Accomack and Northampton Schools Offer Options When Classes Resume in Fall

More than 1,700 parents responded to an Accomack school division survey; Accomack parents will choose between online only or two days in classroom and two days at home

By Stefanie Jackson

The Accomack school board couldn't give parents the five-day week back-to-school plan they wanted for students, due to space limitations related to social distancing, but the board passed a compromise Tuesday night: a choice between distance learning and a hybrid of distance learning and two days a week in the classroom.

More than 1,700 parents responded to a survey on reopening Accomack schools, Assistant Superintendent Rhonda Hall said.

Respondents rated how comfortable they were with Accomack schools reopening its doors to students, following guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Parents gave separate answers for their children in elementary, middle, and high school, so the number of responses was greater than the number of respondents, Hall noted.

There were 1,049 answers that parents were not comfortable sending their kids back to school, 1189 answers that parents were comfortable but had some concerns for their children's well-being, and 727 answers that parents were comfortable with few or no concerns.

Only 25% of the responses stated little concern over kids returning to school, but parents in that group appeared to be the most vocal during the public comment period of the July 21 school board meeting.

Public Comment

Parents who supported a regular five-day school week included Nandua Middle School teacher Joy Phillips, who called in-person instruction "invaluable."

Marce A. Gouldin, of Onley, would prefer a five-day school week but said, "I love that we're being offered an in-school option," even if it's only two days a week.

She pointed out that in some cases, students may be safer in school, because parents who cannot afford childcare may go to work and leave their children at home alone.

Ally Askew, of Accomac, agreed that full-time childcare is a "financial hard-ship" for many parents and distance learning was "largely unsuccessful" for her children this spring.

Some speakers suggested the distance learning option is essentially home schooling, a task they are not inclined to do as parents with full-time jobs.

Others noted that distance learning is a poor choice for students who lack home internet.

Dawn Craig, an Accomack schools speech-language pathologist, added, "Having internet does not equal the ability to learn virtually."

A few speakers supported distance learning, at least at the beginning of the school year, including Quintavion Washington, of the Eastern Shore Diverse Coalition of Preachers.

Michele Slusser, who spoke as the incoming president of the Accomack Education Association, a local teacher's union, supported distance learning.

The next speaker, Nandua High School teacher Lynn Williams, disagreed with the union's position and said its members "do not speak for all of us."

Several parents voiced concern about the effects of remote learning on special education students. Carl Bundick noted that special education students need "face-to-face interaction" with teachers and asked the school board to consider modifying the school reopening plan to accommodate those students with more time with

 $teachers\ in\ person.$

The school board approved the hybrid plan in a unanimous vote, meaning parents will choose whether their children start school this fall exclusively as distance learners or attending school in person twice a week.

Superintendent Chris Holland announced via phone July 22 that par-

ents will receive a letter which they must answer by Aug. 6 to choose how their children will receive their education this school year.



Chris Holland

The Accomack schools

Return to Learn plan is pending approval of the Virginia Department of Education.

School Schedules

Accomack schools plan to reopen af-

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Northampton parents can choose between 100% online classes or two days of in-person instruction and two days at home; schools will be closed Wednesdays for deep cleaning

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton County Public Schools will not take a "one size fits all" approach to education when classes resume in the fall amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Instead, parents will get to choose one of two learning options that will work best for their children.

It will be "a drastic departure from how schools have operated for the last 50 years," said Superintendent Eddie Lawrence. Option 1 is a hybrid of in-person instruction and online learning. Students in families who choose this option will be divided into two groups, Group A and Group B.



Eddie Lawrence

Group A will attend school in person on Mondays and Thursdays and Group B will attend in person on Tuesdays and Fridays, leaving Wednesdays for deep cleaning using hydrostatic sprayers.

Wednesdays will also be open to teachers for lesson planning, professional development, and communication with parents.

(Exceptions are the week of Aug. 31, when Group A will attend on Monday and Wednesday and Group B will attend on Tuesday and Thursday, and the week of Labor Day, Sept. 7, when Group A will attend on Tuesday and Thursday and Group B will attend on Wednesday and Friday.)

Option 2 is distance learning only and requires most students to have reliable internet at home.

NCPS is equipped with online learning devices for all students in grades 3 to 12 and has ordered devices tailored to the learning needs of students in grades pre-K to 2.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Hall said the devices for the young-

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Cape Charles To Apply for Funding To Connect to US 13 Bike Trail

By Stefanie Jackson

The Cape Charles Town Council voted July 16 to apply for funding for Phase IV of the Southern Tip Hike and Bike Trail that currently begins near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and ends at Capeville Drive, just north of Kiptopeke Elementary School.

The bike trail is parallel to Route 13 on one side and the railroad on the other.

"If we're successful, this could be the longest trail in Virginia," said John Coker, a Northampton County supervisor.

He is also the vice chairman of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission, the public partner of the private company, Canonie Atlantic, which owns the railroad.

"As you know, the Canonie board is actually looking at a trail from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel all the way to Hallwood, which is where the tracks end," Coker told council members.

"It could be huge, and it could be

very successful," he said.

"And we've also been contacted by people in Maryland, because they'd love that trail to go to Pocomoke City," he continued.

"This could be something really special if it really gets going," Coker said.

The resolution stated that Cape Charles will request the assistance of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission to apply for funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to construct Phase IV of the bike trail.

The town council discussed the resolution at its July 2 meeting but did not vote.

A memorandum of agreement (MOA) between Cape Charles, the Northampton board of supervisors, and Canonie Atlantic states that once Phase IV of the bike trail is constructed, it will belong to Cape Charles, and the town will be responsible for maintenance costs.

Coker pointed out that passing the resolution would not prevent the town council from negotiating with other parties for the future maintenance of the bike trail.

The resolution passed in a 5-1 vote, with Councilman Andrew Follmer opposed.

The Cape Charles section of the Southern Tip trail will likely begin near Rayfield's Pharmacy on Fig Street

Starting there, the speed limit drops to 25 mph and there are plenty of sidewalks, meaning bicyclists, runners, and walkers should be able to safely access the rest of the town, Coker said.

The bike trail will not begin at the waterfront as originally planned because of Canonie Atlantic's decision to sell the Cape Charles rail yard, Coker noted.

The trail will follow Stone Road to Route 13, turn right, and continue south about 900 feet, then cross the highway at the new intersection to be built at Food Lion. The trail will turn again and proceed about 900 feet north.

The detour was added to enhance safety by avoiding high traffic at the intersection of Routes 13 and 184.

That is one of two changes made

to Phase IV since the MOA was signed in October 2018. The other change is the funding source for the trail. It was originally to be funded by VDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program, but now it's part of VDOT's SMART SCALE program.

Another SMART SCALE project will extend the bike trail to Cheriton and will be constructed in two to three years, Coker said.

The Southern Tip Bike and Hike Trail is a paved trail, suitable for all skill levels. It currently is approximately 4.8 miles long, starting from the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, leading north along the old railroad bed and passing Kiptopeke State Park. Parking is available at either end of the trail.

The land for the trail was donated by the Nature Conservancy and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

The first phase of the trail, covering 2.5 miles, was completed in 2011, and the second phase was completed in 2019. A third phase is planned.









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ter Labor Day, on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Students attending school in person will be divided into two groups. One group will attend school on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other group will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays will be reserved for "student support" services.

Hall noted the school division cannot accommodate parents who wish to choose which days their children attend school. Exceptions will be made in rare circumstances, for example, if a parent is a dialysis patient, she said.

The school division will try to ensure that students from the same household attend school on the same days, she added.

On the three days a week those students are not in school, they will complete their assignments at home.

Elementary school students must arrive at school by 8:30 a.m. The instructional day will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:45 p.m.

Middle and high school students will arrive at school between 7:10 and

7:20 a.m. The instructional day will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

Distance Learning

Students in grades K to 12 who participate in distance learning five days a week will participate in video lessons provided by the Virtual Virginia program.

Virtual Virginia will provide content uploaded to programs such as Zoom and Google Meet.

Accomack County Public Schools will add its own digital content, which may include additional videos made by Accomack teachers using webcams provided by the district.

Families can also request assignments on paper for students in grades pre-K to 8.

Students will be assisted by Accomack teachers during set office hours via phone, email, or another mode of communication.

Each student participating in distance learning in grades 3 to 12 will be provided a Google Chromebook. Students in grades pre-K to 2 will receive Chromebooks as needed.

Families will be offered training on using the technology before school opens.

WiFi is available in the parking lots of all 11 Accomack schools, and the school division will set up 10 additional WiFi hotspots in locations with the greatest need.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce will partner with local agencies to provide free Wi-Fi in 14 locations.

All Accomack students, whether they learn from home three or five days a week, will receive letter grades in accordance with the school division's grading policy.

Sanitation and Health

One of the top concerns of parents who took the back-to-school survey was frequent cleaning and sanitizing in schools, Hall said.

Accomack County Public Schools has hired additional custodians to handle the extra cleaning duties – one at each Chincoteague school and two at each mainland school.

The school division obtained 25 electrostatic sprayers, which will be used for nightly sanitization of classrooms. Buses will be sanitized after each run.

Buses will make multiple trips daily so that students can be spaced six

feet apart on buses. Students from the same household will be seated together. All students will be required to wear face coverings on the bus. Students' temperatures will be taken as they exit the bus, before they enter school.

All school employees must complete a daily self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the workplace.

All students and school employees will be required to wear face coverings inside school buildings, but mask breaks will be scheduled.

Hand sanitizer dispensers will be located at student entrances in each school, and plexiglass barriers have been installed in each school office or reception area.

All Accomack schools will have ultraviolet water coolers for students and staff to refill water bottles. Ultraviolet light kills germs after each use. The coolers will supply water to select drinking fountains, and other water fountains will be closed.

Each school will have two nurses stations, one for sick children and one for healthy children who, for example, need to take regular medications.



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er students are similar to LeapFrog learning tablets, contain about 4,000 reading and math activities, and do not require an internet connection.

It was necessary to offer an option for in-person learning because about 50% of Northampton students have limited or no internet access at home, "a glaring problem for us," Lawrence said.

In-Person Learning

With students in class only two days a week, class sizes can be cut roughly in half and desks can be spaced six feet apart for social distancing. Each class will be limited to 12 students.

Face masks will be required for students age 10 and up, worn when social distancing is not possible.

Common areas will be closed, and schedules will be coordinated so that no two classes are in the hallway at the same time.

Students will stay in the classroom for specials like art, music, and library. Teachers will come to the classroom and bring the materials and technology needed to complete the lesson. Physical education will be held outside.

Distance Learning

Students who participate in distance learning in grades 3 to 12 will receive instruction through one or more of the following programs: Virtual Virginia, WHRO Education Sources, and Odysseyware. The programs can be accessed on any computer device provided by Northampton schools.

The remote lessons are presented by certified teachers, and each student will be assigned to a Northampton teacher who will guide the student through the distance learning process.

Teachers will have virtual office hours during which students may contact them by phone, email, Google chats, or another means of communication.

The WHRO program is particularly helpful for English language learners because the lessons can be automatically translated into the student's home language, Lawrence said.

One advantage of distance learning is that students can work at their own pace. If students don't master the material, the program will not allow them to advance to the next unit, and the teacher will reset the current unit.

Repeating lessons is also helpful because "sometimes kids have the basic

skills but lack the confidence," Lawrence said.

Students who learn the lessons quickly can work ahead as well.

Northampton students can participate in distance learning at no cost to parents, and students get the same privileges as their peers who attend school in person, such as joining clubs and attending the prom, Lawrence emphasized.

Health

Students will have their temperatures taken twice a day; once when they exit the bus and again later in the day.

Each school will have two clinics to keep sick children separated from healthy children.

Sanitation

Classrooms will be deep-cleaned on Wednesdays and Fridays with a hydrostatic sprayer system, the effects of which last up to five days. School buses will also be disinfected with the sprayers twice a week.

Buses

Bus transportation will be Northampton schools' "biggest operational dilemma," even with only half of the student population attending school in one day, Lawrence said.

Students must wear face masks on the bus and practice social distancing. Only one student may occupy each seat, with the exception of siblings, who will sit together.

Lawrence reminded parents to call their children's schools as soon as possible to let them know whether or not bus transportation will be needed.

He also reminded parents to register their children for school now if they haven't already done so. "Don't wait until the first day," he advised.

School Meals

All school breakfasts and lunches served on campus will be eaten in the classroom to maintain social distance.

Each student will get five breakfasts and lunches each week. For example, on Monday afternoon, students will take home their meals for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Students who participate only in distance learning can have a parent or guardian pick up their weekly meals at a designated day, time, and location.

Northampton County Public Schools has applied for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Eligibility Provision, also known as the "free lunch for all" program, and Lawrence is confident the division submitted a "strong application."

NCPS expects an answer from US-DA around the first week of August, and if the application is approved, all school meals served this school year will be free to all students, regardless of their household income.

Extracurricular Activities

The county's homeschooled students are now welcome to participate in Northampton schools sports, clubs, and other extracurricular activities as they become available later in the school year, Lawrence announced.

No fall sports are planned at this time, as school divisions are still waiting for the Virginia High School League to decide how school athletics programs may operate amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The Future of Distance Learning

"Education's going to look different from here on out," Hill said. That could be a good thing.

A new emphasis on distance learning could positively impact Northampton County Public Schools even after the pandemic is over.

Online learning enables Northampton schools to offer a wider range of courses in advanced or specialized subjects, like Chinese, Hill said.

It could mean continuation of education for students who miss school often due to chronic health issues or behavior problems. Northampton schools already have experience using online learning for students in the division's alternative education program, Lawrence said.

It means learning can continue when teachers miss work and maybe even when school is closed for inclement weather, Lawrence added.

Instead of completing review work, students can participate in online lessons, guided by a substitute teacher or someone at home.

Online learning also helps teachers with professional development. Instead of a whole group sitting in front of one instructor, teachers can go online and choose the professional development courses best suited to their individual needs and interests.

Online learning platforms will gain popularity as technology advances and nearly everyone on the Eastern Shore can access reliable internet. "It's going to happen," Lawrence predicted.

He expected school board members to approve the reopening plan at their July 23 meeting. The plan is also pending approval of the Virginia Department of Education.





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Accomack Discusses Road Projects, Reopening Offices, Business Grants



Chincoteague Road at T's Corner is one segment of Route 175 approved by Accomack supervisors to be submitted to VDOT's SMART SCALE program. Photo by Connie Morrison.

Supervisors are seeking funding from VDOT to widen Chincoteague Road to three lanes and to reduce Market Street from Route 13 to Hill Street to three lanes with bicycle lanes on both sides

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack County officials voted Wednesday to move forward with a three-lane option for improving Route 175, Chincoteague Road, as they continue to seek funding for the project through the highway department's SMART SCALE program.

The county had submitted two proposals for the road in the initial stage of seeking funding through the program — the second option was to build a fourlane divided highway between Route 13 and the Royal Farms at Atlantic Road.

"We're hearing from VDOT that the three-lane project is looking favorably; it's scoring well. The four-lane project is not scoring as well," said Rich Morrison, deputy county administrator of planning and community development.

Scoring is based on a complicated formula and includes looking at factors such as the number of vehicles using the road daily, among others.

The board of supervisors also voted to move forward with seeking funding for the Market Street "road diet" project but made that contingent upon finding a party other than the county to contribute 25% of the application cost, which Onley failed to approve at its last meeting.

The county had proposed it pay 50% of the cost, with Onancock and Onley each footing 25% of the cost.

The project consists of repaying and restriping Market Street from Route 13 to Hill Street in Onancock. Currently the road has four lanes, which would be reduced to three, with bicycle lanes added.

Additionally, the board voted to move forward next year with an application for funding for a crossover improvement project in Onley.

Proposed improvements for Redwood Road did not make it through the initial screening process and the project is not eligible to move forward with application submittal in this round, according to Morrison.

It could be submitted again in the future. Supervisor Donald L. Hart Jr. asked to be notified and included in any future meetings about SMART SCALE. He has pushed for years for improvements to be made to Redwood Road, which is in the district he represents.

The board in February prioritized the projects to submit to the highway department for funding.

County Employees Return to Offices

Most county employees have returned to their normal work locations after working remotely earlier in the COVID-19 pandemic, Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason said.

Exceptions are in offices where social distancing is not possible, including the Assessor's Office and the Treasurer's Office.

Some employees are working from the recently completed Emergency Operations Center in Melfa, Mason said.

Many county services are still being offered by appointment only.

Residents Ask County to Charge Fee for Out-of-State Boat Ramp Users

Two residents voiced concerns during a public comment period about out-of-state users of the county's public boat ramps.

The speakers raised the question of whether the county could charge outof-state users a fee. The question has been raised in the past, as well.

Janet Martin-Turner said "the trash bins are overflowing" at the Folly Creek facility.

"We have a lot of people from other states using the facilities," she said.

She noted that localities in Delaware and Maryland, as well as the towns of Wachapreague, Quinby, and Onancock, all charge a fee to use their boat launch facilities.

"Consider a decal system," Martin-Turner said, adding, "For that decal they would be getting the use of 23 public access points."

Derry Stufft said of a dozen boats launched from the Gargatha facility one recent day when he was there, only two were from Virginia.

He said he has had confrontations with people there about their throwing trash on the ground.

"They are day people. ... It's not fair. ... I think it's time we take action to help the local taxpayers," Stufft said.

Mason said an attorney for the county is looking into the concept of charging a fee to out-of-state boaters using Accomack County facilities.

Watermen Grants Awarded; Small Business Grant Applications Fewer Than Expected

Accomack County received 83 applications for 20 grants to assist working watermen and already has sent out the checks, according to Morrison.

The grants were for \$5,000 each.

At a June 3 work session, supervisors approved a plan to pay out \$1 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding di-

rectly to local businesses and watermen harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A similar program to assist small businesses was not as successful.

The county received only 81 applications from businesses during an application period that opened July 6 and closed July 10.

Some applications received were from businesses in towns that did not participate in the program, so those are ineligible, and there was one duplicate application, Morrison said.

Applications were still under review as of Wednesday's meeting, but Morrison said most awardees would be notified by the following Monday.

The county had planned for at least 200 grant awards of up to \$5,000, or up to \$3,500 for closed home-based businesses and restaurants with takeout and delivery during the pandemic.

"We need to process these and see where we land. The window is closed," Morrison said.

Supervisor Robert Crockett recommended the county offer grants to the 63 watermen who applied who did not receive money in that program, and also offer grants to charter boat businesses, which were not closed down by the governor's executive orders, but which had to shut down under orders from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

The board did not take immediate action on Crockett's proposal.

Rent and Mortgage Relief Program

Mason told the board the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission has obtained \$250,000 to assist eligible Eastern Shore families facing eviction or foreclosure because of coronavirus-related loss of income.

The money can be used to pay overdue rent and mortgage bills back to April 1, with certain restrictions.

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To be eligible, the gross household income must be at or below 80% of Area Medium Income based on the current month's income, including any unemployment insurance. Households with incomes below 50% AMI will be prioritized in the program through July 20.

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Emergency Standards Require Mitigation of COVID-19 Risk in the Workplace

By Carol Vaughn

New emergency workplace safety standards to protect Virginia employees from COVID-19 and prevent and mitigate the virus' spread are set to take effect as soon as they can be published in a Richmond, Va., newspaper, likely the week of July 27.

Virginia is the first state in the nation to adopt mandatory workplace safety regulations for the coronavirus pandemic.

The "Emergency Temporary Standard, Infectious Disease Prevention: SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19" was crafted by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry after Gov. Ralph Northam in May directed the department to do so; it was adopted by the Safety and Health Codes Board July 15, after four lengthy meetings.

The emergency standard will remain in effect for six months or until the governor's state of emergency expires, a permanent standard is adopted, or the board repeals it.

According to the rules, all Virginia employers among other requirements must:

- Assess the workplace for hazards and tasks that potentially expose employees to the virus and classify those according to their risk level
- Inform employees about how to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19
- Develop policies for employees to report they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Not permit employees suspected to be infected to come to work until cleared — teleworking is okay
- Notify all employees within 24 hours if an employee tests positive for COVID-19
- Ensure sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance
- Keep infected employees home for 10 days after symptoms appear or until they test negative twice
- Ensure employees observe physical distancing on the job and during breaks or where that is not possible, ensure compliance with respiratory protection and personal protective equipment

standards for the industry

- Close or control access to common areas such as break rooms
- Ensure compliance with applicable Virginia executive orders
- Provide cleaning and sanitizing supplies to employees who interact with other people
- Ensure cleaning and sanitizing of all common spaces including bathrooms at minimum at the end of each shift, and of all shared equipment, tools, workspaces, and vehicles prior to transfer from one employee to another
- Ensure employees have easy, frequent access to soap and water and hand sanitizer
- Where other controls do not provide enough protection or are not feasible, provide employees with personal protective equipment and ensure its proper use.

Additional requirements specific to jobs classified as "very high," "high," "medium," or "lower" risk are detailed in the 35-page law.

The standard also protects employees from retaliation when those employees raise concerns about infection control to an employer, other employees, a government agency or to the public through print, online, social, or any other media.

It also protects employees from discrimination or being fired for exercising rights under the safety and health provisions of the standard or for wearing personal protective equipment.

Nancy Stern, executive director of Eastern Shore Rural Health System, said she is "thrilled" with the emergency standard.

"These standards provide all employers a framework that prioritizes employee safety and wellbeing," she said.

"(M)andating appropriate personal protective equipment, social distancing, handwashing, sanitation, infection control training, and response plans, along with communication to employees, is not only the right thing to do for our employees but, in our case, for our patients," Stern said.

She said many of the requirements in the standard already were "our standard of practice and an integral part of our infection control plan and our emergency preparedness plan."

"It has been and continues to be the number one priority for ESRHS since the beginning of this pandemic. A healthy workforce is the foundation for a healthy community and supports our economic recovery," Stern said.

A spokesperson for Riverside Health System said the health care system "is closely reviewing the new emergency temporary standard and applauds Virginia for being the first state to enact such measures."

"At this time, we do not anticipate any major obstacles to meeting any requirements that may be beyond the guidance that health care systems such as Riverside already follow from the CDC and Virginia Department of Health," said spokesperson Neil Burns.

Health care services are among work-places defined as high risk in the standard.

Poultry processing plants are among workplaces defined as medium risk in the standard.

Perdue Farms and Tyson Foods are the top two largest employers on the Eastern Shore, according to the Virginia Employment Commission.

They are followed, in order, by Accomack County Public Schools, Riverside Regional Medical Center, Accomack County, Northampton County Public Schools, and Eastern Shore Rural Health System.

Perdue spokesperson Diana Souder said the company already implemented the standard's requirements for the medium risk level beginning in early March, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, "such as additional sanitization, enforcement of social distancing where possible, installation of temporary partitions where social distancing isn't possible, temperature checks and mask wearing for everyone entering our buildings, and we added to these measures over time as we learned more and guidance from health experts evolved."

The company also increased flexibility in attendance policies, instituted temporary pay raises, paid profit-sharing bonuses early, increased eligibility criteria to allow more employees to participate in the bonus, and paid annual pay increases early to offset the end of the temporary increase, Souder said.

The CDC toured Perdue facilities, including in Accomac, "and validated that

our efforts to protect our associates are best-in-class and working," she said.

"We continue to enforce these safety measures following strict guidance from the CDC and communicate with our associates daily, including translating and sharing information in their native languages and our companywide open-door communication policy. Despite the global disruptions caused by COVID-19, we have been able to continue safely running our operations; this is a reflection of the dedication of our associates," Souder said.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Commission office likely falls under the standard's lower-risk category.

Robie Marsh, executive director, is attending a Virginia Chamber of Commerce training on the new workplace safety standard next week and hopes to be able to offer guidance to Shore businesses soon.

Chamber and tourism staff currently are doing a combination of teleworking and in-person work to accomplish social distancing. Staff are required to wear masks any time they are outside their individual office, Marsh said.

Additional measures implemented at the chamber and tourism offices include periodic cleaning, mandatory handwashing throughout the day, self checks before staff come to work, confidential reporting, installation of social distancing barriers, and creation of employee-only areas, among others.

Del. Rob Bloxom, who represents the Shore in the House of Delegates and also is a business owner, said about the standard: "Most of the requirements in the document are practices responsible businesses put in place months ago. We did our due diligence and put into place practices to protect our employees and our customers. No employer wants their employees or their customers sick. They cannot, however, keep their employees or customers from engaging in risky behavior on their own time."

Bloxom said his main issue with the standard "is the substantial record-keeping burden it places on small businesses that are already struggling to survive, coupled with the threat of six-figure fines if businesses are unable to comply."

Virginia's emergency workplace standard can be viewed here: https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/ COVID-19-Emergency-Temporary-Standard-FOR-PUBLIC-DISTRIBUTION-FINAL-7.17.2020.pdf



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Court Postings By Nancy Drury Duncan

Chincoteague Murder Case Certified to Grand Jury

The case of a Chincoteague man charged with the second-degree murder of his 70-year-old father was certified to a grand jury in a July 6 preliminary hearing.

Thomas Watson Jr., 48, is charged with the April 30 shooting death of Thomas Watson Sr. The case was heard in Juvenile and Domestic Relations court. Evidence presented by Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan was that police received a call April 30 at 8:15 a.m. that a man had been shot at a home on School Street in Chincoteague. When police officers arrived, the suspect was still inside the home.

Chincoteague police investigator Charles McPherson testified he saw Thomas Watson there and ordered him to show his hands and step out of the house. He refused and McPherson said he grabbed him, pulled him out the door, put him on the ground, and handcuffed him. "After that, I went inside and looked for the body." He said he found Watson Sr. dead in a bedroom. Later, after taking Thomas Watson into custody, McPherson questioned him about the shooting. He said Watson told him the gun was on the kitchen table when he and his father began "bickering."

He told McPherson he picked the gun up and it accidentally discharged. "I asked him how the gun was positioned," McPherson testified. "I am a criminal investigator. I wanted to believe it was an accident but I needed him to explain how it happened." He said Watson told him several times the shooting was an accident but that he, McPherson, was not given a satisfactory explanation of how it occurred. He described Watson as having a strong odor of alcohol about his person and said his face was red and his eyes glassy.

A medical examiner who performed the autopsy testified Watson Sr. died of a gunshot wound to the head. He described the wound as having been made by the "muzzle (of a gun) pressed up against the skin behind an ear." Defense attorney Thomas Northam asked how far the gun could have been from the skin to make the wound described. The medical examiner said, "The muzzle of the gun had to be in contact with the body to make that kind of wound."

Accomack County Sheriff's Depart-

ment investigator Meghann Patterson testified she obtained a search warrant and searched the home later that morning. "In the second bedroom, I found nine firearms," she said. "There was a 9 mm handgun on a dresser with biological matter on the muzzle." She said also she found a large, half-empty bottle of Bacardi with the cap off between the bed and the nightstand. After hearing the evidence, Judge Cela Burge said she found probable cause to certify the case to a grand jury. Watson, who wept silently throughout the proceeding, sobbed openly as he heard her decision and was led from the courtroom by deputies. He is currently being held with bond denied.

Accomack Circuit Court Hears Cases

Trina Nolita, 58, of Parksley, pleaded guilty to embezzling from her employer. Nolita began working at the Parksley Royal Farms in August 2019. In September, it was noticed that her register repeatedly came up short. An investigation showed that she was voiding cigarette sales and keeping the money. When approached by management, Nolita admitted what she had done. It was determined that \$1,792.27 was taken. "She has cooperated with her employer and with the commonwealth," said Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan. He said he had no objection to her remaining on bond. Her sentencing is set for Oct. 15.

All time was suspended for Sasha Veronica Byrd, 32, of Nelsonia, for her 2015 conviction of possession of cocaine. "Byrd has been employed and had gotten into little trouble since," said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. Judge W. Revel Lewis III sentenced Byrd to four years on each of two counts of possession of cocaine and suspended all that time. He ordered her to be on unsupervised probation and to be on good behavior for the rest of her life.

Fred Douglas Lykes, 64, of Parksley, pleaded guilty to felony shoplifting and to misdemeanor larceny from the Onancock Laundromat and Subway on Chincoteague. Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Elizabeth Wolfe described the crimes. In the felony case, Lykes went into the Oak Hall ABC store to buy a bottle

of gin, said Wolfe. On the way to the register to pay, he picked up two bottles of Crown Royal and put them in his pocket. In the other two cases, described by Morgan, Lykes made a small purchase and received change. He then asked for different denominations of bills several more times. After his visit there, it was noticed that the register was short \$65. At Subway, Lykes bought a bag of potato chips and received his change. He did the same thing there, asking for different denominations of bills until the clerk became confused. That register came up \$58 short. In both cases, the clerk had to make up the missing money, Morgan told the court. "Mr. Lykes is well-known to law enforcement," he said. "He has longstanding issues with alcohol," said defense attorney Garrett Dunham. He asked that his client be screened for a community-based program. Judge Lewis ordered that a criminal history and a substance abuse assessment be prepared. Lykes will remain in custody until his Aug. 27 sentencing.

In an agreement with the commonwealth, Charmonique Niketa Hamilton, 38, of Onley, who was charged with 15 counts of welfare fraud, pleaded guilty to two counts. The charges against Hamilton occurred between 2015 and 2018. She is charged with receiving more money in SNAP benefits than she should have. Most overpayments were between \$150 and \$300 monthly, said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. According to defense attorney Tucker Watson, the case arose from the fact that his client had a small cake-baking business on the side that began as a hobby and from which she made money. Tucker said Hamilton had a 5-year-old son with special needs and two other children in the home for whom she was the primary caregiver. The money earned from that business was not reported as income when she made her applications to the Social Services. An anonymous tip alerted authorities to the fraud, Morgan said. The total amount of SNAP overpayment over the years was \$3,573. Hamilton must repay that amount according to the terms of the plea agreement. Morgan said Hamilton was cooperative and allowed her to remain on bond until her Oct. 15 sentencing.

Kiamestric L. Anderson, 39, of Salisbury, Md., was convicted of DUI third offense in ten years. He was stopped last July after an officer saw him driving erratically on U.S. Route 13 in Mappsville.

After failing a field sobriety test, Anderson was arrested and taken to the Accomack County sheriff's office. A breath test there showed his alcohol level was .32, more than three times the legal limit. It was determined that the defendant had been convicted on DUI twice before. Judge Lewis ordered that a criminal history and sentencing guidelines be prepared. Anderson is set to be sentenced on Sept. 19.

In a bench trial, a circuit judge found David Joseph Godbold, 34, of Mears, originally charged with unlawful wounding, guilty of the assault and battery of a family member. In July 2019, Godbold and his wife were living in a camper trailer on property owned by his father who lived in a nearby mobile home. Testimony was that the defendant and his wife had been smoking crack that day. Godbold said he awoke at about four in the morning and noticed his wife was not in bed with him. He saw his father's lights on and walked over there. He said he saw his wife and his father on the couch together and heard the woman offering sexual favors to his father in exchange for money to buy beer. He grabbed a broomstick and hit his father in the head. "He armed himself with a weapon and struck him so hard the stick broke," said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. On the witness stand, the defendant's father spoke about the incident. "His wife was begging me for \$20 so she could get more crack or whatever. I wouldn't give her the money. She offered sexual favors. He was on the front porch and heard it all. He got upset and came in." The man testified he had been drinking all night. He said he called 911. After Morgan showed him a photo of his injuries, the man said, "It looks ten times worse than it actually was. It took only four little stitches." Defense attorney Tucker Watson argued that the crime did not rise to the level of unlawful wounding because his client did not intend to maim. disfigure, or kill his father as the statute required. He described Godbold's action as "an instantaneous reaction" to what he saw. "The circumstances that gave rise to this charge is a domestic issue," said Judge Lewis. "The defendant testified he went looking for his wife, found her on the couch with his father, grabbed a broomstick and whacked him on the head. I am not going to find him guilty of a felony charge. He whacked him over the head one time. I find him guilty of assault and battery." He sentenced Godbold to 12 months in jail.

Chincoteague Votes to Go Back Into State of Emergency After 3.5 Hour Special Meeting

By Carol Vaughn

Chincoteague officials after a 3 1/2 hour workshop session July 16 voted unanimously to go back into a local state of emergency, after the town council voted July 6 to end the state of emergency declared in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The motion was made by Councilman Chris Bott and seconded by Councilwoman Denise Bowden.

The measure sends a message that the pandemic is still happening and people should take it seriously, according to the discussion.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bryan Rush said the town has spent around \$20,000 so far on pandemic-related expenses.

He said he had clarified with a FEMA representative that reimbursements to the town for COVID-19-related expenses were not jeopardized by the town's having ended the state of emergency.

Still, he showed the council a list of Virginia localities that remain in a state of emergency — in addition to Chincoteague, only Frederick County had terminated its state of emergency and Lee County, in the mountains of western Virginia, did not declare one.

"The rest of the commonwealth is still declared. ... The reason for that is, COVID is not gone," Rush said.

In a separate motion made by William McComb Jr., the council voted to have Town Manager Mike Tolbert seek a legal opinion about the possibility of crafting a special resolution that would address the unique aspects of the COVID-19 emergency, including "allowing a special relationship between the

council and mayor during the state of emergency," as Tolbert described it.

The council in the motion also voted to call a special meeting to receive the legal information once it is available.

The votes came after two speakers and six letters, read into the record by Tolbert, asked the council to consider reinstating the state of emergency.

The actions also came after a lengthy discussion — and after Councilman Gene Wayne Taylor offered a compromise motion to go back into the state of emergency, but to have the town council included in all decisions, as in the standard mode of governance.

That motion did not get a second.

Taylor at the July 6 meeting called for the town to terminate the local state of emergency, saying going out of the state of emergency would return the town "back to regular council rules. ... We need to do things together; we need to make decisions together."

At that meeting, he cited actions taken by the mayor during the state of emergency, including posting police at the bridge leading onto the island and closing down motels, saying "we should be able to do that together" as a council.

The council at that meeting voted 4-1 to exit the state of emergency, with Councilwoman Ellen Richardson voting no and Councilwoman Denise Bowden absent.

Taylor said at Thursday's meeting he understands that, legally, the mayor has the right to make decisions during a state of emergency, but said in his motion he was trusting Mayor J. Arthur Leonard to give council members a say in decisions.

"This is a compromise of trust," he said.

Council members during the discussion agreed that the town's emergency operations plan was geared toward natural disasters such as hurricanes, which have a much shorter duration than the pandemic.

The state is extending its state of emergency at least 90 days, and likely longer, Bowden said, calling the pandemic "unprecedented territory."

McComb said, "We could possibly be in it a lot longer than that. ... Nothing was ever designed for this long."

"Our government right now is being ruled by an emergency management plan which doesn't mention pandemics.... With this pandemic, we are in a two-year state of emergency, in all reality," Bott said.

The number of positive COVID-19 cases on Chincoteague remains steady at 10, with 211 tests done, according to Rush.

"I would rather err on the side of caution," Rush said, adding "it's highly possible" case numbers could go up, as they have in other vacation spots, including Virginia Beach, Va., and Ocean City, Md.

Chincoteague Vol. Fire Company Fire Chief Bobby Lappin said the council's decision to come out of the state of emergency "was a big worry for me."

Lappin said it would have been preferable for the town to hold a workshop with department and agency leaders before making the decision.

Bowden said Rush gave daily updates to the council about the situation during the emergency and said she has had no problem contacting the mayor at any time during the pandemic. She praised Leonard and Rush for the good job they have done in handling decisions related to the pandemic.

Bowden said the council should take the advice of Rush, a professional, about the need to stay in a state of emergency.

She noted that COVID-19 cases in Virginia, and in particular in Hampton Roads, are on the rise, and added about the number of tourists descending on Chincoteague, "We have had so many people here in the last couple of weeks."

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OBITUARIES

Donald Ray Broad

The Rev. Dr. Donald Ray Broad died peacefully in his home in Bobtown, early Wednesday morning, July 15, 2020.

Don was predeceased by his first wife, Carlisle (Collie) Cashion Broad; his second wife, Gloria SantaCroce; two grandsons, Nathaniel Donald Chuquin and Juan Camilo Chuquin;

his parents, Frederick Lee Broad and Ethel Carter Broad; and son-inlaw, Jose Chuquin.

He is survived by his daughter, Laura Chuquin-Naylor, and her husband, Rhudy; granddaughter.



Dr. Broad

Julia Carrilea Chuquin; and three grandsons, Nicolas Ruben Chuquin and his wife, Crystal, Daniel Donaldo Chuquin, and Jose David Chuquin and his wife, Kacev.

Don was a pillar of the Presbyterian Church on both Long Island, N.Y., and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He was also active with hospice, the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and served as the parliamentarian for the Accomack County Board of Supervisors for many years. When asked what he was most proud of, his quick reply was always his daughter and grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held at the Onancock Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 397, Onancock, VA 23417, or to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ESCADV) P.O. Box 3, Onancock, VA 23417.

To share memory tributes with the family, and view Don's complete obituary, please visit www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Brittany Ann Fisher

Ms. Brittany Ann Fisher, 31, of Cassville, Mo., passed away Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at Mercy Hospital in Rogers, Ark.

Brittany, daughter of James and Teresa (Marois) Moncrief, was born Dec. 5, 1988, in Nassawadox. She graduated high school from Northampton High in Eastville, and subsequently became

a pharmacy tech and was working toward receiving her degree in criminal justice. You could always hear Brittany jamming out to her music; she loved to dance, and was good at



Ms. Fisher

giving pointers while others played video games, or better known as "Backseat Gaming." Some of her other favorite pastimes were going to the beach, swimming, and fishing. Brittany lived her life to the fullest and her family meant the world to her. Though she was only with us for a short while, Brittany left a lasting impression in all our lives and will be forever missed.

Survivors include her significant other and the love of her life, Matthew Stoeckert, of Cassville; her two sons. Garrett Owen Fisher and Gabriel Ronin Stoeckert, both of the home; her parents, James and Teresa Moncrief, of Machipongo; two sisters, Stacey Fisher and her husband, Mike, of Cottonwood, Calif., and Erica Dennison and her husband, Matt, of Painter; five nephews, Eli, Max, Colin, Eddie, and August; her maternal grandmother, Suzanne Justis, of Exmore; her paternal grandmother, Carol Moncrief, of Nassawadox; two aunts. Wendy Everett and Lynn Elliott: uncles, Jeff Moncrief, Scott Moncrief, William Everett, and Ralph Elliott; and a host of other extended family members who all loved her dearly.

Brittany was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Elwood "Woody" Justis; her paternal grandfather, Pat Moncrief; and her uncle, Wayne Moncrief.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Home and Crematory, Cassville, Mo.

Milton "Byrd" Godwin

Mr. Milton "Byrd" Godwin, 61, of Onancock, formerly of Milford, Del., passed away Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Born Aug. 16, 1958, he was the son of Anne Byrd Godwin, of Onancock, and the late David King Godwin. Byrd was a longtime car salesman, and retired from I.G. Burton in Lewes, Del.

In addition to his mother, he is

survived by his daughter, Eliza-Godwin beth Grimminger, and her husband Greg, of Dover, sister, Del.; a Godwin Anny Kellam, and her husband. John Harris, of Onan-



Mr. Godwin

cock; and two nieces, Parker and Meridith Kellam. He was predeceased by his father, David, and his son, David Reynolds Godwin.

A private memorial service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Central Accomack Little League (C.A.L.L.), P.O. Box 486, Onancock, VA 23417.

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Arthur Paul Grothouse Sr.

Mr. Arthur Paul Grothouse Sr., a husband, father, friend and decorated veteran, died July 18, 2020, in Hedra Cottage, a historic 17th-century home in Craddockville, that he spent 25 years restoring with his loving wife. He was 93 years old. In addition to saving their historic home from cer-

tain ruin, Mr. Grothouse used his considerable woodworking skills and his remarkable talent to build most of the 18th-century-style furniture contained within the home.

Mr. Grothouse graduated from Purdue University in 1951 with a de-

gree in mechanical engineering. That same year, he joined the U.S. Air Force. He also attended the Air Force Institute of Technology from 1959 through 1960, where he received a Master



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of Science in aeronautical engineering.

Before retiring in 1970 as a Lt. Colonel, Mr. Grothouse was a highly decorated defender of the United States of America. He was awarded the Air Force Distinguished Cross after flying more than 100 missions over enemy territory. Mr. Grothouse was also awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal. He actively served in WWII as an Army enlisted man, and in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam campaign as an air commander.

Even with these impressive accomplishments, the part of his life that he enjoyed most was his time on the Eastern Shore of Virginia after arriving here in 1971. While living on the Eastern Shore and continually working on their house, Mr. Grothouse served his new community in many ways. He taught a wide range of subjects at Parksley High School. He became Accomack County's purchasing agent and then served as assistant county administrator from 1972 to 1974. He was technical administrator for Shore Engineering for eight years until 1982. During that time, his efforts helped make the Accomack County Industrial Park a reality. Mr. Grothouse also served as a technical administrator at the Wallops Flight Facility until 1995. He used his flying skills as a part-time pilot for Air Melfa, a small air taxi business based at Accomack County Airport. He was an active member at Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley for his entire tenure on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Grothouse always said that he was most proud of his three children,

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Christopher, Paul, and Dorothy.

Mr. Grothouse is survived by his loving wife of 50-plus years, Eda Mc-Caleb Grothouse, and his three children, Christopher P. Grothouse with his wife, Linda, of Canyon Lake, Texas, A. Paul Grothouse Jr., of Germansville, Pa., and Dorothy E. Poley with her husband, Andrew, of Santa Barbara, Calif. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Kyle Grothouse, Sean Grothouse, Andrew M. Poley Jr., and Lilyanna Poley. He is survived by one sister, Eileen Reynolds, and two brothers, Paul K. Grothouse and Gregory Grothouse. He is predeceased by his brother, Vincent Grothouse Jr., and his twin sister, Phyllis Marie Godfrey.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, July 24, 2020, at 1 p.m., from St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley. Interment will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors, celebrating the service Mr. Grothouse provided to and for his country.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Saint Peter the Apostle Building Fund, P.O. Box 860, Onley, VA 23418.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at <u>www.williamsfuneralhomes.com</u>

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Leroy "Roy" A. Jones

Mr. Leroy "Roy" A. Jones, 101, went home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2020, at PRMC in Salisbury, Md. He was born on Chincoteague Island June 6, 1919, to Maurice and Agnes (Andrews) Jones. Roy was a loving son, brother, and uncle. He loved the Lord and humbly served Him. He was a member of Union Baptist

Church where he taught Sunday School to children and adults for 65 years. For 31 years, Roy was a member of the Accomack Jail Ministers, an independent organization that shares God's



Mr. Jones

word with those imprisoned.

Roy was a waterman for most of his life. He was the last surviving resident of the Assateague Village and enjoyed sharing his memories of life in the village with tourists and islanders. He was interviewed on several occasions by writers and those interested in learning more of the history of Assateague and Chincoteague islands. He even made a sketch of the Assateague Village from memory, drawing each building and identifying each home by the family name.

Roy was a loving and humble man. His demeanor never changed; he never spoke an unkind word to anyone and "always let his light shine before men."

He is survived by a niece, Mary Alice Magee Britton, of Grapevine, Texas; niece-in-law, Debbie Bloxom Dukes, of Salisbury, Md.; cousin, Raymond Andrews, and wife, Linda, of Salisbury; several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and cherished loved ones.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Raymond Jones (WWII); sisters, Eula Jones Dukes and husband, Thomas R. Dukes, Blanche Jones Magee and husband, Vernon Hugh Magee; and nephews, Thomas R. Dukes and David J. Dukes.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 24, 2020, at 2 p.m., at Union Baptist Church, Chincoteague Island, with visitation an hour before the service. The Rev. Kevin Eley will officiate. Burial will take place at Thornton Cemetery, Chincoteague Island.

Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to Union Baptist Church, Chincoteague; Disabled American Veterans; or Operation Smile.

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

Jean Smith Mears

Mrs. Jean Smith Mears, 84, of Onancock, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at Heritage Hall Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Nassawadox. Born Aug. 27, 1935, in Eastville, Jean was raised in Locustville by her paternal grandmother, Minerva Charnock Buehler, and her husband, Harry.

Jean was the longtime office manager for Eastern Shore Printers and a gifted seamstress. For decades, she provided her time and talents to countless people, and was espe-

cially proud of the many years she prepared uniform alterations for the Virginia State Police. She was a member of Onley United Methodist Church and an avid baker,



Mrs. Mears

whose cakes were legendary among those lucky enough to have had a slice. Jean loved packing the grand-kids up for camping trips at Cherrystone. She adored her family, and nothing brought her more joy than spoiling her grandchildren and spending time with loved ones.

Jean was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, William Denoon "Cigar" Mears; their son, William D. "Buddy" Mears II; grandson, Taylor Joseph Mears; sisters, Ruth Smith Mears and Shirley Smith; and her cousin, Nora Parker, who was like a sister.

She is survived by three children, Harry P. Mears and wife, Tina, of Cashville, Robert D. "Bobby" Mears and wife, Dottie, of Melfa, and Becky Mears and Rick Chase, of Parksley; daughter-in-law, Cindy D. Mears, of Onley; grandchildren, William D. "Billy" Mears III, Robert D. "Robbie" Mears II, Holly and Heather Matthews, Amanda Nelson, and Jake Nelson and wife, Megan; greatgrandson, Jaxon Taylor Nelson; and several nieces and nephews.

The family extends their deepest appreciation to the staff at Heritage Hall and will be forever grateful for the care and compassion Jean received during her time there.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, with the Rev. Charles W. Parks III officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contri-

butions may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA, 23418 (www.shorespca.org) or to Onley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 98, Onley, VA 23418.

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

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Betty Lee Haynie Pruitt

Mrs. Betty Lee Haynie Pruitt, 84, wife of the late Freddie Klein Pruitt and a resident of Onancock, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2020, at her home. Born April 29, 1936, on Tangier Island, she was a daughter of the late Robert Lee Haynie and the late Emma Hester Haynie.

A quiet, kind, and nurturing soul,

Betty blessed the lives of all who knew her. Married for 60 years, Betty and Freddie built a beautiful life together, one defined by their faith in the Lord and love for family. Betty was



Mrs. Pruitt

a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend, who happily put the needs of others before her own. She was a faithful member of Market Street United Methodist Church and enjoyed cooking and preparing meals for loved ones, as she cherished every moment surrounded by family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Anthony K. "Tony" Pruitt and his wife, Sherrie, and F. Klein Pruitt and his wife, Tammy, all of Onancock, and Leigh Ann Chandler and her husband, David, of Salisbury, Md.; sister, Margaretta Pruitt, and her husband, Richard, of Tangier; and brother, Mark Haynie, and his wife, Sharon, of Tangier; sister-in-law, Lulabelle Haynie, wife of her late brother, Robert "Bobby" Haynie, of Tangier; grandchildren, Shanna Watson and her husband, Bradley, Brandon Pruitt, Kaylie Pruitt, and Drew and Emma Chandler; great-grandchildren, Brad, Lola, William, and Waylon Watson; several nieces and nephews; and many spe-

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cial friends and neighbors, all of whom Betty was grateful to have in her life.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery Wednesday, July 22, 2020, with the Rev. Albert Crockett and the Rev. Heidi Bak officiating.

Contributions in Betty's memory may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418, or to Market Street UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock, VA 23417.

Memory tributes may be shared with the family at <u>www.williamsfuneralhomes.com</u>

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Elizabeth Kanipe Willis

Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Kanipe Willis, 65, wife of Stanley M. Willis, lost her short, determined battle with glioblastoma cancer on July 1, 2020. She passed away peacefully under the care of the Haven Hospice Care Center in Gainesville, Fla., for

whom the family is grateful for their care and kindness. She was a resident of Flagler Beach, Fla., with a second residence in Mears on the

Eastern Shore. Libby and Stan spent much time visiting, relaxing, and entertaining her family and their many lifetime friends on the Shore at their home, more com-



Mrs. Willis

monly known as "Hooterville."

Born in Norfolk, Va., she was preceded in death by her parents, the Rev. L.M. Kanipe and Lillian Rhyne Kanipe; brother, David L. Kanipe; and sister-in-law, Sharon F. Kanipe. She is survived by her brother, Joseph R. Kanipe, and his wife, Sheri A. Kanipe; niece, Amy Kanipe Ratzlaff; nephew, Jason Kanipe; great nieces and nephews, many cousins, and a host of long-time friends.

Libby was a cheerleader, played basketball, and graduated from Park-

sley High School in 1973. She continued in higher education and received an Associate of Science degree from Chowan College, 1975; Bachelor of Science degree in education from East Carolina University, 1977; and Master of Science degree in education leadership from Nova University, 1990.

Libby's professional 38-year career started as a middle school general education teacher in Edgecombe County, Rocky Mount, N.C. She then became a high school general education teacher in Flagler County, Bunnell, Fla.; grade 3 general education teacher, Flagler County, Bunnell, Fla.; adult education coordinator, Flagler County, Fla.; adult education supervisor, Flagler, Fla.; assistant principal, Indian Trails K-8 School, Flagler County, Fla.; co-English teacher, Florida Virtual School; regional representative FIN East Region; and director, research programs/services, University of Florida on the Florida Inclusion Grant. She retired from U.F. June 2015, but she returned to U.F. Jan. 2017 as an educational

consultant and parent liaison with UF/FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System) for Multidisciplinary Diagnostic Training Program (MDTP), remaining there until her passing.

The family wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to Libby's longtime coworker and friend, Kimberlee Oakes, along with her daughter Christina, for opening their home as caregivers in Gainesville, Fla., during Libby's cancer treatments in the nearby University of Florida Health Center. They are angels here on earth!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration of life will be celebrated in Flagler Beach, Fla., tentatively on March 13, 2021, Eastern Daylight Time day (her favorite), at Flagler Beach United Methodist Church. On the Eastern Shore, a date and time is still to be determined. Details for both will be forthcoming via Libby's favorite way to communicate, Facebook. She loved the multitude and this world will miss her smile, kindness, and love that she shared with all.



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Chincoteague To Use CARES Act Funding to Help Businesses, Watermen

By Carol Vaughn

Chincoteague officials voted to give financial assistance to working watermen and businesses in town, using nearly \$252,000 in federal CARES Act funds awarded Chincoteague from Accomack County's allotment.

The county allotted \$780,000 to incorporated towns, distributed based on population.

Details of the Chincoteague programs, which are based in large part on similar programs the county offered, were discussed at a recent budget and personnel committee meeting.

The town is allotting \$30,000 for assistance to working watermen, who must have a VMRC card and certify that at least 51% of their income is derived from working on the water to be eligible.

They also must have a Chincoteague address as their primary address, or businesses that employ watermen must have a physical location in town.

Awards will be \$5,000 each, starting with the earliest submitted qualifying application and proceeding in order.

"We will proceed until all the money is gone," Tolbert said.

Applications for watermen were made available at the town office starting Wednesday, July 22, at 8 a.m., and must be submitted to the town office beginning July 29, at 10 a.m.

Information can be viewed at https://chincoteague-va.gov/c-a-r-e-s-act-in-formation-watermen/

Watermen who did not receive approval or funds from the Small Business Administration's EIDL, unemployment insurance, or PPP grants/loans will be given preference.

The remainder of the federal allotment will go to assist Chincoteague businesses hurt by the pandemic.

Awards of \$4,000 each will go to businesses affected by either the governor's executive orders 53 and 55 or the Chincoteague mayor's executive order closing lodgings in town earlier in the pandemic.

Applications for the business assistance program will be available at the town office starting Aug. 3 and must be submitted in person at the town office starting Aug. 18, at 10 a.m.

Businesses that did not receive approval or funds from the Small Business Administration's EIDL, unemployment insurance, or PPP grants/

loans will be given preference.

Information can be viewed at https://chincoteague-va.gov/c-a-r-e-s-act-in-formation-for-small-businesses/

After discussion, the town council agreed to eliminate a proposed limit on the number of employees for a Chincoteague business to be eligible for assistance.

Councilman William T. McComb Jr. said many town businesses, including motels, restaurants, campgrounds, and the water park, have more than 30 employees — the number proposed.

He called several of those businesses to ask how many employees they have.

The town will advertise the assistance programs.

"The \$251,000 that the town of Chincoteague is getting — every single cent of that is going to go to a business or a waterman. The county is keeping back approximately \$1 million to work on some of their pet projects that they feel that they need to do," said Councilwoman Denise Bowden, adding, "...I just find it totally a slap in the face to businesses out there that could use this money during this time and that they have decided to keep a million bucks to themselves to work on their projects."

Chincoteague has more than 1,200 business license holders, but around 650 are individual rental home license holders, who are not eligible. That still leaves hundreds of business license holders.

"We're not going to be able to please everybody," said Mayor J. Arthur Leonard.

Leonard appointed council members Chris Bott and Bowden to a committee being established to review applications, which likely will include additional members.

Broadband Update

Robert Bridgham, Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority executive director, updated the town council about recent developments, including expansion of the fiber-to-the-home initiative.

The authority is similar to a public utility and owns, operates, and maintains an open access network.

Rates for its fiber-to-the-home service range from \$40 to \$176 per month, depending on bandwidth and length of contract.

The authority embarked on its fiberto-the-home project in September 2016 and in 2018 announced its intention to expand the residential service to an additional 11,000 homes in a project funded in part by a \$4 million loan.

"For years we held back from doing it...but we had meeting after meeting where we got a lot of feedback that we needed to do this," Bridgham said of the service.

Service on Chincoteague is set to expand, according to Bridgham.

"Essentially, we are trying to get our main backbone as close to every neighborhood here on the island as possible," he said.

Smith Street Property

The council tabled action on spending \$30,000 for the next phase of an im-

provement project to property on Smith Street — which is to pave and make other improvements to the parking lot.

An individual has offered to donate half the \$60,000 cost to pave the lot, Tolbert said.

The property was given to the town in December 2018, with certain conditions and a schedule for its improvement.

Plans include creating parking, paving the remainder of Smith Street extended, creating an athletic field, and installing playground equipment and a picnic area, among other improvements.

Tolbert told the council the town to date has spent \$92,000 on the project, including for engineering, design, permitting, site work, and other costs.

Remaining in this year's budget for the project is \$50,000.

"Everyone here knows our current situation and what we are facing," revenue-wise, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tolbert said, adding, "We are trying to be as fiscally responsible as we can be."

He asked the council whether they wanted to pursue the next phase of the project at this time.

"Right now, I think that we need to back up a couple of inches here and see what's going to happen the rest of the summer," Bowden said.

McComb asked Tolbert to consult with the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission about the possibility of finding a \$30,000 grant to help pay for the parking lot.

Woman Wants Chincoteague Ballfields Named for Her Grandfather

By Carol Vaughn

The granddaughter of a Chincoteague man who was instrumental in starting youth baseball teams on the island asked the town council to consider naming ballfields after him.

Lynn Matthews read from a 1956 newspaper article about Norman "Rooster" Hancock during a public comment period at the July 16 workshop meeting.

Hancock, a Chincoteague barber for many years, had no sons of his own but had "a keen interest in young people and their problems and the game of baseball," according to the May 10, 1956, article in the Worcester Democrat.

His two daughters were grown at the time the article was written.

It said Hancock almost six years prior "began to dream of organizing a

baseball team for youngsters."

No one took him seriously at first, until young Roy Daniel Tolbert kept bringing the subject up at home, "so persistently that his father, Roy Sr., finally went to Rooster to find out what it was all about," according to the article.

Tolbert brought the matter to the Kiwanis Club, which pledged to sponsor a team, followed by the VFW and the Chincoteague Vol. Fire Company.

The high school principal allowed them to sell concessions at football games to raise money, electric company workers and Coast Guard personnel installed lights at the field on their own time, and members of the public made monetary contributions.

Early games of the Little League and Pony League were held at Whealton Field. "All I am asking ... is that you consider naming the Little League field after my grandfather," Matthews said.

The council did not take immediate action on the request, but during discussion it was noted the Little League fields belong to Accomack County Public Schools, with the North Accomack Little League organization holding a \$1-a-year lease.

Naming a field there likely would fall in the purview of the Little League organization, according to the discussion.

The Parks and Recreation committee was directed to follow up on the request.

Mayor J. Arthur Leonard said the town also could consider naming the ball-field at Memorial Park after Hancock.

"We do, as a town, own a ballfield at Memorial Park that's not named. We could name the ballfield, and ... we could fix the ballpark, because it needs it," he said.



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Forum Examines Racial Disparities on the Eastern Shore

By Karen Downing Special to the Eastern Shore Post

Ninety people attended a July 7 virtual event with the purpose of bringing "together leaders from various areas of the community to have a dialogue on the disparities and social inequities affecting African Americans on the Eastern Shore."

The goal of Racial Disparities and Social Inequities on the Eastern Shore is "to identify, acknowledge, and raise the consciousness of these disparities in order to create a path for reform, reconciliation, equity and ultimately change on the Eastern Shore."

Some of the common themes revealed through the conversations include: systemic issues such as racism and housing, the need for cultural change through the knowledge of implicit bias and cultural competency, public education, criminal justice reform, lack of or instability of internet access, intergenerational mentoring, need for more community organizations involvement and volunteerism, the need for civic literacy and the understanding of what is required to run for political office, the need to grow and develop more African American leaders, the need to have "uncomfortable conversations between blacks and whites," the need to have younger voices at the table for these conversations, the need for faith-based community and civic organizations to be a part of reform, the need for more community awareness of these issues, and workers' rights.

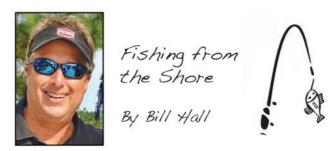
Some of the topics for future conversations include: criminal justice system, mass incarceration, police/justice relations, socioeconomic (including agriculture/land ownership, and homeownership), entrepreneurship in black communities, financing for people of color, systemic racism and anti-racist education, including ways organizations can help the education system and parental engagement, health care and politics.

Among the community leaders attending were James Abbott, Circuit Court Clerk Samuel Cooper, Shanyette Dickerson, Andre Elliott, Ava Gabrielle-Wise, Marvin Giddens, Rhonda Hall, Renee Hinmon, Ronnie Holden, the Rev. Dr. Lisa Johnson, the Rev. Willie Justis, Sharri Mapp-Jones, Supervisor C. Reneta Major, Bishop David Sabatino, and Elder Quintavion Washington. The conversation was moderated by Omega Wilson, Founder/CEO of Innovative Strategies, LLC.

Next steps will be to align strategies to existing entities, to identify and confirm panelists for subsequent conversations and have periodic checks with the entities on the state of the strategies. Contact dstspr97@gmail. com to be considered as a panelist, a participant, or be connected to the entity working on a particular issue.

Karen Downing is associate minister at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Temperanceville. She is also Chapter Leader with Virginia Organizing, Eastern Shore Chapter.





With scorching summertime temperatures becoming the norm, the ever-rising water temperatures are starting to impact the local fisheries. Some of the seasonal trends include the midsummer lull of speckled trout on the Chesapeake Bay side, as some of the best Virginia-based speckled trout fishing for the next month or so will take place after sundown, out of the effects of the sun's rays. More tropical species, like Spanish mackerel, triggerfish, and spadefish, will continue to provide great action throughout the summer. Just a couple of weeks after appearing in the mouth of the bay, Spanish mackerel are already being caught as far north as buoy 72, in Maryland waters. Offshore, look for increasing numbers of wahoo to join yellowfin tuna, blue and white marlin, and the occasional bigeye tuna popping up in trollers' bait spreads.

Wachapreague - Captain Lindsay Paul, at Trident Tackle, reported that the flounder fishing



Dillon Adelyette landed this big 5.1-pound gray triggerfish while fishing out of Chincoteague. Photo courtesy of the Sea Hawk Sports Center.

was still holding steady in front of the old Coast Guard Station and just inside the inlet. Flounder were also hitting over the inshore wrecks. Spanish mackerel have started hitting outside of the inlet. Black sea bass and tilefish have been good for deep droppers out around the canyons. Paul added that there have been a few yellowfin tuna caught offshore as well as a decent marlin bite over the weekend.

Amanda Manzella, at the Wachapreague Inn, described last weekend's flounder and croaker bite out of Wachapreague and Quinby as "great," especially for anglers fishing with white Berkley Gulp swimming mullet baits. Manzella cited one female angler who landed a total of 52 flounder over a two-day period, while fishing along Parramore Island. Manzella added that there had been dolphin (mahi) caught offshore.

Chincoteague – Pete Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported that anglers were catching a mixture of spot, kingfish (whiting), and some flounder in the back bay. Larger sharks, up to 8 feet long, have also shown up in some of the deeper back bay spots. Anglers fishing in the surf have been finding a mixture of spot, kingfish, some Spanish mackerel, and small sharks. Vasiliou said that the inshore wrecks were holding triggerfish, spadefish, and flounder. Offshore anglers were having some success with a yellow-fin tuna bite.

Donna Rae Roeske, at Captain Bob's Marina, said that flounder are being caught in all of the channels and creeks and recommended using bigger baits to catch larger fish. The area between buoys 11 and 14 is still producing whiting/kingfish and croakers. A variety of sharks are being taken from Cockle Creek and above the Queen Sound Bridge out to 5 miles offshore. The offshore wrecks are holding triggerfish, ribbonfish, and black sea bass, with flounder, triggerfish, sea bass, and a few trout on the inshore wrecks. Yellowfin tuna catches have come from trolling in the canyons.

Lower Shore – Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle in Cape Charles, said that the cobia fishing slowed a little over the weekend with the increased water temperatures. Anglers reported seeing a lot of fish cruising the surface, but the majority of the cobia showed little or no interest in hitting a lure or bait. Spadefishing was productive around the fourth island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Plantation Light, and up at the Cell. Flounder fishing continues to get better around the Fisherman's Island Bridge and in the Ditch. Nice-sized flounder catches were also made over the wrecks. The area around the concrete ships off Kiptopeke was producing sea mullet (whiting), gray trout, and small croakers.

Upper Shore - Captain Matt Abell, at Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that the Lumpy Bottom was a productive area for chunking last



Preston Laird gets a little help from his dad, Brian, with showing off his first spadefish catch. Photo courtesy of Bailey's Bait & Tackle.

week, with yellowfin tuna fishing being very productive through the week, but falling off over the weekend. Several boats gave up on the tuna on Saturday and Sunday and turned their efforts to fishing for sea bass on the offshore wrecks and doing well in that fishery. On the inshore wrecks, triggerfish, spadefish, and flounder were the primary catches. Inside the inlets, flounder fishing was good during the last part of the flood tide through the first of the ebb. Small pinhead croakers were also part of the catch. On the Chesapeake Bay side of the peninsula, cobia fishing was described as "spotty" with some boats doing well, while nearby boats failing to get a bite. Some large red drum continue to make a sporadic, but welcome, bycatch for some of the cobia fishermen. Most of the remaining speckled trout action has shifted into Maryland waters where the water temps are a little cooler. Spanish mackerel, some in excess of 20 inches long, have also been landed north of the Maryland/Virginia state line.

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.

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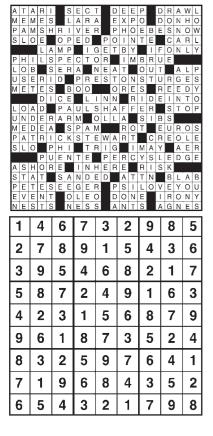
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by Linda Thistle

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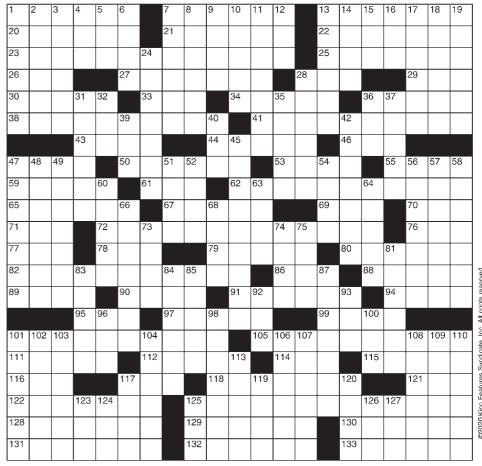
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The Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest Last week, we asked you to find six ticks ment and will accept entries from chil-

Last week, we asked you to find six ticks hidden in the newspaper, and Dawn Conquest, of Onancock, was the first to do so, winning \$25 worth of bug repellant from Jaxon's & Jaxon's Hardware in Parksley.

The ticks were on Page 7 (the nature sign); Page 16 (contest rules); Page 16 (Lady Gray the cat's neck); Page 30 (Help Wanted); Page 32 (Fair Housing notice); Page 38 (yard sale ad). A cartoon bug found its way on a sign in the cartoon on Page 39 but that wasn't a photo of an actual tick, as the other six were, so we didn't count it.

This Week's Contest

In honor of the Eastern Shore having a spaceport on Wallops Island, the 75th anniversary of the first launch from NASA Wallops Island Flight Facility (June 27, 1945), and last week's Minotaur rocket launch, this week's contest is kind of spacey. And it's for kids under 10. No cash prize but winning entries will be printed in the paper along with the contestants' photographs.

The rules:

- We want your child's answers to the questions in boldface at the end of these rules. Send entries to editor@easternshorepost.com. The contest opens as soon as you have access to the paper but ends Monday, July 27, at noon.
- The contest is for kids under 10 but we are not strictly enforcing the age require-

ment and will accept entries from children of all ages. In fact, our runners-up section will be reserved for smart-alecky adults who care to send in an entry.

Each entry, even those from adults, must include the contestant's name, age, town, along with name of the school the contestant is attending, will be attending, or has attended. If we publish the entry, we'll need a photo of the contestant. As a substitute, you can submit a picture of a favorite pet or toy. If you did not take the picture yourself, you must have permission to use it.

Here are the questions:

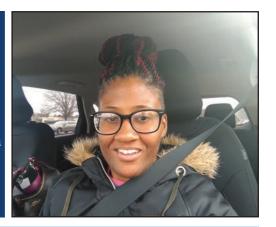
You are being sent on a mission to Mars. Your spaceship has all the supplies you need, but you are allowed to bring one favorite thing from home—what do you choose and why?

While on Mars, you meet a Martian who wants to return to Earth with you for a visit. What is the one person, place, or thing you will show the Martian as soon as you get back to Earth—and why?

Politicians think they have figured out how to send a mission to the sun — by making sure the spaceship travels only at night when the sun isn't shining so the astronauts won't get hot. Will you volunteer to be one of these sun astronauts? Why or why not?

Winner!

Dawn Conquest was the first to find all of the hidden tick photos in last week's Eastern Shore Post!.Congratulations, Dawn!



Runners-Up Gallery



Runner-up Jennifer Sayers submitted this "zoom ball" photo of the seaside in Oyster, near the Nature Conservancy's new observation deck.



Although she wasn't first, Taylor Lewis found all the correct answers. We promise not to place any ticks on her beautiful kitty who is representing her.



Ron and Jolynn Perry, of Bloxom, the couple that plays together and stays together, made the runners-up gallery this week. Way to go #teamperry!



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Ten in a Row Retro Country

Random Facts About Dehydration

By David Martin

Cleaning internet tubes of all the misinformation sludge that builds up week after week is thirsty work.

You might be able to survive a week without water if the temperature was cool and you weren't losing bodily fluids through sweating, but with normal activity and at higher temperatures, three days without water is about the maximum you can tolerate. You lose about 2 pints of fluid a day through sweat, another 3 pints in urine, about a cup through breathing, and various amounts absorbed in the digestive

system. All that lost water has to be replaced to maintain a watery body: lungs are 90% water, brains are 70%, and blood is more than 80%.

In the first stages of dehydration, you are thirsty and your body starts rationing fluid. You sweat less, causing your body temperature to rise. Less fluid goes to your bladder so you pee less often and, when you do, your urine is darker than usual.

If the dehydration continues, your blood pressure might drop to the point you faint and blood flow to certain organs slows down and these organs start to fail. You no longer

sweat or urinate at all. Cells without fluid shrink and, in the brain, this shrinking can cause hallucinations and dementia. Sometimes people in severe dehydration go into a coma before they die of kidney or liver failure.

So, drink your water each and every day. But not too much. And it IS possible to drink too much water and put your blood sodium levels out of whack. In fact, several people have died from simply overdosing on water. In 2007, a 28-year-old woman competed in a radio station's water-drinking contest, drank 6 liters

(a little more than a gallon and a half), vomited, went home, and died. A college student who was forced to drink water in a fraternity hazing ritual also died of water intoxication. Even people who don't die from excessive water, also known as hyponatremia, can suffer from the effects of it, such as when marathon runners try to rehydrate and end up drinking too much water.

Pop nutritionists have put out all sorts of rules about how much water you should drink each day but you'll probably be okay if you simply drink water when you're thirsty.



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Safe Boating Tips from U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-02 in Painter

Submitted Article

Most charts will also show at least some of the visible land features that can help vou know your position. If these items are readily identified (for instance, having a unique shape or a visible name) they will be designated as an open circle with a dot in the middle. If these are not easily identified — like four unmarked water towers in a row they may only be designated by simple circles without the dots.

Charts will also have lots of thin black lines that may meander over the paper. These are depth contour lines that can actually be followed if you are not certain where you are but have a working depth sounder. The closer these lines appear on the chart the steeper the drop off is on the bottom. Prohibited areas are also designated on the charts using purple dashed lines. Finally, all charts will have multiple circular markings called compass roses. The outer circle of the rose shows

the direction (in degrees) of true north, the inner circle shows the magnetic north and degrees. Also in the circle will be words telling how much magnetic north moves every year relative to a given location. If you are trying to determine latitude and longitude, always check the nearest compass rose on the chart.

Local aids notices: On the Eastern Shore, Chincoteague Inlet lighted buoy 2 is missing the top mark and lantern. On the Western Shore, Swann Point Shoal Channel Range, rear range light is extinguished.

These safe boating tips are a public service by Flotilla 12-02 (Painter) of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. To learn more about safe boating or to help the Coast Guard, check www.uscgaux.org or call Russell Vreeland at 757-442-7029.

Remember alcohol doesn't mix well with salt water so leave it home when vou are on the bay or ocean.

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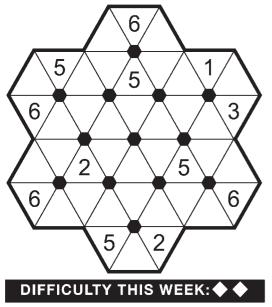
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Puzzes4kids by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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Here's a "trickledown" puzzle. The rules are simple; you merely change one letter on each line to make a new word and continue until you reach the final word.

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No Football, Volleyball, or Cheer This Fall; Maybe Later

Although it has yet to make a final decision, VHSL has issued three options to choose from. They range from moving football and other sports at high risk for COVID-19 to spring to removing them from the academic year altogether.

By Matthew Yoder

It as been four months since high school teams in the area took part in competitive action in any of their sports. All activity ended abruptly March 20, sidelining spring seasons that were just beginning to get underway. In a matter of days, participants and fans will learn the extent to which this gap in play will conclude or extend, as schools await the Virginia High School League's latest determination for fall sports and beyond.

The league's executive committee will issue its recommendations July 27, outlining which sports, if any, can move forward with their seasons, and the rules that will guide play. The Virginia High School League recently submitted three options for how seasons could look. What's missing in any of these options is the mention of football returning this fall. Under the best-case scenario, football would be played in the spring. A similar fate is slated for other fall sports deemed high risk, namely vollevball and competitive cheer. Going through the options, it's undeniable things will look different this season for athletes.

Under Option 1, all sports will be left in their current seasons, but only golf and cross-country would be permitted to compete this fall, as they fall under the category of moderate contact risk. This option would eliminate football, volleyball, and cheer from the 2020 season. Barring any continuing setbacks, winter and spring seasons would proceed as usual.

In Option 2, fall and spring seasons would be switched. Track and field, tennis, soccer, baseball, and softball would commence only a matter of weeks from now, with coaches scrambling to condition their athletes for play,

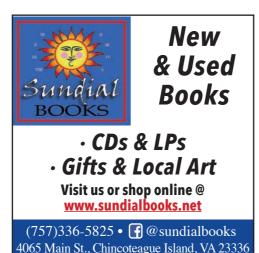
Option 3 puts a delay on all sports and would adopt a condensed interscholastic plan. Winter sports would be the first to compete, starting Dec.14 and concluding Feb. 20. Fall sports would come next, their season spanning Feb. 15-May 1. Spring sports would also overlap slightly, with their season running April 12-June 26.

Playing sports in high-risk categories in any of these models depends on the commonwealth following the current Phase Three guidelines.

While the VHSL says it isseeking feedback, ultimately judgments are said to be based on the best available information, as provided by the governor and the Virginia Departments of Health and Education.

As teams await a final decision, the league's reopening process began on June 11, allowing for schools and teams to get rolling on offseason practices and conditioning. These activities are contingent on schools submitting plans in compliance with the Virginia Department of Health and CDC.

An update with the VHSL's decision will follow next week.





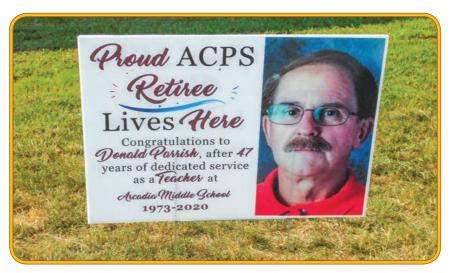
RETIRING ACCOMACK SCHOOL EMPLOYEES CELEBRATED



Above are teachers Sherry Kinsey, Accawmacke Elementary, 37 years; and Patricia Miller, Kegotank Elementary, four years.

Each retiree received a sign to take home like the one at right featuring teacher Donald Parrish, Arcadia Middle, who won the award for the most years of service, 47.

Below are cafeteria workers Joanne Helmstetter (left), Metompkin Elementary, 27 years, and Rebecca Young, Nandua Middle, 20 years.







Accomack County Public Schools and the Accomack Education Association honored the careers of teachers and school staff members who retired in 2020 with a drive-thru celebration at Metompkin Elementary School July 21.

Accomack Education Association President James Fedderman announced the arrival of the retirees, who received awards for their years of service.

The complete list of retirees appears below.

Accawmacke Elementary School Sherry Kinsey and Connie Stevens

Arcadia High School
Angela Bell, Susan Bernard, Daniel Butler,
and Rose Taylor

Arcadia Middle School
Paula Alms, Mary Fluharty, June Gordy,
Donald Parrish, Brian Tupper, and Traci Young

Chincoteague High School Patty Tarr

Chincoteague Elementary School Leigh Holmes, Robin Taylor, and Howard Willis Jr.

Kegotank Elementary School
Christine Lapole, Catherine McAlister,
Patricia Miller, Diane Monsees, Judy Snead,
Cindy Stevens, Wendy Taylor, and Lucy Turner

<u>Metompkin Elementary School</u> Phyllis Hall and Joanne Helmstetter

Nandua High School
Gloriadine Ashby, Shirley Delk, Ulrike Nealon,
and Curtis Taylor

Nandua Middle School
Dawn Pollock and Rebecca Young

Pungoteague Elementary School William Beckett, Suzanne Conrow, Jerry Harmon, Ida Nedab, and Deborah Riley

> Tangier Combined School Nina Pruitt

 $\frac{Building\ and\ Grounds}{Jimmy\ Taylor\ and\ Arlene\ Williams}$

Accomack Chess Clubs Complete Tournaments Online

Submitted Article

All schools in Accomack County have the option to offer chess clubs to their students. So far, five chess clubs have been formed in Accomack public schools, and clubs exist at Broadwater Academy and Eastern Shore Community College. So what are clubs supposed to do when schools close?

According to Alan Silverman, founder of Eastern Shore Scholastic Chess (ESSC), "they keep playing!" Using www.Chesskid.com, which club members already use for learning and playing, Silverman created the All Accomack Online Chess Club, and existing Accomack and Broadwater members were included.

Seven interscholastic tournaments, named "Shore Strong," were played, one each week from mid-April to the end of the school year. Modest cash prizes were awarded to first- and second-place winners via ecards, since standard trophies were not possible. There were prizewinners from all six of the school clubs, showing that chess ability is not strictly correlated with age or school. The funding for the prizes was provided by the Landsberger Family Foundation, which for several years has been the principal private benefactor of the scholastic chess program in Accomack.

"The chess club coaches and I understand what teachers went through having to rapidly transition from faceto-face meetings to online learning." said Silverman, noting especially the technical frustrations experienced from poor at-home internet service.

Despite bumps in the internet road, students kept coming back each week. Although the Shore Strong tournaments have ended, students can still enter tournaments offered through www.Chesskid.com and continue to develop their chess skills independently.

A list of participating schools and tournament winners is posted at www.easternshorechess.org



HAD A FELONY? COMPLETED PROBATION/PAROLE? WANT TO VOTE?

By virtue of an executive order, the right to vote for all individuals who had completed the terms of their incarceration and any periods of supervised release (probation or parole) for ANY and ALL felony convictions, can be restored.

If you or someone you know wants to register to vote, please call Bob Toner at 757-787-2753 or email mbtoner@verizon.net

TROWER RECEIVES DOCTORATE

Submitted Article

Dr. Christopher A. Trower graduated May 2 from The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Va. He received a degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Both of his parents grew up on the Shore; his dad grew up in Weirwood and his mom grew up in the Onley area. Trower is the son of J.C. and Jennifer Allen Trower, of Chesterfield, Va. He is also the grandson of William "Bill" and Mary Ellen Allen, of Melfa, and the grandson of the late Deacon Chester R. Trower Sr. and the late the Rev. Mary Trower Custis, of Weirwood.

During one of his medical school rotations, Trower spent several weeks working in emergency medicine at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, which gave him a chance to learn and appreciate the challenges

of rural community-focused medicine and spend some quality time with his maternal grandparents.

On July 1, Trower started his training as a first year post-doctorate transitional year resident at the Regional

> Medical Center, Bayonet Pointe, in Hudson, Fla., to be followed by a three-year physical medicine and rehabilitation medicine residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va.

Upon successful completion of his residency and boards. Trower will become a board-certified physiatrist, a medical specialty that involves restoring function for a person who has been disabled

as a result of disease, disorder, or injury.

Trower is also a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army Reserves, having received his commission through the Army ROTC program at Hampton University.



Dr. Chris Trower

DAR GIVES TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted Article

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently awarded Annie Schreiber and Parker Boggs with scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Schreiber, salutatorian of Nanuda's class of 2020. the daughter of Scott and Sally Schreiber, of Onancock. She has been active in BETA at NHS, serving as the club's treasurer for the past three Annie Schreiber



years. She has been involved in ballet at ESO for 15 years and would have danced the lead role of Cinderella in her final performance this spring. Being deeply passionate about ballet, she has exhibited leadership skills with her peers and younger dancers. She has also worked as a counselor at the YMCA's Camp Silver Beach and Camp Thunderbird. Schreiber will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall

and though undecided as to a major, she is considering history and psychology.

Parker Boggs, of Parksley, is a graduate of the Broadwater Academy class of 2020. Boggs is the son of Jennifer Boggs and will be attending James Madi-



Parker Boggs

son University in the fall, where he plans on majoring in political science and accounting. He has attended MGA. and for the past three years attended the Conference on National Affairs. He has been

a Virginia Youth Advocate for the National YMCA around the United States. His interest in politics has led him to be active in Virginia's 2nd Congressional District, and he has secured an internship with a New York Congresswoman's re-election campaign.

The scholarship is awarded every year to an Accomack County senior. For more information, email marymargaret browning@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCING BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

In memory of the late Sharone White Bailey, the Macedonia AME Church, Accomac, pastored by the Rev. Andre Jefferson Jr., announces the 10th Annual Sharone White Bailey Educational Community Scholarship Award in the amount of \$2,000.

Applicants must be either an Accomack or Northampton County public high school 2020 graduate, or a college student under age 25, who graduated from a public high school in Accomack or Northampton County.

Applications may be obtained as follows: 1) contact Karen Taylor, Secondary Education. 2) respective High School Guidance Counselors, 3) email Ms. Turner at sat1211c@qmail.com or 4) telephone Ms. Savage at 757-665-4010.

> P.O. Box 931, Accomac, VA 23301

Community Notes

ACDC Meeting

The Accomack County Democratic Committee will hold its monthly business meeting Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m., via gotomeeting.com

Current ACDC members and invited guests have been provided access information for the meeting.

For those who would like to join the meeting, send an email to llamontage@ gmail.com to request the access login.

ESY&CC Swim Camp

The Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, Melfa, is holding a swim camp for youth ages 5 to 12, Monday, Aug. 3, to Friday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. Campers will be grouped by swimming ability for a fun-filled week of stroke development, pool games, and free swim. A swim competition will be held on Friday.

The camp will be led by Mackenzie Lucy, certified swim instructor.

The cost is \$125 for full and social

members and \$150 for associate or nonmembers.

 G_0 to https://www.esycc.com/ eventscalendar/swim-camp to register.

Wear-A-Mask Contest

Are you an artist? Do you have a TikTok or Instagram following?

Enter the Virginia Capitol Connections Please Wear a Mask Virginia contest. Open to all Virginians of any age, the contests runs through Saturday, July 25.

Submissions must highlight the importance of wearing a mask to stop the spread of COVID-19; the format can be an 8.5x11 print ad or a 30-second video (conventional or social media; for example TikTok or Instagram).

This is a single contest: the first place prize is a \$1,000 college scholarship (transferable), or two nights at The Commonwealth Hotel in Richmond, Va., winner's choice. Second place is a \$500 transferable scholarship, or one night

at The Commonwealth, winner's choice.

Five finalists will be featured in the summer edition of Virginia Capitol Connections magazine, and the two winners in the fall edition.

Entrants can send their submissions as attachments by email to VirginiansPleaseWearaMask@gmail.com, or by FTP at https://www.wordsprint. com/please-wear-a-mask-virginia submitting a print ad or a video in the contest, entrants are giving VCC permission to publish these submissions in the magazine, on the www.vccqm.org website, or in any other reasonable way.

Changes to Warnings

The National Weather Service is proposing to change the severe thunderstorm warning program to include impact-based warnings damage threat categories into severe thunderstorms warnings. Just as they have done with Flash Flooding Warnings and Tornado Warnings, the Severe Thunderstorm Warnings will include damage threat categories. The criteria for the threat catergories will be: Base - 60 mph or greater and/or 1-inch hail or greater; Considerable - 70 mph or greater and/ or 1.75-inch (golf ball) hail or greater; Destructive - 80 mph or greater and/ or 2.75-inch (baseball) hail or greater.

Below are links to the public information statement announcing the time period for feedback and information.

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/PNS20-49 Severe Thunderstorm Warning Categories for IBW.pdf

https://nws.weather.gov/products/ PDD/PDD Proposed SevereThunderstormWarningCategories 2020.pdf

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ ProposedSvrTSWarningCategories

Through July 30, the NWS is soliciting feedback on the proposed additions to the Severe Thunderstorm Warning program.



Dr. Rupprecht Has Joined **Chincoteague Center!**

Dr. Macy Rupprecht has moved to Chincoteague Island Community Health Center full time.

> Dr. Rupprecht has been a dynamic member of our Onley center team.

New Expanded Hours Available!

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day

Summer Saturday hours not available until further notice due to COVID-19 pandemic. Saturday telemedicine appointments available by calling 757-787-7374.

Chincoteague Center Provider Team

We are committed to taking care of you! Other members of our provider team are:











Plato-Johnson, NP



4049 Main Street • Chincoteague Island, VA 23336 phone: 757-336-3682 | fax: 757-336-3703

esrh.org

TOWN OF BELLE HAVEN

RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CLEAN-UP

MONDAY, JULY 27TH

The Town of Belle Haven will be conducting a Household Waste Pickup

- All Items should be boxed or bagged, if possible,
- Limbs or green waste are to be bagged or bundled and may not exceed 25lbs or 4 feet in length.
- No free liquids, paints, solvents, fuel or hazardous materials will be collected.
- Please set items neatly at the curb and group like materials together.

Davis Disposal will take most items that can be reasonably handled by 2 people.

Please have all items out for pickup by 8 AM

Eastern Shore Trading POST

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

Announcements

To Accomack County Residents:

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

Any individual needing Medicaid, TANF, SNAP(also known as food stamps), or Child Care Subsidy should apply at CommonHelp (www.virginia.commonhelp.org). 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.

Thank You The family of Elizabeth "Bute Fair" Smith would like to thank everyone for their kindness, prayers, food, visits, calls, and love during our time of bereavement.

Help Wanted



A & N Title and Settlement is hiring!

PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT - Three days a week, 9 to 5.

Immediate opening for someone with excellent communication skills and a pleasant personality.

General office skills and MS Office experience a must.

Opportunities for advancement for the right applicant!

Please forward cover letter and resume to:

A&N Title and Settlement Co. ATTN: HR Director P.O. Box 668 Exmore, VA 23350

Bilingual Office Manager

Full-time Bilingual Office Manager position for Catholic Church.

The ideal applicant should be familiar with all aspects of office management, to include secretarial skills to support the Pastor, a through knowledge of computers, scheduling, record keeping, word processing, etc.

Benefits are available.

Please send resume to: stpeteronley@gmail.com

or

St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church 25236 Coastal Blvd. P.O. Box 860 Onley, VA 23418

DIESEL MECHANIC WANTED

WILL PERFORM TRUCK REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH FACTORY AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS, RUN DIAGNOSTICS ON TRUCKS AND WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER TEAM MEMBERS TO MEET COMPANY GOALS. 3+ YEARS' EXPERIENCE AS A DIESEL MECHANIC, CAN WORK INDEPENDENTLY, MUST HAVE OWN TOOLS.

- · VALID CDL LICENSE A PLUS
- ABILITY TO PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK
 AND DRUG TEST

STOP BY TO PICK UP AN APPLICATION MON-FRI, 8AM-5PM, AT MOORE'S TRUCKING LLC 15442 MERRY CAT LN., BELLE HAVEN, VA 23306 757-442-2734

Opportunity For The Right Person Living On The Southern Eastern Shore

Growing Import and distribution company is looking for a person to add a dimension to a U.S. Division of a European based conglomerate that expects to log between 10-15 million in sales in 2020.

We are in the frozen shellfish business. We now need a very self-motivated person willing to help us grow by Assisting the Director and CEO with a variety of administrative tasks. This person would know their way around their own laptop computer, know how to speak to people over the phone, email, operate programs like Excel and Word, and know the basics of QuickBooks. The right person should have knowledge of Apple devices, communicate well in the logistics part of our business, frozen warehouses, and trucking companies. Also, that person would help manage inventories in public facilities across the U.S., help with invoicing, track incoming containers from overseas, & basically get involved.

General work days are M-F and hours are basically 8:30-5:30: lunch breaks or doctor appointments are no problem for us.

The right person could work from home, be able to work past 5 p.m., and understand that their future could be with this company provided they recognized the potential of this Job/Career. Salary would start at \$30,000, to be looked at the end of the first 12 mos.

All receipted business expenses reimbursed monthly, & possible local business travel probable for learning. Contact Steve at s.richter@fffactory.biz We are not looking for fancy resumes, just a smart person who recognizes an opportunity when one is presented.

Certified VA Inspector Wanted Immediate Opening

 MUST HAVE VA INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION STOP BY TO PICK UP AN APPLICATION MON-FRI, 8AM-SPM, AT MOORE'S TOWING & REPAIR 15442 MERRY CAT LN., BELLE HAVEN, VA 23306 757-442-2734

EXPERIENCED CLASS A CDL DRIVER needed for hauling produce from field to packing house. Current CDL & Medical Card. Clean driving record. Seasonal travel to FL. Excellent equipment. Competitive pay. Medical plan available. *Call* 757-678-5097.

Secretary/Bookkeeper:

R.H Contracting Inc. is currently hiring a part-time Secretary/Bookkeeper with 3 to 5 years' experience minimum with QuickBooks, Outlook, Word and Excel. Great customer service with a great professional attitude and outgoing personality. We do a drug test and background check before hiring. Only serious interested candidates. Please contact Jessica at 757-710-4962.

Help Wanted (Cont'd)

Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Administrative work in church office in Parksley working four partial days weekly. General bookeeping skills required using Quickbooks, Excel, Word, Outlook, Publisher, and PowerPoint.

Requires maintaining church website and Facebook page, communicating with church members, managing monthly newsletter, documenting church activities and donations and maintaining calendar. Good oral and written communication skills are required as well as a friendly disposition.

Send resume to : graceesumc@gmail.com

ACCOMACK CUNTY Virginia

The County of Accomack is seeking qualified applications for the part-time position of **Flight Line Attendant** at the Accomack County Airport.

<u>Description</u>: The position is responsible for (under general supervision) providing fueling services to aircraft, and for the maintenance of the terminal building and equipment. Candidate must be able to climb a ladder with a 30 lb. fuel hose to provide fueling services and <u>must be able to work weekends</u>.

Qualifications: A high school diploma or GED is required. Position requires a valid Virginia Driver's License along with the satisfactory completion of a criminal history and DMV records check prior to employment.

Salary: Hourly rate is \$11.22. A job description and

application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: http://www.co.accomack.va.us.

The County of Accomack is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Position is open until filled

NCPR Summer Camp Counselors

Northampton County Parks and Recreation is seeking 2020 summer camp counselors. Under the supervision and guidance of the Northampton County Parks and Recreation Department Director, the Summer Camp Counselor is responsible for creating a high quality experience for every camper. Ensure the safety, well-being and personal growth of campers. Be an active and supportive member of the Summer Camp team and a positive member of the entire staff. Summer Camp counselors must demonstrate positive, professional role modeling at all times, acting in a manner that is consistent with the staff code of conduct and the philosophy, goals, and objectives of the Northampton County Parks and Recreation Department.

Summer Camp begins Monday, June 15th, and will run until August 21st, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Camp Counselors will begin Monday, June 15th, and will run until August 21st, Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 5:00pm.

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ADA requires the County to provide adequate accommodations to qualified persons with disabilities. Prospective and current employees are encouraged to discuss ADA accommodations with management.

An application can be obtained thru the Human Resources office or by clicking the link (https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings). Completed application form and cover letter can be submitted to Human Resources, P.O. BOX 66, Eastville, Va. 23347 no later than Friday, July 31, 2020, by 5pm. Northampton County is an EOE.

MECHANIC

Seeking a responsible, mature, reliable mechanic with experience repairing refuse trucks. Work and personal references required. Resume, including experience listed, required. CDL preferred or obtainable within three months. Please reply to Davis Disposal, 16483 Wayside Dr., Painter, VA 23420, or 757-442-7979.

EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.

is currently recruiting

Billing Specialist for the Corporate Office

Join a dynamic billing team responsible for billing over \$20 million in medical and dental services annually!

Previous experience billing medical and/or dental services is required, along with a working knowledge of the CPT and ICD-10CM DX codes and financial skills needed to coordinate billing and payment procedures. Individual must possess a working knowledge of billing guidelines and policies of Medicare, Medicaid, Blue/Cross Blue Shield, Workman's Compensation and other third party billing to insure full comprehensive payment. Experience using Microsoft and advanced Excel is a must.

Individual must be professional, self-motivated and have strong attention to detail. Skills such as effective communication, customer service, teamwork, and time management.

Lab Tech/Clinical Assistant for the Onley Community Health Center

Must be a high school graduate or the equivalent and satisfactorily completed phlebotomy training in an approved school or have two years of experience in a clinical laboratory. Lab Certification is a plus.

Individual must be energetic, flexible and self-motivated with strong attention to detail, communication, teamwork, customer service and computer skills. Ability to provide bilingual patient care is a plus.

Referrals Specialist for the Atlantic Community Health Center

Serve as a liaison between ESRHS and other medical facilities. Assist patients with scheduling referral appointments with specialist and ensure documentation of visit is returned by the specialist to the primary care provider.

Requires a high school diploma or the equivalent and at least 2 years experience in a medical office.

Individual must be professionals, self-motivated and have strong attention to detail, communication, teamwork, customer service and computer skills. Bi-lingual skills a plus.

These are full-time positions with benefits.

If you are a mission driven person looking to make a difference, apply by July 31,2020. Apply using the link below:

https://employees.esrh.org/Careers/

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



The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:

Fiscal Services Specialist Residential Supervisor

Developmental Disabilities Aide (Residential)

For more information or to apply, please visit the ESCSB's website at www.escsb.org



"We passionately believe in the potential of all." Innovative, Inclusive, Caring, Professional

Virginia Department of Social Services

Fiscal Assistant III (Readvertised) (Northampton – Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00020

Hiring Range: \$24,765.00 may be higher based upon qualifications

Location: Eastville, VA 23347

Application Deadline: August 7, 2020 at 11:59PM

Family Services Specialist I/II (Northampton – Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00052

Hiring Range: \$30,828.00 may be higher based upon qualifications

Location: Eastville, VA 23347

Application Deadline: August 7, 2020 at 11:59PM

Only information listed on the application will be used to screen for the minimum requirements.

For more information on these positions, please visit https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov. Applications for these positions must be submitted electronically through this website (https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov). Mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered applications and resumes will not be accepted. Equal Opportunity Employer

Help Wanted

HANDYMAN WANTED to do outside work. Traansportation required. Call

757-387-7245.

PART-TIME WORKER – flexible hours Painter area. Variety of work inside and out. Some heavy lifting, some tool use. Call 757-710-2704.

RELIABLE EXPERI-ENCED MECHANIC – Accomack County. Must have own tools & transportation. 757-999-2666. INSTALLERS HELPER

- Doors and windows. Exp. preferred. Will train right person. Must have valid DL & vehicle. 757-789-3333.

OUTDOOR RESORT JOB \$\$\$ GREAT PAY \$\$\$ on Chincoteague Island. Call 757-894-2932.

SHELL TRUCK DELIVERY DRIVER WANTED:

Part-time delivery truck driver wanted for local deliveries. Class B license and clean driving record needed.

Call 757-824-5880

KITCHEN HELP Seeking dependable cooks and kitchen help for a fast paced kitchen. \$14 - \$18 an hour. Apply in person at Cape Charles Brewing Co or text (757) 449-4839

FLAGGER Traffic Plan is hiring FT Flaggers to set up & control traffic around construction sites. Must be able to pass a drug test and have a driver's license. We offer competitive pay, scheduled raises, and benefits. Apply online

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* FT - PT and Weekends * Exp'd only. * Valid Driver's License and Transportation. Day shift and night shift positions. DOUGLAS REPAIRS, INC., SNOW HILL, MD. Call 410-632-1346 or 443-783-4125.

Need a NEW Employee??

Email:

angie@easternshorepost.com

Call:

Angie at 157-789-POST

Help Wanted (Cont'd)

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TRAFFIC CONTROL
- FT FLAGGERS Eure
Inc. is hiring for FULL
TIME Flaggers for setting
up and directing traffic
on active roads. Must live
on Eastern Shore, able
to pass a drug screening,
and have a valid driver's
license. NO experience
needed. HIRING IMMEDIATELY! APPLY
ONLINE TODAY @
eureinc.com

Boats, Etc.

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

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



27-ft. McGregor Sailboat - With sails, tiller, retractable skag, depth recorder for shallow water, trailer w/electric mast, wench. Exc. cond.

Reduced: \$2,100. 757-710-7146



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

'87 26-FT. SHAMROCK – With anchor puller, never been used, lots of extra equipment. Call 757-891-2426.



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



FORMULA 233 THUNDERBIRD -

23-ft. 5-7 350 V8 (less than 50 hrs.) New stern drive (less than 10 hrs.) Great open deck, Cuddy Cabin, Loadrite trailer w/pwr. winch, well kept, exc. cond.

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'86 27.2-FT. O'DAY SAILBOAT –

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

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

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BOAT WHEELS - 4-blade, 1 pair, 19" x 23-1½" shaft. REDUCED \$400. Call 757-999-3437 & leave msg. MERCURY OUTBOARD

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ANTIQUE 1956 MERCU-RY outboard, electric start w/0 hours, 8-pt. over haul! \$1,995 or buy a 1950s 16-ft. (or so) run-about and keep sailing! Jim: 757-789-5141.

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Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718. dat556@verizon.net www.ltbaycharters.com

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

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

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

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

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

1997 EAGLE CENTER

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

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

790 22-FT. SEAPRO CUD-DY CABIN - Rebuilt OMC 225. 160-gal. fuel tank, 22-ft. aluminum trailer w/brakes (Grady White clone). \$10,300 REDUCED: \$6,000. Pat-757-442-4635.

Farm & Lawn Equipment

1953 ANNIVERSARY JU-BILEE 600 FORD TRAC-TOR - \$3,500. 442-7507.

Feed & Seed

HORSE HAY for sale (\$6 per bale) and STRAW (\$4 per bale). Call 757-824-3930 or call 757-894-1339 (cell).



Misc. - For Sale

DISINFECTANT SPRAY-ER - Victory VP200ESK Professional cordless electrostatic handheld sprayer. New in box. \$1,150.757-894-0645. ELECTRIC SAUNA Super Sport Model. Comes with cedar room, bench, etc. Built-in humidifier. Stainless steel rock comp., thermostat. \$500 OBO 410-957-2771.

150-YEAR-OLD BOER WAR ENFIELD RIFLE Exc. condition. \$1,000 OBO. 410-245-0152.

ANTIQUE MAPLE HARDWOOD KITCHEN TABLE w/leaf & 4 chairs, \$150. Located on Chincoteague. 804-218-1090. DISPLAY CASES - Three

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The public hearing will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the J. Guy Lawson Municipal Building, 3305 Main Street, Exmore, Virginia. Interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their views.

Ethel Parks Town Clerk Town of Exmore, Virginia

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Christian Farlow, (2020020) has applied for approximately 120 acres of oyster planting ground in Hog Island Bay situated in Accomack City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-28.0976 / W75-47.6477

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2020020): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

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

NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than **60 DAYS** on the property of William B. Hall, 8434 Sugarhill Ln., Sanford, VA 23426. His phone number is 757-824-5467.

Description of watercraft: 14' Monark, HIN: MAKA8746

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

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff CIVIL CASE NO. 20CL161

vs.

The heirs and devisees of TOMMY BOOTH, et als., etc.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in the Town of Exmore, Northampton County, Virginia, and designated as Tax Map No. 010A1-0A-BLK-00 0000098.

standing in the name of Tommy Booth, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Tommy Booth; that Tommy Booth is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 4124 Berkshire Loop, Lakeland, Florida 33813; that Evelyn Booth is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 4014 Tiverton Way, Lakeland, Florida 33813; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit, whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Tommy Booth.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before August 21, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Northampton, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 14th day of July, 2020 Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

I ask for this: JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q. VSB 016017 Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 7100 U.S. Route 17 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757)898-7000

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) TRACTS:

TRACT 1: All that certain tract or parcel of land situate near Mappsville, Metompkin Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, entitled "Property Of B. Fentress Mccready Near Mappsville, Accomack County, Virginia." containing Total Area = 47.50 A. on a certain plat of survey dated Nov. 18, 1941, made by J. B. Gibb, C.S., said plat being of record in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Plat Book 17, at page 19. Being all the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed to Farm Properties, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, by deed dated July 17, 2017, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 1700002682.

TRACT 2: All that certain tract or parcel of land known as the "Patrick Rew Farm" situate in Metompkin District, Accomack County, Virginia, bounded on the East, by U.S. Highway No. 13 and certain lots sold therefrom; on the North by Hopeton Road (Rt 676) and lots sold therefrom; on the West by the land believed owned or formerly owned by Joanne Widemayer; and on the South by the Wright Farm. Being a portion of all those tracts or parcels of real estate conveyed to Spuddog Farm Properties LLC, a VA limited liability company, by deed dated March 14, 2016, and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Accomack County, VA as Instrument No. 160001084.

The above-referenced two (2) tracts were also conveyed by deed of trust from Farm Properties, LLC, a VA limited liability company, and Spuddog Farm Properties, LLC, a VA limited liability company, to Robert G. Turner and Anita C. Johnson, Trustees, dated January 30, 2018, and recorded February 6, 2018, in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Accomack County, VA as Instrument No. 180000440. The two tracts are also referenced by the following three tax map parcel numbers: 05400A000017800, 07900A0000018B0, and 07900A000001800.

The appointed Substitute Trustee named below will offer the above-referenced parcels for sale at public auction, in front of the Accomack County Circuit Court, 23316 Courthouse Ave, Accomack, VA 23301 on July 28, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. At such sale, the two parcels will be offered for sale both separately and together, and the Substitute Trustee will proceed to sell them separately or together depending upon which bid or bids will provide the highest return to the parties secured by the deed of trust.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is less, will be required by the Substitute Trustee in cash or certified/cashier's check at the sale. In the event that the bidder's deposit paid at the sale is less than 10% of the sales price, the balance of 10% of the sales price shall be due and payable to the Substitute Trustee within 3 business days of the sale. Settlement shall be within 60 days of the sale. The sales contract (Memorandum of Sale) which must be signed by the successful bidder at the sale will include, in addition to the bid price, a 10% buyer's premium to be paid to Motleys Asset Disposition Group. The property is being sold "AS IS." Additional terms will be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and an attempt to collect on a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Substitute Trustee: Fortis Trustee Foreclosure Service, LLC (Roy M. Terry, Jr., Esq., Attorney for Fortis). For more information contact: (804) 822-3147, 3600 Deepwater Terminal Road, Richmond, Virginia 23234, www.fortistrustees.com

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at the Accomack County Circuit Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301 at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

PARCEL 1: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. ELIZABETH B. AMES MAP NO. 093A0A000002600 27257 REDWOOD ROAD

All that parcel of land near Sign Post or Crossroads, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, bounded West by Virginia Route 690; South by Cassie J. Cowan; East by LeRoy Beckett; North by L. Shields.

PARCEL 2: COUNTY OF ACCOMACK vs. ELIZABETH B. AMES MAP NO. 093A0A0000027A0

All that parcel of land situate at Signpost or Cross Road, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting on Redwood Road 35 yards and extending back 70 yards, bounded Northwest by Redwood Road; Southwest by Lowell Ames; Southeast by James R. Veney; Northeast by Edith Shields.

PARCEL 3: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MARY M. BAGWELL MAP NO. 09200A000006000

All that parcel of land near the Village of Savageville, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 0.292 acre, more or less, bounded North by Elizabeth Lofland Bailey; East by James S. Smith; South by Route 640; West by Abraham Lofland.

PARCEL 4: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. JAMES BONNEVILLE MAP NO. 01100A000004600 5363 HOLLAND ROAD

All that parcel of land near the Village of Miona, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, being 0.50 acre, more or less, bounded South by the public road; East by Robert L. Parks; North by Robert L. Parks W. E. Wilkerson; West by P. A. Brimer.

PARCEL 5: COUNTY OF ACCOMACK vs. GEORGE W. CHANDLER, SR. MAP NO. 085A3A000003000

All that parcel of land east of the Town of Onancock, Accomack County, Virginia, being 0.25 acre, more or less, bounded North by William Poulson; East by Charles Conner; South by the public road; West by Ernest Chandler.

PARCEL 6: COUNTY OF ACCOMACK vs. GEORGE W. CHANDLER, SR. MAP NO. 085A3A000003100 15 SCHOOL STREET

All that parcel of land east of the Town of Onancock, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 0.25 acre, more or less, bounded North by William Poulson; East by George T. Poulson; South by a street 12-1/2 ft. wide running East and West; West by Talutha Gunter.

PARCEL 7: TOWN OF ONANCOCK vs. MARY SELBY CHANDLER

MAP NO. 085A3A000005200 15 CROSS STREET

All that parcel of land in the Town of Onancock, Accomack County, Virginia, being 0.50 acre, more or less, Beginning at the southwest corner on a proposed street running from Boundary Avenue East to the branch and at a point 5.12 chains East from the Northeast corner of the A.M.E. Church lot and from said point running North 25 degrees East 4.74 chains to run of branch; thence along run of branch in Easterly course about 1.10 chains to a tree, and from said marked tree Southerly course 4.31 chains to the proposed street and from thence West along West side of proposed street 1.10 chains to the place of beginning.

PARCEL 8: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. KIMBERLY DICKERSON
MAP NO. 014A00100A00002
RAYMOND TOWNSEND LANE

All that parcel of land near Horntown, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting on a certain 20 ft. right of way adjoining Horace Pitts for 100 ft. and extending back between parallel lines 200 ft., being a part of Parcel 'A' on a survey recorded in Deed Book 302, page 222.

PARCEL 9: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. BOBBY GOODWINE MAP NO. 04300A000002400 33219 NOCKS LANDING ROAD

All that parcel of land on the North side of the County road leading from the Village of Atlantic to Nock's Landing, fronting on said road of 64 ft., beginning at a telephone cable box, parallel with the County road and running 64 ft. to a telephone post; thence Northerly to another telephone post for 82 ft.; thence at right angles in a Westerly direction a distance of 57 ft. to another telephone post; thence Southerly for 92 ft. to the point of beginning, bounded the North, East and West by C. Dennard Hurley and South by the aforesaid County road.

PARCEL 10: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. LILLAS GUNTER MAP NO. 069B0A000003600 27305 NELSONIA ROAD

All that parcel of land in Metompkin District, Accomack County, Virginia, beginning at a certain iron stob on the highway and running Westerly along the highway for 25 yds.; thence turning at right angles and running Northerly 50 yds. to another iron stob; thence turning at right angles and running Easterly to another iron stob; thence turning at right angles and running Southerly 50 yds. to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 11: TOWN OF ONANCOCK vs. JANICE BOYD HALL MAP NO. 085A304040008A0 1 BOUNDARY AVENUE

All that parcel of land in the Town of Onancock, Accomack County, Virginia, known as part of the Robert H. Purnell property, fronting 55 ft. on Boundary Avenue and running back 90 ft. adjacent to the land of Matthew J. Hall; thence at right angles 70 ft. in a Northerly direction; thence Easterly 108 ft. back to Boundary Avenue and bounded on the North by Harold P. West; East by Boundary Avenue; South by Matthew J. Hall and

West by Tankard G. Kellam.

PARCEL 12: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. PEGGY HARMON MAP NO. 086A2A000002600 23315 POPLAR STREET

All that parcel of land in the Town of Accomac, Accomack County, Virginia, bounded Northwest by Poplar Street; Southwest by Charlotte Street; Southeast by Levin J. Melson; Northeast Sidney E. Wessells.

PARCEL 13: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MERLANDO, LLC MAP NO. 100D002D0004300 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

All that parcel of near Bobtown, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 43, Section 2, Block D, The Greens Subdivision, shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 21, pages 71-72.

PARCEL 14: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MERLANDO, LLC MAP NO. 100D002D0004400 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

All that parcel of near Bobtown, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 44, Section 2, Block D, The Greens Subdivision, shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 21, pages 71-72.

PARCEL 15: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MERLANDO, LLC MAP NO. 100D002D0004600 HARBOR ROAD

All that parcel of near Bobtown, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 46, Section 2, Block D, The Greens Subdivision, shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 21, pages 71-72.

PARCEL 16: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MERLANDO, LLC MAP NO. 100D002D0004700 HARBOR ROAD

All that parcel of near Bobtown, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 47, Section 2, Block D, The Greens Subdivision, shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 21, pages 71-72.

PARCEL 17: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MERLANDO, LLC MAP NO. 100D002C0002900 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

All that parcel of near Bobtown, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 29, Section 2, Block C, The Greens Subdivision, shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 21, pages 71-72.

PARCEL 18: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. MERLANDO, LLC MAP NO. 100D002C0003000 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

All that parcel of near Bobtown, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 30, Section 2, Block C, The Greens Subdivision, shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 21, pages 71-72.

PARCEL 19: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. CHARLES W. MESSICK MAP NO. 10900A000004400 SHELL BRIDGE ROAD

All that parcel of land in Painter Township, Accomack County, Virginia, being 1.00 acre, more or less, (assessed as 0.50

acre), beginning at a point on the Northern side of Shell Bridge Road, which point is the Southwest corner of D. Drewery; thence running Northerly perpendicular to Shell Bridge Road 210 ft. to a point; thence Westerly parallel to Shell Bridge Road 105 ft. to a point; thence Southerly parallel to first call 210 ft. to a point on the Northern side of Shell Bridge Road a distance of 105 ft. to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 20: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RICHARD NOCK MAP NO. 118B0A000004400 12195 CRADDOCK NECK ROAD

All that parcel of land in Craddock Neck, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting 60 yds. on the County road and extending back 80 yds., bounded South by the main County road; West by Tealie Drummond; North by David Bogg; East by David Boggs and George H. Clifford.

PARCEL 21: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. RAY TED PARKS MAP NO. 062A1A000022800 4424 PARKER LANE, TANGIER

All that parcel of land on the Island of Tangier, Accomack County, Virginia, being 2.00 acres, more or less, bounded North by Brower Parks and by Ernest Crockett, and the land of Oldham and Amanda Parks; South by the road; West by a gut.

PARCEL 22: TOWN OF PARKSLEY vs. FRANKLIN DOUGLAS ROWLEY MAP NO. 078A101000642A0 24122 CATHERINE STREET

All that parcel of land in the Town of Parksley, Accomack County, Virginia, shown as Lot 643 and the eastern 25 ft. of Lot 642 on a plat dated February 18, 1983, made by Floyd E. Sheckler, C.L.S., bounded North by Catherine Street; West by the Western on half of Lot 642; South by a 15 ft. alley; East by Lot 644.

PARCEL 23: ACCOMACK COUNTY vs. GREGORY A. WHITLEY MAP NO. 10000A0000012B0

All that parcel of land in Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 0.75 acre, more or less, bounded and described as follows: the beginning point marked "IRS" in the southeast corner of the "10.220 Ac. +/-" shown on a certain plat entitled "SURVEY OF EXISTING LANDS & LANDS TO BE ACQUIRED BY LAWRENCE R. RILEY & DOROTHY T. RILEY, VILLAGE OF PUNGOTEAGUE ACCOMACK CO., VA," dated Nov. 16, 1994, made by John H. Plummer and Associates, Inc., recorded in Plat Book 94, page 182.

The terms of sale require a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days.

Additional terms will be announced at the sale.

Each sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.

JAMES W. ELLIOTT Special Commissioner 7100 U.S. Route 17 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-7000 www.vataxsale.com Pursuant to Section 6 of the Accomack County Wetlands Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of a Public Hearing that will be held in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, 23292 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 30, 2020, on the wetlands applications of:

Grand Bay Properties, LLC - VMRC# 2020-0808 This application is for the following described project: The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction is the proposed replacement of 155 linear feet of failed bulkhead, located on Seaview Street, Tax Map# 5A1-1-756, 757, 758.

Peter & Dyane Draper – VMRC# 2020-0835
This application is for the following described project:
The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands
Board's jurisdiction is the proposed construction
of 100 linear feet of new bulkhead, located on Pine
Drive, Tax Map# 31A-3-7A.

A. Fred Dassler – VMRC# 2020-0877
This application is for the following described project:
The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands
Board's jurisdiction is the proposed construction
of 125 linear feet of riprap, located at 23395 Franconia Drive, Tax Map# 84-3-C1.

Erica Raymond – VMRC# 2020-0921 This application is for the following described project: The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction is the proposed removal of existing concrete rubble and construction of 74 linear feet of bulkhead, located at 3432 Main Street, Tax Map# 30A3-A-71.

All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to be heard or to present written statements. Applications are on file and may be examined in the Office of the Environmental Programs in Accomac, Virginia. Handicapped assistance is available. Please call (757) 787-5728.

Request for Proposals #307 Operation & Maintenance Services for Water/ Sewer Systems

The County of Accomack, Virginia, is soliciting proposals from professional firms for the operation and maintenance of the Central Accomack (CA) and Wallops Research Park (WRP) Water and Sewer Systems. The selected firm will also provide back-up support for the operation of the County's Leachate Treatment Facility on an as-needed basis.

Proposals shall be received by Friday, August 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., as directed in the RFP.

The complete RFP may be found on the following websites: https://m.vendor.epro.cgipdc.com/Vendor/public/AllOpportunities

The County of Accomack does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, §2.2-4310 and 2.2-4343.1 *Code of Virginia* as amended, or against a bidder or offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in the Cape Charles Civic Center, located at 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comment on a request for a variance to allow a boundary line adjustment resulting in reduction in size of a parcel to 4,560 sq. ft. from the minimum lot size requirements of Article III, District Regulations, Section 3.2(F)(1) Single-Family Residential District (R-1) where the minimum lot size is 5,600 sq. ft. on lot 337 on Tazewell Avenue, tax map # 83A3-1-337. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the request. The application is available for public review on our website at www.capecharles.org. Please contact Town Planner Allyson Finchum at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

Town of Onley Request for Proposals/Bids – Professional Services Surveying Town Property

The Town of Onley is seeking proposals/bids for a survey of town owned property located on Front Street within the town limits of Onley (tax parcel #093C1A000005300). The survey is to include:

- Thorough research of subject property and adjacent properties, and other pertinent improvements
 Computation of property ownership and area of sub-
- Computation of property ownership and area of subject parcels
- Establish lot corners with iron pipes, rods or other permanently placed monumentation
- 4. Recordable plat showing corners found on set, wood lines, trees, encroachments (if any) and other pertinent information discovered during the survey

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Onley Town Office, 25559 E. Main St., Onley, VA, until August 3, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Jamye Salazar, Town Manager, at 757-787-3985. The Town of Onley has the right to accept/deny any and all bids.

$\frac{\text{NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND}}{\text{APPLICATION}}$

Barry Frishman, (2020022) has applied for approximately 7.5 acres of oyster planting ground in Chincoteague Channel situated in Accomack City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-54.6360 / W75-24.3784

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2020022): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing commencing at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard or present written comments regarding the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE JOINT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AND TOWNS"

The purpose of this amendment is to change the entity's name from the "Joint Industrial Development Authority of Northampton County and Towns" to the "Economic Development Authority of Northampton County and Towns", and to recognize the participation of the Towns of Eastville and Nassawadox.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office, Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours.

Handicapped assistance available: Call 757/678-0440.

Charles Kolakowski County Administrator

Request for Proposal

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission is soliciting proposals for experienced Professional Engineering and Surveying Services related to the Hazard Mitigation Grants awarded to Accomack County by FEMA and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. Engineering Services are required for the design of ten foundational systems for houses located within the "A" flood zones. Surveying Services are required for the provision of Part I and Part II elevation certificates for the same ten houses. Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., Friday, August 7, 2020, local prevailing time, in the offices of the:

Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission Enterprise Building 23372 Front Street P.O. Box 417 Accomac, Virginia 23301

at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The plans, drawings, specifications and qualification documents are available at no charge and may be picked-up at the offices of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission at the above address. There will be a **mandatory** pre-bid meeting at 10:00 AM. on Monday, July 27, 2020. For more information, contact Eric Luchansky @ (757) 787-2936 Ext.118. or email @ eluchansky@a-npdc.org

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To: Amber Putman

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A Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, Male Dunmeyer. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child.

That hearing will be held on August 28, 2020, at 9:30 A.M. before the Honorable Scott Bittner in Courtroom No. 1 located at the Somerset County Courthouse, 111 East Union Street, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501 to answer allegations of the Petition. YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUIRED AT THE HEARING.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct regular business and review applications to forward recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Renewal for Bridgetown AFD: A ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect. This district currently contains the following parcel(s) of land: Tax Map 29-A-14; Tax Map 30-16-A1; Tax Map 30-A-2; Tax Map 30-2-B; Tax Map 30-17-2; Tax Map 30-1-B; Tax Map 30-A-25; Tax Map 30-A-3; Tax Map 30-A-4; Tax Map 30-17-3A; Tax Map 30-17-3B; Tax Map 30-17-1; Tax Map 30-2-A; Tax Map 30-16-A2; Tax Map 30-3-1; Tax Map 30-3-2; Tax Map 30-3-3.

Renewal for Happy Union AFD: A ten-year review to determine whether this district should remain in full force and effect. This district currently contains the following parcel(s) of land: Tax Map 14-A-22; Tax Map 13-7-A; Tax Map 14-13-A.

Withdraw from TB Road AFD: Susan D. Nottingham and Linda M. Dunton has petitioned to remove a portion of their parcel measuring 92' x 182.6' (0.385 acres) from the TB Road AFD in order to do a Boundary Line Adjustment. The parcel is located off of TB Road and is further described as Tax Map Number 9-A-60.

The Board of Supervisors shall also conduct public hearings on the above items Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers. The applications will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above item is invited to attend the meetings and make their comments known. Written comments can be submitted to the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement//P.O. Box 538//Eastville, VA 23347.

Handicapped assistance available: Please telephone (757) 678-0440 at least 48 hours in advance.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020 AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. VAR-000051-2020 Gary & Sue McMurray

A public hearing initiated by Gary & Sue McMurray to request a variance of 12 feet from the height requirements for an accessory structure in the residential district pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-84 (4) since one of the side setbacks is only 24 ft. from the property line and the proposed accessory structure is 24 ft. at the peak and 16 ft. at the eave in height; the applicant is seeking to construct a detached garage. The property is located at Tax Map #113A-A-2 at 31322 Church Street, Melfa, VA and is zoned Residential.

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

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

In re: Estate of Anne B. Nock, deceased

SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION

It appearing to the Court that the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack and that more than six months have elapsed since the qualification of Sarah B. Nock, Executrix, now on motion of the personal representative it is ordered that the creditors of and all other persons interested in the estate do show cause, if any they can, on the 29th day of July, 2020, at 9:30 A.M., before this Court at its Courtroom in Accomac, Virginia, against the delivery and payment of the estate to the distributees, with or without requiring refunding bond as the Court may direct.

It is further ordered that the foregoing portion of this order be published once a week for two successive weeks in The Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper published in the County of Accomack.

To Samuel H. Cooper Jr., Clerk Enter this Order: W. Revell Lewis III, Judge Date: July 8, 2020

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Remembering Civil Rights Leader and Congressman John Lewis and a Trip to Selma, Ala.

By Laura Lucas Guest Opinion Writer

In the aftermath of the death of John Lewis, I have been thinking again about the importance of the congressman who served Georgia's 5th Congressional District from 1987 until his death and about the leaders of the civil rights movement. I wanted to share an experience my husband and I had in 2015 when we attended the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday — the crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge — and the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

We went to Selma on the way home from our annual February trip to Florida. We expected to be moved and impressed but had no idea how much we would learn and how deeply we would be affected.

The annual reenactment of the crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge was on Sunday, March 8. We went to town early to walk the bridge on our own, knowing that the crowd would be so large it would be an ordeal. As it turned out, there were so many people they didn't ever get the usual line of

dignitaries formed at the beginning – people just walked across the bridge all day. But getting there before the crowd gave us one of our best experiences.

Kristen Welker, NBC's White House correspondent, was doing interviews on the bridge and stopped us to talk. There weren't that many old, white people with Jubilee tee shirts on so I guess we looked interesting. (We were stopped several times in Selma and asked if we were "foot soldiers," people who made the original march in 1965, and were sorry to have to say no.)

Among other things, Welker asked us whether we thought the bridge should be renamed, since Edmund Pettus was a KKK member and not a friend to the movement. John said no, it was a part of the history and should stay; I said yes, because it didn't seem right to honor such a person any longer. But I was about to get a good history lesson from a real authority.

John and I were trying to figure out how to take a selfie with the

bridge in the background, and obviously not having much luck, when Marshella Greenlee introduced herself to us and offered to take our picture on her phone and email it to us. We had a couple of wonderful conversations with Marshella, on the bridge and later when we ran into her in the crowd.

In 1978 when Marshella was a child, her father was elected the first black sheriff of Perry County, Alabama. Jimmie Lee Jackson, a young black man, was murdered by a white highway patrolman in Perry County in February 1965, providing impetus to the nonviolent march from Selma to Montgomery. She told us that she remembers a truck being crashed into her home to attack her father and his family, and this was 13 years after the Selma march.

We asked Marshella for her opinion about renaming the bridge, and she didn't hesitate. "No, no, no – don't rename the bridge." She has an aunt who said vehemently, "I didn't walk across the Marshella Greenlee bridge, I walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge." That walk is clearly a symbolic victory over everything the KKK stands for

and it needs to keep the name. Well, that certainly changed my mind.

We also talked about the troubles in Ferguson, and the actions of law enforcement in the black community there. Marshella comes to the Selma anniversary every year, and equality for Black people is obviously very important to her, and I expected that she would take a strong position against the police. But she said her father was in law enforcement all of her life and her perspective was generally to support them - she wasn't so sure about Ferguson and wasn't about to judge things at that point. One more assumption I had made that wasn't correct.

We attended lots of church services and commemorations, said "Amen" a lot, and learned that it doesn't matter whether you have all the same beliefs as everybody in the room; the important thing is that you care about each other and want the best for everybody.

Our assumptions about people who are different from us are so often wrong and we must go beyond them. We must talk to people of other colors, religions, and cultures, so we can truly understand that we are all the same under the skin. We hope we can go back to Selma.

Post Office Mail

Leave Statues Alone

Dear Editor:

Regarding the removal of Confederate statues: These statues are our history. What are they doing to our history we learned about before our time in school?

I loved going on vacation seeing statues and telling my kids things. Why so much hate?

I wish we had a big enough piece of land to make Virginia "land of the statues" because this is outrageous how everything is being taken down and schools names being changed. On top of that, a deadly disease is spreading and you could drop dead anytime.

Why can't Blacks and Whites love one another and forget about the slave times because this is what it should be. Before this pandemic hit everyone went crazy. I had to stop watching the news

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and pray for my own and my family's safety.

I just wanted to put my opinion out there. Virginia is for lovers: Black or White, equally.

Faith Marker, Atlantic

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