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Judge Hears Comments in Accomack, Northampton, Then Grants HRSD Petition

Judge W. Revell Lewis III presided over Oct. 2 hearings in Northampton and Accomack counties to receive comments on a petition to allow the counties to join the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. Following the second hearing, he granted both petitions.

Accomack Hearing

By Carol Vaughn

Two members of the public commented at a hearing last Friday morning in Accomack County Circuit Court about a petition to include Accomack County in the Hampton Roads Sewer District.

Judge Lewis at the end of the hearing said he would take the matter under advisement and would not issue an order until after a similar hearing Friday afternoon in Eastville about a petition to add Northampton County to the sanitation district.

Sandra Beerends and Ken Dufty, both of Northampton County, voiced objections to the petition at the hearing in Accomac and also had submitted written comments. John Joeckel, of Wachapreague, also sent a letter to the court before the hearing, Lewis said.

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors in December adopted a resolution authorizing a petition to the circuit court

that the county be added to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District. Northampton County's board of supervisors adopted a similar resolution the same month.

The HRSD Commission in January adopted resolutions to file the petitions in circuit court and request a public hearing and subsequent court order.

Inclusion in HRSD gives localities the option, but not the obligation, to transfer ownership of their public sewer systems to HRSD, along with the responsibility to run, maintain, and upgrade the systems and bill customers.

The sanitation district was created in 1940 by the General Assembly as a political subdivision to consolidate the collection and treatment of sewage.

The hearings, required by law, originally were set for March, but were postponed when courts closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The counties becoming part of the district paves the way for HRSD to construct a \$24 million sewer line along the railroad right of way from Accomac to Nassawadox, in the first of three planned phases. The HRSD would foot the bill to build and maintain the sewer line.

Flows would go to the Onancock wastewater treatment plant.

A proposed second phase would extend the line north to serve Chincoteague. A third phase would extend the line south of Nassawadox.

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Students Wanting to Change From Online Learning to Hybrid Find Waiting Lists for Transition

By Stefanie Jackson

At least 145 Accomack public school students are ready to give up on 100% virtual learning barely one month into the new school year, Assistant Superintendent Rhonda Hall reported to the school board Oct. 6.

"I think parents are finding out that the virtual (learning) is not what they thought it was going to be. I think our students are finding that out," Hall said.

Accomack students in the virtual learning program spend a full day up to five times a week doing school work, just like they would if there were no COVID-19 pandemic and they were full-time students attending classes in person.

Most virtual students have been issued Google Chromebook laptops and must have reliable internet access to complete their work.

Virtual students receive instruction through educational videos made by their teachers or from other sources. Some of the videos are interactive. Students also have the option to receive live instruction via Zoom, a video conferencing app.

Virtual students type answers to writing prompts, complete worksheets online using text, drawing, and graphics tools, and upload photos or videos of assignments written or drawn by hand.

The rush over the summer to complete Accomack's Return to Learn plan didn't allow time to schedule training for students and parents to learn the new apps and technology before the first day of school.

But teachers and school staff have been available to help parents and students by phone, text message, email, and video conferencing, and tech-support workshops have been held at individual Accomack schools.

Nonetheless, Hall warned school board members that they may be receiving phone calls from parents wanting to remove their children from the virtual learning program after interim reports are sent home this week.

There are about 75 Accomack elementary school students on a "waiting list" for the hybrid learning program, which includes two days a week of face-to-face instruction. The numbers of students on the waiting list for each elementary

school are: Accawmacke, 20; Chincoteague, six; Kegotank, 23; Metompkin, 21; and Pungoteague, three.

There are approximately 70 Accomack middle and high school students on the waiting list. The numbers for each school are: Arcadia High, 12; Arcadia Middle, between 40 and 58; and Nandua Middle, 11. Hall did not report a number for Nandua High School.

She said the schools have enough space to accept more hybrid students and maintain social distancing.

But there aren't enough bus drivers to transport the students to school, Finance Director Beth Onley said.

Accomack schools have 22 fewer bus drivers this year. Many of the bus drivers were older employees who retired. The school division is advertising to fill the vacant positions.

The bus situation is further complicated by the regionalization of self-contained special education programs, meaning some students are bused farther to school.

For example, some students are being bused from Captains Cove to Nandua middle or high school.

Accomack and Northampton are the only school divisions out of 15 in the Tidewater region that are busing students in fourth grade or higher.

Accomack ranked 17 out of 132 Virginia school divisions for the number of students participating in in-person learning, Onley said.

School board vice chairman Ronnie Holden wants to "minimize the lag" in education that many students have been experiencing since schools closed in mid-March.

That educational lag is reflected in student test scores.

Hall said children in kindergarten through third grade have been taking PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) tests and the results are "not good."

"We've got to try to ... provide a way to help these students, because they're not learning like they should," Holden said.

He hopes that Accomack will be able to allow all students back to school for faceto-face instruction within six months.



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Explanation for Proposed Constitutional Amendment

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Article X. Taxation and Finance. Section 6. Exempt Property

BALLOT QUESTION

Should an automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be free from state and local taxation?

EXPLANATION

Present Law

Generally, the Constitution of Virginia requires all property be taxed. However, there are certain types of property that the Constitution specifically says is not subject to taxation.

Proposed Amendment

This amendment would add to the list of property that is not subject to state or local taxation one motor vehicle owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent (100%) service-connected permanent, and total disability. The amendment says that motor vehicle means an automobile or pickup truck.

The motor vehicle would be exempt from taxation beginning on the date the veteran gets the motor vehicle or January 1, 2021, whichever is later. A veteran who claims this tax exemption would not get back any taxes paid on his motor vehicle prior to January 1, 2021.

Under this amendment, a motor vehicle that is owned by the spouse of a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard with a one hundred percent (100%) service-connected, permanent, and total disability could also be free from taxation.

The General Assembly is allowed to pass a law that places conditions or restrictions on this exemption.

A "yes" vote will mean the Constitution of Virginia will be amended to exempt one automobile or pickup truck that is owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent (100%) service-connected, permanent, and total disability from state and local taxation.

A "no" vote will leave the Constitution of Virginia unchanged and automobiles and pickup trucks owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the United States armed forces or the Virginia National Guard who has a one hundred percent (100%) service-connected, permanent and total disability will continue to be subject to state and local taxes

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT [Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is stricken.]

Amend Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia as follows:

ARTICLE X TAXATION AND FINANCE

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the following property and no other shall be exempt from taxation, State and local including inheritance taxes:

- (1) Property owned directly or indirectly by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and obligations of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof exempt by law.
- (2) Real estate and personal property owned and exclusively occupied or used by churches or religious bodies for religious worship or for the residences of their ministers.
- (3) Private or public burying grounds or cemeteries, provided the same are not operated for profit.
- (4) Property owned by public libraries or by institutions of learning not conducted for profit, so long as such property is primarily used for literary, scientific, or educational purposes or purposes incidental thereto. This provision may also apply to leasehold interests in such property as may be provided by general law.
- (5) Intangible personal property, or any class or classes thereof, as may be exempted in whole or in part by general law.
- (6) Property used by its owner for religious, charitable, patriotic, historical, benevolent, cultural, or public park and playground purposes, as may be provided by classification or designation by an ordinance adopted by the local governing body and subject to such restrictions and conditions as provided by general law.
- (7) Land subject to a perpetual easement permitting inundation by water as may be exempted in whole or in part by general law
- (8) One motor vehicle owned and used primarily by or for a veteran of the armed forces of the United States or the Virginia National Guard who has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law with a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "motor vehicle" shall include only automobiles and pickup trucks. Any such motor vehicle owned by a married person may qualify if either spouse is a veteran who is one hundred percent disabled pursuant to this subdivision. This exemption shall be applicable on the date the motor vehicle is acquired or the effective date of this subdivision, whichever is later, but shall not be applicable for any period of time prior to the effective date.
- (b) The General Assembly may by general law authorize the governing body of any county, city, town, or regional government to provide for the exemption from local property taxation, or a portion thereof, within such restrictions and upon such conditions as may be prescribed, of real estate and personal property designed for continuous habitation owned by, and occupied as the sole dwelling of, persons not less than sixty-five years of age or persons permanently and totally disabled as established by general law. A local governing body may be authorized to establish either income or financial worth limitations, or both, in order to qualify for such relief.
- (c) Except as to property of the Commonwealth, the General Assembly by general law may restrict or condition, in whole or in part, but not extend, any or all of the above exemptions.
- (d) The General Assembly may define as a separate subject of taxation any property, including real or personal property, equipment, facilities, or devices, used primarily for the purpose of abating or preventing pollution of the atmosphere or waters of the Commonwealth or for the purpose of transferring or storing solar energy, and by general law may allow the governing body of any county, city, town, or regional government to exempt or partially exempt such property from taxation, or by general law may directly exempt or partially exempt such property from taxation.
- (e) The General Assembly may define as a separate subject of taxation household goods, personal effects and tangible farm property and products, and by general law may allow the governing body of any county, city, town, or regional government to exempt or partially exempt such property from taxation, or by general law may directly exempt or partially exempt such property from taxation.
- (f) Exemptions of property from taxation as established or authorized hereby shall be strictly construed; provided, however, that all property exempt from taxation on the effective date of this section shall continue to be exempt until otherwise provided by the General Assembly as herein set forth.
- (g) The General Assembly may by general law authorize any county, city, town, or regional government to impose a service charge upon the owners of a class or classes of exempt property for services provided by such governments.
- (h) The General Assembly may by general law authorize the governing body of any county, city, town, or regional government to provide for a partial exemption from local real property taxation, within such restrictions and upon such conditions as may be prescribed, (i) of real estate whose improvements, by virtue of age and use, have undergone substantial renovation, rehabilitation or replacement or (ii) of real estate with new structures and improvements in conservation, redevelopment, or rehabilitation areas.
- (i) The General Assembly may by general law allow the governing body of any county, city, or town to exempt or partially exempt from taxation any generating equipment installed after December thirty-one, nineteen hundred seventy-four, for the purpose of converting from oil or natural gas to coal or to wood, wood bark, wood residue, or to any other alternate energy source for manufacturing, and any co-generation equipment installed since such date for use in manufacturing.
- (j) The General Assembly may by general law allow the governing body of any county, city, or town to have the option to exempt or partially exempt from taxation any business, occupational or professional license or any merchants' capital, or both.
- (k) The General Assembly may by general law authorize the governing body of any county, city, or town to provide for a partial exemption from local real property taxation, within such restrictions and upon such conditions as may be prescribed, of improved real estate subject to recurrent flooding upon which flooding abatement, mitigation, or resiliency efforts have been undertaken.

~HRSD Hearing~

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Matthew C. Meadows, an attorney representing the HRSD, spoke at the hearing about the logistics of filing the petition to comply with state law.

"Today, we are here to ask you to enter the order," he said to the judge.

Mike Mason, Accomack County administrator, recounted the sequence of events leading to the petition, including a December 2019 unanimous vote by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors to ask that the county be added to the HRSD.

"The Accomack board remains committed to this endeavor," he said.

The sewer line discussion initiated during an April 2018 "infrastructure summit" of community officials organized by then-Rep. Scott Taylor.

A community stakeholder group was formed after that — and the group later "determined HRSD was the right partner," Mason said.

In April 2019, HRSD completed a feasibility study of the project.

Both counties on the Eastern Shore must become part of the sanitation district for the proposed sewer line project between Nassawadox and Accomac to proceed, according to Mason.

Ted Henifin, general manager of HRSD, said the sanitation district was "here at the request of citizens ... on the Shore."

Beerends said HRSD was created to deal with "raw sewage being discharged" in Hampton Roads localities.

"The Eastern Shore does not have a raw sewage situation," she said, noting the region's thriving and growing aquaculture industry.

Beerends said the proposed project might benefit the town of Onancock, with its wastewater treatment plant, and Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

If the sewer line is built, Beerends said the treated effluent will go into Onancock Creek rather than being reused to recharge the aquifer.

She said the hearing is not just a formality and urged, "Wait — there is no hurry."

Dufty has submitted three written statements to the court objecting to the petition.

He said he was representing no one but himself and his wife, but said there is an informal group known as "Citizens for Open Government," of which he said, "We, like you, simply love the Eastern Shore" and fight to protect it.

Dufty said HRSD was created by the General Assembly "for one reason and one reason only" - to address water pollution in Hampton Roads.

He noted Hampton Roads residents got to vote in a referendum about the sanitation district.

"Residents and businesses on the Eastern Shore will have no such luxury," he said.

"The Eastern Shore has no such problem ... with raw sewage" polluting the water, he said.

He also mentioned "taxation without representation," noting other areas in HRSD are each represented by a commission member.

HRSD staff members have said the Eastern Shore will not have the same representation, Dufty alleged.

Dufty also said HRSD over the next several decades will have to spend "billions of dollars" on capital expenditures, resulting in rate increases.

"Rates over the last decade doubled because of this fiscal responsibility," he said.

Dufty also asked for a comprehensive environmental study of the proposed project, citing the need to protect the Eastern Shore's sole-source aquifer.

"It's not right for the Eastern Shore," he said of becoming part of the sanitation district.

Northampton Hearing

By Stefanie Jackson

Judge Revell Lewis III granted two petitions of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District Oct. 2, adding both Accomack and Northampton County to the district's boundaries and allowing the counties to negotiate contracts with HRSD for the operation, maintenance, and upgrading of their sewer systems.

Neither the counties nor their incorporated towns are obligated to enter agreements with HRSD.

Lewis presided over a hearing on the matter in each county last Friday, one in the Accomack County Circuit Court at 9:30 a.m. and one in the Northampton Circuit Court at 2 p.m., giving his decision immediately at the conclusion of the second hearing.

He explained that his task was to determine if adding Accomack and Northampton to the Hampton Roads Sanitation District would be beneficial to the counties.

Lewis noted the benefits of sewer systems in general. "All septic systems will eventually fail," he said.

He pointed out that different parts of the Eastern Shore have different types of soil, and not all are compatible with septic systems – some do not percolate well.

Lewis said the replacement cost of a septic system also should be considered. A new septic system that once cost \$2,000 or \$3,000 can cost up to \$10,000 or \$20,000 now, he said.

HRSD is willing to invest nearly \$25 million in sewer system infrastructure on the Eastern Shore, starting with a force main from Nassawadox to Onancock. The Onancock wastewater treatment plant would process sewage collected by the main pipeline, and the cleaned wastewater would flow into Onancock Creek.

In return, customers would pay monthly rates set by HRSD.

Those rates are increasing approximately 9% every year, said Northampton supervisor John Coker.

He supported HRSD and said its "price escalation" is its only drawback.

Former supervisor Spencer Murray supported HRSD for economic development purposes. "Infrastructure such as broadband, safe highways, and efficient and safe treatment of wastewater have proven critical to economic growth for housing and new businesses," he said.

Lewis used an analogy to explain why it would be beneficial to Accomack and Northampton to accept HRSD's offer.

He recalled living in Parksley in his youth, when every town on the Shore had a dump where trash was left.

But in 1976 Congress banned open dumping, and the new normal became sanitary landfills, which use modern technology to bury and compact trash while protecting groundwater from contamination.

Lewis pointed out that each town is not expected to have its own landfill; Accomack and Northampton each have a landfill that serves the entire county.

He also noted that each town is not left on its own to make high-speed internet available to its citizens; instead, Accomack and Northampton officials cooperated to create the regional Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority in 2008.

A regional approach also should be taken on infrastructure for wastewater collection and treatment, Lewis indicated.

HRSD doesn't just serve big cities, he added. HRSD service areas in-

clude Virginia counties with fewer people than Accomack and Northampton, which have populations of about 32,000 and 12,000, respectively. For example, the population of Mathews County is less than 9,000 and King and Queen County has about 7,000 people.

Northampton citizen Granville Hogg was concerned less about the current population and more about its continual decline. Major sewer pipelines are for growing communities, he said.

The majority of people who move to Northampton settle near the water, out of HRSD's potential service area, he said.

David Boyd agreed and said sewer systems are for areas with population or pollution that's increasing, and Northampton has neither.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality conducted a TMDL (total maximum daily load) study of Kings Creek and Cherrystone Inlet in 2010, which determined that only 24% of pollution in those waters was caused by people, he said.

Boyd was against HRSD's proposed pipeline, because it would disrupt the natural water flow and add more fresh water to Onancock Creek.

He asserted that the HRSD project was conceived to fix "a couple bad business decisions" made by towns like Onancock and Cape Charles, which built sewer systems bigger than they needed.

These bad decisions will be fixed "at the cost of the environment," and the HRSD proposal is "a bad deal all the way around," Boyd said.

Ken Dufty agreed that pumping more water into Onancock Creek instead of returning it to the ground is a bad idea that will cause environmental problems like saltwater intrusion and subsidence (land sinking).

He believed an environmental study should be done and the citizens of Accomack and Northampton should vote on whether or not they want their counties included in HRSD.

Lewis noted that environmental studies and permits would be required before HRSD could begin any construction.

He added that none of Accomack's 14 incorporated towns objected to HRSD's petition.

Lewis said HRSD's offer might not be a "once in a lifetime" opportunity, but it's "close to it."



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Registrar Responds to Allegations of Voter 'Micro-Suppression'

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack County's voter registrar responded to concerns some voters have voiced about early voting and the electoral board.

Voter Registrar Patricia White in a Sept. 29 email said 1,519 people had voted in person and the office had mailed out 2,177 ballots by that date, less than two weeks after early voting began Sept. 18. As of Sept. 1, Accomack had 24,112 registered voters.

Early ballots cast and mail applications in Accomack County totaled 4,447 as of Tuesday, compared with a total of 1,466 absentee ballots cast in the November 2016 election, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

Virginia this year for the first time allows early voting with no excuse needed to vote early or absentee.

The October newsletter of the Accomack and Northampton Democratic Committees included an article about "micro-voter suppression," citing the relocation of the Accomack County Voter Regsitration Office just over two months before the start of early voting, "receipt of incorrect/incomplete/vague election or voter information, when queried by voters and political leaders," and failure to publicly announce electoral board meetings, among other actions.

"The damage these efforts at voter suppression have caused is incalculable and cannot be reversed," the article said.

Reponding to complaints that voters were turned away at the registrar's office, White said, "On Friday, Sept. 18, which was the first day of in person early voting and mail (absentee ballot) voting, some people showed up to vote in person who had applied for and been

mailed a ballot.

"We explained that a ballot had just been mailed out to them that day and would not have had time to reach them yet and asked if they would want to wait for that ballot, vote it and also explained that there was a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the packet for them to return the ballot to us. Almost everyone who we explained that to were happy to wait to see if the ballot would come in the mail to them.

"When persons from the (Democratic) party heard this they assumed that we may have turned voters away and refused them the right to vote — that was not the case at all, we were simply trying to help them understand the process."

Similar scenarios happened around the state "because for some reason people were given the idea that they needed to vote a ballot and put it in the scanner rather then vote by mail when they had applied to vote by mail," according to White.

State guidance about how to proceed in those cases came to registrars late Wednesday, Sept. 23, after early voting began the previous Friday.

"They are now telling us to let everyone who walks in to the office and turns (in) their un-voted ballot to be allowed to vote in person or sign the statement and be given a new ballot to vote here if they do not turn the ballot into us," White said.

The statement says the voter applied for but did not receive a ballot by mail or applied for and received but lost the ballot.

"Voters need to know that each ballot in a locality must be accounted for," White said.

Responding to a question about whether proper notice is given of electoral board meetings, White said that the electoral board does not meet on a monthly, routine basis. The board typically meets more frequently during election periods.

White said after she receives notice of when the board will meet, she sends the information to the county information technology department, which posts it on the county website.

The most recent meeting was Tuesday, Oct. 6, and the information was posted on the calendar on the county website.

There were electoral board meeting minutes posted to the county's website for Jan. 21, Feb. 8, March 4, May 20, June 6, and July 22, 2020. With the exception of the July 22 meeting, postings for those meetings do not appear on the calendar on the county's website.

The electoral board reportedly met Aug. 31, although neither the meeting nor minutes appear on the county's website.

Under state law, the electoral board must follow the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, which requires posting notices of the date, time, and location of meetings on the official public government website, placing the notices in a prominent public location where public notices are regularly posted, and placing such notice at the office of the clerk of the public body or, in the case of a public body that has no clerk, at the office of the chief administrator.

White also answered a question from the Post about how and when early voting and absentee ballots will be counted in the Nov. 3 election.

"The in person and by mail (ballots) will all be tallied. We will know the numbers from the in person (voting) when that machine is closed on election night and the totals from the by mail we will know the final (results) on Friday (Nov. 6) after noon," she said, noting the Virginia General Assembly decided all ballots mailed in that are postmarked by 7 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, and received by noon that Friday are to be counted.

Still, White said the state has not given registrars direction as to how to report each of those categories "because they are all considered under the CAP (Central Absentee Precinct) precinct."

Occohannock Student Tests Positive for COVID-19

By Connie Morrison

An Occohannock Elementary student has tested positive for COVID-19, according to Northampton County Public Schools Superintendent Eddie Lawrence.

"This afternoon the Accomack-Northampton County Health Department notified us that a student attending Occohannock Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19," Lawrence said in telephone recording sent to households of Occohannock students Monday. "The classroom has been closed for thorough cleaning and all staff and students who were exposed to the student will be unable to return to the school for the next 14 days."

Lawrence added that the school division is coordinating with the health department to ensure proper protocols are followed.

Questions were referred to the building principal, Frank Palmiere.

A message on the school division's homepage reads: "Occohannock Elementary School remains open. The daily school schedule will continue as usual. No closures other than those on the adopted calendar are planned at this time."

In a Thursday phone interview, Lawrence said attendance had not dropped appreciably, but a few parents had interpreted his initial call as meaning the entire school was closed. "So I did a second robocall" in which he explained only the classroom was affected. "We never closed the school," he said.

Lawrence said as far as he knows there are no additional cases. "No one has reported symptoms to us."

The classroom has been disinfected, but remains closed while affected staff and students remain in quarantine.

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Exmore Keeping Options Open Following Court's HRSD Decision

By Stefanie Jackson

Exmore is keeping its options open after an Oct. 2 decision in the Northampton circuit court that will allow the county to become part of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District and negotiate a contract for HRSD to operate, maintain, and upgrade Exmore's sewer system.

"We need to play our cards close to our chest," Town Manager Robert Duer told the town council Monday night.

Exmore needs to replace its aging sewer plant, and the town council may choose to turn over responsibility for the facility to HRSD, which would also take over setting sewer rates and billing customers.

The town's other option is to build a new sewer plant and expand its collection system. If that option is chosen, Exmore can apply for grants and loans from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help pay for the project.

Town officials want to expand the collection system so every Exmore resident and business owner can get sewer service, up to 900 customers. Exmore is currently limited to 350 sewer customers by a Virginia Department of Health consent order.

Due to the economic impacts of COVID-19, the Virginia State Corporation Commission banned cutting off utilities due to nonpayment starting March 16. The ban ended Oct. 5, after several extensions.

That meant 48 Exmore water customers who hadn't paid their bills were scheduled to have their water turned off Tuesday morning, Duer said.

He noted that the town would have been able to collect the money earlier if the water bills had been in the names of landowners, not renters.

The town can now collect payments for overdue water bills, but it cannot charge interest.

Duer emphasized the importance of the town getting paid for its services.

Exmore lost about \$30,000 from unpaid water bills, or about a year's salary for one town employee.

"If we can't sell water, we can't rent motel rooms, and we can't eat out, it's hard to make our budget," he told town council members.

Duer wants to set aside funding in next year's budget for Exmore to hire a building inspector to enforce rental and building codes.

"We've got some bad properties and we've got some bad renters, and ... we need to get a grip on it," he said.

"If we get sewer, people will build in Exmore," Duer said.

Northampton County received more than \$2 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and gave portions to each of its incorporated towns based on population.

Exmore received two installments of about \$118,000 each, but the money had to be spent on things like touchless toilets and other items that prevent the spread of germs.

The town was not allowed to use the money how it wanted, for example, to cover utility bills. "So I think the best thing is to give it back to the county and let them give it to the businesses," Duer said, referring to Northampton's COVID-19 grant program for small businesses.

Business owners may submit or print a grant application by visiting www.co.northampton.va.us

Each business can get as much as \$10,000 – up to \$5,000 for business expenses or revenue losses and up to \$5,000 for improvements to safeguard against COVID-19.

"Every business is getting it. The first \$5,000 – all you have to do is put your name on the document and you get it," Duer remarked.

Exmore will get its money back through sales tax revenue and business license fees as businesses are able to reopen and continue to operate, he said.

A motion was made to return Exmore's CARES Act money to Northampton for use in the county's small business grant program; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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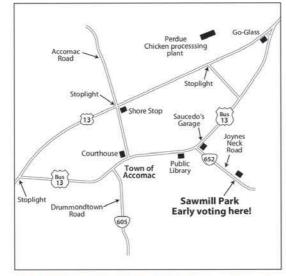
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Virginia Coast Reserve Celebrates 50 Years with Renaming

By Carol Vaughn

The Nature Conservancy's Virginia Coast Reserve has a new name as it celebrates its 50th year on the Eastern Shore.

It is now called the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve, in recognition of The Volgenau Foundation's long-term support of the organization, including a recent \$5 million gift.

"The Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve honors Dr. Ernst Volgenau and his family for their conservation impact over more than three decades supporting TNC projects from Virginia to California," according to a press release.

While the family foundation has supported numerous TNC conservation projects, the renaming "befits the family's special connection and ongoing commitment to the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where their partnership with TNC began," the release said.

"The Volgenau leadership gift will be used to fund all of the great work happening at the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve into the next 50 years," said VVCR Director Jill Bieri in an email.

That includes continuing to protect and manage conservation lands; management and research associated with migratory birds and the barrier islands and other coastal ecosystems; marine habitat restoration involving eelgrass and oysters and work to advance coastal resilience for nature and people — including nature-based solutions and expanding education and community outreach programs, Bieri said.

"Their gift, on the occasion of our 50th, is intended to help us leverage additional funding to support this important work into the next 50 years," she said.

Bieri, who leads a staff of 12 at the reserve, reviewed highlights of the past 50 years during an Oct. 1 webinar to which more than 200 people tuned in.

Bieri reflected on "how this really local program is having global impacts."

The reserve includes 14 undeveloped barrier and marsh islands — the longest expanse of undeveloped coastal wilderness remaining on the east coast.

After the opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel in the 1960s, land developers increasingly eyed the Virginia Eastern Shore barrier islands. In 1969, the New York-based Smith Island Development Corporation announced it had purchased Smith, Myrtle, and Ship Shoal islands, with plans to build a \$150 million resort community, according to a TNC history.

By 1970, TNC purchased the islands and one more, along with part of Hog Island.

Eventually, the Virginia Coast Reserve included most of 14 barrier islands and Brownsville Preserve near Nassawadox.

At present, around 133,000 acres on the Eastern Shore of Virginia are conserved, including 40,000 acres owned or managed by TNC, as well as land conserved by partners.

That amounts to 33% of the total land cover on the Shore.

Of the 40,000 acres, 33,000 acres are owned by TNC and the remainder is in 70 private conservation easement properties.

TNC today "is thinking about land protection in very different terms than we did 50 years ago," Bieri said during the webinar.

Fifty years ago the organization was focused on protecting undeveloped coastal areas for biodiversity and bird habitat.

"That's still very important to The Nature Conservancy, but...when we think about priority places on the Eastern Shore to protect now, we think about those places that will help us with resilience — where can we protect behind coastal marshes, so that as sea level rise increases those marshes can continue to migrate and we still have the benefit of those systems," Bieri said.

A 2017 study by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis and Urban Analytics detailed the impact of conserved land on the economies of Accomack and Northampton counties.

The study found conservation organizations spend \$22 million a year and add \$9 million to the gross regional product and 161 jobs to the area.

Gross regional product is the market value of all goods and services produced within an area in a given period of time.

Additionally, conservation visitors spend \$51 million and add \$26 million

to the GRP and 665 jobs to the region.

The aquaculture industry, which relies on conserved lands to provide clean water, accounts for \$157 million in spending, \$114 million added to the GRP, and 445 jobs, according to the study.

Bieri's presentation included discussion of the reserve's successful seagrass restoration project — the world's largest at 9,000 acres to date; efforts to protect migratory bird habitat; oyster restoration projects, which also can help protect marshland; development of a coastal resiliency tool to help communities visualize the effects of climate change (https://maps.coastalresilience.org/virginia); and education and outreach programs, including workshops for teachers and students.

"Our long-term strategy — which is a long-term strategy that everyone should think about in terms of connecting people to nature — is through education," Bieri said.

Professional development for Shore teachers and a field experience for every fifth, seventh, and 10th grade student on the Shore are components of VVCR's education outreach.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has put a damper on many of the in-person educational programs, VCCR is offering virtual workshops and presentations and is doing limited in-person teacher workshops, with safety protocols in place.

"We hope very soon we'll be able to get kids in kayaks and boots and boats again out in the field," Bieri said.

Additionally, the VCCR recently created an eight-member advisory committee comprising diverse community members to help the organization better understand how it can communicate with and listen to the community "and how they can be partners with us in our work going forward," Bieri said.

Bieri during the webinar announced a new website, https://exploreoursea-side.org, with information about visiting the barrier islands, the area's natural history, migratory birds, ecotourism operators, and more. The website was funded by The Nature Conservancy with support from The Volgenau Foundation and by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program led by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality through a grant from NOAA.

Safe Boating Tips From Flotilla 12-02 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Submitted Article

Now that the worst of the summer is over, many are looking forward to fall and some of the best boating of the year. Despite that, there is one new danger often overlooked that needs to be prepared for – that is falling water temperatures.

While the air might be pleasant, water temperatures in the 70's are actually cold for humans. Anything below 70 can lead to hypothermia and death if you and your crew aren't prepared.

Boating on cold water without wearing a life jacket mean not being prepared. The most critical thing is to dress for the water, not for the air. Clothes that keep you warm when dry will fail when wet — especially without a life jacket.

The best things for cold water are a wet suit, a float coat or a "mus-

tang" as long as the water is above 55 degrees F. Below that you need a survival suit. Wool will actually help keep you warm when wet, but again, only in combination with a life jacket.

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Court Postings

Accomack County Circuit Court Cases

By Nancy Drury Duncan

Brian Keith Boyce Jr., 30, of Green-backville, pleaded guilty to abuse and neglect of a child causing serious injury. In August 2019, fire crews responded to a call of an explosion and fire at

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757-710-3032 Hopeton, VA a shed in Greenbackville. They found Boyce and his son severely burned, said Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan. Both were flown by MedEvac helicopter to The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

When he was able to be interviewed, Boyce told an investigator that he had been using cocaine for three days and "huffing" propane. He said he must have left the valve open on one of the propane cannisters and fallen asleep, Morgan said. He told them he smelled something funny when he awoke but did not know what it was. He lit a cigarette and the structure exploded.

Testimony at the preliminary hearing was that Boyce and his son were staying in the shed while doing some work for the property owner. Morgan said the child has now largely recovered from his burns. Defense Attorney Garrett Dunham told the court Boyce was recently incarcerated on other charges. Boyce has a good relationship with the boy and with his

mother, he said. "The child loves his father." He described the incident as a "horrible accident." Judge W. Revell Lewis III ordered a presentence report. Boyce is set to be sentenced on Jan. 7, 2021.

Donnie Mitchell Smith, 61, of Atlantic, pleaded guilty to possession of heroin. EMTs were called Dec. 24, 2019, to his residence on Wisharts Point Road. Smith was found in his front yard unconscious from a drug overdose, said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. He was revived and taken to a hospital. He admitted he had used heroin he had bought from some men at Royal Farms in New Church earlier. Police suspect the men might have dropped Smith off in his yard when they saw he began having a bad reaction to the drug, said Morgan. Evidence presented was that tests showed the heroin was combined with fentanvl.

Defense attorney Carl Bundick told the court Smith wished to participate in the first offender program. Judge Lewis explained the program, telling Smith he must remain drug and alcohol free while on probation and must complete community service. He told him his felony would be dismissed if successful. Smith agreed to the terms. He is to return to court on Oct. 7, 2021.

April Lynn Pruitt, 43, of Wallops Island, was in circuit court one year after pleading guilty to possession of cocaine and marijuana. She requested the first offender program requiring her to be on probation for one year and do 100 hours of community service. If the program is successfully completed, she would not have a felony conviction. Pruitt met most of the conditions of her probation, but she used marijuana and did not complete her community service, which she attributed to COVID-19, said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. "This is a serious matter," said Judge Lewis. "I am not sure I understand how COVID can interfere with picking up trash on the road. You used marijuana. It may not be criminal now but it is still illegal. You said it was for pain. There are many over-the-counter pain medications." He continued her case until Feb. 4, 2021, to complete her community service and to remain drug free.

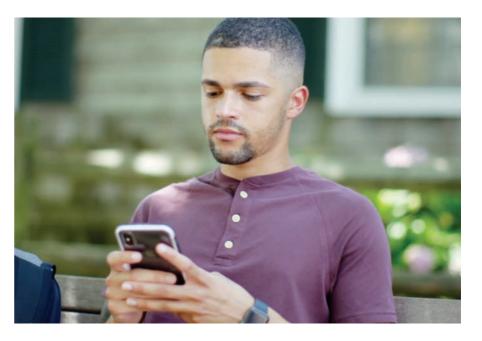
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OBITUARIES

Leonia Dillard Baines

Mrs. Leonia Francis Dillard Baines, of Dover, Del., known to family and friends as "Lee," beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt, passed away on Oct. 1, 2020. She was 90.

A native of Exmore, after living during her earlier adult years in Virginia and New York City, Leonia moved to Delaware in 1974. Residing mostly in

Felton, Del., for 26 years, she and her husband, Hilton Baines (deceased), served as foster parents for more than 50 children. During her Delaware years, she was a member of Victory Chapel.



Mrs. Baines

Union Baptist Church, and Second Baptist Church, all of Dover.

She is survived by two daughters, Eleanor Mary Elizabeth Wilson and Margaret P. Collins-Leonard; two foster children, Loretta Muntz and Deshon Blue, who Leonia raised as her children; two nephews, Robert Baines (Margaret), and Dr. Tyrone R. Baines (Shereatha); and a host of other family and friends.

A viewing will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, from 10 to 11 a.m., followed immediately by a Homegoing Service, both at First Pilgrim Baptist Church, 27 N. Caesar Rodney Ave., Camden, Del. The viewing is open to all; however, due to limited seating for COVID-19 compliance, attendance during the Homegoing Service will be by invitation only. The burial will take place later that day at Ebenezer AME Church Cemetery, Capeville.

Carolyn Lee Bono

Mrs. Carolyn Lee Bono, 79, wife of Gerald Charles Bono and a resident of Exmore, died peacefully on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020, at her home with family. A native of Cape Charles, she was the daughter of the late Myrtle Elizabeth Hamilton Shackleford and the late George Samuel Colonna, but was lovingly raised by the late Buddy Shackl-

eford. Carolyn was a generous and loyal friend, a compassionate and competent nurse, a devoted wife to Jerry, a fiercely dedicated mother to her five boys, and grandmother to her 16 grand-



Mrs. Bono

to her 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A registered nurse, Carolyn started her career as an emergency department charge and staff nurse at Shore Memorial Hospital, a job she loved as it allowed her to save lives and alleviate the suffering of others. Later, she became a clinical director of Medshares Nursing Services, an emergency medical coordinator for Northampton County, and director of nursing for Eastern Shore Rural Health. She closed her career as a hospice and palliative care coordinator, often rushing to patients' sides to provide comfort and relief in the dark hours of the night or the hushed time before dawn. She gently shepherded many a waning soul into the hands of a loving God. Carolyn dedicated her whole life to helping others, not only through her nursing career, but also through her volunteer work at St. Charles Catholic Church and, later, in the Ladies Auxiliary at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Born an only child, Carolyn spent her life creating family and community, and she often did that through her amazing cooking. She went from "not being able to boil an egg" as a new wife to an accomplished chef who loved to cater baby showers, weddings, and parties. Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Bono house will be lovingly remembered for the camaraderie and the unbelievable spread, enough for weeks of leftovers. Her cream cheese brownies and Italian meatballs are legendary and irreplicable because Carolyn took creative liberties with recipes and rarely measured anything.

Carolyn literally lived in a house by the side of the road and was a friend to man. Because of her unwavering faith in Christ and her lifetime of selfless giving, everyone knows that Carolyn is home, not the family home like her family wanted, but home with Christ. And everyone knows the place is joyful and smelling heavenly like Carolyn's kitchen.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by her five sons, Jack David Bono and his wife, Dixie, of Machipongo, Charles Edward Bono and his wife, Judy, of Williamsburg, Va., Scott Anthony Bono and his wife. Cheryl Lynn, of Melfa, Todd Andrew Bono and his wife, Kathy, of Smithburg, Md., and Michael Douglas Bono and his wife, Kimberly, of Painter; 16 grandchildren, Krystle Dawn Bono, Ryan David Bono, Gabe Bono, Hannah Bono, Brett Bono, Kevin Edelmann, Emma Bono, Maggie Bono, Savannah Bono, Kyle Sosnowski, Nick Bono, Sam Bono, Max Bono, Sophia Bono, Claire Bono, and Joe Bono; and one greatgrandchild, Isabella Bono Evans.

A funeral Mass will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at 11 a.m., at St. Charles Catholic Church with Father J. Michael Breslin officiating. Inurnment will follow in the St. Charles Borromeo Memorial Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church, 545 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles, VA 23310, or St. Peter's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 860, Onley, VA 23418.

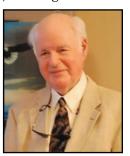
Online condolences may be sent to the family at <u>www.doughtyfuneralhome.com</u>

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Lemoin B. Cree

It is with profound sadness that Blue Heron Realty Co. announces that its founder and, until recently, its principal broker, **Mr. Lemoin B. Cree,** passed away Sept. 28, 2020, at Sentara Virginia Beach hospital. A Shore resident for 35 years, Lemoin was well-regarded as a kind and helpful man, a truly talented and creative person, bursting with ideas

and full of energy. He is survived by his beloved wife, Marlene Cree, and their five children, Scott Anderson, Montaigne Cree, Heather Brady, Nicole Killebrew, and Barrett Cree, as well as six



Mr. Cree

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all from the Shore.

Lemoin loved the Eastern Shore and strived every day to be supportive of his family and the community, to help where he could, to work hard, to try always to do the right thing, and to be an encouraging leader for members of his firm.

A graduate of the University of Colorado, he went on to serve in the U.S. Army before starting in business as an editorial writer for a national trade association. That led to a lifelong interest in writing, eventually resulting in writing a book about the Eastern Shore.

At Blue Heron Realty, one of his key roles was as the "Solution Finder-In-Chief" who believed that intercompany cooperation and collaboration was key to running a successful business. Lemoin was trusted implicitly by his clients who appreciated his candor and optimistic personality. He was also instrumental in the design, development, and marketing of several little communities in Northampton County including Shooting Point, Wellington River Woods, Bay Vistas, and others. He believed in good design because it would create an attractive place to live, enhance the topography of the property, and protect the environment. In keeping with the concerns of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, he particularly tried to incorporate the use of swales to reduce sedimentation runoff into the Bay.

A determined survivor of lymphoma, CML, heart disease, and plagued in recent years by macular degeneration, he



remained the indispensable leader of the Blue Heron team. Lemoin Cree was an exceptional person with a compassionate heart, a great sense of humor, and a love of relating stories shined up with a bit of the blarney. He shall be truly missed at Blue Heron Realty and beyond.

Due to COVID-19, the family will be having a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Food Bank of the Eastern Shore.

Mary W. Evans

Mrs. Mary W. Evans, 96, of Modest Town, passed away Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020, at Commonwealth Senior Living in Onancock. Born March 7, 1924, in Marion, N.C., she was a daughter of the late Milton Finley Greene and the late Margaret Edna Craig Greene. Mrs. Evans was a secretary for the National Association of Manufacturers and a

longtime member of Modest Town Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she predeceased was by her husband. Charles Leonard "Charlie" Evans; and her brothers and sisters, Ward



Mrs. Evans

and Perry Greene, Faye G. Davis, and Vera G. Goode. She is survived by several nieces and nephews and their families.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside at the Modest Town Baptist Church Cemetery on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at 1 p.m., with the Rev. John Cullop officiating.

Contributions in Mary's memory may be made to Modest Town Baptist Church, c/o Tina B. Wessells, P.O. Box 7, Modest Town, VA 23412.

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

Arrangements were made by Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Virginia "Toni" Grimes

Mrs. Virginia "Toni" Garland Newton Grimes, 91, wife of Dallas Bernard Grimes and resident of Pungoteague, passed away June 29, 2020, following a brief illness. Toni was known as GG to her grandchildren and Mom to the family. Her absence will be deeply felt by her family and many friends, from Connecticut to California,

from Virginia to Barbados. The sun will sorely miss having Mom in her view.

Toni is survived by her family, her husband, Dallas, of 68 years; her daughter, Ellen; her son, Charles, and his wife, Cathy, and their daughters,

Victoria and Allie; her son, Christopher, and his wife, Nancy, and their twins, Shane and Cleo; and her son, Jeffrey. She is also survived by her sister, Jane Mason. She is preceded in death by



Mrs. Grimes

her parents, Charles and Irma Newton; her stepfather, "Buck" Harper; and her brother-in-law, Elwood Mason.

Toni was a New Year's gift to her parents, Charles and Irma DeShazo Newton, on Jan. 1, 1929, in King George, Va. Toni lived in King George until graduating from high school. She attended James Madison College and graduated from The Medical College of Virginia with a degree as a registered nurse. Marriage to Dallas took her to Connecticut where they resided, raised a family, and made good friends for over 65 years. Toni was loved by all, kids and parents, for her caring nature as school nurse at Redding Elementary School for over 18 vears. Following her heart and roots. Toni and Dallas returned to King George in 2015, before moving to Pungoteague in 2017, on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

There can be no greater tribute to be paid to a departed loved one than the fond memories of her children and grandchildren. Memories of her bountiful flower and vegetable gardens, amazing cooking and dinner parties, and afternoons spent sitting with GG on her porch swing talking, laughing, and sipping her sweet iced tea will forever be in their hearts.

There will be no public service. Her family welcomes gifts of love from those who wish to express them through donations to The National Audubon Society. P.O. Box 97194, Washington, DC 20090-7194. Please include with your donation, a note stating "In memory of Virginia 'Toni' Grimes" and the return notification address of: Toni. 30334 Kusian Cove Road. Painter, VA 23420. Friends and family may visit www.forevermissed.com to reflect on and leave love and fond memories.

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

Arrangements were made Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Joseph Kelly

Mr. Joseph Kelly, 59, of Parksley, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020.

Mr. Kelly was born to Thomas and Teresa Kelly on Long Island, N.Y., and he grew up in Orient, N.Y., graduating from Greenport High School in 1978. He attended college in Farmville, Va... and after a brief period in Long Island,

he moved to Parksley, and spent his working career both as a commercial fisherman and a farmer. He was particularly proud of his fishing boat Toots. which he used for both for fishing



Mr. Kelly

and long-line lobstering in the waters off the east coast of Virginia.

Mr. Kelly was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He met his

wife, Peggy, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and they were married for 32 years. He is also survived by their four children, Sarah Prior, of Parksley, Joseph Prior (Angela), of Newport News, Va., James Kelly (Amy), of Salisbury, Md., and Thomas Kelly, of Salisbury; and three grandchildren, Andy Totty, Caleb Totty, and Iris Kelly. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Patrick Kelly (Ellen), of Ledyard, Conn.; sisters, Mary Kelly (Heather Peck), of Charlottesville, Va., and Elizabeth Kelly Hancock (Michael), of Charlottesville; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Joe was a family favorite who will be terribly missed by all.

In addition to the love of his family, Mr. Kelly's life was enriched by his countless friends from the Eastern Shore of Virginia and eastern Long Island. Despite his busy work schedule, he used social media to stay in contact with his friends and was never reluctant about expressing his views of the world.

Mr. Kelly was a member of St. Peter's Parish in Onley.

A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m., from

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the 45' x 14' screened porch that extends your dining and entertainment area. Steps lead to a large observation deck overlooking Oyster Bay. Large storage areas and garage are beneath the home. Many upgrades includes windows, doors, roof, heat and air, bulkhead. Home has been lifted and has an unfinished bonus room behind garage. Most furnishings convey. Outside Shower. Sellers are offering a home warranty.



MLS #51253 Dogwood Ln., Wallops Island

Large .72 acre building lot, conveniently cated near entrance to NASA and 15 minu to Chincoteague and Assateague Islands. This property has a four bedroom septic certification letter on file from Accor County Health Dept.



MLS #51892 Sunset Bay

Beyond is part of a luxury waterfront cor with 3 bedrooms, Master bath with Jacuzzi, living oom, kitchen w/open area for dining, swimmir ool, fitness room, large boat slip and dock. This a 1st floor unit so easy to get to your boat

\$385,000



MLS #51358 Wildcat Ln., Lot #4

3.67 acre waterfront property overlooking Chincoteague Bay. Bedroom septic installed on property. Build on this beautiful lot and use as a vacation rental or resident home

\$197,000



MLS #51800 Hansen Farm Ln., New Church REDUCED!

If you have always dreamed of owning your own home then look no further! This property has 3 Bedrooms, LR, eat-in kitchen, 2 Baths, Deck.

\$139,000

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the Kelly Family Cemetery, Whites Neck Road, in Parksley, with Pastor Bob Boyce officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Richard Malcolm Leal

Mr. Richard Malcolm Leal, 88, of Cape Charles, passed from this life at Sentara Hospice House Virginia Beach Monday, Sept. 28, 2020, after a brief illness.

Born in Carshalton, Surrey, England in 1932, Richard was a child of wartime Britain, surviving the Blitz and strafing of his hometown by Nazi

bombers amid other wartime privations and adventures which, while traumatic at that time, made for a trove of treasured stories to be told and retold throughout his life. He served in



Mr. Leal

the Royal Air Force and was a graduate of Croyden Polytechnic.

In 1967, he was offered a position as head of the New York City office of a London-based company. Despite having neither family, friends, or connections here, he nonetheless immigrated to the United States together with his wife, Janet Dixon Leal, and children, Jeremy and Rebecca, settling in Ridgewood, N.J. He was associated with various businesses over the ensuing years, retiring in 1998 as vice president of the manufacturers' representative company Maloney & Curcio, Inc., Mountainside, N.J.

Richard and Janet chose to spend their retirement years by the water, settling in Cape Charles where they built a house and put down new roots through numerous volunteer activities until her untimely passing in 1999.

Richard was a consummate salesman who never met a stranger and never shrank from sharing his jokes and strong opinions on life in his trademark British accent. He relished and rose to meet every challenge with the determination and "stiff upper lip" mindset he inherited from his father.

Richard leaves his wife, Joan Prescott, of Cape Charles, whom he married in 2004; son, Jeremy Leal (Colette), of Atlanta, Ga.; daughter, Rebecca Johnson (John), of Port Jervis, N.Y.; grandchildren, Aisling and Taryn Leal, and Cassandra, Timothy, and Christopher Johnson; and stepdaughters, Julie Wray and Carolyn Cordrey. He was a member of the Cape Charles Rotary Club.

A memorial and celebration of Richard's life will be held at a post-COVID future date.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.hollomon-brown.com

Memorial donations in Richard's name may be made to the Rotary Club of Cape Charles, 7 Carissa Court, Cape Charles, VA 23310, or the Eastern Shore SPCA at www.shorespca.com

Thelma Louise Mason

Ret. Master Sgt. Thelma Louise "Lou" Mason, 64, of Fredericksburg, Va., passed away at her home on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, with her family by her side.

Thelma dedicated 24 years of her life to serving our country in the Army. She was the life of the party and was always smiling and dancing. Thelma

was very helpful and giving. She loved sports, especially playing softball.

She is survived by her daughters, Cherrelle Mason and Brittney Brown (Joseph Cunningham);



Ret. MSG Mason

four grandchildren, CháNiyah, Braxton, Bayleigh, and Josie; her siblings, Shirley, Larry, Preston (Rosa), Melvin (DeeDee), Teresa, and Rochelle; her companion, MR; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving extended family.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, George and Annie Brown; a brother, Howard; and a sister, Rosemary.

She will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial dona-

tion may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.com/donate

Condolences may be shared with her family at www.foundandsons.com

John Lee Nottingham

Mr. John Lee Nottingham, 65, husband of Patricia Powell Nottingham and a resident of Keller, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. A native of Cashville, he was the son of the late Earl Thomas Nottingham and the late Catherine Estelle Parker Nottingham. He was the

retired owner of The Floor Store.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by a son, Greg Nottingham, and his wife, Lee Ann, of Keller; two grandchildren, R.J. Nottingham and Ka-



Mr. Nottingham

tie Nottingham, both of Keller; a sister, Betty N. Thornes, of Exmore; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas P. Nottingham.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020, at Doughty Funeral Home with the Rev. Rob Kelly and Pastor Kendra Powell officiating.

Corrected Service Info: Lanny Ross Mason

Mr. Lanny Ross Mason, 74, husband of Linda Laird Mason and a resident of Onancock, passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2020. Born Jan. 12, 1946, in Nassawadox, he was the only child of the late Melvin and Virginia Ross Mason.

A celebration of Lanny's life will be conducted from the graveside at the Onancock Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at 11 a.m., with George Fulk officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a contribution in Lanny's memory to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Inurnment followed in Belle Haven Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were made b Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Karen Dise Parks

Mrs. Karen Dise Parks, 61, of Tangier Island, formerly of Onley, went peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, with her loving family at her side. Born Aug. 4, 1959, on Tangier Island, she was the daughter of the late Adrian Ewell Dise and the late Gladys Marie Bowden Dise.

A matriarch, best friend, and confidant, Karen leaves to honor and celebrate her memory her husband of 44 years, the Rev. Charles W. "Chuck" Parks III; their daughters. Rebecca



Mrs. Parks

Parks Eberts and her husband, ET, of Cashville, and Hannah Parks Annis and her husband, John, of Gargatha; brothers, Cook Cannon and his wife, Jody, Larry Dise and his wife, Hennie, and Dana Dise and his wife, Sharon, all of Tangier; grandchildren, Wesley and Aidan Eberts, and Lily Miles and David Annis; several nieces and nephews, to include her special niece, Janet Cannon-Ford; and countless children, neighbors, and friends, all of whom

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were grateful to have known her love. In addition to her parents, Karen was predeceased by her sister, Joanne Cooper, and her husband, Bill.

With a heart full of boundless generosity and compassion, Karen's bright light and warm smile instantly brought ease to those around her. Though she would stop at nothing to help anyone in need, Karen was especially drawn to children and the elderly. For many years, she worked as a teacher's aide at Kegotank Elementary School, and most recently at Tangier Combined School, and was always the first to comfort her preschoolers when they were upset. Often preparing and delivering meals to the elderly, Karen looked forward to her regular visits and long talks. A faithful servant of the Lord in all that she did and all that she was, Karen proudly devoted her time to her church, the congregation, and the community. For decades, she served as a Bible school and Sunday school teacher, organized church fundraisers and functions, and remained active in Relay for Life. Karen's love for children, the Lord, and her precious family came full circle during her favorite time of year - Christmas. Though she never made a fuss about anything, Christmas was the exception, as it brought her great joy to celebrate all she adored. Karen was an extraordinary wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend whose legacy will live on through the many lives she touched.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Bob Cooper officiating.

Contributions in Karen's memory may be made to Swain Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 199, Tangier, VA 23440, or to the American Cancer Society, ATTN: Relay for Life of Nandua, 1315 Mt. Hermon Road, Suite D, Salisbury, MD 21804 (memo: In Memory of Karen Parks) or online at www.relayforlife.org/nanduava

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Constance Aaron Reid

Mr. Constance Aaron "Junior" Reid, 86, the son of the late Mary and Clarence Reid, was released from the loving arms of his daughter, Neise, and son-in-law, Gordon Wilson, from their home in Nassawadox, into the arms of the angelic host and took his flight to Glory to rest eternally with the Savior on Aug. 23, 2020.

Junior, as he was called by all his family and friends, was born July 9, 1934, and attended school in Northampton County.

Having been raised on the Eastern Shore of



Mr. Reid

Virginia, Junior developed a love for farming and worked various jobs on the farm. Whatever his job was, Junior took great pride in his work. In his later years, you could see Junior driving the grain truck up to East-ville, but he was never alone. You could always see his trusted companion, Bandit, riding shotgun with him. No matter where Junior went, Bandit was sure to be close by.

Junior had a special love for his family and lived surrounded by his sisters, Jeanette and Bernice, and before his demise, the word of God was fulfilled in his life that "his latter days would be greater than the former," and what made them great was, each of those days was spent in the loving, attentive care of Neise and Gordon. Even to the moment that he closed his eyes into eternal peace, they were constantly there.

Junior leaves to celebrate his wonderful life: his devoted daughter, Bernice "Neise" Wilson (Gordon), of Nassawadox; son, Terrance Summers (Nicole), of South Carolina; four grandchildren, Eric Gardner, of New York, Terrance, of Texas, Tyiesha, of Alaska, and Treakwon, of South Carolina; two sisters, Bernice Smith, of Eastville, and Jeanette Robinson (Abraham), of Eastville; two brothers, Clarence Reid, of Trenton, N.J., and Ferdinand Reid, of Eastville; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Junior was preceded in death by

two sons, Elvis and Kelvin; his mother, Mary; and his father, Clarence.

Services were conducted Aug. 29, 2020, at Bethel AME Church cemetery in Eastville.

Randolph H. Walker Jr.

Mr. Randolph Hastings Walker Jr., 89, of Crozet, Va., died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020.

He grew up on his family's farm and oyster business on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, where he attended Northampton High School. After a post-graduate year at Randolph Macon Academy, he served in the U.S. Army

medical corps from 1953 to 1956. He went on to the University of Richmond where he received a B.A. degree in English.

His first job after college was with Atlantic Life Insurance



<u>Mr. Walker</u>

Company in public relations. He left to become production manager at Cabell Eanes advertising agency and then returned to the University of Richmond as assistant public relations director and later as public information officer.

After 15 years at UR, he left to buy a marina with a university associate in Lancaster County in Virginia's Northern Neck. They renamed the marina Yankee Point Sailboat Marina. They expanded it from 10 to 100 slips, leased boat slips, operated a sailing school, a yacht repair yard, sold new and used sailboats, and helped facilitate the Yankee Point Yacht Club.

In 1992 he retired to the Eastern Shore with his wife, Mary. He was known to many for the next few years as the author of "On the Salty Side," a column he wrote for the Eastern Shore News. He and Mary moved to Crozet in 2002 to be closer to their children.

Mr. Walker is predeceased by his parents, Randolph Hastings Walker Sr. and Mary Hamilton Williams Walker. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his sons, Randolph Hastings Walker III, of Roanoke, Va., and the Rev. Paul Nelson Walker (Christie), of Charlottesville, Va.; a sister, Mary Hamilton Stuart, and a brother, Herman Belote

Walker (Mary), both of Northampton County; Mary's children, John Hurt Whitehead IV (Cristi), of North Carolina, Robert Grubb Whitehead, of Richmond, Va., Mary Scott Neisser (Mark), of Free Union, Va., and William Coles Whitehead (Laura), of Milford, Pa.; three grandchildren, Hilary, Glen, and Rob Walker; 12 step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and former wife, Lovey Jane Long.

Among professional and other organizations Mr. Walker belonged to were the Richmond Public Relations Association and the Public Relations Society of America. He loved baseball, sailing, fishing, and quail hunting.

The family would like to thank the staff of English Meadows for their warm and compassionate care for Randolph this past year.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank at 1207 Harris St., Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Due to the pandemic, the family will hold a private, graveside service at Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church in White Hall, Va.





Chincoteague Town Council: Chamber Awardees, Water Updates, CARES Grants

By Carol Vaughn

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce announced its 2020 awards for citizen and business person of the year during the Chincoteague Town Council meeting Monday.

Sue Johnson, owner of Blue Crab Treasures on Main Street, was selected as the Leonard "Buddy" Burton Business Person of the Year.

Johnson has been a Main Street merchant for more than five years and is a staunch supporter of downtown businesses, according to a press release.

She is a member of the Historic Main Street Merchants' Association and coordinates many activities including the annual Search for the Shamrocks.

Johnson supports local artisans by offering their items in her store, according to the nomination ballot received from a frequent customer, who said she is quick to inform customers of events and activities on the island to encourage participation and attendance. Johnson is an avid horse lover and supports fundraising efforts of the Chincoteague Legacy Group, The Feather Fund, and the Chincoteague Pony Rescue by selling their items in her shop.

"Sue is one person who loves this community. ... That is a well-deserved award," said Councilwoman Denise Bowden.

Valerie Tolbert was awarded the John White Shields Citizen of the Year Award.

"A good citizen is a smiling citizen," Holloway said in presenting the award.

While raising two active boys, she and husband, Mike, built and operated a very successful family business, Sunrise Motor Inn, according to the release.

Now Tolbert enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren while still remaining active in the community.

She has been involved in PTA at both Chincoteague Elementary and Chincoteague Combined Schools over the years, as well as storytelling at Chincoteague Elementary School, serving as chairman of the After Prom Committee, and numerous fundraising positions.

Tolbert has held positions on the board of trustees and administrative board of Christ United Methodist



Sue Johnson, 2020 Leonard "Buddy" Burton Business Person of the Year, with Benjy Holloway, Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce president. Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce photo.



Valerie Tolbert, 2020 John White Shields Citizen of the Year, with Benjy Holloway, Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce president. Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce photo.

Church and has been a volunteer for Manna Café since its inception.

She also brings cheer to nursing home residents with regular visits and gifts and helps at the polls on election day.

"There are so many people she has touched on the island with her warm smile," according to her nomination ballot.

"You really know how to touch people," Bowden said to Tolbert.

Water Supply Update

The Virginia Department of Health inspected and approved the filtration plant NASA Wallops Flight Facility built for Chincoteague's water supply, which comes from wells on the mainland, Town Manager Mike Tolbert said.

The town also is requiring operational testing of the plant to verify its effective-

ness when used on a typical schedule.

The town has approved the testing protocol proposed by NASA, but the tests have not yet been scheduled, Tolbert said.

The filtration system is designed to remove PFAS, a chemical that had been detected in Chincoteague's water previously.

PFAS are man-made industrial chemicals manufactured since the 1940s that are persistent in the environment and in the human body.

In the case of Chincoteague's drinking water, they were traced to a foam used at a former fire-fighting training area at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility main base.

After discovering in 2017 that four of Chincoteague's seven production wells tested positive for PFAS at above the EPA's health advisory level, those wells were taken out of service and NASA began supplementing the town's drinking water with water from the Wallops Flight Facility main base.

As a longer-term solution, NASA is installing the filtration system, which will enable Chincoteague to use its shallow wells for production, according to NASA.

CARES Act Grants

The town has given 34 applications for a second round of grants to small businesses and watermen, funded by the federal CARES Act.

Applications became available for pick up at the town office on Sept. 24 and continue to be available.

Completed applications were being accepted starting Oct. 6 at 10 a.m.

Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis starting the week of Oct. 12.

"We are hopeful that we will have a lot more people apply," Tolbert said.

Eligible businesses and watermen could receive grants of \$4,000 each.

Chincoteague is receiving another \$281,961 in a second round of federal CARES Act funding from Accomack County.

The money is to be used for expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the grants and other items, some of the funds went for hazard pay of \$2 per hour for employees whose duties required them to be in close contact with potentially positive cases between March 1 and June 30.

Retirements

Two long-time town employees, Fi-

nance Director Karen Hipple and Building and Zoning Administrator Kenny Lewis, recently retired.

The town hired long-time employee Kelly Lewis to fill the position of finance director and Mark Bowden as building and zoning administrator. Bowden has 26 years' experience working in the Accomack County Building Department, most recently as deputy director.

EMS and COVID-19 Update

The Chincoteague Emergency Medical Services Division in September had 74 EMS responses, nine more than the same month in 2019.

"And 2019 was our busiest year on record," Rush said.

The department is still working to get additional personal protective equipment, in particular large N-95 masks.

After reporting changes, 30 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the Chincoteague ZIP code.

That includes around eight to nine active cases at present, Rush said.

In all, 604 people in the 23336 ZIP code have been tested for COVID-19.

"We are on day 209" of the town's state of emergency, according to Rush.





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sprey-Eyed Reader Contest: Harsh Stings to Sweet Bites

Last Week's Contest: **Stingrays Swimming in Newsprint**

Our osprey-eyed readers tried to count stingrays depicted in the Sting-Ray's restaurant ad and photograph as among the 10 stingrays we hid, even though the ones we hid all looked alike and nothing similar to the ones connected with Sting-Ray's. Still, we give our readers credit for being resourceful even if we couldn't include them as contestants or runners-up. We had more than 20 readers sufficiently osprey-eyed to find the 10 stingrays on pages 2, 5, 25, 28, 37 (two), 40, 41, 42, and 43. From among those osprey-eyed readers, we randomly selected Gary Callaway, of Oak Hall, as the winner of the \$25 gift certificate from Sting-Ray's Restaurant in Cape Charles.

This Week's Contest: Let Them Find Cake!

This week we have hidden 10 cakes. It's the same chocolate cake, with a slice missing, hidden in 10 different places in this week's paper. We're being specific so our clever readers don't try to claim they've found cakes, cupcakes, pies, or other pastries somewhere in the paper. Just this one multilayer chocolate cake from Becca's Cakes and More — speaking of which, the osprev-eved reader who is randomly selected from all those who find the 10 cakes will win a cake from Becca's Smith Island Cakes. See the sponsor box on this page.

Now for those tedious rules. Remember there's a new place to send your entries (david@easternshorepost.com) and all entries must include your first and last names and your hometown.

- · Find the 10 cakes and tell us where you found them (page number and location on the page.) Send this information to david@easternshorepost.com.
- · You can start sending your entries now. Entries must have your first and last names and your town. Include a photograph if you choose to submit one.
- · Entries will be accepted until noon on Monday, Oct. 12. Entries arriving after noon on Monday the 12th will not be entered in the contest.
- · Anyone submitting a photograph must have taken the picture or have permission to use it.
- · Multiple entries, corrected entries, and entries with explanations will not be counted.

The winner and as many runners-up as possible will get their photographs in the paper. If you don't want to use your own picture, you can submit a photo of your child or a pet — or a storm-tossed spruce, some change that is loose, or even a migrating goose. Just no feet.

Last Week'

Winner



Gary Callaway, of Oak Hall, found all 10 stingrays and was randomly selected to win the \$25 gift certificate to Sting-Ray's Restaurant. For the winner's circle, Gary sent us the adorable photo of his four-legged best friend, "my little dumplin' Darla."

Business owners, charities, fundraisers: if you want to raise awareness, advertise, and get on the good side of puzzle lovers up and down the Shore, consider sponsoring a weekly prize in the osprey-eyed reader contest. The prize value must be a minimum of \$25 but can be in any form you decide: merchandise, tickets, services. Readers of the Eastern Shore Post love the osprey-eyed reader contest — get in on the fun and contact Troy Justis at ads@easternshorepost.com.





This Week's **Osprey-Eyed Reader Wins**

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Runners-Up



Mia and TaMahj Salazar during the ONLY time they were getting along, according to their aunt, runner-up Shannon Salazar, of Modest Town.



Tracy Fate, of Wachapreague, sums up everything that's important by captioning this picture: "My life My family."



Here's runner-up Deidre Brown, of Cape Charles, and her fiancé Lester Thomas taking in the sun on a lovely Sunday afternoon.



Pam Wilkins, of Capeville, shows her granddog Marvin "doing what he does best, sleeping." Apparently, being a runner-up is as close as Marvin gets to being a runner.



To stand in for her as runner-up, Patricia Voss, of Bloxom, sent in this cool-as-cool-can-be picture of her son, Asher.



At first glance, this creature looks strange but Ernistine Ames, of Cheriton, assures us it's a photo of cats napping on a ramp.



Runner-up Robert Moore, of Cape Charles, shows he is ready for Halloween's goblins with his yard already decorated.

Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Marina Bell, Birdsnest Shannon Northam, Onancock Kim Laxton, Chincoteague Edith Johnson, Cape Charles Bryan McElwain, Onancock Allison Burton, Eastville **Ernestine Ames, Cheriton** Leslie James, Birdsnest

Mary Coston, Exmore Laura Dabroski, Bloxom Teresa Snead, Parksley Annie Schu, Saxis Melissa Sample-Wharton, Nassawadox James Lamberth, Cape Charles Janice Gladysiewicz, of Greenbackville Cotina Strand

Random Facts About ... the World's Most Dangerous Animals

By David Martin

We were out in the marsh on an internet tube recon mission and were about to bend over and pick up one of the tubes when it moved. It wasn't an internet tube carrying information about Iceland and videos of dogs wearing happy birthday hats — it was a snake possibly carrying deadly venom. At least we think it was a copperhead. We're not sure because we ran one way, and the snake slithered the other way.

The venomous snakes in the U.S. are the copperhead, the cottonmouth

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or water moccasin, the rattlers (timber, black diamond, tiger, prairie, Mojave, western diamondback, and eastern diamondback), the coral snakes (western and eastern), and the yellow-bellied sea snake, which as it names implies generally stays in the ocean. Although tropical, Hawaii has no native snakes but fights a never-ending battle to keep people from importing snakes either on purpose or inadvertently. Alaska has only the garter snake.

According to the Virginia Herpetological Society, Virginia is home to 34 dif-

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ferent types of snakes — only one poisonous, the copperhead, is on the Shore, but the Shore has water snakes that are sometimes mistaken for cottonmouths. Thirteen of the harmless variety of snakes can be found here and there on the Shore, so the one masquerading as an internet tube was probably harmless.

Snakes kill between 50,000 to 100,000 people each year worldwide but only five or six people die of snakebite in the U.S. annually. You're more likely, in the United States, to be killed by a cow — about 20 people a year go under the hoof. In 2019, more than twice as many people (48) in the U.S. were killed by dogs.

Worldwide, the biggest killer of humans, year in and year out, is the mosquito, taking down about a million of us each year.

Number two killer of humans are other humans, snuffing out about 475,000 lives each year.

Number three is snakes, and number four is dogs at about 25,000 human casualties a year from attacks, bites, and rabies.

Numbers five and six are two bugs, the tsetse fly and assassin bug, causing African trypanosomiasis and Chagas disease, respectively. Number seven is the freshwater snail that causes schistosomiasis. All three of these killers rack up body counts of about 10,000 each per year.

Crocodiles kill about a thousand people a year while tigers take out about 50 people annually, although tigers got headlines in 2003 by attacking the magician Roy Horn, of Siegfried & Roy, live and onstage in Las Vegas, leaving the entertainer partially paralyzed and ending a headliner Vegas act.

In terms of animals most likely to attack if you encounter them, the experts list these beasts: Nile crocodiles, hippos, rhinos, and the big cats: lions, tigers, leopards. Here in the U.S., animal attacks are relatively rare, but you still might get injured if you have a run in with a wild boar, a mountain lion, a bear, a shark, a vicious dog, an angry bee, a spider in your bed, or a fellow human in bad temper behind the wheel.

Be careful, it's a jungle out there.





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п	Chinco. Channel	H L	2:09 p.m. 7:26 a.m.	H L	3:12 p.m. 8:39 a.m.	H L	4:14 p.m. 9:51 a.m.	H L	5:12 p.m. 10:56 a.m.	H L	6:06 p.m. 11:55 a.m.	H L	6:29 a.m. 12:51 p.m.	H L	7:20 a.m. 1:45 p.m.
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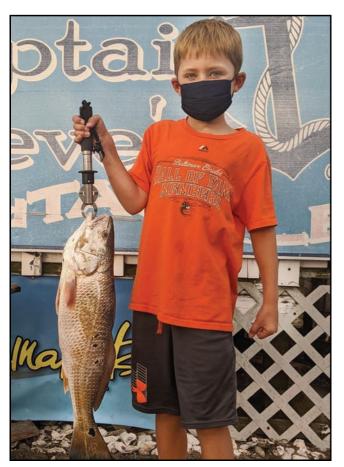
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Speckled trout, red drum, and striped bass are the most targeted species of autumn and fishing for all three species has recently been very productive. Look for the action to continue through the rest of this month and into November, barring the impact of any major storm or temperature plunging cold front.

Upper Shore – Capt. Matt Abell, at Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that there have been "lots" of speckled trout caught on the seaside, though most have been undersized. He added that the seaside specks had extended their range to well above the Maryland-Virginia state line. Abell said that they are finding speckles on the upper bayside though the size and quantity are below what they were in the spring fishery as well as below the current fishery on the lower Shore. Abell reported that the Chesapeake Bay rock season has been good on both sides of the state line. He has had success with rockfish, speckled trout, and puppy drum using paddletail grubs on ¼-ounce jigheads, both with and without a popping cork. Abell



Ben Bertlett landed this slot-sized puppy drum off Assateague. Photo courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle.

said he had received reports of puppy drum catches in the surf off Assateague and added that offshore anglers were having success with mahi.

Chincoteague - Donna Rae Roeske, at Captain Bob's Marina, reported that keeper-sized speckled trout were hitting the "Bob's Your Uncle" variety of FishBites in the Chincoteague Channel. In front of the Curtis Merritt Harbor, Roeske said that flounder were being caught by anglers fishing with high/low rigs baited with minnows and gulp, squid, or smelt combinations. Over in the area in front of Inlet View and in the canal, rockfish have been hitting chartreuse FishBites. A variety of small species, such as kingfish (whiting), spot, croakers, puffers, sheepshead, and ribbonfish have been taken in front of the Tom's Cove and Memorial Park piers by anglers using a variety of baits such as shrimp, bloodworm-scented squid, live bloodworms, and clam. Over in the Assateague Channel, speckled trout have been hitting spec rigs and grub combinations. The surf has produced some red drum and kingfish on cut bait. Roeske said that the flounder have started their westerly and southern migrations with fish recently landed around oceanic structure as deep as 70 feet.

Jimmy Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait and Tackle, reported that surf anglers continue to catch and release some large red drum in the Assateague surf. Other recent surf catches have included spot, kingfish (whiting), bluefish, and slot-sized puppy drum. In the back bay, Vasiliou said that speckled trout to four pounds, porgies, and pufferfish have been the primary catches. He recommended using orange or shrimp-flavored FishBites on small hooks when targeting the tasty pufferfish. Flounder are being taken off the many docks and piers that surround the island. Schoolie-sized striped bass have begun to show up, but most, if not all, have been under the 28-inch minimum size limit.



Landon Sayers landed this 6-pound speckled trout in the lower Chesapeake Bay. Photo courtesy of Bailey's Bait & Tackle.



The Miller family admires this keeper-sized speckled trout caught off Chincoteague. Photo courtesy of Captain Bob's Marina.

Wachapreague – Capt. Lindsay Paul, at Trident Tackle, reported that anglers were finding some flounder, puppy drum, and speckled trout.

Amanda Manzella, at the Wachapreague Inn, said that puppy drum to 27 inches have been landed, as well as smaller-sized flounder. She said that the commercial watermen were finding some schools of trout but she had not heard of any recreational catches.

Lower Shore – Jeb Brady, of Bailey's Bait & Tackle, reported that the speckled trout fishing has been decent when the wind is not blowing. Trout, 18 to 22 inches, were reported from both sides of the lower Shore. The shop had weighed in a couple of citation-sized trout that were taken in Hungars Creek. Brady said that schools of puppy drum have been providing anglers with "tons of fun," hitting baits suspended under popping corks. He said that there have been some keeper-sized drum in the schools, though the majority of fish have been just undersized. The Kiptopeke State Park and the Cape Charles pier anglers have been finding mostly spot and croakers recently. Bloodworms have been the most productive pier baits.

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.



Jerrod Kirchoff caught and released this trophy red drum in the surf of Assateague Island. Photo courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle.

Explanation for Proposed Constitutional Amendment To Be Voted on at the November 3, 2020, Election

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT Article II. Franchise and Officers.

Section 6. Apportionment. Section 6-A. Virginia Redistricting Commission

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to establish a redistricting commission, consisting of eight members of the General Assembly and eight citizens of the Commonwealth, that is responsible for drawing the congressional and state legislative districts that will be subsequently voted on, but not changed by, the General Assembly and enacted without the Governor's involvement and to give the responsibility of drawing districts to the Supreme Court of Virginia if the redistricting commission fails to draw districts or the General Assembly fails to enact districts by certain deadlines?

EXPLANATION

Under the current Constitution, the General Assembly and the Governor are responsible for drawing new election districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, the state Senate, and the House of Delegates. These districts are required to be compact and contiguous, and to have populations that are equal to each other.

The proposed amendment would shift the responsibility of drawing these election districts from the General Assembly and the Governor to a bipartisan commission, made up of 16 persons, half being members of the General Assembly and half being citizens of the Commonwealth. This commission would draw the election districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, the state Senate, and the House of Delegates and then submit the maps to the General Assembly for approval. If the commissioners are unable to agree on proposals for maps by a certain date, or if the General Assembly does not approve the submitted maps by a certain date, the commission is allotted additional time to draw new districts, but if maps are not then submitted or approved, the Supreme Court of Virginia becomes responsible for drawing these election districts

The eight legislative commissioners are appointed by the political party leadership in the state Senate and the House of Delegates, with an equal number from each house and from each major political party. The eight citizen commissioners are picked by a committee of five retired circuit court judges. Four of the retired judges are selected by party leaders in the Senate and the House from a list compiled by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia. These four judges pick the fifth judge from the same list. This selection committee then chooses citizen commissioners from lists created by party leaders in the Senate and the House of Congress or the General Assembly cannot be citizen commissioners. Each party leader in each house gives the selection committee a list of at least 16 candidates, and the committee picks two from each list for a total of eight citizen commissioners

For a plan to be submitted for the General Assembly's approval, at least six of the eight citizen commissioners and at least six of the eight legislative commissioners must agree to it. Additionally, for plans for General Assembly districts to be submitted, at least three of the four Senators on the commission have to agree to the House of Delegates districts plan. The General Assembly cannot make any changes to these plans, and the Governor cannot veto any plan approved by the General Assembly

The amendment also adds a requirement that districts provide, where practicable, opportunities for racial and ethnic communities to elect candidates of their choice.

A "yes" vote will make a bipartisan commission responsible for the initial drawing of election districts

A "no" vote will leave the sole responsibility for drawing the districts with the General Assembly and the Governor.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT [Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is stricken.]

Amend Section 6 of Article II of the Constitution of Virginia and amend the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article II a section numbered 6-A as follows:

ARTICLE II FRANCHISE AND OFFICERS

Section 6. Apportionment.

Members of the House of Representatives of the United States and members of the Senate and of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly shall be elected from electoral districts established by the General Assembly pursuant to Section 6-A of this Constitution. Every electoral district shall be composed of contiguous and compact territory and shall be so constituted as to give, as nearly as is practicable, representation in proportion to the population of the district. Every electoral district shall be composed of contiguous and compact territory and shall be so constituted as to give, as nearly as is practicable, representation in proportion to the population of the district. Every electoral district shall be accordance with the requirements of federal and state laws that address racial and ethnic fairness, including the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and judicial decisions interpreting such laws. Districts shall provide, where practicable, opportunities for racial and ethnic communities to elect candidates of their choice

term of office so long as he does not move his residence from the district from which he was elected. Any vacancy occurring during such term shall be filled from the same district that elected the member whose vacancy is being filled.

The General Assembly shall reapportion the Commonwealth shall be reapportioned into electoral districts in accordance with this section and Section 6-A in the year 2011 2021 and every ten years thereafter.

Any such decennial reapportionment law shall take effect immediately and not be subject to the limitations contained in Article IV, Section 13, of this Constitution.

The districts delineated in the decennial reapportionment law shall be implemented for the November general election for the United States House of Representatives, Senate, or House of Delegates, respectively, that is held immediately prior to the expiration of the term being served in the year that the reapportionment law is required to be enacted. A member in office at the time that a decennial redistricting law is enacted shall continue to represent the district from which he was elected for the duration of such

Section 6-A. Virginia Redistricting Commission.

(a) In the year 2020 and every ten years thereafter, the Virginia Redistricting Commission (the Commission) shall be convened for the purpose of establishing districts for the United States House of Representatives and for the Senate and the House of Delegates of the General Assembly pursuant to Article II, Section 6 of this Constitution.

- (b) The Commission shall consist of sixteen commissioners who shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.
- (1) Eight commissioners shall be legislative members, four of whom shall be members of the Senate of Virginia and four of whom shall be members of the House of Delegates. These commissioners shall be appointed no later than December 1 of the year ending in zero and
- (A) Two commissioners shall represent the political party having the highest number of members in the Senate of Virginia and shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate of Virginia.
- (B) Two commissioners shall represent the political party having the next highest number of members in the Senate of Virginia and shall be appointed by the leader of that political party.
- (C) Two commissioners shall represent the political party having the highest number of members in the House of Delegates and shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.
- (D) Two commissioners shall represent the political party having the next highest number of members in the House of Delegates and shall be appointed by the leader of that political party.
- (2) Eight commissioners shall be citizen members who shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision and in the manner determined by the General Assembly by general law.
- (A) There shall be a Redistricting Commission Selection Committee (the Committee) consisting of five retired judges of the circuit courts of Virginia. By November 15 of the year ending in zero, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia shall certify to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the leader in the House of Delegates, the President pro tempore of the Senate of Virginia, and the leader in the Senate of Virginia of the political party having the next highest number of members in the Senate a list of retired judges of the circuit courts of Virginia who are willing to serve on the Committee, and these members shall each select a judge from the list. The four judges selected to serve on the Committee shall select, by a ority vote, a judge from the list prescribed herein to serve as the fifth member of the Committee and to serve as the chairman of the Committee.
- (B) By January 1 of the year ending in one, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the leader in the House of Delegates of the political party having the next highest number of members in the House of Delegates, the President pro tempore of the Senate of Virginia, and the leader in the Senate of the political party having the next highest number of members in the Senate shall meet the criteria established by the General Assembly by general law. The Committee shall select, by a majority vote, two citizen members from each list submitted. No member or employee of the Congress of the United States or of the General Assembly shall be eligible to serve as a citizen member.
- (c) By February 1 of the year ending in one, the Commission shall hold a public meeting at which it shall select a chairman from its membership. The chairman shall be a citizen member and shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the Commission.
- (d) The Commission shall submit to the General Assembly plans for districts for the Senate and the House of Delegates of the General Assembly no later than 45 days following the receipt of census data and shall submit to the General Assembly plans for districts for the United States House of Representatives no later than 60 days following the receipt of census data or by the first day of July of that year, whichever occurs later.
- (1) To be submitted as a proposed plan for districts for members of the United States House of Representatives, a plan shall receive affirmative votes of at least six of the eight legislative members and six of the eight citizen members.
- (2) To be submitted as a proposed plan for districts for members of the Senate, a plan shall receive affirmative votes of at least six of the eight legislative members, including at least three of the four legislative members who are members of the Senate, and at least six of the
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- (e) Plans for districts for the Senate and the House of Delegates shall be embodied in and voted on as a single bill. The vote on any bill embodying a plan for districts shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 11 of this Constitution, except that no amendments shall be permitted. Such bills shall not be subject to the provisions contained in Article V, Section 6 of this Constitution.
- (f) Within fifteen days of receipt of a plan for districts, the General Assembly shall take a vote on the bill embodying that plan in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e). If the General Assembly fails to adopt such bill by this deadline, the Commission shall submit a new plan for districts to the General Assembly within fourteen days of the General Assembly shall take a vote on the bill embodying such plan within seven days of receipt of the plan. If the General Assembly fails to adopt such bill by this deadline, the districts shall be established by the Supreme Court of Virginia.
- (g) If the Commission fails to submit a plan for districts by the deadline set forth in subsection (d), the Commission shall have fourteen days following its initial failure to submit a plan to the General Assembly. If the Commission fails to submit a plan for districts to the General Assembly by this deadline, the districts shall be established by the Supreme Court of Virginia.

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- (h) All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public. Prior to proposing any redistricting plans and prior to voting on redistricting plans, the Commission shall hold at least three public hearings in different parts of the Commonwealth to receive and consider com-
- (i) All records and documents of the Commission, or any individual or group performing delegated functions of or advising the Commission, related to the Commission's work, including internal communications and communications from outside parties, shall be considered public information.

C.A.L.L. Sundog Tournament Hits Home for Locals



Hannah Parks won the tournament's first home run derby.



The tournament came filled with lots of long ball action.



A nice crowd stayed for much of the day to take in the action on three fields.

Story and Photos by Matthew Yoder

With not a cloud in the sky, Central Accomack Little League's annual Sundog Tournament went forward without a hitch Saturday. The event, typically played in the summer, proceeded with fewer teams this year but more of a decidedly local flavor, as four Shore teams vied for the title.

The round robin, double elimination tournament, was tremendously competitive and spirited and came complete with a tournament first. Chincoteague High School's Emma Jackson, who recently committed to

play softball at Virginia Tech, was the first female ever to hit a home run in game action.

Jackson contributed greatly to the effort of her Onancock Building Supply team on their run to the tournament title. OBS fought back and forth all afternoon with the Onancock Fire Department Dirtbags and ultimately found itself in a position to take the championship from the Dirtbags. The double elimination format required OBS to best the Dirtbags twice to walk away with bragging rights. OBS won the first game and rode a 10-run first

inning to a 21-4 victory in the sudden death final.

Blankenship Auto finished third, with the Tiff Crusaders coming in fourth place. A good crowd took in the action as Mt. Nebo Meats provided food

and refreshments, and a table was set up for cracking steamed crabs. Various raffles were held throughout the day to help support the Little League's efforts. Nearly \$4,700 was raised in the one-day event.

If you would like your ad to run in the Post's Sports Section, call 789-7678.

Soccer League Comes to an End



Preston Floyd and Samuel Suarez Jose (both in red) fight for control of the ball over their blue counterpart.

Story and Photos by Brennan Waldorf

The Shore Soccer league is halfway through its season and play has gone on without a hitch in Nassawadox. President Liz Jones raves about the players' and spectators' willingness to follow the new rules that were put in place to keep players safe during the season. "There's been no complaints and we received a lot of thank-yous from parents," said Jones. Players and parents are thrilled to be able to get out and spend time with friends and play a game the community truly enjoys.

The league reached its maximum capacity hosting anywhere between 290-300 players on the weekends and now has a waitlist for the younger leagues. Jones spoke highly of the

Jeremiah Webb winds up for a goalie kick in the under 9 Co-Ed League. Spectators observe with masks on as older players wait for their turn to play.

community's efforts to be compliant with the league's rules as players and spectators don masks upon arrival and during the games. Players are required to wear masks until having temperature checks, at which time they receive a wristband that allow them on the field mask-free.

The new rules have changed the atmosphere at the games where players used to be able to stay all day as spectators and partake in a taco from a local truck. Now players are required to enter and exit the fields within their slotted times to maintain the 50-spectator maximum on the fields. Juggling the restrictions and maintaining normalcy is no easy task but the Shore Soccer league board members are assured they are providing

high-quality games and a safe environment. "Shore Soccer is so thankful for the players and parents respecting the rules and following them diligently. We have phenomenal fans and support," said Jones.

The league's last games will be played Nov. 7. This year there will be no post-season tournament. Instead, the teams with the best regular season record will be crowned champions and awarded trophies. The league hopes next season it will be able to provide full services and restore the atmosphere the players and spectators yearn for.

NORTHAMPTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION **DRUGS OCTOBER 24, AT 5211 THE** HORNES, EASTVILLE, VA 23347

n Saturday, October 24, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Northampton Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 19th opportunity in 10 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to Northampton Sheriff's Office at 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last fall, Americans turned in nearly 883,000 pounds of prescription drugs at nearly 6,300 sites operated by the DEA and almost 5,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. DEA, along with its law enforcement partners, has now collected nearly 6,350 tons of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications since the inception of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative in 2010.

To keep everyone safe, collection sites will follow local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of

accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies Got Druc show that a majority of abused Turn in your unused or prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine



cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

In addition to DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, there are many other ways to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs every day, including the 11,000 authorized collectors that are available all year long. For more information, visit DEA's year-round collection site locator.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 24 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website or contact Major Mike Smith with Northampton Sheriff's Office at 757-678-0458.

Give 'Em All Pumpkin to Talk About!

Story and Photos by Matthew Yoder

The corn maze at Shockley Farms is open for the season. In its fifth year, the maze unwinds leisurely this season, offering a challenge but not completely leaving patrons lost and confused. The maze is open Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday from noon until 4:30 p.m.

Pumpkins are also starting to fill the area around

the farm stand, with all shapes, sizes, and colors available. The impressive harvest is a result of a lot of hard work through a dry season. Josh Drummond works the 18 acres of pumpkin fields at Shockley Farms and seems satisfied by the effort leading to such colorful fruit on full display.

"We irrigated and irrigated. A lot of work, but it a lot of work but it paid off," said Drummond. The pumpkins are still coming in by great numbers, as Drummond

points out. "This ain't nothing. We have got plenty more to pick. We're just getting started," Drummond said.

The variety is astonishing. There is truly a pumpkin for everyone's own unique desire. Pattie Shockley will be more than happy to offer a rundown of all the farm has to offer through the fall season.

Shockley Farms is located at 23184 Seaside Road in Cape Charles.



to find your way out.



Enter, but no need to fear, the maze offers a number of paths. An old Farmall serves as the perfect backdrop to a bountiful harvest of robust pumpkins.



Many come for the maze but just as popular is finding the right pumpkin for the season. Playful haunts adorn the stand at Shockley Farms.





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Sale of Parksley Nursing Home Won't Affect Operations, Says Saber Healthcare Spokesman

By Carol Vaughn

An attorney for Saber Healthcare said the recent ownership transfer of a Parksley nursing home will not affect operations there.

A deed recorded Oct. 2 in the Accomack County Clerk of Circuit Court office shows ownership of the 14.5 acre property and facility was transferred

for \$5.2 million from Parksley Health Investors LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, to Shore Real Estate Investors LLC, an Ohio company.

The assessed value is \$3.5 million, according to the deed.

Gregory Nikolusakis, attorney for Saber Healthcare Group, said the transaction will not result in any changes to staffing or other aspects of operations at the Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center on Parksley Road.

He described Saber's role as consultant to the operator of the facility.

"The landlord has merely switched," he said, adding, "... The operator remains the same."

Saber Healthcare is based in Bedford Heights, Ohio, at the same address given in the court document for Shore Real Estate Investors LLC.

According to a description on LinkedIn, Saber Healthcare Group began when two skilled nursing facilities were acquired in the Cleveland area in 2001. Since then, it has grown to more than 100 facilities in seven states, including Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Indiana, Dela-

ware, North Carolina, and Florida.

The Parksley facility was formerly owned by Riverside Health System, which announced in August 2017 it planned to close the nursing home because of multiple building issues.

Riverside and Smith/Packett Med-Com LLC in December 2017 finalized an agreement for Smith/Packett to purchase the facility, which did not close.

A Riverside spokesman said at the time Saber would operate and manage the facility.

According to the deed recorded Oct. 2, the property was conveyed in August 2019 to Parksley Health Investors LLC from Accomack Health Investors LLC, another Virginia limited liability company.

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Local Women's Golf Team Has Best Score

The Women's Peninsula Golf Association, covering Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware, held a tournament Sept. 29 at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club. The format was Best 2 Balls of 4. The first place low net team with a total score of 131, all from the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, included, from left, Margie Byrd, Peggy Tilghman, Nancy Kippenhan, and Ginger Meisenhelder. First place gross with a score of 173 was the team of Carol Mears, Laurie Haugh, and Margie Knight, all of Nutters Crossing, and Marcia Soule of Ocean City. No awards ceremony was held due to COVID-19 issues. Photo by Bill Sterling.

Life is too Short, Get Some Dessert!

Story and Photos by Matthew Yoder

Set against a picture-perfect fall backdrop, the Wachapreague Fire Department hosted a dessert

carnival last Friday evening. The Ferris wheel and carousel sat dormant, awaiting brighter times next June, but there was still the buzz of people

> standing in line and strolling the fairgrounds of the seaside town with funnel cakes, cotton candy, fried Oreos, and soft

serve ice cream. As the skies transitioned from a natural bright blue to the illumination of festive overhead bulbs draped above the grounds, foot traffic remained steady and enthusiastic for the successful event. Music filled the town, and for an evening, people gathered and were reminded of what was lost this season and hopefully what will be again.



A young carnivalgoer points eagerly to the Ferris wheel without letting go of the all-important funnel cake.



The sights and smells are a welcomed reminder of carnival days lost this summer.



The sun sets on a beautiful Shore evening at the Wachapreague Dessert Carnival.

Obsession: Bringing to Life the Seafaring Legacy of Capt. Leonard Tawes

By Carol Vaughn

Capt. Leonard Tawes "was an Eastern Shore gentleman in every sense of the word," according to Paul Ewell, a maritime historian who is determined to make Tawes' story more widely known.

Ewell, a professor of management, business, and economics at Virginia Wesleyan University with deep roots on the Shore, has a passion for preserving — and educating people about — the Eastern Shore of Virginia's rich maritime heritage.

After learning about Tawes in the course of doing research on the Chesapeake Bay pungy (a type of schooner peculiar to the Eastern Shore), Ewell became fascinated by the successful coasting captain's life.

"I'm obsessed with him," Ewell said, noting Tawes has been a major focus of his research for over seven years, including taking him and his wife, Sandra, from Florida to Canada to conduct research on the man.

"I probably have 3,000 pages of

notes." Ewell said.

A display Ewell created chronicling Tawes' story is on exhibit at the Eastern Shore Watermen's Museum at the Historic Onancock School.

Ewell also is working on a book about the captain.

"It's not really a rags-to-riches story, but it's a rags-to-East-ern Shore-riches (story). That's what I love about it," he said.

Tawes was born in his mother's hometown, Craddockville, although his surname is more commonly associated with Crisfield, Md., where his father was from.

His mother, Elizabeth Watson Hyslop, died when Tawes was very young, and his father left him and his brothers largely to fend for themselves, according to Ewell.

Tawes at first worked

for a doctor in Pungoteague, then later made his way to Crisfield, where he went to work as a boy on oyster boats.

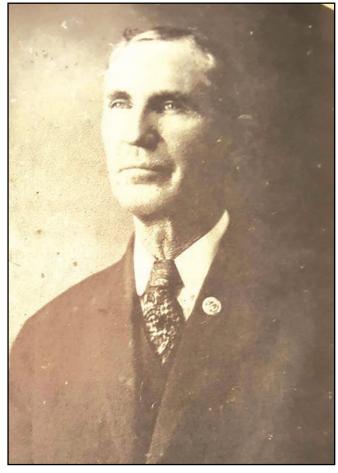
At a young age, he ended up on the wharfs in Baltimore.

"He got a job on a ship...He didn't have a clue...The captain said, 'We're going to Rio (de Janeiro)' and he thought that was near Cape Charles... He had no clue he was going to South America," Ewell said.

Still, Tawes continued in the maritime life, working his way up from cabin boy to captain, and eventually became part owner of a three-masted schooner, The City of Baltimore, "which was his pride and joy," Ewell said.

He sailed the schooner for more than two decades along the coast, mainly in trade to the West Indies and South America, according to Tawes' obituary in the Crisfield Times.

After retiring from the seafaring life in his mid-50s, Tawes ran a successful oyster business in Crisfield and was a respected community leader, including serving as deacon at his church and on



Capt. Leonard S. Tawes as he appeared around 1930. Submitted photo.

the board of directors of the local bank.

The reason Ewell is able to know so much about Tawes is that the captain later in life decided to write down the sea stories he enjoyed telling his family, so that his young niece would be able to know about them after he died.

Every night, Tawes would go out to the summer kitchen at his Crisfield home, or sometimes to his oyster watch house, and write.

Before he died at age 79 in 1932, Tawes over the course of five years wrote 900 handwritten pages detailing his life at sea.

"He chronicled almost every trip he made from when he was a little kid... until he retired," Ewell said.

In 1967, Tawes' niece and grand-daughter found the manuscript and took it to Robert Burgess, curator at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News.

Burgess was amazed at what he read.

"Long story short, it is the most comprehensive log, if you will, of an American coasting captain's life in existence. Nothing like it has ever been written,"

TOWN OF PAINTER NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the October monthly meeting of the Painter Town Council, regularly scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month, has been rescheduled, for October 2020 only, to October 19, 2020, at the time and place indicated below.

Pursuant to Va. Code §15.2-2204, notice is hereby given that the Town of Painter Town Council, during its October monthly meeting, and the Town of Painter Planning Commission, during a special meeting of such Commission, will hold a joint public hearing on the matters specified below on Monday, October 19. 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at the Painter Fire Hall, adjacent to the Painter Town Office, at 17118 Wayside Drive, Painter, VA 23420.

The matters to be considered at the public hearing are:

- (1) The town bodies will receive public comment concerning an application from Angela J. Parks, Owner, pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2275, contingent upon approval of the variance described in (2) below, to consolidate Accomack County Tax Map Parcels 111A2-3-E (Parcel E) and 111A2-3-F (Parcel F) to form a proposed consolidated Parcel E1 by vacating the interior lot line separating Parcels E and F.
- (2) The town bodies will receive public comment regarding an application from the aforesaid Owner, contingent upon approval of the lot consolidation described above, for a zoning variance from the 20,000 square feet minimum lot area requirement in the R-M District for the new consolidated Parcel E1., which E1 is to contain 13,526 square feet, and to be less non-conforming than either of the former Parcels E or F, separately. The variance would allow the Owner to remove her existing home, which was a grandfathered non-conforming structure, and replace it with a new and bigger home, which will be a fully conforming structure on a bigger, though, but for the variance, non-conforming as to lot area, parcel.

The public may inspect the Owner's proposals at the Town Office prior to the public hearing.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may provide its recommendations to the Town Council, and the Town Council may act upon the proposals and recommendations without further notice.



Paul Ewell

Ewell said.

T h e Mariners' Museum 1967 published Tawes' writings as a book, "Coasting Captain: Journals of Captain Leonard S.

Tawes."

It was while researching a pungy that happened to be the first oyster boat Tawes worked on that Ewell encountered the book.

"I come across this opening sentence... 'Born in Accomack County, Virginia, October 2, 1853.' ... If it's Eastern Shore and it's maritime, that's gold. ... I was captivated from the getgo," Ewell said.

His goal became to find out every-

thing he could about Tawes — and to tell his story.

In addition to the fact that Tawes rose from having virtually nothing to become a respected navigator and a successful businessman, "he was one of the most honest, God-fearing, good people I think I've ever studied in my life...at a time when ship captains were not known for being nice," Ewell said.

There is something about Tawes that captivates not only Ewell, but also those he tells about the sea captain.

Ewell is a member of the Mariners' Museum speakers bureau and gives frequent talks about maritime history to groups.

"Of all the ones I do - and I do them on clippers and schooners and the Eastern Shore and being a waterman...the evolution of boats throughout the history of the Chesapeake Bay — their favorite one is always Leonard Tawes," Ewell said.

WHEN YOU GO

WHAT: The Eastern Shore Watermen's Museum and Research Center WHERE: Housed in the Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock WHEN: Typically open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment. Visitors should call 757-650-4285 or 757-665-5771 when they arrive to be let into the building. Masks are required.

COST: Free

WEBSITE: http://www.esvawatermen.org/

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/ESVAWatermensMuseum/

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The Antares rocket ignites, lifts, and soars in the three images above. The Northrop Grumman rocket lit up the marshes and skies of the Eastern Shore as it carried supplies and research to the International Space Station. The liftoff, delayed once due to weather and once due to problems with external support equipment, appeared to go off without a hitch at 9:16 p.m, on Friday.

Best Seat in the House: A Newspaper Photographer's View of the Rocket Launch

Story and Photos by Jim Ritch

Last Friday, one of Northrop Grumman's Antares rockets lifted a payload into low-Earth orbit and lit up the sky across the Eastern Shore.

It also literally shook the media viewing area.

The grassy clearing on the edge of a marsh lies almost due west of the Wallops Island launch pad and is among the best and closest seats for viewing launches.

Mindful of a 2014 launch when an Antares rocket had to be blown up as it fell back toward the launch pad, NA-SA permits no one within 9,000 feet or about 1.7 miles of an Antares liftoff.

A select few range officials and observers cluster just beyond this limit on the northern tip of the island to enjoy the honor of being the closest viewers.

Their better vantage point allows them to track such safety concerns as the angle of the rocket's ascent and weather.

The media area lies 2.5 miles from the launch pad on the other side of a large marsh and bit of open water called Woman's Bay.

Although miles away, it affords an unobstructed view across a marsh. Brightly lit on the pad, the rocket commands the night, even though it only appears about the size of a thumbnail at arms length.

At liftoff, the media area provides a very humbling taste of the power of a major rocket.

When the first of two stages in the Antares rocket ignited, the first licks of flame appeared below the rocket.

But there was very little sound.

Chirping rose from the marsh and the Northrop Grumman countdown intermittently blared over speakers.

Then, a cloud appeared below the rocket and it started to rise.

The show kicked into high gear as a wave of sound crashed on the media area.

The undercurrent was a wavessmashing-on-the-sand kind of continuous roar.

Overlaying this, a rapid, staccato, bam-bam-bam ripped the night like a

machine gun that refused to stop firing.

Even though the rocket was miles away, accelerating farther away every second, it shook the clothing on shoulders and chests of the reporters, photographers, and videographers recording the moment.

As the rocket rose, the intense white light from the exhaust appeared above the ground cloud, and the rocket itself slipped past the lights of the launch pad, disappearing into the glare of its own exhaust.

With every second, the exhaust appeared to grow shorter as the rocket angled toward its orbit. The more we looked up, the more the rocket became a small orange dot.

The dot rose to about 60 degrees up from the horizon and seemed to stop as the rocket screamed eastward and almost directly away from the viewing area.

Seen from the ground, the trajectory of the rocket varies with location. Spectators north of the rocket would see it rise and sweep to the left. From the south, the rocket swept right.

From the media viewing area and any westward locale such as, say, Mappsville, the rocket appears to go up, arc slightly to the left, and drop to the horizon close to where it started.

From its peak, the dot slowly started to sink and then went dark as the first stage emptied its tanks and shut down.

The loudspeaker noted that the first stage had separated.

Slightly lower in the sky, the rocket reappeared as the second stage ignited. Then for two minutes the dot continued its slow descent toward the horizon. As it touched the tops of a row of trees, the loudspeaker announced that the second stage had burned out and separated.

And Antares disappeared into the night.

It was now coasting in orbit on its way to the International Space Station with payload stuffed with food, experiments, cameras, and the newest model of space toilet.

And the entire rocket ride had all been within view of the Eastern Shore.

Eastern Shore Gets New Perspective on Affordable Housing



This home in Alabama was designed by Rural Studio and built by Habitat for Humanity for \$20,000. Photo courtesy of Rural Studio.

By Stefanie Jackson

An Alabama professor of architecture introduced a different way of thinking about what makes housing affordable when he spoke at the Eastern Shore Regional Housing Coalition's second annual housing summit held online Sept. 25.

Rusty Smith, of Auburn University in east Alabama, is a director of the Rural Studio program for college students studying architecture, who design and build practical but attractive, affordable homes and community buildings.

Students leave campus for at least one semester and up to two years to live and work in rural, west Alabama, building everything from single-family homes to a church and a fire station.

Their work is done in the U.S. southern Black Belt that is troubled by persistent poverty, a federal designation meaning 20% or more of the population has lived in poverty for 30 years or more.

The Rural Studio program was founded on three ideas: learning by doing, working together to solve problems, and access to safe, decent housing as an "inalienable human right" whether or not one can afford it, Smith said.

The students donate their time and efforts to people who "in no circumstances, would ever be able to provide housing for themselves," Smith said.

The program is funded by donations from individuals and private foundations, as well as regional, state, and federal grants and research contracts.

Funding partners include the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Energy, financial institutions like Fannie Mae and Wells Fargo, and faith-based organizations like Habitat for Humanity.

Living in poverty looks different than it did nearly 30 years ago when Rural Studio was founded. Tar-paper shacks have been replaced by decades-old mobile homes.

The students, who range in age from 19 to 22, work to design and build better, safer, more durable homes for their clients, who are housing providers and homeowners.

"All the work is real ... real clients with real budgets, real sites with real context and hopefully with real impacts," Smith said.

In Rural Studio's nearly 30-year history, students have designed and built more than 200 projects in a five-county area.

In that time, Rural Studio has learned the four basic elements of a good housing project. The home must be buildable, weatherproof, durable, and secure, Smith said.

If the house is not designed with these four characteristics in mind, "you may be doing good things, but you're probably not addressing housing affordability," Smith said.

Those elements are the foundation of a good home, but the house also should be well-crafted from locally available materials, accommodate the occupants' needs, promote health and wellness, have a presence, and foster the surrounding community.

Rural Studio's Front Porch Initiative seeks to widen the impact of the program's applied research and help more housing providers "deliver high-performance, dignified homes in their own service area."

Rural Studio offers four basic home designs, each around 500 square feet, which are "extraordinarily efficient."

It seeks to provide technical assistance on topics including building codes, zoning, universal design standards, lending and insurability requirements, industry-standard construction, energy performance, and indoor air quality.

Rural Studio also emphasizes the total cost of owning a home. Factors to consider when designing and building a house that is truly affordable housing include efficiency, resiliency, wellness, and community.

"Our homeowners don't lose their houses because they can't afford their mortgage," Smith said.

It's an unexpected expense that usually causes a rural, low-income Alabama homeowner to have a personal financial crisis and lose a home.

Typical unexpected expenses include high energy bills (monthly energy bills in the area can vary widely from \$50 to \$350), home repairs needed due to hurricane or tropical storm damage, major healthcare issues, or disruptions in a family's community network (if, for example, people are working part time and sharing resources like shelter, food, transportation, childcare, or elder care.)

Acknowledging these issues gives Rural Studio a different perspective on what affordable housing means.

For example, a Habitat for Humanity house built to conventional standards might have a mortgage payment of \$250, a \$150 energy bill, and a \$60 insurance payment, for a monthly homeownership cost of \$460, Smith said.

By building the same house to high-performance standards, the mortgage payment was increased to \$343, making the house "unaffordable" to the buyer.

But those high-performance standards resulted in a more efficient, durable home that brought the energy bill down to \$35 and reduced the insurance bill to \$48, for a total monthly cost of \$426, a savings of \$34 a month.

Smith left his listeners to consider this question: "Which home is more affordable? The home that costs less to build, or the home that costs more to build?"



At left is another \$20,000 home designed by Rural Studio, built in Georgia. At right is a studio built to the scale of an 8-foot by 40-foot shipping container. Photo courtesy of Rural Studio.

VETERANS' CORNER

Veterans' Spotlight and Veterans' News

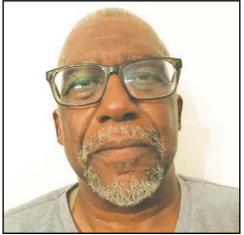






By Alexander Hightower

Veterans' Spotlight



Whitesy Banks

Eastern Shore, meet Army veteran Capt. Whitesy Banks, of Melfa, Banks is a native of Northampton County from the Cheapside area and a graduate of Northampton High School. Banks attended nearby Norfolk State University, where he studied social work and was in the Army ROTC. Banks was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army and served on active duty from 1976 to 1987 as an Army medical officer. His assignments included two tours at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Germany, and Ft. Belvoir, Va. Since leaving the military, Banks has served in several positions in and around human services that includes veterans claim representative with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and, more recently, as a family services specialist with Accomack County. During Banks' many years of service, he always made sure to give back. For over ten years, he served as the chairman of the board for the Eastern Shore Center for Independent Living. where Eastern Shore residents received guidance and support in removing barriers to independence. ESCIL Executive

Director Althea Pitman, current Chair Alvin Bailey, and the entire ESCIL board and staff expressed their sincere gratitude for Banks' many years of leadership and support over the years. Since retirement this past spring, he enjoys listening to jazz music and doing house repairs. If you see Banks in passing, say hello and thank him for his service.

Veterans' News

VA resumes in-person benefits services halted by the COVID-19 response: After several months of waiting, veterans nationwide can now resume in-person benefits services with the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This past Wednesday, the VA announced the re-establishment of in-person benefits services in select locations throughout the country.

There are currently 11 regional offices open to the public, and more are expected to reopen in the coming weeks as reopening phases will vary by office and local conditions.

"During the last few months, VA regional offices continued performing our essential mission virtually — to provide benefits to veterans and eligible family members," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "We have robust safety measures in place that will allow us to resume in-person services while protecting the health and safety of veterans, their families, and our team members who serve them."

Regional offices will continue adherence to the CDC guidelines, including social distancing, face coverings, hand sanitizer, and asking sick individuals to stay at home.

Veterans can continue to interact with the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) virtually for accessing benefits information online or when filing a claim online. For claim-specific questions, call 1-800-827-1000. To check the availability of a regional office near you, visit VBA offices.

VBA's return to normal, pre-COVID-19

public-facing operations aligns with White House guidelines for reopening.

Smithfield Foods Donates to Support Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: On Oct. 2, Smithfield Foods in Smithfield, Va., donated \$100,000 to the Commonwealth of Virginia to support homeless veterans and their families' programs. The donation was provided by The Smithfield Foundation and presented to the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation (VVSF) and will be designated to its Veteran Homeless Fund.

"Smithfield Foods has been a leader in helping address the challenges faced by veterans who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, and we are grateful for their ongoing support and partnership," said Gov. Ralph Northam. "This significant donation will ensure that the Commonwealth can continue meeting the housing needs of our veterans and their families, especially amid this unprecedented health crisis."

In 2015, Virginia became the first state in the nation to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to functionally end veteran homelessness, which means that the commonwealth has the systems in place to rapidly identify veterans experiencing homelessness and help them find secure housing.

"At Smithfield, our ongoing commitment to support veterans directly aligns with the mission of Virginia's Veteran Homeless Fund," said Kenneth M. Sullivan, president and CEO of Smithfield Foods. "We are pleased to provide resources to ensure the continued success of programs to help homeless veterans in our home state of Virginia. We are honored to give back to our nation's veterans, in honor of their service and sacrifice for all of us."

Smithfield's \$100,000 donation adds to more than \$210,000 in previous contributions since 2016 to support state programs for homeless veterans and their families.

In fiscal year 2020, donations to the Veteran Homeless Fund helped nearly 200 veterans and their families move into permanent housing and enabled previously homeless veterans to remain in their homes. The Veteran Homeless Fund has assisted more than 900 Virginia veterans since its inception in 2016.

"Smithfield's longstanding and con-

tinued commitment to Virginia's veteran community through its employment of veterans and support for programs to assist veterans and their families is truly inspiring," said Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Carlos Hopkins. "Donations like this one are especially important as we face the additional financial and health challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Corporate Gray Military-Friendly Job Fair: On Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a Virtual (Online) Military-Friendly Job Fair to connect transitioning service members and veterans with employers that are hiring now. Over a dozen companies will be participating.

Interview via one-on-one text chats with over 30 companies, including Lockheed Martin, Leidos, SAIC, HII Newport News Shipbuilding, U.S. Postal Service, NSA, Eaton, and many others. To see the list of all the companies' registered, visit www.corporategray.com/jobfairs/419 to preregister for this event.

Helping Virginia Get Back to Work Job Fair: On Thursday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 6 p.m., there will be a Virtual (Online) Military-Friendly Job Fair to connect Virginia residents, transitioning service members, and veterans to potential employers. To be a pre-screened applicant, contact Eastern Shore Veterans Employment Representative Mike Bogoslawski at Michael.bogoslawski@vec.virginia.gov. Pre-screening started on Oct. 7.

Local News

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

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



Community Notes

Frontline Workers Free Lunch

Red Door Empowerment and Jeanna's iFeed will sponsor a free appreciation lunch for frontline workers Saturday, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m., at Shore Plaza in Exmore, and at 3 p.m., at Four Corners in Onley. Lunches are first come, first served. Bring a work badge and get a free lunch and get entered to win a Visa gift card and book. Frontline workers include but are not limited to healthcare workers, protective service workers (police, EMTs), and cashiers at grocery stores.

For more information, email info@ reddoorempower.org or jeannasifeed@ gmail.com.

Trump Supporters Parade

The Patriots for Trump 2020 Parade will be Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning at the old Farm Ex (across from the Food Bank) 24511 Coastal Blvd., Onley, and will continue with a police escort down Route 13 to Food Lion in Exmore. Pick-up trucks, tractors, motorcycles, and cars may be decorated for the parade. There will be sample ballots and guest speakers at the final destination.

For more information, contact Mapp Cullen at 757-710-7033 or via email at cherokeelady104@gmail.com.

Virtual Safe Boating Courses

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering the Maryland Safe Boating course, and it can be taken online Oct. 20, 21, and 22, and Nov. 17, 18, and 19. This is an interactive class taught by certified instructions with student participation. The three-evening course will run from 6 to 9 p.m.

All mandated material and information on local waters will be included. The class includes piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues, updated Maryland regulations, and common marine maintenance.

The Maryland Boating Safety Edu-

cation Act requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972, must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the state of Maryland. Those attending the class and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate, which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states.

A fee of \$20 covers the cost of the course and materials. Checks should be made payable to: "US-GCAUX 12-05" and mailed to: USCGAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811. Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

For more information or to register, contact Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807 or email CGAUXOC@Gmail.com.

American Legion Monthly Meeting

The American Legion Northampton monthly meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month.

Ancestry Library Home Use Extended

Due to the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, ProQuest is now offering home access to all Eastern Shore Public Library patrons until Dec. 31. Patrons only need the first five digits of their ESPL library cards. Go to https://espl.org/2020/03/24/ancestry-library-edition-available-for-home-use-to-espl-patrons/ for more information.

The Eastern Shore Room is now open by advanced appointment. The archives are still closed. For more information, call Stacia at 757-787-3400.

Volunteers Needed for Wellness Connections

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital is linking Shore residents with local, expert health tips and advice that can improve the quality of life for our entire Shore community via the Wellness Connections program. Wellness Connectors are volunteers who will share

wellness information within their circle of influence in whatever format works: meetings, shared emails, organizational newsletters, faith-organization bulletins, etc.; participate in Riversideled health education and activities and encourage their circle of influence to participate as well; encourage informal activities to promote a healthy lifestyle: walking club, sharing healthy recipes, etc. (the activities can be tailored to suit the preferences of each group); and advise Riverside on topics of interest.

For more information, contact Riverside's Community Relations Director at 757-302-2140 or email sally.schreiber@rivhs.com.

Outdoor Learning For Kids

Starting Oct. 12, elementary students can learn outside with a simple activity provided every other week by local outdoor education partners including UVA LTER, VES Land Trust, and The Nature Conservancy. Find #DiscoverEE boxes at the libraries and community centers (ESO, Chincoteague Trail, etc). More details available at www.coastaleducation.virginia.edu

ESCSB Meeting

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board will hold a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 9 a.m., at the administration building, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley.

American Legion Bake Sale

The American Legion Parksley Post 100 will have a bake sale Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Farmers Market in the Parksley Town Square. Donations will be accepted for all items.

Museum Yard Sale

The Cape Charles Museum will hold a yard sale Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum hopes to make up the revenue for the year that was lost due to the cancellation of the Annual Spring Shrimp Boil and Fall Oyster Roast. The museum will be selling surplus artifacts and donated items and, for \$10, members of the public are invited to set up their own tables to sell their own items.

Chincoteague Homework Club

The Chincoteague Island Library announced a new initiative called the Homework Club. This is an effort to support the community, teachers, parents, and students during this challenging time. The program is targeting students in grades three, four, and five. The intent is to offer a structured setting with volunteers who will be available to assist with assignments.

Preregistration is required. Send an email to Chincoteagueislandlibrary@yahoo.com or call the library at 757-336-3460 with any questions or to sign up for the club.

The Chincoteague Island Library is located at 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. For more information about library services or the Homework Club, visit the website www.chincoteagueislandlibary.org or visit the Chincoteague Island Library on Facebook.

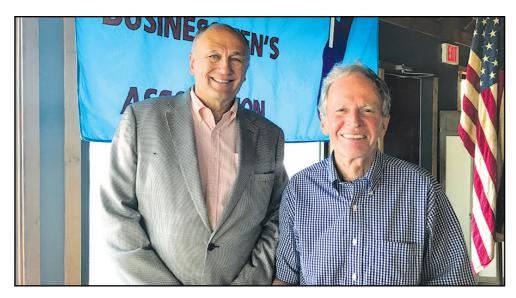
Alzheimer's Walk

The 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, Oct. 10, at 9 a.m., at Eastern Shore Community College in Melfa. The Opening and Promise Garden Ceremony will start at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, go to http://www.alz.org/seva or go to the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/events/747668492632700



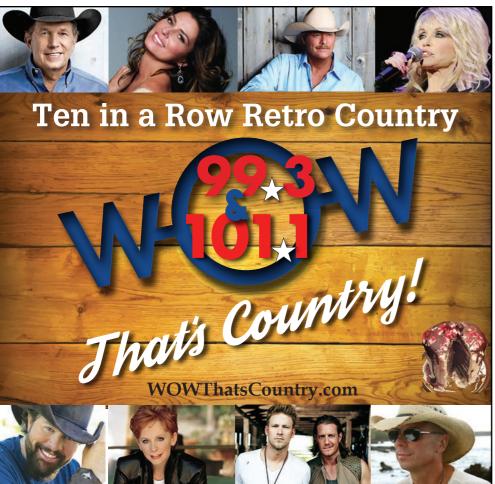
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Parksley, UA



Tanner Speaks to Christian Businessmen

Doug Tanner, right, recently spoke at the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association meeting held at the Island House in Wachapreague. Tanner is a former pastor at Craddockville and Market Street Methodist churches and a former director of Camp Occohannock on the Bay. In 1991, Tanner co-founded The Faith & Politics Institute, a nonpartisan organization in Washington, D.C., that serves members of Congress, congressional staff, and other professionals working on Capitol Hill. He served as its director for 15 years and senior advisor for another 10 years. Tanner talked about the need for civility, grace, and respect as values essential to democracy. Pictured at left is George Bryan, CBA president.



Marriage

• Jack Baird, 36, and Cora Johnston, 34, both of Eastville

- Cheryl Cochran, 60, and Theodore Leonard V, 66, both of Accomac
- Shirley Ann Mason, 70, of Painter, and Willie Wayne Hall, 60, of Melfa
- Dorothy Christina Lloyd, 25, of Hacksneck, and Russell Shane Stafford, 22, of Onancock
- Tantine Charles, 52, and Bastien Exantus, 49, both of Parkslev
- Katherine Marie Cassidy, 28, and Kurt Huyett Steinbruch, 31, both of Hawthorne, N.J.
- Julia Reed Young, 43, and Brian Thomas Trinchera, 56, both of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.
- Jessica Lynn Sawyer, 31, and Edgar Flores, 43, both of Chincoteague

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Johnston/Baird Wed

John and Lloyd Johnston joyfully announce the marriage of their daughter, Cora Ann, to Jack Elliott Baird, son of Chuck and Betsy Baird, of Melbourne Beach, Fla., on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020. The wedding took place overlooking Red Bank Creek with a ceremony officiated by Debra Bosna, of Cape Charles. The bride is the director of the UVA's Coastal Research Center in Oyster and the groom is a teacher at Occohannock Elementary School in Exmore. A reception will be held in Melbourne Beach in 2022.

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

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Announcements



Our children need you now more than ever.

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Trelle Warner 757-779-3100

To Accomack County Residents:

Have you heard? There is a Virginia COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program! This program is for people who do not qualify for the traditional programs (Fuel, Crisis and Cooling. Applications are accepted through November 20, 2020, but are NOT accepted at Accomack DSS. Please visit dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea or call 1-833-829-2767. Income guidelines:

 A household's monthly gross income must be less than the maximum allowed for the number of people in the home:

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$2,720
2	3,558
3	4,395
4	5,232
5	6,069
6	6,907
Each Additional Member	Add \$156

On Sept. 8, 2020, we began opening to the public, <u>by appointment only</u>. The Accomack Co. DSS will continue to operate under normal business hours (8:30 - 5:00). Accomack County residents may continue to apply for assistance on line, or by phone.

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 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 continue to 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 you have an appointment, you are asked to call the main office when you arrive at the building (757-787-1530). We will ask screening questions, even in emergency cases, before a face to face will be granted.

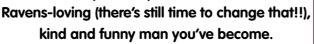
Thank you, and continue to stay safe.

~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 applications 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.

JULIAN MAJOR is Turning

You were the first person to ever call us Aunt and Uncle. We're so proud of the smart, athletic,



Love,

Your Super Weird Aunt Angie & Uncle Doug



The children of Nancy Carol Matthews would like to thank the healthcare staff at Shore Health and

Rehabilitation Center and especially the many CNAs who provided caring and loving aid to our mother. We would also like to thank the ICU staff at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital (esp. Dr. F. Johnson), Franktown Community Health Center staff (esp. Nancy Hargis, PA), Public Partnership Community Based Home Care (Jacelyn Bailey/Joyful Memories, Carolyn



Clark Rose Savage, Ora Bagwell, etc.), Anne Howell/UHC Care Coordinator, Riverside Home Health and Shore Medical Transport Services for your expertise, dedication, and loving care of our mother. Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, visits, meals, flowers, and other acts of compassion, especially, the Revs. Gregory Duncan (House of Prayer) and Cathy Fielding (Metropolitan United Methodist Church).

Memorial gifts and contribution may be made to:
American Cancer Society, Relay for Life of Nandua
at:1315 Mt.Hermon Rd., Suite D, Salisbury, MD 21804,
or to the Eastern Shore Alzheimer's Association at: 23610
North St., Onancock, VA 23417

Sincere Thanks, Pauline, Sandra, and Robin

ACCOMACK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' TOY CLOSET

By appointment only!

Applications will be available October 26, 2020, at Accomack County DSS, 22554 Center Parkway, Accomac, VA (outside by the front entrance)

Return applications no later than November 16, 2020, in the blue drop off box located in front of the

building.

There will be no walk-ins this year!
Applicants must be receiving benefits from the agency.

Birthdays!
Announcements!
Thank Yous!
Celebrations!
Memorials...
Call Angie
for pricing at

757,789,7678,

Announcements (Cont'd)

Happy Birthday Elvis "El-Rock" Reid

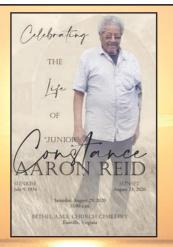
OCTOBER 5, 1958

Hello My Brother,

It's never too late to say Happy Birthday and we love you and miss you. I know you are celebrating a heavenly birthday with both of your fathers.

> Love, Niese and Family





The family of Constance Aaron Reid would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, food, and kindness during and after his passing. We appreciate all the kind gestures shown to us.

He was a great man and we will miss him until the end of our days.

Sincerely, His Family

Help Wanted

ACCOMACK C UNTY Virginia

Laborer/Sign Maintenance – Public Works F/T position w/benefits | Salary Range: \$22,387-\$29,178 (based on experience)

The County of Accomack is seeking applications for a full time position of Laborer/Road Sign Maintenance worker located at the County garage within the Public Works Department.

The position is responsible for operating vehicles and equipment to perform a variety of tasks. Employee also maintains the cleanliness of docks, ramps, and other County facilities to ensure a safe and clean environment. Employees in this position perform semi-skilled manual labor. Assigned tasks may include the collection and disposal of roadside litter; maintenance of boat docks/ramps and County buildings; creation of roadside or building signs; painting of equipment and buildings.

Minimum Qualifications: A high school diploma or GED; One (1) year prior work experience; A valid driver's license. *Preferred Qualifications include:* one (1) to three (3) years experience in garage or outdoor based facilities such as marinas, roadside upkeep or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Satisfactory completion of a criminal background check, DMV records check and drug screening are required prior to employment. Electronic applications are preferred but paper applications are accepted. First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

Additional details may be found online: https://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities

Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01) Family Services Specialist I/II Position # L0069

Hiring Range - \$30,828 (May be higher depending on qualifications and budgetary considerations)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit http://www.dss.virginia.gov. Accepts only online applications; job close date 10/23/2020.

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Part-Time Dental Assistant

Morrison Dental Group in Chincoteague is hiring! Experience working in customer service required. Come work with our fabulous dental team! Please submit resumes to jlewis@morrisondentalgroup.com

Receptionist needed for law office in Accomac. Must know Word, be able to type, answer the phone, greet clients, and other various duties. Hours could be flexible. Please submit resumes to P.O. Box 517, Onley, VA 23418.

Secretary/Bookkeeper

Part-time position in Parksley. General bookkeeping skills required using QuickBooks and Microsoft Office. Good communication skills needed and ability to maintain church website and Facebook page.

Send resume to: graceesumc@gmail.com



Mumford Shellfish located in Atlantic, VA, has an opening for an experienced full-time Aquafarm Manager to oversee the daily operations of an established oyster farm.

The right candidate will have experience in harvesting oysters, excellent organizational and communication skills, mechanical skills, able to safely operate a boat and able to lift and handle 50 pounds. Duties include daily harvest of oysters, manage stock and inventory, sorting and boxing oysters for deliveries and supervise crew. Full-time and year-round salaried position with paid time off and comprehensive benefits package. Previous aquaculture, agriculture or commercial fishing experience is required. Email work experience and references to apply@mumfordshellfish.com for immediate consideration. Please call 410-860-8207 for questions and to submit application via phone.



Mumford Shellfish, ubicado en Atlantic, VA, tiene una vacante para un Gerente de Aquafarm experimentado a tiempo completo para supervisar las operaciones diarias

de una granja de ostras establecida. El candidato adecuado tendrá experiencia en la recolección de ostras, excelentes habilidades organizativas y de comunicación, habilidades mecánicas, capaz de operar un bote de manera segura y capaz de levantar y manejar 50 libras. Las tareas incluyen la recolección diaria de ostras, administrar las existencias y el inventario, clasificar y empaquetar las ostras para las entregas y supervisar a la tripulación. Puesto asalariado a tiempo completo y durante todo el año con tiempo libre remunerado y paquete integral de beneficios. Se requiere experiencia previa en acuicultura, agricultura o pesca comercial. Envíe por correo electrónico la experiencia laboral y las referencias a apply@mumfordshellfish.com para su consideración inmediata. Llame al 410-860-8207 si tiene preguntas y envía la solicitud por teléfono.

Eastern Shore Dentistry is looking for a front desk clerk as well as a dental assistant. This position does not require experience the right candidates will be offered on the job training. The positions will be part time and may become full time.

Please email resumes to <u>easternshoredentistry@gmail.com</u> or call 757-665-7729 to set up a time to bring in the resume and cover letter.

Drug screening and background checks will be performed.



HEALTH EDUCATOR (BCCEDP COORDINATOR) Position #ES004

The Eastern Shore Health District has an opening for a Health Educator/BCCEDP Coordinator to support the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP). For detailed job information or to apply, visit http://jobs.virginia.gov/. Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by October 20, 2020. EEO.

Help Wanted (Cont'd)

Immediate opening for SERVICE MANAGER at Coastal Tire and Auto in Exmore. Salary based on knowledge and experience. Call 757-710-2866 for an appointment.

Emergency Medical Technician (Advanced, Intermediate, or Paramedic)

Northampton County is accepting applications for full-time Emergency Medical Technician (Advanced, Intermediate, or Paramedic) in the Emergency Medical Services Department.

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

An application can be obtained at the EMS Office or on the Northampton County EMS website (www.Northampton-ems.org). A completed application form, cover letter, copies of current certifications, and copy of DMV driving record can be submitted to the Department of EMS, PO BOX 235 Eastville, Va. 23347, no later than October 13, 2020. Northampton County is an EOE.



We are currently hiring for the following positions:

• Part-Time & Full-Time Cook - 15 hours a week

Please apply online at: https://www.commonwealthsl.com/careers/ or call 757-787-4343.

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- Custodians
- •Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- •Guidance Counselor-Secondary
- •Hybrid Position: Custodian/Bus Driver
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- •Part-Time Secondary School Secretary
- School Psychologist
- •Secondary Mathematics Teacher
- •Special Education Teacher
- •Substitutes-Teachers, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Nurses, etc.
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- •Xtreme Reading Teacher

For job descriptions, qualifications, salaries, and to apply go to www.ncpsk12.com

Inquiries may be directed to:
Melinda Phillips - Director of Administrative Services
(757) 678-5151 ext. 2013 or mphillips@ncpsk12.com

Northampton County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

Virginia Department of Social Services
Family Services Supervisor

(Northampton County – Eastern Shore)
Position Number: L00002

Hiring Range: \$37,993.00 may be higher based upon qualifications Location: Eastville, VA 23347

Application Deadline: October 23, 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.

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

Developmental Disabilities Aide (Residential)
Peer Recovery/Engagement Specialist
Clinician

Peer Recovery Specialist
Office Services Specialist
Mental Health Facility Technician
Medical Assistant or Licensed Practical Nurse
Crisis Stabilization Case Manager
(QMHP required)

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

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POSITION VACANCY

The County of Northampton is accepting part time employment applications for:

Maintenance Worker I

The Public Works Department is looking to fill a part time Maintenance Worker I position. The essential function of this position is to maintain the county grounds, including lawn mowing and litter control, and perform minor maintenance and repair work to county facilities. Starting pay rate for this position is \$11.69/hr with average year-round hours of up to 25 hrs/week. Requires valid Virginia driver's license.

Job descriptions and applications are available online at www.co.northampton.va.us or at Northampton County Human Resources, 16404 Courthouse Road, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347 (phone: 757/678-0440 x 551). Accepting applications until October 30, 2020.

JOB SUMMARY

Maintains County grounds, buildings and equipment. The position is responsible for assigned tasks. The position works under general supervision according to some procedures; decides how and when to complete tasks.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Maintains grounds and/or parks, including mowing/ trimming/edging, weeding, planting trees, shrubs, and plants, removing trees, watering flower baskets and planters, mulching, and picking up trash and debris.

Maintains equipment of responsibility; assists with maintenance of inventory of supplies.

Operates a variety of powered and hand operated machinery and equipment to facilitate maintenance of County grounds.

Installs, replaces, and straightens street signs.

Performs basic building maintenance work, such as painting, scraping and cleaning.

Performs general unskilled labor work. Assists Maintenance II&III as needed.

Performs other duties as assigned

Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST/BOOK-KEEPER - Must be proficient in Quickbooks & Microsoft Office. Part-time Apply in person: A Friend in Need Home Care, 4230 Lankford Hwy, Exmore, or fax resume to 757-442-4501.

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www.thecharlotte.com

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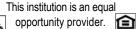
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 AT 7:30 p.m. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPOR-TUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. Agricultural Ordinance Amendment to allow Antennas and Towers over 100 ft.

The Accomack County Planning Commission proposes to amend the Accomack County Zoning Ordinance Agricultural District Regulations; specifically Section 106-53, to allow Antennas and Towers over 100 feet by Special Exception-Special Use Permits in the Agricultural District.

B. Agricultural Ordinance Amendment to allow for any use of land not specifically listed as a Use Permitted by Right or Special Exception-Special Use in the Agricultural District Regulations which is clearly similar and compatible with the uses listed therein.

The Accomack County Planning Commission proposes to amend the Accomack County Zoning Ordinance Agricultural District Regulations; specifically Section 106-53, to allow for any use of land not specifically listed as a Use Permitted by Right or Special Exception-Special Use in the Agricultural District Regulations which is clearly similar and compatible with the uses listed therein.

This Planning Commission meeting will be held as a Hybrid - Electronic (Conference Call) and In-Person Meeting due to the restrictions put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue - Room 105 - Accomac, Virginia and on the County's website at http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Barry Frishman, (2020022) has applied for approximately 25 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

Public Notice

The Northampton County Wetlands Board will meet Wednesday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA for the purpose of considering the following wetlands/ coastal primary sand dunes matters under public hearing and to conduct regular business. The Board will assemble at 8:00 a.m. to conduct site visits.

VMRC 2020-1481: George Dilley is applying for a permit to construct two new 31 foot wide stone breakwaters, approximately 192 and 219 +/- feet in length. The new breakwaters are spaced 118+/- feet apart. An 80-foot extension is proposed to an existing stone breakwater on the south side of the project area. The extension is spaced approximately 110 +/- feet from the new breakwater construction. Location and dimensions of the breakwaters, including a cross-section detail, is attached. The construction is proposed for the channelward side of the Mean Low Water line. Sand deposition behind the breakwaters shall be by natural processes. The properties are located at 3192 Butlers Bluff Drive, 3222 Butlers Bluff Drive, Lot #7 Butlers Bluff-Section 1, 3192 Butlers Bluff Drive, and 3186 Butlers Bluff Drive and is further described as Tax Map 112F-1-5, 112F-1-6, 112-1-7, 112F-1-8, and

VMRC 2020-1643: Rita Woods is applying for a permit to repair/replacement of an approximately 120 linear feet of a stone rip-rap revetment from a previously permitted (VMRC#07-0196) and constructed project. Since the previous rip-rap placement, there has been additional migration of the slope that is evidence by the undercutting and ground exposure within the previously established revetment area. This replacement proposes to remove and replace the existing stone rip-rap revetment. The replacement stone rip-rap revetment will be 4.5-feet in thickness, with an 8-foot long toe apron buried 5 feet below the existing beach grade, and an 8-foot long top apron buried up to 5 feet below the existing bank. The replacement revetment will be substantially thicker, and with a slope toe buried deeper than the existing revetment. The property is located at 31326 Latimers Bluff Road and is further described as Tax Map 117A-3-D1.

VMRC 2020-1692: Gregory Scott Stewart and Kelly Marie Goodacre are applying for a permit to construct a 210 foot bulkhead with a 40 foot return wall approximately 2 foot seaward of existing failing bulkhead. Each end of new bulkhead to tie into existing bulkheads with an overall length of 250 lineal feet. The project will require excavation and backfill. The property is located 9466 Westerhouse Road and is further described as Tax Map 28-1-1.

Anyone interested in the above matters should attend the scheduled public hearing. The applications may be viewed in the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. Written comments can be submitted to the Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement Office P.O. Box 538, Eastville, VA 23347.

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Marshall Cox. Chairman Wetlands Board



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

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Post Op-Ed Page

Refuting Allegations of Micro-Voter Suppression

By Nancy Duncan

I am writing to refute the accusations against the Accomack County registrar and the electoral board published in the October newsletter by the Accomack and Northampton County Democratic committees.

I was a Democratic member of the electoral board for many years, first appointed in 2004 by Judge Glen A. Tyler and more recently reappointed by Judge W. Revell Lewis III. I left the board in March of this year.

The article, which has many mistaken assertions, alleges voter suppression in Accomack by the voter registrar's office and by the electoral board. The electoral board has had a Democratic majority for all the years I have served. I would like to address each accusation made in the article.

The registrar's office was closed for a 30-minute lunch break before early voting began Sept. 18. It is now open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

And, yes, the registrar's office was relocated just over two months before early voting began. The registrar's office was relocated precisely because of the General Assembly's new requirement for early voting. Anyone who has been to the office in Accomac knows it could not accommodate the numbers of people voting early, even without COVID-19 social distancing.

As soon as the legislation for early voting passed, we realized there was no way to continue in that office. The board of supervisors was asked to find a new location for the office. The Joyne's Neck Road location was the space they offered. Everyone would have preferred to remain in downtown Accomac, but the county owned no building there large enough. The need for the move was written about extensively in both local newspapers.

As far as moving to a new location a little over two months before early voting began, the renovations were completed earlier, but the office could not be moved right before or in the middle of the June primary. The article falsely states the office is two miles round trip from the nearest bus stop. In fact, there is a Star Transit bus stop right at the registrar's office which has been there since the office was relocated. As to complaints about signage directing voters to the new location, applications were made to VDOT and they were approved. However, VDOT decides when and where to place them.

There have been several articles in both newspapers along with directions to the new location, as well as many announcements on the radio. From the extraordinarily large early voting response so far, it would seem that voters are having no trouble finding the office. In fact, rather than complaints from voters, I am told people overwhelmingly approve of the new, spacious location. The fact that there is plenty of parking along with a handicapped ramp and accessibilitv features which the former office did not have has been often commented upon favorably.

The charge that electoral board meetings are not publicly announced in violation of state law is patently false. The meetings are not regularly scheduled. When a date is set by the chairman, notification is sent to Accomack County to be posted on its website's monthly calendar.

As to the change in voting location in District 3, that move was made because the Arcadia High School location had many drawbacks, including the school changing the poll's location inside the building so that different elections were held in different parts of the building accessible by different doors. This confused voters. Supervisor Grayson Chesser suggested the move to the New Church fire station where it remained for two years until they no longer wanted to make

Allegations of Micro-Voter Suppression

The Democratic committees of Northampton and Accomack counties published an article in their October 2020 joint newsletter alleging acts of "micro-voter suppression"; acts of voter suppression so subtle they might appear harmless, but when taken together, "are potent and powerful."

The article goes on to say the micro-suppressions are "camouflaged," "deliberately employed with stealth-like precision," and have caused "incalculable" damage.

The article alleges 10 acts of local micro-voter suppression:

- Truncated access (closed daily for lunch) to the Voter Registration (VR) office
- Relocation of the Voter Registration Office (VRO) just two months and nine days prior to the start of In-Person Early Voting
- Locating the new VRO two miles round trip from the nearest bus stop
- Failing to provide signage directing voters to the new location signs
- Failing to publicly announce Electoral Board meetings as required by state law
- Failing to post minutes of the Electoral Board meetings and removing minutes that have been posted in contradiction of state law
- Closing/Changing District 3, a minority district, polling location three times since 2015
- Receipt of incorrect/incomplete/vague election or voter information, when gueried by voters and political leaders
- Ignoring directives from the Attorney General detailing mandates relative to early voting
- Discouraging political campaigns from engaging in legally allowed campaign activities at the Voter Registration office during Early voting

Alleged acts of micro-voter suppression excerpted from "Eastern Shore Democrats, The Newsletter of Accomack and Northampton Democratic Committees."

it available for elections. The polling place was then moved to Arcadia Middle School, an excellent location, which seems to suit everyone.

As to discouraging political campaigns from their legal right to be at the registrar's office during early voting, I suspect they were simply being reminded that all campaign activity must be done 40 feet from the entrance of the building. And, that they must take their campaign signs away when they leave for the day as the county has a policy of no political signs on county property.

I hope this clears up some of the mis-

conceptions put forth in the newsletter. I would urge Accomack County residents to vote early or vote at their polling place on Nov. 3 and see for themselves how the voting is being conducted by the registrar and her staff and the current members of the electoral board. I think you will find them to be extremely helpful and encouraging to all voters.

Nancy Duncan was a member of the Accomack Electoral Board from 2004 until March 2020. She writes the Court Postings column for the Eastern Shore Post. She lives in Greenbush.

Vote Yes on Northampton School Referendum

Dear Editor:

The current Northampton High School/Middle School complex was completed in 1954, and then expanded in 1978. The facility has served Northampton County well in the education of our students. The current high school/middle school complex has run its course, and it is not meeting the needs of the students. It is time to modernize the current facility.

In today's society, the competition to secure post-secondary education slots in our colleges and universities is becoming more and more competitive. As a result, we need to provide our teachers and students with a state-of-the-art facility. Renovation of the high school/middle school complex has already been approved by the Board of Supervisors and construction planning has begun. There will be a separate facility for the middle school.

This will require the passage of a 1% Sales Tax Referendum. If the Referendum is not passed, a real estate tax increase of up to 7.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value may be needed to fund the school debt service payments. Approximately 45% of the additional sales taxes collected will be paid by visitors to Northampton County. This will lessen the burden on the County residents. This tax will not apply to groceries, medications, or automobile/farm equipment purchases. The increase will be used to substantially modernize the current facility. The modernization will involve renovation and new construction. This will be one of the greatest investments the County can make, providing our teachers with a first class facility in which to educate our most prized processions, our children.

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Thank You to a Good Samaritan

Dear Editor:

On Thursday, Sept. 17, my father was walking on County Road near Parksley when he fell, sustaining serious injuries.

A complete stranger who was passing by stopped in the pouring rain to assist my father. He remained with him until the ambulance arrived even after others had stopped to help. That man's name was Dean Davis.

After several failed attempts to locate Mr. Davis, I was able to get in touch with him by a rather bizarre sequence of events. There are no words to sufficiently describe the gratitude my family and I have for this man for his caring, kind and compassionate gesture towards my father. His single act of kindness has restored my faith in humanity and should be an example to us all as to how we treat one another.

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU! Your family should be so proud!

I would also especially like to thank Joyce Green, Reagan Ballance and Gary Kromer for their help that day. Many thanks to Wayne Marshall, John Greer, Fred Matthews of Shore Transport Services, ALL OF THE EMS PER- SONNEL, doctors and nurses who have helped my father and family throughout this whole ordeal.

Submitted with my deepest gratitude.

Curtis Ballance, Parksley Racist Not Welcome Here

Dear Editor:

I would like to address the person who committed an act of aggression against our family at the end of September.

Were you the one who trespassed on our property late Friday night/ early Saturday morning, Sept. 25-26? Were you the one that tore our flagpole down and stole our Black Lives Matter flag that we have proudly flown for the last 7 weeks?

If so, you didn't win. You may think you won. You damaged our property, you stole our flag that you didn't agree with. In your mind I think you believe you won.

Quite the opposite, actually. What you did was prove to our children, family, and friends the exact reason why we were flying that flag. What you did was show our children that not only do hatefilled racist people still live in our nation — they live in our neighborhood — they live in our community. And THEY are the ones destroying property.

What you did was prove us right. You helped us teach a lesson to our children. You taught us more than the flag did.

What you didn't do was win.

Our new flag arrives any day now and we will fly it again. And again. And again. Because even if you don't believe it, Black Lives Matter. They matter to me even if they mean nothing to you.

Go be racist somewhere else, you aren't welcome here.

Stephanie Zodun, Belle Haven
Convenience Center
Contrasts

Dear Editor:

My friends' house was burnt down. They lost everything except the clothes they were wearing. So my other friend and I went to the convenience centers in Northampton County to see if we could pick some things up in the Put-and-Takes.

I was shocked by how terrible the centers were in Northampton County. In the Put-and-Takes, there were pallets for people to put items on. Under the pallets was so much junk and trash, the entire centers looked like they didn't even take care of them. All the metal bins were overflowing and people still put stuff in them. It was disgusting. The attendants just stayed in the office.

Then I went to the centers in Accomack County. What an amazing difference. Accomack County keeps their centers so clean, they take care of all the metal bins and everything. Some of them even decorate with seasonal things, like flags. I was actually amazed at how clean they keep the centers. Some of the attendants will help you if you need it. I think it does not take much effort to keep a place clean.

Linda Bauman, Quinby

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