



From Horntown Potato Field to the White House: David Hickman Talks Taters With President Trump

David Hickman, of Dublin Farms in Horntown, joined President Trump at the White House to help announce the U.S. Department of Agriculture's coronavirus relief programs for farmers totaling \$19 billion

By Carol Vaughn

David Hickman, the fifth-generation operator of Dublin Farms in Horntown, was among farmers who spoke during a televised event Tuesday at the White House to announce a relief program for farmers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, which will give up to \$16 billion in direct payments to farmers and ranchers impacted by the pandemic.

Additionally, the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box program is partnering with distributors impacted by the closing of restaurants and other food service businesses during the pandemic to purchase \$3 billion in produce, dairy, and meat. The food will be distributed to needy Americans, according to a press release.

Dublin Farms potatoes will be among the produce distributed to food banks under the federal Farmers to Families program.



David Hickman, of Dublin Farms in Horntown, chats with President Donald Trump during a White House press conference announcing a relief package for farmers on Tuesday, May 19. Screenshot of Fox News broadcast.

"This program is going to help tremendously with the movement of potatoes this summer," Hickman said, noting the farm has six customers who are distributors and are participating in the food box program.

"So our potatoes will be in some of these food boxes," he said, adding the farm has submitted bids for five-pound bags of yellow and white potatoes to go directly to food banks.

"It's certainly going to impact the Virginia potato business," Hickman said.

President Trump asked Hickman

several questions about the farm and the differences between Idaho and Eastern Shore potato production.

"(It's) just interesting to me — what do I know about potatoes, right?" Trump said.

Hickman told Trump potatoes have been planted on his family's farm since 1887, "which is sort of unusual in the country."

"We appreciate what you are doing for us," Hickman told the president.

Hickman invited Trump to "come

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Pony Penning Canceled For First Time Since WWII

The annual event, which draws thousands of spectators and international media coverage, would have marked its 95th year; organizers vow to hold online pony auction

By Carol Vaughn

For the first time since World War II, Chincoteague's annual Pony Penning will not be held.

The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors voted Monday to cancel Pony Penning and also the 2020 Chincoteague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The decision came "after carefully analyzing the three phases as set forth by Gov. Northam for opening Virginia," according to a press release.

The carnival was scheduled to begin July 2.

Wednesday, July 29, would have marked the 95th year of Chincoteague's annual Pony Swim, with the Pony Auction held at the carnival grounds the following day.

Pony Penning week attracts thousands of visitors to Chincoteague each year.

"Please understand that this was not an easy decision to make, with the

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by” the farm.

“I might. Be careful, I might. I’ll be there. We’re going after Virginia; with your crazy governor, we’re going after Virginia. They want to take your Second Amendment away, you know that, right? You’ll have nobody guarding your potatoes,” Trump said.

“You know, the farmers were targeted by China, when we started negotiating tough with China,” Trump said earlier in the event, touting the \$12 billion given to American farmers that first year.

“The next year...I took \$16 billion out of the tariffs...we gave it to the farmers, and this year the same thing,” he said.

“America’s farming community is facing an unprecedented situation as our nation tackles the coronavi-

rus. President Trump has authorized USDA to ensure our patriotic farmers, ranchers, and producers are supported and we are moving quickly to open applications to get payments out the door and into the pockets of farmers,” Perdue said in the release.

“These payments will help keep farmers afloat while market demand returns as our nation reopens and recovers. America’s farmers are resilient and will get through this challenge just like they always do with faith, hard work, and determination,” he said.

Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau president, said during the event, “The farmers across America are very appreciative, Mr. President, of what you have done. You stood behind us during the trade war; you stood behind us during all the difficulties we went through; and now, with the pandemic, you stood behind us again.”

Northampton Is \$10 Million Short for New High School

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton County borrowed \$25 million for repairs and new construction at Northampton High School – following more than a decade of debate with the school board and two opinions from architectural firms on the condition of the building – but it’s not nearly enough money.

A study conducted by architectural firm Waller, Todd, & Sadler, of Virginia Beach, considered the \$25 million borrowed to date and concluded “there was a shortfall of potentially up to approximately \$10 million,” said Northampton Finance Director John Chandler during the May 12 supervisors meeting.

“We’re at a crossroads,” Chandler said.

Northampton borrowed the money about six months ago, when interest rates were low – between 2.5% and 3%. The \$25 million figure was chosen in hopes of keeping the county’s debt service near current levels. (The total borrowed was more than \$28 million, including interest and fees.)

Supervisor Betsy Mapp said “\$10 million is a lot over budget. ... The

previous board voted to allow \$25 million. That seems like ... plenty to do the project.”

County Administrator Charles Kolakowski explained that the single largest factor in the \$10 million cost increase was the addition of renovations to Northampton High School’s Career and Technical Education building, at a cost of about \$4 million.

“Given the economy of the Shore, given the future of the economy and where we can expect our students to be getting careers and career opportunities ... the improvements there could be a significant part of the economic future for our students,” he said.

“I think the board and the committee that’s working on this feel that it’s a significant contribution to the overall educational opportunities” for students, Kolakowski continued.

“In addition, when we came up with the \$25 million, quite frankly, we were a little bit pressed for time because of the borrowing window that we were looking at, and we looked at it saying that would be a good base amount to start with,” he said.

Duvall said the pandemic “has made us realize one thing. We live in a land of plenty, but there’s a food chain that is just as important to us as the military is. We have to be able to feed our own people; we can’t afford to be fed by other countries.”

The USDA, through the Farm Service Agency, will accept applications beginning May 26 from agricultural producers who have suffered losses.

Additional information and application forms can be found at www.farmers.gov/cfap. Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Documentation to support the producer’s application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the sign-up process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 28, 2020.

Kolakowski said the committee had also discussed possibly using money from the county and school division’s capital reserve funds.

“I think that the \$25 million was really looked upon as a base number but not as the overall do-all, end-all of the budget for the project.”

About \$2.5 million of the additional \$10 million would cover a major overhaul of the high school auditorium, Chandler estimated.

Supervisor John Coker said the engineers “originally thought they could renovate it, but they said they had to take a close look at it and decided it didn’t make sense.”

Renovating the auditorium would have cost nearly as much as rebuilding it, Coker said.

The extra \$10 million also includes the cost to construct a separate building on campus for Northampton Middle School (which currently is housed in the high school), and the sixth grade can be moved from the elementary schools to the middle school.

The middle and high school will continue to share a cafeteria, gym, and

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last pony penning being cancelled over 78 years ago during the second World War. We know how much this community loves this fire company and supports our carnival but with the restrictions put into the phases to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, it was the only logical decision to make,” said the release from Alex Tucker, president of the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company.

The plan is to hold an online auction, instead of the traditional in-person auction, to sell foals from the Chincoteague wild pony herd, which is owned and cared for by the fire company.

The date for the online auction is to be determined.

“Plans are still being arranged as to where the ponies will physically be during the auction and we encourage you to keep a close watch on the developments as plans are made public on the auction,” Tucker said in the release.

Tim Jennings, longtime auctioneer for the pony auction, will conduct the online auction, “and it should be a positive event for this fire company,” Tucker said.

“I pray all of you are staying safe, and please don’t hesitate to call us if you need us. We will always be here for you!” he said.

Additionally, Sam Serio, who operates Chincoteague’s annual Blueberry Festival around the same time as Pony Penning, announced Monday the 33rd Annual Blueberry Festival will be rescheduled for July 2021.

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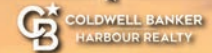
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Town Election Results Announced

Nine Accomack towns elect mayors and council members in Tuesday's election

By Carol Vaughn

Voters in 92 Virginia towns, including on the Eastern Shore, elected council members and mayors Tuesday.

In Accomack County, the towns of Belle Haven, Chincoteague, Hallwood, Keller, Onancock, Parksley, Saxxis, Tangier, and Wachapreague held elections.

In Belle Haven, George H. Ludlow Jr., who was unopposed, was elected mayor with 27 votes, according to unofficial results.

Elected to town council were Edwin R. Long, O. Zach Pase, Larry W. Baxter, Douglas R. Wehner, and Elizabeth M. Pase. Hoge Allen Floyd III was elected recorder.

In Chincoteague, J. Arthur Leonard was elected to a second term as mayor with 706 votes. There were 53 write-in votes.

Elected to town council were Denise P. Bowden, William T. "Bill" McComb Jr., and Gene Wayne Taylor, and, in a special election, Christopher Duer Bott will keep his seat on council, to which he was appointed.

In Hallwood, J.W. "Jackie" Poulson Jr., who was unopposed, will remain mayor. He received 25 votes.

Elected to town council were Claude M. Linton, Pamela G. Riffey, Elwood Stanley Young, Timothy C. Clougherty Sr., Stephanie A. Clougherty, and John W. Smith Jr.

In Keller, S. Beth Jackson Hart, who was unopposed, was elected mayor with 14 votes.

Elected to town council were Rose Ann Moore, Janis S. Wingfield, Carole Anne Elliott, Claire T. Nutter, Teresa E. Guy, and Linda A. Guy.

In Onancock, Fletcher D. Fosque, who was unopposed, was elected to another term as mayor with 116 votes.

Elected to town council were Maphis M. Oswald, Robert J. Bloxom, and Ray E. Burger III.

In Parksley, Frank A. Russell II was elected mayor in a contested race. Russell received 125 votes to 81 votes cast for Ronnie Wayne Marshall Jr.

Elected to town council were Dana T. Bundick, Richard A. "Ricky" Taylor, and Francis D. "Sam" Welch.

In Saxxis, Denise L. Drewer was elected to another term as mayor with 39 votes, in an uncontested race.

Elected to town council were Aubrey Lee Miles Jr., Jan Rae Foerster, Donna M. Croushore, Wayne E. McCleary, Darrell D. Marshall, and Richard M. Byrd.

On Tangier, James W. "Ooker" Eskridge was elected to another term as mayor with 98 votes, in an uncontested race.

Elected to town council were Norwood C. Evans, Paul R. McCready, Cynthia S. Wheatley, Timothy Thomas Trumble, Isaiah James McCready, and William Tommy Eskridge III.

In Wachapreague, Fred M. Jan-ci Jr. will serve again as mayor. He received 39 votes in an unopposed race.

Elected to town council were Robert G. Williams, Art R. Thornton Jr., Sandie M. Puchalski, Robert F. Bilicki, Margo M. Digan, and a sixth member to be determined.

Glenn Schagelin received the most write-in votes, with 19, said Accomack Deputy Director of Elections Karrie Williams.

"It is up to the town council if they appoint him to the 6th open seat," she wrote in an email to the Post.

Few Changes Result from Town Elections in Northampton

By Stefanie Jackson

One Northampton town will have a new council member following Tuesday's election – the Cape Charles town council will welcome Andrew Follmer to its fold.

Follmer ran for the Cape Charles town council in 2018, but the three seats available went to current council members Tammy Holloway, Paul Grossman, and Chris Bannon.

This year, three more seats on the six-person council were up for grabs. Councilmen Andy Buchholz and Steve Bennett were up for re-election, and a third seat was left vacant by Cela Burge, who recently became a judge in the Accomack Juvenile and Domestic Relations Dis-

trict Court.

Both councilmen retained their seats, with Buchholz receiving 232 votes and Bennett receiving 214 votes. Follmer got 186 votes, or about 45% more than he got in 2018.

Two other candidates fell short: Charles “Sambo” Brown, who previously served on the Cape Charles town council, had 161 votes, and Herb Thom had 100 votes.

There were 11 votes for write-in candidates out of 904 total votes for the Cape Charles town council.

There will be no changes to the Exmore town council. Three councilmen were up for re-election, and all ran unopposed and retained their seats.

Thomas Lewis got 71 votes, John Metz got 66 votes, and Chase Sturgis got 63 votes.

There were three votes for write-in candidates out of 203 total votes for the Exmore town council.

Of 948 registered voters from Cape Charles, 345, or 36%, made their choices in the voting booth.

Of 984 registered voters from Exmore, 91, or just 9%, showed up at the polls.

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other common areas.

Chandler agreed that the \$25 million already borrowed was not set as the entire budget for the high school project.

“The board is going to have to decide. (Are) you going to do the complete project and have the school in a very good, tip-top shape for the future – and with the programs that the community and the school system are looking for – or are we going to do it in pieces and parts?” he asked.

“How do you feel about us getting even deeper in debt?” Mapp asked Chandler. “I mean, we already owe 50-some million dollars, and that’s not chicken feed.”

But Northampton County may be able to create a new revenue stream that would allow it to sustain more debt.

Kolakowski noted Northampton is considering a one-cent sales tax that could generate up to \$1.4 million in

annual revenue exclusively for school capital improvement projects.

The sales tax would help alleviate the county’s heavy reliance on real estate tax revenue to fund those projects.

One cent of every dollar spent in the county would be set aside for public school construction and renovation.

About 50% of Northampton’s sales tax revenue “comes from people that are not citizens of Northampton County,” Chandler said.

Before the new sales tax can take effect, it must be proposed in a bill during a Virginia General Assembly session, passed by both houses, signed by the governor, presented as a referendum in a general election, and approved by a majority of voters.

Halifax County – a small county in southern Virginia that needed to raise at least \$88 million to repair its high school – successfully completed the process last year.

For Northampton, a one-cent sales tax increase is roughly equiv-

alent to a seven-cent real estate tax increase, Chandler confirmed.

Chairman Oliver Bennett suggested setting up a “face-to-face” meeting between county supervisors and the school board, possibly at the high school.

The meeting would give members of both boards the opportunity “to discuss whether this is a sustainable level of expenditures and a reasonable amount of money to spend for the product you’ll be getting,” Kolakowski said.

“With the numbers of students dropping like a rock, here we are tying up all of our money in the schools when we should be doing economic development so that we get more people,” Mapp said.

Supervisor David Fauber said, “Whether it’s 25 or 35 (million dollars) ... I don’t think we can just brush the school project aside. Something’s got to be done.”

The public meeting is expected to be held in approximately two to three weeks and will be advertised in advance as required by law.



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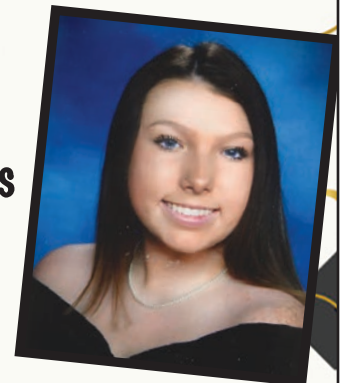
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'They're Coming No Matter What': Cape Charles Braces For Tourist Season

Cape Charles bed-and-breakfasts businesses are open once again now that the town council has lifted restrictions on short-term rentals

By Stefanie Jackson

The Cape Charles town council rescinded an ordinance last Thursday that had temporarily closed short-term rentals in an attempt to discourage visitors from coming to town and potentially spreading COVID-19.

The decision was made the day before Northampton County entered Phase One of Forward Virginia, Gov. Ralph Northam's plan to gradually reopen the state as the coronavirus begins to show signs of decline.

The council voted to rescind the ordinance by a slim margin of 3-2, with some council members wanting to keep short-term rentals closed for health and safety reasons, and others wanting to prepare for arrivals that they

deemed inevitable.

Councilwoman Tammy Holloway said, "They're coming no matter what." The only way to keep visitors out of Cape Charles would be to block Route 184 (Stone Road) and require drivers to show proof of residence, she said.

Town Manager John Hozey agreed. "The town has not been able to stop visitors to date. What we've done so far is slowed it down as best we could."

"We tried to make the town as uninviting as possible to guests" by closing public facilities such as restrooms, parks, and the fishing pier, he said.

Public beaches were closed by executive order of the governor.

The town ordinance was difficult to enforce, Hozey added.

When rental owners were asked why they were welcoming guests during the temporary shutdown, they said the guests were family members or the rental was long-term, he said.

Councilman Steve Bennett did not agree with reopening short-term rentals because additional visitors would

burden the Cape Charles medical center and the Food Lion, which hasn't had toilet paper or disinfectant in stock for two months, he said.

He acknowledged that visitors will come, even though he was "not sure what they're going to do when they get here," considering the closure of public facilities.

"The reality is, is that the governor has opened our businesses up at 50%," Holloway pointed out.

According to the governor's executive order 61, nonessential retail stores will be permitted to operate at 50% capacity, and restaurants with outdoor seating will be allowed to offer 50% of their outdoor seating capacity to guests.

"I really feel strongly that it's a public health issue that we don't have one bathroom available, and you know I'm against opening the one at the beach because that sends completely the wrong message," Holloway said.

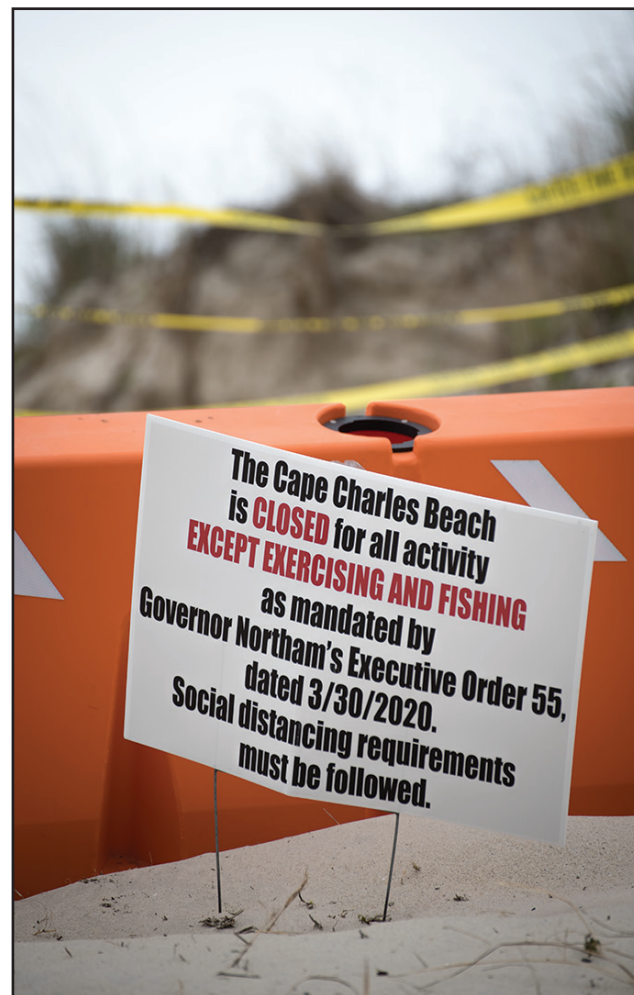
"We're telling people to wash their hands and sanitize their hands and we have no environment (in) which to do that," she continued.

Councilman Paul Grossman was concerned for the safety of the town staff members who would clean the bathroom and potentially be exposed to the coronavirus.

He agreed with opening a portable restroom behind the library after the town manager assured him staff would use all necessary personal protective equipment while cleaning the unit.

Councilman Andy Buchholz reminded his peers that nearby campgrounds will be allowed to reopen with restrictions.

"To be fair to the business owners, we've got to keep everybody equal. We've got to treat everybody the same.



A sign notifies would-be beachgoers that the beach is closed. Photo by Jim Ritch.

You can't just pick and choose what's going to open and close like that. That's not fair," he said.

Ordinance 20200416 was rescinded, effective immediately, with Councilman Chris Bannon and Bennett voting "no."

The beach will remain closed except for fishing and exercise, according to the governor's orders.

In another matter, Holloway announced that Cape Charles Main Street received a \$25,000 Northampton County Tourism Infrastructure grant, which will be used to purchase a portable restroom.

The trailer unit, which will feature running water and other amenities, will be placed near the municipal parking lot.

The grant was funded by transient occupancy taxes collected by Northampton's hotels and other temporary accommodations.

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EPA Might Be Sued for Failing to Enforce Clean Water Act

Attorneys General of Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., allege that in failing to require adequate pollution reduction plans from New York and Pennsylvania, the EPA did not fulfill Clean Air Act requirements to reduce pollution in the Chesapeake Bay

By Carol Vaughn

The Attorneys General of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Monday filed notices of intent to sue the Environmental Protection Agency for failing to enforce the Clean Water Act.

The parties say the EPA has failed to fulfill Clean Water Act requirements to reduce pollution throughout the 64,000-square-mile bay watershed by not requiring Pennsylvania and New York to develop pollution reduction plans in accordance with the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint — in which six states and Washington, D.C., agreed to develop individual plans and milestones to achieve limits on pollution entering the bay by 2025.

“Protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay requires a comprehensive effort by each of the watershed states as well as the EPA,” said Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, adding, “As the administrator of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, the EPA must treat each of the partners equally and make sure every state is pulling its weight and upholding its portion of the agreement, but instead, the Trump EPA simply rubber-stamped plans that are plainly inadequate. I hope we are able to come to an understanding that is beneficial for all parties, while keeping the health of the Bay at the forefront.”

The blueprint was developed after the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and co-plaintiffs settled a lawsuit against the EPA in 2010, including

an agreement for the EPA to develop a provision called the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load, which set out enforceable pollution limits and two-year milestones for bay watershed states.

The TMDL set limits for pollution equating to a 25% reduction in nitrogen, a 24% reduction in phosphorus, and a 20% reduction in sediment, with a 2025 deadline, according to the CBF website.

The parties intend to sue the EPA “for failing to ensure that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and State of New York develop Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans that achieve and maintain the nutrient reductions required of those states to meet the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load,” according to the notice filed by the attorneys general.

According to an EPA analysis, Pennsylvania’s Phase III plan would meet just 75% of its reduction target and New York’s plan would only meet 64% of its reduction target, the notice says.

An analysis by the CBF found economic benefits in the Chesapeake Bay watershed will total \$130 billion annually when the blueprint is fully implemented — an increase of \$22 billion per year over the amount in 2009, before the blueprint was developed.

Filing a notice of intent is a legal requirement of the Clean Water Act and is the first step toward litigation. EPA has 60 days to resolve concerns before the parties file a lawsuit.

“EPA has failed to uphold its Clean Water Act responsibilities. It has failed to implement the Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint. This has been ongoing for years, well before the COVID-19 pandemic, and the damage done will last far beyond the pandemic,” said CBF President William C. Baker.

“Ensuring the implementation of the Blueprint has been CBF’s top priority for over 10 years. It is essential the courts hold EPA accountable. There is no doubt that if Pennsylvania and New York fail to do their fair share the Bay will never be saved,” he said.

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Onancock Finds New Town Manager in Its Backyard



Matt Spuck, Onancock's new town manager. Submitted photo.

By Carol Vaughn

Onancock's new town manager is a familiar face, after a search that attracted more than 20 applicants.

Matthew Spuck, who owns and operates The Inn at Onancock with his wife, Kim Moore, will begin work July 1. He signed a three-year contract, Mayor Fletcher Fosque said at a town council meeting last week.

The town hired a consultant to assist with the search, after former Town Manager Bill Kerbin resigned to take a position in Vermont.

Spuck resigned from his seat on the Onancock Town Council before being named town manager.

Spuck was appointed to fill Josh Bundick's term on the council in April 2019, after Bundick resigned. Spuck ran for a seat on the council in 2018 but was not elected.

Spuck has been a member of the town's Sewer Line Transmission Study Committee, the Onancock Planning Commission, and the Onancock Business and Civic Association, according to a press release.

He and his wife moved from Boston to Onancock in 2016.

In addition to operating the inn, Spuck works as a consultant

with professional services firm CliftonLarsonAllen.

During a 30-year career, he previously held positions as vice president of finance at the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston; practice manager - business intelligence at JMT Consulting Group in the greater Boston area; and finance officer for Diploma Plus Inc., among others.

He also served on the board of a large suburban school system in western New York for five years.

Spuck earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Quinnipiac University in 1988.

"Matt plans to use his experience to lead Onancock in future negotiations with HRSD (the Hampton Roads Sanitation District), to facilitate strategic planning and to implement subsequent action plans reasonably tied to the resources of the Town. He also intends to secure non-tax related funding for economic development and Onancock's Main Street Initiative, with a goal to fill empty storefronts and to bring an increased vibrancy to the town," according to the release.

Spuck can be reached via email at Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com

ACCOMACK SCHOOLS BUDGET OUTLOOK IMPROVES

By Stefanie Jackson

Accomack County Public Schools' financial outlook has appeared to improve since about two weeks ago, when Finance Director Beth Onley announced that the fiscal year 2021 budget could experience a shortfall of up to \$1.6 million.

Multiple revenue losses were predicted due to the economic impacts of COVID-19, but the FY 2020 budget will have a surplus, Onley said, "because essentially we stopped operating on March 13," when schools were closed in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

As of March 19, there was nearly \$3.8 million left in the FY 2020 operating budget.

That doesn't mean the school division has that much to spend, because revenue for the current school year is expected to decrease \$507,000. That includes a sales tax revenue loss of \$405,000.

"We really won't know how much that is going to plunge until May 31 posting," Onley said.

But some one-time expenditures that were planned for next year will be made this year, including funding for school buses, textbooks, the Metompkin

Elementary sewer project, and Tangier Combined School's steps and ramp.

Onley also wants to set aside \$250,000 for the food service department. Accomack schools' food service program will receive no additional revenue this year, and the free meals provided since schools closed were not reimbursed at the standard rate by the federal government.

Food supplies must be replenished before students return to school, assuming classes resume in the fall, and meal reimbursements will not resume until mid-October.

After the expenditures are made, Accomack schools will be left with a budget surplus of about \$1.5 million for FY 2020.

The school division is normally allowed to end the school year with a budget surplus of less than 1.25%, which would equal less than \$700,000 in FY 2020.

Onley will ask Accomack supervisors for a waiver that will allow the school division to carry forward the remaining \$1.5 million into the next fiscal year.

No decision has been made yet about how to spend the \$1.7 million Accomack schools will receive from the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act).



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Quinn Price, 7, left, and his brother, Larry, 4, of Wallingford, Pa., dodge the waves at Kiptopeke State Park Wednesday. Swimming — as exercise — is permitted in the park, along with fishing and walking. Restrictions remain on other activities. For more on how COVID-19 has changed the way we dine, exercise, and pray, see Page 30. Photo by Jim Ritch.

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Accomack Considers Grants for Businesses Affected by Pandemic

Accomack County is considering using part of its portion of \$2.8 million in coronavirus relief aid from FEMA, which it must share with incorporated towns, to help small businesses affected by COVID-19

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack County will hold a public hearing in June to appropriate around \$2.8 million coming to the county as result of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The county should receive the money around June 1, according to Margaret Lindsey, director of finance.

The amount is based on population and must be shared with incorporated towns in the country, she said.

The amount to go to the towns, again based on population, is nearly \$780,000. That will be distributed on a reimbursement basis because the county is responsible for complying with the terms of the grant.

The money must be spent for pandemic-related expenses and can not be used to make up for lost revenue.

All the money must be spent by Dec. 31.

Lindsey and County Administrator Michael Mason did not immediately make specific recommendations on how to use the money, saying the county had received the information only recently.

One likely use will be grants to small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

“We are very aware that is available and allowable,” Lindsey said.

Towns will be given the same guidelines, and may, if they choose to, provide grants to businesses in towns.

In a separate funding stream, the county already has provided information to FEMA regarding around \$48,000 in pandemic-related costs incurred which potentially are 75% reimbursable under FEMA rules, Lindsey said.

Supervisor Billy Joe Tarr said small business grants will be important to Chincoteague, saying the pandemic “has devastated this small town,” which he said “is pretty much the golden egg of the county.”

“If they don’t get some kind of grant, they’re not going to reopen — they’re done,” he said.

The guidelines the county received last week did not specify the definition of a small business, Mason said.

He has asked Deputy Administrator Rich Morrison to begin to develop guidelines for a county small business grants assistance program.

“That’s where we are going to go with some of these funds,” Mason said.

Other allowable uses of the money include to pay for COVID-19 testing; to cover emergency medical response expenses related to the pandemic; to pay for costs to buy and distribute medical and protective supplies; expenses for quarantining people; expenses to deliver food to residents; and expenses to enable teleworking for public employees, among others.

The board also voted to waive, for this year only, the fiscal policy allowing for fund balance contingency in the public school fund to not exceed 1.25% of school operating expenditures.

“I support the request; we are in uncharted waters now,” said Supervisor Robert Crockett.

Supervisor Ron Wolff agreed, but said he hopes the school board will decide to forgo employee pay raises this year, as the county did for its employees.





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Stella Ann Bowden

Mrs. Stella Ann Lescalette Bowden, 68, beloved wife of Wilbur Lewis Bowden and a resident of Captain's Cove, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. Born April 2, 1952, she was a daughter of the late Walter Clifton Lescalette and the late Della Ann Greene Lescalette.

Ann was a longtime member of Union United Methodist Church and a devoted member and past president of the North Accomack Ruritan Club. Her career as friendship coordinator



Mrs. Bowden

for Hecht's Department Store fit Ann's personality perfectly, as she was well known for her positive attitude, ability to bring people together, and expertise in celebrating their accomplishments. She was also a professional photographer who enjoyed celebrating with friends and family through events, large and small. On Dec. 11, 1970, Ann married her soulmate and best friend at the age of 18. She and Wilbur shared a beautiful and blessed life together and nothing brought her more happiness than her family and those she considered family.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by their daughters, Elizabeth Ann Coulthard and her husband, James, and their children, Victoria Ann Coulthard and James Walter-Lewis Coulthard, and Christina Ann McQuaid and her husband, Roderick, and their children, Kaitlyn Sue Ellen Ann McQuaid and Roderick Lewis Xavier McQuaid, all of whom reside in Captain's Cove; her sister, Nancy Sue Lescalette, of Fleetwood, Pa.; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A private graveside service was held at the Union Greenbackville Cemetery.

Contributions in Ann's memory may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417, for the loving care they provide every day.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Jeffrey Douglas Coffey

Mr. Jeffrey Douglas "Jeff" Coffey, 54, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 18, 2020, at the home of his cousin and guardian angel, Amy Porter Leighton. Born Nov. 28, 1965, in Salisbury, Md., he was the loving and devoted son of the late Susan Porter Taylor and grandson of the late John and Juanita Porter.

For those who had the great pleasure of experiencing the genuine love, compassion, and loyalty that was Jeff Coffey, they know how incredibly lucky they were. As territory manager for E&C



Mr. Coffey

Enterprises, he was committed to his duty to ensure operations ran smoothly in each of his Corner Mart stores throughout the Shore. You could often find Jeff, surrounded by friends and lots of laughter, at the Onancock Elks Lodge #1766, where he was a longtime member and faithful volunteer. Jeff spent a lot of time camping with friends and family at Tall Pines Campground and always looked forward to "Sunday Fun Days," especially when his Baltimore Ravens were playing. He enjoyed cooking, working in his flower beds, relaxing on his back deck, and along with being the life of every party, he loved organizing and decorating a good time for all. No matter where Jeff was, he always brought light and love with him, and his presence will, undoubtedly, be greatly missed.

Jeff is survived by his stepfather, Jimmy Taylor, of Temperanceville; sister, Jami A. Dizon, and husband, Jude "JR," of Richmond, Va.; sister-in-law, Amy Coffey, of Parsonsburg, Md.; cousin, Amy Porter Leighton, and husband, Roland, of Craddockville; uncle, Johnny Porter, of Bloxom; stepsisters, Ellen Taylor, of Greenbackville, and Amy Wilson, of Pittsville, Md.; nieces and nephews, Drew and Ethan Coffey, Zoe Dizon, Kristen Taylor, and Carrie and Justin Wilson; best friend, Steve Kolbush; his furbabies, Winifred and Rabbit; and countless friends, all of whom adored him as he did them. In addition to his mother, he was predeceased by the love of his life and partner of more than 20 years, Eugene Stephen "Gene"

Carey; his brother, Jonathan D. Coffey; and his father, Marion Douglas Coffey.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Jeff's life once circumstances surrounding the current health crisis permit.

Jeff's heart may have failed to keep him here with us, but his legacy of giving can continue should you choose to donate, in his memory, to the Onancock Elks Lodge, P.O. Box 219, Accomac, VA 23301.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Betty Lou Dunton

Mrs. Betty Lou Jordan Dunton, of Onancock, died Wednesday, May 13, 2020. She was born Aug. 21, 1935, in Staunton, Va., to Emory Clarence Jordan and Virginia Mae Carey Jordan. She was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Staunton and Mary Washington College, received her master's degree in education from Old Dominion University, and taught school for more than 30 years in Accomack County.

Betty is survived by her husband of 62 years, Ridgway Moore Dunton; their three daughters, Rachel Wills (William), Virginia Donaldson (Andrew), and Margaret Bourne (Robert); four grandchildren, Benjamin Wills (Meghan), Jordan Wills Sligh (Wesley), Virginia "Ginny" Donaldson, and Andrew "Ridgway" Donaldson; three great-grandchildren, William and Virginia Sligh and Katherine Wills. She also is survived by her brother, William Russell Jordan (Helen); her brother-in-law, John Van Ness Dunton (Hope); three nephews, Stephen Jordan (Nancy) and Mark Jordan and Charles Dunton (Joan); and two nieces, Elizabeth and Rebecca Dunton.

Funeral services will be private.

For those who might be considering a memorial donation, the Foodbank of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 518, Onley, VA 23418, is suggested.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Peggy Ann Lewis

Mrs. Peggy Ann Lewis, 75, beloved wife of the late Bobby Wayne Lewis and native of Deep Creek, passed away Monday, May 18, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

Born July 13, 1944, in Urbana, Va., she was a daughter of the late Louis Crockett and the late Ella Dize Crockett.

Peggy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister and always put family first. She rarely missed the opportunity to play bingo, a game she and her twin sister enjoyed together. In her younger years, Peggy played softball and raced cars, and she was especially proud to have taken the Powder Puff title, driving the 007 car for the win, at the old A&N Speedway in Tasley.

Peggy is survived by her daughters, Ronda Bennett of Deep Creek, and Michelle L. Donahoe, of Saxis; grandchildren, Heather, Britany, Jessica, Patrick, and Cassidy; and several great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Evelyn Carpenter and Eldora Hunt; twin sister, Joanne Dix; and brother, Lewis Lynwood Crockett.

Funeral services will be private.

The family requests contributions be made to Williams Funeral Home, P.O. Box 218, Onancock, VA, 23421, to assist with final expenses.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Nora Ann Lipscomb

Mrs. Nora Ann Lipscomb, 88, wife of the late William F. Lipscomb, and a longtime resident of Marionville, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at her home in Heritage Hall-Nassawadox.

She was born Nov. 3, 1931, in Birdsnest. She was the daughter of Burley S. and Annie Katherine East Carpenter. She was a hard working domestic engineer and took great pride working for Franktown United Methodist Church for many years. She retired in 2019 and began her new journey shortly af-



Mrs. Lewis



Mrs. Dunton

ter, meeting her new friend, Mary Isdell, with whom she shared a room at Heritage Hall. They looked out for each other and were never separated. Thank you, Mary, for your kindness.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy Merritt; adopted daughter, Betty Ann Perry; a granddaughter, Michelle Merritt Gullledge, and boyfriend, Manny O'Neal; a great-granddaughter, Jena Lee Gullledge; a great-grandson, Evan Marshall Gullledge; two sisters, including Hattie Louise Powell; and several nieces and nephews, including Robert Powell (Dru) and Teresa Colleran (Kenny).

Kathy and family would like to thank and acknowledge Lori Hook, Debbie Robbins Padgett, and all personnel at Heritage Hall for taking care of Nora under this most difficult time.

To honor Nora's wishes, no public service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Red Bank Baptist Church, P.O. Box 932, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

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David McMath Parker

Mr. David McMath Parker, 76, who one year was honored by being named the Eastern Shore's Outstanding Citizen, passed away Thursday morning, May 14, 2020. He was a devoted family man who was recognized as a community and business leader in the two counties of his home area, as well as throughout the commonwealth of Virginia.

David Parker and his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Esther Taylor Parker, resided in Onley. He also is survived by their daughter, Kristin P. Linton, son-in-law, N. Kevin Linton, and grandson, Kyle Da-



Mrs. Lipscomb

vid Linton. A very important member of the family is Kokomo, an English Labrador retriever.

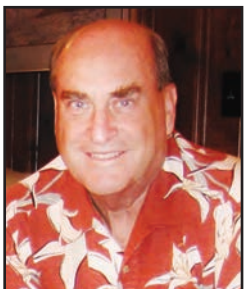
Other survivors include his brother, George T. Parker, and his wife, Vicki, and their children, Sophie E. Parker and Charles (Chad) Parker and his wife, Amy.

David Parker was the son of Anne Elizabeth McMath Parker Ewell and David Augustus Parker and the stepson of Claude R. Ewell.

Throughout a long business career, David Parker contributed to the community and to the state in a meaningful way. After serving as editor of the Eastern Shore News, he became vice president of Atlantic Publications, which published papers in a five-state area. During this time, he became active in the Virginia Press Association, serving as state chair of the Old Dominion Advertising Conference. He was elected to the association's board and then served as president of the association, with its membership including the daily and weekly publications in the state.

David Parker's interest in business and a growing economy was exemplified by his service for 12 years as a member of the board of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and he became president of that organization. He took a leadership role in establishing the Harvest Festival, which was a popular event that attracted thousands of participants. In recognition of his vision and leadership ability, he was named executive vice president of the chamber and executive director of Virginia's Eastern Shore Tourism Commission. He was elected to the board of directors of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of its tourism committee. With such a strong background in business and tourism, it is not surprising that he purchased and operated the Comfort Inn in Onley. In the meantime, recognizing his great organizational ability, he was asked to serve as the first executive director of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation.

Congeniality and kindness were a part of David Parker's style of leadership. His detailed planning and execution of those plans resulted in successful operations in every project he undertook and every organization he led. Early in his adult life he served



Mr. Parker

as president of the Eastern Shore Jaycees and chair of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Later he served on the board of directors of the Barrier Islands Center, the board of directors of the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore, and as president of both the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club and the Onancock Rotary Club.

Known for giving tirelessly and unselfishly of his time, he was elected to the board of directors of the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation at the time it was established and he soon was elected its president. In the area of education, he also served as a member of the board of Broadwater Academy.

Healthcare became another interest with his serving as chair of the successful campaign to raise funds for the cancer center in Nassawadox. He became a member of the board of directors of Shore Lifecare in Parksley and served as chair of its board. At the time of his passing, he was a member of the board of directors of Shore Health Services, which operates Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

Among a life filled with contributions, David Parker served on the town council and then as mayor of the Town of Onley.

Time was made for recreation with his wife, having season tickets for the University of Virginia football games. The institution's basketball games were nearly always watched on television and when the Masters was being played, nothing would interrupt his enjoyment of those tournaments. Fishing and golfing were favorites.

Contributions to the Eastern Shore and enhancement of life on the Eastern Shore have been documented but there also have been substantial contributions to religion with faith being an important part of his life. As a member of the Onley United Methodist Church, he served on its board of trustees and as chairperson of both the finance committee and the Methodist Men's Club. For two years, he was chair of the church's administrative council. He also served as chair of the finance committee of the Eastern Shore District of the United Methodist Church. In addition, he was president of the Eastern Shore Christian Busi-

nessmen's Association.

David Parker lived a life of faith and amazing community contributions. Out of health considerations, a private funeral service was held at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock, conducted by the Rev. Jim Canody. A celebration of life will be held at a later date and when circumstances permit.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Shore Cancer Center at P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417; Broadwater Academy at P.O. Box 546, Exmore, VA 23350; or the Onley United Methodist Church at P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Norbert Rosemary

Mr. Norbert William Rosemary, 97, husband of the late Mae Evelyn Rosemary and a resident of Cape Charles, passed away Monday, May 4, 2020, at his residence. A native of Baltimore, Md., he was the son of the late Casimir John Rosemary and the late Agnes Anna Tribull Rosemary. He was a retired HVAC sheet metal worker and member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

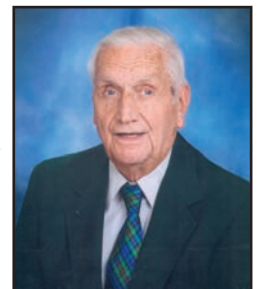
He is survived by a brother, Robert Rosemary, of Harrington, Del.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by eight siblings, Anna Rosemary Yoor, Charles Rosemary, Edward Rosemary, Amelia Rosemary, Urban Rosemary, James Rosemary, Gertrude Rosemary, and Lorraine Rosemary Riley.

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 virus, a funeral mass and inurnment in St. Charles Borromeo Memorial Columbarium will be held at a later date. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church, 545 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310.

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

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



Mr. Rosemary

BLACK VOTERS MATTER HOLDS COVID-19 HEALTH BRIEFING FOR SHORE WORKERS

The forum addressed the disproportionate effects of COVID-19 on minority populations, ways to protect oneself against the virus, and gave essential workers a forum for sharing their experiences working on the front line

By Carol Vaughn

Black Voters Matter Fund, a national nonprofit organization that advocates for voter engagement, held a community health briefing May 12 for black workers on the Eastern Shore, in the face of a disproportionate percentage of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths among the Shore's African American residents.

LaTosha Brown, who helped found the organization in 2017, moderated the virtual meeting, which Tami Sawyer,

Black Voters Matter national field director, said was held "to talk about the truth about COVID-19."

They were joined by local RN James Abbott; Dr. Camara Jones, an epidemiologist and medical anthropologist; and Clayola Brown, president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, an AFL-CIO union constituency group; along with local advocates and poultry workers and a nurse affected by the pandemic.

"The people who are actually working in those same plants with you, they are the ones who organized this...to make sure that everyone that they are on the line with every day...that all of you all have the correct information to keep you, your community, and your family safe from COVID-19 — and so that you know your rights as a worker," Sawyer said, adding, "...There are a lot of brave voices on this call."

Of 915 cases on the Eastern Shore as of Thursday 540 — 59% — were Black or African American, and 142, or

15.5%, were Hispanic or Latino.

Race was not reported for 108 cases and ethnicity was not reported for 95.

Statewide, around 23% of cases and 24% of deaths from COVID-19 were among African Americans, Virginia Health Commissioner Dr. Norm Oliver said Monday.

Of 58 Shore residents hospitalized, 43 were Black or African American, and five were Hispanic or Latino.

Of 27 Shore residents who have died, 14 were Black or African American, and three were Hispanic or Latino. Thirteen women and 14 men have died of COVID-19 on the Shore to date.

Dr. Jones called the pandemic "deadly serious."

"If opportunity were equally distributed across the planet, or at least in this country, and if exposure to risk were evenly distributed across the planet, or at least in this county, there should have been no way that we could divide up the population and see any one group getting more of

this virus and dying more often from it," Jones said, adding, "...But the fact that we saw this virus coming to zone in on black and brown people, where we are getting infected at least twice as much as white people, and we are dying at least three times as often — that shows that opportunity and exposure are not equally distributed in this country, and it's really just pulling the sheets off of racism."

African Americans are not genetically more susceptible to the virus, "but we are more exposed," including in poultry plants and other essential businesses as well as prisons, Jones said.

"The best defense right now is to not get in the way of the virus," she said, urging people to stay home if possible, and to wash hands frequently and practice social distancing, and wear a mask if you must go out.

"What we really need is for this government to make it feasible for as many people as possible to stay at home,"





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Jones said.

Jones said some workplaces' policy of telling workers who test positive to return after five days off without symptoms is not safe.

"We don't even know if the 14 days recommended by the CDC is safe, but the CDC has recommended 14 days... We certainly know that five days is not enough," she said.

Abbott recommended purchasing a pulse oximeter to measure oxygen levels.

People coming to the Shore's hospital "are coming too late... Their symptoms are just horrible," he said.

COVID-19 patients at the hospital "vary from young to old; we've had a steady average of 10 to 12 people," he said.

Clayola Brown said workers "feel like your only choice is, are you going to work or are you going to eat."

"Common sense is what we are asking for, and dignity and respect. We do not want to go into a modern-day plantation time situation," she said.

Brown said the amount of COVID-19 illness among African Americans "is not a surprise to us, because the deprivations from our communities, we have been screaming about that for years and years and years — and when the community is deprived, you are going to get sick."

With social distancing not possible in some workplaces, "the risk is high; the choices are difficult," Brown said.

Even without a labor union, Virginia workers have access to "control factors that will protect you as a human being and as a citizen of the United States," including OSHA — although Brown described the agency's current leader as "draconian."

Still, OSHA is publicly funded "and they have to hear your complaint," she said.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is another federal agency obligated to respond to complaints.

"That's an avenue the people can go to," Brown said.

She urged African Americans to develop a relationship with their representatives in Congress.

"There's not a lot of them talking up for us who are worker people these days; we've got to make our own noise,"

she said.

A Perdue worker who lost a close friend to the virus called for the plant to close for two weeks, saying, "Taking a temperature is not going to detect an asymptomatic person."

"It's just impossible to keep social distance in a chicken plant," she said.

She has not been back to work since her friend died.

A single mother who works at the Tyson plant also spoke.

"When I first heard of this COVID outbreak... I honestly didn't think too much of it, because this place is small; I really didn't expect for the worst to come," she said.

Then she started hearing about people she knew testing positive, and a cousin and a childhood friend died.

"I'm not blaming Tyson... I just wish more safety precautions were taken faster, before it took for all these cases to start being reported positive," she said.

Because her mother has a chronic condition, "I feel like I'm putting her more at risk the more I go to work."

A nurse at a local nursing home, who recently was fired, also spoke.

She said she spoke to her manager with concerns about a recently hired nurse who came from Heritage Hall, where there is a COVID-19 outbreak.

"She had not been tested. I asked if they had made her wait 14 days; they had not had her wait the 14 days before entering our facility. Then my fight began," she said. She asked supervisors not to let the new person work until she was tested, but the person was allowed to continue working, she said.

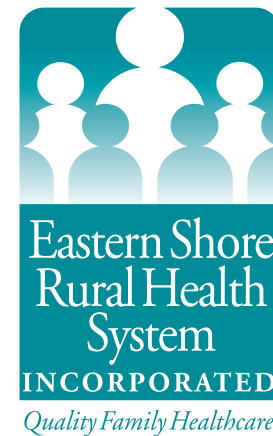
She said it was not until April 27 employees got N95 masks, and not until May 4 they received isolation gowns.

On May 4, employees were told the new hire had tested positive, and on May 6, they were told a patient had tested positive.

"It was directly linked to them allowing this nurse that came in from Heritage Hall," the nurse said, alleging she was fired for speaking out.

Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax has proposed creating a statewide COVID-19 Racial Disparities Task Force to focus on racial disparities in case numbers and outcomes in Virginia.

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

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- **No appointments after 5 p.m.** until further notice. **Chincoteague summer Saturday hours postponed.**

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

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African Americans make up around 19% of Virginia's population, but 25.5% percent of COVID-19 cases. Latinos make up 8.3% of the population, but 38.8% of COVID-19 cases, Fairfax said in a May 12 letter to Gov. Ralph Northam.

Fairfax said similar task forces have been created in Michigan and other states.

Attorney General Mark Herring joined a coalition of 20 attorneys general to send a letter to President Trump, calling for him to take action to ensure the health of meat and poultry processing plant workers.

Trump signed an executive order in April invoking the Defense Production

Act to keep meat processing plants open during the pandemic.

"If President Trump is going to force poultry and meat processing plant employees to continue working in these dangerous conditions then he must also implement critical safety measures to prevent them from getting sick," Herring said in a press release.

"Meat and poultry processing plants, including those on Virginia's Eastern Shore, have become hotbeds for coronavirus and it is just wrong to have anyone working in these conditions without proactively making sure that all necessary safeguards are put in place to keep them protected from infection. These are human beings working in these plants not machines and they must be treated better," he said.

The letter urged Trump to make guidelines for protective measures and safe working conditions in plants mandatory — including isolation and quarantine of COVID-19 positive workers with full pay, among other measures.

A coalition including the Legal Aid Justice Center, Virginia Organizing, and Community Solidarity for Poultry Workers earlier this month called on Gov. Ralph Northam and state agencies to enact enforceable, COVID-19 specific, measures to protect poultry plant workers and farmworkers in Virginia.

"There is an emergency within an emergency at poultry plants and meat-packing facilities throughout the Commonwealth," said Jason Yarashes, lead attorney and program coordinator at the Legal Aid Justice Center.

The coalition also asked the General Assembly to enact legislation expanding the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act to include paid leave for employers with more than 500 employees, including poultry and meat packing plants.

Perdue Farms has been reaching out beyond employees to the communities surrounding its plants.

The company hosted virtual town hall-style webinars in more than 15 communities where it has production operations, including Accomac, with the goal of furthering ongoing dialogue regarding COVID-19 with community leaders including pastors, healthcare professionals, elected officials, civic organizations, and more.

"The health and safety of our associates is our number one priority. We have a long history of supporting our associates and the communities where we work and live, and remain dedicated to doing everything we can to safeguard them during COVID-19 and beyond," said Tracy Morris, vice president of human resources at Perdue, in a May 15 press release.

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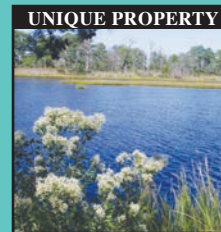
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This Week's Osprey-Eyed Readers

Last week we didn't give you much to go on, except that you'd know it when you saw it. So many of you found the bogus ad for glasses in our classifieds and followed the instructions to claim your spot in our hallowed hall of winners. We usually honor only three or four winners, but with so many of you solving the puzzle, we decided to go all out with our recognition.

With so many osprey-eyed readers winning last week's contest, we obviously have to become more devious. To that end, this week we've deviously hidden five pictures of animal feet. Remember, you have to find photographs that show only animal feet; pictures that show the entire animal aren't contest-worthy. Find all five and email our editor with page number, location on page, and identity of animal for each of the five to: editor@easternshorepost.com.

If you are the first to respond correctly, you will win a \$25 gift certificate to the Charlotte Hotel and Restaurant. The Charlotte is currently operating a carry-out business Wednesday through Sunday, 4 to 8 p.m., with wine and mixed drinks available. Specials this week include a fried rockfish platter and a local soft crab dinner. The gift certificate can also be used when the restaurant opens again for inside seating. Thank you to Gary and Charlotte Cochran for this week's gift certificate.

If you correctly identify all five clues but aren't the first to respond, you might still get your favorite picture in the paper. And for this special feet contest, one time only, we are allowing feet photos.

WINNERS



Lori Middleton was the first to respond. Vixen and Dee the Labrador retriever (inset photo) hold her spot.



Second was Gail Nottingham, of Franktown; Stinky-Cat stands in her stead in the winner's spotlight.



Third-place winner, Tyler Spady of Machipongo, let his rooster do the talking.



Anne Snyder, responding fourth, shared this photo of her granddaughter, Emma Snyder, with grandfather.

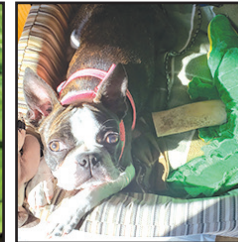
RUNNERS UP



Shirley Zamora wanted her dog, Theo, to represent her.



Sarah Nock sent this photo of her dog, Charger, to claim her spot.



Pixie represents Joan Selby, of Chincoteague, on the winners' page.



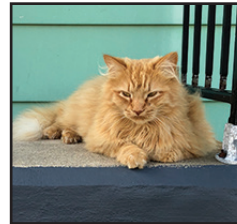
It didn't take long for Christina Brown to solve this week's challenge.



Larry Thornton sent Ghost and Sni to represent him.



Wendy Bell was on the ball and earned a place in the winners' gallery.



Jocelyn Grover's cat, Harry, claimed her spot and a place in the sun.



Shirley Taylor chose grandson and 2020 graduate Tyler Boggs.



Leo Brunetti, of Daugherty, made it to this week's victors' page.

A salute to a puzzle solver for whom we did not receive a photo, Brenda Shaffer, and one who did not wish to be recognized.

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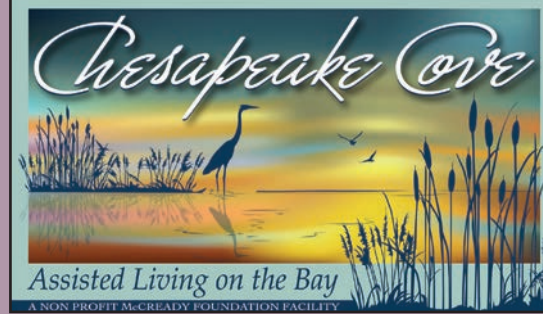
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Things You Didn't Need To Know About Bears

By David Martin

One of our internet tubes runs through the woods so I was out there with a cleaning brush when I heard something growl. An old-timer once told me black bears had been seen on the Eastern Shore even though the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries says that ain't so. Still, just in case, I looked in the internet tube to see what I should do if I'm attacked.

Bears attack people for all kinds of reasons but, generally, there are two categories of bear attacks: defensive and predatory. In a defensive attack, the bear just wants to get away from you or wants you to get away from it. Maybe you were hiking and came upon the bear by surprise. Or were in the woods cleaning internet tubes. In a defensive posture, the bear will be agitated and fearful, making noise, huffing and growling, snapping its jaws, bouncing on its front legs. It might perform a bluff charge, turning away at the last moment. Even if it makes contact, once it knocks someone to the ground and determines the person is not a threat, the bear might go away

without inflicting further damage.

A predatory attack is completely different. The bear doesn't want to scare you away. It wants to eat you. It will approach silently. It will stalk. Its attention will stay riveted on you. And the attack, when it comes, won't be a bluff — it'll be preparation for dinner.

For a defensive attack, you should remain calm and give the bear what it wants: distance. Leave by backing slowly away and allow the bear to leave. If the bear charges, stand your ground because it might be a bluff. And if the defensive-attack bear makes contact, you can fall to the ground and roll into a ball and play dead. Chances are you'll survive.

If you fall to the ground and play dead during a predatory bear attack, the bear will start enjoying dinner. Against all odds you have to fight back with all your strength to convince the bear you will not be an easy meal. You probably will have only a few seconds to determine if the attack is defensive or predatory, and the difference between the two is not textbook clear. One bear guide gave this helpful advice: if the bear starts feeding on you, you'll know it's a predatory attack.

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Virginia/Shore COVID-19 Updates, Week of May 15

Friday, May 15: Most of Virginia Moves into Phase I; Accomack Remains Under Severest Restrictions

By Stefanie Jackson

Gov. Ralph Northam turned his attention to the economic impact of COVID-19 while speaking during a press conference Friday, May 15, as Forward Virginia Phase One took effect in most of the state, allowing some businesses to reopen following a 14-day slowing of the spread of the coronavirus.

Accomack was among those areas the governor granted permission to delay partial reopening.

“Our primary concern throughout this situation has been public health. We also recognize that has major implications on everyone who is not working, and for our state budget,” Northam said.

Virginia tax revenue was down about \$700 million in April, a decrease of 26%, and that loss is expected to reach \$1 billion by the end of June, he said.

Virginia Secretary of Finance Aubrey Layne said “economic activity held up well” in April despite the \$700 million revenue loss.

About 80% of Virginia’s tax revenues come from payroll withholding, which was up 4% in April, “meaning that we had quite a few businesses still operating and paying their employees,” he continued.

Layne attributed the gain to an economy that was strong before the pandemic, as well as shipyards that have remained open.

About 20% of Virginia tax revenues are from sales taxes, which held steady in April as spending decreased in stores and restaurants but increased for online shopping, grocery stores, and Virginia ABC stores.

Most of the April tax revenue drops were due to extending the state tax payment deadline from May 1 to June 1, Layne said.

Virginia received about 260,000 tax payments from individuals and

companies this April, compared to 540,000 payments received last April.

Layne also provided an update on approximately \$6 billion in COVID-19-related stimulus funds Virginia has received, including \$3.1 billion from the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act).

About \$650 million of the stimulus funds will be distributed by June 1 to localities for costs directly related to COVID-19, Layne said.

The state has also designated around \$121 million for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for PPE (personal protective equipment) and \$42.3 million for COVID-19 testing.

Northam clarified that about 15,000 of the 184,000 coronavirus tests given in Virginia since February were antibody tests, accounting for roughly 9% of all COVID-19-related testing in the state.

Virginia has a 15% positivity rate for nasal-swab COVID-19 tests, which test for the active virus. There is a 13.4% positivity rate for nasal-swab tests and antibody tests combined.

The results of the two types of tests will be kept separate going forward, Northam said.

As of April 21, Virginia had 58 testing sites for COVID-19, but as of May 14, it has 215 testing sites, with 52 more to be added soon, he said.

Virginia Health Commissioner Norman Oliver reported that COVID-19 contact tracing is “ramping up” and more than 4,000 individuals have applied for jobs as contact tracers.

As of May 15, Virginia had 28,672 cases of coronavirus, including 859 new cases. There were 22 more coronavirus deaths, bringing the death toll to 977 in the state.

African Americans accounted for 4,586 or 23% of coronavirus cases

and 207 or 24% of COVID-19 deaths in Virginia.

Hispanic community members accounted for 8,466 or 44% of coronavirus cases and 76 or 10% of COVID-19 deaths in Virginia.

Northam commented on the Accomack County Board of Supervisors and the city of Richmond, Va., requesting to follow Northern Virginia in delaying Phase One of re-opening in their respective localities.

Monday, May 18: Governor Creates Education Work Group, Opens Va. Beach Beaches

By Carol Vaughn

Gov. Ralph Northam in a briefing Monday announced the creation of a work group to help chart the path forward for Virginia schools during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group includes representatives from public and private schools and colleges, among other education specialists, ranging from early childhood through higher education.

“We were the first state to close our K-12 schools through the end of the year, and that has proven to be the right decision,” Northam said, adding,

“They’re local leaders. They know that area better than certainly anybody else, and I granted their request.”

He did not favor granting such a request to one part of a county or an individual town. “It would just get totally out of hand,” Northam said.

“While I’m sure the decisions that I make are difficult for some individuals to understand, we have tried to be consistent, we’ve tried to be fair.”

“Now, our schools, from early childhood education to higher education, are looking toward the fall.”

The group, which held its first meeting April 23, is meeting regularly with public health officials and “will be laying out specific next steps over the coming weeks,” Northam said.

Its steering committee includes Secretary of Education Atif Qarni, chairman; State Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane; Deputy Secretary of Education for Higher Education and Museums Fran Bradford; and Peter Blake, director of the State

Walmart Offers COVID-19 Testing

Walmart in Onley is now offering COVID-19 testing Mondays (except Memorial Day), Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m.

Criteria for Testing: CDC and VDH Criteria, including first responders, health care providers, and others with symptoms of COVID-19, and those in high risk groups without symptoms.

Those interested in being tested need to visit: www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com to see if they are eligible for testing and to make an appointment.

Insurance Information: There is no out-of-pocket cost for testing.

Council of Higher Education for Virginia, along with around three dozen members.

The COVID-19 Education Work Group will make recommendations about issues schools need to address before they can reopen safely, and then will focus on long-term recovery plans to address learning gaps and social or emotional issues students may have resulting from schools being closed.

The recommendations will be coordinated with the Forward Virginia plan to ease public health restrictions in phases, according to a press release.

“As we make decisions about the path forward, this panel will help ensure that we are best supporting rural students, English language learners, students of color, and students with special needs,” Northam said, adding, “School closures have been necessary to protect health and safety, but lost class time has a disproportionate impact on Virginia’s most vulnerable and economically disadvantaged students. That’s why equity will remain at the forefront as we determine when and how we can safely and responsibly return to in-person learning.”

Northam also announced easing of some restrictions at beaches at Virginia Beach, including First Landing State Park, starting Friday, May 22.

Those beaches will be open to recreational activities including sunbathing, swimming, surfing, and fishing, as defined by the city’s ordinance.

Parking will be capped at 50% capacity.

Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer said he is “prepared to stand by this plan to ensure that when we open, we will be the safe beach that is required in these most challenging times.”

He urged visitors and residents to adhere to rules for distancing at the beach.

“Let’s remember, this is short-term inconvenience for long-term gain,” he said.

Northam said the opening applies only to Virginia Beach and First Landing, but he encouraged other beach areas to use the Virginia Beach plan as a model for enforcing restrictions once they are allowed to open for recreational use.

Poultry Plant Testing Results Made Public

By Carol Vaughn

The Eastern Shore Health District announced initial results of a public testing event and testing at Accomack County’s two poultry processing plants.

Of 1,380 people tested at Eastern Shore Community College, 49 tested positive, 1,290 were negative, and 41 were inconclusive or invalid, according to a press release dated May 15.

The health department is contacting all positive cases to provide them with instructions on isolation.

“We have attempted contact with all positive patients as of this release,” the release stated, adding that the department planned to start contacting those with negative results this week.

Additionally, the health department received about 2,875 results out of an expected 3,100 tests conducted earlier this month at Accomack County’s two poultry processing plants.

Those tests showed an approximate 18% positive rate, with a total positive count of around 510, according to the health department.

It will take several days for those numbers to appear in the case counts on the Virginia Department of Health website.

Labs that processed the poultry plant tests are not connected to Virginia Department of Health electronic reporting, meaning each result has to be entered manually into the database.

Additionally, some employees tested do not live in Virginia.

As of May 15, around 85 of the 510 positive results were reflected in the current case count for Accomack and Northampton counties, according to

the release.

The Eastern Shore Health District has a public information telephone number, 757-787-5880, for questions from residents about the pandemic.


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Liam Duncan, left, owner of the Cape Charles Distillery, displays spray bottles of handcrafted, locally blended sanitizer with Hayley Brown, director of sales and marketing. Photo by Jim Ritch.

A Spirit of Goodwill

By Jim Ritch
Contributing Writer/Photographer

First-responders and food bank volunteers recently received handcrafted donations of locally blended, spray bottles of sanitizer.

The Cape Charles Distillery distributed free bottles to front-line workers first and is currently delivering one free bottle to every home in the historic district.

"We want to lead by example. This was a natural fit," said owner Liam Duncan, who expects to give away about 1,500 bottles.

"We're just trying to protect people

and the town," he said.

The distillery imported denatured alcohol from its affiliated distillery, then blended it with glycerin and bottled the mix in Cape Charles.

Each 4-ounce bottle contains 75% alcohol, exceeding guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control. The CDC requires at least 60 percent alcohol to be effective against the novel coronavirus.

To help defray production costs, the distillery charges \$8 for each 4-ounce bottle and \$13 for 8-ounce bottles at its Mason Avenue tasting room.



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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.

MLS 50217
\$75,000



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



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



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



Hacksneck

Beautiful 4.24 ac, waterfront lot on Nandua Creek at Holly Shores subdivision. Has county permit for conventional well and septic installation.

MLS 50168
\$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



Wachapreague

Nice 2BR, 2BA home with heat pump and garage. .95 ac

MLS 47282
\$149,000



Tasley

Lankford Highway, 5,000 s.f. commercial space. Five potential commercial rentals. Two are presently well-established businesses equaling \$2,450 each month.

MLS 49866
\$449,900



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Red Bank waterfront 3.04 ac lot with survey and septic permit. Red Bank has a community dock, on Pungoteague Creek.

MLS 47344
\$59,000



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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
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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
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Nice wooded 2.95 ac residential lot with deeded lane to Lankford Highway. Lot has County septic permit.

MLS 44864
\$32,000



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



Mappsville

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

MLS 49463



Onancock

East Point area Beautiful WF 4BR, 3 B home on .72 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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Drummondtown Rd. in Locustville, nice 4.77 ac level cleared for a homestead.

MLS 50663
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Mink Farm Rd., Waterfront lot 4 of Mimosa Farm subdivision, 5.5 ac on Deep Creek. A lovely home spot.

MLS 51354 \$70,000

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Mink Farm Rd., waterfront lot 3 of Mimosa Farm subdivision, 6.6 ac on Deep Creek. A lovely home spot.

MLS 511357 \$70,000

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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

\$4.5M Allocated for Virginia Fishermen; Where's the Excitement?

By *Connie Morrison*

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced earlier this month the allocation of \$300 million of CARES Act funding for fisheries and the seafood industry, with just over \$4.5 million headed to Virginia. The funding was ballyhooed by Virginia Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine in a press release.

But eligible recipients don't seem excited about the news.

"I have no faith in that system," said Gloucester waterman Daniel Knott, vice president of the Virginia Watermen's Association. "Show me one waterman who is involved in that process. The large ones are the ones who will benefit," he said, likening the \$300 million for fishermen from the CARES Act to the Paycheck Protection Program loan program, which saw some large corporations exploiting loopholes to benefit from the program.

Cape Charles waterman Scott Wivell also does not expect to see any of the CARES Act money. "Especially being a small time commercial Fishermen we are often overlooked," he wrote in a text response to the Post. "I expect most of that money will go to large aquaculture operations and charter boats."

When the CARES Act first came about, Knott applied "for all available benefits." He was denied "or given the runaround," he said.

"It was so promising, then everything failed. ... I think because I wasn't asking for a lot of money." Knott thinks banks targeted their largest customers because banks collected fees from the loans and they got a larger return for making larger loans.

At the very least, it will be months before watermen and fishermen see that money in their hands because the Virginia Marine Fisheries Commission has to develop a plan, with guidance from NOAA, about how to distribute the funding, and NOAA must approve the plan.

The VMRC sent a survey to fisheries participants to gather information for the plan. The survey can be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GQ3M7T7>

"This survey will help the agency determine priorities and ensure



Waterman Scott Wivell, of Cape Charles, tongs for oysters. Photo by Rachel Stevens, Bayside Studios. Used with permission.

that VMRC is making the best use of these limited funds as the agency develops our spend plan" reads a notice that accompanies the survey. "This survey will be used for informational purposes only and does not constitute any guarantee of assistance or count as an application." Completed surveys are due June 1.

Processors, wholesalers, dealers and distributors, charter fishing operators, are also fisheries-related and eligible for funding. Vessel repair businesses, restaurants, and seafood retailers are not eligible. Funding recipients must meet a threshold of economic revenue losses greater than 35 percent related to COVID-19 as compared to the prior five-year average.

The snail's pace of the pass-through

CARES Act funding is compounded by a crab market already in turmoil because there weren't enough H2B visas for the immigrants who usually pick crabs. H2 visa holders "do everything. They're the major labor force," Knott said, but the seafood industry is lumped in with the hospitality industry and a lottery system is used to determine who gets the labor.

Some of the picking houses don't have the labor they need, and without buyers, crabbers are finding other ways to stay afloat.

"You kind of figure it out," said Knott. "They are making a living, but not a great one."

Some have retrofitted trucks or trailers to keep crabs cool and are finding direct markets in urban areas. One waterman he knows is making and selling crab pots.

"A lot of watermen are resilient like that," Knott said. "Even if they are out there every day barely paying the gas bill, that's what they're going to do."

Wivell found markets in Maryland. "We have been fortunate that crabs have been selling this whole time even if it's at a much lower price than usual," he wrote. "Many of the crab houses in Maryland are take outs that were deemed essential so that basically saved the industry from collapse even if we are still barely hanging on."

There was also consternation over the amount of funding designated for Virginia. Alaska and Washington were each allocated \$50 million, more than 11 times Virginia's allocation. Twelve states and federally recognized American Indian tribes of the West Coast (as a group) received more funding than Virginia; 11 states, five U.S. territories, and federally recognized tribes of Alaska (as a group) received less than Virginia.

"I put that solely on the senators at the federal level," said Knott.

Congresswoman Elaine Luria, representing Virginia's 2nd District, recognizes the inequity. "Virginia ranked fourth in the nation in seafood landings with over 362 million pounds, and our fisheries account for 7.4% of all aquaculture sales in America. It is unacceptable that NOAA's allocation does not accurately reflect Virginia's contribution to the national fishery and aquaculture industries or the losses our watermen are facing," she said in a May 20 press release.

When NOAA unveiled its distribution plan, "It was unacceptable to me that Virginia will only receive \$4.5 million or 1.5% of this assistance," she said.

"I want fishermen to know we are fighting for them and trying to get them something," said Chincoteague fisherman Jim Dawson. He, Luria, and Bloxom have had meetings and phone calls about the funding, adding that Luria has been trying to attach aquaculture growers and commercial fishery producers to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's \$16 billion in direct support to farmers and ranchers and the \$3 billion commodity purchase and distribution program.

"We are greatly disappointed in the amount of disaster funding Virginia received. This funding falls woefully short of even beginning to address the devastating impacts fisheries and aquaculture businesses have suffered due to COVID-19," said Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Matthew J. Strickler in a May 7 press release. "The fishing industry in Virginia supports thousands of jobs and generates millions in revenue. The Administration must release more funding to help our coastal communities and businesses."

Despite the hardship and uncertainty, watermen endure. "It's the nature of beast and why people become watermen. ... They appreciate the challenge," said Knott, who was drawn to the water in retirement after a career that included 22 years in the military.

"I wouldn't do anything else — don't want to do anything else," he said. "Most people would tell you it's more of a calling."

FOLLY CREEK DOCK CONSTRUCTION DELAYS COMPOUND WATERMEN'S HARDSHIPS

By *Connie Morrison*

The completion of repairs to Folly Creek's commercial dock has been delayed because the contractor, Murtech Inc.'s marine division, from Salisbury, Md., pulled off the job for a week and a half.

"The site superintendent said it was due to concerns from their employees about working in Accomack due to the high number of COVID cases," Accomack Deputy County Administrator for Public Works & Facilities Stewart Hall wrote in an email.

Waterman John Gibson thinks that's absurd. "The dock area is closed and no one can be going there to the dock to infect those workers with the corona virus," he wrote in an email to the Post. "They must be infected by and creating excuses with corona beer."

He reports the dock has been closed since December and watermen have been eagerly anticipating a Memorial Day reopening.

In the meantime, they have been using Parker Creek. That location is not only inconvenient — 12 miles by road from Folly Creek — but there are economic and practical concerns as well.

The dock at Parker Creek is too small and now the commercial fishermen are feeling the pinch of sharing space with recreational users, though he doesn't begrudge them use of the dock.

On top of that, Parker Creek has silted in and watermen can't bring fully loaded boats into the landing. "We need the county to immediately start using a large clam dredge or something like it at the mouth of Parker Creek for us to be able to work ... and get in and out of Parker Creek with boats loaded with product," Gibson wrote. "The contractor should be billed for dredging Parker Creek."

The new estimated completion for the \$481,411 project is mid-June, and Hall said the county is reviewing the contract to see if liquidated damages could be assessed against the contractor.

"They (Murtech Inc) have demonstrated a horrible work ethic from day 1," Gibson wrote. "There has been absolutely zero display of any sort of sense of urgency on this job and they are spitting in our faces while they carry on this way," he continued. "The contractor is robbing the county in plain sight."

A reporter contacted Murtech Inc. for this story, and was told the company wished to respond. As of press time Thursday, no response had been received.



Top: A skiff is tied at a closed dock at Folly Creek.

Above: Construction is underway to repair the commercial dock at Folly Creek. Photos by Connie Morrison.



Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Study Accomack and Northampton Counties

Public Notice of Community Interest and Feedback Survey

Background: The former Bay Coast Railroad offers 49.1 miles of primarily flat straight terrain that presents an opportunity for a shared use path connecting communities, businesses, and State/Federal parks throughout Northampton and Accomack Counties. The Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Study seeks to assess the feasibility of converting the abandoned railroad into a shared use path. The railroad corridor runs mostly parallel to US Route 13 on the Eastern Shore and travels through the Towns of Hallwood, Bloxom, Parksley, Onley, Melfa, Keller, and Painter in Accomack County and the Towns of Exmore, Nassawadox, Eastville, Cheriton, and Cape Charles in Northampton County.

About the Study: The study explores the opportunity to reduce interaction between vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists on US Route 13 with the development and construction of a shared use path, to improve pedestrian and cyclist mobility, accessibility, and safety. Shared use paths are separate and dedicated areas removed from motorist traffic, supporting multiple recreation and transportation modes including walking, bicycling and others. The study area extends approximately 50 miles between the Town of Cape Charles and the Town of Hallwood. While the shared use path alignment will largely follow the abandoned railroad track alignment, the study will also identify potential connections into Town and County destinations in the vicinity of the railroad alignment.

VDOT is inviting public feedback and comments on the value of a shared use path through an online survey at bit.ly/EasternShoreTrail until May 31, 2020. Additionally, written comments can be sent to Mr. John Bolecek, Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220 or through e-mail to bikeped@vdot.virginia.gov with reference to "Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Study" in the subject line.

Members of the public may also share input by mailing this shortened version of the survey to the address above, prior to May 31, 2020.

1. I anticipate using the shared use path once built: Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree	2. Please list the activities you are likely to engage in on the path: Walking Biking Running Scooter / Skateboard Roller blading Other None	3. Likely purpose for visit to the path: Access shopping Recreation Commuting to Work School Exercise Social/Family Outings Other	4. Please list any suggestions for parking locations, trail destinations or amenities you would like to see included in the study. Please also share any concerns or comments related to specific areas along the trail path.
5. Additional Comments related to Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Study:			6. Submitter Zip Code:
			7. Please subscribe me to updates on this project: Yes No E-mail address:

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Additional study information at https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/eastern_shore_rail_to_trail_study.asp



*Fishing from
the Shore*

By Bill Hall



With everything else going on in the world today, experiencing the effects of a named tropical weather system in May just adds to the continued craziness of the year 2020.

Yet, here I am, typing this report while the Weather Channel is predicting a course for a strong tropical storm named Arthur that is projected to take the system just offshore of Hatteras before veering out to sea, impacting us with some rain showers, gusty winds, and a high surf advisory through midweek.

Hopefully, this mess will clear out and give us a couple of fishable days this weekend.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae Roeske, at Captain Bob's Marina, said that last week's strong flounder bite died out over the weekend, as the winds picked up on Saturday, muddying up the water in most areas. Roeske mentioned the Junkyard and the Four Mouths areas as producing some of the most impressive catches. Flounder measuring 16.5 to 24 inches were reported as late as Friday afternoon. Live minnows with orange or pink Berkley Gulp Swimming Mullet produced some of the top catches. She said that black drum were being caught in the Assateague surf on clam baits. She said that water temperatures were in the mid 60s. Roeske was lamenting the weatherman's prediction for gusty winds and rain during the early and mid-part of this week.

Jimmy Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported that striped bass and black drum catches were made in the surf last weekend, but fishing has been "not too good" since the nasty weather moved in. Increasing numbers of whiting (kingfish, sand mullet) are also being caught in the surf as well as puffers (swelling toads) and the first spot of the season. He said that the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association held a flounder tournament over the weekend, with some decent catches reported. The shop weighed in a 5-10 citation speckled trout for Pennsylvania angler Sam Eyler and a 50-inch striped bass release for Dennis Lightner Jr.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, of Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that flounder were being caught on the seaside "from Chincoteague down to Wachapreague," with some of the better catches coming during the clearer water on the incoming tide. Abell said that the Chesapeake Bay side produced some beautiful speckled trout catches over the weekend, with catches being made by anglers bottom fishing as well as by those who used popping corks. Red drum schools appeared in the shallows near Foxes Island. Black drum catches were made in both Pocomoke Sound and Tangier Sound.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul reported that catches of flounder were made over the weekend, with some anglers catching their limits. He said that anglers are still finding some black drum in the surf. The shop also saw a few speckled trout catches.

Amanda Manzella, at the Wachapreague Inn, said that a group of three guests had five keeper flounder and a couple of 16-inch throwbacks on one day, with the same group returning with 11 keepers the following day, four of which measured at least 21 inches. The group was using live minnows and Berkley Gulps for bait and rumored to have made their catches while fishing in the Hummocks area.

Lower Shore – Jeb Brady, of Bailey's Bait and Tackle in Cape Charles, reported that anglers fished hard for black drum over the weekend, with most of the reported catches being made off Fisherman's Island. Red drum and striped bass catches were made by anglers fishing from the beaches of the lower barrier islands. Flounder catches were reported out of Oyster. Brady said that there were a few speckled trout, puppy drum, and stripers caught along the bayside creeks. He said that he hopes the fishing will improve as the water temperatures continue to rise and the clarity improves.

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.



McKinlee Killmon caught this 12.2-pound sheepshead while drum fishing near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.
Photo courtesy of Bailey's Bait & Tackle.



Sam Eyler landed this 5-10 speckled trout in the Chesapeake Bay shallows.
Photo courtesy of the Sea Hawk Sports Center.



Jean and Ray Messick caught these flounder while fishing with Capt. Tim out of Captain Bob's Marina.
Photo courtesy of Captain Bob's Marina.



Dennis Lightner Jr. released this 50-inch striped bass from the Assateague surf.
Photo courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle.

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 Unlisted clue hint: PROTECTS A CIRCUIT

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Last Week's Answers

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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Completed | 56 — Banos, California | 93 What a great ad campaign leads to | 1 Credit's opposite |
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| 14 Places to pitch tents | 61 — degree or another | 102 Pan-fry | 4 Safari sites |
| 19 Transgress | 62 Arthur of tennis | 103 Lane of song | 5 Part of QED |
| 20 Bow go-with | 64 Home of Iowa State | 105 Gymnast Comaneci | 6 "Marty" star Borgnine |
| 21 Dignity | 65 Organisms of a region | 109 Encore-eliciting cries | 7 Sonata parts |
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| 32 Just OK | 80 Turns back to 000 | 121 Blasting aid | 16 Capital of the Philippines |
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| 38 Symptom of mumps | 88 Plant "pet" | 125 Something associated with the first words of this puzzle's seven longest answers | 29 Nun's beads |
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| 45 1492, e.g. | | | 37 Concert sites |
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| 51 Portable enplaning bridge | | | 40 Sister of Hansel |
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| | | | 54 Wee colonist |
| | | | 55 "— -haw!" |
| | | | 59 "Relax, GI!" |
| | | | 60 Assembled as one body |
| | | | 63 All gone, as dinner |
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| | | | 68 Not lax |
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| | | | 77 Peat source |
| | | | 80 Tries to shred |
| | | | 81 More elastic |
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| | | | 87 Apt rhyme for "treadle" |
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The Get-Up-and-Go Guide to Social Distancing: How to be Out and About Safely

EAT.

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Restaurants Welcome Return of Guests Slowly, Cautiously

By **Jim Ritch**

Contributing Writer/Photographer

To the casual eye, The Shanty Restaurant offers more spacious seating this season with additional outdoor tables, some now separated from sunsets and Cape Charles harbor by nothing more than a wooden railing.

Diners might even feel more pampered, receiving complimentary sprays of hand sanitizer upon seating and again when they depart.

But that relaxed appearance belies how the novel coronavirus has completely upended operations at The Shanty and other Northampton restaurants.

“People are still nervous about coming out, so we want people comfortable that we’re going above and beyond” to keep them safe, said Jon Dempster, owner.

Patrons no longer enter through the front door. Now, they walk around the side of the building over round circles marking an appropriate distance to wait before reaching the greeters.

Once seated, patrons sit at least six feet apart but sometimes as much as 10 feet, because the Town of Cape Charles has allowed The Shanty extra space.

Mayor Smitty Dize approached Dempster shortly after Virginia imposed restrictions on restaurants, offering a conditional use permit to temporarily spread out onto part of the city’s dock.

Without the space, the restaurant could not have operated close to 50% capacity allowed by the state. With it, Dempster and his team serve up to 60 patrons. Normally, the restaurant would seat 130 people.

Serving these patrons is a similarly reduced staff.

Attracting people to work is a constant struggle, but the restaurant operated with slightly more than 30 em-

ployees compared to its normal complement of about 50.

Serving less than half capacity with slightly more than half its regular staff is one of the financial strains facing the restaurant, but it’s necessary to meet and exceed the state’s guidelines.

“There’s just a lot more steps,” he said.

For example, a staff member sanitizes all door handles and other surfaces and logs the round of cleaning.

Another financial strain comes with the use of disposal paper towels and condiments. Packets of condiments are served automatically even though some patrons don’t use them. Then, they’re disposed, used or not.

“We’ve gone through twice the amount of ketchup in four days,” he said.

Further, the outdoor seating puts the restaurant at the whim of weather and cooler evening temperatures. The restaurant no longer stays open until midnight. Now, when the sun drops and the temperature falls, it has been closing around 9 p.m.

At the Cape Charles Distillery on Mason Avenue, patrons enter through the front door into the tasting room, but immediately exit into a new, tented, outdoor seating area.

Without the seating area, which was in planning last year, “I don’t know where we would be,” said Liam Duncan, owner.

Wicker seating areas for two to four people are carefully interspaced.

When patrons enter, he shows them the seating and asks if they’re comfortable with the arrangement.

“They have to be comfortable with it. This is not about sitting wherever you want, you have sit where you’re assigned. We have to put safety first,” he said.



Justin and Terry McCarthy, wearing mask in foreground, enjoy dinner with Capt. Patrick Lynch at The Shanty Restaurant in Cape Charles. Increased distances between tables and other safety practices makes the experience more private for patrons but greatly more complicated for the staff. Photo by Jim Ritch.

When You Go:

Many Cape Charles restaurants offer outdoor dining, including:

- Ambrogia Cafe and Enoteca
- Cape Charles Brewing Company
- Cape Charles Coffee House
- Cape Charles Distillery
- Deadrise Pies
- Hook @ Harvey’s
- Kelly’s Gingernut Pub
- The Oyster Farm
- The Shanty

Your favorite outdoor restaurant not listed? Let us know at jim@easternshorepost.com



Jon Dempster



Pastor Kelvin Jones preaches before a parking lot of cars and worshippers Sunday at First Baptist Church Capeville. The outdoor services, begun in response to the state's COVID-19 quarantine, attract 65 to 80 cars and a diverse congregation. Photo by Jim Ritch.



A large sign advertises the new and unusual style of Sunday worship at First Baptist Church Capeville. The sign commands attention of drivers passing on Route 13. Photo by Jim Ritch.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH FILLS NICHE DURING QUARANTINE

By Jim Ritch
Contributing Writer/Photographer

Pastor Kelvin F. Jones used to receive hearty “Amen” when he delivered the sermon at First Baptist Church Capeville.

Sunday, he heard automobiles honking.

Quickly adjusting to the rules of Virginia's COVID-19 quarantine, Jones and his congregation moved their worship service to the church parking lot about a month ago. Now, the church's members and a growing number of visitors worship from their cars as he preaches.

This new “drive-in worship” format offers a streamlined and more casual style that may forever alter the church, which faces Route 13 about eight miles north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

When the state's COVID-19 guidelines prevented members from coming into close contact, Pastor Jones felt compelled to make more efficient use of their time.

“We stripped away the fluff” of the previous, indoor services, said Jones. “We're giving people the essence of what they need.”

The new format consists of praise team worship, scripture reading, a hymn, offering, and sermon. What had previously been a 90-minute service now usually lasts just 60 minutes.

The new format also allows individuals to attend church in more casual attire.

“You can climb out of bed, grab a cup of coffee, and come to church,” because families worship in the semiprivacy of their cars.

That privacy also reduces noise

and distractions from other worshippers, allowing congregants to “zero in on the Word,” he said.

The result is an increasingly popular service, and as more visitors arrive they change the congregation's racial composition.

The church has long had a racially mixed praise team, but its congregation had remained predominantly African American. Today, about one-third of the 65 to 80 cars gathered each Sunday hold a European American family, he said.

“Our lives used to be integrated during our work week and segregated at 11 a.m. on Sunday,” he said. “We now look more like the body of Christ than we did before.”

He believes that these changes will permanently alter worship, even after the state's restrictions and concerns of infection end. The format has been so successful that he intends to continue at least through September, even if the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted entirely.

When the congregation finally moves indoors, he expects that it will easily adapt. “We used to just flick the switch and the mics were on,” he said.

Most importantly, the new format keeps people in the habit of coming to church.

“We never went big into livestreaming,” he said, “So, we don't have to worry about people coming back, just coming back safely.”

The stress of protecting against infections may drive more people to church, said Carlos Taylor, member of the Men's Ministry.

“With all that's going on in the world, people need a positive message,” he said.

Churches across the Eastern Shore offer “drive-in” worship on Sunday mornings. Here's a sampling.

CAPEVILLE

First Baptist Church Capeville
25283 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles
757-331-4315

CHERITON

African Baptist Church
4224 Sunnyside Road
757-331-1837

EXMORE

New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
3254 Seaside Road
757-442-4483

FAIRVIEW

Mt. Sinai Gospel Tabernacle Church
23066 Banks Road, Cape Charles
757-331-2798

FRANKTOWN

Bethel Baptist Church
7638 Bayside Road, Franktown
757-442-6861

HORNTOWN

Tabernacle Baptist Church
5224 Fleming Road
757-824-5840

PARKSLEY

Metompkin Baptist Church
20371 Lankford Highway
757-665-4135

PAINTER

New Mount Zion Baptist Church
17450 Coal Kiln Road, Painter
757-442-2425

PUNGOTEAGUE

Shiloh Baptist Church
31559 Boston Road
757-442-2739

WARDTOWN

Ebenezer Baptist Church
30492 Boston Road, Pungoteague
757-442-4824

Your church not listed? Let us know at jim@easternshorepost.com



Susan Russell, of Cape Charles, photographs from a beach overlook at Kiptopeke State Park. Masks are recommended but not required on trails. Walkers do need to let others know of their presence and step aside to let people pass. Social distancing rules apply. Photo by Jim Ritch.

When You Go:

WHAT: Kiptopeke State Park

WHERE: 3540 Kiptopeke Drive, Cape Charles

WHEN: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. for day use and guest visitation. Pier open 24 hours April 1 - Dec. 31

PHONE: 757-331-2267

COST: \$7 daily; \$75 annually for all state parks. \$40 annually for seniors. Passes good for one household.

Links for a contact-free visit:

Daily Park Pass

vasp.fun/parking

Trail and Facilities Guide

https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/kiptopeke#park_trail_guide

Field Guide to Native Plants

<https://www.plantvirginianatives.org/native-plants-for-virginias-eastern-shore>

Field Guide to Birds

<https://www.birdingeasternshore.org/>

Campsite and Other Reservations

<https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/kiptopeke-state-park/VA/140162/overview>

Field Guide App

One of the most definitive apps is iNaturalist. Photograph species of plants and birds and submit them for identification by a community of experts. Replies sometimes come quickly, said Ranger Stan. Visit your app store to download.

Kiptopeke State Park is Carefree, Contact-Free Outdoor Fun

By Jim Ritch
Contributing Writer/Photographer

A new era of contact-free, “responsible naturing” begins this week at Kiptopeke State Park.

The park’s five miles of trails and two miles of beaches never fully closed during the state’s COVID-19 quarantine, but its campsites and beaches are instituting new safety practices for visitors.

As of Thursday, campsite, yurt, and lodge reservations began, and swimming may be pursued as an exercise from the beaches. Fishing and walking were already allowed, but sunbathing and socializing are still restricted.

Even before visitors leave their homes, contact-free preparations can begin by purchasing passes for entry and downloading and printing interpretive materials, said Ranger Stan Osmolenski, park interpreter.

Admission can still be purchased at the gate; internet transactions just make entry safer for visitors and park staff.

Visit www.vasp.fun/parking to buy a daily pass. The cost at Kiptopeke is \$7, which entitles bearers to bring a carload of people -- technically, one household. Save money with annual passes good for admission to all state parks. Passes start at \$40 for seniors; \$75 for others.

Also before leaving home, print a trail guide. A surprising number of people lose their way in the wooded trails each year, he said.

A field guide to native plants can also be downloaded, and a good website for identifying birds is available. (See inset box for links)

New to the interpretive materials to print at home is a scavenger hunt customized to Kiptopeke. The hunt features structures, animals, and plants to encourage a wide-ranging visit. Download the hunt and print it at home or obtain a printed (and disposable) copy at the park entry.

Once in the park, all the state’s face-covering and social distancing rules apply but are slightly relaxed for outdoor activities. Face coverings, for example, are recommended but are not required on trails. Essential, however, is letting people know of your presence and stepping aside to let them to pass. Distance matters.

Families may also exercise their dogs in the park, as long as they are on a leash and cleaned up after. Dogs may run on almost all of the trails and the main beach south of the fishing pier. The north beach, however, is a swimming area and off-limits for dogs.

Fishing is free from the beaches, although a state fishing license is required.

No state license is needed to fish from the pier, however, just a separate day pass. The pass may be purchased at a self-ticketing station near the pier. Cost is \$5 for age 16 and over; \$3 for age 6 to 16; free under 6 years.



Ranger Stan Osmolenski



A Harbinger of Summer: The Return of Rocking Chairs to Watson's Hardware

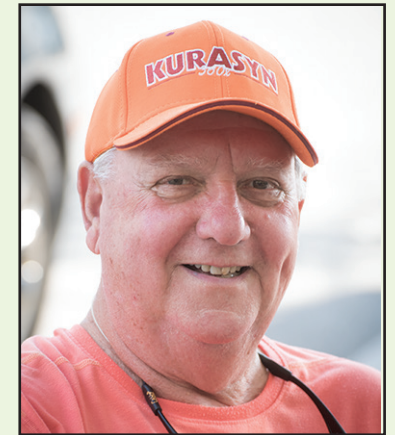


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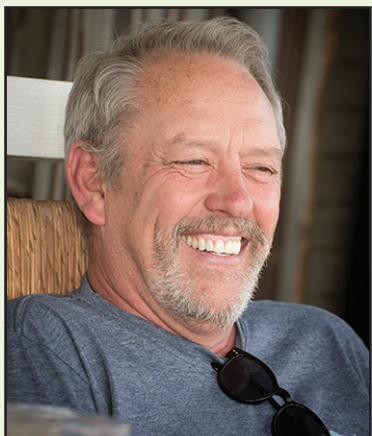
No better event indicates the reopening of Cape Charles than the reappearance of rocking chairs and the regular gang at Watson's Hardware. (Note the spacing of chairs.) Here's what they're talking about this week:



Jerry Dooley: "I'm glad not to pay a fine for docking at the marina," one week after being threatened with a \$500 fine had he tied up at the then-closed municipal facility.



Larry Johnson: "We're glad the hardware store hasn't sold, so we have a place."



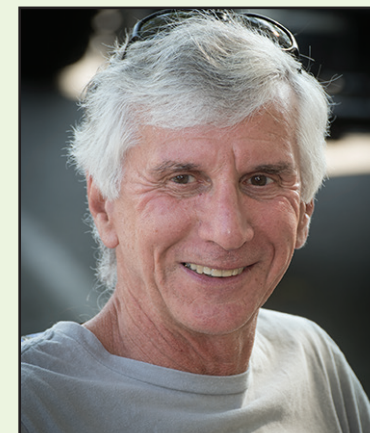
Jeff Grey: "When can I get a haircut?"



Phil Hullinger: "We're thankful Lord Northam decreed ABC stores as essential."



Stevens Lawrence Jr.: "Women, oysters, clams, and fish."



Bobby Ariatti: "The whole purpose of coming here is to escape reality."



Chip Watson: "I'm glad everyone got to see me."

Facebook 'Adopt a Senior' Groups Support High School Graduates



Kaitlyn Miller, of Arcadia High School, receives a package from former teacher Liz Kuhns Munger, containing items from her Amazon wish list.

sons Lewis was inspired to do the project.

"Our community is pretty strong together," she said.

After parents suggested Lewis include nearby Arcadia High School, she contacted Principal Shaun O'Shea.

O'Shea gave Lewis permission to create a public Facebook group for Arcadia seniors. Due to privacy law, he was not allowed to share the class roster, but parents worked together to make sure no one was left out.

If any student or parent did not have a Facebook account, another family member, friend, or community member would "reach out on their behalf," Lewis said.

About 500 Facebook members joined the Arcadia group. A photo of each graduating senior was posted,



These flowers came for Patricia Lee, who started the Nandua High School group. She received the flowers as a thank-you from her two adoptees, Necole Stravino and Adrian Dorn.

*By Stefanie Jackson
Submitted Photos*

The Eastern Shore community has found a new way to show love and support for its graduating high school seniors in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

High school seniors have been missing out in 2020, with proms and graduation ceremonies canceled due to COVID-19.

But parents and community members like Jessica Lewis, of Chincoteague, are finding ways to show support for graduates online, where social distancing rules are irrelevant.

Lewis was inspired by a Facebook user who used the social media platform to get members of the community to "adopt" seniors and give them things they will need as they prepare to attend college or technical school or pursue a career.

Accomack schools superintendent Chris Holland approved of the project, and Lewis created the public Facebook group, Adopt a Chincoteague High School Senior 2020. Within one week, all 53 seniors were adopted.

Finding people to adopt the Chincoteague seniors was easy because "everyone kind of knew everyone" in the close-knit community, Lewis said. It was one of the rea-



along with a description of the student's academic and extracurricular interests and the items needed most.

As of May 19, 55 of 166 Arcadia seniors were posted and adopted.

Some students created Amazon wish lists and received gifts by mail. Some sponsors delivered gifts in person. Dorm supplies and gift cards for retail stores, food, and gas were among the items the students have received, Lewis said.

Business owner Karen Trader, who makes custom-printed T-shirts, buttons, and other products, randomly selected two seniors from Arcadia (and later Northampton), and each received 10 personal-



Another Facebook user, Patricia Lee, of Painter, followed Lewis' example and created a public group for Nandua High School seniors, which also has about 500 members.

Her son is a rising senior at Nandua High School. "I know he will be devastated if he doesn't get to walk the stage," she said.

"I wanted people to show the seniors love, and appreciate and gift them for their accomplishments.

"I wanted to let them know that despite what's going on, they did in fact reach a major milestone and they deserve to be recognized."

More than 60 Nandua High School seniors have been adopted.

To adopt a senior or post a profile of a senior who hasn't yet been adopted, join one or more of the public Facebook groups: Adopt an Arcadia High School Senior 2020, Adopt a Chincoteague High School Senior 2020, Adopt a Northampton High School Senior 2020, or Nandua High Adopt a Senior c/o 2020.

For more information, contact Jessica Lewis at 757-894-2807.



Trace Adams, of Chincoteague High School, receives a graduation basket that Amber and Frank Goldstein delivered all the way from Woodstock, Md.

ized graduation buttons.

Arcadia athletic director Chelsea Sharp and Chincoteague parent Amy Thomas have offered photography services at little to no cost to students who had missed the opportunity to have senior portraits made.

After seeing the Facebook groups for Chincoteague and Arcadia seniors, Northampton High School basketball coach Wayne Bell Jr. reached out to Lewis about adding a group for Northampton seniors.

Bell and Access College Foundation advisor Devin Allen pitched in to get the word out to students.

As of May 19, 34 of 98 Northampton High School seniors were posted and adopted.



Layla Rodriguez, a Northampton High School senior, receives a gift bag from Georgette and Gary Press.

Historic Onancock School Awarded Grant for Improved Access

The Historic Onancock School Community & Cultural Center was awarded a \$50,000 grant for improving access to its historic school building. The award, from the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation, will assist HOS in installation of a new wheelchair lift in the building, which has not been accessible to persons with mobility issues since its opening in 1921. This project will also include renovating bathrooms to achieve Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and will cost approximately \$95,000. Additional funds needed to complete the project will be raised through a capital campaign, which has been underway since March, but will begin in earnest as soon as the coronavirus lockdown is relaxed sufficiently to permit fund raising events.

Executive Director Joani Donohoe said of this project, "HOS has been hampered for years because neither the upper nor lower floors of our building have been accessible. With the new lift in place, both levels will be fully accessible and an ADA-compliant bathroom will be available for everyone using the building."

OHS alumna Roberta Dean, president of the HOS board, explained that support from the alumni and other members of the community will be critical now that many potential business sponsors are struggling financially due to COVID-19. "We are counting on our alumni and friends to make this project work. We hope everyone will recognize the tremendous value of being able to open our facilities to more seniors and people with mobility problems."

Bids have been obtained for the wheelchair lift and related construc-

tion, and a tentative start date of July 1, 2020, has been selected. The start date must be flexible to comply with state guidelines regarding use of the building. The project is expected to be completed before the end of 2021. Marking the building's 100th birthday, the wheelchair lift project will be the culmination of a series of improvements made in recent years, including interior and exterior painting, roof repairs, renovation of classrooms, and installation

of HVAC equipment.

The HOS Community & Cultural Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Tenants include 14 artists and makers in working studios, two arts organizations, a table tennis club, fitness club, community band, several start up entrepreneurs, and the Eastern Shore Waterman's Museum. Many local, federal, and private groups use the facility for meetings and family gatherings. For more information, go to <https://www.historiconancockschool.org/>

A&N Electric Cooperative Named 2020 Tree Line USA

The Arbor Day Foundation has named A&N Electric Cooperative a 2020 Tree Line USA in honor of its commitment to proper tree pruning, planting, and care in the cooperative's service area.

Tree Line USA, a partnership between the foundation and the National Association of State Foresters, recognizes public and private utilities for pursuing practices that protect and enhance America's urban trees. Tree Line USA promotes the dual goals of delivering safe and reliable electricity while maintaining healthy community forests.

ANEC achieved Tree Line USA by

meeting five program standards. Utilities must follow industry standards for quality tree care; provide annual worker training in best tree care practices; sponsor a tree planting and public education program; maintain a tree-based energy conservation program; and participate in an Arbor Day celebration.

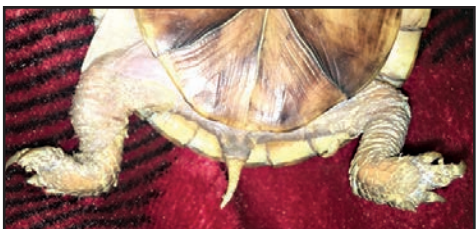
ANEC becomes only the third electric cooperative and fourth electric utility in the commonwealth of Virginia to achieve the Tree Line USA designation. More information about Tree Line USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeLineUSA



Martinez Signs With Shaw U.

Northampton High School Athletics announced that Wendi Martinez, a senior soccer player, has signed a \$10,000 grant-in-aid with Shaw University to play soccer and run track for the 2020-21 school year.

Martinez played center midfield/forward for Northampton. She had 25 goals and 26 assists in three years. In the 2019 season, she was first team all district, first team all region, and honorable mention all state. She won three district titles (2017, 2018, and 2019). She made first team all district twice (2017, 2019). Martinez was captain at NHS in 2019 and 2020.



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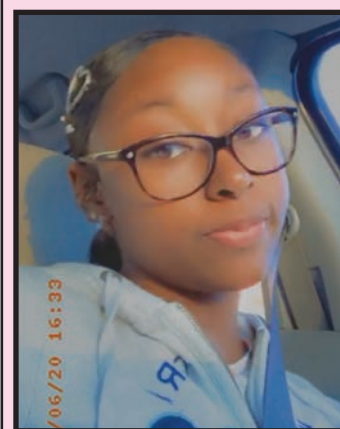
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Happy Birthday Demetria aka "Mimi." On May 22, 2020, Mimi will turn 17. It was around her birthday last year that she was diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease. But as a former cheerleader, she never "missed a beat." After moving from her home on the Eastern Shore to Norfolk to be closer to CHKD, Mimi attended Booker T. Washington High School, in Norfolk, VA, and became a member of their volleyball team.

"Demetria is an absolute joy to have for any educator. She doesn't allow her medical challenges keep her from striving high and maintaining excellent grades. I can recall many school counseling sessions with her to ensure she maintained good academic standing. She would even call me when

she was home recovering due to treatments to manage her schoolwork. What I admire most about Demetria is her strength and refusal to let her health keep her from being the best she can be. There are adults that aren't as fearless as her." Anyone that meets her can learn resilience," said Rhonda Lindsey, M.A., QMHP-C, Professional School Counselor, College Liaison at Booker T. Washington High.

Instead of birthday gifts this year, please consider becoming a living donor. Mimi has O+ blood type and could use your support. If you are interested in becoming a living donor please visit www.Sentara.donorscreen.org or contact her parents Shatisha and Quincy Rogers at tishabrown1@gmail.com



Community Notes

Complimentary Paper Products

Shore Delivery Corps now offers free toilet paper and paper towels once weekly to local people in an effort to keep vulnerable neighbors at home, safe from COVID-19.

Holt Paper Co. agreed to let the corps get products at pre-pandemic prices. A donor, who prefers to remain anonymous, paid for the products.

Shore Delivery Corps organized at the end of March. Volunteers pick up groceries and medications at suppliers in both counties and deliver them to people who call the phone bank for assistance.

Each weekly delivery can now include eight rolls of toilet paper and four rolls of paper towels.

The complimentary products will continue through June, or as long as

the Shore Delivery Corps exists.

For more information, call (757) 801-9950.

Send a Cheery Note to a Nursing Home Resident

Isolation can bring loneliness and depression, especially to those in nursing homes. Many Shore folks have begun sending cards to lift the spirits of those in long-term care facilities.

Here are the addresses of local long-term care facilities:

- Heritage Hall, P.O. Box 176, Nasawadox, VA 23413
- Commonwealth Senior Living, 23610 North St., Onancock, VA 23417
- Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center, 26181 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421.

Virtual Marine Science Day

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science will host an online Marine Science Day Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at <https://www.vims.edu/public/msd/index.php>

This family-friendly, virtual event will provide a fun, educational, and engaging day of exploration. From seafood cooking demonstrations and Q&A sessions with scientists to story times and do-at-home crafts, there

will be something for everyone. Participants will be able to interact with some of the leading scientists in the field of marine science as well as explore the areas of research conducted at VIMS. A special feature will be the Careers in Marine Science sessions – in which faculty, staff, and students from a variety of fields will be available to answer questions about their jobs and career paths.

Registration is required to access the Marine Science Day virtual platform. Visit www.vims.edu/msd for more information, a schedule of the day's activities, and to register.

GoToMeeting ACDC Monthly Meeting Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 6:00 PM

The Accomack County Democratic Committee (ACDC) will convene its June monthly business meeting via www.gotomeeting.com Current ACDC members and invited guests have been provided access information for the meeting. To join the remote meeting on Wednesday, June 3, send an email to llamontage@gmail.com to request the access login.

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Happy Birthday, Tita!



Today, Friday, May 22 — her birthday — Teresa "Tita" deGavre will be only a few short years away from possibly becoming the oldest living person in Virginia, a recognition that she is not really looking forward to obtaining — but one that we hope she does reach! (The lady who does hold that distinction is now 112.) Long live, Tita!

Only a mere 106, Tita is still at her cherished Deep Creek Plantation where she is lovingly cared for by Tammy and her team of awesome ladies — Ursula, Sadra, Shykerea, Ann, and Karen. Tita's been there ever since she and her husband, Chet, bought the estate at an auction held on the steps of the bank in Onancock in the early 1950s. Tita had been in the States only a few years by then, but immediately fell in love with the Shore; it reminded her so much of Hayling Island, near Southampton on the south coast of England, where she grew up.

Born at the outbreak of World War I, suffering through the Great Depression, enduring so much during the bombings and ravages of World War II, she has seen and experienced in her 11 decades more than most of us every will, from, for example, marveling at the invention of the horseless carriage to watching a rover drive around on Mars. Probably the most momentous decision she ever made was to leave England after the War, immigrate to the States, and bring her two sons — then 8 and 6 — with her to make a new life. She worried that the opportunities in war-torn England for her boys would be every limited, and America with Chet would give them a life she hoped would give them the circumstances for a happy, successful life.

Though my brother and I cannot be with Mom this day, with no thanks to Corona (He's in Washington; I'm in Florida), we would love to tell her again how truly thankful we are that she made that decision over seventy years ago — and to

"Wish her health, happiness, and a very joyous Happy Birthday! We love you!"
-from Tim and Caroline deGavre, Rob and Angela deGavre

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Thanks to everyone for their love and support of our sister, Van Parker.

Sincerely,
 Sister Tina & Brother Dione

To Accomack County Residents:

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

Any individual needing Medicaid, TANF, SNAP(also known as food stamps), or Child Care Subsidy should apply at CommonHelp (www.virginia.commonhelp.org). 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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Minimum qualifications: Juris Doctorate degree, with admission to the Virginia State Bar and demonstrated knowledge of best legal practices and the Code of Virginia. Five to seven years of prior experience with public government in Virginia. *Preferred qualifications:* Prior experience as a County Attorney in Virginia, legislative monitoring experience and familiarity with Board Docs software; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.

Satisfactory completion of criminal, financial, media and civil litigation background checks, verification of education credentials as well as a pre-employment physical and drug screening.

Interested applicants should visit the County's employment website for further details and application instructions. Review of candidate applications will begin June 1, 2020.

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Applicant must at a minimum possess the following: Commonwealth of Virginia-Department of Health Emergency Medical Technician certification, CPR, valid VA Driver's License with good driving record, Emergency Vehicle Operators Course, and Hazardous Materials Awareness. Criminal Background check, physical and drug screening are requirements with this position.

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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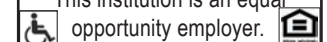
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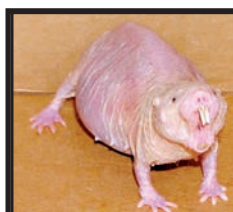
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 7257 SPUR LN, A/R/T/A 7263 SPUR LN, MACHIPONGO, VA 23405. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$98,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia as Instrument No. 070001059. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia on June 19, 2020, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE ABOUT ONE-HALF (1/2) MILE SOUTHWEST OF SHADYSIDE, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, WHICH LOT IS FORTY-FIVE YARDS (45 YDS.) LONG AND FORTY-FIVE YARDS (45 YDS.) WIDE, AND IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF LIZZIE STEVENS; ON THE EAST BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF ARTHUR MORRIS; ON THE SOUTH BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF SMITH BELL; AND ON THE WEST BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF JOHN LANE'S HEIRS. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE EXPRESSLY SUBJECT TO THE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS CONTAINED IN DULY RECORDED DEEDS, PLATS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS CONSTITUTING CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE IN THE CHAIN OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED, WHICH HAVE NOT EXPIRED BY LIMITATION OF TIME OR OTHERWISE BECOME INEFFECTUAL. **TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH.** A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22201. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-348610-1.

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Parcel A, containing 1.53 acres, as shown on plat attached to deed recorded in Instrument No. 200502930, and

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be an in person for applicants and conducted as an electronic meeting conducted through the "Zoom" platform for others interested citizens to participate in the meeting either by calling in and listening to the proceedings or logging in through their computers to view/listen to the meeting. The dial-in and log-in information will be posted on the County's website (www.co.northampton.va.us) on June 3rd at noon.

A. Public hearing from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Variance 2020-03: Mark Sturgis has applied for a variance of 16.5 feet from the required 60 feet front yard setback for a total front yard setback of 43.5 feet. The property is located at Lot 195 Black Drum Lane and zoned as ES/R-RVR (Existing Subdivision/Residential-Rural Village Residential) and contains approximately 0.69 acres of land. The property is further described as Tax Map 38A1-1-195.

B. Public hearing from 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Exception 2020-02: Leonard R. and Miriam G. Sturgis have applied for a buffer exception. They are requesting an exception of 960 square foot and 63 feet from the required 100-foot CBPA buffer width. The property is located 10182 Locust Lawn Drive and zoned as A/RB (Agriculture/Rural Business). The property is further described as Tax Map 31-A-112B.

C. Public hearing from 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Appeal 2020-02: Scott T. Graves has appealed the County's zoning decision (administrative wavier) rendered on January 21, 2020 regarding the planned encroachment into the resource protection area on (Lot 38C1-1-16 Wilsonia Harbor Way).

D. Public hearing from 11:30-11:45 a.m.

Appeal 2020-03: Bob and Leah Shepherd has appealed the County's zoning decision (administrative wavier) rendered on January 21, 2020 regarding the planned encroachment into the resource protection area on (Lot 38C1-1-16 Wilsonia Harbor Way).

E. Public hearing from 11:45 p.m.-12:15 p.m.

Exception 2020-03: Anita G. Brennan has applied for a buffer exception. She is requesting an exception of 3,247 square foot and 44 feet from the required 100-foot CBPA buffer width. The property is located at Lot 18 Peacock Lane and zoned as ES/R-RVR (Existing Subdivision/Residential-Rural Village Residential). The property is further described as Tax Map 38A2-1-18.

Written comments submitted during the Public Hearings should be emailed to the County's Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Office by 3:00 p.m. on the June 3rd on the day before the meeting in order to be read into the record. Email address: cwarner@co.northampton.va.us. Comments can also be faxed to 757-678-0483 for receipt by 3:00 p.m. on June 3rd on the day before the meeting.

The Agenda will be posted on BoardDocs, which is accessed through the County's website.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD AN **ELECTRONIC PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 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, June 2, 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, June 2, 2020, at 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 the following:
- 1) To amend Special Use Permit issued on May 18,

1994 for the Pioneer Mobile Home Park from 21 lots to 22 lots, correcting the existing lots within the Park; 2) 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 I 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; 3) 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; and 4) a variance of up to 35 feet from the perimeter boundary of the mobile park pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-231(a). The property is zoned Agricultural.

B. SUSE-000033-2020 Miguel Merino de Jesus

A public hearing initiated by Miguel Merino de Jesus, applicant, with approval from the property owner Ruperto Gonzales Roblero, to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53 (7) for an automobile repair shop and sell tires at Tax Map #79-A-32A located at 19336 Lankford Highway, Parksley, VA. The property is zoned Agricultural.

C. SUSE-000035-2020 Kenneth Wozniak

A public hearing initiated by Kenneth Wozniak to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53 (14) for a travel trailer to be used for intermittent habitation while hunting at Tax Map #40-A-110A located at Savannah Rd approximately ¼ mile from the intersection of White Crossing Road and Savannah Rd. The property is zoned Agricultural.

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Shore Needs Better Public Health Coordination

By Malaika Mitchell

¿Sabes a quién llamar para obtener información sobre el Corona Virus COVID-19?

Eske ou konnen ki moun, pou ou rele si ou ta vle gen bon jan information sou Covid-19?

The question is: Do you know who to call to find out about COVID-19?

We are at the front end of a public health crisis. I repeat: a public health crisis! Who's in charge? Where are the accessible information centers? Not everyone has a computer or a smart phone or knows to go to the Virginia Department of Health or the CDC website.

A few weeks ago I Zoomed into a COVID-19 EVMS webinar. Nancy Welch from Chesapeake Public Health caught my attention when she said "It's our behavior that's going to make a difference. That's all we have right now." Right. Because there is no cure, no vaccine.

We can make a difference, but instead of being energized to fight back, it's as if we are all stunned. Stunned and waiting, waiting for? In the interim nothing much has changed. Folks are tired of quarantine (I'm not ignoring the economic aspect but dead/sick people can neither work nor consume) so now we're going to reopen with no significant operational changes in place. This brings me back to the subject of a public health crisis, during which our government is responsible for assuring an adequate local public health infrastructure; promoting healthy communities and healthy behaviors; preventing the spread of communicable disease; health planning; and partnership development and community mobilization.

Where is the health planning, partnership development and community mobilization? The volunteer

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mask makers, those feeding the children and neighbors, the Shore Delivery Corps and the Eastern Shore Post's article in Spanish and Haitian Creole have been wonderful community efforts but we need something more. Someone has to manage "the crisis." We are not helpless in containing this virus but we need leadership.

How about a collaboration of the boards of supervisors in each county with the medical facilities, the community service board, the departments of social services, Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging, and Eastern Virginia Medical School? For distribution/mobilization there are churches, businesses, the department of motor vehicles and tax offices to assist. What if we could reach nearly every Shore inhabitant with a document translated into their language that explains how this virus gets transmitted, what can be done, and available resources? There could be kiosks from the Maryland border to the CBBT that contain this document. What about billboards that, like my translated lead-in, would succinctly address the virus and where folks can call? There should be distribution points for masks and where possible, thermometers and oximeters—an expense that could be picked up by government. After all, this is a public health crisis. EVMS has a Critical Care Covid-19 Management Protocol including what you can do if you're told to stay home. Are our health care practitioners aware of this and are they sharing it?

As for resources, besides the EVMS protocol, masks, thermometers, and oximeters, I heard that for folks who test positive there is money to quarantine in a hotel in order to protect family members. If that's true, how would an individual find out about it?

For 2019, Perdue's revenue was \$7.3 billion (before adjustments). Tyson's sales and revenue was \$42.43

billion, with a reported annual income of \$2.02 billion. It seems to me that in good faith, with integrity and some concern for the community at large, both companies could do a better job of protecting employees with PPE including N-95 masks for work, and cloth masks for distribution to the workers' families, purchased from local producers. Each household should also receive a thermometer and an oximeter; and the information about virus transmission and available resources.

After an outbreak caused Pilgrim's Pride to shut down, they are now investing more than \$100 million to enhance safeguards for their workforce and more than \$50 million to reward team members with thank-you bonuses. JBS USA and Pilgrim's are also investing in new technologies such as ultraviolet (UV) germicidal air sanitation and plasma air technology to neutralize potential viruses in plant ventilation and air purification systems to reduce the spread of coronavirus in their workplaces. Tyson and Perdue could do this. No worker, essential or otherwise, should have to work in fear, their only choice being to risk their life or starve.

All of our essential workers need the best protections available and the instruments for self-monitoring.

We need help from Gov. Northam. We need for mask wearing to be mandatory. If one understands how the virus is transmitted, this request is a no brainer. And we'll need funds to initiate community public health outreach. It's critical.

Ms. Welch stressed that it's physical, not social distancing that's being advocated and that physical distancing works. Her opinion is that in order to reopen we need to 1) slow the spread; 2) have the capacity to identify, test and isolate COVID-19 positive individuals.

I would love to see the Eastern Shore be the model for how to beat this thing back. Please: Mask up, wash your hands, and practice physical distance.

Malaika Mitchell is a resident of Keller.

Poultry Industry Exec Says 'Thanks'

By Holly Porter

In these past few weeks, I've been interviewed by reporters from around the country, including many who don't usually cover the chicken community. At the end of each call, I'm usually asked: "Is there anything else that you'd like to share? Anything we didn't cover?" Each time I've shared how proud I am to work with a community of unsung heroes who deserve our thanks.

So I will start, rather than end, this note by saying: Thank you. Thank you for the more than 20,000 chicken processing company employees on Delmarva who have continued to go to work to prepare the meat that will be

on my plate for dinner. For those on the processing lines each day, this is hard and tiring work already. Now you also bear the stress of protecting your families from an infectious disease in the community where you live.

Thank you to the chicken processing companies that stepped up, starting in March, to incorporate each piece of additional guidance from federal, state or local governments to keep your employees safe when coming to work. From temperature monitoring, to additional sanitization and cleaning in break areas, to barriers and face masks for those who can't be 6 feet apart, to additional pay and sick benefits, you have done all you can to protect your most valuable assets – your employees – while still trying to meet increased demand for the food we supply. You are even taking additional steps in either

partnering with the states or, at your own expense, to ensure testing for your employees.

Thank you to the more than 1,300 chicken growers across Delmarva who continue to get up every morning and care for their flocks, even during these trying times of not knowing when birds may be harvested or if you might see any of the aid that seems to be going to so many others. You continue to practice rigorous biosecurity to protect your flocks, even when personal protective equipment is so hard to find.

Thank you to the allied businesses still operating as a part of this critical infrastructure to support so many – suppliers, lenders, insurance companies, maintenance and so much more. You've adjusted your hours, worked within regulatory guidelines and made

sure that the farmers or processing companies have what they need.

Thank you to the grain farmers working at all hours, in between all the rain, to get your crops planted, even as you watched commodity prices falling around the nation.

I am extremely appreciative of all the first responders and medical professionals working to protect the health of everyone. But I'm also appreciative of the Delmarva chicken community, filled with unsung heroes who work uninterrupted to provide all of us with a healthy food supply. So as I did at the beginning, I say again: Thank you.

Holly Porter is executive director of Delmarva Poultry Industry Inc., the trade association for Delmarva the poultry industry. The association is headquartered in Georgetown, Del.



Now, admit it. With all of these television personalities broadcasting from their homes these pandemic days, we've all pictured just where we'd set up from our own quarantine location if the opportunity presented itself.

But while you're busy choosing just the right backdrop, I'm betting it includes books. You see, as the talking heads are supposedly uplifting and/or informing my barricaded life, I find

myself compelled to read the titles of the books behind them, because pretty much everybody has bookshelves in the background. (Except for musicians; they have instruments.)

I suppose the books are to portray the talking head at the very least as an avid reader and at the most as an intellectual. It goes without saying that the books — or at least the covers — depict the classics, or educational offerings. In the case of lawyers, there are the obligatory multi-volume state codes neatly arranged on the shelves. Nowhere is a lurid crime book or a romance novel to be found. I highly suspect that many of the literary offerings are merely cardboard or computerized phonies.

Apparently we are not to wonder why the lawbooks are not of the most

recent edition, since those would be online, or why no one is flaunting their Kindle or Nook library. Guess that just wouldn't appear as cultured or photogenic.

And speaking of novels, when it comes to this coronavirus one, many of us seem to be getting a bit, shall I say, grouchy. After sitting home and hearing the same catchphrases repeated ad nauseam, day and night, one can become more than a bit annoyed.

For example, my furloughed niece, the mother of two young children, is ready to scream if she hears one more person preach, "We're all in this together."

"No, we are not," she would like to argue. "Some have money, some still have jobs, others are dying; we are not all in the same boat."

Reader Shares Trail Study Comments

Dear Editor:

The following was sent to VDOT regarding the Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Study:

In response to your Notice of Community Interest and Feedback Survey I submit the following comments:

1. The U.S. 13 Corridor is considered one of the major corridors to the Northeast Markets.
2. There have been numerous traffic accidents involving agricultural equipment and motor vehicles on U.S. 13, wherein the persons involved in relocating the agricultural equipment have been killed as a result of the impact of the motor vehicle and the agricultural equipment.
3. The existing right of way width for the majority of its length is 66 feet. Exceptions being the section from Cape Charles to the Bayview Connection, and

the numerous sidings along the route.

4. Currently I do not know the position of Accomack and Northampton Farm Bureau, I would think they need to be a stakeholder in these negotiations and decision; however I do not see them listed.
5. I see no reason why it would not be in the public interest to promote the use of the right of way for the movement of agricultural equipment rather than U.S.13 and S.R.316
6. Agricultural use for the relocation of equipment appears to be compatible with and in addition to the other planned uses.
7. In accordance with the Survey, questions 2 and 3 seem to be focused on entertainment and recreation for the above grade uses. This seems to be a very narrow view for its potential uses.

Prior to improvements being removed there is a need to have the monumentation of the existing right

of way and exceptions (sidings) installed in order to perpetuate the Track Valuation Maps and the Public land records.

I am in hopes others will read my comments and see the value in including a safer opportunity for the relocation of agricultural equipment on an ever increasing traffic volume on U.S. 13 and provide the leaders in the community the direction they need.

Granville Hogg, Cheriton

More Stories From William Stilwagen

Dear Editor:

Thanks so much for the articles by William Stilwagen. His accounts of his time in Vietnam and the current article when he worked at the stables and the very human interest account of his time spent there working with the man who truly knew of the conditions during World War II was an inspiration to all who did not realize what went on with those living in Europe at that time.

For my part, I cannot bear to hear, "We will all get through this."

"No some of us won't," I want to (and often do) scream. "Some of us will die." I mean what worse way is there not to get through it?

Perhaps the saddest perspective of this crisis is that I can submit this column of observations to the editor with the notation that it can run "whenever." It is not particularly timely since there is no end in sight.

Granted, all of these aforementioned observations are trivial in light of our devastating situation. But I leave it to the working journalists to present the more complicated and tragic aspects of this crisis.

I offer merely a short breathing space.

Stay safe.

I truly hope we will read more of his articles.

Mary Volz, Exmore

Hats Off to Hospital Employees

Dear Editor:

Congratulations and many thanks to all who have worked so hard and are still working hard at our local hospital in Onley.

I was proud to read of the praise given to the hospital by Dr. Mike Dacey. I appreciate your hard work and pray that you will stay well!

Anne Rolander, Modest Town

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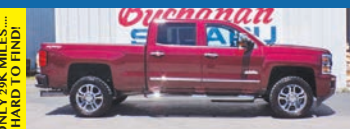
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