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Car Buffs Show Appreciation to Essential Workers A car stands ready to participate in a cruise starting from Four Corner Plaza in Onley. A group of car enthusiasts held the event Saturday, May 2, driving by Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and Walmart to thank essential employees for their service during the coronavirus pandemic. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

TWO MORE ESVA LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES HAVE COVID-19 OUTBREAKS

By Connie Morrison

Two more Eastern Shore longterm care facilities have been added to the tally of local coronavirus outbreaks.

The Virginia Department of Health lists eight outbreaks on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, three of which are at long-term care facilities. The outbreak at the first, Heritage Hall, is documented in Carol Vaughn's article on this page.

The department does not identify facilities by name. An outbreak is defined as two or more linked positive cases outside a household setting.

An employee of Shore Health and Rehabilitation, in Parksley, said workers there were notified Monday that a coworker had tested positive for COVID-19 and the source said a patient there has also tested positive. Because the employee was not authorized to release information and fears workplace retaliation, the Post agreed to withhold the employee's name.

The Eastern Shore Post is trying to track down the location of

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Testing Finds COVID-19 Rampant at Heritage Hall in Nassawadox

COVID-19 testing at Heritage Hall in Nassawadox, aided by the National Guard, found 46 employees and 43 residents tested positive for the virus

Carol Vaughn

The National Guard last week helped test residents and staff of Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Nassawadox for COVID-19, according to a spokesperson for American Healthcare, the facility's parent company.

The Virginia Department of Health called in the Guard for support as the department seeks to do more testing across the state, according to American Healthcare spokesperson Jennifer Eddy.

"The Nassawadox facility had a couple of cases of COVID, so they quickly requested the Virginia Department of Health to come in and to test all staff and residents," Eddy said Thursday.

A National Guard medical crew began doing testing at the facility last Wednesday, with testing continuing Thursday — sparking curiosity among passersby who saw a tent and unusual activity going on outside the nursing home.

"We are hoping to have a complete picture of the COVID situation in that facility, at least a point-in-time snapshot of where COVID is, that we can respond to more aggressively here in the next couple of days," Eddy said.

Test results included 46 employees and 43 residents who tested positive for the virus, Eddy said in an email this week.

"We are continuing to provide top levels of care but are very thankful for the added support provided by both



Members of a National Guard medical crew prepare to conduct coronavirus testing at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Nassawadox Thursday, April 30. Photo by Connie Morrison.

the local health department and several skilled staff volunteers who have moved over from sister facilities to help us out," Eddy said.

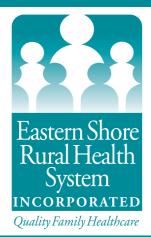
Northampton County had a large jump in the number of positive cases reported last Thursday on the Virginia Department of Health website — going from 36 cases Wednesday to 64 the next day. As of Thursday, May 7, Northampton County had 149 cases.

The health department soon will begin reporting cases by ZIP code, according to Virginia Health Commissioner Dr. M. Norman Oliver, speaking at a press briefing in Richmond.

Heritage Hall asked employees to log their time away from work due to COVID-19 as paid time off for administrative purposes, but has a plan in place "to address COVID-specific paid time off adjustments as needed when employees return to work," Eddy said.

Eddy called the Heritage Hall staff "phenomenal," saying staff members

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

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

All copays for telemedicine and teledentistry visits (visits by phone or video) are being waived during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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~ Heritage Hall ~ (Continued From Front Page)

have been "showing up and giving it everything they've got to make sure that the residents are not only safe, but also that their living environment is warm and friendly and the kind of place that any of us would want to live, even in this most difficult moment."

A community vehicular "Honk Fest" parade was being planned for today,

Friday, May 8, from noon to 2 p.m. to show support for Heritage Hall residents and employees.

Both businesses and families are invited to decorate their cars and participate. Anyone interested in getting involved can call Sarah Damon at 757-442-5600 for more details. There also is information about the event at https://www.facebook.com/events/523901784968927/

Connie Morrison contributed to this report.

~ Shore Health & Rehab ~ (Continued From Front Page)

the third long-term care facility outbreak. Long-term care facilities include assisted living communities, behavioral health residences, group homes, multi-care facilities, and nursing homes.

Kristie Annis, spokesperson for Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore, in Onancock, said it has no known cases.

Mimi Sedjat, executive director of the Eastern Shore Community Services Board, said "none of our residences have two or more cases."

A reporter's call to the Parksley facility was met with a referral to Nick Nicoluzakis, legal counsel for Saber Healthcare, the company that operates Shore Health and Rehabilitation. Nicoluzakis requested questions in writing.

The organization's response came just before press time Thursday from Chief Medical Officer Nancy A. Istenes. "The facility acts in the best interest of its residents to promote their health, safety, and welfare. We have worked closely with the Department of Health and continue to follow all necessary guidelines. We have established a personalized care plan for any affected resident and have routinely updated all residents and responsible parties regarding their condition and care. Due to HIPAA regulations, we cannot comment on any personal health information." she said.

The Eastern Shore Post obtained copies of notices alleged to have been

posted at Shore Health and Rehab, bearing a signature of "Lisa Nottingham, LNHA, LPN, Administrator for Shore Health." One was dated May 4, notifying "Resident and Family Member/Sponsor/Guardian" of a staff member who tested positive for COVID-19. A second similarly addressed notice reads in part, "Since we last notified you on May 4 of our first case we have experienced additional positive COVID-19 test." It was not clear if the notice referred to one or more additional cases.

The notice was not on company letterhead. Copies were sent to Saber's legal counsel for verification, but as of press time, no response beyond Istenes' statement was received.

The source alleges the company hired a nurse who had left Heritage Hall and came to work for Shore Health and Rehabilitation within two weeks, the CDC-recommended quarantine period after exposure to COVID-19. Saber did not respond to a question about the allegation.

Employees were called, the worker said, and were told an employee of Shore Health and Rehabilitation had tested positive. Because of HIPPA regulations, they were not told which employee.

"This team has done an excellent job up until this point," the source said. Then, "They just walked the coronavirus right into our building."

The source employee expressed frustration because staff has worked hard to keep the coronavirus out and feels it was all for naught. "They weren't afraid to put our lives in danger," the source said.



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State Readies for Reopening; Eastern Shore Cases Still Climbing

COVID-19 cases continue to escalate on the Eastern Shore, driven in part by outbreaks at two poultry processing plants which, together with close contacts of employees, account for about two-thirds of Accomack County's cases

By Carol Vaughn

COVID-19 cases in Accomack and Northampton counties continued to increase this week, even as the state plans to allow some businesses closed during the pandemic to reopen as soon as May 15.

"I continue to be concerned about the rising number of cases in our poultry processing facilities, especially on the Eastern Shore," Gov. Ralph Northam said in a briefing Monday.

More than 260 COVID-19 cases on the Eastern Shore of Virginia are associated with two poultry processing plants in Accomack County, Tyson Foods and Perdue Farms, he said.

That number is likely to rise after results are reported from COVID-19 testing of employees being conducted this week at the two plants.

Additionally, the health department is offering free COVID-19 testing to the public at a drive-thru clinic at Eastern Shore Community College Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or until testing supplies run out.

Trained teams from the Virginia National Guard will administer the tests and health department staff will provide information on how to best protect oneself and others from COVID-19 transmission. Participants will receive a call from the Eastern Shore Health District with results.

As of Wednesday, Accomack County reported 429 cases and seven deaths from COVID-19, and Northampton County had 140 cases and one death, according to the Virginia Department of Health.

There have been six outbreaks totaling 366 cases and 14 cases among healthcare workers on the Eastern Shore, according to the department.

A team from the Centers for Disease Control arrived on the Shore last week in response to outbreaks at the poultry facilities.

"This week, our local health district, the CDC, and poultry companies are working together to do testing of plant workers and members of the community," Northam said.

A Tyson spokesman said Monday CDC representatives have visited some company facilities.

"Representatives from CDC along with local and state health officials have toured some of our facilities in recent weeks to see the measures we're taking to protect our team members," said Tyson spokesman Worth Sparkman.

Around 1,300 people work at the

Tyson plant in Temperanceville.

The company is working with a third-party medical contractor to test all employees at the Temperanceville facility this week, Sparkman said.

An announcement on the Tyson Temperanceville Facebook page said mandatory testing of all employees was to take place Tuesday, May 5, and Wednesday, May 6.

The company did a deep cleaning of the facility April 24-26, according to another announcement on the page.

Sparkman listed measures the company has taken to protect employees, including restricting visitor access, relaxing attendance policies, using infrared thermometers to check employee temperatures before they enter company facilities, supplying face coverings and requiring their use, improving social distancing practices, and educating employees on risk factors.

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Perdue Farms was to conduct COVID-19 testing for employees at the Accomac facility Wednesday, May 6, and Thursday, May 7, according to a spokesperson.

There are 1,908 employees at the plant.

"The CDC visited our Accomac, Va., Salisbury, Md., and Georgetown, Del., facilities last week. Their official report is not ready yet, but when it is we will share it," spokesperson Diana Souder said.

"Generally, they were impressed with their findings at our plants and commented that we had done more than expected to keep our associates safe," she said.

Both plants have hired companies to test their employees, Virginia Health Department spokesperson Larry Hill said.

The CDC team after visiting the two plants concluded "it looks like both are doing everything they can to make it safe for the employees and preventing the spread of the virus," Hill said.

The CDC is assisting the local

health department with testing guidance, outreach, and case investigations, according to Hill.

Additionally, the Eastern Shore Health District is working with the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission to look for funding to assist people who need to leave their home to self-isolate due to the virus, Hill said.

When Delaware offered financial assistance for people needing to self-isolate, only around 10% of those eligible took advantage of it, he said.

Northam announced Monday he is extending through May 14 executive orders 53 and 55, which ordered some nonessential businesses closed and banned gatherings of more than 10 people during the pandemic.

The orders had been set to expire May 8.

Phase one of easing restrictions will continue social distancing, teleworking, recommendations that people wear face coverings in public, and the ban on social gatherings of more than 10 people. It will ease some limits on businesses and churches and will transition the stay-at-home directive to a "safer at home" guideline, especially for vulnerable populations.

Businesses will be issued specific guidelines for reopening safely once the orders expire — including policies for enhanced cleaning and social distancing, and things like allowing time for workers to wash their hands frequently. Northam said.

In the first of three planned phases of recovery, "You will still be safer at home. Large gatherings are still a bad idea," he said, adding teleworking, face coverings, and social distancing should still be practiced.

Restaurants can open using less of their seating capacity and following other guidelines.

Churches will be allowed to hold in-person meetings, following safety guidelines, under phase one, Northam said.

Phase one likely will last two to four weeks, followed by more easing of restrictions in the following two phases.

"Our decisions will be based on science and data," Northam said.

Townsend Man Dies in Car Crash

Staff Report

One man is dead after a single-vehicle crash Thursday, April 30, on Seaside Road south of Eastville.

The Virginia State Police reported receiving a report at around 11:55 a.m. of the crash in the 18000 block of Seaside Road.

Police this week identified the victim

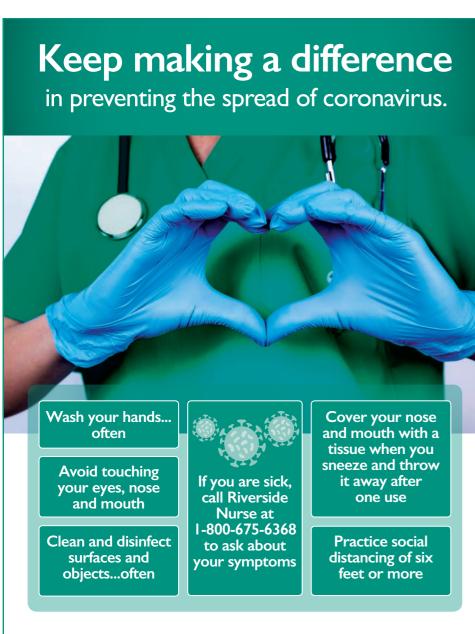
as Marshall Scot Etz, 49, of Townsend.

Etz was driving a 1992 Chevrolet pickup truck when he ran off the road and struck a culvert, causing him to lose control of the truck, which became engulfed in fire after it struck a tree.

Etz died at the scene of the crash, according to police.









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Northampton Supervisors Working on Guidance to Reopen County

Supervisors cautious about balancing reopening businesses against need for continued vigilance

By Carol Vaughn

Northampton officials are working with the health department to provide information and guidance for businesses that may be allowed to reopen in the near future, after being closed as required by the governor's executive orders during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors met Thursday, April 30. The board has been holding weekly virtual meetings to address the pandemic.

"As anyone who is reading the paper or looking at the news today knows, the numbers were up sharply for the county and the Eastern Shore as a whole," said Northampton County Administrator Charles Kolakowski.

He said the uptick in cases is due in part to increased testing and "in particular situations and in very localized areas within the two counties."

"The health department and state agencies are focusing on those situations and are working to minimize the effects on the rest of the county — but this does emphasize the importance of continued vigilance and social distancing. This situation is not over," he said.

Gov. Northam "is talking about changing some of the restrictions in the coming weeks, and we want to work with our businesses and our residents as much as possible before that, to make sure they are prepared to open in a very safe fashion," Kolakowski said.

"We need to be thinking about making certain that those businesses that open up are safe, and they are run safe, because, frankly, the virus isn't going to go away on May 8 — it's still going to be here," said Supervisor John Coker, adding, "...We as a county need to basically tell everyone that just because some businesses are going to open up doesn't mean everybody can run out and not be safe anymore."

Supervisor Betsy Mapp said she hears the most from residents about con-

cern for when churches will be opened.

"We are talking about businesses, and of course they are very important to our county, but the churches are the thing I hear the most about, and I hope that the governor will ... let churches meet again," she said.

Sheriff David Doughty reported two jail employees and two patrol officers have self-quarantined for the virus. "They are all doing well," he said.

One jail employee tested positive two weeks ago, but is doing well and soon will return to work.

In all, seven in the department have returned to work after quarantining.

The inmate population decreased from 71 to 68 since Doughty's previous briefing to the board.

Newly arrested people from Accomack County are being incarcerated in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail in Eastville for now, due to the Accomack County Jail capacity, Doughty said.

All new inmates are quarantined for 14 days in individual cells in the booking area of the jail and are monitored by the medical staff.

Doughty said the sheriff's office is working with Eastern Shore Rural Health about the possibility of testing new inmates for the virus.

The sheriff's office started tracking daily usage of personal protective equipment to help maintain an adequate supply, Doughty said.

Doughty said there have been no reported additional violations of the ban on gatherings of more than 10 people.

Some court proceedings are going on in all three Northampton courts, using videoconferencing when possible to avoid the need to bring inmates from the jail to court.

"The spirits of our staff continue to be good and positive." Doughty said.

Hollye Carpenter, Northampton County EMS director, said no staff are currently quarantined, noting one person was the previous week, but the person's test came back negative.

The department has a shortage of gowns at present and is considering making their own, she said.

"This is far from over...We're seeing our spikes now," she said.

CARES Act Money Coming for Schools

By Stefanie Jackson

Accomack and Northampton County Public Schools combined will receive more than \$2.3 million in financial relief through the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act), according to a May 1 press release from Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane.

Accomack will get about \$1.7 million and Northampton, the smaller school division, will get about \$595,000.

During the May 5 Accomack school board meeting, Finance Director Beth Onley shared Lane's recommendations for using the funds, such as buying permanent equipment, providing internet access to all students, paying for food service programs, or filling budget gaps caused by recent drops in state revenues from sales taxes and the Virginia Lottery.

Onley projected that lost revenue from sales taxes will add \$437,000 to Accomack schools' fiscal year 2021 budget shortfall.

The budget was already \$641,000 short when it was approved by the school board and sent to the Accomack board of supervisors.

Onley explained. "We always do this in case the General Assembly comes back and adds money, which, in fact, they had done before this virus hit."

Due to time constraints, Accomack and Northampton school divisions begin working on their operating budgets for the next school year before the state's budget is approved by the Virginia General Assembly, when neither school division knows how much funding state legislators will reserve for public schools.

Accomack schools will get \$500,000 less from the state next year, due to cuts in funding categories including basic aid, at-risk students, ESL (English as a Second Language), and the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

That brings Accomack schools' FY 2021 budget shortfall to more than \$1.6 million, not counting any possible changes in federal or local funding, Onley said.

Onley was concerned that \$1 million in local funding may also be at risk. That includes an extra \$200,000 for teacher salaries, which Accomack supervisors authorized for the cost of competing with nearby Maryland school divisions when hiring teachers.

The CARES Act money does not have to be completely spent until Sept. 30, 2022, giving the school board ample time to decide how to use the funds.

The school division will receive an initial CARES Act payment of \$1.485 million, or 85% of the funds for which it qualified.

High School Graduation

Accomack high schools are revving up for a different way to recognize their seniors: drive-in graduation ceremonies.

"It's going to be something really new and it will be something to show the seniors that we really do appreciate them, and we do want to recognize them before they leave us," said Assistant Superintendent Rhonda Hall.

The drive-in graduation ceremonies will allow seniors to be honored for achieving an educational milestone while being safe and practicing social distancing.

"We need to do something for these seniors. They've missed a lot," said Superintendent Chris Holland.

A drive-in graduation ceremony will be held in each high school parking lot, with a one-car-per-graduate limit. There will be one entrance to the venue, and an attendant will check off each graduating student's name as he or she arrives with guests.

Each ceremony will be simple, with the principal and administrators saying a few words, followed by the roll call of graduates.

Graduates will be asked to wear their caps and gowns to the ceremony, which will be broadcast through outdoor speakers and local radio, so family members can listen in their cars or at home if they cannot attend.

Prior to graduation, each high school principal will arrange for students to pick up their caps and gowns and a set of guidelines for the event.

The Accomack County Sheriff's Office has agreed to assist with traffic control and other safety considerations.

School board member Lisa Johnson asked if parents who are not together may attend in separate vehicles. Due to parking lot sizes, the limit of one vehicle per student must be enforced, Hall said.

Chairman Paul Bull said, "I know it's not perfect, but it's something that will keep everybody safe, which is our number-one goal, and honor graduates at the same time."

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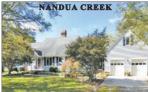
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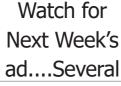
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U.S. Dept. of Justice Weighs In on Church's Suit Against Gathering Ban

Department of Justice statement suggests the U.S. District Court in Norfolk erred in denying the Chincoteague church's restraining order

By Carol Vaughn

The United States Department of Justice filed a statement of interest in federal court Sunday, in support of a Chincoteague church whose pastor was charged with violating a state ban on gatherings of more than 10 people.

Gov. Ralph Northam, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, issued executive orders banning gatherings of more than 10 people, with violation carrying a penalty of up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

Pastor Kevin Wilson was charged by Chincoteague police after Lighthouse Fellowship Church held a service on April 5 with 16 people present.

The church last week filed a complaint against Northam in U.S. District Court in Norfolk.

In the 50-page complaint, the church asked for a temporary restraining order and a permanent injunction to stop enforcement against the church of the executive orders.

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

The court Friday denied the church's request for preliminary relief, according to a press release from the Department of Justice.

"The United States respectfully suggests that the Court erred in its Memorandum Opinion and Order of May 1, 2020, ECF 16, denying Lighthouse's Emergency Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction," the statement reads in part.

The statement goes on to say the court denied the motion "without a hearing, without any briefing from the Commonwealth and without Lighthouse having the opportunity to reply to any justifications offered."

"The United States has a substantial interest in the preservation of its citizens' fundamental right to the free exercise of religion, expressly protected by the First Amendment," the state-

ment also says, in part.

The Justice Department's statement is part of Attorney General William P. Barr's initiative directing subordinates to ensure protection of civil liberties during the pandemic.

Barr in an April 27 memo directed Eric Dreiband, assistant attorney general for civil rights, and Matthew Schneider, U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Michigan, to "be on the lookout for state and local directives that could be violating the constitutional rights and civil liberties of individual citizens."

The statement says the Lighthouse Fellowship case "raises issues of national public importance regarding the interplay between the government's compelling interest in protecting public health and safety from COVID-19 and citizens' fundamental right to the free exercise of religion."

"For many people of faith, exercising religion is essential, especially during a crisis," said Dreiband in the release.

"The Commonwealth of Virginia has offered no good reason for refusing to trust congregants who promise to use care in worship in the same way it trusts accountants, lawyers, and other workers to do the same. The U.S. Department of Justice will continue to monitor any infringement of the Constitution and other civil liberties, and we will take additional appropriate action if and when necessary," Dreiband said.

Rita Davis, counsel to Gov. Northam, said Monday the church has filed an appeal.

The Department of Justice statement, "while not questioning the governor's underlying authority ... does suggest to the court that the emergency executive actions create some sort of disparity between religious institutions and secular businesses," she said.

"While the administration applauds and encourages the Department of Justice for standing up for Virginians' civil liberties, we continue to believe that the governor's authority was both prudent, necessary, and Constitutional, and we look forward to the Fourth Circuit affirming," Davis said.

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Chincoteague Man Charged With Murder in Father's Death

Staff Report

A Chincoteague man is dead and police have arrested his son on a charge of second-degree murder.

The Chincoteague Police Department received a report Thursday, April 30, at 8:15 a.m., that a man had been shot on School Street.

When officers arrived on the scene, they found Thomas Lee Watson Sr., 70, dead inside the home.

Investigation by the department led

to the arrest of his son, Thomas Lee Watson Jr.

He is being held in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail with bond denied

The Chincoteague Police Department is being assisted in the investigation by the Accomack County Sheriff's Office. Anyone with information on this or any other case is asked to contact the Chincoteague Police Department at 757-336-3155.

Body Found Was That of Missing Chincoteague Woman

Staff Report

A woman's body found Thursday, April 30, on the southern end of Chincoteague Island later was identified by the medical examiner's office in Norfolk, Va., as Jennifer Rae Barnes, 42, according to Chincoteague Police Chief R. K. Fisher.

Barnes was reported missing April 18.

While the identification has been confirmed, the cause of death has not

been determined until the completion of the autopsy. Preliminary results of the autopsy found no signs of trauma.

The Chincoteague Police Department was assisted by the Accomack County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and the Virginia State Police Search and Rescue Team.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Chincoteague Police Department at 757-336-3155.

Broadwater Student Recognized for Art

Rep. Elaine Luria announced Monday that Isabella Ochsner, a student at Broadwater Academy, was the Eastern Shore winner of the Congressional Art Competition in Virginia's 2nd Congressional District. The winning entry is titled "Wolf Portrait," a drawing in graphite pencil. Photo courtesy of https://luria. house.gov



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What's Behind Five Murders in Six Weeks on the Eastern Shore?

By Nancy Drury Duncan

Newly elected Sheriff Todd Wessells has been in office only since January. In the 38 days between March 25 and May 6, five people have been shot to death and another man shot multiple times and seriously injured. "I have been tested," Wessells said.

Accomack saw 1-3 murders per year in each of the last three years.

Of the five recent slavings and one attempted murder, arrests have been made in all but the March 25 double murder. Wessells said that investigation is ongoing. "Witnesses to crimes don't want to talk," he said. "People don't trust police. And, they say they don't want to be snitches.

"But," he said, "It isn't about being snitches, it is about closure for the family of the victims. We are trying to get justice for the families."

Wessells said he and his department are meeting with community members to try to rectify that situation. "We have deputies involved in kids' orga-

nizations and sports throughout the community," he said.

The first two killings were on March 25. After a couple was reported missing from a Coal Kiln Road residence around midnight, police received another report that Princeton Bragg, 37, of Painter, and Lolita Monique Boggs, 37, of Parksley, were found shot to death inside a white BMW on Doughty Farm Road.

Police did not immediately identify Boggs, and her remains were sent to the medical examiner's office in Norfolk for identification.

Boggs was described by her sister Sharmaine Miller as "a great person, very lovable and caring." She described the care her sister took of her nine children as "inspiring."

Friend Brenette Hinmon also praised the way Boggs cared for her children, "She did not play with her kids when it came to education. Those grades better be right," she said.

A GoFundMe page set up by a

friend to pay Boggs' funeral expenses had more than 100 individual contributions, raising \$4,445, covering the cost of herfuneral with money left over for her children.

"The investigation is ongoing," said both Wessells and Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan.

Later that same day, there was a shooting on Tyler Lane, near Parksley. Police found a man there suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. An investigation led to warrants charging Robert James "RJ" Northam, a known member of the criminal Bloods gang. with attempted murder and firearm charges.

Northan was arrested by a U.S. Marshalls fugitive task force in a hotel in Pocomoke City, Md., on April 23. Northan is the brother of Boggs, murdered earlier that morning. "He shot someone he thought was involved in the killing of his sister," Wessells said. He declined to name the victim.

On March 28, three days after the

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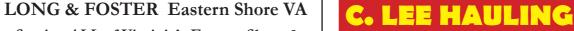
double homicide and the attempted murder, there was an unrelated killing. Police responded to Tull Circle in Atlantic at 12:14 a.m. where they found Cervone Copes, 42, also known as "Gruff" or "Chuck," on his living room floor dead from a gunshot wound. According to his obituary, Copes was the father of seven children. A few days later, Rikece L. Campbell was arrested for that murder. He and the victim were relatives. Wessells said.

On April 30, police received a report of a shooting on School Street in Chincoteague. Thomas Lee Watson, 70, was found dead of a gunshot wound in his home. According to Chincoteague police Chief R.K. Fisher, Watson's son Thomas Lee Watson Jr. was arrested and charged with second-degree murder. He was in his father's house when police arrived, Fisher said.

A few days later, on May 2, there was another murder, this time in the Whitesville area of Parksley. At 1 a.m., the sheriff's department received a report of a man shot on Brainard Street. When deputies arrived, they found Joe Vance "Joey" Northam, 41, of Tasley, on the garage floor dead from a gunshot wound.

Ambrose Knox, 30, of Parkslev was arrested and charged with second-degree murder and use of a firearm in connection with a felony. Wessells said several men were "hanging out, got into a disagreement and there was a shooting."

Morgan said the stress of the current environment may play a part in some of the killings. "The impulse is to go get a gun," he said.



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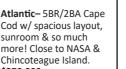


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Agriculture Now Eligible for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans

Submitted Article

U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Jovita Carranza announced today that agricultural businesses are now eligible for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. SBA's EIDL portal will reopen today as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. The legislation, signed into law by the president one week ago, provided additional funding for farmers and ranchers and certain other agricultural businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"For more than 30 years, SBA has been prohibited by law from providing disaster assistance to agricultural businesses; however, as a result of the unprecedented legislation enacted by President Trump, American farmers, ranchers and other agricultural businesses will now have access to emergency working capital," said Carranza. "These low-interest, long-term

loans will help keep agricultural businesses viable while bringing stability to the nation's vitally important food supply chains."

Agricultural businesses include businesses engaged in the legal production of food and fiber, ranching, and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries (as defined by section 18(b) of the

Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 647(b)). Eligible agricultural businesses must have 500 or fewer employees.

The SBA will begin accepting new EIDL applications on a limited basis only, in order to provide unprecedented relief to U.S. agricultural businesses. For agricultural businesses that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application

portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted before the portal stopped accepting new applications on April 15 will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

For more information, please visit www.sba.gov/Disaster

VDACS Provides Pick-Your-Own Farm Guidance

Submitted Article

It's strawberry season in the commonwealth and a mild winter has led to a very impressive crop this year. To assist pick-your-own (PYO) strawberry farms and individual farm stands during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has posted guidance on the department's COVID-19 Emergency Information Center website.

The PYO farms and individual farm stands guidance includes onsite and

educational recommendations business owners can implement to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect employees and patrons. Additional social distancing and operational information is available within the Farmers' Market Frequently Asked Questions document.

"I encourage strawberry lovers and health-conscious consumers to support their local producers and Virginia's economy by purchasing fresh, Virginia grown strawberries from a nearby farm, farmers' market, roadside stand or grocery store," said Dr. Jewel Bronaugh, VDACS Commissioner. "Consumers can find local strawberry pick-your-own farms and retailers by searching www.VirginiaGrown.com."

Consumers should call PYO farms before traveling to learn how they are operating this year. When visiting a PYO farm or farm stand, be sure to practice social distancing and follow statewide safety guidelines.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Kellam Campbell

Mr. Richard Kellam Campbell, 91, passed away Friday, May 1, 2020, at Hockessin, Del. Funeral services will be held at a later date.



For more information go to www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Mr. Campbell

Marshall Scot Etz

Mr. Marshall Scot Etz, 49, a resident of Townsend, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2020. A native of Capeville, he was the son of Debbie Smith Etz, of Capeville, and the late Frank J. Etz III. He was the operator of Etz Lawn Care Services.

In addition to his loving mother, he is survived by his sister, Lori Etz Mears,

and her husband, Allen, of Painter; a niece, Ashlyn Mears, of Painter; four aunts, Betty Martin and her husband, Harry, of Onancock, Sandra Walters and her husband, Donnie, of Exmore, Eliza-



Mr. Etz

beth Ann Porter, of Harrington, Del., and Robin Stephenson and her husband, Bob, of Felton, Del.; and numerous cousins. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Carlton A. Smith and

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A graveside service will be held Saturday, May 9, 2020, at 1 p.m., at Capeville Masonic Cemetery with Barry Downing officiating. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Shore Christian Academy, 11624 Occohannock Road, Exmore, VA 23350.

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

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

John Elmore Floyd

Mr. John Elmore Floyd, 65, passed away on May 5, 2020, at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Va. He was born and lived in Nassawadox.

John was predeceased by his parents, Richard Sinclair Floyd III and Anne Elmore Floyd; his grandparents, Richard S. Floyd Jr. and Sallie B. Floyd and Charles T. Elmore and Leonie H. Elmore.

John is survived by his twin brother, William S. Floyd (Brenda), sister, Mary Anne F. Davis (Jim), and his brother, Charles R. Floyd (Kathryn). John had many nephews and nieces: Mark B. Sherkey Jr. (Krista), Anne Marie S. Bott (Wescott), Jennifer Landa, Lori Floyd Miller (Stuart), Charlie Floyd, Julia Meier, Anna Meier, Will Floyd (Megan), and Jill Floyd, along with 12 great-nieces and great-nephews.

John was educated at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, Va. He worked at the ARCsponsored vocational center, in Exmore, and was a lifelong member of Johnson's United Methodist Church.

John is noted for making crab pots at the vocational center. This was his passion and he is known for his great skill in doing his job. He loved listening to music and old western movies, like "The Rifleman."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ARC - Eastern Shore of Virginia, P.O. Box 626, Exmore, VA 23350, phone 757-442-3312, email arc.esva@ verizon.net The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

A celebration of life will be held at Johnson's United Methodist Church at a later date.

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

Arrrangement were by Fox Funeral Home, Temperanceville.

Lawrence Linton Ir.

Mr. Lawrence Kefford Linton Jr., 69, of Saxis, husband of Martha Jane Linton, passed away April 29, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

Born on Oct. 12, 1950, in Saxis, he was the son of the late Lawrence Kefford Linton Sr. and the late Madeline Pearl Marshall. Kefford was a waterman and loved to carve decoys and

wooden boats. He also enjoyed going to church and reading his Bible. He was a proud member of the Saxis Volunteer Fire Department, the NRA, Ducks Unlimited. and the Lighthouse



Mr. Linton

Fellowship Church on Chincoteague.

Other than his wife of 51 years, Martha Jane, Kefford is survived by a son, Larry Kefford Linton, and fiance, Tina Kinard; two daughters, Terinna Leigh Linton Hill and husband, Thomas Hill, and Crystal Gayle Linton Simpson and husband, Steven James Simpson; two sisters, Lorie Ayne Linton Thomas and husband, Bruce Edward Thomas, and Winnie Attanasio; a sister-in-law, Debbie Ellis; a brother-in-law, Louis Ewell; grandchildren, Brodie Asa Hill, Seth Thomas Hill, Keegan Wylde Hill, Mason Lee Hill, Jorja Lynne Simpson, Ethan James Simpson, and Aiden James Simpson; step-grandchildren, Kristina Kinard, Kayla Kinard, and Mason Kinard; five step-great-grandchildren; nieces, Krista Nicole Voss Killmon, Kelly Renae Thomas, Lea Ewell, and Tracey Ewell Martin; two nephews, Joshua Lawrence Voss and Brian Ewell; special family friends, Devin Milne, Bryson Milne, and Buddy Taylor; numerous friends and church friends: and his favorite cats. Peek-a-boo, Grey Jr., Missy, Babygirl,

Other than his parents, he was pre-

ceded in death by a step-great-grandchild, Kyia Kinard; and a brother-inlaw, Drewer Ewell.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley, Va.

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

William Andrew Parks Jr.

Mr. William Andrew "Billy **Shoot" Parks Jr.,** 49, of Tangier Island, died Thursday, April 30, 2020.

Born on May 21, 1970, he was a son of William Andrew Parks Sr. and Loretta Star Parks, of Tangier. A graduate of Tangier Combined School, he

was lead tankerman with Vane Brothers where he had worked since 2005.

He was a member of Swain Memorial United Methodist Church on Tangier. He enjoyed sports and



Mr. Parks

was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins fan. Most of all, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Loretta Parks, of Tangier; his longtime girlfriend, Christine Parks, of Tangier; his son, Bradley Parks (Hannah Windsor), of Princess Anne, Md.; his grandson, Brady Parks, of Princess Anne; his brother, Carlton Parks (Glenenise Parks), of Dover, Del.; his grandmother, Katie Parks, of Tangier; his nieces and nephews, CJ Parks, Kyle Parks, Toniesha Parks, and Marquia Baker; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert J. Parks, Rose Hammond, and Carl Parks.

Private services were held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, on Tangier Island. Interment was in Sunnyridge Memorial Park, in Crisfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Swain Memorial United Methodist Church, Tangier Island, VA 23440.

Arrangements are in the care of Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home. To send condolences, please visit www.bradshawandsonsfuneralhome.com

Charles Edwin Spencer

Mr. Charles Edwin "Sonny" Spencer, of Cape Charles, passed away April 30, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

He was son of Margaret and R.E. Spencer, predeceased by his wife, Mary Ann, and is survived by his daughters, Sharon French, of Norfolk, Va., and Sue Mapp and husband, Tom, his

grandchildren, Jake and Spencer Mapp, greatgrandson, Gatlin Mapp, all of Franktown.

Known as Sonny to family and friends, he enlisted in the Air Force from



Mr. Spencer

1951 to 1955, serving at Bentwaters Base in England. He married Mary Ann Gibbs, who moved to England to be with Sonny, and Sharon, their first daughter, was born there. Upon his discharge in 1955, he and his family settled again on the Eastern Shore. He worked many years at

Cape Charles grocery stores, retiring at 62. Sonny enjoyed playing cards, working on clocks, growing tomatoes, and watching his grandsons play football and baseball. He loved his Washington Redskins and the New York Yankees. You would often find his beloved cat, PU, sitting in his lap while watching sports. After Mary Ann passed in 2005, Sonny and his daughters returned twice to England to relive many fond memories there. He spent his remaining years at his home on Monroe Avenue, the last four years with the help of caregiver, Helen Goffigon, who the family called an Angel from Heaven. Sonny was moved to the local nursing home mid-March and then to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital where he spent the remainder of his life.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 5. Burial was private due to the coronavirus limits on public gatherings. He will be sorely missed.

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

Arrangements were made by Fox Funeral Home, Temperanceville.

Ruth Bunting Williams

Mrs. Ruth Bunting Williams, 88, of Chincoteague Island, passed away on May 3, 2020, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Chincoteague Island, on May 23, 1931, to the late Harry Bunting Sr. and the late Mary Andrews Bunting.

She was a member of Union Baptist

Church, Daughter of Ruth Sunday School Class since she was 14 years old, Union Baptist Church Ladies Aid Quilters, and CVFC Ladies Auxiliary, where you could find her making pizzas for many years.



Mrs. Williams

Ruth is survived by her loving daughter, Patsy Savage, and her husband, David, of Chincoteague Island; granddaughter, Ruth Ann Britton, and her husband, David, of Chincoteague Island; greatgrandson, Cody Britton, and his fiance, Courtney Sturgis, of Chincoteague Island; brother, Billy Ray Bunting, and his wife, Barbara, of Chincoteague Island;

three nieces, Brenda Bernstein and her husband, Bryan, of Salisbury, Md., Teresa McCain and her husband, Bill, of Salisbury, and Denise Savage and her husband, Jay, of Chincoteague Island; two nephews, Clay Bunting and his wife, Roxanne, of Gargatha, and Chris Bunting, of Chincoteague Island; several great-nieces and great-nephews; special friends, Peggy Belote and her husband, Butch, of Painter, and JoAnne Miles and her husband, Kenny, of Pocomoke City, Md.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William L. Williams Jr.; and brother, Harry Clay Bunting Jr.

Private family burial will take place in the Daisey Cemetery, on Chincoteague Island.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Daughters of Ruth Sunday School Class, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336, or Union Baptist Church, c/o Baptist Women Meals, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home, Inc., on Chincoteague Island, Va. Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

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Chincoteague Officials Cast Worried Eye to July Pony Penning

With 12 weeks until the annual Pony Penning week, officials wrestle with questions about reopening the island and economic recovery

By Carol Vaughn

Chincoteague officials are keeping an eye on the timing of the state's recovery plans for the coronavirus pandemic, as the island's annual Pony Penning week in late July approaches.

At the May 4 meeting, held via a computer application and followed by 85 listeners, town council members expressed concern for both the health and economic well-being of residents.

"Fifty-four days ago, we started talking about COVID-19 here on Chincoteague, with the Search for the Shamrocks (event) that was coming up that weekend," said Bryan Rush, Chincoteague's Emergency Management Coordinator.

The council March 19 ratified an

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emergency declaration, which turned over emergency management to the mayor, as designated by law.

Mayor J. Arthur Leonard issued an executive order March 27, closing visitor lodgings.

"We have asked folks to not travel here, which has been a big thing, especially now that the weather has broken and gotten nice," Rush said.

The main reason to limit visitors was to protect medical resources, he said, adding, "The residual effect from the mayor's order has been, it has slowed the spread of COVID here on the island."

Information from the health department is reported countywide, not yet by ZIP code.

Still, "they have confirmed that we still have very low numbers here on the island," Rush said.

Police last weekend stopped 149 visitors to the island as they came off the causeway, handing them information about the emergency order, Leonard said.

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past has been for hurricanes or other natural disasters or for terrorism, rather than a pandemic, Rush said, noting the town did conduct a pandemic exercise last fall.

"This was a big learning curve for all of us...This is something that is actually going to drive our recovery plans into the future, because this COVID-19 recovery...is going to be a big financial burden on the town, on our businesses, even on our residents," he said.

The emergency declaration allows the town to seek financial help from the federal government.

Most of the extra expenses in this case have been for overtime pay for law enforcement officers and other first responders, Rush said.

Up to 75% may be reimbursed by FEMA.

The number of cases on the Eastern Shore is still climbing. In recent discussions with other local emergency managers and the health department, "it looked as though a two-week period; so, we are one week into that two-week period" of increasing cases, Rush said, adding, "However, I don't see any reason not to continue moving forward, hoping and planning that next Monday, we are near our peak in the area."

The town is starting to get more N-95 masks, but gowns are in very short supply, Rush said.

He thanked residents who made homemade masks and distributed them to police, EMS, firefighters, and others.

"That has been a big help," he said.

Gov. Ralph Northam said Monday he plans to allow some businesses to reopen May 15, in the first phase of recovery.

"In phase one, we're not going to see a whole lot of difference from what we are seeing right now," Rush said.

The no more than 10 gathering rule will remain in effect in the first phase, he said.

Campgrounds will be allowed to open, although not at full capacity.

Leonard said it is likely Chincoteague motels and other lodgings will be allowed to open as well.

"It wouldn't be fair to have just the campgrounds open," he said.

If the number of cases doesn't climb

again, a second phase will be implemented, where gatherings of 50 people will be allowed and other restrictions lifted. That phase should last several weeks

"When we start looking at weeks, we are looking out into the June time-frame," Rush said.

It could be 10 to 12 weeks before the state gets to the third phase of recovery, allowing larger group settings and a greater return to normal.

Wednesday, July 29, will mark the 95th annual Pony Swim on Chincote-ague, meaning Pony Penning week is around 12 weeks away.

The event typically attracts thousands of visitors to the island.

"Social distancing...is also still a key term, in phase one, two, and three. By no means are we out of the woods yet, but there is a small light at the end of the tunnel that we have to start working towards," Rush said.

"If something doesn't happen soon, in the state of Virginia, in the country, this season is going to get away from us," said Councilwoman Denise Bowden.

"My greatest fear...listening to Bryan and listening to the governor, 10 to 12 weeks out, we're pushing things right on up to carnival and Pony Penning — and we all know what a devastating hit this island would take without that," she said, adding, "...I'm hoping on the 15th that something can get put in place...The path to recovery is doors open. I know it's not possible today, but I'm praying it's going to be in a couple of weeks."

In answer to a question from Councilman G. Wayne Taylor, Rush said Chincoteague could be more, but not less, stringent, than the governor in easing restrictions.

"Our focus is still on operations, it's still on response, but now we are getting to that point we can talk about recovery — what is the recovery going to look like, is there anything we can do to help our recovery," he said.

"When you talk to people, they don't want anybody on here, period," Leonard said.

He said the recovery phase "can't happen soon enough for me...but the bottom line is the safety of the islanders, and what that looks like is how we proceed in the future."

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Documentary Brings Recollection of Jordan's Pre-Fame Visit to ESVA

By Bill Sterling Special to the Eastern Shore Post

With the airing of the documentary "The Last Dance," a story of the Chicago Bulls' championship run in the 1990s, a younger generation is learning just how large a presence Michael Jordan commanded during his legendary run.

Jordan was everywhere it seemed, appearing in countless commercials while leading the Bulls to six NBA championships in the '90s. He was as iconic a figure as the world had ever seen. Everyone wanted to "be like Mike," as the slogan proclaimed.

To give one measure of how Jordan exploded on the scene, when he signed a shoe deal with Nike, then a little upstart company trying to compete with Converse and Adidas, Nike officials were hoping to have sales of \$3 million in the next four years. In the first year alone, the landmark "Air Jordan" signature sneakers grossed \$126 million.

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Back in 1982, I had the opportunity to meet Jordan up close and personal but missed out, though it was not completely my fault.

The Accomack Parks and Recreation staff held a basketball clinic in the summer of that year, featuring three players from the University of North Carolina team that had just won the NCAA basketball championship a few months earlier when Jordan, only a freshman then, hit the game-winning shot with just seconds left in the game to edge Georgetown.

I was at the clinic with Wayne Wichmann, a friend and fellow employee at the newspaper. Somewhere deep in my files is a photo of Wayne, his son Andy, me, and a very tall Sam Perkins, all 6 feet, 9 inches of him.

The two other Tar Heel players attending the clinic were Cecil Exum, a little-used reserve, and the aforementioned Jordan. Bill Allen, then director of the county parks and rec-

reation department, had organized the clinic with the help of his son, a good friend of Perkins.

At the time, Perkins was as big a name as Jordan, if not bigger. After all, the New York City native had been named the ACC Rookie of the Year the previous season, had been selected to the first of his three All-American teams and was on his way to finishing as the Tar Heels' all-time leader in rebounds and blocked shots and the second-highest scorer in team history when his career was completed.

So, I was just fine having a long interview with Perkins while Jordan buzzed around the court engaging the 50 or so youth who attended the clinic. Every once in a while, Allen would tell Jordan to take a break and speak to the reporter, but Jordan was acting like a kid himself and continued to work with the youth, even sneaking in one dunk that I was a second late catching on film while I stood on the sidelines with Perkins.

Eventually, the clinic came to a close, and I never had the chance to actually converse with Jordan, though at the time I wasn't too disappointed, happy to talk with the personable Perkins.

I talked to Allen recently to get his thoughts on that clinic held some 38 years ago. "I knew Perkins was going to be at the clinic, but I wasn't sure about Jordan being there until I met them the night before the clinic and took them to a motel in Belle Haven,

where they stayed the night," Allen recalled. "The next morning, I took them to breakfast before the clinic."

Allen remembers Jordan, only 19 at the time, being very quiet and not the alpha figure shown so often in the documentary originally aired on ESPN Sunday nights, but being repeated during the week.

Allen said he was disappointed with the turnout of about 50 youth, but noted that there was little advance notice of the clinic because of time constraints. "I don't think people believed Jordan was coming to the clinic either," said Allen, who added that the registration fee for the clinic was \$5, which included a T-shirt. That is somewhat akin to the price of Nike stock before Jordan made the brand a worldwide name that dominated the sport apparel market.

Recent stories on Jordan which have popped up everywhere since the airing of the documentary estimate his net worth today at \$2.1 billion. In the first of 10 episodes, Jordan's mother reads a letter from her son, then a college student, asking for money to be placed in his bank account because he only had about \$20 at the time.

My lasting memory of a youthful Jordan that day in 1982 was of an ebullient teenager sharing his love of basketball with a group of kids, not long before fame and fortune would change the way he would view the world and those seeking attention from him.



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Fishing from the Shore By Bill Hall

Wachapreague - Captain Lindsay Paul reported that anglers were finding flounder in Green and Drawing channels,

After a week full of wind and rain, the Shore finally had a weekend with back-to-back sunny days with reasonable winds and the fishermen and boaters turned out in masses. Boat ramps at Gargatha and Wachapreague were filled beyond parking capacity. Looking at the license plates and boat registration numbers, it quickly became apparent that fishermen from Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania have no qualms about out-ofstate travel during their states' calls for social isolation. One tackle shop operator told me that the ramps and waterways reminded him of a tournament weekend.

Flounder, red drum, and black drum were the targets of choice on the seaside, while rockfish, black drum, and speckled trout comprised most of the catches on the Chesapeake Bay.

Lower Shore - Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle in Cape Charles, reported that the lower Shore black drum fishery is steadily improving, with catches being made along the Nautilus Shoals as well as out of Oyster. Big red drum are still being caught in the breakers along the southern barrier islands. Brady said that he has received reports of a few smaller puppy drum in the bayside creeks. Recent flounder fishing has been on the poor side, primarily due to the lack of clear water.

Chincoteague - Donna Rae Roeske, at Captain Bob's Marina, said that "nice-sized" keeper flounder are being caught along the drop-offs of the creeks and bays. Roeske said that the keeper-to-throwback ratio has been around 50%. She added that Berkley Gulp and live minnow combinations have been the most productive flounder baits. Black drum and striped bass have been landed in the Assateague surf.

Ken Neill caught and released this trophy-sized red drum while fishing outside the breakers of Fisherman's Island. Photo provided by Ken Neill.

as well as in Bullshead. Paul said that bucktails and Berkley Gulp in white, chartreuse, and pink have been the most productive producers. Squid with minnows, as well as silversides, have also been productive. Paul said that black drum catches were coming from the surf. He had not received any offshore fishing reports. Amanda Manzella, at the Wacha-

preague Inn. reported that flounder fishing had been a little slow, with the best fishing occurring early in the morning.

Upper Shore - Captain Matt Abell, at the Seahawk Sports Center, reported that the upper Chesapeake Bay fishery has been superior to the recent action on the seaside. Abell described the recent flounder fishing as "pretty decent." He said that local angler Rob Price landed a black drum from the surf. Several small- to medium-sized black drum, as well as some rockfish, were landed over the weekend off Assateague. The Virginia coastal striped bass season does

not open until May 16, so all of the rockfish caught had to be released. Over on the Chesapeake Bay, Abell reported that fishing had been good, with anglers finding red and black drum, speckled trout, and rockfish. The Maryland striped bass season opened May 1 and anglers are allowed to keep one fish, measuring at least 35 inches. Anglers targeting rockfish using natural bait have been having more success that their trolling counterparts, according to Abell.

And, finally, after 28 years as a mainstay in the lower Shore tackle business, Chris' Bait & Tackle has closed its doors. The impact of last year's striped bass regulations combined with the effects of the current COVID-19 restrictions, as well as the uncertainty of the possible reappearance of the virus in the fall, forced

> owners Chris and Mark Snook to make the difficult decision to move on. Chris Snook said that she wants to "thank everybody, especially the loyal customers and suppliers, who made us what we were." The business has been bought by the Oceans East Tackle Shop, a tackle business based in Virginia Beach, Va., with a second shop located in Nags Head, N.C. The shop plans to reopen by June 1, according to the Ocean East Facebook page.

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.



Ethan Abell caught and released this red drum last weekend in the upper Pocomoke Sound. Photo courtesy of the Seahawk Sports Center.



Josh Barfield caught and released this rockfish in the Assateague Island surf Sunday. Photo courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait and Tackle.

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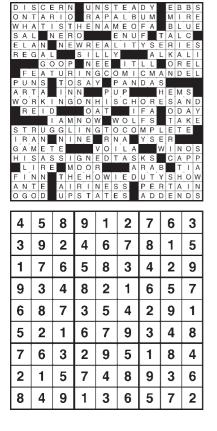
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Featuring Bioprotect.US

Formerly Taylor's Custodial, Eastern Shore Cleaning Solutions still offers full-service carpet and upholstery cleaning just as Rocky Taylor has done for the past 35 years. We are pleased to carry on the same great service offered by Rocky and he will continue to play a role in the company.

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, we now offer Bioprotect. Us antimicrobial treatment. Bioprotect. Us is an EPA approved, nontoxic, American produced antimicrobial that you simply spray on any surface. Once dry, it bonds to that surface and provides durable, long-term protection that kills and inhibits growth of bacteria, fungi, algae, viruses, and other microorganisms that inhabit many of life's surfaces. Antimicrobial technology has been used for decades in hospital and other sterile settings as well as manufactured into many of our products. The Bioprotect.Us difference is that our product forms a strong bond that lasts up to 90 days, giving you continuous protection. If you are only disinfecting your business/home you are not doing enough. As soon as the sanitary product dries the site is open for contamination. Meaning, as soon as something touches it, germs attach and it's no longer sterile. Bioprotect. Us will prevent the bacteria from spreading by actually killing the germ through a mechanical process, thus providing 24/7 protection for your family and your customers with no need to constantly reapply.

Eastern Shore Cleaning Solutions LLC, is owned by Dr. Roden Stewart (Island Chiropractic), Justin Ihnat (teacher, combat veteran), and Rich Alloway (retired state senator). Call us for a free consultation about applying this protective product to your home or business. 757-336-1448 or find us on Facebook.

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For Honorary Hospital Ball Chairs, Volunteering Is a Couples Activity

By Connie Morrison

Even though Sept. 19 is four months away, and COVID-19 preoccupies the minds of Shore residents, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Ball committee members are looking ahead with anticipation.

They are excited about their picks for this year's honorary chairs, Vernon and Cathey Bell.

"This was a group decision," said event publicity chairwoman Becky Johnson.

In determining who will receive the annual honor, "We discuss people in our community that make a difference," Johnson said. "Their names came up with everyone. Everyone had a wonderful story" about the Bells.

The couple is approaching a combined 40 years of volunteer service to the hospital. "Cathey started volunteering in the late '90s," said Vernon in a phone interview. "I was still working for the school system." He had a bout of cancer in 2001, worked two and a half more years, and retired in 2003. "I started volunteering for the cancer center in 2004," he said.

Up until the pandemic changed work for everyone, Vernon and Cathey volunteered every Monday. Cathey's base is the front desk. Patients might encounter her cheerfully leading them — or transporting them by wheelchair — from the front desk to the lab or to outpatient surgery.

"We keep an eye out for people arriving who might need a wheelchair" and meet them outside to ease their visit. "We have always been good about wiping down the chairs after someone uses them," she said, an important task regardless of the presence of a pandemic.

She also sorts the mail on Mondays. "One of the most joyful parts" of her volunteer time "is delivering cards and flowers to patients."

Vernon volunteers in the cancer center where he fetches chemo from the pharmacy and midday meals for patients whose treatments run through the lunch hour, picks up mail, and talks with patients.

"Unfortunately, I know a lot of them," he said. Talking with them about his experience "lets patients know cancer is not necessarily a death sentence. I've been 19 years" since cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Vernon also coordinates the American Cancer Society's "Road to Recovery"



Cathey and Vernon Bell

program, in which he coordinates rides for patients who must receive treatment they can't obtain at the Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital's Cancer Center. He assumed responsibility for the program from Sam Belote in 2008. Belote had organized the program for 10 years.

Last year, Vernon provided 120 rides for patients: 105 on the Eastern Shore and 15 across the bay to Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Va., Sentara Hospital Princess Anne, and Norfolk General.

With the variety of tasks available to volunteers at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital — on patient floors, in the emergency room, doing office work — Cathey said there is bound to be something that interests just about anyone. "If they would like to do something and get more out of it than they give, they can certainly come to the hospital," she said.

Both Cathey and Vernon are eager for the COVID-19 pandemic to lift so they can resume their volunteer responsibilities.

"I've been in touch with a couple of people at the cancer center," Vernon said. Nurses miss the volunteers. "Nurses are really overworked, and since we've been gone, they are stretched even more," he said, eager to resume his duties.

"Mondays have always been our favorite day of the week. We just love being at the hospital and at the cancer center," said Cathey.

"We are certainly looking forward to the ball and hope things will be open then so the hospital will be able to hold it," she added.

Tickets to the ball are \$150 and are available by mailing a check made payable to RSMH Auxiliary to Karrie L. Williams, P.O. Box 628, Accomac, Virginia 23301 or email at riversideballtickets@gmail.com

Tree Planted in Memory of Tree Board Charter Member Anne Nock

A work crew stands beside a willow oak planted in memory of Anne Nock in the Onancock Town Square park on Wednesday, April 29. Nock, who died in August 2019, was a charter member of Onancock's Tree Board and a driving force to have the town designated a Tree City USA under the Ar-Foundation's bor Day program.

Photo by Sarah Nock.



Town of Eastville - Proposed Budget for FY2020/2021 Notice of Public Hearing June 1st, 2020

The public hearing will be held Monday, June 1st, 2020, at 7:00 PM, via Electronic Format, The Town Council will be soliciting public comments via email or live phone calls during the event. If you wish to comment and have your voice heard please email rstubbs@townofeastville.com with your comments or the name and phone number that you wish to be called at, at the meeting time. The comments sent by email will be read to the Council as written. Those citizens wishing to be heard live will be called by the Town Council shortly after the start of the public hearing.

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021

REVENUE:

\$15,000.00
\$9,000.00
\$37,500.00
\$738,030.00
\$10,000 .00
\$11,500.00
\$95,100.00
\$916,130.00

EXPENSES:

	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$916,130.00
Water		\$95.100.00
Public Safety		\$678,600.00
Administration		\$142,430.00

There are no tax increases requested with this years fiscal budget. There are water maintenance fee increases being discussed that could affect an increase in the water bills targeted for July 1st, 2020.

The proposed Fiscal Year 20/2 1 budget for the Town of Eastville is balanced and is a true representation of anticipated revenues and expenses for the Town. Projected amounts are based on previous years actual costs and revenues to the Town. A copy of the proposed budget is available please email info@townofeastville.com if you would like a copy. The Town Council encourages all residents to send email or request a phone call to comment at the public hearing.

Town Administrator David L. Eder

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. The meeting will be conducted through an electronic "Webex" platform, allowing 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 login information will be posted on the County's website (www.co.northampton.va.us) on May 12.

Written comments to be submitted during the Public Hearing or Citizens Information Period should be emailed to the County Administrator's Office by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting in order to be read into the record. Email address: jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us. Comments can also be faxed to 757-678-0483 for receipt by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The County Administration Building will not be open for public entry.

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

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MLS #51318 Marsh Island Dr.

Beautiful Waterfront views with Gorgeous insets from this second floor Condo unit. LR, K, BA and Enclosed Porch. Included with this Condo is a Laundry Room area with washer and dryer, picnic area with waterfront deck, and boat slips/dock usage

\$109,000



MLS # 51356A Wildcat Lane Lot #9

Your vacation dream home could oe on this beautiful waterfront lot. 3.34 acres overlooking Chincoteague Bay. Three bedroom septic system installed.

\$250,000



MLS #50200 Mire Pond One

Great opportunity to own an island vacation home! This 3-in-1 package onsists of: 2014 Wildwood travel trailer 1987 Fleetwood Prowler travel trailer, and 3/45' x 40' lots.

\$92,500



MLS #49998 Mason Dr. Beautiful Vacant Lot 60' x 101' with 4BR septic certificate on file. \$39,500



MLS #50061 Deep Hole Rd. Great starter home or as a seashore

retreat! This townhome has eat-in kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and two baths.

\$137,000



MLS #49865 John S. Whealton Ln.

This serene .66 acre site is nestled under the pines overlooking Folly Creek. This lot boasts an abundance of nature and a wide variety of wildlife. The property has been approved for a single family, 2BR home on pilings.

\$89,000

This Week's Osprey-Eyed Readers

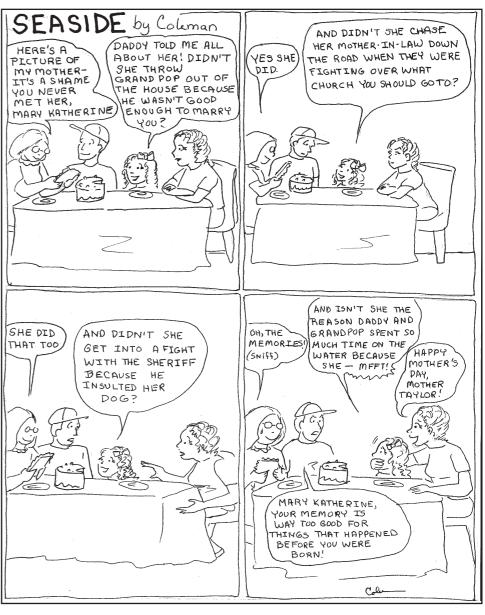
Last week, we combined a delicious food with a typo, and did it more than once but fewer than five times, and asked you to find all the instances. Only one reader rose to the challenge; see the Winner's Circle for details.

For this week's osprey-eyed reader contest, we have changed a person's name. With the dozens and dozens of names in this issue of the Post, how could you possibly know which name we changed? Well, the one we changed this week belongs to quite a famous person and loyal Post readers will recognize immediately that the name has been changed. If you are osprey-eyed enough to catch it, you should email editor@easternshorepost.com. If you're among the first to ring in with the correct answer, page number, and so forth, we will publish your picture in next week's edition -- or the picture of your spouse, child, grandchild, pet, favorite tree, biggest fish, or anything you want except feet. We don't do feet.

Winner's Circle

Only one reader on the entire Eastern Shore completed last week's challenge, and he has earned the title of The Most Osprey-Eyed Reader of All Eastern Shore Post Readers (so far). Who is this clever puzzle solver? All hail Robert Moore, of Cape Charles, and his dog, Vegas, a fine pup to represent Moore in this week's Winner's Circle.





THIS IS OUT MOM



She didn't win anything — except the JACKPOT with her four fantastic kids!

Happy Mothers Day!
We Love you!
FROM LAZY BABY,
NO SHOW, MUDDY BUDDY,
AND WILD CHILD!

Things You Didn't Need To Know

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes for cleaning this week, a rat jumped out. Seriously. In this time of coronavirus, rats are hungry and on the move. Several factors are at play.

Thousands of restaurants and bars across the country have been closed due to the pandemic, and the trash bins behind those establishments, a normally reliable source of food for rats, have gone empty.

The restaurants that have stayed open are doing carry-out business, meaning people are bringing this restaurant food home. People are also cooking more at home. Result: much more food leftovers accumulating in residential trash bins. Rats

are coming for you.

Rats normally live within about 150 feet of their main food source, but now there are news reports all over the country of armies of rats on the move, looking for food. Commercial-district, restaurant-food eating rats are moving into residential areas, burrowing into yards, gnawing through plastic trash bins.

Have you noticed you don't have to pick up after Fido nearly as much? You might have rats. They eat dog feces, because the commercial food we give our pets is so packed with nutrition that dogs don't absorb it all, passing some nutrition on in their rat-yummy droppings.

Rats have also turned cannibal-

istic, eating rat pups in their nests. When exterminators go to collect rats caught in traps, they often find just the head, the body having been eaten by starving rats.

Rats carry some 55 diseases, they pee everywhere they go, a female brown rat can have 60 or more pups a year, and rats are neophobic. It was a new word for us. It means a fear of something new. For rats, it means when they encounter something new in their environment, like a trap or a box of poison, they tend to avoid it—making them difficult to exterminate.

Any good news? Yes. These suckers are so hungry now that they're going for every trap and poisonous bait that's put out for them, making extermination efforts more effective than they've been in the past. Also, rats don't carry rabies. And "Ben" was a scary good movie.

Northampton High School Robotics Team Celebrates Its 15th Year

Submitted Article

Like so many other teams, the Northampton High School Robotics season was cut short by sudden statewide closures due to COVID-19. Fortunately, the Northampton SHOREBOTS (Team 1908) were able to participate in one competition before the remaining FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics events were canceled across the country.

Celebrating its 15th year in the FIRST program, the team made it to the quarterfinals at the Chesapeake District Regional competition in Richmond March 6-8. The team has consistently made it to the quarterfinals throughout its history. To highlight the milestone 15th anniversary, the team designed special T-shirts that honored coach Rodney Walker and mentor Jim Goldstein, who founded the program in 2005.

It is through coach Walker's persistence and dedication that Northampton's program is the most enduring high school robotics team on the Eastern Shore. The program has benefited greatly from his organization, networking, fundraising, logistics, and leadership skills. With the support of NASA, Northampton High School, and local businesses and organizations, Walker has been able to focus on steadily building the team's resources including necessary shop equipment and a travel trailer that is housed at the team's workshop. As part of its ongoing sponsorship, NASA also requires the team to participate in "The Chairman's Award," in which students make a presentation about their school's robotics program in front of a panel of judges.

FIRST is a STEM-based program that emphasizes hands-on technical learning and is a unique opportunity to learn problem-solving skills under the guidance of experienced mentors. Each year, the build season begins on the first Saturday in January with the "Kickoff" event. The Kickoff challenges participating high school robotics teams to design and build a robot that will meet specific standards for that season's game. The 2020 theme was "Infinite Recharge – Powered by Star Wars: Force for Change."

"We're given a set of rules and some basic parts, but there is no direction manual for what you are building. The design and build is totally up to the team. You create it as you go," explained mentor Elvin Hess, who has been an advisor and mentor during the past 15 years.

This year's robot was one of the most sophisticated the SHOREBOTS have ever built. The original design by the students required complex construction utilizing nine motors, lime light sensors, autonomous and driver controls, extensive electronics, and advanced programming.

Their efforts resulted in some stellar moments playing all aspects of the game, but they also experienced some significant technical challenges during the course of the competition weekend. In the true



The Northampton High School Robotics Team. Submitted photo.

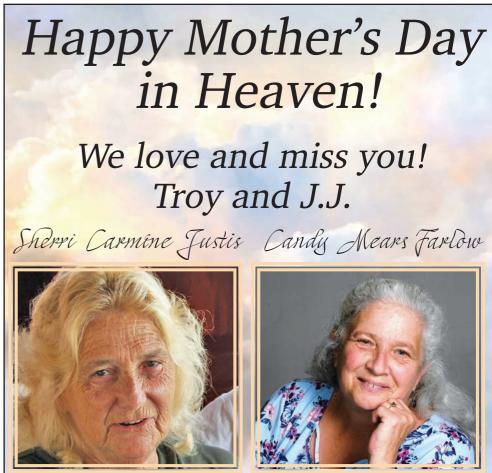
spirit of "gracious professionalism" and "coopertition" (key philosophies of FIRST), other teams and mentors supported the efforts to troubleshoot problems. After they competed in Richmond, Team 1908 worked diligently to upgrade the robot for the second week of competition in Portsmouth, Va., which was

canceled just three days before the event.

Due to school closures, unfortunately, there will not be an award ceremony this year. So the SHOREBOTS would like to take this opportunity to recognize the following students for outstanding achievements: Leadership and Design, Elan Hess; Outstanding Programmer, Gael Garcia; Most Improved Technician, Tyler Zodun: Rookie of the Year, Dillon Buyrn; Programming Rookie, Dejan Weatherly.

This year's mentors included Rodney Walker (coach and program coordinator), Elvin Hess (design/build), Matt Goldstine (programming), Mike Zodun (electronics), Grandy Buyrn and Bob Leffel (build), Jim Goldstine (electronics), and Brook Thomas (logistics).

The team would like to thank coach Walker and Jim Goldstine for their many years of service and wish them all the best as they enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Team 1908 looks forward to getting back in the game next year with Mike Zodun as the new coach. Go SHOREBOTS!





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El Distrito de Salud del Eastern Shore anuncia pruebas gratis de COVID-19 por servi-carro

Con el fin de comprender más ampliamente el COVID-19 y ayudar a prevenir una mayor propagación en nuestra comunidad, el Distrito de Salud del Eastern Shore estará ofreciendo **pruebas gratis de COVID-19 a través de clínicas por servi-carro (auto servicio) y la oportunidad de completar un cuestionario de cinco minutos.** La participación es voluntaria y cualquier información provista en el cuestionario se mantendrá confidencial. El decidir no participar en el cuestionario, no afectará el acceso a hacerse las pruebas.

Información de pruebas por "servi-carro" ("auto-servicio")

El evento se llevará a cabo este viernes, 8 de mayo y el sábado, 9 de mayo en el Eastern Shore Community College, de 10 am – 6pm, el viernes 9; y de 9 am – 4 pm, el sábado 10, o hasta que se acaben las pruebas. Un equipo entrenado de la Guardia Nacional de Virginia estará administrando las pruebas, mientras que personal del Departamento de Salud, proveerá información sobre las mejores medidas para protegerse, tanto individualmente como a otros, del contagio del COVID-19. Recibirá una llamada del Distrito de Salud del Eastern Shore con los resultados de su prueba.

De tener alguna pregunta sobre este proyecto, podrá contactar al Distrito de Salud del Eastern Shore a través del 757-787-5880. También podrá visitar: https://www.cdc.gov/corona-virus/2019-ncov/index.html o vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus para obtener la información más reciente sobre cómo protegerse usted y a su comunidad del COVID-19.

Gracias por participar en este proyecto comunitario para ayudar a reducir la propagación del COVID-19 en el Eastern Shore de Virginia.



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Le: Vandredi 8, Ma 2020- a 10r nan maten pou rive 6r apremidi.

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Si w gen kesyon pou bagay sa a, kontakte Depatman Sante a Eastern Shore a 757-787-5880. Ou ka tou visite sitweb https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html or vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus pou denye enfomasyon sou COVID-19 la.

Mesi anpil pou patisipasyon ou e pou fe efo po pwoteje kominote w menm kont COVID-19 la.



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Eastern Shore Health District Announces Free Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing

The Eastern Shore Health District is reaching out to residents to understand more about COVID-19 and help prevent further spread in our community. We are offering free COVID-19 testing at a drive-thru testing clinic and the opportunity to complete a 5-minute questionnaire. Your participation is voluntary and any information you provide in the questionnaire will remain confidential. If you choose not to participate, it will not affect your access to testing.

Drive-through Testing Information

The event will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 8th and 9th, at Eastern Shore Community College from 10 am-6 pm Friday and 9 am-4 pm Saturday or until testing supplies run out. Our trained teams from the Virginia National Guard will administer the tests and Health Department staff will provide you information on how to best protect yourself and others from COVID-19 transmission. You will receive a call from the Eastern Shore Health District with your results.

If you have any questions about this project, you may contact the Eastern Shore Health District at 757-787-5880. You can also visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html or vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus for the latest information on how to protect yourself and your community from COVID-19.

Thank you for participating in this community project to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Boys & Girls Club Delivers Meals and Snacks to Members

Story and Photo by Bill Sterling

Kathy Custis missed seeing her Boys & Girls Clubs members and knew many of them were missing meals and not getting the nutritious snacks they received before the coronavirus concerns shut down clubs in March.

So with the help of a \$2,000 United Way grant and support from the Eastern Shore Area for Aging/Community Action Agency (ESAAA/CAA), Custis and her staff plus some teen club members are hitting the road twice a week to deliver meals and snacks to the members at their homes.

"I can't describe the joy on the faces of our club members when we showed up with meals and snacks," said Custis, the club director for Boys & Girls Clubs. Southeastern Virginia, Eastern Shore Club. "Of course, we were so happy to see them after not being able to be around them for almost two months. We miss them so much."

In the week prior to the first delivery, Custis and her team, which includes teen members from the Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone leadership program, contacted the families of club members to get directions to the homes and coordinate the delivery of the food. "Our Keystoners are volunteering and paying it forward to help in the community with the preparation and delivery of the meals," said Custis.

"You could see it had a huge impact on the teens to be part of something that is helping the community," added Custis.

Custis said the delivery of meals and snacks to the club members would not have been possible without a \$2,000 grant from United Way to kickstart the program. Then, the ESAAA/CAA provided space at Hare Valley to store and package the meals. Two significant anonymous donations enabled the club to purchase a refrigerator to store the food, added Custis.

"We are so appreciative of the United Way and Donna Faye Sample of the Community Action Agency. We saw so much need in the community the first day we made deliveries. There are



Kathy Custis, right, is pictured with Boys & Girls Cub members after handing out lunches and snacks while clubs are closed during the coronavirus pandemic.

children roaming in the streets and many of them came up to us asking for food. Although they were not members, we gave what we could with the extra food we had."

Custis said the program also gave her and the staff an opportunity to check in on members and let them know how much they are missed and the importance of staying and eating healthy during the pandemic.

"We also handed out academic worksheets to the club members, which we will pick up the next time we make a delivery and replace with new worksheets," said Custis.

With Eastern Shore schools closed since early March, area students are not only missing academic time at school but important meals. Boys & Girls Clubs members also receive a meal following school and a nutritious snack they often take home with them.

"Many parents depend on those meals their kids get at school," said Custis, "and during the summer Boys & Girls Clubs is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and includes three meals. It is a real hardship for the parents when the school and the club are not open due to this pandemic."

Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia invites anyone wanting to support the food delivery program, now scheduled to end June 12 due to funds available, to send contributions to Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Virginia, Eastern Shore Club, 4208 Seaside Road, Exmore, VA 23350.

VETERANS' CORNER

Veterans' News: Services Amid COVID-19







By Alexander Hightower

Veterans' News

VA Expands Access to Virtual Hearings: As with many companies and organizations, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has also been affected by the COVID-19 virus. However, the VA Board of Veterans' Appeals is not one of them. The VA is currently conducting hearings regarding disability claims. On May 1, the VA expanded access to virtual hearings to all veterans awaiting their board hearings.

Virtual hearings are a secure, confidential, and convenient option for veterans and their representatives to have their board hearings held from a location of their choosing.

The board moved quickly to put this option into place in response to COVID-19 and the temporary suspension of inperson hearings. For veterans who opted to have a hearing, choosing the virtual hearing will allow the board to decide a veteran's appeal more quickly.

Virtual hearings became a permanent option for veterans April 10, when President Trump signed the VA Tele-Hearing Modernization Act into law. To date, the board has successfully held more than 640 virtual hearings and can hold around 250 per week. There are many openings on the virtual hearing docket for veterans and their representatives considering this option.

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said, "Providing veterans the option to participate in their board hearings from a location of their choosing is yet another way VA and the board are continuing to modernize." He added, "This option helps VA ensure veterans continue to receive important benefits and services, especially in these difficult times."

CARES Act To Provide Emergency

Assistance to Veterans Who Are Homeless or at Risk of Homelessness During COVID-19 Crisis: The VA is getting a lift from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide emergency assistance to veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness during the COVID-19 crisis.

The VA announced it is expanding support services enabled by the CARES Act, to make available immediate relief for veterans experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness during the pandemic.

The CARES Act allocates \$17.2 billion for the Veterans Health Administration, \$300 million of which will be used this fiscal year to address the challenges faced by homeless and at-risk veterans.

"A significant percentage of homeless veterans or those at risk of homelessness are uniquely vulnerable to COVID-19 due to their living conditions, age, and chronic health complications," said Wilkie. "The funds from the CARES Act are vital and will allow VA to continue working diligently to prevent the spread of infection in communities and keep veterans safe and on the pathway to permanent housing during this perilous time."

Funding is provided for three critical VA programs to assist with the emergency response needed for veterans living without safe, stable housing.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program: \$202 million has been allocated to provide emergency housing and homelessness prevention assistance to very low-income veteran families to mitigate the expected wave of evictions and potential homelessness that will result from extensive unemployment. Funds for this program will also assist the Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing program in placing veterans in safe housing to isolate them from the virus.

Anyone needing assistance for emergency housing and homelessness prevention assistance on the Eastern Shore, contact STOP Inc. to speak with an SSVF Case Manager at 757-858-1360.

Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program: Grants from the GPD program usually consist of a capped per diem payment from the VA to community organizations to provide transitional housing and supportive services to veterans. \$88 million has been allocated to this program, which allows the VA to waive per diem limits during the crisis and help GPD grantees to provide all needed emergency housing and supportive services, including emergency placement for veterans who need to be isolated for their safety or the safety of others.

Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program: \$10 million has been allocated to provide emergency shelter and supportive services during the crisis, including placement in hotel rooms for veterans needing emergency shelter or isolation to avoid spreading the virus. Housing will be paired with care, treatment, and rehabilitative services.

Congresswoman Elaine Luria Co-Leads Bill To Help Heroes Access Medicine Virtually: Retired Navy Commander and Congresswoman Elaine Luria has joined with Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester in spearheading the introduction of a bill to assist with maintaining access to affordable prescription drugs for military families and retirees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is critical that we protect those who have fought and served our country," said Luria. "The Help Our Heroes Access Medicine Act would give the Secretary of Defense the authority to waive TRI-CARE copays on prescription drugs during a public health emergency or national emergency. I urge Congress to quickly pass this important bill that would protect military retirees' and families' access to prescription drugs while keeping them and mission-critical personnel safe."

Currently, TRICARE beneficiaries pay a \$10 copay for a 90-day supply of a generic drug and \$29 for name-brand drugs via mail order. However, beneficiaries who pick up their prescriptions at Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) do not pay copays. Due to the continued spread of COVID-19, some installation commanders suspended installation access for retirees and survivors. Which means many beneficiaries are

no longer able to access MTF pharmacies and must transfer their prescriptions elsewhere. The copays on mail-order can be an unexpected financial burden during this time of uncertainty. This legislation echoes the bipartisan effort Luria led earlier this month that was endorsed by 13 veterans service organizations.

For further details, veterans are encouraged to contact Luria's Eastern Shore office at 25020 Shore Parkway, Suite 1B, Onley, VA 23418, or call 757-364-7631.

Military-Friendly Job Fair: On Thursday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a Corporate Gray Virtual (online) Military-Friendly Job Fair for those transitioning service members and veterans. Participants will need to register and create an account by logging on to www.corporategray.com/applicants/new Click the "Job Fairs" link on the menu bar then click the "Register" link. Attendees can upload their resumes and click the "Register" button. They will then be directed to complete the registration on the eCareerFairs website, which will be used to host this job fair. Be sure to visit the booths, read the company overviews, view the job listings, and note the recruiters who will be staffing the booths.

Two weeks before the fair, Corporate Gray will be sending an invitation to the Virtual Job Fair Training Session for those who are registered for the May 28 event both on Corporate Gray Online and on eCareerFairs. Twenty companies are scheduled to attend including: Artlin Consulting, BAE Systems, Carter Machinery Company Inc., Central Intelligence Agency, Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co., Eaton Corp., Edward Jones, First Command Financial Services, HII Newport News Shipbuilding, HII Technical Solutions, Intelsat, Inter-Con Security Systems Inc., Leidos, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Raytheon Technologies. Sutherland, The GBS Group, U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. Postal Service, W.R. Systems.

Local News

Veterans Workshop: Workshops are usually held every third Tuesday of the month at the Virginia Employment Commission in Onley. The workshop is postponed until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions. Contact Wendy Ainsworth at wendy.ainsworth@dvs. virginia.gov or Alex Hightower at alexander.hightower@vec.virginia.gov for further information.



Davis and Winnie

Wedding Announcement

Chandler Paige Davis and Paul Michael Winnie were married May 2, 2020, on private property in Onancock. Pastor Janice Arena officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Christopher and Karen Davis and the late Lynn Davis. The groom is the son of David and Pamela Winnie.

The bride is a graduate of Nandua

High School, in Onley, and Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. She is employed by the City of Virginia Beach as a paramedic.

The groom is a graduate of Joppatowne High School, in Joppa, Md. He currently serves in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Norfolk. Va.

The newlyweds will reside in Chesapeake, Va.

Send your engagement and wedding announcements to angie@easternshorepost.com



Scarborough Awarded Lions Club Scholarship

The Onancock Area Lions Club presented its annual \$1,000 Medical Scholarship to To'Nya Scarborough, of Melfa. She is a senior at Nandua High School and will be attending Old Dominion University to study nursing. She is the daughter of Thyessa Burton, of Norfolk, Va., and Robert Scarborough, of Melfa.



Children Create Little Free Library for Exmore

When Caroline and Ellis Dukes noticed there was no free library in their hometown, Exmore, they decided to build one with a little help from their grandfather, and possibly their father (Exmore Zoning Director Taylor Dukes).

The library, initially stocked by Ellis and Caroline, is located on Main Street, near the Exmore Town Hall. The rules are simple. Take a book. Leave a book. Both Ellis, 6, and Caroline, 4, are avid readers.





Five-Year Pastoral Anniversary

Jerry Harmon (pictured above with his wife, Cathlethy) celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of New Life Deliverance Ministry May 3. When he started his ministry in 2015, it was only him, his wife, his daughter and her family. They now have over 30 members in their congregation.



We accept most PPO insurances and Virginia Medicaid and we provide a full spectrum of services.

We participate with Perdue & Tysons' Insurance Se habla español

Timothy Fei, DDS (757)665-7729

Parksley, VA

Community Notes

Honkfest Drive-Through Parade at Heritage Hall

The community is invited to drive through the parking lot at Heritage Hall, in Nassawadox, Friday, May 8, from noon to 2 p.m. Give the staff and residents a honk to let them know they are supported in their fight. Put posters on the car or window paint to send a loving message.

Stay in the car. Do not get out of the car. Waves are fine from inside the vehicle.

Social Security 101 Virtual Program

The Eastern Shore Public Library (ESPL) will host a virtual "Social Secu-

rity 101" seminar on Thursday, May 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. Matt Baxter, Social Security's public affairs specialist for Delaware, Maryland, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, will serve as the presenter. This two-hour free seminar will cover the purpose and eligibility criteria for all of the Social Security Administration's benefit programs. Participants can join the seminar by telephone or computer.

Registration for this free event can be done at https://www.surveymonkey. com/r/SocSec101 or by calling the library at 787-3400 and asking for Cara Burton. This will be a Zoom slideshow presentation. Those who do not have access to a computer, or would prefer not to participate by computer, will be provided a phone number and meeting code through which they may participate by teleconference.

For more information, call Burton at 787-3400 or visit the library's website at www.espl.org

Food Bank/YMCA Food Drive

The David Landsberger Family YMCA, on Chincoteague, has partnered with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore to host a drive-through food drive Friday, May 8, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The most-needed items include lean canned proteins, nonperishable fruits and veggies, personal hygiene products, and baby products.

Donations may be made by pulling into the Y's parking lot and pulling up to the front door. Pop the trunk or hand the items to the staff members. They will take it from there.

Consider donating, as Foodbank supplies are utilized by many local entities, including the Manna Cafe.

Give Local 757

There are several opportunities to support the local Community Center, Historic Onancock School, during the

ACPS Food Distribution Closed Indefinitely

W. C. Holland, superintendent of Accomack County Public Schools, announced that they are closing the food service distribution sites for an undetermined time due to the safety of their staff and volunteers.

Giving Days for Give Local 757, May 5 through 12. Use the donate button at www.historiconancockschool.org, or send a donation by mail to P.O. Box 467, Onancock, VA 23417.

Onancock Market Goes Virtual

The Onancock Market went online May 3 and curbside pick-up begins Saturday, May 9.

Place orders from Sunday, at noon, through Wednesday, at midnight, and pick up curbside in front of 20 Market St., Onancock, the following Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon. All major credit cards, PavPal, and SNAP/EBT accepted. More information, go to Facebook, Instagram, or www.onancockmarket.com

Virtual Coping Techniques for Caregivers

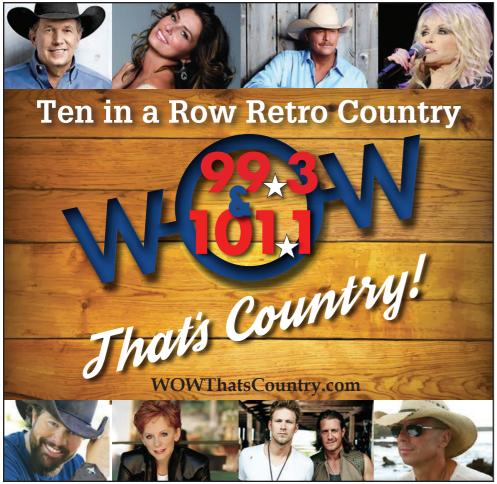
Commonwealth Senior Living's Virtual Education, "Coping Techniques for Caregivers," will be held Wednesday, May 20, at 1 p.m. The virtual presentation will offer tips for coping with the challenges caregiving can present, especially during this global pandemic, followed by a roundtable discussion.

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



Accomack County Treasurer James A. Lilliston has announced tax changes. Due to COVID-19, the due date has been extended for personal property and real estate bills to Aug. 3, 2020. No penalties or interest will be assessed on 2020 taxes until after Aug. 3. Payments must be made or postmarked by Aug. 3, 2020. There is also a six-month payment plan option. Call the office to discuss this option, as it is not automatic.

The treasurer's office has also added an electronic check (or e-check) option to the website at www.accomacktax.com A convenience fee of \$1.50 will be applied per transaction for the use of this option and can be significantly less costly than paying by the other options available. For more information, contact the Accomack County Treasurer's office at 757-787-5738.



Eastern Shore Trading POST

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

Announcements

Happy Mother's Day to Our Mom, Wife, and Friend,

Deborah T. Wessells



The hardest thing in life to bear is to wand your love here. Everyone knows there is no love like a mother. A mother's heart is filled with care. A mother's love is endless.

God blessed us with the care of his angel. So many times we have mised her, her gentle hugs and tender kisses. We still can feel her warm embrace and picture her loving face. A mother's task is never done and heaven must have needed it because an angel came and took her hand and lead her to the promised land.

So on this Mother's Day, we want to wish our mom, wife, and friend a Happy Mother's Day and ask her to please watch over the world as we try to get past the virus. We will not lose the faith. We love and miss you.

Love, your husband: Tyrone, son: T.W., daughters: Tyrontha, Renae, grandkids: Boogie, La'Meere, Jordan, Carmel, Desi, Derrick, Brandon & Germauri

The family of Clifton R. "Tink" Taylor would like to thank every-body for their acts of kindness, prayers, food, flowers, donations, and cards.

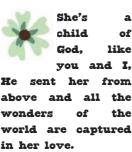
We would also like to thank Pastors Virginia Greer and Jeff Conrow for a nice sermon. Also, thanks to Hospice.

He was a great husband, father, and friend.

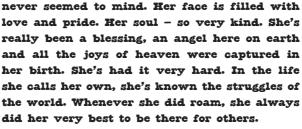
Love you, Barbara, Andy, and Rooks



My
Mom,
My
Friend



She did without so we could have and



Let's take this time and say thank you, God, for our mother.

With love.

Your children - Elnora, Christine, Mildred, Alvin, Betty, Teresa, Cliffton, Alice, Edward, Diane, and Shirley



Find the employee of your dreams in the Classifieds of the Eastern Shore Post Call 757-789-7678 and ask for ALFIE CRUTCHLEY



Happy 45th
Birthday
Tracy Turner!!!
May GOD
continue to
bless you
on your special
day





Happy 21st Birthday Ja'Briah Tynise Mears 5/8/2020



Happy 21st, babygirl. We miss you, but heaven is so lucky to have you. There isn't a day that goes by that you aren't on our minds.

Can't wait until we meet again.

We love you always & forever, Mommy , Daddy, Siblings: Laversa, Stinker Keyasha, Nasir, Jaseon, Uniqua, Tykea, Jay , & Uncle Jameslee

5.08.99 Happy Birthday, Briah

Announcements (Cont'd)

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 <u>are</u> 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.

<u>Help Wanted</u>

Emergency Medical Technician (ALS preferred)

Northampton County is accepting applications for Full- and Part-time Emergency Medical Technicians (ALS Preferred) in the Emergency Medical Services Department.

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.

Northampton County is an EOE.

TRUCK MECHANIC NEEDED:

Eastern Shore of Virginia. Responsibilities include preventative maintenance, inspections, services, diagnosing & repair for a fleet of 8 tractors and 14 trailers. Familiar with air brakes, A/C, & electrical systems. Ability to work unsupervised; self-starter. \$22-27/hr., depending on experience.

Call 410-530-4590.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

needed for a center articulating Green Bean Harvester.
Will train. Must have a valid Driver's License. Must be
willing to travel the Delmarva area. Paid lodging and food
allowance. Salary - \$450 per week plus \$75 per week
bonus at end of season.
Call (757)678-5395.

EXPERIENCED CLASS A CDL DRIVER

needed for hauling produce from field to processing plant. Current CDL & Medical Card. Clean driving record. Seasonal travel to FL required. Excellent equipment. Competitive pay .40/mile & Medical available.

Call 757-678-5097.

EXPERIENCED FORKLIFT OPERATOR

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Now Hiring Packing Shed Workers

Must be 18 or older Starting Pay \$8.10 per hour. Overtime Pay \$12.15 per hour. Open Interviews Thurs & Fri, May 21-22, 10am-3pm, at 19319 Seaside Rd., Cheriton, VA. Call 757-678-5097.

ACCOMACK C UNTY Virginia

FT position with benefits & employment contract Salary/ Range: Negotiable, based on experience

The County of Accomack is seeking qualified applicants for the full-time County Attorney position. The County Attorney serves as legal advisor and reports directly to the Board of Supervisors. The position is responsible for providing legal guidance to the Board and County administration. Issues encountered can range from routine to extremely complex in nature and requires well-rounded legal background and excellent research and negotiation skills. The County Attorney supervises one full-time legal assistant and reports to nine (9) members of the Board of Supervisors.

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.

The County of Accomack is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

ESTAMOS CONTRATANDO

Debe tener 18 afios o mas. Pago inicial \$ 8.10 por hara Horas extras Pagar \$ 12.15 por hora Entrevistas abiertas Jueves y Viernes 21-22 de mayo 10am-3pm 19319 Seaside Rd., Cheriton, VA. Llame al (757)678-5097.

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting full time employment applications for:

Correctional Officer

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays. Qualifications: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Certifications must be obtained within one year of employment. Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or the Eastern Shore Regional Jail Office located at 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or the county's website www.co.northampton.va.us

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Deadline for applications: April 30, 2020

ACCOMACK CUNTY Virginia

Community Corrections Grant Case Worker Part time – hourly \$12.19 - \$15.25 (based on experience) Average of 20 – 24 hours weekly

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a part-time position to assist with case management for the Accomack/Northampton Community Corrections local probation program grant. The purpose of local probation services is to provide the judicial system with sentencing alternatives for adults convicted of certain misdemeanors or felonies that are not acts of violence for whom the court imposed a sentence of twelve month or less and who may require less than institutional incarceration. The program ensures court mandated adult participants comply with the terms of their court orders. This position provides direct client contact and case work through community service; home incarceration with or without electronic monitoring; electronic monitoring; and substance abuse screening, assessment, testing and treatment. Successful candidate will be self-motivated, with a balanced approach to the offender population utilizing facets of both social work and law enforcement. Position may require some evenings and weekends. Minimum qualifications: Associate degree in criminal justice, social work or related field, one (1) or two (2) experiences in similar position; Microsoft Suite proficiency, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Preferred Qualifications include: Criminal Justice or probation experience, bi-lingual capabilities, and case management experience; Satisfactory completion of a criminal background check, DMV records check and drug screening are required prior to employment. A job description and application instructions are on the County's website: http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/ iob-opportunities. First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

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Help Wanted

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Must have transportation.
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'86 27.2-FT. O'DAY SAILBOAT –

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

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HORSE FOR SALE - Tennessee Walker. Gelding. 4-year-old w/papers. Very well trained. Great trail rider. \$3,000 OBO. 757-990-5123.

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TYLO ELECTRIC
SAUNA Super Sport Model
Never used. Comes with
cedar cabinet, bench, etc.

cedar cabinet, bench, etc. Built-in humidifier. Stainless steel rock comp., thermostat. 410-957-2771. KENMORE TOP LOAD-

ERMORE TOP LOAD-ER WASHING MACHINE 2-speed, great shape, works great. \$135. 757-336-3558. 20-YR. COLLECTION OF

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ENTERTAINMENT
CENTER - Includes 42"

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DISPLAY CASES - Three display cases are 6 ft.; two are 3 ft.; one corner. Will sell seperately or together. Call for pricing. Pick up only. 757-442-5873.

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Following are the estimated receipts and expenditures of the Municipal Corporation of Cape Charles for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The Town Council will hold a virtual Public Hearing on May 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive verbal and written comments on all proposed disbursements. Written comments can be submitted prior to the hearing via email to clerk@capecharles.org or placed in the external drop box at Town Hall. Verbal comments can be provided during the public hearing by calling (757) 331-3259, ext. 10 and leaving a voicemail message which will be played for the record during the hearing. The proposed Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget will be discussed and brought to a vote at a special meeting on May 28, 2020.

REVENUES	2020-2021	EXPENDITURES	2020-2021
General Fund		General Fund	
Real Estate Taxes	1,223,505	Legislative	34,355
Personal Property Tax	140,000	Town Clerk	146,199
Prior Year Tax Collections	55,300	Town Manager	513,055
Motor Vehicle License Tax	22,000	Finance	306,893
Machinery & Tools Tax	13,000	Police	494,680
BPOL Tax	110,000	Code Enforcement	138,506
Admissions, Short-term Rental, Transient Occupancy Taxes	130,500	Public Works	507,532
Meals Tax	390,000	Parks & Recreation	85,026
Other Taxes	101,010		170,094
Building Permits & Code Enforcement	109,310		91,091
Recovered Costs & Miscellaneous Income	82,225	Fire Department – State Pass Thru	10,000
Library Revenues	1,000		153,070
Financing Proceeds (new)	89,817		370,048
Grants and Local/State/Federal Aid	360,387		40,000
Appropriate from Fund Balance	307,494		75,000
Total General Fund	3,135,548	Total General Fund	3,135,548
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Sanitation Fund	220,274	Sanitation Fund	220,274
Harbor Fund		Harbor Fund	
Operating Revenue	673,816		681,900
Financing Proceeds	0	Debt Service	103,267
Grant Revenue	1,250		0
Transfer from General Fund	110,101	Сиріші	
Total Harbor Fund	785,167	Total Harbor Fund	785,167
Water/Wastewater Fund	1 (20 700	Water/Wastewater Fund	470.526
Operating Revenue	1,628,700	Water Operations	470,526
Penalties and Late Fees	17,000	Wastewater Operations	646,302
Grant Revenue	29,663	Meter & Utility Billing, Administration	92,989
Connection Fees	12,250	Debt Service	469,819
Financing Proceeds	55,088	Capital Projects	99,751
Facility Fees	169,600	Facility Fees moved to Reserve	169,600
Appropriation from Fund Balance	36,686		
Total Water/Wastewater Fund	1,948,987	Total Water/Wastewater Fund	1,948,987
TOTAL REVENUES ALL FUNDS	6,089,976	TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS	6,089,976

Following are the proposed tax rates and user fees which are part of the fiscal plan:

Vehicle Tax: \$31.00 per vehicle subject to Virginia State Registration (Trailers \$18.00) and Golf Cart Decal is \$31.00.

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Meals Tax: 5% Monthly; Admissions Tax: 3% Quarterly; Short Term Rental Tax: 1% Quarterly

Water Rate: Residential 0-2,000 gal.: \$32.94 minimum; 2,001 to 5,000 gal.: \$2.63 per 1,000; 5,001 to 10,000: \$3.75 per 1,000; 10,001 to 15,000 gals: \$5.00 per 1,000; Over 15,000 gals: \$7.50 per 1,000; Commercial 0-2,000 gal: \$32.94 minimum; 2,001-10,000 gal: \$2.50 per 1,000; 10,001-15,000 gals: \$3.75 per 1,000; Over 15,000 gals: \$5.00 per 1,000

Wastewater Rate: Residential 0-2,000 gal.: \$62.00 minimum; 2,001 to 5,000 gal.: \$4.11 per 1,000; 5,001 to 10,000 gals: \$5.85 per 1,000; 10,001 to 15,000: \$7.80 per 1,000; Over 15,000 gals: \$11.70 per 1,000; Commercial 0-2000 gal: \$62.00 minimum; 2,001-10,000 gals: \$3.90 per 1,000; 10,001-15,000 gals: \$5.85 per 1,000; Over 15,000 gals: \$7.80 per 1,000

Trash Collection Fee: \$14.87 per month

William "Smitty" Dize, Mayor

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Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: <u>Marine Resources Commission</u>, <u>Habitat Management Division</u>, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg 96, <u>Hampton</u>, VA 23651 or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.gov.

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For further information apply to the undersigned Trustee. Given under my hand this the 28th day of April, 2020.

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

Notice of Public Hearing

The Cape Charles Town Council will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cape Charles Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive comment regarding an application for a conditional use permit to allow a residential dwelling unit above a commercial use in the C-1 zoning district at 325 Mason Avenue (tax map #83A3-1-610).

Written comments can be submitted via email to clerk@capecharles.org or placed in the exterior drop box at the Town Hall located at 2 Plum Street. Verbal comments can be provided during the public hearing by calling (757) 331-3259, ext. 10 and leaving a voice-mail message which will be played for the record during the public hearing.

The Town Council will hold a special meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the request. The application is available for public review on www.capecharles.org, under Agendas and Minutes/Town Council. Please contact Code Official Jeb Brady at 757-331-2036, or by email at codeofficial@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

Libby Hume, Town Clerk

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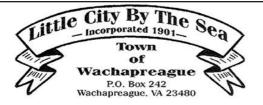
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June 11 at 6 pm - Public Hearing for Proposed 2021 Budget

June 11 at 7 pm – June TC Meeting

June 25 at 7 pm – Special Meeting to Adopt the Proposed 2021 Budget

These meetings will be conducted at VIMS Seaside Hall via ZOOM in compliance with the restrictions set by Gov. Northam during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Due to the limited space, anyone interested in attending can do so by phone or video. Please contact the town hall at 757-787-7117 or email town@wachapreague.org for information and instructions.

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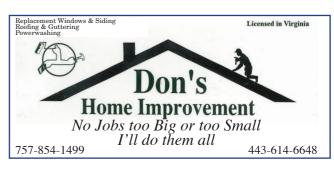


















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Eastern Shore NAACP Leader Issues Coronavirus 'Call for Action'

By Jane Cabarrus

The world is struggling with a global pandemic and citizens of the Eastern Shore are not escaping the impacts. Clearly, the world was not ready and neither were the United States, individual states, and the local public health infrastructure. We quickly learned that the materials to protect our hospital staff, our first responders, and our patients are entangled in a worldwide competitive supply chain, causing nations and our own states to bid against each other.

Many across the commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the U.S. are less familiar with the health and economic disparities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. For example, counties like Accomack and Northampton are often the last to be recognized for economic inequality. This time, we find ourselves fighting against the coronavirus (COVID-19). This is a challenge for us all, especially the isolated and underserved.

Disparity in rural counties has existed for centuries and the impact on the African American and other ethnic communities can no longer go unaddressed. As of Tuesday, May 5, Accomack County had 421 confirmed cases and seven reported deaths. Northampton County reported 140 cases and one death. The numbers are increasing and nowhere near achieving stability. Heritage Hall long-term care facility in Nassawadox tested patients and staff and both are expected to have numerous cases.

We all understand the factors behind the push to "reopen." Many businesses are already beyond recovery and will declare bankruptcy. Even when reopened, customers will not return in large numbers until there is confidence in our testing and tracing capabilities.. Given the increase of cases on the Eastern Shore and limited health facilities, we must proceed to reopen slowly.

As of May 5, the Virginia Department of Health reported that of the 538 Eastern Shore cases for which race data were collected (31 cases did not record race information), 68% are African American, 30% are white, and 2% are categorized as "other." Of the hospitalizations, 73% of the cases are African American, 23% are white. One patient (4%) is categorized as "other."

The number of positive coronavirus cases is increasing on the Shore at an

alarming rate and we must implement strategies to educate, prevent, and treat this pandemic in a more comprehensive fashion. No one is tracking the testing of home health care workers operating in the private sector or the number of patients who are dying in their homes. We have failed to ensure that the virus is not spreading among family members because their residences are not equipped for isolation or proper care. For this reason, we must create a community partnership with the citizens of the Eastern Shore along with both the public and private sectors to ensure a more definitive approach to social, medical, and economic responsibility.

The numbers speak for themselves, but what has the state of Virginia or the federal government done to address these disparities? What has Eastern Shore Rural Health and Riverside Shore Memorial done for the citizens?

On the Eastern Shore, our public health resources are thin. There is only one hospital with a 55-bed capacity, and it has designated two beds for COVID-19. This indicates that all hospitalized patients are being transferred to Newport News or Norfolk, miles away, with two tunnels in between. Patients are told to "stay home" when they call the nurse on the provided phone number. Others are being sent home to fend for themselves. This guidance is causing an underreporting of actual cases. As an alternative measure, a drive-thru diagnostic facility is needed when nurses wish to have someone tested who calls in suspecting they have the virus.

Testing and tracing capabilities are critical to quantifying and controlling the spread of COVID-19. Until recently there has been no effort to increase testing in these rural areas or to ensure the elderly and frail are being cared for after diagnosis. If family members come down with the virus, they are left to care for themselves. There is no one to check on these in-home patients or to ensure they are receiving proper nourishment.

As director of the Eastern Shore NAACP, I urge assistance from the state, local, and federal agencies to help the disadvantaged and low-income residents of the Shore. The facts are clear, and we need direct action. Our president has ordered that plants such as poultry and meat processing remain opened and operated with

"essential employees" who are largely African American and other minorities. Only now are they starting to receive the protection and recognition associated with these risky jobs.

I am appealing to the commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia meat packing plants, hotels, hospitals, restaurants, and businesses on the Shore, to enforce the following provisions in the coming week:

- The governor of Virginia to declare a state of emergency specifically for the Eastern Shore to prevent the spread and treat those infected with the COVID-19 virus.
- Request immediate medical assistance to be available on the Shore by setting up temporary care units for infected COVID-19 patients. Have no employer send an employee home to care for themselves.
- Ensure all plant workers are tested prior to returning to work as well as to receive unemployment insurance while out of work in addition to funds from the CARES Act.
- Require all "essential workers" to be tested daily by their employers, and establish a program to test and treat healthcare workers employed in private residences.
- Set up a special task force to explore ways to better serve the minority communities and the elderly.

- Utilize our colleges' and universities' third- and fourth-year students to conduct tracing and notify persons who may be vulnerable.
- Recruit ministers and mental health professionals to work a hotline for family members suffering from the loss of a loved one or fear of loss of employment.
- Utilize the fund for disadvantaged businesses operated by the Virginia SBDC to assist minorities and disadvantaged businesses and provide needed services during this pandemic.

It has always been understood that any form of economic difficulty affects African Americans at a much higher rate than Americans of European descent. We can no longer bury our heads in the sand because we are afraid it may offend someone, and we must remain ever vigilant. This pandemic is exposing a deeper sickness in our communities and in our society. We cannot erase it without getting to the source and taking bold action to confront it. The people of the Eastern Shore are strong. They are all essential and must be treated so.

Remember to do social distancing, avoid large and small gatherings, separate sick people from healthy people, and wash your hands.

Jane Cabarrus is Region 1 director of the Eastern Shore NAACP

Herd Immunity Approach Catastrophic

Dear Editor:

This letter addresses a very disturbing idea that I have encountered several times in the media regarding our response to COVID-19. That idea is that we just do nothing and let the pandemic run its course through the world, and the survivors will simply continue with a "herd immunity" to the disease. I would point out that modern humans do not live as a "herd." Herds of animals live off the food of the ground or trees right in front of them. A disease has no effect on that food supply therefore the herd survivors of the disease just keep going as usual.

Humans do not live directly off the food of the ground in front of us. We "graze" off of store shelves and markets. Our food comes from a complex

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system of remote production, processing, shipping (often from different continents), and stocking in stores.

Allowing a pandemic like COVID-19 to run rampant through the world would result in a total breakdown of the food supply from production in fields and livestock operations all the way up to store shelves. The result would not be the loss of a certain percentage of the "herd," with the rest surviving with a newfound immunity. The result for humanity would be mass starvation, catastrophic die-off and societal collapse.

Let's listen to the doctors and scientists, and put an end to the idea of "herd immunity." Otherwise the miserable survivors of this event would be living "The Walking Dead."

Brian Bloedel, Accomac

YES! ESCC Cares

By Patrick Tompkins

"We Can Help." It's a welcome offer in these challenging times, bringing comfort, relief, and hope for health and brighter days. We call ourselves YOUR Eastern Shore Community College because we are much more than a school, we are a servant in our community. Of course our primary focus is on education and workforce training, but we care in much larger ways.

Like the Eastern Shore itself, ES-CC plays a nurturing and supportive role that is a benefit of small town life, where personal connections and interactions are the norm, even in this new age of "social distancing."

When the coronavirus hit the Shore, we asked our college coaches to personally contact over 1,000 current and former students. Our first question was not about school, it was about caring: "How are you and your family doing?" From responses to those questions, we connected students to food, unemployment support, technology, and many

other resources.

But we're not new at caring—we've been doing it for a long time. The food bank distributes on our campus and we provide free, healthy snacks to our students every day the campus is open. Our staff and students volunteer in the community, such as with the Shore Delivery Corps, which delivers food to those who need it.

We host blood drives, and our 3D printer continues to add to the 50 filtrating Montana Masks we've distributed to first responders and others on the front line. We have donated supplies and equipment to health providers, and we are aggressively educating our community about CDC health safety guidelines.

Although our buildings are closed, all services remain available through staff who telework while also frequently raising children or caring for others in their homes. Our ESCC Supports team connects students to resources, such as transportation and child care, and provides direct funding in some cases. Our personal touch and culture of hospitality mean familiar friends

and neighbors at the college make an impact in many ways.

We are gearing up to distribute \$250,000 in federal CARES funding directly to almost 400 students to help support them during this difficult time. The CARES Act was enacted into law to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Of course, we also provide high-quality, low-cost educational opportunities. We are able to offer virtually every student some scholarship funding, in addition to federal and state financial aid. This means our students can graduate with no student loan debt.

We have career pathways that lead directly to high wage jobs in health care, manufacturing, information technology, and trades. We are ensuring our spring dual enrollment students in high schools in Accomack, Northampton, and Broadwater Academy have paths to completion and are awarded credit.

At a time when our neighbors may be concerned about living on the campus of a four-year school in August, Your Eastern Shore Community College offers excellence in higher education near your house. Our transfer pathways allow students to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree close to home, at less than one-third the cost of the least expensive state university, and with guaranteed transfer of degrees and credits.

And we won't stop. We're enrolling students for online and on-campus classes for summer and fall. If we need to continue with remote instruction, we will do so with enhanced support for students. We are a community college leader in offering 8-week class sessions so students can focus on fewer classes at a time and earn credits more quickly. We invite students to continue their educational journey with us in the fall and then transfer to a four-year school in the spring without falling a semester behind in credits.

We can help you continue your current educational pursuits, finish what you've started, or maybe even, most importantly, reinvent your path to success.

YES! We are Your Eastern Shore Community College. Let us know how we can help.

Dr. Patrick Tompkins is Vice President of Academic, Student, and Workforce programs at ESCC.

Pastors Express Concerns

Dear Editor:

The undersigned are pastors in Accomack and Northampton counties who are deeply concerned with the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our communities and people. As leaders of our communities of faith, we have continued to provide comfort and hope to our congregations even as the coronavirus has resulted in sickness and death throughout our towns and villages. This dread disease is no respecter of persons, cares not whether one is a member of a church, does not discriminate whether persons are rich or poor, persons of color or European ancestry, young or old. In other words we are in this battle against the coronavirus together!

We are alarmed that the rapid spread of COVID-19 has been identified nationally in the congregate settings of poultry and meat processing plants as ground zero in the high numbers of workers testing positive for the virus. The communities in

which these plants are located have become hot spots of the dead-

ly disease. This trend has been seen in the two major poultry processing plants on the Eastern Shore, Tyson and Perdue. The vast majority of victims have been workers in these plants. This is a health crisis for our Eastern Shore communities.

We appeal to management of the plants to ensure that their workers are safe by making an effort to educate workers in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole languages; providing protective equipment they need; granting paid leave if they are unable to work; reconfiguring production spaces to ensure safe social distances; and treating your workers as if they were members of your own family. These workers are essential, not expendable!

To workers, we implore you to learn about how to prevent and take every precaution from spreading this virus in order to protect you and your families as well as the communities in which you

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live and shop. We need to protect our health care workers and ensure

our hospitals are not overwhelmed with preventable cases of the coronavirus.

Our concern and prayers are for all God's people in our churches and in our communities. In addition to the spread of COVID-19 being a public health crisis, it is a moral one as well. All of our essential workers — grocery clerks, utility workers, health care and nursing home workers, fast-food restaurant employees — are worthy of having safe places to work, to have testing to identify whether workers test positive and need to have safe locations to be quarantined. Employers have a moral responsibility to their employees as well as the commercial obligation to provide food and products for the people of our communities. We are all in this together, we are all God's children, and we all have the divine imperative to love our neighbors all of our neighbors — as ourselves.

God's peace and blessings be with

you and yours as we endure these tragic times. Maintain hope and faith that together we will emerge even stronger when this pandemic passes.

-The Very Rev. Frederick W Willis Jr., Transitional Rector, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Onancock

-The Rev. Robert Coniglio, Rector, Emmanuel Jenkins Bridge Episcopal Church, Oak Hall

-The Rev. Willie Justis, Pastor, Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Painter

-The Rev. Alex Joyner, District Superintendent, Eastern Shore District of the United Methodist Church

-The Rev. Phillip Bjornberg, Rector, St. James' Episcopal Church Accomac, St. George's Episcopal Church Pungoteague -The Rev. Alan Champ Mead, Professional Transition Specialist (IMN), IMN Communications

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