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## Shore Stopped: Third COVID-19 Case on Shore; Gov. Puts Pause on Everything from School to Haircuts

By Carol Vaughn

The third confirmed case of COVID-19 on the Eastern Shore was announced Thursday by the Eastern Shore Health District. A Northampton County woman in her 20s tested positive. She had recently traveled from another country with known community transmission.

The health district is conducting a thorough investigation of the case and any potential exposures.

Earlier this week, Gov. Ralph Northam said Virginia schools will remain closed at least through the end of this academic year to help stem the spread of the coronavirus.

The order applies to both public and private K-12 schools.

As of Thursday, Virginia had 460 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Thirteen people in Virginia have died, 65 have been hospitalized, and 6,189 have been tested.

"We are moving into a period of sacrifice.... There is more ahead, and things are changing fast," Northam said Monday.

Around 40,000 Virginians filed for unemployment  
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### A Sign of the Times

A sign outside St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley on Wednesday, March 18, echoes similar signs at churches, agencies, and businesses around the Eastern Shore, giving notice of closings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reporter Carol Vaughn spoke with local faith leaders about how they are adapting to not being able to assemble for weekly worship. The story begins on Page 14. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

## TWO DEATHS NEAR PAINTER UNDER INVESTIGATION AS HOMICIDES

By Carol Vaughn

Officers found a man and a woman dead of gunshot wounds early Wednesday near Painter, according to Accomack County Sheriff Todd Wessells.

The incident is being investigated as a homicide.

The sheriff's office received a report at around 12:28 a.m. that two people were missing from a residence on Coal Kiln Road; another report was received that a white BMW driven by the missing peo-

ple had been found on Doughty Farm Road.

When deputies arrived at the scene, they discovered the two bodies.

The victims' remains were transported to the medical examiner's office in Norfolk for autopsy.

The man was identified as Princeton Howard Bragg, 37, of Painter.

The woman's identity was not immediately released, pending autopsy results.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Virginia State Police, the Northampton County Sheriff's Office, and the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force.

Investigation into this incident is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Accomack County Sheriff's Office at 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666, or tips may be submitted at [www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org](http://www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org)

# U.S. Representative Luria Visits Eastern Shore Foodbank

By Carol Vaughn

Rep. Elaine Luria visited the Eastern Shore last week to learn how the Foodbank and school systems are addressing food insecurity during the coronavirus outbreak.

Luria also gave an update about federal actions in response to the outbreak, including Congress' passage of an initial \$8.2 billion package.

Additional federal legislation is pending.

"I understand the strain on the community to people who don't have the necessary resources. The Foodbank is incredibly important in times like this, as are the school lunches for the students who rely on that for breakfast and lunch," she said.

"We know that the schools have closed. ... I understand the challenges that causes for parents of young children. ... But the reason schools have closed, specifically, is, although children don't show a lot of symptoms from this ... they are major carriers," Luria said.

"This is definitely something that impacts everyone in the country, in the commonwealth, and in our communi-

ty — so, we are all going to have to take action to help prevent the spread," she said, urging everyone to practice social distancing, handwashing, and other preventive measures.

The Foodbank has changed its distribution model because of the virus.

"We are changing all of our distribution models to a mobile model," said Charmin Horton, Eastern Shore branch manager.

"Where ordinarily folks would come in and congregate, and we'd ask them questions... We are going to try to change all of that to a mobile (model), where they would just pull up, we'd hand them their food, do what we have to do, and send them on their way," she said.

The Virginia Department of Consumer Services is allowing the agency to not require a signature on clients' self-declarations of income, as is usual.

"That way, there is not touching of paperwork," Horton said.

The Foodbank also is adding additional distribution sites, including Northampton High School and the Taylor and Fulton facility in Mappsville.

The Foodbank also is working to continue distribution of fresh produce to families by teaming up with the schools' food distribution sites.

"We are delighted to be partnering with the Foodbank. We are going to have it right on our campus, so when our parents come up, they can get the lunches delivered by the school system...they can pick up their lunches; we have learning packets that provide some continuity of education for those that do not have internet access; and then, they will pull on down our loop and the Foodbank will be there with their food-stuffs," said Northampton County School Superintendent Eddie Lawrence.

Lawrence said the school meal program also is open to home school and private school students, and the age for eligibility has been extended from age 1 through any enrolled student.

In Accomack County, enrollment for

school lunches has risen, according to School Superintendent Chris Holland.

"Kids need to eat," he said.

The Accomack school district began offering free breakfast and lunch to all school-age children starting March 16. Breakfasts and lunches will be offered daily, Monday through Thursday from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Distribution sites include: Chincoteague Elementary School, Arcadia High School, Kegotank Elementary School, Metompkin Elementary School, Tangier Combined School, Accawmacke Elementary School, Pungoteague Elementary School, and Nandua Middle School.

Any student may pick up a meal from any of the locations.

Meals are served in a drive-up style at the cafeteria entrance at each school.

Children must be present and meals must be consumed off-site.

## Foodbank Distribution Locations and Times

- Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Mobile Pantry  
Foodbank of the Eastern Shore  
24530 Coastal Blvd., Tasley
- Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to noon. Mobile Pantry  
Northampton High School  
16041 Courthouse Road, Eastville

- Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Mobile Pantry  
Foodbank of the Eastern Shore  
24530 Coastal Blvd., Tasley
- Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mobile Pantry  
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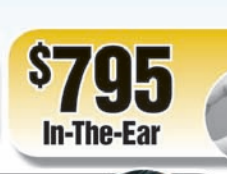
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### SAFE

Take a walk

Gardening

Clean and organize

Read

Listen to music

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Take a drive

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Place yourself a **minimum of 6 feet** from others that are **NOT members of your household**. Families that live together can still sit in close proximity, as long as they are healthy and not experiencing symptoms. Leave a chair or two space between non-household members when sitting in public areas. Minimize trips to crowded stores as much as possible and use online ordering/pickup where available. When you do have to visit them, go at hours they are less busy (early morning/late night). Stand back a **minimum of 6 feet** from those waiting in lines ahead of you. Support your local eateries by ordering carryout or going through the drive thru. Use technology to stay socially connected. It is important for us to check on older and vulnerable members of our community. Doing so via phone will avoid close contact. Bringing them supplies and leaving them at the door so they don't have to go out and risk possible exposure is a great way to help keep them safe. **CLEAN** items that are touched frequently **DAILY with a disinfectant wipe**, this includes but is not limited to; cell phones, keys, eyeglasses, steering wheels, writing utensils, light switches, telephones, computer key boards/mouses and door knobs.

## ~Pandemic Restrictions~ (Continued From Front Page)

last week, as the pandemic's economic toll continued to rise.

"That number will, unfortunately, go up," Northam said.

### Business and Other Restrictions

Northam announced additional restrictions on businesses, which took effect at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday.

Restaurants may remain open, but cannot serve customers in the establishment — only takeout, curbside, or delivery options are allowed.

Recreation and entertainment businesses, such as bowling alleys, theaters, racetracks, and fitness centers, among others, were ordered to close, as were personal care businesses such as barbershops, massage parlors, spas, and beauty salons.

Non-essential retail businesses may stay open, but must have 10 or fewer customers at a time, and must increase sanitizing measures and practice social distancing — that is, people must remain at least six feet apart.

Essential businesses, including grocery stores, pharmacies, supply chain businesses, and banks, will stay open, but need to practice social distancing

and take extra sanitizing measures.

"You will still be able to buy food and necessary supplies for you and your family," Northam said.

The state's ABC stores will remain open, but will practice social distancing and take sanitizing measures.

The following retail businesses are considered essential and may remain open during normal business hours, according to the executive order:

- Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;
- Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- Retail functions of gas stations and

convenience stores;

- Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions;
- Pet stores and feed stores;
- Printing and office supply stores; and
- Laundromats and dry cleaners.

Guidelines for what is considered essential or non-essential are posted on the Governor of Virginia website.

Frequently asked questions about the order are posted at <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Regarding-EO-53.pdf>

Other professional businesses must use teleworking as much as possible, according to the order.

State parks are open only for day use.

### Public and Private Gatherings Banned

Additionally, public or private gatherings of more than 10 are banned, including at beaches, churches, and elsewhere.

"The point is to limit the places where people gather in groups," Northam said.

Localities have authority to enforce the restrictions. Anyone in violation of the order may be charged with a Class 1

misdemeanor.

The measures will remain in effect for at least 30 days, Northam said.

"We do not make these decisions lightly. Virginia is one of the country's largest and most diverse states, but COVID-19 is serious, and we must act," he said.

Northam asked Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr. to reconsider his decision to welcome students back to the Lynchburg campus after spring break.

"We have heard too many mixed messages around the country about COVID-19, and this is yet another example," Northam said, urging Falwell to follow the example of other Virginia colleges and universities that have closed residence halls.

### Federal Response

Northam said states "have been left to figure out this on our own, and I am acting to protect Virginians."

The main problem with the federal response to the crisis so far "has been misinformation and mixed messages," Northam said, adding, "We are essentially fighting a biological war right now in this country, and I expect our president and our leaders in Washington to accept that's the reality now and to have guidance, and also to give sup-



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## Accomack County Board of Supervisors Changes to Upcoming Scheduled (Electronic) Public Hearings for the FY2021 Budget and Tax Rates

### NOTICE OF A CHANGE IN PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

- The Board of Supervisors will hold the FY2020-2021 Budget & Tax Rate Public Hearings, as originally scheduled, on Monday, March 30, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. However, in order to comply with current safety guidelines issued by the CDC concerning public gatherings, public comment will not be received in person but rather solicited in writing or by email in advance of the meeting.
- Commenting by Letter: Written statements may be mailed to Board of Supervisors, Attn: County Administrator, P.O. Box 388 – Accomack, VA 23301. Statements must be received no later than Monday, March 30, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in order to be read into the official meeting record. All comments must include the commenter's name and address.
- Commenting by Email: Written statements may be emailed to [administration@co.accomack.va.us](mailto:administration@co.accomack.va.us). Emails must be received prior to Monday, March 30, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in order to be read into the meeting official record. All comments must include the commenter's name and address.
- There will be no physical public access to the meeting however it will be streamed over the internet live on the County's website: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/how-do-i/listen-to-meeting-audio>
- For additional assistance, contact the County Administrator's Office at (757) 787-5700.

port to the states where we need it.”

“We haven’t received that guidance. ... We have had to take the lead and do what’s in the best interest of our constituents and our citizens,” Northam said.

Attorney General Mark Herring this week joined a coalition of 16 attorneys general to urge President Trump to “fully utilize the Defense Production Act to immediately prioritize the production of masks, respirators, and other critical items needed by health care workers, first responders, and law enforcement across the United States,” according to a press release.

The federal act was passed in 1950 in response to production needs related to the Korean War.

In a letter sent to Trump Wednesday, the attorneys general urged him to use the act to dramatically increase health care capacity; the supply of personal protective equipment for first responders; and testing capacity for COVID-19.

**School Districts Will Determine How to Provide Instruction**

Virginia school district leaders will decide how students in their localities will be taught the remaining information for the school year now that schools are to remain closed.

“We are already working on waivers to

relieve testing requirements and ensure that our students who were on track to graduate can do so,” Northam said.

Virginia Superintendent of Education James F. Lane said school districts were to be given guidelines this week for that process, including how to ascertain a student has completed a course.

“We will be offering numerous options ... distance or remote learning; extending the school year next year; embedding some of that instruction into the curriculum in the next year if they don’t extend; and maybe continuing instruction now, but maybe we can’t get to every student equitably, just bringing some students back to make sure that we fill the gaps for students that were missed in the virtual space.”

The four options will be detailed for school districts.

“Each locality is going to have to make a choice,” Lane said.

**Child Care a Pressing Need**

Questions about child care for students out of school — and especially for children of health care and other essential workers — are pressing, according to the governor.

“We have 1.2 million children under

age 12 in our Commonwealth, and half of them are in public schools or pre-schools,” Northam said, noting a Yale study estimated 80,000 may be children of health care workers.

“We need an urgent public/private response. Today, I am calling on our local communities, private daycare providers, community childcare partners, and public schools to rally together to provide child care for the young children and school-age children of essential personnel,” he said.

The Virginia Department of Social Services has guidelines on its website for how to provide emergency child care services while adhering to health protocols.

Every school district in Virginia has made provision to get food to students while schools are closed, Northam said.

Northam urged families wondering where their next meal is going to come from to text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 to find out about feeding locations near them.

In another executive order Northam signed last week, hospitals and nursing homes were given more flexibility to add beds during the pandemic. The order lifts certificate of public need restrictions.

Northam said priority for testing will be given to medical professionals with symptoms who have had con-

tact with or cared for someone with COVID-19, and criteria are being eased for people in nursing homes and long-term care facilities to get tested.

**AG: Electronic Public Meetings Okay in Some Circumstances**

Attorney General Mark Herring Friday issued an opinion saying public bodies may conduct business electronically, if the purpose of the meeting is to address the emergency, but the opinion also outlined limitations, saying “the General Assembly did not intend to permit public bodies to handle all business through electronic communication means, even during a declared emergency,” and that “public bodies should carefully consider whether taking a given action during a meeting held by electronic communication means is truly essential and should defer any and all decisions that can be deferred until it is once again possible to meet in person.”

The opinion reinforces that measures for transparency and public accountability must be followed, even during electronically held meetings — including public access, proper public notice, agendas made available to the public, roll-call votes, and recorded minutes, according to a press release.



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# ACCOMACK COUNTY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack County officials declared a state of emergency in the county on Thursday, March 19, after the Eastern Shore Health District announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The board of supervisors met Friday via teleconference to ratify the emergency declaration made the day before by the director of emergency management.

Chairwoman Reneta Major offered an invocation at the start of the emergency meeting, asking God to give the board of supervisors and staff “wisdom in this perilous time,” and to “intervene on our behalf.”

Accomack County Administrator Michael Mason said the ordinance to be approved was “substantially similar to some other jurisdictions out there that have adopted one.”

“We have to be able to continue government without having a typical

quorum of the governing body present to conduct business,” said Cela Burge, Accomack County attorney.

The county is still subject to recording meetings, keeping minutes, and other requirements, including under the Freedom of Information Act, according to Burge.

Procedures adopted by the board of supervisors to ensure continuity of local government during the COVID-19 emergency include:

- Meetings of the board of supervisors and other local boards and commissions may be held through electronic means, without a quorum of members physically present in a single location.
- Any matter that requires the physical presence of the public in a county building that is closed to the public has been suspended.
- County meetings may be held without the public being physi-

cally present, as long as alternative arrangement for public access is made, such as audio, video, or telephone broadcast.

- Where a public hearing is required by law, public comment will be solicited and received by written means before a vote, or may be solicited and received by electronic and telephone means, if it is practical and possible. Those comments will be provided to members of the board or commission and will be made part of the official record of the meeting.

The emergency provisions are to remain in effect until the board of supervisors repeals them, for no more than six months.

Additionally, all Accomack County facilities and offices, including the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office, the Voter Registrar’s Office, Parks and Recreation, and the Treasurer’s Office are closed to the public starting Friday, March 20, and will remain closed until further notice. “We don’t take this decision lightly, but we’re following the recommendations of the governor and state health officials about limiting public gatherings to no more than 10 and practicing social distancing,” the county announced in a press release.

No in-person transactions will be conducted.

All county employees will continue to report to work during their normal work hours. The public is encouraged to use the county’s online options for payments and services as the majority

of transactions and services can be conducted in ways other than face-to-face.

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For assistance, please call during normal business hours (8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.) at 757-787-5700.

Additional information regarding options for conducting transactions with specific departments can be found on the county website and at the entrance to the administrative offices on Courthouse Avenue.

Landfill, transfer stations, and convenience centers will continue to operate but with limited interaction between staff and public.

All county-sponsored or supported events and activities are canceled until further notice. The decision to modify county operations follows the governor’s emergency declaration, CDC recommendations, and the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation.

“We already have quite a few people telecommuting as of today... This is a very fluid situation,” Mason said of county staff.

“The public has been very understanding, and we will continue to adapt as we need to,” he said.

Major urged Accomack County residents to stay home for the time being.

“We can strongly encourage our citizens to stay put within our own jurisdictions. I know sometimes it’s tempting to go. ... Our citizens need to understand, they need to stay within Accomack or Northampton county. I don’t think we need to be venturing out too much.”

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED EQUALIZED REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE

The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County, Virginia, proposes to equalize property tax levies.

1. **Assessment Increase:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, is greater than last year’s total assessed value of real property by 2.00 percent.

2. **Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.827 per \$100 of assessed value. The Code of Virginia allows for a 1% growth of the levy which results in an equalized rate of \$0.8353.

3. **Effective Rate:** The Board of Supervisors of Northampton County, Virginia, proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.835 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.08 per \$100 or .01%. This difference will be known as the “effective tax rate increase.”

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

A public hearing on the Equalized Tax Rate will be held on May 12, 2020, commencing at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

4. The Board will convene a separate public hearing on June 16, 2020, commencing at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to consider the proposed FY 2021 budget which may increase, decrease or retain the Equalized Tax Rate.

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## Crystal Potts, Hometown Hero

We asked on Facebook what everyone was doing to remain grounded during the pandemic, and who had helped them.

Reader Tina Voyles nominated Crystal Potts as this week's hometown hero. Here's Voyles' article about Potts:

*Many of you know Crystal Potts as a full-time mom, wife, sister, friend, but most importantly, a well-known, hard-working nurse.*

*Since the coronavirus has closed all Virginia schools for the rest of the academic year, and has many children learning from home, Crystal has stepped up to the plate and goes live each night on Facebook to do story time. If you're lucky, you can catch a very special Potts family member: Crystal's pointer-Lab mix, Oliver, who will join Crystal to read with her.*

*Thank you, Crystal, for not only wearing the hero cape of being a nurse, and having so many more roles to fulfill, but also wearing the educational cape of reading to little minds belonging to our next generation of leaders.*



*You can catch story time with Crystal every night live or she'll post the story time to her Facebook page before 8 p.m. So grab your favorite blanket, snack, and juice. It's an enjoyable family show with lots of learning.*

*If someone you know is a hometown hero, let us know on our Facebook page. Look for the post that starts with Hometown Heroes.*

### Eastern Shore Public Library

#### Fiscal 2018-2019 Summary Statement of Financial Condition

As required by the Code of Virginia § 30-140, a summary of the financial condition of the Eastern Shore Public Library for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year is hereby published. The Library's complete financial activity is issued in separate financial statements. These statements can be obtained from the Eastern Shore Public Library, P.O. Box 360, Accomac, VA 23301.

#### Financial Condition Summary

##### Statement of Net Position Summary

Total Assets	\$ 1,293,471
Deferred Outflows	\$ 16,838
Total Liabilities	\$ 58,259
Deferred Inflows	\$ 8,616
Total Net Position	\$ 1,243,434

##### Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Summary

Total Operating Revenues	\$ 760,171
Total Operating Expenditures	(896,348)
Operating Loss	(136,177)
Other Sources	(1,078,481)
Other (Uses)	-
Total Other Sources (Uses)	(1,078,481)
Change in Net Position	\$ (1,214,658)

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# Court Postings

By Nancy Drury Duncan

## Accomack

A 51-year old Palatka, Fla., woman charged with malicious maiming was granted bail in a circuit court bond hearing.

Doretha King said she has worked for more than 15 years as a migrant farm worker traveling seasonally between Florida and Accomack County to harvest potatoes.

Put on the witness stand by defense attorney Carl Bundick, King said she and a co-worker got into a fight over the use of the bathroom.

King stabbed the woman "multiple times" with a knife, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Elizabeth Wolfe. She said the woman was taken to the hospital, but her injuries were not life-threatening and she has since recovered.

King admitted that the use of both

alcohol and drugs fueled the argument, which took place at a labor camp in northern Accomack County last July. Bundick argued that his client should be admitted to bail as she returned to the Eastern Shore to work every year and would return for court. Wolfe disagreed, saying the woman had no real ties to this area. Judge W. Revell Lewis III ordered that a secured \$15,000 bond be required for her release.

A deputy operating radar across from the Nelsonia Corner Mart spotted a speeding silver Chevrolet Impala driven by a man with a female passenger.

As he turned around to make the traffic stop, he saw the car pull into Royal Farms. When the car exited, the woman was now the driver and Kendrick Dequan Corbin, 32, was sitting in the passenger seat. After stopping the car, the deputy found

that Corbin was wanted by the Accomack County Sheriff's Office.

Corbin was detained and the woman agreed to allow a search of the car. A bag containing white powder was found in the car.

The woman told the officer the cocaine was hers and she was arrested. At that point, Corbin told the officer the cocaine belonged to him, and not to his girlfriend. He has been in jail since the June 2019 incident.

Defense attorney Carl Bundick asked that Corbin be released on time served. "He could have let his girlfriend take the blame," he said.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Elizabeth Wolfe said that a year in jail, the low end of the sentencing guidelines, was acceptable to the commonwealth.

"See how mistakes add up," said Judge Lewis. "You are now paying a price for things you did as a juvenile.

Had you not had those previous offenses, you might have spent 30 or 40 days in jail. You've got a job and kids; it is time to put all this mess behind you," he said. "I give you credit for stepping up when your girlfriend was going to take the blame."

He sentenced Corbin to three years for possession of cocaine and suspended all but 30 days. He sentenced him to 12 months for driving on a suspended license. He ordered him to be on two years supervised probation and to be on good behavior for three years. Corbin will get credit for the time he has served.

The circuit courts are closed for 21 days and hearing only emergency cases or cases where the right to a speedy trial is in jeopardy. Courtroom attendance is limited.

These will likely be the last routine Court Postings until circuit courts reopen.

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# Chincoteague and Tangier Mayors Tell Visitors and Nonresidents to Skedaddle

**By Carol Vaughn**

Chincoteague officials Monday asked visitors and nonresidents to leave the island by noon Tuesday because of the novel coronavirus emergency.

Nonresidents also were asked to postpone their plans to travel to Chincoteague until further notice.

Mayor J. Arthur Leonard in a public service announcement said the decision came after a briefing Monday morning by the town's emergency management team.

"(D)ue to limited emergency medical care in our rural setting and the limited healthcare facilities that we share with our neighboring counties and states, it is time to reduce the

number of possible individuals that could require medical care, whether it be from COVID-19 or standard medical emergencies," the announcement said, adding, "These resources are likely to be stretched beyond capacity at some point and we must reduce that possibility."

All visitors and nonresidents were asked to leave town by noon Tuesday, and all lodgings were asked not to accept new reservations until further notice.

The announcement said rumors that the two confirmed cases on the Eastern Shore are on Chincoteague are not true.

Leonard in the announcement

urged town residents to "stay home as much as possible and please limit your travel off of the island."

He also urged people to stay home if sick; help neighbors without making personal contact; wash hands before and after entering businesses; and stay six feet away from other customers.

Tangier Mayor James "Ooker" Eskridge also asked visitors and nonresidents to stay away from Tangier Island for the time being.

"As our island, county, state, and nation face these uncharted areas and new circumstances brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors has always been, and will continue to

be, first and foremost with every decision that the mayor and town council make," Eskridge said in a videotaped announcement Monday.

"It's time to reduce the possible individuals that could require medical care, whether it is from COVID-19 or standard emergencies. In order to accomplish this, we are asking all visitors and nonresidents to postpone their trips to the island until further notice," he said.

Eskridge said there were no positive cases of COVID-19 on the island as of Monday.

The mayor also asked residents to avoid or limit travel off the island.

The mail boat and another boat that provide transportation to and from the island will continue to operate, and there is no limit of 10 people on them.

Restaurants on the island can remain open, but can only offer carryout service, as elsewhere in Virginia.

The airport also remains open, as per FAA guidelines, Eskridge said.

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# County Ready To Adopt Policy for Naming County Properties

*The need for a policy became apparent during discussions about naming the under-construction regional library and rooms within the library*

**By Carol Vaughn**

Accomack County officials are set to adopt a formal naming policy for county-owned properties.

The topic came up at a previous board meeting, during a discussion about naming the new Eastern Shore Regional Library and rooms in the library.

The board was to have considered adopting the policy at the March 18 meeting, which was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The policy includes streets, structures, facilities, buildings, and the interior spaces of buildings.

Guidelines include the provision that requests to name or rename county-owned properties must be made in writing to the county administrator's office, and an application must be filled out.

The ones making the request must provide information about the rationale for naming the property, including biographical information if it is to be named after a person.

Letters or other documentation providing evidence of "substantial

local support" for the proposed name should be submitted at the same time, according to a draft version of the policy.

The county administrator or someone he designates may forward an application to the department head who is responsible for the particular property for a recommendation on whether to approve the name request.

In general, the guidelines say county properties should be named "in accordance with geographical, cultural, historical, or ecological features indigenous to the site or to the immediate vicinity of the site."

Conditions for naming a property after a person or a business include circumstances where the person made "a significant gift of land or money to the county" or are someone, alive or deceased, who:

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# OBITUARIES

## Joan Carol Campbell

**Mrs. Joan Carol Campbell**, 74, of Chincoteague Island, passed away on March 20, 2020, at PRMC in Salisbury, Md.

She was born in Nassawadox, on Dec. 6, 1945, to the late Clarence and Mildred (Crowley) Clark.

She was a member of Union Baptist Church, on Chincoteague.

Joan is survived by her loving spouse of 52 years, Robert Campbell Sr.; three sons, George Billy Taylor, of Raleigh, N.C., Tommy Campbell Jr. and his wife Laurie, of



**Mrs. Campbell**

Stockton, Md., and Clarence Campbell, of Chincoteague Island; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way in September; and several nieces and nephews. She was a great wife, mother, grandmother, and friend whom will be missed dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Larry Campbell, and two infant siblings.

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 virus, the funeral services will be private graveside limited to the immediate family only.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers

during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Living Legacy Foundation 1730 Twin Springs Road #200, Halethorpe, MD 21227.

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

Condolences may be made online at [www.salyerfh.com](http://www.salyerfh.com)

## Carolyn Travis Elliott

Born Aug. 11, 1939, **Mrs. Carolyn Travis Elliott**, 80, of Cape Charles, went to be with the Lord, March 21, 2020, with her husband and two daughters by her side after a valiant fight against Alzheimer's.

She was predeceased by her parents, Letcher and Evelyn Travis; and her brother, Letcher Lee Travis.

Before retiring, Carolyn was employed in the health care field as a manager for Sentara Pediatric Associates as well as Virginia Center for Orthopedics. She was a long-time member of Bayside Christian Church, in Virginia Beach, Va., and in later years attended Capeville United Methodist Church.

She was the wife of George Manning Elliott, with whom she shared 64 years of marriage this past March 16. George became her caretaker as her health declined over the years and never left her side.

In addition to her husband, Carolyn is survived by her daughters, Karen Elliott Rothrock of Annapolis, Md., Brenda Elliott Claffy (Robert Louis Claffy Jr.) of Virginia Beach; three grandchildren, Erinn Claffy Vitas (Mike), Gordon Manning Rothrock, and Morgan Alexandra Claffy; and a brother-in-law, Jan Gordon Elliott.

A celebration of Carolyn's life was held graveside at Capeville Masonic Cemetery Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Linda Lowe officiating. No reception was held in light of CDC health restrictions.

The family wishes to sincerely thank Malinda Dowling, Rettia Elder, Tina LeCato RN, and the entire Riverside Shore Hospice team for the incredible

care they gave Carolyn as the disease gradually took her independence away.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that contributions be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418 or Capeville United Methodist Church, c/o H.H. Scott, 4301 Townsend Drive, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.doughtyfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

## Samuel Arthur Merritt

**Mr. Samuel Arthur Merritt**, 81, of Parksley, passed away March 25, 2020, at Shore Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

He was born on Chincoteague Island, Jan. 30, 1939, to Everett and Oneita (Daisey) Foster.

He was a member of Drummond-town Baptist Church, Accomack Masonic Lodge #243, Order of the Eastern Star #62, Royal Arch #75, and he attended Central Lodge #300. He retired from the United States Coast Guard after 20 years of service as a Master Chief. He graduated from Chincoteague High School with the class of 1957.

Sam is survived by his three sons, Jeffrey Alan Merritt and his companion April Buchanan, of Atlantic, Keith Merritt and his wife Valerie, of Atlantic, and Kevin Merritt and his wife Kathy of Timberville, Va.; two grandsons, Sean Merritt, of California, and Bill Kinkead and his wife Cami, of New Market, Va.; granddaughter, Jenna Merritt, of Atlantic; two great-grandchildren; companion and caregiver, Sylvia Parks, of Parksley; sister-in-law, Barbara Merritt, of Cape Charles; several nieces, nephews, and many others who called him Pop Pop.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Daniel Keith Merritt, and sister, Agnes Lane.

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 virus, the funeral services will be private graveside limited to the immediate family only.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Accomack Lodge #243, P.O. Box 121, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336 or the charity of your choice.

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

Condolences may be made online at [www.salyerfh.com](http://www.salyerfh.com)

## Jack Wayne Smith

**Mr. Jack Wayne Smith**, husband of Kathryn Chandler Layne Smith and the late Beverly Bowers Smith and a resident of Nandua Heights in Onley, formerly of Bloxom, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 23, 2020, at the age of 80. Born Nov. 8, 1939, in Locustville, he was a son of the late Harvey Woodson Smith and the late Rose Helen Charnock Smith.

Jack was a proud veteran of the United States Army, having served his country for six years during the Vietnam War. Following honorable discharge, he returned to the Eastern Shore and began working as a foreman for Perdue Farms in Salisbury, Md., later transferring to the Accomack plant, where he was a supervisor for many years. Over the last 30 years of his career in the poultry business, Jack owned and operated a poultry farm and drove a live haul truck for Tyson Foods. He loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Broadway Baptist Church.

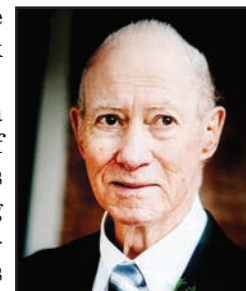
In addition to his wife, Kathryn, he is survived by his children, Kimberly Patton and husband, David, of Fort Valley, Va., Jack Wayne Smith Jr. and wife, Anna, of Quinby, and Amory Musselwhite and husband, Ray, of Fayetteville, N.C.; stepchildren, Wanda Doughty, of Onancock, and Douglas Layne and wife, Monica, of Franktown, and their families; grandchildren, Abigail and Isabel Musselwhite, and Chauncey and Aubrey Smith; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Beverly,



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and his parents, he was predeceased by his six siblings, Helen Jones, Virginia Taylor and Harvey, Norman, Cecil, and Marvin "Pete" Smith.

A private service was held from the graveside at the Liberty Cemetery. In consideration of the limitations presented by the coronavirus outbreak, we encourage those who have a fond memory or story to share them with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com)

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Broadway Baptist Church, 15341 Broadway Rd., Onancock, VA 23417 ([www.broadwaybaptistesva.com/donate](http://www.broadwaybaptistesva.com/donate)).

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

## Jerry Michael Stevens Sr.

**Mr. Jerry Michael Stevens Sr.**, 63, husband of Belva LeCato Stevens and a resident of Quinby, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. A native of Melfa, he was the son of the late Forrest Hyden Stevens Sr. and the late Addie Voyles Stevens.

Jerry was a retired mechanic, hard

worker, and good provider.

In addition to his loving wife of 43 years, he is survived by two sons,

Jerry "Michael" Stevens Jr. and his wife, Kimberly, of Quinby, and Jonathan Martin Stevens, of Quinby; a brother, Emerson Stevens, of Seaford, Del.; a sister, Darlene Stevens of Newport News, Va.; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, Forrest Hyden Stevens Jr. and Kenneth Ray Stevens.

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 virus, funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Smith Chapel United Methodist Church, c/o Gwen Blake, 5046 Seaside Road, Exmore, VA 23350.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.doughtyfuneralhome.com](http://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.



**Mr. Stevens**



## Public Notice

The Northampton County School Board will hold a work session meeting on April 2, 2020 – 5:30 pm in the Northampton High School Media Center located @ 16041 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA 23347.

Board Members will maintain social distancing, therefore any member of the public wishing to address the board should submit their questions via the internet or by mailing them to the Central Office.

Questions should be emailed to [kpitt@ncpsk12.com](mailto:kpitt@ncpsk12.com) or mailed to Northampton County School Board, 7207 Young Street, Machipongo, VA 23405. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Karen Pitt @ 757-678-5151 Ext. 2002.

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# Churches Find Unorthodox Ways To Minister During Coronavirus Crisis

*Computer technology and telephones fill the gaps for many congregations unable to assemble during COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings*

**By Carol Vaughn**

Eastern Shore clergy are responding to a challenge unlike any they've faced before — how to minister to their congregations while they are unable to meet together in person, due to restrictions intended to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The timing, during Lent and with just over two weeks remaining until Easter, is especially poignant.

Clergy in recent days found new ways to connect with their flocks, including livestreaming services on Facebook, and holding virtual meetings using Zoom or other apps.

Gov. Ralph Northam and his cabinet held a conference call with around 2,500 Virginia clergy of different faiths Monday.

"I'm grateful for their leadership in bringing people together spiritually, while remaining physically apart," he said in a Facebook post.

"This virus does not care who we pray to or how we worship — we must all work together in fighting against it," Northam said.

The governor's executive order 53, issued Monday, prohibits gatherings of more than 10 people through April 23.

The Rev. Monica Gould and the Rev. Alex Joyner, superintendent for the Eastern Shore District of the Virginia Conference of United Methodist Churches, were among those on the conference call.

Gould is minister of Naomi Make-mie Presbyterian Church in Onancock and Francis Makemie Presbyterian Church in Accomac.

She was impressed "that the governor's office recognized the importance of faith leadership in the community by making the decision to have their first-ever faith leadership conference call. ... Their objective was to bring us

together, to give us information — understanding that we were a conduit, of knowing our communities, to be able to disseminate the information — but to also know what the needs of our communities are, and to let them (state officials) know what the needs are," Gould said.

Among items discussed was the surge in applications for unemployment benefits, including by workers who never had to apply for them before, and how to address financial needs of contract workers, including some church employees.

The clergy were surveyed about what services their faith communities already provide and how they could be expanded, as well as how church facilities could be useful to help communities in the months ahead, according to Gould.

Gould has been leading worship via Facebook Live in recent weeks.

"Up until Sunday, I felt like we were just on the big scramble: that it was like scrambling to try to make sense of it;

scrambling to get information; scrambling to be with our parishioners, but without being with them — and how to make that work," Gould said, adding, "...I learned how to use Zoom in an afternoon," in order to be able to meet electronically with church leaders.

A Facebook group for women pastors, of which Gould is a member, also began sharing information about how to minister during the pandemic.

"So, thanks to social media, the resource links are in abundance," Gould said.

In more time-tested methods, church leaders are making weekly telephone calls and sending out cards to all members.

Gould plans to set up virtual meetings, via Zoom, with different groups in the church.

"One of our members said she just had a Zoom conference call with her girlfriends — so, instead of getting together, they got together electronically."

Gould asked her 92-year-old mother, who is staying with her now and

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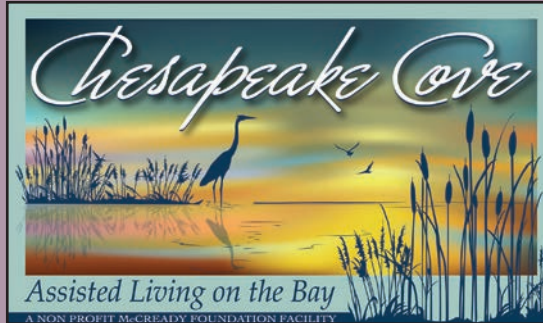
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While no one would have asked for the present circumstance, there is a silver lining, according to Gould.

“The exciting thing for us is that ... as difficult as this is, we are discovering that there is a unique and powerful commitment to being connected that there never was before,” Gould said, adding, “... It’s our opportunity to listen, and to discover what there is for us, as God’s people, in new and different ways that we never would have discovered on our own.”

Citing the Apostle Paul’s biblical letters — written from isolation in prison, but full of hope and encouragement — Gould said, “I honestly believe that we are going to emerge stronger from this.”

Joyner has met virtually with his denomination’s pastors on the Shore twice, and once with lay leaders, to discuss how to “do church” under the circumstances.

There are 49 United Methodist Churches in Accomack and Northampton counties.

He encouraged pastors to develop an eight-week plan for how to proceed — including everything from worship, to congregational care, to how to conduct weddings and funerals.

The district has an abundance of information and resources online, including a list of churches holding online worship and Bible study, at <https://www.easternshoredistrictumc.org/coronavirus-2020.html>

Last week, seven UMC church services were streamed online, according to the website.

“I think of this as kind of a stress test for churches — for us to remember what we are about, why we are doing what we do,” Joyner said.

While the virus is disrupting the churches’ normal way of doing things, “we are learning a whole lot of new ways to be connected,” he said.

The churches’ mission, in particular at a time when many are anxious and insecure, “is to hold on to the Good News in the midst of the darkness,

and try to be the light where we can,” Joyner said.

He is encouraged by how pastors and their congregations are adapting to the crisis.

“A lot of us are rediscovering the phone as an instrument of ministry,” he said.

Churches that did not have phone trees to share news or prayer requests are creating them now, along with church leaders learning new technologies, including apps like Zoom, to communicate.

The situation reminds him of Hurricane Irene, when he was still minister at Franktown United Methodist Church, and church leaders called everyone in the church directory, whether they were regular attendees or not, to make sure all were okay.

“The connections we made just through that experience were invaluable, so I’m hoping that we are going to have some of that same kind of connection happen,” he said.

Joyner said he appreciates the governor and his cabinet holding the conference call, and the fact that they “see the faith community as partners in this effort.”

In an increasingly polarized society, Joyner said, “churches still occupy an interesting space, and I think there is a possibility for people to trust church information a little more — which puts more responsibility on us to be responsible in how we respond, too.”

Additional clergy responded to an Eastern Shore Post inquiry on Facebook about how churches are adapting to the pandemic restrictions. They had these comments:

The Rev. Lisa Cropper Johnson: Tabernacle Baptist Church, Horn-town, will use teleconference and Facebook Live streaming again this week for Wednesday Bible Study and Saturday Prayer as well as Sunday School and Worship Service on Sunday. Updates will be made later this month for April.

Pastor Rob Fletcher: Baptist Bible Church, in Accomac, is live-streaming from our church on Sunday AM and PM. Wednesday Bible study Facebook live. I am doing a daily time of encouragement on Facebook for our church

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# Olympic Hopeful With Shore Ties Turns Attention to College Swimming While World Sorts Itself Out

**By Bill Sterling**

Athletes have been forced to put their dreams on hold with the shutdown of sports due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but not many athletes have dreams bigger than Virginia Beach's Samantha Tadder, a 17-year-old Olympic swimming hopeful whose mother, Dottie, was raised on the Eastern Shore near Craddockville and is a 1987 graduate of Northampton High School.

Tadder, who is called just that or "Sam" by most of her teammates, is the granddaughter of Sam Taylor, of Craddockville. Tadder's middle name is Georgia, taken from her grandmother, Georgie Mae Taylor, who died of cancer when Tadder was only 5. Her grandfather is remarried to the former Marji McCaleb, and Tadder has several first cousins living on the Shore.

A phone conversation with Tadder one night recently had to be cut short so she could accept a call from a swim coach at the University of Texas, one of three colleges remaining on a list she is considering pursuing for a collegiate swim career. The other two are Stanford and Kentucky.

Last April, Tadder achieved a near lifetime dream by qualifying for the USA Olympic Swimming Team Trials that were scheduled to be held in Omaha, Neb., this June. She had surpassed the qualifying mark by more than a second in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4 minutes, 50.33 seconds in St. Petersburg, Fla., at the TYR International Junior Cup.

Despite having won eight state swimming titles at First Colonial High School with one more year remaining in high school, Tadder said qualifying for the Olympic Trials is her biggest swimming accomplishment. "I've been swimming competitively since I was 5 years old, and it was always a dream; then it became a goal I wanted to hit. It was a great feeling when it happened."

As of earlier this week, the Olympic Trials had not been postponed, but Tadder realized the inevitability of that happening. "Now

the Olympics have been postponed, I imagine the trials will be postponed as well. It's really disappointing, but with everything going on now, it's certainly understandable."

Only 0.5 percent of swimmers in the country ever qualify for the trials, and the cuts, based on specific swim times, include all college swimmers. But Tadder is quick to point out that her accomplishment is a team effort. "I owe so much to my parents. They've only missed one meet I've competed in, and that includes trips to California. Until I got my driver's license, they would take me to all my practices, and that often meant leaving the house at 4:30 a.m."

Tadder said she practices a minimum of three hours a day and often four and a half hours year-round with Sunday being a rest day. She prefers practicing in outside pools even in cooler weather. "Last week, I was swimming in an outdoor pool with the temperature about 30 degrees. Indoor pools have so much chlorine, and I like seeing the sky and enjoying the sunrise and sunset. The water is heated, so that helps."

Tadder said her choice of colleges will probably hinge on being able to train in outdoor pools. Carrying a 3.94 grade-point average at First Colonial, she hopes to major in business with a goal of owning a company one day. Tadder said she has received several full scholarship offers to swim in college, but the powerhouse programs that attract the top swimmers usually divide their scholarship funds among the incoming freshmen.

Tadder wants to choose a college that will help her become a nationally elite swimmer capable of earning a spot on the 2024 Olympic team, when she will be 21. Realistically speaking, Tadder said that her qualifying time in the 400-meter IM (which combines all four strokes: breast, butterfly, back, and freestyle) is "in the middle of the pack" among U.S. qualifiers and that one of the goals in attending the Olympic Trials is to make the Junior National Team and qualify for a prestigious swim meet in Hawaii. Only



**Samantha Tadder with a banner showing she qualified for the Olympic Trials. Submitted photo.**

the top two swimmers in each event qualify for the Olympics. Tadder added that she certainly would be giving her best to make the next Olympics, but the experience of being at the trials will help her swimming career.

The Tadder household, located in the Little Neck section of Virginia Beach, Va., is a beehive of activity. Tadder's younger sister, Shannon, 15, plays a multitude of sports, including soccer, tennis, and swimming. Her father, Mark, an Ohio native, works for the Department of Defense, while her mother is a family and urgent care nurse practitioner. On Sundays, the family attends nearby Lynnhaven United Methodist Church.

Tadder said she tried a couple of other sports when she was younger, but found swimming appealed to her most. When she became serious about swimming at a young age, Tadder essentially revolved her life around swimming and school with support from her family. "All my best friends are my swimming team-





**Samantha Tadder (center, standing) with her grandfather Sam Taylor, her sister Shannon, and her step-grandmother, Marji. Her grandmother, Georgie Mae Taylor, died of cancer when Samantha was 5. Submitted photo.**

mates. I don't feel like I miss anything socially because I like getting together with my teammates to relax and have fun."

For the past eight years Tadder has been a member of Tide Swimming, an amateur club that trains top swimmers. The team is coached by Jack Roach, who has had a distinguished career in coaching and worked with Michael Phelps, and by Richard Hunter, who has worked with several swimmers who have attended the Olympic Trials. Tadder said the two coaches have helped her tremendously with



**Samantha Tadder with her mother, Dottie, a 1987 graduate of Northampton High School. Submitted photo.**

both technique and the mental aspect of swimming competitively.

As a sophomore in high school, Tadder won Class 6 state titles in the 200 IM and the 500-meter freestyle. Her team lost the state title by only 4 points, despite dominating the top spot of the podium, but lacked the depth to match larger schools. Then this past February, Tadder won a state title in the 500-meter freestyle in 4:44.17 and contributed to wins in both the 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay to help lead First Colonial to a Class 5 girls state swimming team title.

With the coronavirus health

the swim season when this situation first started shutting things down," she said.

Unlike many competitive swimmers whose usual facilities aren't open to them for training, Tadder is fortunate to have a neighbor who was once an Olympic Trial qualifier who lets Tadder and a few others train in her 25-meter pool. Tadder said she will continue to train and await word on when the Olympic Trials will be held.

Swimming in competitions across the country has allowed Tadder to meet some of the top swimmers, including one she says she admires most, Olympi-

an champion Katie Ledecky. "It's really been cool to meet her," said Tadder.

Tadder's mother, Dottie, said it was blessing when her daughter got her driver's license and was able to drive herself to practice. "Sam has been very dedicated and is very responsible," said Dottie Tadder. "Her father was more the athlete. At Northampton, I was a cheerleader and played some softball."

Dottie added that her daughter has remained humble despite her noteworthy accomplishments. "Sometimes when I am talking about her swimming, she will say, 'No one wants to hear about that.' She would just as soon I not mention anything about swimming, but we are very proud of what she has accomplished. She has worked very hard and made some sacrifices to get this opportunity."

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### School Board Meeting Information during the COVID-19 School Closure

At this time, in-person School Board Meetings, Work Sessions and Advisory Committee Meetings have been canceled through April 1, 2020. We have done this to adhere to the advice of public health experts to promote and support social distancing.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the School Board will be taking the following steps to protect the community, staff, and Board members at this time:

To protect all citizens, upcoming Board Meetings will not be open to public comment unless legally required. Alternative means will be available to provide input to the Board. For those meetings, the Board will allow public comment, but will be managing the scheduling of speakers by requesting that all statements to the Board be submitted via email to Mrs. Karen Pitt, School Board Clerk, kpitt@ncpsk12.com or Fax at 757-678-7267. Those statements will be read aloud and entered into the public record.

There will be a Board meeting on April 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at NCHS. For individuals who would like to submit statements, please send them to the Board Clerk by 3:00 p.m. on that day using one of the methods identified above. Some agenda items from canceled School Board Meetings may be published as Board Briefs.

We encourage you to share your thoughts and comments with the School Board by email at kpitt@ncpsk12.com. We ask that you minimize messages to individual board members, as they will be focused on communications about maintaining safe operations during the pandemic. The Board Office staff is teleworking and will be monitoring the School Board email account during normal business hours. Board members will receive regular reports of emails received and will have ready access to view all messages received.

During the NCPS school closure, the School Board may hold online Special Called Board Meetings. In accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), virtual meetings are limited to:

- addressing the public health emergency declared by Governor Northam on March 12, 2020 (Va. Code § 44-146.17); and
- emergency items requiring immediate Board action (Va. Code § 2.2-3701).

Notice of any virtual School Board Meetings will be posted on the NCPS Calendar and agendas will be posted on the BoardDocs web page. Although it will not be possible to broadcast virtual meetings live, the minutes for these Special Called Board Meetings will be posted after each meeting on the BoardDocs web page.

For more information, please contact the Clerk of the Board at kpitt@ncpsk12.com.

## ~ Churches ~

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until the quarantine passes.

Pastor John Gillespie: Bethel Baptist Church in Bloxom has been pre-recording announcements, a hymn, and a preaching message and posting it on our Facebook page. This week we'll be going live on Facebook from my home. "Home Church."

Pastor Mary Charlotte Elia: I'm the pastor at Holmes Presbyterian Church in Cheriton. We have been having worship services through Zoom, and we have added online topical adult classes on issues like God & Evil and Revelation in response to questions that have arisen from this crisis.

We have been able to continue confirmation classes online, and upcoming classes on Christian Ethics will be held online until it is safe again to meet in person.

I have held "drive-thru" office hours, during which parishioners can pull through the circular driveway at the manse and have a chat with me from

their cars.

We've also been using the phone tree as a means to regularly check on people and connect them to volunteers willing to run errands and such.

We've added mid-week coffee chats online as well to help some with folks suffering from isolation. We are also inviting students who need access to wifi to contact us for information on using our church's internet connection.

I have never been this busy in my life.

One of my greatest challenges right now concerns members hospitalized whom we cannot visit because of COVID-19 related restrictions. I am dependent on chaplains at those facilities to help care for those folks and to channel information to us.

That has been a very difficult situation for families and loved ones.

I've also changed the charge at the end of the service to "Stay calm. Stay safe. Stay home. Wash your hands. Wash your hands again."

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## Things You Didn't Need To Know

When we tried to get the internet tubes open for cleaning this week, we realized we were turning the bolts the wrong way. We had forgotten what our father taught us: rightie, tightie; leftie, loosie.

Speaking of lefties:

- Approximately 10% of the population is left-handed.
- In the past, lefties have been viewed with suspicion. In fact, the derivation of the word "sinister" is from the Latin word meaning "on the left side." And the English word "left" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "lyft," which means "weak or broken."
- A few of the things that flummox lefties: scissors, writing in ink, guitars, measuring tapes, car cup holders, can openers.

- Famous lefties (the good ones): eight presidents (James Garfield, Herbert Hoover, Harry Truman, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama), Leonardo da Vinci, Marie Curie, Isaac Newton, Alan Turing, Vincent van Gogh, Albert Einstein, Oprah Winfrey.
- Famous lefties (the bad ones): Jack the Ripper, Osama Bin Laden, John Dillinger, Billy the Kid, the Boston Strangler.
- Individual animals in many species do show a preference for one limb (left or right) over the other, but the preference is not necessarily for the right limb as it is with humans.
- You also have a dominant eye, which supplies most of the information to your brain. The majority of people (around 70%) are right-eye dominant. To find out if you are: Make a triangle with your two thumbs and two index fingers. With both eyes open, place a distant item, like a picture on a wall, in the center of that triangle. Now close your left eye. If the picture remains in the center of the triangle, you are right-eye dominant.

TIDE TABLE

		Friday March 27	Saturday March 28	Sunday March 29	Monday March 30	Tuesday March 31	Wednesday April 1	Thursday April 2
Seaside	Assateague Beach	H 10:55 a.m. L 5:08 p.m.	H 11:32 a.m. L 5:45 p.m.	H 12:11 p.m. L 6:27 p.m.	H 12:55 p.m. L 7:16 a.m.	H 1:46 p.m. L 8:10 a.m.	H 2:46 p.m. L 9:09 a.m.	H 3:52 p.m. L 10:10 a.m.
	Chinco Channel	H 10:59 a.m. L 5:07 p.m.	H 11:36 a.m. L 5:44 p.m.	H 12:15 p.m. L 6:26 p.m.	H 12:59 p.m. L 7:15 a.m.	H 1:50 p.m. L 8:09 a.m.	H 2:50 p.m. L 9:08 a.m.	H 3:56 p.m. L 10:09 a.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 11:51 a.m. L 5:47 p.m.	H 12:28 p.m. L 6:24 p.m.	H 1:07 p.m. L 7:06 a.m.	H 1:51 p.m. L 7:55 a.m.	H 2:42 p.m. L 8:49 a.m.	H 3:42 p.m. L 9:48 a.m.	H 4:48 p.m. L 10:49 a.m.
	Folly Creek	H 11:44 a.m. L 5:32 p.m.	H 12:21 p.m. L 6:09 p.m.	H 1:00 p.m. L 6:51 p.m.	H 1:44 p.m. L 7:40 a.m.	H 2:35 p.m. L 8:34 a.m.	H 3:35 p.m. L 9:33 a.m.	H 4:41 p.m. L 10:34 a.m.
	Wachapreague	H 11:30 a.m. L 5:16 p.m.	H 12:07 p.m. L 5:53 p.m.	H 12:46 p.m. L 6:35 p.m.	H 1:30 p.m. L 7:24 a.m.	H 2:21 p.m. L 8:18 a.m.	H 3:21 p.m. L 9:17 a.m.	H 4:27 p.m. L 10:18 a.m.
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	Machipongo	H 11:25 a.m. L 5:16 p.m.	H 12:02 p.m. L 5:53 p.m.	H 12:41 p.m. L 6:35 p.m.	H 1:25 p.m. L 7:24 a.m.	H 2:16 p.m. L 8:18 a.m.	H 3:16 p.m. L 9:17 a.m.	H 4:22 p.m. L 10:18 a.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 2:56 p.m. L 9:07 a.m.	H 3:31 p.m. L 9:44 a.m.	H 4:08 p.m. L 10:24 a.m.	H 4:51 p.m. L 11:10 a.m.	H 5:41 p.m. L 12:03 p.m.	H 6:40 p.m. L 1:03 p.m.	H 7:19 a.m. L 2:08 p.m.
	Muddy Creek	H 3:12 p.m. L 9:42 a.m.	H 3:47 p.m. L 10:19 a.m.	H 4:24 p.m. L 10:59 a.m.	H 5:07 p.m. L 11:45 a.m.	H 5:57 p.m. L 12:38 p.m.	H 6:56 p.m. L 1:38 p.m.	H 7:35 a.m. L 2:34 p.m.
	Guard Shore	H 3:04 p.m. L 9:38 a.m.	H 3:39 p.m. L 10:15 a.m.	H 4:16 p.m. L 10:55 a.m.	H 4:59 p.m. L 11:41 a.m.	H 5:49 p.m. L 12:34 p.m.	H 6:48 p.m. L 1:34 p.m.	H 7:27 a.m. L 2:39 p.m.
	Chescon. Creek	H 2:39 p.m. L 8:50 a.m.	H 3:14 p.m. L 9:27 a.m.	H 3:51 p.m. L 10:07 a.m.	H 4:34 p.m. L 10:53 a.m.	H 5:24 p.m. L 11:46 a.m.	H 6:23 p.m. L 12:46 p.m.	H 7:02 a.m. L 1:51 p.m.
	Onancock Creek	H 2:53 p.m. L 9:10 a.m.	H 3:28 p.m. L 9:47 a.m.	H 4:05 p.m. L 10:27 a.m.	H 4:48 p.m. L 11:13 a.m.	H 5:38 p.m. L 12:06 p.m.	H 6:37 p.m. L 1:06 p.m.	H 7:16 a.m. L 2:11 p.m.
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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
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Super Crossword

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

- ACROSS**
- 1 It may begin "Here lies ..."
  - 8 Like fables with morals
  - 15 Sprayed like a firefighter
  - 20 Composer Saint-Saëns
  - 21 Maui tourist town
  - 22 Wash away
  - 23 Like overly harsh punishment
  - 25 Consolidate
  - 26 Suffix with prophet
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  - 28 Hosiery hitch
  - 30 Transmission option
  - 31 Coil of yarn
  - 33 1985 hit for Sheila E.
  - 37 Female graduates
  - 40 Middle: Abbr.
  - 41 Cello bow rub-on
  - 42 Monkey of kid-lit
  - 46 Upholstered footstool
  - 50 Country singer Travis
  - 51 Inits. on a navy vessel
  - 52 Neighbor of Ger.
  - 54 Apple pie — mode
  - 55 Just makes, with "out"
  - 56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit
  - 63 Dial-up alternative, for short
  - 64 Fall away
  - 65 Cube inventor
  - 66 Feeble
  - 67 Noncircular paths around bodies
  - 72 Homeland, affectionately
  - 75 Big name in dog food
  - 76 108-card game
  - 77 Toque or fez
  - 80 1967 hit for the Doors
  - 85 Infrequent
  - 86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
  - 87 Pifer from
  - 88 Singer Yoko
  - 89 Leaks slowly
  - 90 To no extent
  - 94 Mismatched collection
  - 99 Knife of old infomercials
  - 101 — Kippur
  - 102 Stream of electrons
  - 103 Witches in "Macbeth"
  - 107 Cantaloupe or honeydew
  - 108 Body gel additive
  - 109 "There's — haven't heard!"
  - 110 — prayer for
  - 111 Univ. Web site suffix
  - 114 Beach hills
  - 116 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly
  - 122 Mrs. Bunker
  - 123 Use an umbrella, say
  - 124 Posts again
  - 125 Hunter's lure
  - 126 Fusible alloys
  - 127 Bad-mouth
  - 11 Western treaty inits.
  - 12 Pope before Gregory XIII
  - 13 More nonsensical
  - 14 Prison, informally
  - 15 — and haw
  - 16 Pizza herb
  - 17 More irritated
  - 18 Rocker
  - 19 Plow pioneer
  - 24 Noisy clamor
  - 29 Basic idea
  - 31 Actor Jimmy
  - 32 Granny, e.g.
  - 33 At — of (priced at)
  - 34 Item in a P.O. box
  - 35 Part of NATO: Abbr.
  - 36 Acne spot
  - 37 Performed on stage
  - 38 Lies in wait
  - 39 Apocryphal archangel
  - 43 With 115-Down, nervous and apprehensive
  - 44 Part of i.e.
  - 45 "... wife could — lean"
  - 47 Injure badly
  - 48 Jai —
  - 49 DEA agent
  - 53 "Shape — ship out!"
  - 56 Alphabet opener
  - 57 "May — of service?"
  - 58 Burglar's job
  - 59 Missile's path
  - 60 "Deathtrap" star Michael
  - 61 "For — us a child is born"
  - 62 Guitarist Paul
  - 64 "Green" sci.
  - 67 Sci-fi power
  - 68 Robert De —
  - 69 1990s exercise fad
  - 70 Bldg. units
  - 71 Virus, e.g.
  - 72 Not closed
  - 73 Jay of NBC
  - 74 Biblical verb
  - 77 Belittling frat brother
  - 78 Circus venue
  - 79 Touchy
  - 81 Bohemianism
  - 82 Meanders
  - 83 Question's opp.
  - 84 Turndowns
  - 85 Like Brutus
  - 89 Prince — von Bismarck
  - 91 Go along with
  - 92 Christie's cry
  - 93 — many words
  - 95 Coloring stuff
  - 96 Camera —
  - 97 Ones toeing the line
  - 98 Tag anew
  - 100 In the habit of
  - 103 Crossed a ford
  - 104 Get by
  - 105 Like a charged atom
  - 106 Cyclical, at the beach
  - 107 — tai (drink)
  - 110 "The — the limit!"
  - 111 Markey of Tarzan films
  - 112 Nixing mark
  - 113 Stalin's land
  - 115 See 43-Down
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  - 118 Lyrical verse
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# Community Notes

## Onancock

The Onancock Town Council will hold a special meeting Tuesday, March 31, at 4 p.m., at Town Hall Council Chambers, 15 North St.

## Scholarships

The N.A.F.C. Memorial Scholarship was founded in 2020 by the Graduating Class of 2010 of Nandua High School. This scholarship is dedicated to the graduates who passed away: Tabias Ames, Kentrell Savage, Shawn Simpson, and Laquan Nock.

Scholarships are open to Nandua graduates looking to fulfill their future in education.

Eligibility requirements include: volunteering in the community, participating in extracurricular school activities, minimum GPA of 2.75, total family annual income under \$40,000, in financial need, and plans to attend a two- or four-year college or technical school.

The application deadline is April 24. To receive an application and for instructions on submissions, email the scholarship committee at [nhsclassof2010sc@gmail.com](mailto:nhsclassof2010sc@gmail.com)

### BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive Monday, March 30, from 2 until 6 p.m., at the American Legion Post 56 in Cheriton. The blood supply is critically low. It is more important than ever that you give blood now. All coronavirus protocols for donor safety will be in place including temperature checks, travel questions, hand sanitation, and sanitizing each bed between uses. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "Post56" to schedule an appointment.



## Rain Doesn't Stop This Pastor

Like so many churches on the Shore, Shiloh Baptist Church, in Boston, is helping the community. Senior Pastor Reverend Jesse Thomas, pictured above directing a car, believes in empowering others to serve in the most extraordinary way. This past weekend the church hosted a drive-through style giveaway to aid those in need with nonperishables and other essential items needed to sustain people through the COVID-19 crisis. Another Pull-Up Food Drive will be this Saturday, March 28, from noon until 2 p.m. All are welcome. Submitted Photo.

## Operation Smile Donates Gowns and Masks to RSMH

### Submitted Article

Across the country, there has been a shortage of the personal protective equipment that helps to keep health care workers safe from infection. To help ease the burden of the shortage, Operation Smile donated 90 gowns and 100 masks to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and its related practices on the Eastern Shore.

"So many other hospitals are running low on equipment like gowns and masks," said Tammy Hedspeth, a family nurse practitioner with Riverside. "Operation Smile's donation helps to keep our community safe by supple-



menting our resources of the protective equipment we need when we assess and treat patients. Every barrier we can put in the way of spreading the disease keeps our community safer," she added.

# Church News

**Note: Due to the COVID-19 virus, many services have been canceled or postponed. We did not include cancellations due to space but will include new dates as they become available (space permitting).**

## Boston

A pull-up food drive will be Saturday, March 28, from noon to 2 p.m., at Shiloh Baptist Church, 31559 Boston Road. For more information, call 442-2739 or visit [www.shilohbaptistva.org](http://www.shilohbaptistva.org)

A pull-up worship service will be Sundays, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., at Shiloh Baptist Church. Worshipers are asked to remain in vehicles as the volume will be turned up.

## Cape Charles

Vacation Bible School will be July 13 through 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Lower Northampton Baptist Church.

## Cheriton

In response to COVID-19, Holmes Presbyterian Church is offering a variety of worship services, classes, and social opportunities both online and by teleconferencing. For more information, go to [www.holmespresby.org](http://www.holmespresby.org) All events can be accessed via Zoom Meet-

ing ID 757 111 1846 and many will be streamed to the church Facebook page. Those without internet access may dial 929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID 757 111 1846 to join by phone.

## Craddockville

Vacation Bible School will be Aug. 3 through 7, at Craddockville UMC.

Men's Bible Study will begin soon. For more information, contact Revel Walker at 710-6410.

## Pungoteague

The food pantry will be open Wednesday, April 8, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 11, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Pungoteague Community Church. This will be curbside only. No one will be allowed inside the building. Food will be placed inside the vehicle's trunk.

**The next Church News will be in the Friday, April 24, edition.**

# Eastern Shore Trading POST

## Classified Ads, Real Estate Ads, Auctions, and Legal Notices

### Announcements

#### To Accomack County Residents:

During this difficult time we want you to know, that although we are closed to the public, the Accomack Co. DSS will continue to operate under normal business hours (8:30 – 5:00).

Any individual needing Medicaid, TANF, SNAP (also known as food stamps), or Child Care Subsidy should apply at CommonHelp ([www.virginia.commonhelp.org](http://www.virginia.commonhelp.org)). You may also call 1-855-635-4370, to apply by phone.

For Medicaid only, you may call 1-855-242-8282.

For child and adult abuse calls, continue to call our main number **757-787-1530**, during normal business hours. After hours you may call the Sheriff's department, or the State Hotline: (800) 552-7096

Call or email your worker or call the main number: **757-787-1530**, if you have any questions.

Please use the blue drop box in front of the building if you need to drop off any paperwork. Include your case name and number (if possible).

If we stick together, we will get through this. Be safe.

**The staff at Accomack County Department of Social Services**

*Olivia Hart*  
*Broadwater Academy*  
**Class of 2020**  
 You have made us so proud!



Tell your senior how much you love them with an ad in the Announcements. Call Angie at 757-789-7678 or email [angie@easternshorepost.com](mailto:angie@easternshorepost.com)

#### Program Monitor

Northampton Co. Parks and Recreation department is currently accepting applications for a part-time program monitor position. The position will be responsible for regular attendance and punctuality of all Parks and Rec. programs, including opening and closing Parks & Rec. facilities during program practices and games, set up and break down of necessary equipment needed for programs. Minimum qualifications for this position are a high school diploma or equivalent, including some experience in athletics. Applicants must be able to speak clearly and distinctly, understand and follow detailed directions. Applicants must be able to clear a criminal background investigation before employment is offered. An application can be obtained through the Human Resources office or by clicking the link ([https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs\\_opportunities/job\\_openings](https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings)). Completed application form and cover letter can be submitted to Human Resources, P.O. BOX 66, Eastville, Va. 23347 no later than Friday, April 3, 2020 by 5 p.m. Northampton County is an EOE.

### BROADWATER ACADEMY

#### Spanish Teacher

Broadwater Academy seeks an inspiring Spanish teacher who develops students to be competent language and culture learners. The position requires maintaining a full teaching load, including Spanish I and II and Dual Enrollment. Clear communication skills, the ability to motivate and teach students. Small class sizes allow teachers to build a rapport with students.

Master's degree in education or Spanish (minimum of 18 credit hours in Spanish), a teaching certificate or credential or equivalent successful experience teaching in classroom settings. Advanced degree preferred for Dual Enrollment teaching.

For more information, please visit Broadwater Academy's website at [www.broadwateracademy.org](http://www.broadwateracademy.org) or call 757-442-9041, ext. 131. Applicants may submit resume, cover letter, college transcripts, and employment application to Dr. Leslie West, HR Director, at [lwest@broadwateracademy.org](mailto:lwest@broadwateracademy.org). Broadwater Academy is an EOE.



The family of Barbara Ann Turner White, "Fuzzy," wishes to express their sincere gratitude and thanks to those who have shown their support in our time of loss. We are grateful for your prayers, visits, calls, and outpouring of love. Special thanks to Intrepid USA Healthcare, Riverside Shore Hospice and Palliative Care, and Fredenius Home Dialysis-Kempsville in Virginia Beach. We pray God's continued blessings.

With gratitude,  
 Husband, Charlie; daughters, Kia and Renelda;  
 and grandchildren.

### Help Wanted

#### COASTAL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

The Nature Conservancy is seeking applications for a spring/summer Coastal Conservation Technician to assist science and conservation staff with programs at the Virginia Coast Reserve. The 10-week, 35 hour/week position will begin in May/June 2020 and is based on a Wednesday through Sunday schedule. The technician will assist with public outreach about Virginia Coast Reserve barrier islands, stewardship of beach nesting birds on barrier islands, marine habitat restoration, education and outreach events and preserve management. Basic qualifications include high school diploma and experience working outdoors. To see complete details for this position and to apply, go to [www.nature.org/careers](http://www.nature.org/careers), click *Current Job Opportunities*, search jobs by the position title and/or location, then click *Apply Now* to submit an online application by 11:59 pm on April 13, 2020. The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer

#### Association Manager

Part-time administrator for professional trade association. Mature judgement, confidentiality, initiative. Customer service experience from office or banking. Proficient computer skills, MS Office, marketing programs, membership database. Located in Onley. [info@ManageGroup.com](mailto:info@ManageGroup.com)

#### CLASS A CDL DRIVERS WANTED

- CLEAN DRIVING RECORD
- CURRENT DOT PHYSICAL
- TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- COMPETITIVE SALARY AND BENEFITS

CONTACT JOHN AT MOORE'S TRUCKING LLC  
 15442 MERRY CAT LN., BELLE HAVEN, VA 23306  
 757-442-2734

OR EMAIL [JOHN.ANNIS@MOORESCOMPANIES.COM](mailto:JOHN.ANNIS@MOORESCOMPANIES.COM)

## Help Wanted (Cont'd)

**EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.**  
is currently recruiting

### Business Assistant for the Eastville Community Health Center Medical & Dental Program

Be the first to welcome ESRHS patients to our centers! Register patients, schedule appointments, create claims, answer the phone and provide outstanding customer service.

Requires a high school diploma or the equivalent. Work experience in a dental/medical or business office preferred. Individual must be professional, self-motivated and have strong attention to detail, communication, teamwork, customer service and computer skills. Ability to provide bilingual patient care is a plus.

### Nurse Manager for the Chincoteague Island Community Health Center

Lead our dedicated and talented clinical support staff team to provide quality care and exceptional customer service to the community!

Current licensure as a RN with at least 2 years of hospital or office nurse management experience skilled in the provision of medical/surgical or primary care.

A person in this position must be a visionary with supervisory experience, mature judgment, good leadership, interpersonal, communication and computer skills. Must have the ability to manage a budget for medical supplies, delegate responsibilities, create a climate of teamwork and ensure accountability among those he/she supervises.

### Outreach Specialist, Migrant Seasonal for the Eastville & Atlantic Community Health Center

Help connect Eastern Shore Rural Health patients with services in the community and serve as a liaison between patient and staff.

Requires a graduate from an accredited high school or possession of an equivalency. Previous experience in related community work is a necessity for the Outreach Worker. Bachelor's degree in social work/human services field is preferred.

This position requires a person of mature judgement, good communication skills and a knowledge of the formal and informal providers in the community. Must demonstrate cultural sensitivity. Must be able to work independently and without close supervision.

Must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, car insurance and be willing to work occasional nights and weekends for outreach events. Must be fluent in English and Spanish.

These are full-time positions with benefits.

If you are a mission driven person looking to make a difference, apply by April 3, 2020. Apply using the link below:  
<https://employees.esrh.org/Careers/>

Eastern Shore Rural Health offers a competitive benefits package and our campuses are Tobacco-Free Workplaces. EOE/M/F/Disability/Vet



*Locally Owned, Locally Operated*

**Fiscal Assistant III  
(Northampton – Eastern Shore)**  
Position Number: L00020  
Hiring Range: \$ 21,761.00 may be higher based upon qualifications  
Location: Eastville, VA 23347  
Application Deadline: April 3, 2020 at 11:59PM  
\*Only information listed on the application will be used to screen for the minimum requirements.\*  
For more information on these positions, please visit <https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov>. Applications for these positions must be submitted electronically through this website (<https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov>). Mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered applications and resumes will not be accepted.  
**Equal Opportunity Employer**

**Town Planner, Town of Cape Charles**  
The Town of Cape Charles is seeking a Town Planner. Serves under the general direction of the Town Manager and is responsible for long and short term planning activities, state legislation, environmental rules and regulations, and other statutory guidelines. Leads the plan review process and comprehensive planning, analyzes and interprets the Town Code as it relates to planning, development and land use. Consults with other agencies, county, state and federal government; provides staff support to the Town Council, Planning Commission and other Town Boards. Excellent communicator, effective decision maker and strategic thinker with demonstrated leadership skills; ability to plan and execute multiple complex projects simultaneously; bachelor's degree (master's preferred) in urban planning, public administration or closely related field and a minimum of 2 years of experience in professional planning at local govt. level or any combination of training and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. E&S certification, AICP Certification and experience using ArcGIS are preferred. Salary DOQ/DOE (pay grade minimum \$51,106 annual), plus benefits. Submit a cover letter, resume, three current professional references, and Town employment application (available at [www.capecharles.org](http://www.capecharles.org) under Employment Opportunities or by calling 757-331-3259 ext. 11) to Jodi Outland, 2 Plum St., Cape Charles, VA 23310. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Resumes without a Town employment application will not be considered.

**GOLF COURSE  
MECHANIC**  
Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, Melfa, VA  
40 hrs/wk, M-F (some weekends)  
**JOB SUMMARY:** Responsible for the repair of all golf course maintenance equipment.  
**EXPERIENCE:** 3-5 years in a similar position  
Experience with small engine repair and basic understanding of hydraulic systems is required.  
Knowledge of reel setup and sharpening on mowers preferred.  
Ability to fabricate and weld is a plus.  
Able to lift 50 pounds.  
Health Plan. PTO. Free golf. Competitive pay DOE.  
[www.esycc.com/jobs](http://www.esycc.com/jobs)

**TRACTOR TRAILER  
DRIVER** Experienced  
CDL Driver needed.  
Clean driving record.  
Some experience with dump trailers. Contact  
Twin Cedar Farms at 757-630-7489

**ATTENTION!**   
HVAC Hiring refrigeration assistant  
Training available  
Must be able to work 7am for 5 days consecutively and be on time  
Overtime available  
757-442-4428

**You'll Love The Classifieds**

**Chincoteague  
Hiring Multiple Hotel Positions**  
• Front Desk/Housekeepers – Full- and/or Part-Time  
• Maintenance – Weekends  
• Bike Shop Attendant – Seasonal  
Requires great customer service and reliable transportation. Hours vary by position. References and background check.  
Apply in person at Refuge Inn, 7058 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague, Va.

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting employment applications for:  
**Certified Law Enforcement Officer**  
Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays.  
**Qualifications:** over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED.  
Applications may be obtained from the Northampton County Sheriff's Office located at 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the County's website [www.co.northampton.va.us](http://www.co.northampton.va.us)  
Deadline for applications: March 31, 2020  
*Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting full time employment applications for:  
**Correctional Officer**  
Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays. Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Certifications must be obtained within one year of employment.  
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](http://www.co.northampton.va.us)  
Deadline for applications: March 27, 2020  
*Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

**Help Wanted**  
**TYSON'S CAFETERIA** is hiring: all positions. Contact Jermy Powell at 410-430-5951.  
**FULL-TIME GENERAL LABORER** – Outside work. Wages based upon exp. Apply in person at 24227 Greenbush Rd., Tasley  
**CDL DRIVER NEEDED** w/one-year experience (min.).  
**DISPATCHER WANTED & DIESEL MECHANIC.** See Karen Gray at T&W Block, 21075 Washington Street, Onley, VA.  
**WEB DESIGNER & SOCIAL MEDIA EXPERT** needed. No pretenders need apply. Call 757-274-6983 & ask for Mr. Wolf.  
**ENERGETIC, EXPERIENCED DIESEL TRUCK MECHANIC** - must have or accuire class B CDL within 3 months. Good pay & benefits. Must be willing to work overtime when needed. please call shop supervisor. 442-7979.

**PART-TIME** - 4 hours per day, 3 days per week. Cleaning and some shopping. Onancock area. Send resume to: A.B.C., P.O. Box 517, Onley, VA 23418  
**MILLWRIGHTS- PIPE FITTERS/WELDERS MAINTENANCE MECHANIC**  
\* MIG - TIG - STICK  
\* FT - PT and Weekends  
\* Exp'd only. \* Valid Driver's License and Transportation. Day shift and night shift positions. DOUGLAS REPAIRS, INC., SNOW HILL, MD. Call 410-632-1346 or 443-783-4125.  
**OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
\* Monday-Friday (part-time & possible full-time in the future) Must have Quickbooks & Microsoft Office Exp. DOUGLAS REPAIRS, INC., SNOW HILL, MD. Call 410-632-1346 or 443-783-4125.

Call 789-7678 for Classifieds



## Boats, Etc.

**19-FT. CAROLINA SKIFF** - 90 HP 4-stroke Yamaha (less than 60 hrs.) + trailer. \$6,800. 757-709-3848.

**CHARTER BOAT \$15,000 OBO** - 34' Delta-ville Dead-Rise \$15,000 obo - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718.



**1988 Grady White**  
20', 225 h.p.  
Yamaha, 2 axle  
trailer. Ready to go.  
**REDUCED: \$7,000.**  
Call 757-824-5748.



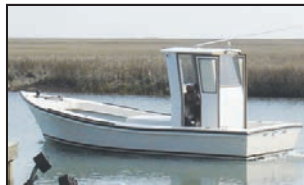
**FORMULA 233 THUNDERBIRD** - 23-ft. 5-7 350 V8 (less than 50 hrs.) New stern drive (less than 10 hrs.) Great open deck, Cuddy Cabin, Loadrite trailer w/ pwr. winch, well kept, exc. cond.  
**Reduced: \$5,900.**  
757-710-7146.



**27-ft. McGregor Sailboat** - With sails, tiller, retractable skag, depth recorder for shallow water, trailer w/electric mast, wench. Exc. cond.  
**Reduced: \$2,100.**  
757-710-7146



**'86 27.2-FT. O'DAY SAILBOAT** - 9.9 Yamaha, 4-stroke. Sails good, sleeps 4. Galley & toilet. Trailer & new winch. Draws 2'11". **PRICE REDUCED: \$5,000 OBO.** Call Don at 757-656-8986.



**'84 21-FT. KEN CRAFT** - Pilot house, fresh water cooled, V8 inboard, pocket drive w/galvanized trailer. \$10,500.  
757-665-6564.

**'00 MAXUM 2800 SCR** twin 4.3L V6 engines. Exc. cond. w/recent (2014) maintenance record. Many extras. \$16K OBO. Call 540-287-5047.

**34' DELTAVILLE DEAD-RISE \$28,500 OBO** - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718. dat556@verizon.net www.ltbaycharters.com

**3 POMPANETTE DECK CHAIRS** with fighting gimbals. \$300. Call 443-477-2407.

**MERCURY OUTBOARD PROPELLER SS 22-PITCH** - Like new. \$450. 757-710-0070.

**1997 EAGLE CENTER CONSOLE** - Fiberglass, '04 Loadrite trailer, '02 90 hp Yamaha w/150 hrs., VHF, depth finder, all fishing gear, 3 elec. winches, internal bilge pump & gas tank, \$4,000. 757-336-5256 or 410-404-6066 (ask for Bob).

**'01 18' TROPHY** - Very good cond. + extras. Can be seen at K & E Marine, across from Perdue plant. \$11K. 757-678-3622.

**2014 14-FT. E-TENDER ROWBOAT** - Never used, like new. \$1,750. Call 757-746-6136.

**BOAT WHEELS** - 4-blade, 1 pair, 19" x 23-1/2" shaft. REDUCED \$400. Call 757-999-3437 & leave msg.

**2017 9.9 4-STROKE HONDA OUTBOARD** - 25-in. shaft, electric start, new condition. \$2,000. Call 757-746-6136.

**LUND \$3,800** - Alum. hull open fishing boat with Merc, 25hp 4 stroke OB on a Load-Rite galv. trlr. with elec. winch. Extras: trolling mtr., depth finder, rod holders, live well, cover, more. 757-824-4782 oystercarvr@aol.com

**4 CUSTOM DAIWA DEEP SEA RODS** with 9 or 10 reels. \$450. 443-477-2407.

**1959 15FT. CRUISERS INC.** wood, Johnson outboard 50 w/trailer. This classic won't last long. \$5,000 OBO. Call (757) 787-4090.

**5-HP MEYERS SUBMERSIBLE WATER PUMP** - Includes electrical box. Used less than 30 hrs \$950. 442-7677 & leave msg. **'87 26-FT. SHAMROCK** - With anchor puller, never been used, lots of extra equipment. Call 757-891-2426.

**SUZUKI OUTBOARD ENGINE** - 115 h.p., like new, less than 30 hrs. running time. \$7,500! Call 757-710-4263.

**14-FT. BOAT TRAILER FOR SALE** - \$750. Call 442-4923.

**'90 22-FT. SEAPRO CUD-DY CABIN** - Rebuilt OMC 225. 160-gal. fuel tank, 22-ft. aluminum trailer w/brakes (Grady White clone). \$10,300 REDUCED: \$6,000. Pat-757-442-4635.

**FREE 26-FT. RANGER SAILBOAT** in cradle w/ sails, rigging, cushions. Needs to be moved & repaired. 757-331-0315.

**1983 Pro-Time 20-ft. Cuddy Cabin**, 2006 150 HP Yamaha V-WAX, 2009 float-on trailer, and many extras, exc. cond. \$15,000 OBO 518-369-9458

## Farm & Lawn Equipment

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## ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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

WAGNER ELTON, LLC, Trading as  
Brown Dog Ice Cream, 203 Mason Ave.,  
Cape Charles, Northampton County, Virginia 23310-3201  
The above establishment is applying to the  
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CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY  
for a Confectionary (Off Premises) license to sell or  
manufacture alcoholic beverages.  
Miriam A. Wagner-Elton, Owner  
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be sub-  
mitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date  
of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections  
should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will con-  
duct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 14,  
2020, in the Board Room of the County Administration  
Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to  
receive public comment on the following ordinances:

### AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO COMPLETE ITS DELIBERATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR EQUALIZATION OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

The purpose of this ordinance is to set a deadline of  
November 2, 2020, for the Board of Equalization to  
complete its deliberations of applications for equal-  
ization of real estate assessments.

This proposed ordinance is available for review at the  
County Administrator's office, 16404 Courthouse Road,  
Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours. Any-  
one interested in the above matter should attend the pub-  
lic hearing to express their views.

HANDICAPPED ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:  
Call 757/678-0440

Charles Kolakowski, County Administrator

The Accomack County delinquent tax auction set for March  
30, 2020 has been postponed. The new auction date will  
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information contact:

James W. Elliott  
Attorney at Law  
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## NOTICE OF CANCELLATION ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING AP-  
PEALS meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, scheduled  
for 10:00 a.m., is cancelled in order to comply with Gov-  
ernor Northam's Executive Order 53 regarding public  
meetings. The two public hearings scheduled for that  
meeting regarding the applications filed by Pioneer Mo-  
bile Home Park (SUPV-000024-2020) and Black Dog  
Hunt Club (SUSE-00029-2020) will be rescheduled and  
re-advertised as soon as possible. Information regarding  
the scheduling and convening of future meetings of the  
Board of Zoning Appeals will be posted to the County  
website at [www.co.accomack.va.us](http://www.co.accomack.va.us) or call (757) 787-5726  
or 824-5223.

## TOWN OF EASTVILLE NOTICE:

The regularly scheduled Town Council meeting for  
Monday, April 6, 2020, has been rescheduled for  
Monday, April 20, 2020, at 6 p.m., due to the current  
coronavirus limitations we are under.  
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*Jonny Stevenson, Town Clerk*

The Accomack County School Board will hold a Special  
Meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The meeting will  
be held at Accawmacke Elementary School, in Accomac,  
VA, starting at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be CLOSED  
to the public, but will be streamed live by accessing the  
following link and clicking the Live tab: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/how-do-i/listen-to-meeting-audio>

*Gretta L. Smith  
Clerk*

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff  
CIVIL CASE NO. CL20-135-00

vs.

ANNIE E. ROSE  
DAVID E. SMITH

Defendants

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land near Cheapside,  
Northampton County, Virginia, being 1.00 acre,  
more or less, bounded North by the heirs of  
Benjamin Brickhouse; East by Matilda Scott; South  
by the heirs of Mollie Moses; West by Benjamin W.  
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standing in the name of Annie E. Rose, pursuant to Sec-  
tion 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence  
has been used to determine whether Annie E. Rose  
is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and  
location of all of her heirs, devisees, and successors in  
title; that there are or may be other persons having an  
interest in the real estate forming the subject matter  
of this suit whose names and last post office addresses  
are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees, and  
successors in title of Annie E. Rose; and that David E.  
Smith is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose  
last known post office address is 140 Benchley Place,  
Apartment 28E, Bronx, NY 10475.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a  
week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post  
and that the parties named herein appear on or before  
April 17, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the  
Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia,  
and do what may be necessary to protect their interests  
in this suit.

ENTER: This 23rd day of March, 2020  
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:  
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.  
Attorney at Law  
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff  
CIVIL CASE NO. 20-134-00

vs.

The heirs and devisees of THOMAS P. PARKER, SR.  
THOMAS PETER PARKER, III

Defendants

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

(Parcel 1) All that parcel of land at Hare Valley, Northampton County, Virginia, fronting 25 yds. on the Virginia State Route 618, bounded North by Samuel Drummond; East by the heirs of William Dix, and Parcel 2 described below; South by Lola Mapp; West by the said public road

AND

(Parcel 2) All that parcel of land at Hare Valley, Northampton County, Virginia, fronting 53 ft. on a roadway and running back 75 ½ ft. and bounded North by said roadway; East by Naomi Mapp Giddens; South by Lola Mapp; West by Parcel 1 described above

And designated as tax map number 00015-0A-BLK-00 0000148.

standing in the name of Thomas P. Parker, Sr., pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

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

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before April 17, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 23rd day of March, 2020  
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:  
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By *Connie Morrison*

Two weeks seems like a lifetime ago. In the span of time since I last wrote a column, all our lives have been turned upside down by the global pandemic COVID-19.

After my grandmother's funeral in Between, Ga., we packed up some of mother's belongings and brought her to live with us in Virginia. We didn't want her to be by herself, having just lost her own mother (to age, not to the pandemic) and without any family members within striking distance if something went sideways.

By the time my mother and I left Georgia last Thursday, there were already curfews in the Atlanta area. A community in North Carolina had closed itself off from visitors, and the Eastern Shore had just received word

of its first case of COVID-19. Tangier and Chincoteague islands have since also asked visitors to stay away.

My college-age child is also back at home with just the clothes she took on spring break. Her university is finishing the semester online. The rest of her belongings are in her dorm room, waiting to be retrieved once we get the "all clear."

In just over a week, my husband and I have gone from being empty nesters to hosting a three-generation household.

We count ourselves among the lucky. While I was attending to family business last week, the Eastern Shore Post staff members, with the world quaking beneath them, were on their own to produce the single most important issue since Ace Seybolt and I bought the business in July 2016.

They did so, admirably.

Ace and I had made a plan of how to weather the economic crisis caused by the pandemic. It changed twice during the week as conditions changed, until Sunday night when we settled on an excruciating course. After slashing our own salaries, we made some difficult choices as to who would remain active in our organization.

You can still send Carol Vaughn news tips and ideas ([carol@easternshorepost.com](mailto:carol@easternshorepost.com)).

Contact Troy Justis for display ads and distribution ([ads@easternshorepost.com](mailto:ads@easternshorepost.com)) and Angie H. Crutchley for legal and classified ads ([angie@easternshorepost.com](mailto:angie@easternshorepost.com)). Send everything else to me ([editor@easternshorepost.com](mailto:editor@easternshorepost.com)).

At the bottom of this page are the names of all our staff. Our hearts hurt to read them while desks sit empty and bylines are missing. For now.

I have two business goals: 1) To keep this enterprise afloat through the crisis so that you, our readers, can remain informed during this national health and economic crisis and so that we can welcome back our full staff; and 2) To keep this newspaper free of cost to our readers. I am confident we can do both.

You might notice the paper is thinner this week. The amount of advertising determines the size of the paper, and advertising, not surprisingly, has dropped.

A smaller paper means there is less space to run free notices for nonprofits, as we have done in the past on the Community Notes page, and fewer Mileposts, where we celebrate readers' accomplishments and milestones. We will run some of them, and they will be placed in the order they are received. Please be patient.

With so many businesses closed and people remaining at home, we have al-

so temporarily dropped the number of print copies of the paper from 15,000 to 10,000. You can still read the full newspaper online each week at [www.easternshorepost.com](http://www.easternshorepost.com)

Our office hours have changed, and I have sent remaining staff home to work to keep them safe and well. Our office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. until noon. You can still reach us at 757-789-7678.

We know we are not alone in our workforce reductions during this time of tumult. Other businesses have the same goals we have: to survive and bring back their employees.

They have been there for you, and now they need your support. Here are some ideas gleaned from social media posts.

- Be resourceful in purchasing everything you can locally, even if it means rethinking your usual purchases.
- If ordering online, order first from local businesses that have curbside pickup or local delivery.
- Buy a gift certificate for use after the health crisis is over.
- Buy an ad from the Post!

Above all, keep the faith. We will get through this with help from above and the love and assistance of friends and neighbors. We are Eastern Shore strong!

## Pocomoke City Mayor Candidate Wants Your Vote

Dear Editor:

Pocomoke City is an extraordinary town filled with so many amazing people. It is home for me and my roots run deep here, which is why I am so passionate about being a part of its growth and redevelopment. I have attended city council meetings for quite some time in an effort to learn how our city government operates and have asked many questions, all in an attempt to be a part of a new adventure for our town.

My desire is to see honesty, integrity and transparency in all actions and

decisions of our city government from our councilmen and councilwomen to each city employee.

Accountability to our taxpaying citizens is also vitally important. If elected mayor, I want to join with council, eagerly listening to the citizens' concerns and welcoming their participation in our local government.

One of my goals is investing in our youth, who are our most valuable resource, our future leaders. They must be nurtured and mentored to their fullest potential and there are resources that can bring programs to Pocomoke City that will work with our youth and

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bring out the very best in them.

We must have clean water for everyone. The condition of our water still continues to turn skin, hair and nails yellow and rust appliances. Our citizens are afraid to drink the water for fear of getting sick and some have gotten sick. This isn't acceptable. Because the infrastructure hasn't been consistently replaced, we have a hodgepodge of old pipes and new pipes, which still produce bad water.

We have beautiful historic buildings in our downtown area as well as other areas that are in terrible condition. I would love to see our city give incentives to investors and businessmen and busi-

nesswomen to purchase the buildings, renovate them and bring new and exciting businesses to serve our citizens and improve the lifestyle of our community.

We've certainly had our challenges in Pocomoke City in the past, as well as recently. It's important we learn from our mistakes and move forward. A divided house cannot stand. Therefore, I have a passion to bring Pocomoke City together, united and moving forward in a new and positive direction.

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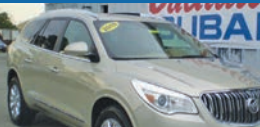
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