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CDC ESTABLISHES SHORE PRESENCE TO MONITOR COVID-19 AMONG POULTRY WORKERS

By Carol Vaughn

A team from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention arrived on the Eastern Shore Tuesday to help deal with the rise in COVID-19 cases among poultry processing plant workers.

Gov. Ralph Northam said Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware are cooperating to address the problem, which he said extends across the Delmarva Peninsula.

“Our teams across Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware, and the CDC, worked throughout the weekend on this,” Northam said during a press briefing Monday.

He said Eastern Shore Health District data last week began to show a rising number of COVID-19 cases among Accomack County poultry plant workers.

There are 10 poultry processing plants in Virginia, mainly in the Shenandoah Valley and on the Eastern Shore, which has two plants that together employ around 3,040 people.

Poultry plant employees make up almost 7% of the Eastern Shore of Virginia population — and nearly 12% of Accomack County’s workforce, according to the county’s latest comprehensive financial report.



A vehicle displays messages during a rally held Monday, April 27, in Accomack, to show support for poultry processing facility workers on the Eastern Shore. See Page 11 for the full story. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

Almost 70% of people who have tested positive in the Eastern Shore Health District are African American, according to the Virginia Department of Health — that is compared to African American residents accounting for 29% of Accomack County’s population and 34% of Northampton’s, according to the U.S. census.

“These poultry plants are a vital

part of our food supply chain, providing food to millions of people on the East Coast, but the health of the people who work in these plants is also critically important,” Northam said, adding, “While the companies here in Virginia are taking additional safety measures inside their facilities to protect their workers and keep the plants operational, I am very concerned about

the continued rise in cases.”

As of Thursday, Accomack County reported 264 cases, with 18 hospitalized and four deaths.

Northampton had 64 cases, with three hospitalized and zero deaths, according to the Virginia Department of Health.

“Time is of the essence to stop the spread and protect our workers,” Northam said in a press briefing Wednesday.

Northam, who is from the Eastern Shore, called it “a rural area, with excellent access to health care,” adding, “But I know how quickly our medical resources there could be overwhelmed with a surge in cases.”

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital has 52 inpatient rooms, 10 of which are ICU rooms, and a 13-bed emergency department, according to the Riverside website.

Northam said he, Gov. Hogan of Maryland, and Gov. Carney of Delaware wrote a letter Friday to President Trump, asking the federal government for help “and for a fully coordinated approach in dealing with this rapidly evolving situation.”

“Because the poultry economy on the Delmarva Peninsula is so intercon-

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Shore Businesses Have Varying Degrees of Success With Paycheck Protection Loans

Some Shore business were successful in claiming part of the \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program funds, but others felt shut out either by technology or banks focusing on larger customers

By David Martin

Over the past few weeks, millions of

dollars have flowed into Eastern Shore small businesses through the Paycheck Protection Program, part of the federal government’s massive relief program to help businesses crippled by effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. For some small-business owners, however, the application process has been a struggle. And for business owners whose PPP loans have been approved but who have not received any money, the wait is ongoing and agonizing.

PPP was designed to help small busi-

nesses stay in business and keep employees on the payroll during this crisis. The PPP loans charge 1% interest with the principal forgivable if the majority of money is used for payroll and overhead such as mortgage interest, rent, and utilities. The loans were available to companies with fewer than 500 employees. Total money on the table: \$349 billion. And it was depleted in less than two weeks.

Now the PPP has received a second round of funding: \$310 billion, which Congress passed last week and Pres-

ident Trump signed on Friday. Early estimates were that it might be assigned and gone in as little as two days. But this Monday, the backlog of PPP applications overwhelmed the system, which crashed—frustrating small businesses making loan applications and lending institutions trying to file those applications. The backlog of applications probably numbers in the hundreds of thousands, and the businesses being helped will be vastly out-

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nected, a coordinated approach is critical,” Northam said.

The CDC committed to deploying teams to all three states, according to Northam.

A team arrived in Virginia Tuesday, and met Wednesday morning with local health and worker safety teams, Northam said Wednesday.

The team includes epidemiologists, contact tracers, and language specialists who speak Haitian Creole. Team members will work with local and state health departments.

“We expect the CDC team to do an overall assessment of the situation and help with wider-scale testing to determine the actual scope of the problem. That will allow us to take the most appropriate mitigation steps to contain the outbreak on the Eastern Shore,” Northam said.

Northam said people in his administration spoke Sunday with corporate leaders from Perdue and Tyson.

“I’d like to thank them for their willingness to cooperate with us and to share needed information,” he said.

The CDC Sunday, after the three governors’ request, released new guidelines for meat processing facilities in the United States, where a number of outbreaks have happened.

“These guidelines describe how plants should reconfigure their spaces so that workers are able to be separated and protected from each other,” Northam said Wednesday.

“I appreciate that guidance. I want to be clear that my number one concern here is our workers. Every one of them is a human being, whose health deserves our protection,” he said, adding that many poultry workers are low income and from communities of color.

“These factors place them at a higher risk. I am very concerned for them,” he said.

Northam spoke Wednesday with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue about the situation, after President Trump signed an executive order using the Defense Production Act to mandate that meat processing plants owned by Tyson Foods and other companies remain open to protect the nation’s food supply during the pandemic.

“I sincerely hope that with this execu-

tive order, the President is signaling that the federal government will play a much larger role in keeping the employees of these meat processing plants safe and provide federal support to ensure every worker has protection, including adequate PPE,” Northam said Wednesday.

He instructed the Virginia Department of Health and the Department of Labor and Industry to work with the plants to implement CDC guidelines.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), however, has given its compliance officers leeway in determining meat plants’ compliance with the new meat processing guidelines.

A statement issued Wednesday by the U.S. Department of Labor Solicitor of Labor Kate O’Scannlain and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA Loren Sweatt reads, in part, “To the extent employers determine that certain measures are not feasible in the context of specific plants and circumstances, they are encouraged to document why that is the case. In the event of an investigation, OSHA will take into account good faith attempts to follow the Joint Meat Processing Guidance.

“We should know more about the situation with Virginia’s poultry plants in the next few days,” Northam said, adding, “...We fully expect that all employees in these food processing plants will be tested and that those who need medical care have adequate access and a safe place to go if they need to be isolated.”

A group of U. S. senators, including Virginia Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, wrote a letter April 20 to Vice President Mike Pence and other federal officials, asking what actions they are taking to protect essential food supply chain workers and USDA inspectors.

“It is vital that we do everything we can to protect food supply workers and federal employees from COVID-19 infection. Breakdowns in the food supply chain could have significant economic impacts for both consumers and agricultural producers. It is also imperative that precautions are taken to ensure the stability and safety of our food supply,” the letter reads in part.

“During this public health crisis, the White House and your agencies must coordinate with state and local governments and the private sector to take aggressive action to protect essential workers in the food supply chain. We

need bold action and creative solutions, including greatly increased testing and tracing of those exposed to the virus in order to stop the spread. This is critically important to protect our essential workforce, our food supply chain, our agricultural economy, and rural America from further damage,” the letter says.

Delmarva Poultry Industry Inc., the Delmarva chicken industry’s trade association, issued a statement Wednesday about the president’s order.

“This executive order will give needed assistance to Delmarva’s chicken processing companies by sending food supply chain resources to plants, giving them even more ways to keep workers safe and protected from coronavirus. By resolving inconsistencies among states in enforcing CDC guidelines, the order is a good first step towards a uniform standard for worker safety during this crisis in meat and chicken processing,” the statement reads in part.

Tyson Foods Chairman John H. Tyson, in a letter published as a full-page advertisement Sunday in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and elsewhere, said the company “is rising to the challenge” during the pandemic.

Tyson said he is grateful for employees, “but most of all I care about their health and safety.”

“They come to work every day to feed our country with safe, sustainable, quality and affordable food,” he wrote.

Tyson said the company “has a responsibility to feed our nation and the world,” and that “government bodies at the national, state, county and city levels must unite in a comprehensive, thoughtful and productive way to allow our team members to work in safety without fear, panic or worry. The private and public sectors must come together.”

He said the food supply chain is vulnerable as the company has had to shut down some facilities.

“As pork, beef, and chicken plants are being forced to close, even for short periods of time, millions of pounds of meat will disappear from the supply chain. As a result, there will be limited supply of our products available in grocery stores until we are able to reopen our facilities that are currently closed,” Tyson wrote.

Tyson Foods in January formed a coronavirus task force and since then put in place numerous safety measures to protect employees, according to the letter.

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numbered by those needing help.

Why?

The main reason is that the need is so much greater than the relief that's being offered. The gap between need and relief might simply never be closed, not by taxpayer dollars. But another reason is that small businesses like those on the Shore had difficulty with paperwork, couldn't upload forms on unreliable internet connections, and often had to rely on super-helpful bank employees to get the loan applications through the system. Big corporations got these small business loans because they had lawyers, accountants, and first-class status with big banks. The big corporations qualified for these small business loans by showing that their individual locations employed fewer than 500 employees.

To be fair, three-quarters of the PPP's \$349 billion went to loans of \$150,000 or less with another 13% of the loans being between \$150,000 and \$350,000.

But that doesn't help the optics.

After Shake Shack, the restaurant chain with some \$100 million cash on hand, received the maximum \$10 million from PPP and started getting some backlash, the company's CEO and chairman said they didn't realize the money would run out so fast and "it didn't seem right" to them to keep the PPP funds when their company had other resources that so many small businesses did not have. They gave it back.

A public shaming has led to some giant companies giving their PPP money back

Finally, even Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, which got \$20 million (the \$10 million PPP maximum given to two different properties) said it would return the money. But not everyone is following suit.

CNBC asked the largest 41 publicly traded companies that received PPP loans if they would be returning the money. Six said nope, they're keeping the dough. Five said they're planning on returning it. And 30 either didn't respond or said they were thinking it over.

By the way, the \$20 million that

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse gobbled up could have funded 2,000 loans of the kind being requested by C. D. Marsh Jewelers in Onancock.

Michelle Marsh said she had problems filling out the necessary PPP forms and uploading documents, especially when she logged out and had to start the entire process over again upon logging back in. Sabrina Paylor was Marsh's contact at Atlantic Union Bank, and Marsh acknowledged the process was hard on the bank people, too, because so much of it was new with regulations being presented for the first time.

Marsh said Paylor was so patient and "sweet and she ended up opening the bank door just a crack because that's all that was allowed" to make sure forms got in for the loan. The Marsh Jewelers loan has been approved but no money has been received yet. Marsh said, "We're asking for under \$10,000 but it might make the difference between us being able to reopen or not."

Betsy Pinder, of Pinder Massage Therapy in Onancock, had a similarly positive experience with her Shore United bank. Acknowledging that she is not computer savvy, she eventually turned over the documents to the bank and had people there complete the application. The good news: her loan has been approved. The not so good news: no money yet.

Rep. Luria said applicants have a better chance when working with community banks

In an exclusive interview with the Eastern Shore Post, Rep. Elaine Luria, who represents the Eastern Shore in Congress, said that PPP loan applicants who work with small, local, community banks probably have a better chance with their applications. That was the case for the Eastern Shore Post, which has received its PPP funds and was aided through the process by Scott Schreiber at Atlantic Union Bank.

It also helps when the applicant has an ongoing relationship with his or her banker. That certainly was true for Hunt Addison, who operates Eastern Shore Events & Rentals in Exmore. Addison said he and his partner had an ongoing relationship with the same banker the Post worked with, Atlantic Union's Scott Schreiber, and "Scott was in our corner the entire way."

Addison called Schreiber as soon as

the crisis began to ask about loan forgiveness and Schreiber put Eastern Shore Events & Rentals on the radar for any programs that might become available. When PPP was announced, everyone was ready. "We went back and forth a couple days to make sure we had all the i's dotted and t's crossed," Addison said, "and within a week we had approval and less than a week later we had our money."

Addison's business caters to events of large gatherings, which are exactly those prohibited during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. He said that some spring weddings have been pushed to the fall but that otherwise his business has taken a big hit and it's the PPP money "that is keeping our doors open and allowing us to keep on two full-time employees."

Regarding Atlantic Union and Scott Schreiber, Addison said, "I can't thank the bank and Scott enough."

Atlantic Union CEO John Asbury told the Eastern Shore Post that the bank has approved 73 PPP loans in Accomack County for a total of \$4,540,000. In Northampton County, the bank approved 48 PPP loans for a total of \$3,420,000.

Approval rate, when taking out applications that were abandoned or duplicated, was 80%, according to Asbury. He said that during the first round of funding, which opened April 3, the bank was accepting applications only from its own clients. When the funding ran out, the bank continued taking applications. "But this time, we opened up the application process to all businesses, but we will continue to prioritize assisting our existing clients."

The Post did not attempt to survey all banks doing business on the Shore but did get comments from a couple, including Scott Beatty, CEO of Shore United Bank, which has been cited by Shore businesses as being especially helpful in attaining PPP loans. Beatty told the Post that Shore United has done \$617,000 in PPP loans in Northampton and Accomack counties as of Tuesday of this week and that "we are neck-deep in the next round of PPP...trying to get all our applications in before this round is exhausted." Beatty also noted that Shore United Bank has donated \$5,000 to the area's food bank.

Gary Cochran, who owns the Char-



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lotte Hotel and Restaurant in Onancock with his wife Charlotte Cochran, ran into problems with the local branch of a giant chain bank. He received conflicting information about when his application would be accepted and what kind of information was needed. When asking for help, the basic response was, “Don’t call us, we’ll call you.”

Unsure if that big-bank call would ever come, Cochran turned to Kabbage, an online business funder that had stopped lending money during the crisis but was permitted to participate in PPP. As part of its outreach, Kabbage had contacted Cochran, who responded with an application that was approved. But, again, no money yet.

Waiting for the money after you’ve been approved is like waiting for anti-venom after you’ve been bitten

Cochran characterized the situation this way: “It’s like being bitten by a rattlesnake and then hearing the anti-venom is ‘on its way.’ They say ‘on its way’ is good news but when the poison is in your system, ‘on its way’ isn’t all that comforting.”

In the Charlotte’s case, the poison is

business being off at least 75% in the restaurant and 99% in the hotel. “The town has helped by delaying payment on our business license and we’re also making partial payments on our utility bills and paying interest-only on our mortgage. But what has really kept us in business is support from our customers.” He said people are responding to the restaurant’s new carry-out business and some are buying gift certificates to be used when the restaurant reopens. One regular hotel guest has booked and paid for five nights to be used when the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

“The only reason we’ve been able to keep on employees from our hotel and restaurant staff is the tremendous support from this community,” Cochran said.

Rep. Luria has a staff person dedicated to helping small-business people navigate these government loan and other tricky waters: Jonathan Gerstell (757-364-7632). She also maintains an Eastern Shore Office at 25020 Shore Parkway, Suite 1B (757-364-7631), which is in the Onley Town Center.

Luria is especially passionate about

getting money for people in the fishing industries. Her office released this statement: “In March, Congresswoman Luria supported the passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This bill provides \$300 million in relief for the fishery and aquaculture industries that have experienced the harsh effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes a drastically decreased demand for seafood across the U.S. supply chain, which has resulted in a loss of markets.”

NOAA says, and has been saying for some time, that it’s doing all it can: “NOAA Fisheries understands the urgent need for these funds, and our overriding goal is to distribute the assistance as quickly as possible. To that end, we are working daily with the Department [of Commerce] and our federal partners to finalize a process to expedite the distribution of Sec. 12005 funds, consistent with the direction provided by Congress.”

Rep. Luria told the Post that she has talked with people in the fishing industry and has been made aware of how acute the situation is. “Eighty percent of seafood is sold in restaurants and that

market has gone way down, of course.” Fishermen have told her how the price per bushel of oysters has cratered.

But another problem with that \$300 million of CARES money is, according to what Luria told the Post, “it has to be split up around the country and I think maybe something like \$6 million will come to Virginia. The funds go to the states and then the states will administer to the people. We don’t know when. We’d like to see it coming in a matter of weeks, not months.”

Rep. Luria hopes to add seafood to the \$3 billion in ag products being purchased by Ag. Dept.

As reported in last week’s Post, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is purchasing up to \$3 billion in agricultural products to be distributed to those in need. This will include \$100 million per month in fresh fruits and vegetables, \$100 million per month in a variety of dairy products, and \$100 million per month in meat products. Rep. Luria told the Post, “We’d like to see seafood added to that [\$3 billion in agricultural products] but we don’t know yet the process for allocating the money.”

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Town Elections Moved to May 19

By Carol Vaughn

Town elections in Virginia will be held Tuesday, May 19, after Gov. Ralph Northam issued an executive order postponing the elections from May 5, when they were scheduled to be held.

Northam, as governor, has legal authority to postpone the election by up to two weeks.

He had asked the General Assembly to move the local elections to November because of the coronavirus pandemic, but the Senate in a session last week declined to take up the matter.

The House of Delegates approved the measure.

Elections are scheduled in 56 localities across Virginia. The governor also moved the June primary elections from June 9 to June 23.

“Virginians should never have to choose between casting a ballot and risking their health,” Northam said in a press release, adding, “I am grateful to the House of Delegates for taking action to move our upcoming elections, but unfortunately the Senate failed to make the same commonsense decision. While we strongly encourage every Virginian who can vote by mail to do so, we will also take every necessary step to conduct these elections in a way that ensures in-person voting is done safely and responsibly.”

Northam directed the Virginia Department of Elections to give registrars the latest Centers for Disease Control guidance on best practices to maintain social distancing and sanitizing standards at polling places.

Terry Flynn, Northampton County voter registrar, said as of Monday his office has mailed out 364 ballots to Cape Charles voters and 156 ballots to Exmore voters for town elections in those two towns.

An absentee ballot may be applied for online or by calling the Northampton County Voter Registrar’s Office at 757-678-0480, or by fax at 757-678-0453.

The Accomack County Voter Registrar’s Office has mailed out 640 absentee ballots so far, according to Voter Registrar Patricia White.

Towns in Accomack County hold-

ing elections in May include Belle Haven, Chincoteague, Hallwood, Keller, Onancock, Parksley, Saxis, Tangier, and Wachapreague.

“We continue to encourage those voters eligible to vote in one of these towns to vote by absentee using Reason code 2A (line 3) on the application,” White said.

Voters in those towns may apply online to vote absentee or may call the office at 757-787-2935 or 757-824-0525 to request an application.

Voters can request online that an absentee ballot be mailed to them by visiting <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> or by downloading and printing a request form at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/voter-forms/> and returning the completed and signed form to their local voter registrar’s office by mail, fax, or scanned attachment to an email.

Contact information for voter registrar offices is on the form. Forms are also available in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

Voters completing a paper application may use reason 2A, “my disability or illness” to complete their form. Voters completing an online application to request an absentee ballot will need to follow the prompts and select “I have a reason or condition that prevents me from going to the polls on Election Day.”

They will then have the option to choose “my disability or illness” as the reason for their request.

The deadline to register to vote or update an existing registration for the May elections has passed.

Local registrar offices must receive mailed-in requests for absentee ballots for the May 19 election by Tuesday, May 12, at 5 p.m. The deadline to request an absentee ballot online is May 12 11:59 p.m.

Voters are advised to apply immediately to account for any potential delays in mail delivery.

Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by the local registrar by May 19 7 p.m. Voters are encouraged to mail their completed ballots as soon as possible to ensure they ar-

rive before the deadline.

“This is the most challenging time in election administration that any of us have ever lived through,” said Allison J. Robbins, president of the Voter Registrars Association of Virginia. Robbins added, “Registrars across Virginia are committed to

ensuring that every election official feels protected while performing their duties on Election Day. Registrars are equally committed to ensuring the safety and security of all voters and ensuring that voters can cast their ballots with confidence that they will be counted.”

Parkinson's Group Powers Up Twice a Week



The PWR Posse, an exercise group that typically meets twice a week at the Onley YMCA, practices their moves outside and properly socially distances Tuesday, April 14. Class members also walked around the YMCA track that day in honor of Parkinson's Awareness Month in April. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

By Carol Vaughn

Members of the “PWR Posse,” an exercise class for people with Parkinson's disease, walked the track and practiced their moves, properly socially distanced, outside the YMCA in Onley on Tuesday, April 14, in honor of Parkinson's disease awareness month, celebrated annually in April.

Melissa Martin Payne has taught the class, which typically meets twice a week at the YMCA, since 2016.

Until this day, the group had not gathered since the YMCA closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The walk and outdoor class “was the first time we have gotten together in over a month, so it was nice to see them even though we had to maintain our distance,” Payne said.

The class uses a program called PWR! Moves, “which incorporates big, high amplitude movements and other exercises targeting symptoms that occur with Parkinson's disease,” Payne said.

“Over four years we have grown into a family. We have lost two members over the last year and plan to memorialize them once social distancing is over,” she said.

“We try to get together now and then just for social purposes, too, in-

stead of me nagging them to move bigger all the time. Parkinson's causes people's movements to be smaller and slower so I am often saying ‘BIGGER!’ in class,” Payne said.

Payne became aware of the effects of Parkinson's disease when her father, the late Ernie Martin, was diagnosed with it during her second year of school as she was studying to become a physical therapy assistant.

She later took a fitness instructor course for the PWR!, or Parkinson Wellness Recovery, program.

The brain of a person who has Parkinson's disease slowly stops producing a neurotransmitter called dopamine, according to the National Parkinson Foundation.

Parkinson's affects around one million Americans and four to six million people worldwide, making it the second most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's.

Studies show 2 1/2 hours of exercise per week makes a significant difference in the quality of life for people with Parkinson's and that regular physical activity is linked to improved mobility and less cognitive decline, according to the foundation.

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Northampton School Board Grapples With COVID-19 Adjustments

By *Connie Morrison*

COVID-19 dominated discussions at Northampton County School Board's April 23 meeting.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence reported the school division had submitted its instructional waiver to the state board of education. The waiver is a requirement to obtain basic state financial aid. The division should know by April 29 if the waiver is granted or whether it will need to submit more documentation, but Lawrence said the state has said all waivers will be granted.

"It's not something we're sitting on the edge of a cliff over," he said.

A new coalition has formed to restart the division's food distribution program after it closed abruptly when a division food service employee tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus.

The Eastern Shore Food Taskforce comprises The Shanty and the Oyster Farm restaurants in Cape Charles, the Shore Delivery Corps, the Rev. Kelvin Jones and Capeville Baptist Church, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, and Northampton County Public Schools.

Next week's distributions will be:

- Tuesday, May 5: The Food Bank Mobile Pantry will be set up at Northampton High School from 10 a.m. to noon. The food bank will be passing out nonperishable food boxes. All families should pick up their food at Northampton Middle/High School.

- Thursday, May 7: Nonperishable food boxes, supplied by the Community Food Task Force, will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Occohannock Elementary School, Kiptopeke Elementary School, and Northampton Middle/High School.

"It is my intention to reopen our program by May 12," Lawrence said.

Lawrence has been working with school leaders on an academic recovery plan, identifying known and predicted issues, such as verified credits, gaps in instruction, and scheduling.

An example he gave was students enrolled in algebra I. They have probably learned enough to pass the state-required testing for that material.

"The problem is, the part that is yet to be taught is what's needed to be successful in algebra II, trig, and especially calculus. Even if they make an A and were probably going to pass the SOL test, we probably still need to fill in that gap of knowledge for these kids to be successful," Lawrence said.

"We're going to be years getting over this interruption in our time," he said.

The county board of supervisors has asked the school board for its "post-COVID-19 budget" for fiscal year 2021 in time for the supervisors' May 12 meeting.

To meet the deadline for that meeting, the school board scheduled two special meetings. The first of those was held Monday, April 27, at 3 p.m. In that meeting, Chief Financial Officer Brook Thomas said she had received preliminary estimated reductions in state funding for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 of \$322,963 and \$474,155, respectively.

Thomas presented a proposal to chisel away at the budget gap by reducing or delaying certain expenditures.

Items under discussion in the work session included: reducing the proposed 4 percent teacher raise and instead giving all teachers a \$1,000 increase; halving the proposed \$20 per pay period contribution toward health insurance from \$20 to \$10; purchasing two school buses instead of three; reducing the number of SmartBoard replacements from 27 to 18; waiting on the peer group differentiation wage adjustment; delaying the national board supplement increases; and delaying some equipment and textbook purchases.

The school board will meet again May 7 at 9 a.m. to finalize its revised budget proposal so it can be sent to the board of supervisors in time for its May 12 meeting.

Several public comments submitted in advance of the April 23 meeting were read into the record. Three concerned Lawrence's evaluation. Some, as read, exceeded the board's three-minute time limit. Board chairwoman Maxine Rasmussen said public comments would not be posted to the board's Board Docs site.

Court Postings

Church Sues Over Northam's Gathering Limit

By Carol Vaughn

A Chincoteague church filed a complaint against Gov. Ralph Northam Friday in a Norfolk federal court.

Lighthouse Fellowship Church, in the 50-page complaint filed in U. S. District Court, asked for a temporary restraining order and a permanent injunction to stop enforcement against the church of executive orders issued by Northam prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people during the coronavirus pandemic.

Chincoteague police issued the church's pastor, Kevin Wilson, a summons for having 16 people at a worship service April 5 in violation of the governor's executive order.

The violation is a class one misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

"Because of the government threat of criminal sanction, Lighthouse was forced not to host services on Easter Sunday, its most treasured day in Christianity," the complaint says.

The church is represented by attorneys from Liberty Counsel, an Orlando, Fla., group.

The complaint cites actions in other states, including Kansas and Kentucky, where judges have issued temporary restraining orders against officials under similar circumstances.

The Kansas Supreme Court on April 11 upheld Gov. Laura Kelly's executive order limiting size of church gatherings, but according to the lawsuit, the U. S. District Court in Kansas on April 18 issued a temporary restraining order enjoining officials from enforcing the ban.

In the complaint, attorneys for the church argue that religious activities are being targeted for more restrictions than comparable secular activities.

The complaint says businesses deemed essential during the coronavirus pandemic have been permitted to continue operations with no limit on the number of people present inside, as long as they adhere to social distancing, enhanced sanitizing, and other measures.

"...Lighthouse respectfully submits that in an effort to uphold his sworn duties Governor Northam has stepped over a line the Constitution does not permit," the complaint says.

The complaint goes on to say that at Northam's press conferences during the pandemic, "even he does not abide by his 10-person limitation on 'in-person gatherings.'"

It includes a photograph of one of the press conferences, along with photographs of big-box store parking lots with many vehicles, including a Lowe's parking lot with 162 cars in the lot and a Walmart parking lot with 268 cars.

In the complaint, attorneys argue that other states' governors, including Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb among others, have issued executive orders deeming religious groups essential and allowing them to meet provided they follow social distancing and hygiene practices.

Attorneys for the church sent a letter to Northam on April 22, demanding written confirmation by 5 p.m. the next day that the ban on religious gatherings over 10 was withdrawn, according to the complaint, which said no written response was received.

The complaint alleges the ban on gathering violates the church's rights to free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and peaceable assembly under the First Amendment, among other Constitutional rights.

Wanted Man Arrested in Maryland

Staff Report

A man wanted in Accomack County on an attempted murder charge was arrested in Maryland on Thursday, April 23.

Robert James Northan Jr., 34, of Parkesley, was arrested at around 9:45 a.m. at a Pocomoke City, Md., hotel by U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force members from Norfolk, Va., and Salisbury, Md., according to a press release from the U.S. Marshals Office in Norfolk.

The arrest was the result of an extensive investigation involving the U.S. Marshals, FBI, Accomack Sheriff's Office, Northampton Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Maryland State Police, Eastern Shore Drug Task Force, and Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

"I would like to thank the U.S. Marshals and all the agencies involved with this team effort in bringing this fugitive to justice," said Accomack County Sheriff Todd Wessells.

Police had been looking for Northan after a March 25 shooting on Tyler Lane near Accomac.

The press release from the U.S. Marshals Office described Northan as a Bloods gang member.

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Lewis and Bloxom Address General Assembly Session, Pandemic

By Carol Vaughn

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed things since the end of an active General Assembly session, Sen. Lynwood Lewis and Del. Rob Bloxom said Wednesday during a virtual town hall sponsored by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.

Some measures the General Assembly passed are being put on hold due to the pandemic, including teacher raises, a minimum wage increase, and a hangar project at the Accomack County Airport, among others.

“Leaving the session, revenues were up 10%, everything was going rosy. Basically, everything has been put on hold,” Bloxom said.

“We went back in the (April) veto session, we put a hold on most of the spending items, we put a hold on most of the business items...until we get a better idea of what the economy is going to look like going forward,” Lewis said.

A special session is likely to be called in late summer or early fall to deal with what are likely to be signif-

icant revenue forecast changes resulting from the pandemic, Lewis said.

“This was a long session...probably one of the most grueling sessions I’ve ever experienced. We had a large number of significant policy shifts...some of which, in the not too distant past, would have taken up the energy of an entire legislative session,” he said.

Gun legislation dominated the start of the session, with around a dozen bills considered, including the passing of the one-handgun-a-month purchase limit.

“Guns took the headlines, but it was far from probably the most important bills that we went through,” Bloxom said.

Lewis also spoke about the Clean Economy Act, which mandates efficiency standards and a move to renewable energy.

“We also had a big policy shift with menhaden this year,” shifting regulatory authority over the industry from the General Assembly to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Lewis said.

Lewis was patron of the Community Flood Preparedness Act, which will allow

Virginia to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Money from resulting carbon auctions will go for community flood preparedness infrastructure projects and energy efficiency projects.

One measure asked for by local elected officials, the cost of competing adjustment, did not pass, but “made significant headway,” according to Lewis.

The adjustment would give Accomack and Northampton extra state money to help attract and retain teachers by boosting salaries to better compete with higher pay offered by nearby districts.

The Senate finance committee carried the legislation over to next year and asked staff to study the measure further.

“So I’m optimistic, depending upon what our revenue situation is next January...that we’ll be able to finally get that ball across the goal line,” Lewis said.

Bloxom was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee this year, along with the Privileges and Elections Committee, and he remains on the Agriculture Committee.

A large transportation bill package that included taxes on gasoline, regional adjustments, and money for a Northern Virginia rail line, took just 10 minutes to discuss on the floor of the House, Bloxom said.

Lewis and Bloxom answered a question about the COVID-19 outbreak among Shore poultry plant employees.

Lewis said he has been in frequent talks with the governor’s office and local health department about the outbreaks.

“The president has sort of put a period at the end of a sentence when it comes to any discussion about any clo-

sure of the plants,” Lewis said, referring to an executive order President Trump signed.

“The problem with testing is because of the 14-day incubation period and the asymptomatic nature of this disease, people have to be tested multiple times, and ideally, their family members would be tested as well,” he said, adding, “I think there is the opportunity there for a very rigorous and extensive testing program, but the idea that you can administer one test and think you have solved the problem is probably not realistic.”

He is waiting for the Centers for Disease Control team, which arrived on the Shore Tuesday, to make recommendations about the poultry plants.

Citing an extensive list of safety measures Tyson Foods has taken inside its plants, Lewis said, “The puzzling part is, why we continue to have these (cases).”

“I think that is one of the questions they are looking for that the CDC folks may be able to answer: is there something unusual about these plants that, even with these preventive measures in place, the cases continue to report?”

Bloxom said Perdue recently installed a tent outside its facility.

“I’m assuming that is for temperature checks,” he said.

A Perdue spokeswoman said Wednesday the company was not testing employees at the Accomack plant that day for COVID-19.

Bloxom said shutting the plant down for two weeks, as some advocates have called for, would affect farmers.

“If you shut the plant down for two weeks, you are going to have two weeks worth of flocks euthanized in their chicken houses,” he said.

Bloxom said many poultry plant employees carpool together and live together in multifamily housing.

“It’s really a great environment for this disease to harbor in,” he said.

He recently saw workers out in the town square in Mappsville, wearing masks, but also shaking hands and giving each other “men hugs.” ... “They had masks on, so they knew they could catch something, but they didn’t understand the full six-foot thing. This is going to be a process, and it’s going to be painful, I’m afraid.”

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NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission, scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Building, Melfa, Virginia, has been cancelled.

Rally Supports Poultry Workers



Felicia Matthews speaks during a rally held in Monday, April 27, in Accomac, to show support for poultry processing facility workers on the Eastern Shore during the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

By Carol Vaughn

People in approximately three dozen vehicles honked their horns and flashed their headlights for nearly an hour Monday afternoon at a rally across Route 13 from the Perdue Farms processing plant in Accomac, held around the time when day shift workers leave the plant and the night shift comes to work.

The socially distanced rally was held to show support for poultry plant workers at the Eastern Shore's two facilities, Perdue and Tyson Foods, during the COVID-19 pandemic, as Accomack County deputies and Virginia State Police kept a watchful eye from a distance.

Felicia Matthews said she was at the rally to support the grassroots group Virginia Organizing, the Virginia Legal Justice Center, and Perdue and Tyson employees.

"We would like to see Perdue and Tyson both shut down for two weeks — allow the employees to still be paid, but to show the employees that they do care, and that they do matter, and their lives are more important than a dollar," she said.

The Rev. David Sabatino, a local pastor and teacher, waved a cloth in the air and honked his car horn to show support for the workers.

"We are just here supporting the poultry workers here in Accomack County. Many of them are our friends and family; they are our church members. I also teach school, so these are the parents of some of my students that are working behind those walls," Sabatino said, add-

ing, "We are just praying that after the pandemic is over, that they will come along with us — we want them to remain alive — so all we want to do is see the most be done to see that these people are working in a very safe environment."

The Tyson Foods facility in Temperanceville closed Friday for a three-day deep cleaning, and spokespeople from both companies said measures have been put in place to keep workers safe during the pandemic.

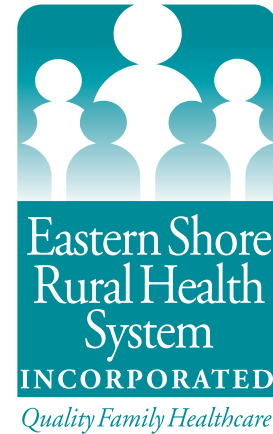
The death last week of a woman who worked at Perdue, reportedly from the virus, is heightening workers' concerns.

The concerns also come amid reports of multiple employees falling ill, and news that the Eastern Shore now has four COVID-19 outbreaks in congregate settings, which includes workplaces, as well as one outbreak in a long-term care facility.

The number of confirmed positive cases on the Eastern Shore of Virginia is on the uptick, with 264 in Accomack County and 64 in Northampton County reported as of Thursday, compared to 88 in both counties together eight days ago.

Twenty-one people on the Shore have been hospitalized with COVID-19, and four have died, according to the Virginia Department of Health, which reported 818 test results received to date for Eastern Shore residents.

A health department official said last week that the outbreaks had been the source of the majority of cases in the health district over the previous five days and accounted for more than half the total cases.



Important COVID-19/Coronavirus Notice to Eastern Shore Rural Health Patients

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- **Patients please come to appointments alone. Only one adult allowed with children.** No non-essential visitors.
- **No appointments after 5 p.m.** until further notice.

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For up-to-date information see the COVID-19 tab on esrh.org.

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OBITUARIES

Joyce Tilghman Butler

Mrs. Joyce Tilghman Butler, 86, formerly of Cape Charles, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at Wuesthoff Hospice House in Rockledge, Fla. She was born on Sept. 29, 1933, in Fairview, Va., to Edward and Elizabeth (Ames) Tilghman. She graduated from Northampton High School and later attended Tidewater Community College. Joyce was married to Harry Lawrence Butler Jr. on May 8, 1954, at Franktown Methodist Church. The couple relocated to Chesapeake, Va., where they raised four children. Joyce worked as a radiology technician at Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital for several years, but later retired as a nursing home administrator after 40



Mrs. Butler

years of service. She was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star for many years. She loved to read, work puzzles, play cards, and play bingo. Joyce was always up for traveling and shopping. She loved to go on cruises with her family.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Elizabeth Ann Tilghman Elsea, and Lawrence Butler, her best friend and loving husband of 49 years. She was the matriarch of her immediate family, as well as the most beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Dunningan (Michael), and her three sons, Harry Butler (Debi), Gary Butler (Karen), and Curtis Butler (Heather). Joyce was blessed with 10 grandchildren: Debbie, Susan, Greg, Crystal, Brandi, Betty, Mike, Ryan, Patrick, and Kevin, as well as 18 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She will be greatly missed, but forever in our hearts.

Joyce was a breast cancer survivor, so donations to the Riverside Shore Memorial Cancer Center in Onley, Va., in her name will go a long way in helping to support her kindness and compassion. A memorial service will be held in Cape Charles, as soon as it is permitted. An announcement will be made when that information is available.

Joyce's obituary can be viewed at www.foxfuneralhomes.com and a Tribute Wall is available for family and friends to post condolences and memories.

Elizabeth Tilghman Elsea

Mrs. Elizabeth Tilghman Elsea, 89, passed away peacefully at home April 9, 2020.

She was born in December 1930, in Cape Charles, to the late William Edward Tilghman and the late Elizabeth Poulson Ames. Growing up on the Eastern Shore was a magical and happy time. And even though life took her to many different and exciting places, her heart always longed to go home.

She married Richard Elsea Sr. in August 1955. He preceded her in death in 2007.

Before starting her own family, she began her career as a radiology technician at DePaul Hospital, in

Norfolk, Va. After raising her children, she worked for many years as a teacher and office administrator at Town & Country Day School. This job was well suited for her caretaking heart. Elizabeth had a natural love for all children but none more than her own. She was a dedicated mother and treasured every moment spent with each of her six children: her son, Larry Lewis, of Cape Charles; daughter, Diane Taplin (David), of New Tazwell, Tenn.; daughter, Denise Levine (Phil), of Charlotte, N.C.; son, Richard Elsea Jr., of Charlotte; son, David Lee Elsea (Sherry), of Youngsville, N.C.; daughter, Susan Beck (Steve Courchesne), of Gun Barrel City, Texas.



Mrs. Elsea

She especially loved her role as "Grandma" to her 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as her niece and nephews, by whom she was affectionately known to as "Aunt Dissy."

Elizabeth was joined in heaven by her dear sister, Peggy Joyce Butler, five short days later.

Elizabeth's obituary and memorial page can be viewed at www.Carolinafuneral.com

A graveside service will be held at a later date when Elizabeth will be laid to rest beside her grandparent and parents in Cape Charles, finally bringing her home.

Stephen Etmanski

Mr. Stephen Marcel Etmanski, 66, of Bridgeville, Del., husband of Sharon Wilmer Etmanski, passed away on April 24, 2020, at his residence.

Born on Dec. 24, 1953, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, he was the son of the late Raymond Etmanski and late Jeannine Beland Taylor and husband, Alfred Taylor. Stephen was a Certified FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative and a retired Chief for the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club. He loved classic cars, airplanes, hockey, football, and fishing.

Other than his wife, Sharon, Ste-

phen is survived by daughters, Audra Fisher, of Bridgeville, Del., and Tamala Miles and husband, Lee, of Saxis; two grandchildren, Lauren Miles, of Hopeville, Va., and Aubrey Miles III, of Saxis; two sisters, Marlene and Raymonde; a brother, Mark; his beloved dogs, Stanley and Susie; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins; and a very large extended family.



Mr. Etmanski

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were made by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Celestine Gillespie

Mrs. Celestine Jeanette Gillespie, 63, of Bloxom, wife of Douglas Gillespie, passed away on April 26, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

Born on April 15, 1957, in Germany, she was the daughter of the late Philip Freese and the late Celestine Howie Freese. Celestine was a homemaker and enjoyed living life, her kids, and grandkids. She loved baking cookies for everyone.

Other than her husband, Celestine is survived by two daughters, Amanda Lynn Gillespie and Anna Marie Gillespie; six sisters, May Watson, April Anderson, Candy Marchallick, Spring Malloy, Augustine Hinmen, and Melody Newsome; two brothers, Philip Freese Jr. and Roy Freese; two half-sisters; five grandchildren, Charles Crockett, Sarah Crockett, Elizabeth Crockett, Philip Gillespie, and Allison Gillespie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

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Samuel Phillip Greene Jr.

Mr. Samuel Phillip “Sammy” Greene Jr., 74, husband of the late Deborah Leigh Greene and a resident of Hopeton, passed away Friday, April 24, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital with his loving family at his side.

Born Oct. 3, 1945, in Nassawadox, he was the son of the late Samuel Phillip Greene and the late Della Marshall Greene.

Growing up on the family farm, Sammy learned the value of hard work at an early age. The many skills he gained from helping maintain the farm led him to pursue a career as a maintenance engineer, later retiring from Branscome. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Central Lodge No. 300 A.F. & A.M., the former Nelsonia Moose Lodge, and the NRA. Sammy liked to keep things simple and was as laid back as they come. He enjoyed going fishing and especially looked forward to riding the back roads, by car or Harley.

He is survived by his children, Phillip L. Greene and fiancé, Brandi Pianka, Teresa Smith and husband, Jack, Babette Kennovin and husband, Neil, all of New Church, Sonny J. Kelly, of Seaford, Del., and Shawn Kelly, of Hallwood; sister, Sally Hickman and Ollie, of Edgewater, Md.; grandchildren, Phillip Jr., Justin, Cody, and Lexi; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife and parents, Sammy was predeceased by his daughter, Cindy Greene.

A private graveside service was held at the Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box, 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Charsa Ailes Raymond

Mrs. Charsa Ailes Raymond, DVM, 46, of Horseheads, N.Y., passed away peacefully at home on April 28, 2020, after a courageous, seven-year battle with leukemia.

Born in Fairbanks, Alaska, and raised on Chincoteague Island, she was the daughter of Irvin and Marilyn Ailes. She earned her Gold Award with the Chincoteague

Girl Scouts in 1990 and helped teach swimming on the island as a Water Safety Aide for many years. She had always dreamed of becoming a veterinarian, a dream

she turned into reality when she graduated from Virginia/Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine with a specialty in swine management. Though she treated the usual pets, she was the go-to vet for unusual pets and livestock. She loved riding horses with her family, hiking and camping, snorkeling, and playing with her houseful of cats and dogs.

Charsa is loved adventure. She had been to all 50 states and most of the national parks, usually camping. She had visited most of Canada’s provinces, most of Australia, and New Zealand, Switzerland, Austria, Peru, Costa Rica, and many of the Caribbean islands.

Charsa is survived by her husband, Joe Raymond, and two daughters, Ceryl and Adalia Rubin, in Horseheads. Also in Horseheads are Joe’s son, Joe, and daughters, Anna and Emma. She is also survived by her mother, Marilyn Ailes, of Mappsville; her brother, Clinton Ailes, of San Diego, Calif., and his wife, Tina, and children, Aurelia and Beau; her aunt and uncle, Janet and Steve Shields, of San Diego; and her cousin, Jamie Lydersen, and her husband, Dan, and children, Alice and Kai, of Sacramento, Calif. In Indiana she has her uncle, Ken Ailes, and his family, and other uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Irvin Ailes, of Mappsville.

At her request, no memorial is planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Strong Memorial Hospital, 601 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14642; a caring and outstanding cancer center.



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Wondering Where Your Stimulus Payment Check Is? Read This

By David Martin

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Internal Revenue Service has sent out 88 million payments worth \$158 billion to Americans, but that covers only about half of the people who are eligible. If you have an adjusted gross income below \$75,000, you get \$1,200. A married couple filing taxes jointly who earn under \$150,000, will receive \$2,400. The government is also paying \$500 per qualifying child.

If the IRS has your banking information from your tax return for the year 2018 or 2019, the money will be deposited automatically in your bank account. But if you didn't file taxes in those years or if the IRS doesn't otherwise have your banking information, you can still get a check.

Congresswoman Elaine Luria, serving the 2nd District of Virginia, which covers the Eastern Shore, reminds her constituents that the IRS has an online portal for people who didn't file taxes in 2018 or 2019 but who are still eligible

for the stimulus money. You can go to the website and enter your name, mailing address, date of birth, Social Security number, and bank account information: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>

The IRS has also begun mailing actual checks that will go out at a rate of 5 million per week. It might take 20 weeks for them all to mail.

You can check on your payment's status by going here: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>

People on the Shore who need assistance can contact Rep. Luria through her Eastern Shore office in the Onley Town Center: 25020 Shore Parkway, Suite 1B, Onley, VA 23418, 757-364-7631.

The Eastern Shore Post would like to hear from readers about their experiences with the stimulus checks. Still waiting for yours? Have trouble registering your information with the IRS? Didn't get a payment and not sure if you're going to get one? If your economic status hasn't been hurt by the coronavirus pandemic but you got the stimulus check, are you planning to

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Send your comments to David Martin, our copy editor and feature writer:

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Onley Suspends Meal Tax for May and June

By Carol Vaughn

The Onley Town Council approved, by a 4-2 vote, a temporary suspension of the town's 4% meals tax for the months of May and June.

The council at an emergency meeting on Monday, April 20, also declared a local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and approved a resolution enabling the council to hold meetings electronically, according to Mayor Matt Hart.

Dates, times, and links for the public to view meetings via Zoom will be posted on the town website, <http://townofonley.org/>

The council also approved extending the deadline to purchase town vehicle decals until July, and at the next meeting may discuss whether to do away with the decal requirement entirely for this year, Hart said.

The council also approved purchasing yard signs for residents to display around town that thank essential workers during the pandemic. Residents should contact the town office to obtain a sign.

"We value our businesses and we understand the difficulties that many of them are facing," Hart said in a letter to residents announcing the meals tax suspension and other council actions.

"I'm excited to announce that we passed a temporary suspension on the 4% meals tax for May and June. This will make dining out cheaper for all during these difficult times, and our hope is that it will increase their business so that they can survive. In addition, I would please ask you all to please support our local businesses as they need it now more than ever before," he wrote.

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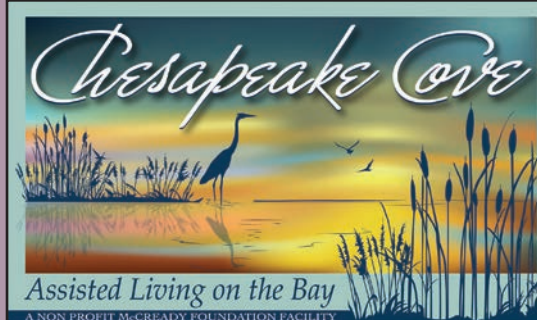
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Nice 2BR, 2BA home with heat pump and garage. .95 ac
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Waterfront 8.24 ac farm on Underhill Creek. The home is a 3BR, 2BA, needing some TLC. There is a big red barn and a pond.
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Parksley
On Lankford Highway, beautiful vinyl sided cape cod with central heat and air, 2BR, 2BA and fireplace on .77 ac.
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Tangier Island
Vinyl sided, 2BR, 1BA home with electric heat and window AC. Located on the quaint small island of Tangier (population less than 500), located in the middle of the Chesapeake Bay.
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Pristine 1.76 acre waterfront building lot on Parker's Creek with well and septic already in place. Located in a small subdivision just a few minutes from the Chesapeake Bay.
MLS 35327
\$135,900



Accomac
Nice wooded 2.95 ac residential lot with deeded lane to Lankford Highway. Lot has County septic permit.
MLS 44864
\$32,000



Melfa
Beautiful lot at the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club! This .52 ac lot has the well and septic in place for a 3BR home. Owner will consider financing.
MLS 41539
\$45,000



Mappsville
Cherry Valley, Unfinished 3BR, 2BA, w/foundation for garage.
MLS 49463



Melfa
Red Bank waterfront 3.04 ac lot with survey and septic permit. Red Bank has a community dock, on Pungoteague Creek.
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Hacksneck
Beautiful 4.24 ac, waterfront lot on Nandua Creek at Holly Shores subdivision. Has county permit for conventional well and septic installation.
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\$199,000



Painter
At Indian Hills. 3.12 ac beautifully wooded building lot. It has been perked for a 3BR home. Indian Hills has protective covenants.
MLS 49392
\$60,000



New Church
Miles Rd. at Bay Watch, beautiful 14.81 acres cleared with some woods, located at Bay Watch subdivision offering, community horse barn, riding area, and dock on Pitt's Creek leading to the bay.
MLS 48086
\$59,000



Exmore
Waterfront 3.83 ac beautiful building lot on the south shore of Nandua Creek in the subdivision Of Bay Haven. Lot has a rip rap bulkhead and well and septic already in place. Beautiful!
MLS 49489
\$275,000



Atlantic
On top of a hill overlooking Bogues Bay and the rocket Launchpad at Wallops Island. .89 ac lot. Close to Chincoteague and the Assateague Beach on the Atlantic.
MLS 50017
\$39,900



Quinby
Ocean at Virginia Landing, a beautiful motor home park with year round homes and travel trailers with pool, golf, recreation Hall and playground. 3 lots equaling .14 ac. are being sold together.
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\$75,000



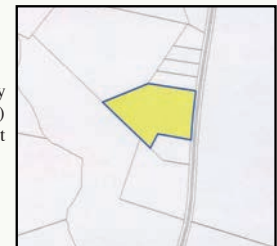
Melfa
Lankford Highway, on east side, .96 acres partially wooded, 1,000 ft. on Highway. Lot has public water and sewage available. Zoned agricultural.
MLS 50657
\$550,000



Onley
Church Rd., 16.656 ac of cleared land classified as single family suburban. There is a footprint of another home once there so may have an old well and septic. Beautiful property near Lankford Highway.
MLS 49422
\$175,000



Melfa
Beautiful acreage on Dogwood Drive, 22 (county lists as 17.42 as well as 22) acres of wooded land. Great spot for hunting.
MLS 50666
\$65,000



Accomac
Drummondtown Rd. in Locustville area, 5-acre building lot, level and large enough for a great home and large garden.
MLS 50667
\$40,000



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\$59,000



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\$449,900



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MLS 39585
\$110,000



Accomac
Drummondtown Rd. in Locustville, nice 4.77 ac level cleared for a homesite.
MLS 50663
\$49,000

Onancock

Mink Farm Rd., waterfront lot 3 of Mimosas Farm subdivision, 6.6 ac on Deep Creek. A lovely home spot.
MLS 511357 \$70,000

Onancock

Schooner Bay on Chesconessex Creek, beautiful 2.0 ac waterfront lot on natural water frontage. There is a community dock and boat ramp to the Chesapeake Bay.
MLS 50811 \$88,000

Onancock

Mink Farm Rd., Waterfront lot 4 of Mimosas Farm subdivision, 5.5 ac on Deep Creek. A lovely home spot.
MLS 51354 \$70,000

Eastern Shore Post Wins 14 Virginia Press Association Awards

Staff Report

In a year in which the Eastern Shore Post competed against the largest weekly newspapers in Virginia, it snagged 14 Virginia Press Association awards.

The awards, which recognize the highest achievements in the newspaper industry in the state, are usually announced at the annual VPA conference the first week in April. The event was canceled this year due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

It was the second year in a row the Post entered the competition, but the first year that the paper competed in the largest circulation category.

“Even when we went up against largest nondaily papers, we held our own,” said editor and co-owner Connie Morrison. “Some of the papers with comparable circulation are backed by large corporations who design their ads or complete the layout. We do everything but print the paper right here in our little office in Onley, and I couldn’t be prouder.”

The advertising department was the

big winner this year with 11 awards.

The Post swept the category of automotive ads, with ad designer Kimberly Perry taking first-, second-, and third-place awards for ads she designed for Buchanan Subaru (first and third place) and Bayside Tire and Auto (second place).

In the home and garden category, Perry and Sam Sellard shared first- and third-place awards for ads they created for H&H furniture in Pocomoke City, Md.

The pair also collaborated on an ad for Long & Foster that yielded a first-place award in the real estate category.

The Perry-Sellard duo teamed up again on a multiple-advertiser award for the Chincoteague downtown merchants, a full page with merchant ads around the exterior and a stylized map in the middle showing their locations.

Perry also took third place for her Halloween page, which compiles all the local governments’ hours for trick-or-treating onto a page with a decorative background.

Perry earned another second-place



Kimberly Perry



Sam Sellard



Stefanie Jackson



Bill Hall

award for a member promotion layout celebrating the Post’s 20th anniversary last June.

Perry garnered a third-place award for an ad she created for World Class Travel.

On the editorial side, fishing columnist Bill Hall earned second-place accolades among sports columnists for his weekly “Fishing From the Shore” column. Last year, Hall earned third place in the same category.

Reporter Stefanie Jackson earned a second-place award for business and financial writing for her articles Inter-

net Provider Says Broadband Authority Poses Unfair Competition,” “Cape Charles Yacht Center Poised for ‘Super’ Expansion,” and “The Eastern Shore is Sweet on Salty New Business.”

Former staff writer and photographer Linda Cicaira won a first-place award for her photo of girls in a Bloxom Boy Scout troop, “Girls Can Soar Like Eagles, Too.”

“This team doesn’t disappoint,” said co-owner of the Post, Ace Seybolt. “They keep getting better and the paper just keeps getting better.”

Safe Boating Tips From the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Submitted Article

To summarize the topic of fires aboard boats: First, every motor-driven vessel 26 feet and under with a fixed fuel tank must carry at least one B1 (5-pound) fire extinguisher at all times. Carrying more than the minimum is recommended. The extinguisher should be mounted, visible to all, and easy to reach.

Second, if there is a fire remember LDF: life jackets first, distress call second, firefighting third. Keep everyone upwind away from the fuel tank, or just go over the side.

Third, fires need three things: fuel, heat, and oxygen. Deny a fire any one of those and it can’t even start. There are four classes of fires A, B, C, and D. Almost all boat fires are B or C so your extinguisher should be rated B and C. If your metal starts to burn, just get off the boat.

Finally, you can’t fight what you can’t see so if you can’t see the base of the fire, abandon ship. If you can fight it, remember a B1 extinguisher will only last 8 – 18 seconds at full open, so squeeze the trigger gently.

Examine your extinguishers yearly and be sure you and everyone else

knows how they work. Never turn your back on the fire (even if it appears out); it can reignite if still hot. Don’t start your engine, it may restart the fire. Wait for help and have that extra extinguisher ready. Lastly, this is another great reason to always wear a life jacket; it saves time during that LDF period.

Next month, colleagues from Station Wachapreague will talk about alcoholic beverages aboard the boat.

Local aids notices: On the Western Shore, Rappahannock River entrance at Lockies Creek, light 1 is extinguished. Boaters are reminded that due to the pandemic, fewer ATON surveys are being conducted. Unreported problems may exist and if seen can be reported to any Coast Guard Station.

To learn more about becoming a better boater or help the Coast Guard, check out www.USCGAux.org, or call 757-442-7029.

These boating safety tips are a public service of Flotilla 12-02 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Remember: A life jacket is your on the water seatbelt; wear one whenever you are afloat.

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Ridge Rd.

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This home offers LR, DR, Kitchen, 4BR, Family Room w/gas fireplace, 2.5 baths, mudroom/laundry, pool, back deck, large shed and paved driveway. A craftsman’s dream is the large garage with lift, workshop, exercise room, heat/AC and fully floored attic.

\$307,000



*Fishing from
the Shore*

By Bill Hall



Last weekend's weather was marred by periodic storms, but some anglers who were able to slip out in between the cells were rewarded with decent catches. This week started with rainy and blustery conditions on Monday with more rain predicted leading up to the weekend.

Red drum are now being caught from the waters around Fisherman's Island all the way up into southern Maryland waters. The early season flounder fishing has been good when clear water can be found, and speckled trout fishing should improve throughout this month.

Upper Shore – Capt. Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that most people fishing for speckled trout on Saturday, in Pocomoke Sound and Tangier Sound enjoyed success. In addition to the specks, Abell added that an abundance of large rockfish showed up over the course of last weekend, just in time for the upcoming Maryland trophy striped bass season. One of the anglers enjoying success on the rockfish was Brooks Bailey, who landed a 40-inch fish. A nice-sized class of rockfish, as well as speckled trout, were also being caught out of Ocean City, Md. Red drum and rockfish have been caught off Crisfield, Md. Abell described the recent flounder action off Chincoteague as being “as good as anywhere on the seaside.” He specifically cited the waters between Four Mouths and Assateague Channel as being recently productive. He said that there had been a “handful” of drum caught off Assateague Beach, but drum fishing has been much more productive on the Chesapeake Bay side. In the Pocomoke River, the excellent early season black perch has started to cool off, but anglers were able to find enough crappie and

perch to make a decent outing.

Chincoteague – Jimmy Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, said that the outgoing tide was producing catches of flounder. He said that the drum bite had slowed down last week but he expected it to pick back up. Puffers, known locally as swelling toads, have started to show up in the surf. In the back bay, schoolie-sized striped bass and speckled trout have been caught.

Josh Barfield, of the Just the Tip Surf Fishing Team, echoed the slow drum fishing. He said that some black drum fish had been caught when the “wind and weather allows.” He recommended using sea clams and freshly dug sand fleas for bait. Barfield said that he had heard of a few red drum being caught off the southern barrier islands, but he “had not heard or seen much in the way of rockfish.”

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, at Trident Tackle, said that the early season fishing is looking very promising. He said that there were a “few flounder” being caught as well as some black drum but fishing pressure has been very light.

Amanda Manzella, at the Wachapreague Inn, reported that the water temperature has risen into the high 50s and the flounder bite has picked up. She said that friends enjoyed success over the weekend, with pink being the hot color. She said that a pair of local anglers fishing on Wednesday came up just one flounder short of their two-person limit. Manzella added that there were black drum in the surf and commercial fishermen were finding stripers around the islands.

Lower Shore – Chris Snook, at Chris' Bait & Tackle, reported that there have been a few red drum and black drum caught “but the weather certainly hasn't helped.” The best location to catch the red drum has been out by Fisherman's Island while the black drum have been taken off the barrier islands. Captain Ken Neill also enjoyed red drum success on Wednesday off Fisherman's Island and commented that some anglers were targeting black drum in the area around buoy 13.

Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Tackle Shop, reported that the weather has slowed up the fishing. He said that a few black drum have been caught around buoy 16. Large red drum have been caught off the barrier islands, while smaller puppy drum have been caught inside the creeks.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year and is a Virginia Press Association award-winning sports columnist.



Roland Bock landed this 24-inch flounder as part of his four-fish limit out of Chincoteague.

Photo courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle.



Cheryl Fisher landed this nice black drum while fishing off Saxis on Sunday.

Photo courtesy of the Sea Hawk Sports Center.



Rachel Long landed these speckled trout while fishing in the Pocomoke Sound on Saturday.

Photo courtesy of the Sea Hawk Sports Center.

TIDE TABLE


		<u>Friday</u> May 1	<u>Saturday</u> May 2	<u>Sunday</u> May 3	<u>Monday</u> May 4	<u>Tuesday</u> May 5	<u>Wednesday</u> May 6	<u>Thursday</u> May 7
Seaside	Assateague Beach	H 3:31 p.m. L 9:44 a.m.	H 4:34 p.m. L 10:42 a.m.	H 5:33 p.m. L 11:37 a.m.	H 6:28 p.m. L 12:31 p.m.	H 6:54 a.m. L 1:21 p.m.	H 7:45 a.m. L 2:10 p.m.	H 8:37 a.m. L 2:57 p.m.
	Chinco. Channel	H 3:35 p.m. L 9:43 a.m.	H 4:38 p.m. L 10:41 a.m.	H 5:37 p.m. L 11:36 a.m.	H 6:32 p.m. L 12:30 p.m.	H 6:58 a.m. L 1:20 p.m.	H 7:49 a.m. L 2:09 p.m.	H 8:41 a.m. L 2:56 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 4:27 p.m. L 10:23 a.m.	H 5:30 p.m. L 11:21 a.m.	H 6:29 p.m. L 12:16 p.m.	H 6:56 a.m. L 1:10 p.m.	H 7:50 a.m. L 2:00 p.m.	H 8:41 a.m. L 2:49 p.m.	H 9:33 a.m. L 3:36 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 4:20 p.m. L 10:08 a.m.	H 5:23 p.m. L 11:06 a.m.	H 6:22 p.m. L 12:01 p.m.	H 6:49 a.m. L 12:55 p.m.	H 7:43 a.m. L 1:45 p.m.	H 8:34 a.m. L 2:34 p.m.	H 9:26 a.m. L 3:21 p.m.
	Wachapreague	H 4:06 p.m. L 9:52 a.m.	H 5:09 p.m. L 10:50 a.m.	H 6:08 p.m. L 11:45 a.m.	H 6:35 a.m. L 12:39 p.m.	H 7:29 a.m. L 1:29 p.m.	H 8:20 a.m. L 2:18 p.m.	H 9:12 a.m. L 3:05 p.m.
	Quinby Inlet	H 3:31 p.m. L 9:23 a.m.	H 4:34 p.m. L 10:21 a.m.	H 5:33 p.m. L 11:16 a.m.	H 6:28 p.m. L 12:10 p.m.	H 6:54 a.m. L 1:00 p.m.	H 7:45 a.m. L 1:49 p.m.	H 8:37 a.m. L 2:36 p.m.
	Machipongo	H 4:01 p.m. L 9:52 a.m.	H 5:04 p.m. L 10:50 a.m.	H 6:03 p.m. L 11:45 a.m.	H 6:58 p.m. L 12:39 p.m.	H 7:24 a.m. L 1:29 p.m.	H 8:15 a.m. L 2:18 p.m.	H 9:07 a.m. L 3:05 p.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 6:53 a.m. L 1:41 p.m.	H 8:00 a.m. L 2:43 p.m.	H 9:06 a.m. L 3:40 p.m.	H 10:08 a.m. L 4:35 p.m.	H 11:06 a.m. L 5:26 p.m.	H 12:00 p.m. L 6:16 p.m.	H 12:52 p.m. L 7:02 a.m.
	Muddy Creek	H 7:09 a.m. L 2:16 p.m.	H 8:16 a.m. L 3:18 p.m.	H 9:22 a.m. L 4:15 p.m.	H 10:24 a.m. L 5:10 p.m.	H 11:22 a.m. L 6:01 p.m.	H 12:16 p.m. L 6:51 p.m.	H 1:08 p.m. L 7:37 a.m.
	Guard Shore	H 7:01 a.m. L 2:12 p.m.	H 8:08 a.m. L 3:14 p.m.	H 9:14 a.m. L 4:11 p.m.	H 10:16 a.m. L 5:06 p.m.	H 11:14 a.m. L 5:57 p.m.	H 12:08 p.m. L 6:47 p.m.	H 1:00 p.m. L 7:33 a.m.
	Chescon. Creek	H 6:36 a.m. L 1:24 p.m.	H 7:43 a.m. L 2:26 p.m.	H 8:49 a.m. L 3:23 p.m.	H 9:51 a.m. L 4:18 p.m.	H 10:49 a.m. L 5:09 p.m.	H 11:43 a.m. L 5:59 p.m.	H 12:35 p.m. L 6:49 p.m.
	Onancock Creek	H 6:50 a.m. L 1:44 p.m.	H 7:57 a.m. L 2:46 p.m.	H 9:03 a.m. L 3:43 p.m.	H 10:05 a.m. L 4:38 p.m.	H 11:03 a.m. L 5:29 p.m.	H 11:57 a.m. L 6:19 p.m.	H 12:49 p.m. L 7:05 a.m.
	Pungoteague Creek	H 6:42 p.m. L 12:58 p.m.	H 7:13 a.m. L 2:00 p.m.	H 8:19 a.m. L 2:57 p.m.	H 9:21 a.m. L 3:52 p.m.	H 10:19 a.m. L 4:43 p.m.	H 11:13 a.m. L 5:33 p.m.	H 12:05 p.m. L 6:23 p.m.
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Last Week's Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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| 42 Sticky, viscous stuff | 94 Ovum, e.g. | 6 Gone up | 43 — left field | 74 Ovid's 1,051 | 118 Ar-tee link |
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Bald Eagle Released In Accomack Field After 3 Months in Rehab

Staff Report

A bald eagle found in an Accomack field in January suffering from lead poisoning was released back into the wild April 19 by the Wildlife Center of Virginia, which had been treating the bird.

According to the center's website, the bird "fell from the sky" and crash-landed in a field in Accomack County. The eagle was taken to a local permitted wildlife rehabilitator for care before it was transferred to the wildlife center the following day.

"The eagle came to us with a very high level of lead in its blood – the highest lead levels ever seen by Dr. Karra Pierce, our veterinary intern," said wildlife center spokesperson Rand Huwa in an email to the Post.

The source of lead was most likely a "scavenged a deer carcass or some other animal that had been shot," Huwa said. A piece of lead the size of a grain of rice is enough to kill a bald eagle, he said.

After treatment and several

months of building stamina and conditioning, wildlife center staff examined the bird and deemed it ready for release. The wildlife center usually invites the public to releases, but given the novel coronavirus pandemic, only Karra, the eagle's rescuers, and a couple of local rescuers were invited to participate.

Instead of the usual toss into the air, the bird's transport carrier was placed on the ground and the eagle took a few steps out before spreading its wings and soaring off over the field in which it was found.

To eliminate the lead threat to bald eagles and other raptors, the Wildlife Center of Virginia is encouraging all hunters to switch to nonlead ammunition.

To see a video of the release, or to find out more information about the eagle's rescue and rehabilitation, go to the Wildlife Center of Virginia website at <https://www.wildlifecenter.org/critter-corner/current-patients/bald-eagle-20-0055>



Top: An eagle that had been in rehab for three months due to lead poisoning takes its first steps out of the transport kennel into the wild. Bottom: A successful release, the eagle flies above the field in which it was initially found Jan. 25.

Photos by Patrick Robertson/Wildlife Center of Virginia.



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EASTERN SHORE OF VA COVID-19 GUIDE

COVID-19 Symptoms – UPDATED!

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or at least two of these symptoms:*
- Fever
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



What To Do If You Think You May Have COVID-19

If you have symptoms that require medical attention, please call your family doctor **BEFORE** visiting the doctor's office.

If your symptoms are severe and you believe you need emergency treatment, please call the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital ER BEFORE walking in. 757-302-2350.

Calling first will help to keep you and the Shore's medical professionals safe from the virus.

If you have non-covid symptoms that are life- or limb threatening, the Riverside ER is ready to help you and will keep you safe from the virus.

How to Get Groceries & Prescriptions Delivered If You are High Risk for COVID-19

The Shore Delivery Corps offers a free delivery service. Call 757-801-9950 or go to shoredelivery.org for information. You must pay for the groceries and prescriptions before the items are delivered.

What To Do If You Test Positive for COVID-19 – A Message From Your Health Department

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, alert everyone you've been within 6 feet of for more than 10 minutes while you were sick, and during the 48 hours before you developed symptoms.

1. Write down day, date and time your symptoms began.
2. List everyone who was in your household since becoming sick.
3. Write down your other close contacts from work, in a car, in or near your home, and in other places.
4. Call or text all your contacts to tell them you are sick. Tell them the health department recommends:
 - Stay home for 14 days since you were together and to be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Avoid contact with others (don't share personal items, use separate bedrooms and bathrooms if possible).
 - Keep at least 6 feet from others, wear a face mask, wash hands often, and clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces every day.
 - If they get sick they should follow the steps above and notify everyone they have been in contact with. They should also call their doctor to let them know they were exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are now sick.

GID pou KOVID-19 nan zòn Eastern Shore VA

Sentòm pou KOVID-19 – Ajou!

Selon Sant pou Kontwòl ak Prevansyon Maladi (CDC) moun ki gen Korona Viris yo ka gen diferan sentòm. Gen sentòm ki modere e gen sentòm ki sevè.

Sentòm yo ka parèt 2-14 jou apre moun sa te ratrape viris la. Moun ki gen youn oswa plizyè nan sentòm sa yo ka gen KOVID-19 (Koronaviris) la:

- Tous
- Souf kout oubyen difikilte pran souf

Oubyen de nan sentòm sa yo:

- Fyèb
- Frison
- Tranbleman ak frison
- Doulè nan misk
- Tèt fè mal
- Gòj fè mal
- Pa ka pran gou oubyen pran sant

Timoun gen menm sentòm avèk granmoun e an jeneral sentòm yo konn modere.

Ou gendwa gen lot kalite sentòm tou. Silvouplè fè doktè ou konnen nenpot sentòm ki sevè oswa ki fè w enkyete.



Ki Sa Ou Ka Fè Si Ou Panse Ou Gen Koronaviris la

Si ou gen sentòm Koronaviris e ou bezwen swen medikal, silvouplè rele doktè fanmi w ANVAN ou vizite ofis doktè w la.

Si ou wè sentòm ou yo grav e ou panse w ap bezwen swen medikal tousuit, silvouplè rele Lopital Riverside Shore Memorial la ANVAN ou vini. **757-302-2350.**

Lè ou rele anvan, sa ap pwoteje ni ou menm ni profesyonèl medikal yo kont viris la.

Si ou gen sentòm ki grav kote w ka menm pedi lavi w men ki pa sentòm koronaviris la, Depatman ijans nan Riverside la prè pou yo pran swen w e yap pwoteje w kont viris la.

Si ou nan kategori moun kote viris lan ka yon gwo danje pou e ou bezwen èd al achete manje oswa al pran medikaman

Moun ki nan Shore Delivery Corps yo ka pote bagay sa yo lakay ou pou ou gratis. Rele 757-801-9950 oubyen al sou shoredelivery.org pou plis enfòmasyon. W ap obliye peye pou preskripsyon yo ak manje yo anvan yo pote yo pou ou.

Ki Sa Pou Ou Fè Si Ou Teste Pozitif Pou Koronaviris – Yon mesaj ki soti nan depatman sante a

Si ou teste pozitif pou Koronaviris (KOVID-19), fè tout moun ou te gen kontak avèk yo konn sa. Sa vle di moun ki ant 2 de mè (6 pye) a ou men pou plis pase 10 minit pandan ou te malad la e 2 jou anvan ou te komanse santi' w malad.

1. Ekri jou, dat ak lè sentòm ou yo te kòmanse.
2. Bay yon lis tout moun ki te lakay ou depi lè w ou te malad la.
3. Ekri non moun ou te pran kontak dirèk ansanm avèk yo. Pa egzanp moun ou te nan machin ak yo, nan travay ak lòt kote ankò.
4. Rele oswa tèks moun sa yo. Di yo depatman sante a rekòmande yo pou yo:

- Rete lakay yo pou 14 jou kòmanse nan jou yo te pran kontak avèk ou a, e veye pou yo wè si yo devlope sentòm Koronaviris (KOVID-19) la.
- Evite pran kontak fizik ak lòt moun (Pa pataje atik pesonèl (tankou kiyè ak bwòs dan ak sèvyèt), itilize chanm diferan ak twalèt diferan si sa posib).
- Rete omwen 2 mè (6 pye) a lòt moun, mete mask, lave men w souvan, netwaye e dezenfekte kote moun manyen souvan tankou tab ak chèz.
- Si moun sa yo ta vin malad, yo sipoze suiv menm etap sa yo e enfòmè tout moun ki te 2 mè (6 pye) oswa mwens a yo menm. Moun sa yo ta sipoze rele doktè yo tou, pou fè konnen yo te ekspozè a yon moun ki te gen Koronaviris e kounyea yo malad.

GUÍA DEL COVID-19 del Eastern Shore de Virginia

SÍNTOMAS DE COVID-19 - ¡ACTUALIZADO!

Los síntomas reportados por personas con COVID-19 varían desde aquellos que presentan síntomas leves hasta quienes se enferman gravemente.

Los síntomas pueden aparecer 2 a 14 días después de la exposición al virus. Las personas con estos síntomas o combinaciones de síntomas pueden tener COVID-19:

- Tos
- Dificultad para respirar (sentir que le falta el aire)

O al menos dos de estos síntomas:

- Fiebre
- Escalofríos
- Temblores y escalofríos que no ceden
- Dolor muscular
- Dolor de cabeza
- Dolor de garganta
- Pérdida reciente del olfato o el gusto

Los niños tienen síntomas similares a los de los adultos y por lo general la enfermedad es leve.

Esta lista no incluye todo. Consulte a su proveedor de servicios médicos por cualquier otro síntoma grave o que lo preocupe.



Qué Hacer Si Cree Que Puede Tener COVID-19:

Si usted tiene síntomas de Coronavirus que requiere atención médica, por favor llame a su doctor ANTES de ir al consultorio de su doctor.

Si sus síntomas son severos y cree que necesita tratamiento de emergencia, por favor llame a la sala de emergencias del Hospital Riverside Shore Memorial ANTES de entrar 757-302-2350.

Al llamar antes ayudara a proteger a usted y los profesionales médicos del virus..

Si tiene síntomas no relacionados con COVID que amenazan la vida o las extremidades, la sala de emergencias de Riverside está listo para ayudarle y le mantendrá a salvo del virus.

Si estas en alto riesgo de COVID-19 y necesita alimentos y recetas médicas entregadas:

Shore Delivery Corps ofrece un servicio de entrega gratuito. Llame al 757-801-9950 o visite shoredelivery.org para obtener información. Debe pagar los alimentos y las recetas médicas antes que sean entregados.

Qué Hacer Si Su Resultado Es Positivo Para COVID-19: Un Mensaje De Su Departamento De Salud:

Si padece síntomas de COVID-19, es importante que avise a todas las personas con las que haya permanecido a menos de 6 pies de distancia durante más de 10 minutos mientras estuvo enfermo, incluidas las 48 horas previas a la aparición de los síntomas.

1. Documente el día, la fecha y la hora en que comenzaron sus síntomas.
2. Haga una lista de todas las personas que estuvieron en su hogar desde que se enfermó.
3. Escriba los nombres de otros contactos cercanos desde el trabajo, en un automóvil, dentro o cerca de su hogar y en otros lugares.
4. Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a todos sus contactos para informarles que está enfermo. Informales que el Departamento de Salud recomienda:
 - Quedarse en casa por 14 días desde la última vez que interactuó con la persona enferma.
 - Evite el contacto con otras personas (no comparta artículos personales y evite compartir el baño y el dormitorio, si es posible).
 - Mantenga distancia con los demás (al menos 6 pies), use una mascarilla o cubierta facial de tela, lávese las manos con frecuencia, limpie y desinfecte las superficies de contacto frecuente todos los días.
 - Si se enferma, siga las instrucciones anteriores y avise a todos con quien tuvo contacto cercano. También deben llamar a su proveedor de servicios médicos para informarles que estuvieron expuestos a alguien con COVID-19 y que ahora están enfermos.



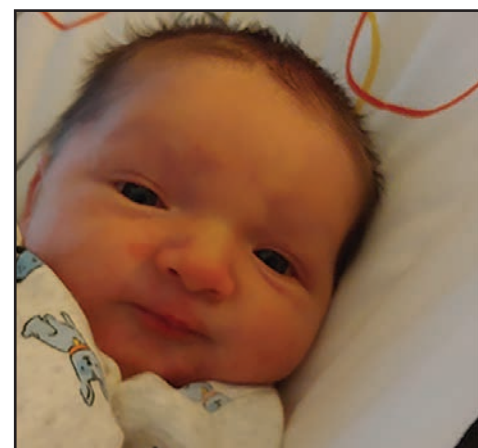
This Week's Osprey-Eyed Readers

Last week, readers were asked to find a Greek character somewhere in the Post. Three osprey-eyed readers spotted the Greek character Omega in the article about DJ Grushon Wilson. Well done!

For this week's osprey-eyed reader challenge we have combined a delicious food with a typo, and we've done it more than once but fewer than five times. If you can find all those instances and tell us where they are, email editor@eastern-shorepost.com. If you're among the first osprey-eyed readers we hear from, we will publish your name and a photograph of your choosing. Also, remember we are still publishing photographs of Shore residents who are masking for health.



Jim Granger, of Cape Charles, was the first to chime in. His cat, Stormy, rescued as a kitten, and rescue puggle, Bella, represent him in the winner's circle.



Christina Mears, of Onancock, was second to hit the buzzer. She chose month-old grandson Jaxon Taylor Nelson to claim her glory in the winner's circle.



Dana Conklin, of Chincoteague, claimed her spot April 24 in the hallowed halls of the osprey-eyed reader champions. She basks in her glory.

This could be your photo. Or a photo of:

- your pet
- a family member
- your favorite tree
- a fish
- a sunset

Whatever you want to represent you in the winners circle.

*No feet pictures, please and thank you.

That's right. Complete this week's challenge, explained at the top of the page, be quick about it, and you can claim a spot in next week's winner's circle.

Things You Didn't Need To Know

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes for cleaning this week, we found something strange. Medical device? Instrument of torture? We took it home to granny, who is self-quarantining with us. She laughed at our ignorance. "Girdle," Granny said.

Girdles were a prominent women's undergarment from the early 1900s until about 1960. Made of all kinds of stretchy materials with panels to flatten this and tuck in that, girdles smoothed a woman's body and provided anchoring for stockings that, back before pantyhose, came in individual legs and had to be held up at the thighs.

Early fashion magazines gave women advice on how to get a girdle on, including rolling down the top several inches to provide a good handhold and then powdering the skin so the girdle can slip and slide when the pulling starts. Sounds like trying to put 10 pounds of apples in a 5-pound bag, as Grandpa would say—though not when Granny was around.

Before the girdle, women tortured

themselves with tightly laced corsets. In "Gone With the Wind," Scarlett O'Hara gets cinched in for a 17-inch waist. But that's downright tubby compared to Ethel Granger who, in 1939, held the world's record for narrowest waist: 13 inches.

Girdles gave way to pantyhose with control tops and also, in the '60s, with the flower child practice of not wearing any underwear at all. But let-it-all-hang-out never became a rallying cry in women's fashion, and Sara Blakeley became a billionaire by inventing Spanx, lightweight slimming undergarments in dozens of different styles.

One thing we couldn't find on the internet, so we asked Granny. Back in the day, with the girdle so restrictive and clips and tabs for this and that, how did a lady use the public restroom? Granny said some topics are not fit for polite conversation. When she turned and left the room, we noticed she looked especially slim and trim. Hey, what happened to that thing that was clogging up our internet tubes this week? Granny!



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MARINE HELICOPTER GUNNER RECOUNTS EVENTS IN VIETNAM, SAME DAY KENT STATE PROTEST UNFOLDS IN U.S.

Note to readers: This is a marine's account of a day as a helicopter gunner in Vietnam. Some descriptions are graphic. Reader discretion is advised.

By William W. Stilwagen
Special to the Eastern Shore Post

May 4, 1970, was a bad day back in the States. The Ohio National Guard had fired upon and killed four students and wounded nine others at the Kent State University campus during a riot and demonstration against the war.

It was a bad day in Vietnam, too.

Marine Air Group 16 launched two CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters from its Purple Fox Squadron, HMM-364, to answer an emergency medevac request.

The call was from Marines alright, but not from U.S. Marines. These were ROK (Republic of Korea) Marines of the Tiger Division.

The ROKs were engaged in a vicious firefight with the Viet Cong. The battle was being fought in a place we called "Chestnut Island" in the Thu Bon River ten kilometers southeast of Hill 55. The ROKs had two badly wounded Marines who would die if they did not get to a hospital as soon as possible.

Racing west-southwest from their Marble Mountain base, the gunners locked and loaded 100-round belts of ammunition into their .50-caliber machine guns.

I was right door gunner in the lead aircraft.

We would rendezvous with two Cobra gunships already en route to the zone. Medevac missions were not new to us. We had done this before, and we were ready and eager to rescue our fellow Marines. We carried two corpsmen (medics), one of whom was a new guy on his first mission.

Arriving over the site, the two Cobra gunships set up opposite each other in a 360-degree loop to provide cover fire while we prepared to make our run into the LZ (landing zone). The ROKs had no smoke grenades and the elephant grass covering the island was as tall as the term implies.

Unable to see the ROKs, or the VC, our helicopter had to be talked in. Since the LZ was hot (under fire), a rapid descent and landing was neces-

sary. Normally a helicopter will make slow lazy circles before the final approach and gentle landing, but this wasn't the time for finesse.

The radioman on the ground, who was translating Korean into English, mixed up the meter distances and compass directions. We went in fast. But instead of putting us down on the ROKs, they sat us down amidst the enemy emplacement (which accounts for why we weren't getting any gunship support). The ramp was already lowered, and we were getting shot up pretty bad.

Under Fire

One of the Navy corpsmen (the new guy on his "break-in" mission) started firing his .45 handgun out the back of the helicopter. I was screaming at him to stop, because I thought he was killing the Koreans trying to board, but in reality, they were Viet Cong insurgents. Luckily, he couldn't hear me due to all the noise.

Rounds were flying everywhere and an RPG (rocket-propelled grenade) blew a hole in the helicopter over the crew chief's head, tearing away part of his neck and putting a hole in my left arm. The pilot received a corrected location and we lifted, drifting sideways, and set down near the Koreans. The ROKs dragged their wounded aboard, dropped them, and ran back to the fight.

We lifted off, still taking fire, and the helicopter struggled to climb and execute evasive maneuvers. That's when the pilot took three rounds in the thigh. The copilot took over control of the bird and we rolled out to the northeast over the river – low and slow. I reloaded with a fresh belt of ammo in case we went down in the hostile area. We continued to scan the terrain looking for movement and muzzle flash, ready for another fight despite our condition.

I think we scared the VC silly when we landed on them, because now they were fleeing the area in a panic. As I looked back toward the island, I could see the gunships firing their mini guns at the Viet Cong who were trying to swim to safety. The ROKs and the gunships killed all of the Viet Cong that day.



A view of Bill Stilwagen's M-2 .50 caliber machine gun (the Ma-Deuce) over the Que Son mountain range circa May 1970. Photo courtesy of Bill Stilwagen.

Limping Home

Inside the helicopter was what was left of us. The corpsmen were tending the wounded. The pilot was sitting in a pool of his own blood. The crew chief was on the deck in the corner where he had dropped, bleeding profusely from the neck. I can still picture in my mind, in vivid Technicolor, the blood and bits of flesh sliding down the bulkhead. The sleeve of my flight suit was wet and heavy with blood from where the shrapnel had opened me. The wounded ROK Marines, stoic as ever, laid there, quietly suffering, staring at the overhead.

Both of our fuel tanks had been punctured and were trailing gas. We had bullet holes in the transmission cockpit, yoke assembly, and control closet. The copilot worked desperately to keep us airborne. The helicopter shuddered and was slow. We could feel

it straining to stay aloft. By all intents, the bird should have crashed. Everyone prayed. Collectively, privately, we all talked to the helicopter as if it were a living thing, encouraging it, believing in it. Everything seemed to slow down, grow darker, quieter, as we concentrated all our mental energy into the bird.

And then finally, Marble Mountain came into view. We would make it.

As we were about to set down at the base, the helicopter dropped like a rock from ten feet in the air, and crashed, throwing all of us to the deck. The leaking fuel tanks had run dry and the turbines shut down without warning. But we were home. We were still alive.

Our chase aircraft (the second CH-46) landed right behind us and the wounded were flown to the 95th Evacuation Hospital.

All except me, that is. My injury had



Korean officer and Bill Stilwagen at Blue Dragon Camp, 2nd Korean Marine Corps Blue Dragon Brigade, Tiger Division, near Hoi An, circa May 1970. Photo courtesy of Bill Stilwagen.

clotted, and I had stopped bleeding. Not as badly wounded as the others, I didn't want to be a nuisance. So I unmounted my gun and started walking with it and my remaining ammo, back to the hangar. A pilot was rushing out of the hangar and asked if I could go on a medevac mission with him. I said, "Yes, sir." After all, this was the Purple Fox Squadron. We never said no to a mission.

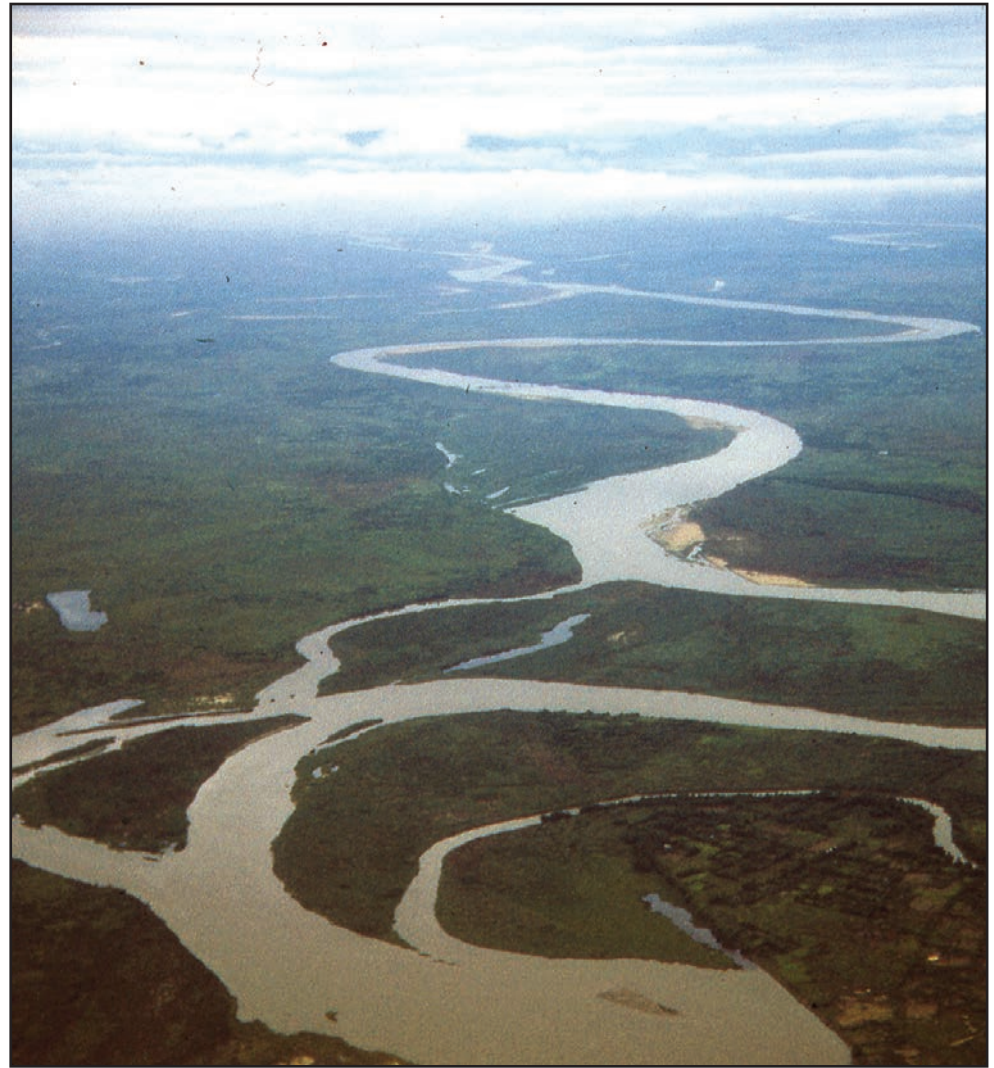
He said, "We gotta go now! Come with me." We double-timed to his helicopter. The copilot already had the rotors turning and the crew chief and the other gunner were ready and waiting. The pilot jumped into his seat and I mounted my gun. We immediately lifted off on the medevac mission, this time to the Deo Hai Van (The Pass of the High Clouds) where Highway One becomes a breathtaking, winding, no guardrail, mountain road north of Da Nang. It seems a Vietnamese fellow

had run his car off the cliff.

But that's another story.

Incidentally, 11 days later, May 15, 1970, at Jackson State University in Mississippi, police killed two students and wounded 12 others while trying to break up a student riot. There was little publicity of this event, perhaps overshadowed by the Kent State killings on May 4, or perhaps because the Jackson State students were black.

Bill Stilwagen is a bush guide and president of Vietnam Battlefield Tours, a nonprofit company specializing in bringing Vietnam veterans, family members, historians, active-duty military, film crews, and interested others to the jungles, mountains, and battlefields of Vietnam. In 1969, he served in Vietnam with the U. S. Marine Corps as a field radio operator on the DMZ and in 1970 as a helicopter door gunner. He lives in Onancock.



Chestnut Island (left) and Acorn Island (center), Song Thu Bon, looking west, circa June 1970. Photo courtesy of Bill Stilwagen.



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Health Matters ESRHS Opens Eastville Center

Courtesy of Eastern Shore Rural Health Systems Inc.

Eastern Shore Rural Health System's new Eastville Community Health Center opens May 4. Medical services from Eastern Shore Rural Health's Bayview and Franktown Community Health Centers will permanently move to the new Eastville center. Dental services will continue to be available at the Franktown center. Both Bayview and Franktown centers will be closed Friday, May 1, for the move.

The new Eastville Community Health Center, at 17068 Lankford Highway, will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. When life returns to normal after the pandemic, the hours on Tuesday will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Both dental and medical services are available. During the COVID-19 pandemic, patients should call their center before coming in. Patient information is available on the COVID-19 tab at www.esrh.org



The new Eastville Community Health Center will open Monday, May 4. Photo courtesy of Eastern Shore Rural Health Systems.

Arc-Eastern Shore To Participate in Fundraising Campaign

Submitted Article

The Arc of the Eastern Shore of Virginia has been on the front lines of change for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families for over 50 years. The organization continues to fight for the rights of its members and improve their health care, education, employment, housing, and more. The organization is asking for help through the GiveLocal757 Fundraising Campaign May 12. These are tough and uncertain times but, if 500 people gave \$10, the group would meet its goal of \$5,000, enabling Arc-Eastern Shore to continue advocating for supports and services here on the Shore.

Check donations are also accepted and may be mailed to Arc-Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 626, Exmore, VA 23350. Every donation is appreciated.

Visit www.GiveLocal757.com on May 12, and choose "Arc-Eastern Shore of Virginia." A little can go a long way when people give together. Check the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/thearcoftheeasternshore/> for the GiveLocal757 countdown and more information on what the citizens are up to. There are great videos from past dances and Special Olympics competitions, also.

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Ann Bonniwell, a member of the 1969 class of Atlantic High School, delivered a check to RSMH recently on behalf of her classmates. Submitted photo.

CLASS OF '69 DONATES TO RSMH

Submitted Article

Members of the 1969 class of the former Atlantic High School in Oak Hall (now Arcadia High School) have donated \$1,969 to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital (RSMH) in Onancock. After initially deciding to purchase surgical masks for the hospital, class members found challenges in sourcing high-quality masks and decided to make a cash donation instead. Class members on the Eastern Shore and in numerous other states say they hope their fundraising effort can provide an inspiring example worth emulating by other groups and individuals at this challenging time. Many of the class members were born at the former hospital in Nassawadox that has since become RSMH.

MILLE Marriages Births Awards POSTS SU Graduates

Three Accomack County students recently graduated from Salisbury University.

Ryan Wright, of Craddockville, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in biology.

Andrew Hurst, of Onley, graduated with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Shia Ivey, of Parksley, graduated with a bachelor's degree in English.

Spence Named Executive Director of Pregnancy Center

Submitted Article

The Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center Board of Directors announce the reappointment of Linda Baylis Spence as executive director. Spence served as ANPC director beginning 2001 but left in 2019 for another position.

"Although I left the pregnancy center to serve the community with another very valuable organization on the Eastern Shore, I know that my true calling is to work in the life affirming outreach of the ANPC ministry. I look forward to rejoining the fabulous staff, volunteers, and board as we serve mothers and their families with practical, emotional, and spiritual support." says Spence. The pregnancy center has been on

the Eastern Shore since 1995 and offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, pregnancy loss support, and more. The center is located



Linda Baylis Spence

across the highway from Walmart in Onley. For more information, call 757-787-1119 or visit <http://www.womenspregnancysupport.org>

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Community Notes

Kippers To Hold Fire Drill Friday

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Tim Kaine Offers Contest for High School Seniors

Sen. Tim Kaine is holding a contest for high school seniors, "Everybody's the Graduation Speaker Video Contest." Seniors are asked

to send a short video of themselves giving an original graduation speech to gradspeech@kaine.senate.gov by Friday, May 15. Sen. Kaine will select speeches to air on his Facebook page.

Virtual Coping Techniques for Caregivers

Commonwealth Senior Living's Virtual Education, "Coping Techniques for Caregivers," will be held Wednesday, May 20, at 1 p.m. The virtual presentation will offer tips for coping with the challenges caregiving can present, especially during this global pandemic, followed by a roundtable discussion.

For a link to the presentation and discussion, call 757-693-6596 or go to <https://www.commonwealthsl.com/>

ESCSB DELIVERS SOME PUPPET LOVE TO LOCAL KIDS

Submitted Article

Ask a pre-K student in Accomack or Northampton County Public Schools, or a student at Project Head Start, if they know Al, Keisha, and Ty. These puppets are the co-instructors for the prekindergarten program, "Al's Pals: Kids Making Healthy Choices."

For 12 years, staff members from the Prevention Services Office at the Eastern Shore Community Services Board have delivered 46 lessons per school year to most of the pre-K students on the Eastern Shore. The staffers and the puppets teach the children about making healthy choices, learning about and recognizing feelings, learning how to calm down, and how to problem solve. The lessons usually finish by the end of April or early May. This year, with COVID-19

and school closure since March 13, the classroom lessons stopped. But the delivery of the lessons has not. Each week, the Prevention Al's Pals staffers compile and deliver lesson packets for each pre-K student to ACPS and NCPS elementary schools and Project Head Start. These packets are distributed to the students during the meal distributions. The packets will continue until the end of May.

More information about the Al's Pals program can be found at www.acorndreams.com where Al has posted three video lessons for the young students, or on the Facebook pages of the E.S.C.S.B. and Acorn Dreams. For more information about talking with young children about COVID-19, visit <https://escsb.org/covid-19/> or call the Prevention Office at 757-442-5388.



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Any individual needing Medicaid, TANF, SNAP(also known as food stamps), or Child Care Subsidy should apply at CommonHelp (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~

PLEASE NOTE: AICC and Members Helping Members are currently taking applications, for help with power and other bills. We have placed some at our front door to be completed and placed in our drop box, anytime. Or you may call our main number (**787-1530**), to have an application mailed to you.

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An application can be obtained at the EMS Office or on the Northampton County EMS website (www.Northampton-ems.org). Completed application form, cover letter, copies of current certifications, and copy of DMV driving record can be submitted to the Department of EMS, P.O. BOX 235 Eastville, VA 23347, no later than May 15, 2020.

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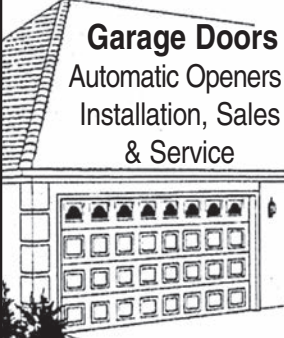
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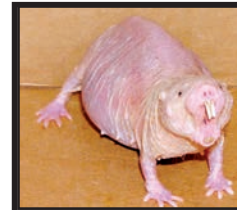
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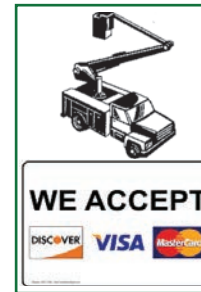
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On June 1, 2020, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the County of Accomack, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes:

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Bernosky, Bernadine	030A106000055B0
Bocek, Robert M.	078A20100049000
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Bright, George T.	078D00200001100
Bryant, Sandra Lee	075000100000200
Bulger, Theresa Jo	030A106000075B0
Bull, Robert	109A00100000800
Byrd, Stephanie	02500A000003100
Cunningham, Betty Savage	11000A000003700
Giddens, Charles M. Jr.	092A0A000001100
Holmes, Michele J.	054000500H000B0
Johnson, Mitchell C.	08700A000009800
Johnson, Henry E.	040A1A000000100
Knox, Tammy Y.	078A20200B00000
Lewis, Corrine	042A2A0000077A0
Lipscomb, Raydean B.	113A0A000002800
Merritt, Steve C.	030A41100002100
Norris, William I.	075C00400002700
Oliveri, Wendy Ann	102B00504000300
Sandbox Properties LLC	012A0A000005700
Shore Land Holdings, LLC	005A60200001200
Snead, Pansy	085A3A000004400
Strand, Preston	99999999025900
Tittermary, Bryan K.	119A0A000010800

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

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TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE, INC. 2019 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT (CCR)

The Town of Chincoteague Water system performed Routine monitoring of contaminants in your drinking water during the 2019 calendar year. Test results indicate all these contaminants are below allowable levels and no violations were reported. You are strongly urged to visit: <https://chincoteague-va.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CCR-CY19.Drinking-Water.pdf> to view your 2018 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about Chincoteague's drinking water. This Water Quality Report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. There will be no annual mailout. To speak with someone about the report or request a printed copy be mailed to your home please call (757) 336-3366.

TOWN OF EASTVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY AND JUNE 2020

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and the Governor's Executive Orders, the Eastville Town Council Meetings for May 4th, 2020, and June 1st, 2020, will be an electronic based meeting. The Council will meet via electronic means and will be conducted in accordance with the current laws allowing such meetings to conduct Town of Eastville business. If any Citizens wish to be heard, you may send an email to rstubbs@townofeastville.com to be read live at the meeting so that Council can hear your concerns. We look forward to the pandemic ending so that regular meetings can be conducted, and citizens can attend normally. Thank you for your help and assistance in these matters.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Billie Richardson has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources to retain a 105-foot long stone revetment aligned a maximum of seven feet channelward of a deteriorating bulkhead. The project is situated adjacent to property along the Chesapeake Bay at 7264 Silver Beach Place in the beachfront community of Silver Beach, Northampton County.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: [Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651](mailto:VirginiaMarineResourcesCommission.HabitatManagementDivision.380FenwickRoad.Bldg.96.Hampton.VA.23651) or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.gov.

NOTICE JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

On June 2, 2020, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes:

Tarr, Bryan L. 030A6A000011200

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Island Motor Inn Inc. has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct and backfill 631 linear feet of replacement bulkheading aligned a maximum of two-foot channelward of a deteriorating bulkhead, install 63 linear feet of new bulkhead across a small boat basin and backfill the boat basin. The proposed project is situated adjacent to the Island Motor Inn property along Lewis Creek at 4391 Main Street in the Town of Chincoteague.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: [Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651](mailto:MarineResourcesCommission.HabitatManagementDivision.380FenwickRoad.Bldg.96.Hampton.VA.23651) or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.gov.

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The undersigned Thomas B. Dix, Jr., Trustee by virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust from John N. Selby, Jr. and Norman Lee Selby, dated August 7, 2019, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack as Instrument Number 190002986, upon being requested to do so by the noteholder, will sell at public auction, subject to any and all terms and conditions contained in said deed of trust, to the highest bidder,

**IN FRONT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA
ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020
AT 9:30 A.M.**

the following tract of valuable real estate, to-wit:

All those certain lots or parcels of land situate in the Town of Onancock, County of Accomack, in the State of Virginia and being more particularly designated as Lot 6 and Lot 7 on a plat of survey made by J. B. Gibb, C.S., on May 18, 1946, entitled "Johnson Heights," Onancock, Accomack County, Virginia, and which said plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Plat Book 7, at page 23. Lot 7 was conveyed to John N. Selby, who is the same person as John N. Selby, Sr. and Helena P. Selby, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, by deed dated the 2nd day of April, 1948, from Elbert D. Potter and Clarice E. Potter, his wife, which deed is recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 193, at page 130. Lot 6 was conveyed to John N. Selby, who is the same person as John N. Selby, Sr. and Helena P. Selby, his wife, as tenants by the entirety with right of survivorship as at common law, by deed dated the 3rd day of November, 1959, from Thomas F. Johnson and Louise M. Johnson, his wife, which deed is recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 234, at page 86. The said Helen P. Selby died on the 30th day of September, 2002. The said John N. Selby,

Sr. died testate on the 5th day of February, 2004, and by Article Four of his last will and testament dated the 6th day of March, 2002, devised said real estate to his two sons, John N. Selby, Jr. and Norman Lee Selby, which will is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 200400135. (Tax Map #085A20900000600)

Together with all rights, easements, buildings, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

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Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be required in cash on the date of sale with liberty to the purchaser to pay as much more in cash on that day as he might desire. The balance not so paid in cash to be evidenced by the note of the purchaser, payable thirty days from date with interest at 9% from date of sale, and with personal security should the undersigned Trustee require it. Title to the premises to be retained as additional security until the full amount of the purchase price has been paid. Bidders may be required to offer proof of a satisfactory financial condition prior to Trustee's acceptance of their bid.

The property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the time bid off; possession to be given on the day of sale, and taxes for the year 2020 to be prorated as of the date of sale.

Upon payment in full of the purchase price the purchaser to be entitled to a deed for said property upon same properly prepared at his expense conveying said property with SPECIAL WARRANTY of title and tendered to the undersigned Trustee for execution.

For further information apply to the undersigned Trustee.

Given under my hand this the 28th day of April, 2020.

THOMAS B. DIX, JR.
Sole Acting Trustee
P.O. Box 577
Accomack, VA 23301
757-787-2770

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Thomas John Gallivan, (2020009) has applied for approximately 24.9 acres of oyster planting ground in Nassawadox Creek situated in Northampton City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-28.2915 / W75-57.5775

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2020009):

https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD AN **ELECTRONIC PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020, AT 10 A.M.** PURSUANT TO THE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MARCH 20, 2020 CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE ACCOMACK COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ON MARCH 20, 2020, MADE NECESSARY BY COVID-19 AND IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- 1) Submit written comments to the email address: planning@co.accomack.va.us until Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.;
- 2) Submit written comments thru mail at P.O. Box 93, Accomack, VA 23301 which must be received by Tuesday, May 5, 2020; or
- 3) Call the County staff at 757-787-5739 until Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m. and relay comments to them, including your name and address.

All comments received will be entered into the record for the public hearing(s).

THE ELECTRONIC MEETING WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE at www.co.accomack.va.us - click on "LISTEN TO MEETING AUDIO". The Board of Zoning Appeals members, County staff and the applicants and their representatives will be participating electronically.

The purpose of the meeting is convene the following public hearings:

A. SUPV-000024-2020 Pioneer Mobile Home Park

A public hearing initiated by Peninsula Real Estate Investments, LLC to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53 (13) and 106-231 to expand the Pioneer Mobile Home Park located at Tax Map #70-A-130 & 70-A-128A on Society Drive to the south onto Tax Map #70-A-128 with 8 lots and further identified as Phase 1 Expansion and to the east on Tax Map #70-A-141 and 70-A-142 with 22 lots and further identified as Phase II Expansion. Both expansions would be accessible from Society Drive. The applicant is also seeking a variance of up to 20 feet from the 50 ft. road standard pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-231 (b) for the existing Society Drive which will be utilized as the access to the new expansion areas. The property is zoned Agricultural.

B. SUSE-000029-2020 Black Dog Hunt Club

A public hearing initiated by Black Dog Hunt Club, applicant, with approval of the property owner Sisters 1, LLC to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53 (14) for ten travel trailers to be utilized by the members of the hunt club for all months except for June and July at Tax Map #85-A-11 located at 19254 Plantation Road, Onancock, VA. The property is zoned Agricultural.

C. SUSE-000030-2020 Michael & Jessica McLoughlin

A public hearing initiated by Michael & Jessica McLoughlin to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53 (2) for a 2-site camping facility as well as a Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 106-53 (14) for the use of a travel traveler for habitation for up to two years at Tax Map #79-A-58 located on Foxgrove Road, Park-sley, VA. The applicant is seeking to reside in the travel trailer while building a home & barn in addition to the business of 2 campsites. The property is zoned Agricultural.

Public hearing related materials are available on the County website at: <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public>.

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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. 19-333

vs.

ETHEL LEE DUNTON, et als., etc.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Northampton County, Virginia, known as "Trehernville," containing one and one-fourth (1.25) acres, more or less, and designated as Tax Map No. 0040B-09-BLK-00 000019D

standing in the names of Estelle Thomas, Naomi Turner,

Wyomie Doggett, Allean Williams, Eola Taylor, Booker T. Taylor, Fred A. Taylor, III and Willie Lewis, subject to a life estate reserved to Ethel Lee Dunton, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. 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 Fred Amos Taylor, Jr.; that due diligence has been used to ascertain whether Booker T. Taylor is living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of his heirs, devisees and successors in title; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Ethel Lee Dunton, whose last known post office address is 2717 McLeod Road, Richmond, Virginia 23224; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Estelle Thomas, whose last known post office address is 8070 Kates Drive, Birdsnest, Virginia 23307; that Naomi Turner is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 102 Chestnut Tree Road, Hebron, Maryland 21830; that Wyomie Doggett is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 136 Niagra Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046; that Allean Williams and Willie Lewis are both non-residents of Virginia, whose last known post office address is Willingboro, New Jersey; that Eola Taylor is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is Salisbury, Maryland; that Fred A. Taylor, III

is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is Trenton, New Jersey; 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 Booker T. Taylor and Fred Amos Taylor, Jr.

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 May 22, 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 20th day of April, 2020
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this:
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Tyson Complex Manager Speaks to Worker Safety

By *Sidney Newman*

Special to the Eastern Shore Post

The community in Delmarva is diverse. Many of us cross state lines daily, working in one and living in another. We're surrounded by the beautiful scenery and challenging geography of the bay, both in the city and in the country. This community is like no other in America and it's where I make my home to raise my family.

COVID-19 has disrupted our community and forced changes on us all, but these changes are to help keep us safe. As the complex manager of the Temperanceville facility, safety is a top priority. It's a question I ask myself every day: how do I help keep all 1,300 members of our Tyson community safe? How do we — a major employer — operate in the best interest

of our workers and consumers?

We're working hard to protect our team members during this ever-changing situation, while also ensuring we continue fulfilling our critical role of helping feed people across the country and keeping thousands employed. We check worker temperatures and require all team members wear surgical masks that we provide daily to each employee at the start of his or her shift. We've implemented social distancing measures, such as installing workstation dividers and barriers in our breakrooms, and are requiring all locations have social distancing monitors, people who will help remind our team members of best practices. We sanitize our facilities daily and have increased sanitizing for frequently

touched surfaces such as doors and tables and encourage frequent and increased hand washing. In March, we relaxed our attendance policy to encourage people to stay home when they're sick and we continue to remind them to follow CDC guidelines at home as well as at work.

Our team members have mandatory health care coverage and we've made changes by waiving a five consecutive day waiting period for short term disability benefits so employees can receive pay while they're sick with the flu or COVID-19. In addition, we're waiving the co-pay, co-insurance and deductible for doctor visits for COVID-19 testing as well as eliminating preapproval or pre-authorization steps. We've waived co-pays for the use of telemedicine and are relaxing refill limits for 30-day prescriptions of maintenance medication.

No one should be fearful to go to

work. Because our plants are already focused on the importance of food safety, we have always kept the environments within them clean through strict sanitary processes. During this time, we are increasing the frequency of and enhancing those processes even more. When coupled with all the other things we are doing in our plants, I truly believe they're one of the safest places for a person to be. I want everyone in this community to know we are committed to maintaining a safe working environment at Temperanceville.

It's during these times of uncertainty when communities come together to support and help one another. We are doing just that at Tyson Foods. If there are questions or concerns about our policies or practices, please reach out to our management team.

Sidney Newman is complex manager for Tyson Foods in Temperanceville.

Poultry Plants Need To Give Workers Time To Recover

Dear Editor:

Carol Vaughn's article in the Friday, April 24, Eastern Shore Post details concerns of numerous local poultry plant workers. The large poultry processors have become overwhelmed with COVID-19 cases which are spreading rapidly throughout our community. We now have the second (as of April 30) highest rate of COVID-19 spread in the entire state. In absence of a coherent, consistent message from federal, state, and local entities as to how to contain the main source of the outbreak, it now appears that poultry plant virus clusters may continue to incubate new COVID-19 case on a daily basis.

The large poultry producers should pause for two weeks, to allow for cur-

rent employees with COVID-19 cases to self-quarantine and recover, with full pay. Then test all workers before returning to work. Even if not required by federal law, is this not a reasonable way to assure availability of healthy workers? What would be the likely outcome if they continue on the current course? A steady loss of health and morale for our local workers and population at large?

The same food producers we have in Accomack County have shut down their plants for two weeks in other localities: Logansport, Indiana; Waterloo, Iowa; and Pasco, Washington, to mention a few. Large poultry producers throughout Delmarva should serve the counties where the industry has

its deepest roots: comprehensive, two-week quarantine for all workers with pay, and testing for all before returning to work.

The Post has done a great service to

our Eastern Shore community in providing this investigative article. Now there is an opportunity for our largest employers to show what being a good neighbor is really about: elevating public trust and promoting general well-being. Give the Shore's biggest workforce time to recover.

*Miriam Riggs
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