

The 7th Annual O'Nancock St. Patrick's Parade and Festival will be Sunday, March 15, from noon to 5 p.m., throughout the town of Onancock. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. on Market St. The parade and festival committee is looking for sponsors and participants. For sponsorship information, contact John Fiege, sponsorship chair, at john@johnfiege.com. For more parade information, contact Bob Spoth, parade chair, at 703-232-0258. For all other inquiries, send an email to onancockparade@gmail.com

Painter

A basic beekeeping workshop will be Saturday, March 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Virginia Tech Eastern

Shore AREC, 33446 Research Dr. The workshop is part of the Small Farm Outreach Program, part of the Virginia Cooperative Extension program at Virginia State University. To register, go to www.ext.vsu.edu/calendar For more information, call 804-828-1120.

Wachapreague

Raising the Green, a fundraiser for the new E.S.V.A. Heritage Center and Regional Library, will be Saturday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m., at The Island House Restaurant. Tickets are \$100 each and include an elegant dinner and silent and live auctions. Tickets are available at Jaxon's, The Book Bin, Peach Street Books, and all the public libraries. For more information, call 787-2500 or go to www.shorelibrary.com

Wallops Island

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center will host its first astronomy night of the year Friday, March 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the center. The event will feature Earth's moon, Venus, and the Orion Nebula.

SHORE Leadership Institute Training

Our community is changing, expanding, and developing new projects and programs. There is a need for others to become involved in shaping those decisions. In order to help strengthen the region, the Center for Community and Family Development is seeking individuals who are willing to take the time to learn how local government works and how they can get involved.

The SHORE Leadership Institute (SLI) training will start the next six-week training program on Thursdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, at 6 p.m., at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce in Melfa. For more information, email centercfcd@gmail.com or call 757-710-8835. The cost for this training is \$125, which includes workshop training materials and light refreshments. Pre-registration is required.

Application Deadline for Conservation Programs

Landowners looking to restore or maintain wetlands can visit their local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office to explore opportunities available through the improved Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) component. Specialists will walk the land with the owner to evaluate restoration and management plans, factoring in water quality benefits for enrollment under the 2018 Farm Bill.

Properties eligible for WRE include farmed wetlands that can be successfully and economically restored; former or degraded wetlands with a history of agricultural use; wetlands farmed under natural conditions; and "prior-converted" cropland converted on or before Dec. 23, 1985. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land established with trees may also be eligible for enrollment through a waiver process. NRCS pays 100% of the easement value for the purchase and 100% of the restoration costs for permanent easements. Landowners can also select a 30-year option and receive 50 to 75% of those costs.

Applications are accepted on a continual basis, but NRCS requires individuals (WRE) and entities interested in Fiscal Year 2020 funding to submit applications on or before March 10. All applicants must have farm records established with USDA's Farm Service Agency.

Applications are available at the USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Parkway, Accomac, and online at www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted Learn more about ACEP and other Farm Bill programs at www.va.nrcs.usda.gov/ or by calling the local USDA NRCS office at 757-302-4432.

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The Winter Hours Schedule terminated at the Northampton County Sanitary Landfill on February 29, 2020. That means that commencing Saturday, March 7, 2020, the landfill's operating hours on Saturdays will revert to the standard 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. time frame.

Please plan your solid waste disposal accordingly.

**FRIDAY
MARCH 6**

- ★12:30 p.m. - **Science and Philosophy Seminar: Save Your Children from Global Warming** - ESCC, Room 113 in the new bldg., Melfa
- ★5-7 p.m. - **Pancake Supper** - St. John's UMC, Atlantic - \$7/adults, \$3/kids 10 and under
- ★5-8 p.m. - **Station 1 Pizza Night** - 4264 Firehouse St., New Church - \$12/pizza, \$1/additional topping (sausage and pepperoni) - drive-through and tables
- ★6 p.m. - **March Madness Art Auction** - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles
- ★6-9 p.m. - **Astronomy Night** - NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center, Wallops Island
- ★7 p.m. - **Life Teach Series** - Rachel/Leah Covenant Ministries Center - 787-2486
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)** - Exmore Moose Lodge, Belle Haven

**MONDAY
MARCH 9**

- ★10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **E.S. Quilt Guild mtg.** - Drummondtown UMC, Accomac - business mtg., show and tell, lessons and demonstrations - 201-317-0586
- ★1-4 p.m. - **CIAO Presents Gameplay Monday: Card, Word, and Board Games** - Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., Chincoteague
- ★4-5 p.m. - **Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group** - Heritage Hall, Nassawadox - 1-800-272-3900
- ★5:15 p.m. - **Friends of Northampton Memorial Library mtg.** - library, Cape Charles
- ★5:30 p.m. - **Friends of Kiptopeke State Park Barrier Island Salt Co. Tour** - 21209 N. Bayside Road, Cheriton - FKSP mtg. to follow
- ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Elks Lodge, Tasley
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Kegotank Elementary, 13300 Lankford Hwy., Mappsville
- ★6-9 p.m. - **GED Class** - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
- ★6:30 p.m. - **Cub Scout Pack 300 mtg.** - Grace UMC, Parksley
- ★6:30-8:30 p.m. - **Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley - 789-1761
- ★7 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery mtg.** - Onancock Baptist Church - food served at 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 11**

- ★7:45 a.m. - **Kiwanis Club of Accomack mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley
- ★10 a.m. - **TOPS mtg.** - Market St. UMC, Onancock - 787-3635
- ★10 a.m.-2 p.m. - **Veterans' Employment Representative Avail.** - ESCC, Melfa - no appt. needed
- ★10:30-11:30 a.m. - **Overeaters Anonymous mtg.** - Rock Church, Onley - 757-787-1046
- ★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen** - Corner Stone Adventist Church, Exmore
- ★noon - **Lenten Noontime Service: Communion and Homily** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock
- ★noon - **Lenten Noontime Service w/The Rev. Rachel May** - Bethel UMC, Exmore
- ★noon - **Waste Watchers' mtg.** - Chamber of Commerce, Melfa
- ★5-7 p.m. - **Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet** - Grace and Truth Ministries, 19 Boundary Ave., Onancock - Donations: 789-5369
- ★5:30-6:30 p.m. - **Free Meals for the Hungry** - Epworth UMC, 4158 Seaside Rd., Exmore - 442-6391
- ★6 p.m. - **Onancock Area Lions Club mtg.** - Club Car Cafe, Parksley
- ★6-7 p.m. - **Prayer Line Open** - St. Matthew's Church, Onley - Call 665-7403, 387-7021, or 894-1521 w/prayer requests
- ★6-8 p.m. - **Line Dance Lessons** - Little Italy, Nassawadox - 6-7 p.m. for beginners, 7-8 p.m. for intermediates
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - Kegotank Elementary, Mappsville
- ★6-9 p.m. - **GED Class** - Arcadia High School, Oak Hall
- ★6:45 p.m. - **Bingo** - St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Onley - doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- ★7 p.m. - **Drinking Liberally mtg.** - Charlotte Hotel, Onancock
- ★7 p.m. - **AA and Al-Anon mtgs.** - Franktown UMC
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Painter VFC

**SATURDAY
MARCH 7**

- ★9 a.m.-noon - **Winter Farmers and Artisans Market** - downtown Onancock
- ★9:30 a.m. - **Mary N. Smith Alumni Association mtg.** - Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center, Accomac - 710-2290
- ★9:30 a.m. - **E.S. Cancer Support Group mtg.** - Sage Diner, Onley - \$5/Breakfast
- ★noon - **Al-Anon. mtg.** - Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 66 Market St., Onancock
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

**SUNDAY
MARCH 8**

- ★10:30 a.m. - **Baptist Boys Gospel Group Concert** - Oak Grove UMC, Melfa
- ★11 a.m. - **Meditation Group** - Train Station, Onley
- ★12:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Vietnam Veterans' Bldg., Main St., Onley
- ★4 p.m. - **Life Recovery of E.S. mtg.** - Rock Church, Melfa

POST TIMES March 6-12

**TUESDAY
MARCH 10**

- ★9 a.m. - **Al-Anon mtg.** - Refuge Inn, Chincoteague
- ★9 a.m. - **E.S. Community Service Board mtg.** - Eastern Shore Behavioral Healthcare Center, 19056 Greenbush Rd., Parksley
- ★10 a.m. - **Zumba** - Franktown UMC
- ★10 a.m. - **Bingo** - Accomack Senior Village, Onancock - 787-3900
- ★10:30 a.m. - **Duplicate Bridge** - Island House, Wachapreague - 787-2432
- ★1 p.m. - **Riverside Shore Hospice Grief Support Group mtg.** - Chincoteague UMC
- ★5:30-7 p.m. - **Kids' Club** - Craddockville UMC
- ★6 p.m. - **Rachel Leah Ministries** - 787-2486 (call for location)
- ★6 p.m. - **Bingo** - Pocomoke Elks, next to YMCA
- ★6:30 p.m. - **Depression Support Group mtg.** - Anointed Word of Deliverance COGIC, Melfa - 757-350-5039
- ★6:30 p.m. - **American Legion Post 56 mtg.** - Cheriton
- ★6-8 p.m. - **Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Pungoteague Elementary - 789-1761
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - ESCC, Room 140, Melfa
- ★7:15 p.m. - **Administrative Board mtg.** - Craddockville UMC
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Order of the Eastern Star (Acc. Chap. #62) mtg.** - Masonic Lodge, Chincoteague
- ★7:30 p.m. - **E.S. Bird Club Presents: Watching Warblers** - Commonwealth Senior Living, Onancock
- ★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Cheriton VFC - smoke free
- ★7:30 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Atlantic UMC

**THURSDAY
MARCH 12**

- ★8:30 a.m.-noon - **Veterans' Employment Representative Avail.** - Northampton Cty. Dept. of Social Services - no appt. needed
- ★10:30 a.m. - **Story Time** - Cape Charles Memorial Library
- ★5:30 p.m. - **Shore Losers mtg.** - Drummondtown Baptist Church, Accomac - \$1/wk.
- ★5:30 p.m. - **TOPS VA-550 mtg.** - Zion Baptist Church, Parksley - 757-665-5405
- ★5:30 p.m. - **Classical Conversations Home School mtg.** - Cape Charles Memorial Library - call 757-754-5362 or email 215garyson@gmail.com for more information
- ★6-8 p.m. - **Free English for Speakers of Other Languages** - Pungoteague Elementary - 789-1761
- ★6-8:30 p.m. - **GED Class** - ESCC, Room 140, Melfa
- ★6:30 p.m. - **Kiwanis Club mtg.** - St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Chincoteague
- ★6:30 p.m. - **Al-Anon. mtg.** - Trinity UMC, Cape Charles
- ★7 p.m. - **E.S. Tea Party mtg.** - Market St. Grill, Onancock
- ★7 p.m. - **Celebrate Recovery Group mtg.** - Chincoteague Church of God
- ★7 p.m. - **NA mtg.** - Painter Garrison UMC
- ★8 p.m. - **AA mtg.** - Christ UMC, Chincoteague

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I'm not sure what to write because it was so much easier just talking to you! It's so hard to have a normal life without you here. I miss the phone calls, the stop bys for a Hello & a Hug, the "I love you, Dad" & just you, my "Sunshine." I will never be complete without you. I dream of you and your favorite color orange often! I miss every crazy, loving thing about you, & hold each memory we had together. Happy 28th Birthday, My Boy. I miss you like crazy & love you!!
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Job descriptions and applications are available online at www.co.northampton.va.us or at Northampton County Human Resources, 16404 Courthouse Road, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 (phone: 757/678-0440 x 551). Accepting applications until March 6, 2020. EOE.

Part-Time Maintenance Worker

The Northampton County Public Works Department is looking to fill a part-time Maintenance Worker position. The essential functions of this position are to maintain County Grounds and perform basic building maintenance work. Year-round hours between 21 and 28 hours per week. Starting pay for this position is \$11.69 to \$13.22, depending on qualifications and experience. Requires valid Virginia driver's license. Please contact Chris Thomas for more details on job description at 757-678-0414 or cthomas@co.northampton.va.us.

Applications are available online at www.co.northampton.va.us or at Northampton County Human Resources, 16404 Courthouse Road, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 (phone: 757/678-0440 x551). Accepting applications until March 6, 2020, by 5 p.m. EOE.

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Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following positions: **Full-Time Certified Law Enforcement Officer** and a **Full-Time Correctional Officer**. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org. Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, March 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Correctional Officer

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Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or the Eastern Shore Regional Jail Office located at 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or the county's website www.co.northampton.va.us
Deadline for applications: March 27, 2020

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Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following position: **Full-Time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)**. Applicants will perform medical screenings and examinations of all inmates in accordance with Virginia Department of Corrections regulations. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org. Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, March 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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An application can be obtained at the EMS Office or on the Northampton County EMS website (www.Northampton-ems.org). Completed application form, cover letter, copies of current certifications, and copy of DMV driving record can be submitted to the Department of EMS, P.O. Box 235, Eastville, Va. 23347, no later than March 9, 2020. Northampton County is an EOE.



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Location: Eastville, VA 23347
Application Deadline: March 20, 2020 at 11:59PM

Office Associate III *Bi-Lingual Required* (Northampton – Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00027
Hiring Range: \$21,761.00 may be higher based upon qualifications
Location: Eastville, VA 23347
Application Deadline: March 20, 2020 at 11:59PM

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Legal Ads & Auctions

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ballard Brothers Fish and Oyster Company, Inc. has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to anchor up to 750 (5-foot by 3-foot) aquaculture floats within a 1,188-foot by 350-foot area on their oyster ground lease (Plat File # 16733) in Cherrystone Creek, Northampton County. The floats will be used to grow aquaculture shellfish. The project is centered at N37° 18.0625', W76° 00.4696'.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ballard Brothers Fish and Oyster Company, Inc. has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install two (2) sets of mooring cluster pilings and five (5) mooring piles adjacent to their permitted commercial workboat pier. The project is situated near the mouth of Kings Creek at 1588 Townfield Drive (Cherrystone Aqua-Farms) in Northampton County.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Alex Paul Lambert has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources to install 750 oyster aquaculture baskets on ten (10) adjustable longlines with supporting cables and pilings. The proposed project is located on his oyster ground lease (Plat File #21675) and north of his existing pier in Hungars Creek at 12432 Trout Lane in the Vacluse Subdivision, Northampton County.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Steve Rosser has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources to construct a living shoreline project consisting of a 526-foot long rock sill with six (6) five-foot wide gaps adjacent to his property near the mouth of Mattawoman Creek at 3453 Barlow Creek Lane in the Old Town Neck area of Northampton County.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, Virginia 23651.

Legal Ads & Auctions (Cont'd)

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 19326 MAIN ST, MELFA, VA 23410. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 23, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$78,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200704696. 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., Accomac, VA on April 10, 2020, at 3:00 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 SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF MELFA, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA BEING A PORTION OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, DESIGNATED ON A CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "MELFA, ACCOMAC [SIC] COUNTY, VIRGINIA. JOHN W. MARTIN'S EST., LOTS WEST OF RAILROAD," DATED MAY 3, 1926 AND MADE BY FRED E. RUEDIGER, C.S., WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 3 AT PAGE 42, AND REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE LOT HEREIN CONVEYED. SAID LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND FRONTS ON STATE VIRGINIA ROUTE 626 FOR A DISTANCE OF SEVENTY FEET (70'), AND IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 626; ON THE EAST, BY THE REMAINDER OF LOT 9, BLOCK, 2, NOW OR FORMERLY OF IRMA T. BELOTE; ON THE SOUTH BY LOT 11, BLOCK 2, NOW OR FORMERLY OF WOODROW C. GASKINS AND RUTH G. GASKINS; AND ON THE WEST, BY LOT 10, BLOCK 2, FORMERLY BY BURLEIGH S. DOUGHTY AND VONDA K. DOUGHTY, NOW OR FORMERLY OF MONA J. GEORGIANNA. 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. 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, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-347731-1.

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**NOTICE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

On April 7, 2020, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the County of Northampton, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes

Arizmendi, Joseph A., Jr.	083A1-16-BLK-00 0000049
Ashby, Ellen W.	00010-0A-BLK-00 0000003
Ashby, Ellen W.	00010-0A-BLK-00 000003A
Ashby, Ellen W.	0003B-04-BLK-00 000000C
Avgeros, Vivi Ulysses	0009B-02-BLK-00 0000006
Brigden, Gary Ernest	00077-0A-BLK-00 000116A
Brigden, Gary Ernest	0077C-02-BLK-00 0000004
Coles, Niketa A.	00084-07-BLK-00 0000004
Corney, Rosa Lee	00030-0A-BLK-00 0000080
Roselle, Fabian	0049B-01-BLK-00 0000013
Samlimeh, Aqel	021A2-0A-BLK-00 0000022
Samlimeh, Aqel	021A2-0A-BLK-00 0000019
Samlimeh, Aqel	021A2-0A-BLK-00 0000018
Upshur, Mary D.	00068-0A-BLK-00 0000061
Upshur, Mary D.	00068-0A-BLK-00 0000060
Wilson, Michael L.	084C2-04-BLK-00 0000016

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the law office listed below. The pro rata costs of publication hereunder shall become a part of the tax and together with all other costs, including reasonable attorney's fees set by the court, shall be collected when payment is made whether or not court proceedings have been initiated.

**CYNTHIA BRADFORD
TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

JAMES W. ELLIOTT
Attorney at Law
7100 Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757) 898-7000
www.vataxsale.com

DENTAL OFFICE CLOSING
The Dental Office of Fletcher Fosque DDS in Onancock will be closing on April 5, 2020. Patients of record can call 787-2565 or stop by the office for information on obtaining your records or transferring them to another dentist, if you have not already done so.
5 Fairgrounds Rd., Onancock 23417

LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING DANGEROUS STRUCTURES
PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE SECTION 94.03, Northampton County has determined that the following structures endanger the public health and safety or other residents of the locality and that said structures must be removed, repaired or secured within thirty days of this publication.

Property Owner	Lien Holder	Property Address
Gloria Guerrero-Garcia and Sixto Ramirez- Garcia	None	15463 James Circle 0058B-01-00-0000014
Emma Chandler c/o James Chandler	None	5256 Simpkins Drive 00068-04-00-000000A

If the owner(s) of the above referenced parcels fail to remove, repair or secure the structure within 30 days of this publication, the County will remove the structure and the cost of the removal shall be chargeable to the owner(s) of the structure and shall be collected as taxes are collected: Inquires may be directed to Tom Rippon at twripon@co.northampton.va.us or 757-678-0440 Ext. 526.

**NOTICE
Town of Chincoteague, Inc.
Proposed Budget Amendment-FY20**

Public Hearing will be held Thursday, March 20, 2020 at 7 pm
6150 Community Drive, Chincoteague, VA 23336

GENERAL FUND REVENUES			
	Current	Proposed	diff
USFWS - SARBANES GRANT	\$450,000	\$594,000	\$144,000
VPA GRANT AND LOCAL MATCHES	\$132,000	\$0	-\$132,000
TRF FROM GENERAL FUND SAVINGS	\$35,000	\$603,497	\$568,497
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$2,537,815	\$3,115,863	\$580,497
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES			
	Current	Proposed	diff
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$133,000	\$145,434	-\$12,434
PROPERTY ACQUISITION RESERVE	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
PROPERTY ACQUISITION	\$0	\$603,497	-\$603,497
TOTAL	\$183,000	\$748,931	-\$565,931
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$73,332	\$64,908	\$8,424
PUBLIC WORKS			
SALARIES	\$298,186	\$357,701	-\$59,515
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$661,000	\$671,190	-\$10,190
TOTAL	\$959,186	\$1,028,891	-\$69,705
POLICE AND DISPATCH			
SALARIES	\$596,156	\$549,441	\$46,715
TOTAL Expenditures	\$1,811,674	\$2,392,171	-\$580,497
BALANCE			\$0

TRUSTEE SALE

2426 Silverthorne Road, New Church, VA 23415
Accomack County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$207,570.00, dated June 18, 2009, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Accomack County, Virginia, in Document No. 200902716 and modified in Document No. 170002486, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court of Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, on March 12, 2020 at 11:30 AM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

All that certain tract or parcel of land containing 1110 sq. yds. situated in Atlantic, Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, located on the West side of and adjoining the road leading from Silva to Welbourne, Md., and bounded as follows: On the North by remaining wood land now or formerly owned by C.B. Baylis; East by above mentioned road; South by remaining cleared land now or formerly owned by Baylis; West by land of Electric Light Company and embraced within the following meters and bounds, beginning at the Southeast corner of land herein conveyed at West edge of above mentioned road and at North edge of cleared land now or formerly owned by the said Baylis, thence running in a westwardly course along said edge of cleared land a distance of 30 yards to land of said Electric Light Company's, thence along line of said Company in a northerly direction a distance of 37 yards to remaining wood land now or formerly owned by Baylis, thence East along wood land now or formerly owned by said Baylis a distance of 30 yards to West side of above mentioned road, thence South along West edge of said road a distance of 37 yards to point of beginning, with improvements thereon

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C. (49386)
596 Lynnhaven Parkway Suite 200
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
757-457-1460 - Call between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
or visit our website at www.siwpc.net

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 AT 6:30 P.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 COUNTY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

(1) Ordinance Amendment to Accomack County Code Section 102, Article III, Division 2 – Permit to include Code of Virginia, Title 28.2, Chapter 13, Articles 28.2-1316, 1317, 1318, 1319 and 1320, pertaining to enforcement.

Materials relating to these proposed ordinance amendments may be reviewed at the Office of the County Administrator, 23296 Courthouse Avenue, Room 203, Accomack, Virginia.

Handicapped Assistance Available By Calling: (757) 787-5700 or (757) 824-5444

Michael T. Mason, CPA
County Administrator

Public Notice

The Northampton County Wetlands Board will meet Wednesday, March 18, at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA, for the purpose of considering the following wetlands/coastal primary sand dunes matters under public hearing and to conduct regular business. The Board will assemble at 8:00 a.m. to conduct site visits.

VMRC 2020-0097: Steve and Kim Rosser have applied for a permit to construct a living shoreline within the Wetlands Board jurisdiction. The property is located on the Chesapeake Bay at 3453 Barlow Creek Lane and is further described as Tax Map 47-8-8.

Anyone interested in the above matters should attend the scheduled public hearing. The applications may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. Written comments can be submitted to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office P.O. Box 538, Eastville, VA 23347.

Handicapped Assistance Available: Please call (757) 678-0440 extension 516 at least 48 hours in advance.

Marshall Cox, Chairman
Wetlands Board

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to consider the lease of the following described property, to-wit:

Tax Map 91-A-35 (farmland behind Kiptopeke Elementary School), U S Route 13, south of Cape Charles.

The Board is considering renewal of the lease of this farmland to Eastern Shore Holdings, LLC.

Anyone interested in this matter should present their views, either orally or in writing, during the before-described public hearing.

HANDICAPPED ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Call 757/678-0440.

CHESAPEAKE HOSPITALITY, LLC, Trading as Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, 14421 Country Club Rd., Melfa, Accomack County, Virginia 23410
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant Mixed Beverage 150+ WB On/Off Premises Keg license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Blake R. Johnson, Managing Member, Chesapeake Hospitality, LLC

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

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Joseph Michael Garvey III and Lei Lu, (2020006) have applied for approximately 24.99 acres of oyster planting ground in Matchotank Creek situated in Accomack City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-42.2858 / W75-50.4048

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2020006): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

Send written comments or concerns to:
Marine Resources Commission, Engineering/
Surveying Department, 380 Fenwick Road,
Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1064

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

Case No. 001CL1900078100
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301

KATRICE LASHICA BRIGHT
v. DJON THOMAS BRIGHT
The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that DJON THOMAS BRIGHT appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before APRIL 24, 2020 at 9 a.m.

February 28, 2020
Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

Case No. 001CL19000808000
Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126,
23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301

SOCRATES CHARLES
v. ASHLEY JANAY RAGIN
The object of this suit is to:
OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that ASHLEY JANAY RAGIN appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before APRIL 24, 2020 at 9 a.m.

February 28, 2020
Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
10311 Lankford Highway, Temperanceville, VA 23442**

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated January 19, 2009, and recorded at Instrument Number 200900295 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally \$222,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

March 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the town of Temperanceville, (erroneously refer to as Temperanceville in Deed of Trust) Accomack County, State of Virginia, containing by estimation One Acre (1) (A), more or less, and bounded and described as follows, et wit: West, by the main State Road, North by the land of said Julius G. Matthews, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron post (erroneously refer to as post in Deed of Trust) on State Road, running East direction seventy (70) yards, more or less to an iron post, thence South Seventy (70) yards more or less to an Iron post thence West to point of beginning on the State road, Bounded on North, East and South by land of said Julius G. Matthews.

Less and Except that certain piece or parcel of land as conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia by Deed recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, State of Virginia, in Deed Book 809, page 627, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$460.00 for review of the settlement documents.

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

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

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**

Case No. CL20-81-00

JESSICA G. HOWELL, *Plaintiff*,
vs.
ANTOINETTE TAYLOR, *et al.*, *Defendants*

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THIS CAUSE CAME TO BE HEARD on Plaintiff's Motion Requesting Order of Publication. WHEREUPON IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that this lawsuit seeks to quiet title to Plaintiff's ownership of that real property commonly known as 618 Washington Avenue, Cape Charles, Virginia (the "Property") against any claims that could be made by the heirs of Stanley Morris, Sr., including Antoinette Taylor a/k/a Antoinette Morris, Stanley Lee Morris, II a/k/a Stanley Lee Morris, Jr., and Elemit Morris; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that, more specifically, this lawsuit seeks to confirm Plaintiff's ownership of the Property pursuant to, among other instruments, a deed dated February 23, 2011 and recorded among this County's Land Records as Instrument Number 110000522 (the "Subject Deed"), despite the Subject Deed's incorrect reference to "Lot 16" instead of the correct "Lot 17"; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE COURT that the three defendants in this matter are the possible heirs of Stanley Lee Morris, Sr., who died on February 10, 2018; now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that Antoinette Taylor a/k/a Antoinette Morris, Stanley Lee Morris, II a/k/a Stanley Lee Morris, Jr., and Elemit Morris shall appear and protect their interests in the Property on or before April 24, 2020, which is sixty days from the date of this Order of Publication; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order of Publication shall be published once each week for four successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post or another paper in general circulation in keeping with Virginia Code § 8.01-324; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the costs of such publication shall be assigned to Plaintiff and such invoices be sent to counsel for Plaintiff, H. Matson Cox, Fidelity National Law Group, 8100 Boone Boulevard, Suite 600, Vienna, Virginia, 22182; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall post a copy of this Order of Publication at the front door of the courthouse for this County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon the completion of such publication, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall file a certificate in the papers of this case that the requirements of Virginia Code § 8.01-317 have been complied with.

ENTER: This 13th day of February, 2020
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk of the Circuit Court

NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than **60 DAYS** on the property of Michael O. Brown, 358 Seabass Drive, Hornstown, VA 23395. His phone number is 240-464-6332.

Description of watercraft: 12' Sears Aluminum Boat, HIN: MD 5248AH, SEA 05215M73-2B.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORECLOSURE SALE

Please take notice that the Collateral described below, pledged by Farm Properties, L.L.C., Eastern Shore Grain, Incorporated, Holden's Creek Farm, LLC, Benny F. Hall & Sons, LLC, Benny Hall & Sons Produce Company, Benny F. Hall, Sr. and Karen W. Hall (collectively the "Debtor"), to Capital Equipment Solutions, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, as assignee of Loeb Term Solutions LLC (the "Secured Party"), may be sold by Secured Party at a public foreclosure sale via auctions pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code section 9-610. The auctions will be conducted by Motley's Auctions, Inc., DBA Motley's Asset Disposition Group, via simultaneous live and online auctions at the two sites where the Collateral is located. Registration for the auctions starts at 7:00 a.m. EST on March 17, 2020. The auction for the Collateral located at 8013 Long Lane, Temperanceville, VA 23442 will take place between 9:00 a.m. EST and 12:30 p.m. EST on March 17, 2020, and the auction for the Collateral located at 29350 Horsey Road, Oak Hall, VA 23416 will take place between 1:00 p.m. EST and 3:00 p.m. EST on March 17, 2020. The location of the live auction of the collateral currently located at the Horsey Road, Oak Hall, VA location may change by announcement made at the time of the live auction at the Long Lane, Temperanceville, VA location, and as indicated on the motleys.com website. The auctions may also be adjourned from time to time by announcement made at the time of the scheduled auctions.

The Collateral is being sold by Secured Party, as secured party, under Security Agreements dated as February 1, 2017, to satisfy to the extent possible the indebtedness of the Debtor to Secured Party. The Debtor is in default under the Security Agreements. The sale will be made pursuant to the terms of the Security Agreements and the applicable provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

You are entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the Collateral that Secured Party intends to sell for a charge of \$50.00.

The Collateral to be sold is the Debtor's interest in certain of its equipment including farming and processing equipment, but excluding leased equipment ("Collateral"). The Collateral may be sold in bulk to one buyer or may be sold in lots to different buyers. The sale is subject to Secured Party's right to credit bid. There is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, or the like in this disposition of the Collateral.

The terms of sale, a list of the equipment to be sold and other information relating to the sale are available at motleys.com or by contacting Jeremy Lehman at (804) 627-2165. Interested parties may inspect the equipment on March 14, 15 and 16, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. EST by appointment only. Contact Jeremy Lehman at (804) 627-2165 or jlehman@motleys.com to schedule an appointment.

Any questions regarding the foregoing, including a request for an accounting, may also be directed to Thomas Coughlin at Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, P.C., 27777 Franklin Road, Suite 2500, Southfield, Michigan 48034, phone number (248) 351-3000.

Thomas E. Coughlin
Attorney for Secured Party
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May 1 Summit Is First Step To Meeting Eastern Shore Workforce Needs

**By Shannon Alexander,
Robie Marsh, and
Patrick Tompkins**
Guest Opinion Writers

They say all politics is local. The same might be said about workforce needs, particularly in a sparsely populated, remote rural region like the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

While our location has always been both a boon and a beauty, it comes with challenges, not the least of which is developing, recruiting, and retaining a high-quality workforce that meets the needs of employers and contributes to economic vitality. Your Eastern Shore Community College, the ESVA Chamber of Commerce, and the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission are joining forces to address those needs.

Start with the challenges. The unemployment rate in Northampton is 3.5%, and in Accomack it is 2.7%. These are historic lows and a long-running trend. This translates into only 647 people on the Shore actively looking for work. That is a very small talent pipeline. Of those, some will find it challenging to gain employment because of limitations in education, ability, motivation, self-discipline, health, behavior, and experience. The challenge, then,

for our three organizations is how to identify and meet the workforce needs of the Shore.

Part of the answer is more economic development. We all know people who leave the Shore because the pool of available jobs here is both shallow and narrow. Others are underemployed on the Shore through less than full-time hours, low wages relative to other areas of the Commonwealth, or jobs that do not fully utilize their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Another part of the answer is visibility and recruitment. We need to vigorously identify employment opportunities, promote them, and actively recruit both on and off the Shore. There are many things to love about Shore life, and there are potential employees in declining rural areas who wish to remain in a rural setting if they can find the right job. We can draw to the Shore talented individuals who deeply care about the blessings of rural life.

Among residents of the Shore we need to increase the number of potential workforce candidates by making career opportunities more visible and more attractive. It is especially important for our middle and high school students to understand the range of opportunities available to them in personally and

financially rewarding careers.

We need to recapture young women and men who graduated from school to underemployment or unemployment. And we need to draw off the sidelines those later in their careers who have lost work or are working in positions below their abilities and have stopped seeking better opportunities.

Training and education are also part of the answer. For example, we have a sizeable immigrant population, many of whom are filling relatively unskilled positions. We need to upskill them to raise the impact of their labor on their families and our community. As low-skilled labor displaces other low-skilled labor, we need to develop the talent of the displaced.

But we are a small community, and our resources are limited. Northern Virginia can simply throw money at their employment challenges. Across the bay, because there are dozens of contributing organizations it's easier to develop dozens of programs and initiatives. Here, we must invest in programs where we have a high degree of confidence that they will meet the top workforce priorities of the Shore. We have to make a few bets with big payoffs.

And that's why the ESVA Chamber, the Accomack-Northampton

Planning District Commission, and your Eastern Shore Community College are collaborating to meet the workforce needs of the Shore. Step one will be a Workforce Summit hosted at the College on May 1. In this listening session, our organizations will learn firsthand from employers what jobs they need and what skills are essential to perform well in those jobs.

The work will not end with the summit. As partners, we will follow up with specific employer sectors to learn more about their unique needs, develop education and training programs, and communicate regularly and widely what opportunities we create to meet Eastern Shore's unmet workforce needs. We hope employers small and large, on and off Route 13, and from all workforce sectors will join us at the summit in work that is vital to our community.

Shannon Alexander is director of planning for the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, Robie Marsh is the executive director of the ESVA Chamber of Commerce and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission, Patrick Tompkins is vice president of academic, student, and workforce programs at Eastern Shore Community College.

Barrier Islands Not Conducive to Tourism

Dear Editor:

In response to Ben Ludwig's letter in the Feb. 28 edition of the Eastern Shore Post ("Eastern Shore's Best Asset Is Underutilized"), my first reaction was to think "If only...!"

Our precious barrier islands are pristine precisely because they are protected. Thinking that tourists would respect that is a fallacy.

When you drive down any road on the Eastern Shore and see the trash alongside it, or go to the public beaches and see the trash people leave there (even within sight of readily available trash bins), or how

people do not respect nesting birds, or endangered animals and insects, or follow fishing and game rules and guidelines - thinking that the islands would continue to be "pristine" is a dream.

Tourism is very much alive and well on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and visiting the barrier islands with an experienced guide, or experienced person who knows and follows the guidelines issued to protect the islands, is a wonderful activity to enjoy.

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Opening them up to "ferries/water taxis" and building "jetties" and other accessible points would never work anyway, as the islands are always migrating. Trying to stop that migration would be their ruin.

Please DO visit the barrier islands and follow the guidelines issued by The Nature Conservancy of Virginia, the Virginia Coastal Reserve, The National Wildlife Refugees, the Virginia Coastal Zone Management, Virginia Department of Game & Fisheries, the Virginia De-

partment of Conservation & Recreation, the U.S. Wildlife Service, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences.

Information can be found on their respective websites, and there are plenty of printed brochures available all around the Eastern Shore to help guide visitors so that all creatures can enjoy our beautiful nature!

Nicki A. Tiffany
Cape Charles

Climate Change Has No Political Affiliation

Dear Editor:

I have read with concern about

Consider All Impacts of Extending Sewer to Wachapreague

By John Joeckel
Guest Opinion Writer

This guest editorial concerns the proposed Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) installing an adjunct sewer line from U.S. Route 13 to the town of Wachapreague. It does not address the primary Route 13 sewer line proposal which benefits economic development for commercial enterprises along Route 13.

To justify a larger hotel, Wachapreague Town Council appears heading toward committing to HRSD. (In September it approved \$2,500 of taxpayer funds to develop a feasibility study, and in November it adopted a resolution to join the HRSD.)

HRSD proposes to run sewer pipe 2 miles along Route 180, with the remaining 2.4 miles to be funded by a combination of grants and loans. Potential participants are town taxpayers, a restaurant and a motel.

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) is not involved. Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has approved and VIMS has full funding to construct a permanent independent septic system.

My estimate to complete the 2.4-mile pipe installation and pump station into town is \$2.9 million. After obtaining various grants, the funding gap would be in the range of \$1 million. Grants are only available to public entities, not private business. The town or county would need to apply for the grants, with the town potentially responsible for the loan principal and interest to cover the funding gap. Would this be covered by increased town taxes?

The motel's 21-room transient tax generates an average of \$4,000 per year. A planned expansion to 62 rooms will require sewers, and result in an increase in transient tax revenues of \$8,000. Transient taxes are paid solely by out-of-town visitors. The town could achieve the same tax revenues by increasing the transient tax from the current 2% to the maximum 5% allowed in Virginia. There is no economic benefit from a tax revenue perspective for the town to commit to the HRSD in order to support a larger hotel to achieve additional transient or meal tax revenues from visitor tourism to

offset sewer debt costs or the risks to each resident.

What are those risks?

- Once the sewer is installed, the Zoning Ordinance could be modified to permit condominiums along the west side of Atlantic to connect to the sewer. Do we want to risk our working waterfront and become a Crisfield or Chincoteague?
- What other factors come with an expanded hotel, increased traffic, increased speeding on Main Street, hiring a town constable at additional costs to control traffic?
- I served three terms as a councilman. Residents would speak to me about the benefits of the small-town coastal lifestyle which would be jeopardized with sewers.
- According to the Nov. 1 edition Eastern Shore Post, the HRSD is empowered, under law, to compel property owners to connect if "required by such reasonable rules and regulations as shall be promulgated by the Commission."
- Wachapreague Town Council states businesses will be the sole users,

residents need not connect. This authority doesn't reside in town council, but within VDH. A sewer line in the "proximity" would potentially allow VDH to no longer permit new or replacement septic systems. VDH is increasingly focused on minimizing, if not eliminating, septic systems by making septic expensive to install or replace. Connection costs alone per resident would be multi-thousand dollars.

About 15 years ago, the town conducted a survey asking the residents if they wanted sewers. The result was a resounding NO! Would the result be any different today?

We should ask, who benefits from the sewer since there is no obvious benefit to town residents? Does town council wish to risk potential financial consequences to the residents, including negative changes to our small-town coastal lifestyle?

I urge each resident of Wachapreague to demand each council member declare his/her position on the HRSD sewer issue before the May 2020 election. If they don't, look for someone else to represent you.

John Joeckel is a resident of Wachapreague.

the threat to Tangier Island, and the disappearance of Great Fox Island. While I live in higher ground near Richmond, I notice the warm weather this winter, and note that climate change has many negative consequences — including extreme weather events and crop damage. There are no safe places.

The thought I offer is that climate change and sea level rise do not carry a political party button, and neither do our newborn grandchildren.

We can not afford to respond to

climate change by looking through a partisan lens. We must engage our lawmakers of either party by requesting measures that will improve climate resilience, but even more importantly, cut carbon. My preferred measure is H.R. 763 the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

Don't stop at "climate change is real." Say "this is how I want us to fight back."

Chris Wiegard
Chester, Va.

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