



Shore Mourns Death of Educator, Community Leader Carla Savage-Wells

By **Connie Morrison**

Shore native and longtime Nandua educator and forensics coach Carla Savage-Wells, 61, died Sunday at her home in Virginia Beach.

Savage-Wells had been battling cancer and confronted the challenge as she did everything: with strength, dignity, and style.

She posted prolifically on social media, a practice that continued throughout her chemotherapy and hospital stays. The selfies and inspirational quotes that fill her Facebook timeline convey wit, wisdom, warmth, and faith.

Friends, extended family, and former students flocked to her side in her final weeks, all duly documented on Facebook until she became too ill to keep up.

Among those remembering Sav-

age-Wells was Gov. Ralph Northam, a former high school classmate.

"About two or three weeks ago, I texted back and forth with Carla and she told me that her numbers didn't look good, but I think she was at peace and knew what she was up against," said Northam.

"She was obviously very personable, as most people remember, and she was a cheerleader, and we just became natural friends," he said. "And even after I left the Shore, she taught at Nandua ... and she invited me a couple of times to speak at their graduation, and just was very highly respected by the students."

Northam also remembers her as a fierce and loyal friend. "... When my crisis, whatever you want to call it, with the yearbook came up in February of

2019, she stood up for me and defended me for who I was and who she knew me to be, and I just really appreciated that." Northam was referring to an interview Savage-Wells gave to CNN's Chris Cuomo.

Savage-Wells gave herself fully to every pursuit, whether working with students in the classroom, pulling together Black history exhibits as part of her Why, Yes! consulting business, acting and singing at North Street Playhouse, or any of numerous other activities she undertook took with passion and adeptness.

In 2016, she began writing periodically for the Eastern Shore Post, adding columnist to her portfolio of accomplishments. Her upbeat writing invoked readers' best inclinations,

tapping into shared experiences that bind us all in the human condition.

She is perhaps most widely known for her contributions in the field of competitive high school forensics, coaching the Nandua team in consecutive regional championships and a state championship in 2010. Her successes earned her a recent induction into the Nandua



Carla Savage-Wells

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Northampton To Allow In-Person Classes 4 Days a Week by Mid-December

By **Stefanie Jackson**

Northampton schools Superintendent Eddie Lawrence expects all students in grades K to 12 will be back in school in person four days a week by Christmas vacation, he announced during the Oct. 22 school board meeting.

That is the plan provided "everything stays the same and we don't run into any more hurdles" with COVID-19, Lawrence said.

Earlier this month, an Occohannock Elementary School student tested positive for COVID-19, and all students and staff who had been in contact with the student were sent home for two weeks. The student's classroom was closed for deep cleaning but the rest of the school operated normally.

No one who had been sent home showed symptoms of COVID-19.

As of last week, kindergarteners were attending school four days a week and the first and second grades were set to return to face-to-face instruction within the following two weeks.

Lawrence had begun surveying parents of seventh graders to determine if it would be feasible to bring back those students next for four-day school weeks.

School board member Charlena Jones asked if Northampton should "pause" bringing all students back to school during flu season. Lawrence said Northampton schools can reverse course if necessary, but all the COVID-19 statistics are trending in a positive direction.

"It's a scary time for parents. I mean, I get it," Lawrence said. "Parents want their children to be safe, we want their children to be safe, and at the same time, there's a growing amount of

parents who want their kids back (in school) four days a week."

The four-day, in-person school week will not be mandatory but another option that parents can choose.

He believes parents are happy both with how the school year is going for children who have been attending class in person and how the COVID-19 incident at Occohannock Elementary was handled.

"And there was no spread there," school board chair Maxine Rasmussen pointed out.

"No, we were lucky," Lawrence said.

He offered additional details on how Northampton schools are managing the COVID-19 pandemic at the Northampton board of supervisors meeting Oct. 27.

Hand-washing breaks are built into each school's daily schedule. At the middle and high school, teachers stand out in the hall in between classes and dispense hand sanitizer for students.

"We try to go no more than about an hour and a half without everybody having washed their hands," Lawrence said.

To limit the spread of germs, Northampton schools have installed touchless faucets.

The middle and high school also have touchless water bottle filling stations.

Oliver Bennett, chairman of the board of supervisors and a Northampton High School teacher, added that teachers are sanitizing surfaces between classes, including desks, handrails, and anything else the kids touch.

"The public may not realize how labor intensive it is, but just to go by and clean every doorknob in every building between each class exchange takes an awful lot of time," Lawrence said.

He said keeping Northampton schools clean and sanitized is "very labor intensive right now, but so far I think we're doing real well."

~Savage-Wells~

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Athletic/Academic Hall of Fame.

“She came to work for us in 1996,” said Accomack Schools Superintendent Chris Holland, noting her 22 years of employment with the school division. “She was a great teacher. She put us on the map with forensics,” he said.

Savage-Wells left ACPS in 2018 and began teaching at Virginia Beach Public Schools.

Holland recalled that her mother, Rozelma Savage, was also an educa-

tor. Savage taught first at T.C. Walker Elementary School, then transferred to North Accomack Elementary after schools were desegregated in 1970. She died in 2005.

“I know her mother would be proud of what she’s done in education,” Holland said.

But more than the honors, awards, and GPP, as she liked to call the “gold-plated plastic” trophies, her legacy may be best seen in the students she coached in poise, elocution, and sportsmanship, reflecting years later on how she helped to shape their lives.

“If only those banners could show how many of us you not only coached into forensics success, but college and career success as well,” commented former student James Lawrence, writing on a Facebook page dedicated to Nandua forensics about the championship banners that hang in Nandua’s auditorium.

“She’s been such an amazing mentor and friend to every one of her students,” said former student Vashti Harrison, author of nationally acclaimed children’s books, including “Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History.”

“She nurtured my creativity and passion for storytelling well beyond high school and I’m so lucky to have been able to share so many parts of my career with her: from forensics to filmmaking and now writing for children.

“She knew long before I ever did that children’s storytelling would be a good fit for me and (I) will forever be grateful for her guidance,” Harrison said.

The talent, confidence, and character Savage-Wells helped students discover and hone are on full display in a video some of her former students made when they heard about her selection for the hall of fame. Excerpts from a few of their tributes, along with each

student’s high school class, follow.

“Everything you have taught me, I have taken with me to my career as a college professor now.” — Meg Tucker O’Neill, 2003.

“I can barely tell you how much, every day when I walk into a room and I feel composed and I have a message that I can deliver with confidence, that is you. That is your influence on my life. It has led me to many wonderful places. And now every time that I help another student feel confident, that is also you.” — Cora Ann Johnston, 2004.

“I hope you’re aware, we’re better, more confident people having had you as our coach, and I hope this award comes with some gold-plated plastic.” — Clay Reese, 2005

“Your guidance and mentorship on and off the team has had a lasting impression on my life and I am forever grateful.” — LaRhonda Fletcher, 2006

Savage-Wells was preceded in death by her parents, Rozelma and Harold Savage, and a brother, Craig Savage.

She is survived by her husband, Norm Wells, and a daughter, Sheridan, both of Virginia Beach.

Funeral arrangements were unavailable as of press time Thursday.







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Nandua Middle School art teacher Sarah Clark, the Virginia Art Education Association's Middle School Art Educator of the Year for 2020, pauses in her classroom by a painting she's been working on. Photo by Stefanie Jackson.

Nandua Middle School Teacher Is Virginia Art Educator of the Year

By Stefanie Jackson

Nandua Middle School art teacher Sarah Clark is the first person from Accomack to be recognized as a Virginia Art Education Association teacher of the year.

"It puts Accomack County on the map for art education," Clark said of the award.

She is now eligible to win a National Art Education Association award, representing the southeastern region.

Clark winning the state title of Middle School Art Educator of the Year, 2020, took a rigorous process

that began with her nomination. She was required to submit a portfolio of her teaching experiences, professional honors and leadership roles, and work developing art programs, publications, and exhibitions.

She also had to submit two letters of recommendation, which were written by her principal, John Killmon, and family and consumer science teacher Jennifer Kidwell.

They highlighted many of her professional and personal accomplishments, including her emphasis on STEAM (science, technology, engineer-

ing, art, and math) that has resulted in classroom creations such as ceiling-to-floor mobiles and projects with moving parts and 3D perspectives.

Clark also coordinated with the director of the Virginia Coastal Reserve research center to develop lessons on hyperspectral imagery, which ecologists are using to study above-ground biomass on Virginia's barrier islands. Her students' work was displayed at the NMS art show and will be featured at the Oyster research center at a later date.

Other creations resulting from Clark's art lessons have included website designs, fashion shows, animal spirit masks made of papier-mache, pottery, and a rock garden featuring a rock painted by Virginia Secretary of Education Atif Qarni, who visited the class last spring.

Clark is the Accomack County Public Schools division mentor for art teachers.

She conceived and organized Nandua Middle School's annual student showcase, featuring displays from every school club and an art show and

art auction. School art show and concert attendance in 2020 doubled from the previous year.

Clark's leadership extends beyond her role as an art teacher. She has been a National Junior Beta Club sponsor and mentor since 2009, helping elementary and middle school Beta Club members prepare for state competitions.

She is a presenter at Accomack schools' annual technology summit, a professional development event for teachers to learn to incorporate technology into their curriculums.

Clark also shares her passion for art with the greater community.

She is the performing arts teacher for the Onley Baptist Church children's ministry, Kidz Alive, every Sunday night. She teaches kids in pre-K to eighth grade sign language, interpretive dance, puppeteering, and arts and crafts.

She also works two Saturdays a month at the Red Queen Gallery in Onancock, where she has sold her art since 2014. She was featured in the gallery's Three Generations art show with

her father and two-year-old daughter in 2019.

Clark has arranged for the gallery to host several of her students and invited Red Queen Gallery artists to teach guest lessons in her classroom.

She doesn't know who nominated her for the VAEA award but suspects it may have been a professor who taught her at James Madison University.

Clark was a full-time art assistant at JMU and joined the VAEA in 2011 when she was still an undergraduate.

Her first teaching position was at Pungoteague Elementary School, where she taught art for four years. Clark then took a one-year leave of absence to pursue her graduate degree.

After earning her graduate degree, an art teaching position became available at Nandua Middle School, which she has held for the last seven years.

Clark will be recognized for her achievement during the VAEA annual conference in November, which will be held virtually this year.

She is excited to receive the award as it "validates my passion as a teacher and an artist."



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

Learn More: The study team has received a great deal of public input related to this study. This virtual presentation will include a summary of the public input along with the final alignment concept and related feasibility study information. In addition, the virtual presentation area includes a Frequently Asked Questions document, typical cross-sections, road crossings and an online comment form for submitting public feedback. VDOT is inviting the public to learn about the study and its progress by accessing the virtual presentation and study materials located at [Virginiadot.org/EasternShoreTrail](https://www.virginiadot.org/EasternShoreTrail). A transcript and alternate recording of the virtual presentation is available online in Spanish and Haitian Creole.

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Shore Sees Strong Early Voting

By Carol Vaughn

The last day to vote early in person in Virginia is Saturday, Oct. 31, and thousands of Eastern Shore voters already have cast their ballots, either by mail or in person at the voter registrar offices in Eastville and Accomack.

As of Oct. 25, 7,111 voters in Accomack County had cast early ballots or applied for an absentee ballot by mail, according to the Virginia Public Access Project. That's compared to a total of 1,557 absentee ballots cast in the 2016 election, of 15,999 total ballots cast.

In Northampton County, 3,878 voters have cast early ballots or applied for an absentee ballot, compared to 829 absentee ballots in 2016 of 6,208 total ballots cast.

In some Eastern Shore precincts, more than 40% of registered voters already have cast their ballots, according to VPAP. In 2016, voter turnout was 65% in Accomack and 67% in Northampton.

Precincts with the highest early voter turnout include precinct 1 in Northampton County, with 45.3% turnout as of Oct. 25; Northampton's precinct 4, with 44% turnout; and Accomack's Nandua precinct, with 41% turnout.

In the remaining precincts in Northampton County, more than 30% of registered voters have voted absentee or early.

Precinct 2 has had 34.9%; precinct 3 has had 34.8%; and precinct 5 has had 32.8%.

In the remaining Accomack County precincts, early and absentee voting by precinct is as follows: Wachapreague, 23.5%; Painter, 31.9%; Bobtown, 31%; Melfa, 28%; Accomack, 32%; Rue, 34%; Parksley, 20.5%; Mapps-ville, 29%; Bloxom, 15.6%; Saxis, 9.2%;

Atlantic, 18.6%; New Church, 25%; Greenbackville, 21.1%; Chincoteague, 26%; and Tangier, 6.1%.

The percentages are calculated as follows: absentee ballots returned, both those cast by mail and in-person, plus the number of outstanding mail ballot applications, divided by the total number of registered voters in each precinct.

The Accomack Voter Registration office is where to go to vote early in person for Accomack County residents. Located at the entrance to Sawmill Park, 24387 Joynes Neck Road in Accomack, hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and the office also will be open this Saturday, Oct. 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Northampton County voters may come to the Voter Registration Office at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville to vote early. Hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and this Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election has passed, as has the deadline to request an absentee ballot, but absentee ballots already requested may be returned by mail, postmarked by Nov. 3 and received no later than Nov. 6 by noon, or may be returned in person by Nov. 3 by 7 p.m.

Additionally, all polling places will be open for in-person voting on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling locations have not changed since the last election.

If unsure of the polling location, call the Accomack County Voter Registration office at 757-787-2935 or 757-824-0525 or check online at www.elections.virginia.gov

Northampton County voters can call 757-678-0480 or email vote@co.northampton.va.us for information.

Painter Man Dies in Moped Crash

Staff Report

A Painter man died Monday, Oct. 26, when the moped he was riding crashed with a pickup truck in Belle Haven.

State Police report that at approximately 4:58 p.m., a call was received to investigate a two-vehicle accident on Belle Haven Road.

The driver of a 2007 Dodge Ram 1500, Cleveland T. Baines, was traveling in the southbound lane of Belle Haven Road when he came upon a mo-

ped traveling in the northbound lane.

"For reasons unknown, the driver of the moped, Larry Junior Reid, crossed over the center line and into the southbound lane of travel, colliding head-on with the Dodge Ram pickup truck," said State Police Sgt. Michelle Anaya in a press release.

Reid, 56, of the 16000 block of Savagetown Road in Painter, died at the scene of the accident.

According to the release, no charges will be placed/pursued.

Accomack Schools Consider Adding Mental Health Days for Students, Staff

By *Stefanie Jackson*

A Nandua Middle School student spoke to the Accomack school board last week to raise awareness of mental health issues in teens and what the school board can do to help.

Ciara Onley described a typical school day for a teenager. “You walk into school. To your right, you see a group of girls whispering, probably talking about you. Then you go upstairs to the teacher who likes to give you crap because you’re the student they’ve chose to pick on this year.

“Then your day goes on. And you get to algebra, and you don’t understand, but the teacher can no longer help you because the rest of the class has moved on.

“Your school day has ended and you get home, and you have your daily breakdown. And you turn the water on because no one can hear you crying.

“And then you do it all over again the next day,” she said.

Ciara’s recommendation to the school board was to allow students to take mental health days when they are overwhelmed and need a break.

Each student would be allowed a certain number of mental health days per semester.

One in 16 teens is affected by mental illness, 62,000 youth have died by self-harm, and suicide is the second leading cause of death in teens age 14 to 16, she said.

“There are so many students struggling in silence, but it only takes one person to speak up and invoke change,” Ciara said.

The Virginia General Assembly showed its support for student mental health days when it passed House Bill 308 earlier this year, which was approved by Gov. Ralph Northam in April and took effect July 1.

The bill required the Virginia Department of Education to write guidelines for allowing student mental health days to be counted as excused absences. VDOE was given a deadline of Dec. 31 to write the guidelines and distribute them to school boards.

Student absences due to behavior-

al health issues also would be excused, according to the bill.

Virginia school boards will be given the framework to follow the example of the Montgomery County school district in midwestern Virginia, the home of Virginia Tech.

The Montgomery County school board voted unanimously in late 2019 to count student mental health days as excused absences, and no one from the public objected, according to the channel WHSV3 website.

The story got the attention of the Washington Post, which noted in a January report that students had lobbied the Montgomery County school board for months before a decision was made.

At the time of the report, Oregon and Utah were already giving students mental health days, and California, New York, and Florida had proposed related legislation.

The COVID-19 pandemic may be increasing the prevalence of mental health issues in teens.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducted a survey in June, and 25.5% of participants reported symptoms of anxiety disorder compared to about 8% of U.S. adults in the second quarter of 2019, about three times more.

About 24% of participants reported symptoms of depression in June compared to 6.5% of U.S. adults in the second quarter of 2019, approximately four times more.

Only adults were surveyed, but the youngest group, ages 18 to 24, reported symptoms of anxiety and depression most often.

Nearly 63% of adults age 18 to 24 reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder compared to about 40% of ages 25 to 44, 20% of ages 45 to 64, and 8% of ages 65 and up.

School board Vice Chairman Ronnie Holden requested Superintendent Chris Holland and staff meet with Ciara to discuss her ideas, and Chairman Paul Bull asked that both students and school staff be included in the resulting recommendation on taking mental health days.

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Child Care Tops Discussion at Accomack Board of Supervisors Meeting

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack County is in need of more child care options, including for infants and toddlers, according to two speakers during a public comment period at the board of supervisors meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21.

According to speakers Ann Williams, of Onancock, and Wayne Bell, the closing of Belle Croft Preschool, better known as “Miss Jean’s,” in Accomack would leave a deficit in licensed child care operators who accept the youngest children.

Belle Croft Preschool is not closing, according to a spokesperson for Belle Croft Preschool, Beth Steelman Perry.

Perry in an Oct. 23 Facebook post said: “I became aware of false statements presented to supervisors last evening. The Belle Croft Pre-School is not closing and there are no plans for the school to close. I am on the license to assure that parents, students and staff are supported in the event that Jean Steelman is not able to fulfill the duties as, the state mandated role,

Administrator.”

Williams and Bell asked the board of supervisors to support a proposal to establish a Children’s Harbor early childhood education center in Accomack County.

Bell is chief executive officer of the nonprofit Children’s Harbor organization in Hampton Roads.

The organization has been in existence since 1911 and serves more than 500 children in several Hampton Roads localities, Bell said.

“We have a very successful program and we are looking to expand it over here on the Eastern Shore,” he said.

“With Miss Jean’s closing being imminent, the need for child care in Accomack County is dire. Children are being cared for in homes, some of which are regulated, many of which are not. People are caring for too many children in their homes and it’s not a high-quality child care experience,” Williams said.

The federally funded Head Start program has spots for 218 children in Accomack and Northampton counties

together, Williams said, adding that the head of Head Start told Williams at any given time there are 20 to 25 children on a waiting list.

Williams said they have received letters of support for the project from the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce and the Accomack County Department of Social Services.

Williams did a needs assessment in spring, she said.

“It was pretty overwhelming the number of people who were unhappy with their current child care situation,” she said, adding, “...This is affecting economic development.”

The Children’s Harbor board of directors is willing to consider establishing a center in Accomack County, but their operating budget does not cover capital costs for construction or renovation of an existing building, Williams said.

“We want you all to be aware that we are pursuing this,” Bell said, asking the board for ideas about ways to collaborate.

Chairman C. Reneta Major later

in the meeting asked County Administrator Mike Mason to comment on Bell’s request.

Mason said a financial contribution “is a very hard thing to do” at present, but one idea is to look at how county-owned assets, such as the former Whispering Pines property or the Eastern Shore Public Library building soon to be vacated in Accomack, could play a role in meeting child care needs in the county.

A competitive request for proposals would be needed, he said.

Supervisor Ron Wolff noted an effort is underway in northern Accomack County to provide child care options, including for Navy personnel and others.

He suggested it would be good to have a meeting with all the groups.

The board by consensus directed staff to prepare recommendations about what role the county could play in incentivizing child care operators.

CARES Act Update

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Board Supports Rail to Trail Applications; Comment Period Open Through Nov. 11

The board approved two resolutions of support for Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE applications for portions of a proposed multi-use trail along the railroad right of way.

One resolution is related to a 15-mile segment of the trail between Eastern Shore Community College and Bloxom; the second is for a two-mile segment in the town of Onley.

“SMART SCALE applications were advised during this time for a couple of reasons,” Shannon Alexander of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission told the board.

Consultants at present are doing work on the project at no cost to the localities, “and that is probably not going to be the case in two years from now,” when the next SMART SCALE round will happen, she said.

If the projects are selected and highly ranked for state funding, the earliest start date for preliminary engineering would be August 2025, according to Alexander.

VDOT is wrapping up a feasibility study for the trail project and will present findings to the boards of supervisors of both Accomack and Northampton after the study is completed.

Mason noted Accomack County has applied for other SMART SCALE project funding, including for the board’s top priority, improvements to Route 175.

“There are some scenarios that could happen where this project could be elevated above that, pushing 175 off the list. That would be rare because it would have to be the one right below that got kicked out, but if that happens, this project could be removed and that project elevated up and funded, is my understanding,” Mason said.

Another SMART SCALE application for a trail portion in Cape Charles also was submitted.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will make a determination in July as to whether any of the applications is accepted for funding through SMART SCALE, according to a presentation on the VDOT website.

Comments from the public about the trail are being accepted through Nov. 11 at the VDOT website, after a virtual public information presentation was posted at VirginiaDot.org/EasternShoreTrail

The presentation gives a summary of public input from an online survey, along with the final alignment concept and related feasibility study information.

The study area extends along the railroad right of way for about 50 miles between Cape Charles and Hallwood.

The study will evaluate existing conditions, identify the preferred alignment, develop construction and maintenance cost estimates, and provide options for a management structure.

Bayside Added to Housing List

The board voted 9-0 to add the Bayside community to a prioritized list for future housing improvement projects funded by the state’s Community Development Block Grant program. Bayside was added at the number six spot on a list of seven, in order: East Horntown, Wishart’s Point, Graysville (Church Road), Whitesville, Linhaven Circle, Bayside, and Sanford.

Bayside was added to the list after the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission recently completed a windshield housing survey and assessment there.

Election Day Holiday

The board voted to add Election Day, Nov. 3, as a paid holiday for county employees, in accordance with the commonwealth of Virginia declaring it a holiday.

Adding the holiday will cost around \$20,210 for holiday pay for employees who have to work that day, including in the departments of public works and public safety, the sheriff’s office, and the voter registrar’s office.

Utility Relief

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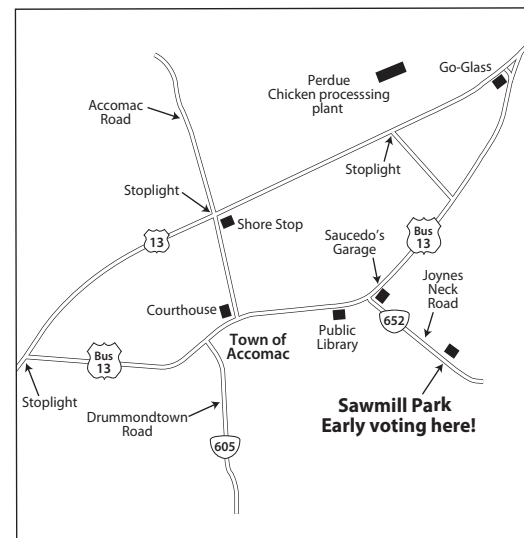
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to offer utility bill assistance.

The board of supervisors voted 9-0 to authorize use of up to \$100,000 in federal CARES Act money to help eligible residents with a household income up to \$84,000 who can document they are behind at least one month on a utility bill due to COVID-19.

The maximum payment will be \$300 per household and assistance will be provided through DSS on a first-come, first-served basis.

Courthouse Fee Likely to Double

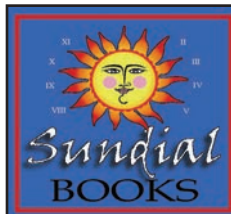
The board voted to hold a public hearing about increasing the courthouse security fee from \$10 to \$20, in accordance with a change in the maximum allowed under state law.

The fee is assessed to criminal or traffic cases in the district or circuit court in which the defendant is convicted of a violation.

The current fee is insufficient to cover current costs, according to the agenda item.

Board Approves CARES Act Funds for 911 Projects

The board approved using CARES Act funds to pay Accomack’s share of costs associated with development of a disaster/continuity of operations plan for the 9-1-1 Center, \$16,041, and payroll expenditures related to the pandemic, \$15,827. Accomack’s support is contingent on Northampton County appropriating its share of the costs.



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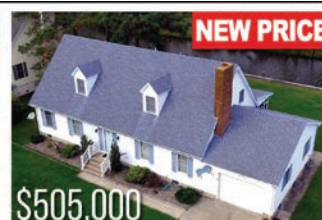
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OBITUARIES

Clayton James Fisher

Mr. Clayton James Fisher, 33, of Nassawadox, and formerly of Clear Spring, Md., passed away Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, in Norfolk, as a result of an auto accident.

Clayton is survived by his children, Garrett Owen Fisher, Sydney Elisse Fisher, Gwenevere Lyn Fisher, and Charlotte Eloise Fisher; his significant other, Mersadie Vasquez; his mother, Cindy Reed Lambert and husband, Tom, of Nassawadox; his father, John Fisher, of Detour, Md.; brothers, Justin Fisher and wife, Jamie, of Clear Spring, Danny Lambert, of Kentucky, and Chris Lambert, of North Carolina; and many other extended family members.

He was born July 26, 1987, in Hagerstown, Md. He lived in Clear Spring until the age of 13.

From the time he was born, Clayton was known for the energy he exuded. He could light up a room with just a smile. Clayton never met a stranger and never declined to help anyone.

He was a part of the Norfolk Police Department and a member of the F.O.P. in Norfolk. Clayton enjoyed golfing, farming, the Shore, and the mountains. He was known for his love of music, cowboy boots, and old Fords. Above all else, Clayton cherished his family "back home" as well as those on the Shore. But nothing brought more joy to his heart than spending time with his children and the love of his life, Sadie.

Services will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at 10 a.m., at Donald Edwin Thompson Funeral Home Inc., 13607 National Pike, Clear Spring, Md., with Father Steven McCarty officiating. Interment will follow at Shanktown Cemetery, Big Pool, Md. In Clayton's honor, please dress casually with boots and jeans welcomed.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. For the convenience of friends, you may visit the funeral home after 1 p.m.

Due to current COVID-19 regulations, facial coverings are required and social distancing will be practiced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Donald Edwin

Thompson Funeral Home Inc., P.O. Box 310, Clear Spring, MD 21722 to assist the family with funeral expenses.

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John Wayne Garrison

Mr. John Wayne Garrison, 83, of Williamsburg, Va., died Oct. 20, 2020, at 12:35 p.m. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Delores, and his precious son, John II "Johnny," of Hampton; one brother, Larry, of Leesburg, Fla.; two sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Robert Alton and Maudie P. Garrison, of Portland, Tenn.; and two brothers, James R. Garrison (Mabel), of Portland, and Richard A. Garrison (Alice), of Knoxville, Tenn.



Mr. Garrison

John worked as a broadcast engineer, retiring from Kentucky Educational Television. He held a first-class FCC Broadcast Engineers license and a Senior Broadcast Engineers certificate. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers and a member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Hampton.

A graveside service was held Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, at Fairview Lawn Cemetery with Pastors Barbara Parker and Esther Agbosu officiating. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Bethany United Methodist Church, 159 Todds Lane, Hampton, VA 23666.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

David Leroy Hawes

Mr. David Leroy Hawes, 68, of Keller, passed away Oct. 20, 2020, in Norfolk.

Born Sept. 27, 1952, in Connecticut, he was the son of the late Glennis Belmain Hynes and his stepfather, John A Hynes. David was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a retired maintenance worker from ESCC. David enjoyed kayaking, hik-

ing, exploring, games of chances, and wood carving. His favorite places were Salmon River in Connecticut and the Chesapeake Bay.

David is survived by a brother, John D. Hynes, and wife, Deborah, of Keller; a sister, Michelle Bernacki, of New York; and two nephews, Justin W. Fitchett, of North Carolina, and Conner A. Hynes, of Keller. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Albatte.

Memorial services will be private.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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Rose Rippon

Mrs. Rose Marie Steelman Rippon, 94, wife of the late Thomas W. "Biddy" Rippon and a resident of Eastville, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at Heritage Hall Healthcare in Nassawadox. A native of Chincoteague, she was the daughter of the late John David Steelman and the late Mary Jeanette Carter Steelman. She was a member of Cheriton Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, John Lee Rippon and his wife, Susan, of Exmore, and Thomas Wilson Rippon Jr. and his wife, Jennifer, of Nassawadox; three grandchildren, Thomas Benson Rippon, Thomas Wilson Rippon III and his wife, Laurel, and Emily Rippon Weisskopf and her husband, John; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sisters, Patricia Steelman Mapp and Frances S. Clark.

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 virus, a private graveside service will be conducted at Cape Charles Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Peterson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cheriton Baptist Church, P.O. Box 227, Cheriton, VA 23316.



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Edwin Jay Smith



Mrs. and Mr. Smith

Mr. Edwin Jay Smith, formerly of McLean/Great Falls, Va., having retired to the Virginia Northern Neck in 1998, passed away at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury on Oct. 18, 2020. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 70 years, Zena Smith, and son, Edwin Jay Jr. He is survived by sons, Gary, Christopher, Timothy, Robert, and Joseph; daughter, Nancy; as well as 36 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.



Mr. Smith

Ed was born to Clarence R. Smith and Hallie Marlow Smith July 31, 1929, in O'Fallon, Ill. He moved to Washington, D.C., at 12 years and graduated from Eastern Senior High School, class of 1948. He was a notable football and track athlete in high school and played semi-pro football, also serving in the Army National Guard.

Ed and Zena were married in Wash-

ington, D.C., on Sept. 12, 1948. Together they founded E. Jay Smith Builders which, by the early 1960s, became one of the D.C. area's most prestigious builders and home renovation specialists. Noted projects include the restoration of the U.S. Capitol Building, conversion of the Naval Observatory into the official residence of the vice president, the renovation of Hickory Hill, home of Sen. and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, the construction of the McLean, Va., residence of Sen. and Mrs. Ted Kennedy, as well as the McLean residence of Gov./ Sen. and Mrs. Charles Robb.

Ed was a gifted architect and in retirement oversaw the design and construction of the White Stone Church of the Nazarene, of which he and Zena were devoted members. Together they created an oasis at their Bay House, situated on Bayberry Island, where they graciously entertained family and friends, treating them to the natural beauty and wonder of the Chesapeake Bay.

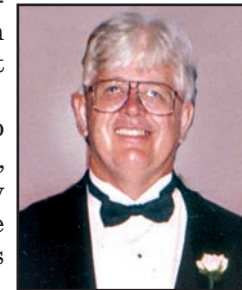
Ed and Zena lived a full and active life with unwavering faith in Christ and in the promise of the resurrection. He leaves behind a legacy of love, loy-

alty, service, talent, creativity, and mischievous humor that will be cherished for generations. Though his passing will be mourned deeply by all those blessed by his endearing nature, it is made sweet by the sure hope of a joyous reunion.

Stanley Dale Williams Jr.

Mr. Stanley Dale Williams Jr., 73, husband of Cassandra "Candy" James Williams and a resident of Exmore, passed away Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at his residence. A native of Southampton County, Va., he was the son of the late Stanley Dale Williams and the late Gladys Florence Davis Williams. He was retired from the Northampton County Sheriff's Department and a member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by three sons, Dale Scott Williams and his wife, Jenifer, of Wey-



Mr. Williams

ers Cave, Va., Christopher James Williams, of Exmore, and Patrick Davis Williams, of Exmore; a brother, Gary Davis Williams Sr., and his wife, Dorothy, of Midlothian, Va.; six grandchildren, Zach Harmon, Briana Robinson, Sarah Williams, Patrick Williams, Lindsay Williams, and Treyce Williams; and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Belle Haven Cemetery with the Rev. Mikang Kim officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Epworth Methodist Church, P.O. Box 488, Exmore, VA 23350, Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 615, Onley, VA 23418, or Shore Little League, P.O. Box 915, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

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More Rebuild Virginia Funding Announced for Businesses, Nonprofits

By Stefanie Jackson

The Rebuild Virginia program that was started in August with \$70 million in federal funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act is about to get a \$30 million boost.

"Small businesses and nonprofits are the backbone of our economy, and they will be the backbone of our recovery," Gov. Ralph Northam said during a press conference Wednesday afternoon.

The additional \$30 million in CARES Act funds will provide grants to small businesses and nonprofits that haven't already received federal assistance.

That may include retail stores, restaurants, farms, and summer camps, Northam said.

The maximum grant that can be received is \$100,000, up from \$10,000 previously.

Virginia CARES Act allocations to date include \$220 million for K-12 public schools, \$116 million for colleges and universities, \$73 million for hazard pay for home healthcare workers, \$65.8 million for childcare access, \$30 million for broadband internet, \$22 million for COVID-19 vaccine program planning, and \$3 million for free clinics.

"You have heard me say that we have to fix the health crisis to fix the economic crisis, and that remains true, but that doesn't mean we can't work on both at the same time," Northam said.

He shared "good news" from a recent New York Times report that Virginia is one of five states where new cases of COVID-19 are "low and staying low."

The other four states are Delaware, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii. New COVID-19 cases also remain low in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

But "we aren't an island ... our citizens cross state lines every day," Northam cautioned.

He noted across Virginia's southwestern border, in Tennessee, Ballad Health is reporting COVID-19 spikes.

The COVID-19 positivity rate in Southwestern Virginia is barely below 8%, about double that of other Virginia regions.

The COVID-19 positivity rate is 5%

in the Central region, 4.7% in Northern Virginia, 4.1% in the Eastern region, and 4% in the Northwestern region.

Countries around the world are re-imposing restrictions to slow further spread of COVID-19. "Nobody wants to have to do that, but this virus remains a very real threat," Northam said.

He attributed the elevated COVID-19 statistics in Southwestern Virginia to small family gatherings and not wearing face coverings.

It was later clarified that Northam was referring to small gatherings of around six or eight people from the same family but several different households.

Social distancing is recommended and wearing face masks indoors is suggested at those gatherings.

Virginia has received a shipment of 27,000 rapid antigen COVID-19 tests, out of a total order of 200,000 tests. Antigen tests are considered more accurate than antibody tests when screening asymptomatic patients for COVID-19.

The first shipment of 26,000 tests was received last week, and the tests are being sent to nursing homes and longterm care facilities.

"As scientists learn more about this virus over the past eight months, we all learn more about how easily it spreads through the air," Northam said.

He asked Virginians to make good choices this weekend and avoid big crowds and Halloween activities that are "not cut out for social distancing."

Virginia Health Commissioner Norman Oliver reported 176,754 total cases of COVID-19 in the state, including 1,345 new cases, and 3,616 total coronavirus-related deaths, including 16 new deaths.

The governor urged his constituents to continue to "be smart in how you socialize, how you shop, how you act when you go out of your house. Wear a mask, please. Keep your distance from other people."

Northam said, "I am so proud of how Virginians have stepped up during this pandemic. You can see the results in our numbers compared to other states. We just need to keep it up."

VIMS: Preliminary Data Promising on Water Quality Effects from Poultry

By Jim Ritch

Accomack County poultry growers are earning good grades, although tentative ones, for preserving water quality around their farms, according to preliminary scientific data compiled through the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences.

However, farmers owe credit to the landscape and geology of Virginia's Eastern Shore as well as to their own good farming practices.

"We're not finding a direct impact from poultry houses" on the county's water quality, said Richard A. Snyder, professor of marine science and director of the Eastern Shore Laboratory of VIMS in Wachapreague.

The result is a welcome highlight in a study that may refine Chesapeake Bay cleanup mandates and funding.

Current mandates draw heavily from models that use data from mid-Shore Maryland counties to generate estimates for Accomack and Northampton counties.

The study aims to replace estimates with actual data.

"Hopefully, the data will improve the models," Snyder said.

Funded by Accomack County, Snyder has for three years sampled water where roads cross creeks. What began as about 12 sampling locations has expanded to 80 locations.

Initially, he drew samples during dry weather, when any water in the creeks had entered by seeping through their banks. This water had finished a years long journey through soil, sand and aquifers where it was filtered and cleaned.

He then collected samples after major rain storms, when creeks contained runoff from towns, roads, farm fields, and other land uses and had entered the creeks directly without filtering.

All samples were measured for nutrient loading, including nitrogen and phosphorous.

It was also tested for suspended solids.

He also analyzed the drainage ar-

reas of the creeks, identifying those that included poultry farms. The remaining creeks generally drained residential areas of towns and homes, he said.

Comparing the two groups indicated "no difference in nutrient concentrations between streams draining with and without poultry houses," he said.

The result might also be heavily influenced by differing mid-Shore and Virginia topographies, he said.

The land "is very different down here," because it's more heavily wooded, the soil sandier, and the aquifer shorter, he said.

More woodland means less runoff and more filtering and cleaning.

Delmarva farms generally benefit from the peninsula's flat landscape and sandy soil.

Both increase the percentage of rainwater that soaks into the soil.

However, the narrow nature of the southern peninsula shortens the transit time for groundwater, because the underground aquifer becomes narrower.

Groundwater on the Eastern Shore completes its trip from surface to creek in just five to 10 years, compared with as much as 40 years for a similar trip in other regions.

So the water that's seeping into Accomack creeks today ran across farm fields just 10 years ago, when farming practices were more environmentally friendly than they were 40 years ago.

Snyder looks forward to expanding his study in coming years.

Next year, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will fund testing of bayside streams in Northampton County and continued testing on bayside streams in Accomack County.



Richard Snyder

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

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

Section 6. Exempt property.

(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.

Court Postings *By Nancy Drury Duncan*

Accomack County Circuit Court

Pamela Michele Clark, 34, of Withams, pleaded guilty to uttering. On Oct. 6, 2019, Clark cashed a \$300 check she made out to herself. The check belonged to her grandmother. The woman was notified by her bank that her signature on the check did not match her others. When confronted with the evidence, Clark admitted she stole the check from her grandmother and cashed it because her electricity was turned off. At the time of the crime, Clark was on probation for another offense. Judge W. Revell Lewis III allowed her to remain on bond until her Jan. 28, 2021, sentencing.

Justin Bradley Martin, 21, of Onancock, charged with credit card larceny and credit card fraud, entered into a plea agreement with the common-

wealth. Martin pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge of credit card fraud in exchange for the dismissal of the larceny charge. On June 3, 2019, a young woman he was dating was at his home watching a movie, said Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan. She left at about midnight. The following day she realized she did not have her debit card. She attempted to contact Martin but he did not respond to her texts, Morgan said. The girl had allowed him to use her card in her presence and he knew her PIN. Video footage at Royal Farms showed him getting cash from an ATM and using it to pay for gas. Testimony was he was involved in other larcenies from the same victim in the past. The plea agreement states that he will pay restitution of \$1,080 to cover the earlier money he took from this victim. Defense attorney Tucker Watson said his client had a good job working on a tugboat and would

repay the money by Jan. 1. "You are very fortunate that the plea agreement allows you to plead guilty to the misdemeanor and not the felony," said Judge Lewis. "You are beginning a career of working on a tugboat. If convicted of a felony, you might not be able to get a license. If the problem continues, you will be (convicted of a felony). I would suggest you seek counseling." He sentenced Martin to six months in jail and suspended all but 30 days, which he said could be served on weekends. He ordered him to pay \$1,080 in restitution by Jan. 1.

Bail was denied for Marquez Jarue Searles, 23, of Parksley, charged with felony eluding and abuse and neglect of a child. The sheriff's department was looking for Searles because there were warrants for his arrest from another state. A deputy testified he went to several places Searles was known to frequent and left messages for him. He did not respond. On Aug. 27, the deputy went to Searles' Metompkin Road home and saw his silver Crown Vic-

toria parked there. The deputy said he knocked but no one answered the door. He decided to wait for him to come out of the neighborhood. When he did, the officer pursued him in the Parksley area for 3.7 miles, according to his testimony. The chase reached speeds in excess of 100 mph, he told the court. Searles ended the pursuit at his Metompkin Road address where he got out of his car and surrendered to police. It is alleged that there was an underage female in the car during the pursuit. Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan asked that Searles not be granted bail. "We had difficulty locating him for a minor charge in Maryland. He has a history of not making himself available," Morgan told the court. "The evidence was that you knew there were warrants in Maryland," said Judge Lewis. "The police were looking for you and no one came to the door. There was a three-and-a-half-mile high-speed chase in a residential area. It is a public safety issue. The court denies bail." A trial date for Searles has not yet been set.

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\$52,900



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Wallops Flight and NASA.
Septic certificate letter on file.
\$29,000



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Twilley Dr., Waterfront!!!

Open kitchen, dining area and living room, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Relax on the 45' x 14' screened porch, steps lead to a large observation deck overlooking Oyster Bay. Large storage areas and garage are beneath the home. Most furnishings convey. Outside Shower.
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\$75,000



Atlantic

On top of a hill overlooking Bogues Bay and the rocket launchpad at Wallops Island. .89 ac lot. Close to Chincoteague and the Assateague Beach on the Atlantic.

MLS 50017

\$39,900

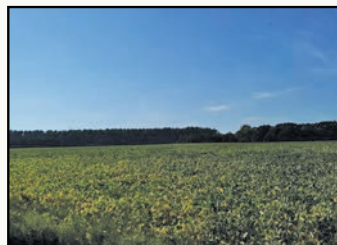


New Church

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

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Melfa

Lankford Highway, on west side, 96 acres partially wooded, 1,000 ft. on Highway. Lot has public water and sewage available. Zoned agricultural.

MLS 50657

\$550,000



Parksley

On Lankford Highway, beautiful vinyl sided Cape Cod with central heat and air, 2BR, 2BA and fireplace on .77 ac.

MLS 50719

\$149,000



Hacksneck

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

MLS 50168

\$199,000



Onley

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

MLS 49422

\$175,000



Mappsville

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

MLS 49463



Onancock

East Point area Beautiful WF 4BR, 3BA home on .72 ac

MLS 50614

\$499,900



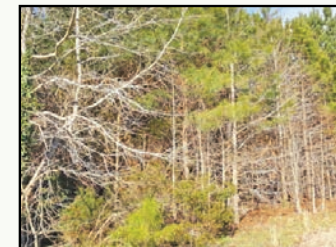
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Waterfront 3.83 ac beautiful building lot on the south shore of Nandua Creek in the subdivision of Bay Haven. Lot has a rip rap bulkhead and well and septic already in place.

Beautiful!

MLS 49489

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Accomac

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

MLS 44864

\$32,000



Parksley

On the seaside in Schultz Landing a nice subdivision with covenants. This 7.59 acre waterfront lot is partly high land and partly marsh on Parker's Creek leading to Metompkin Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

MLS 39585

\$110,000



Melfa

Beautiful lot at the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club! This .52 ac lot has the well and septic in place for a 3BR home. Owner will consider financing.

MLS 41539

\$45,000



Painter

At Indian Hills. 3.12 ac beautifully wooded building lot. It has been perked for a 3BR home. Indian Hills has protective covenants.

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\$60,000



Onancock

Lot 3 and lot 4 Mimosa Farm waterfront building lots 5 and 6 acres.

MLS 51357 and 51354

\$70,000 each



Melfa

Beautiful acreage on Dogwood Drive, 22 (county lists as 17.42 as well as 22) acres of wooded land. Great spot for hunting.

MLS 50666

\$65,000

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Accomack County

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- From William Wimbrow and Julie Hirschauer, executors of the estate of Carol A. Wimbrow To William G. Wimbrow III and Aedron L. Tapman 7339 Lankford Highway, Oak Hall For \$100,000
- From Johna H. Davis II To WWT Properties LLC, Alice Davis, Jennie Davis, and Jane Kimidy Lots 159 and 160, Cedar Island For \$20,000
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37292 Jib Court, Greenbackville For \$210,000

- From Kerica R. and Reinaldo Contreras To Todd O. Crippen 2225 Buccaneer Blvd., Greenbackville For \$239,900
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- From J. William Mapp and Eva R. Mapp, trustees To Sarah M. and Samuel M. Thompson 15288 King St., Belle Haven For \$103,000
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- From Ann L. and James M. O'Connor To 5386 Main St LLC 5386 Main St., Chincoteague For \$245,000
- From Iris Marie Gorman To Tyler J. Montley, Ernest F. Montley Jr., and Jeffery H. Smith Trails End Lot 52 Unit 2 Sheet 2, Horntown For \$5,200
- From Dee N. Fitch To Marianne Eva and Jeffery Allen Hall 35255 Pine Cove Circle, Belle Haven For \$300,000

- From Won Kyun Shin To Juana Maria Cruz and Daniel Herbert Clark 15170 Quail Lane, Painter For \$62,000
- From Joanne Jones To Heather and Brandon M. Nightingale Trails End Lot 22 Unit 3 Sheet 5, Horntown For \$9,000
- From Jo Ann and Thomas C. W. Larrimore, Thomas John Larrimore, and David Kipp Larrimore To Juliane M. Brown-Flood and Nathan Flood, and Linda Susan and Wilfred Nicholas Brown 4411 East Winds, Chincoteague For \$179,000
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Share your Sunday morning memories 8	Discuss how lives differ around the world 9	Write your own family story with pictures 10	Veterans Day Thank a veteran today  11	Talk about an important adult in your life 12	Talk about ways to be kind World Kindness Day 13	Go outside and take a walk as a family 14
Pretend you're camping and read by flashlight 15	Bring math into the kitchen and cook a meal together 16	Share your school day stories with your kids 17	Make a picture book together 18	Have your child teach you something today 19	Act out a story together as a family 20	Imagine and plan a vacation trip 21
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Arcadia Middle School Closed for 2 Weeks

By *Connie Morrison*

Arcadia Middle School's building is closed to staff and students through Nov. 9 "for proper sanitization procedures" after a staff member reported testing positive for COVID-19.

Accomack County Public Schools Superintendent Chris Holland confirmed Monday afternoon, Oct. 26, to the Eastern Shore Post that a staff member at the school had tested positive for COVID-19.

Holland was at first vague about the extent of contact the staff member might have had, or how much of the school was affected.

"School will be open tomorrow," was his statement late Monday afternoon. But by Tuesday morning a message announcing the closing was posted to the

Arcadia Middle School Facebook page.

According to a letter sent to Arcadia Middle School families Tuesday afternoon, the infected staff person "was on school premises on October 21, 2020 and did have direct exposure with a number of staff members according to the local health department. However, no students met the criteria for direct exposure."

The letter also informs parents that during the closure, all students are expected to attend school virtually.

Arcadia Middle School is the second in the division to close due to COVID-19. Nandua High School parents were notified Wednesday, Oct. 21, by a similar letter that the school would be closed from Oct. 22 through Nov. 4.

CAPITOL LETTERS

By *Rob Bloxom*

The Virginia General Assembly finished its work of the special session this past week. We were in session for over 60 days and although we officially are still in session, our work is complete. The two-year budget was accepted and sent to the governor for his approval. We made adjustments for reduced revenues and included the federal CARES Act money into our spending plan for the next two years.

Several highlights of this budget focus on education. There will be increased funding from the general fund to replace sales tax shortfalls, which go directly to fund K-12 public schools. We also allowed the local school division flexibility to move funds designated to certain areas to other areas of need. For example, textbook funds may now be used to reopen schools or to address any additional costs associated with virtual instruction or technology needs. We also budgeted CARES Act money to help cover distance learning expenses and public health measures for the schools. Additionally, the legislature directed the governor to increase salaries for teachers if we hit projected revenues.

The General Assembly also provided \$94 million in the budget for higher education. This includes funds to cover the shortfall in revenue that colleges and universities would have received for room and board. We also restored the \$15.4 million to Norfolk State University and Virginia State University for the first-year funding that had been frozen in the spring when the pandemic hit.

The budget restores \$94.7 million from

the general fund for behavioral health services with a continuation of STEP-VA toward full implementation. There is also funding for psychiatric hospitals and supportive community services for those dealing with mental health crises. The Marcus Alert system was also funded in the budget to begin developing a system that could perhaps be a model for crisis teams when responding to an emergency call so that a mental health crisis may be de-escalated before the situation turns violent.

The General Assembly included contingent spending for employee raises and bonuses. If revenue projections are met, state employees will receive a \$1,500 bonus and state-supported local employees will receive a 1.5% bonus. Teachers will receive a salary increase in 2021 if additional revenues are available. Law enforcement personnel will receive a \$500 bonus.

I submitted a budget amendment to obtain funding for a new hangar at the Melfa Airport. I am happy to announce that the money has been appropriated, and this project will be able to come to fruition. This long-fought battle was won with the help of Sen. Lewis who helped me persuade the senator conferees that this was a worthwhile project. This should help attract customers from Salisbury to Melfa to be close to Wallops Island when testing or housing aircrafts or drones.

I encourage you to take a look at the bills that have passed the House of Delegates during this special session at <https://lis.virginia.gov/> I welcome you to contact me at my district office at 757-824-3456 or email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.

INVITATION FOR BID

Date: October 28, 2020

Owner: Triangle Enterprises, Inc.

Engineer: MSA, P.C. – Mr. Douglas M. Will, P.E.

Project: Triangle Mobile Home Park Water Meter Additions

Triangle Enterprises, Ltd. is soliciting lump sum, sealed bids for the installation of 70 water meters and water meter boxes throughout the site, as detailed in the site plans (available from MSA, P.C. upon request – emailed documents and the first physical copy of the site plan will be provided at no cost; subsequent physical copies will incur a fee).

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or packaged clearly marked "**BID Triangle Mobile Home Park Water Meter Additions,**" and include an estimated schedule and duration for construction. All bids shall be received in the MSA offices on or before **3:00 p.m., December 14, 2020**, and delivered to:

Douglas M. Will, PE

MSA, PC

5032 Rouse Drive, Suite 100

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

Bids shall be opened and reviewed with the Owner at the above stated date, time and location. Any bid received after the time designated above will be returned unopened.

Bid Documents shall be provided upon request. Additional copies may be obtained from the offices of MSA, PC at 5032 Rouse Drive, Suite 100, Virginia Beach, Va. 23462. Emailed documents and the first physical copy will be provided at no cost; a fee will be assessed for subsequent physical copies.

Each bidder shall be responsible for the conditions at the site. All RFIs and questions regarding the project scope of work shall be submitted in writing to Doug Will at MSA, PC no later than 5:00 p.m., on December 1, 2020. Responses will be distributed to all bidders within 3 business days.

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount.

Withdrawal of bid due to error shall be per Instruction to Bidders and the bidder shall give notice in writing of his claim of right to withdraw his bid within two business days after the conclusion of the bid opening procedure and shall submit original work papers with such notice.

As per the Virginia Public Procurement Act, §2.2-4318 Negotiation with lowest responsible bidder: "Unless canceled or rejected, a responsive bid from the lowest responsible bidder shall be accepted as submitted, except that if the bid from the lowest responsible bidder exceeds available funds, the public body may negotiate with the apparent low bidder to obtain a contract price within available funds. However, the negotiation may be undertaken only under conditions and procedures described in writing and approved by the public body prior to issuance of the Invitation to Bid and summarized therein."

Contractor must abide by OSHA requirements.

MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to bid. Bidders must comply the following: the President's Executive Order #11246 prohibiting discrimination in employment regarding race, color, creed, sex, or national origin; the President's Executive Orders #s 12138 and 11625 regarding utilization of MBE/WBE firms; the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Davis Beacon Act; Section 436 of P. L. 113-76 American Iron and Steel; and they do not or will not maintain or provide for their employees and facilities that are segregated on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

A showing of the project will be held at 10:00 a.m., on November 20, 2020, at the project site. This is not a mandatory project showing, however, potential bidders are encouraged to visit the site of the proposed work. The submission of a bid will be considered as conclusive evidence that the bidder has made such examinations and is satisfied as to the conditions to be encountered in performing the work.

Any questions regarding this invitation to bid should be directed in writing to Mr. Douglas M. Will, PE, MSA, PC and faxed to him at (757) 490-0634 or emailed to doug.will@msaonline.com.

END OF INVITATION TO BID



Vote to Re-Elect Mayor Matt Hart on Nov. 3rd

It was an honor and privilege to serve you as town councilman from 2014-2018 and to have served you over the past 2 years as your mayor. Prior to this, I was honored to have also served you on Task Force Omaha at the Pentagon (2004), while serving in the Army National Guard (00-06), where I achieved the rank of Sergeant (E-5). I would like to thank all the service men and women who have served or currently serve to protect our freedom around the world. God bless the USA, state of Virginia, and the town of Onley.



I stand for and believe that we should:

- **Setting budgets** - Not setting budgets causes wasteful spending like we have seen on the new town hall “GMB set of plans,” which cost tax payers \$117,000.00 (I voted against.)
- **Working together** - Teamwork pays off! I feel as though this is something that we must work on and is critical to achieve common goals.
- **Not raising taxes** - We must continue to keep our taxes low for businesses and residents.
- **Continue to attract new businesses to our town** - A big portion of our revenue comes from the 4% meals tax. Attracting new businesses will help raise revenue which will keep from the possibility of raising taxes in the future.
- **Apply for grants** - Many of our sidewalks are in need of repairs or need to be replaced. We also have areas that never had them that are in need of them.
- **Save our history** - I believe our town’s history is vital and one of our most important assets. We must save it now before it’s too late. We have set up the Historical preservation committee with a goal of having a museum one day.
- **Hold yearly festival(s) and other events** - These can be held at the newly opened George N. McMath Park.
- **Support and maintain public safety measures** - Support the Onley Police Department and local fire and rescue companies.
- **Support the ORA** - The Onley Recreation Association provides recreational activities to our residents and I support the 50% subsidies for in town residents.
- **Support SPOTS** - SPOTS does a lot to preserve our history and helped to restore the old train depot in downtown Onley.
- **Full transparency** - I have always been fully transparent and I ensure that our town obeys the FOIA laws.
- **Support rails-to-trails** - Through the A-NPDC which is funded through grants.
- **Support shared powers** - I believe that our town charter needs to have changes that allow shared powers. The powers should be shared between the town manager and the town mayor. I believe that the mayor should hold the powers of CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and the town manager should be the CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) and CFO (Chief Financial Officer). I believe it is never a good practice to give one person all the power, especially someone that is not elected. Currently the town manager holds all the power which makes the mayor nothing more than a ceremonial figure. The people elect the mayor to hold him or her accountable. If they don’t do a good job you can replace them election time. You the people can’t replace the town manager - only the town council can do that. This is not the way the founders of our town intended our town to operate.



Thank you for your support.
Matthew D. Hart, Mayor, Town of Onley



Paid for by Re-Elect Matthew D. Hart for Mayor

George McMath Honored as 'Champion of Economic Development'

By Carol Vaughn

George N. McMath was named 2020 Champion of Economic Development in a ceremony Friday in Onley.

The award, given by the Accomack County Economic Development Authority, recognized McMath's decades of service to the Eastern Shore.

Speakers noted his lifetime of service as a newspaper owner, a Virginia delegate, and a volunteer who has helped raised millions of dollars in capital campaigns for health centers and the chamber of commerce, among many other achievements.

"This is a gentleman who has given many years, hours, (and) days... and had the insight to look to the future of Accomack County for economic development. ...He is just a remarkable man," said Stella Rohde, EDA chairwoman.

Robie Marsh, executive director of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, called McMath "Mr. Eastern Shore."

"When you need something or want something to be accomplished, that's enormous or even seems impossible, you call George," Marsh said.

Among other accomplishments, Marsh mentioned McMath's role in founding the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association.

Additionally, McMath over the years received several awards from the chamber of commerce, including being named Small Business Person of the Year in 1987; receiving the Distinguished Service award in 1989; and being named Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1995.

Marsh spoke about McMath's impact on him personally.

"He has taught me the importance of a thank you note and how a simple letter can truly spark great encouragement," he said, adding lessons he learned from McMath "helped me to grow into the business person I am today."

Jeff Holland, executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, said to McMath, "Number one, you take ownership. When you agree to take on a task, you take ownership."



Del. Rob Bloxom presents the Accomack County Economic Development Authority's 2020 Champion of Economic Development award to George N. McMath in Onley on Friday, Oct. 23. Photo by Carol Vaughn.

He noted McMath served as president of the Eastern Shore Community College Board of Directors twice and, as a delegate, advocated in the General Assembly for resources for the college.

Del. Rob Bloxom said McMath during his time in the General Assembly "would always focus on education and the Eastern Shore."

"I can't remember any function on the Eastern Shore that George wasn't a part of," he said.

Bill Sterling, who worked for McMath at the Eastern Shore News, spoke about the growth of Atlantic Publications under McMath's ownership from two newspapers to 32 newspapers in five states and to 225 employees.

"In the 15 years I worked for George, I never saw him lose his temper or raise his voice," Sterling said, adding, "...The motto of the company was 'Community Papers that Care,' and his newspapers always reflected that."

Sterling concluded, saying, "I often thank George, not for giving me a job that led to an enjoyable career and enriched my life, but I always thank him for setting an example for how to treat people and how to serve your community — because in my opinion, no one has done that better than George McMath."

The advertisement is framed in a teal border. The top half features a photograph of a young girl in a pink shirt hugging a woman wearing a blue patterned headscarf. Below the photo, the text "HERE FOR YOU" is written in large, bold, teal letters. Underneath that, the phrase "when and where you need us!" is written in a teal cursive font. The bottom half of the ad features a photograph of a woman with grey hair, wearing a white shirt with a pink ribbon, raising her right fist in a gesture of strength. To the right of the photo, the text "There is only one YOU. That's why we take a highly personalized approach to cancer care." is displayed. Below this, the website "riversideonline.com/cancer" and the phone number "757-302-2600" are listed. At the bottom right, the Riverside Cancer Care Eastern Shore logo is shown, consisting of a stylized green leaf icon and the word "RIVERSIDE" in bold, with "Cancer Care Eastern Shore" in smaller text below it.

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

Current Law

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.

Proposed Law

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. Members and employees 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 Senate districts plan and at least three of the four Delegates 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 drawn in 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.~~

~~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 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 complete his term of office and shall continue to represent the district from which he was elected for the duration of such 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.

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 shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed.~~

(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 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 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 majority 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 each submit to the Committee a list of at least sixteen citizen candidates for service on the Commission. Such citizen candidates 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 eight citizen members.~~

(3) ~~To be submitted as a proposed plan for districts for members of the House of Delegates, 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 House of Delegates, and at least six of the eight citizen members.~~

(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's failure to adopt the bill. 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. If the Commission submits a plan for districts within fourteen days following its initial failure to submit a plan, the General Assembly shall take a vote on the bill embodying such plan within seven days of its receipt. If the General Assembly fails to adopt such bill by this deadline, the districts shall be established by the Supreme Court of Virginia.~~

(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 comments from the public.~~

(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.~~



Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall

With the beginning of November in sight, a wide variety of fish species still remain available to anglers in local waters. With nighttime temperatures now in the 40s, it won't be long before falling water temperatures push a number of these species into their southern or eastern migration. On the positive sign, the cooler temps will push schools of larger striped bass down from the north and we should still have a few more productive weeks of speckled trout and puppy drum fishing.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, at Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that the speckled trout and striped bass fishing has been good over the past week. Abell and his charter clients have enjoyed success casting jigs in the shallow waters between Tangier Island and Smith Island. He said that the best action has been occurring on the flood tide and his most productive color patterns have been the Albino Ghost and the Chicken on a Chain varieties. Puppy drum have also been a bycatch of the fishery and the drum have been increasing in size, with some fish now reaching the minimum keeper size. Abell said that he had reports of puppy drum in the surf on the seaside, but recent flounder fishing has not been very productive, with a lot of the flatfish on the smaller side.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae Roeske, at Captain Bob's Marina, said that she was getting reports of strip-er action inside of Wallops Island, with fish being taken on bloodworms and cut bait. Flounder, rockfish, and puppy drum have been pulled from the waters of Chincoteague Channel, out in front of Curtis Merritt Harbor, and inside the inlet. Rockfish, puffers, and small black sea bass are being caught in front of Tom's Cove Park, Memorial Park, and inside the Assateague Channel. Roeske mentioned that anglers are having success on red drum, black drum, stripers, and the recent run of bluefish in the surf and



said that the most successful beach anglers were using a variety of baits, including clams, shrimp, bloodworms, cut bait, and squid to capitalize on whichever species is hitting. Roeske said that this weekend, Oct. 30 and 31, will be the last weekend that the shop will be open for the year with end of the year sales on clothing and tackle throughout the store. Stop by and stock up for fall fishing and Christmas gifts for your favorite angler.

Jimmy Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported that there have been some big red drum caught off the beach on Assateague. Other recent beach cases included some larger kingfish (whiting), snapper blues, and puppy drum. Vasiliou said that speckled trout, puppy drum, and flounder have been caught in Chincoteague Bay. He added that sheepshead and black sea bass have been caught around the pilings of the bridge to Assateague.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, at Trident Tackle, said that anglers have been finding a mixture of flounder, speckled trout, and puppy drum, though most have been on the small side.

Amanda Manzella, at the Wachapreague Inn, said that she had received reports of flounder and puppy drum out of Quinby, as well as rockfish and puppy drum over on the bayside, out of Deep Creek.

Cape Charles – Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, said that the speckled trout fishery has remained steady through the week on both sides of the lower Shore, with the majority of the keeper-sized fish measuring 17 to 20 inches long. The shop did weigh in a 5-pound citation speckle on Sunday. Schools of puppy drum have been caught in the shallows by trout fishermen as well as in deeper water by bottom fishermen. Sheepshead and tautog catches have come from the structure at the Cell, Plantation Light,



Bruce Edmonds caught this citation speckled trout off the lower Shore. Photo courtesy of Bailey's Bait & Tackle.



Rick Lafferty caught and released this trophy red drum off the beach on Assateague Island. Photo courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle.

and the concrete ships off Kiptopeke State Park. Brady added that school-sized stripers are being caught in the bayside creeks, with some of the fish reaching keeper sized. He said that he expects the fishing to continue to improve as the water temperature falls.

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.



Kendra Stine landed this 24-inch, 10-pound sheepshead from a pier on the Chincoteague Channel. Photo courtesy of Captain Bob's Marina.



John W. Tatem III caught this striped bass while fishing with Captain Matt Abell. Photo courtesy of Sea Hawk Sports Center.

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	Chinco. Channel	H 7:55 a.m. L 2:28 p.m.	H 8:36 a.m. L 3:05 p.m.	H 8:11 a.m. L 2:43 p.m.	H 8:49 a.m. L 3:22 p.m.	H 9:27 a.m. L 4:03 p.m.	H 10:07 a.m. L 4:47 p.m.	H 10:51 a.m. L 5:31 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 8:51 a.m. L 3:08 p.m.	H 9:28 a.m. L 3:45 p.m.	H 9:06 a.m. L 3:23 p.m.	H 9:45 a.m. L 4:02 p.m.	H 10:24 a.m. L 4:43 p.m.	H 11:04 a.m. L 5:27 p.m.	H 11:47 a.m. L 5:15 a.m.
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 Unlisted clue hint: A POLECAT

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Last Week's Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

C 5 ACROSS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Patronize for purchases
 - 7 Tennis segment won without loss of a point
 - 15 Dude
 - 20 Actress Duff or Swank
 - 21 Not righted, as wrongs
 - 22 Epic about Troy
 - 23 What a Siemens is a unit of
 - 26 Open into flower
 - 27 Seamless shift
 - 28 Get fixated
 - 29 Scottish port
 - 30 Viper type
 - 33 — T (just so)
 - 34 Broiling bar
 - 35 Diverse assortments
 - 44 Flip out
 - 46 “— help if ...”
 - 47 — Khan (Islamic title)
 - 48 Elicit an encore, say
 - 49 Italian entree
 - 55 Ore- —
 - 56 Gift getter
 - 57 Signs off on
 - 58 “My treat”
 - 59 Mars vehicle
 - 61 “Dilate” artist DiFranco
 - 62 Formerly
 - 63 Oakland team
 - 65 Flukes
 - 70 Many a released prisoner
 - 72 Grandpa Walton player Will
 - 73 Tarzan player Ron
 - 74 Draw out
 - 75 Jai —
 - 76 Reagan’s “Star Wars” prog.
 - 77 Tries to trim down
 - 82 Luau chow
 - 83 Dartboard’s rings, e.g.
 - 88 Astral bear
 - 90 Alternate spelling of a word: Abbr.
 - 91 Fair-hiring abbr.
 - 92 Actor Kevin of “Weeds”
 - 93 Part of a routine baby immunization
 - 99 Chum up
 - 100 Stetson, say
 - 101 Ending of ordinals
 - 102 Flow stopper
 - 105 Err in finding the total of
 - 108 Fruity pastries
 - 110 Jaffa citizen
 - 114 Assembly associated with a church creed
 - 118 Put off
 - 119 Cheapest ship quarters, formerly
 - 120 Take out of the pier
 - 121 Number of dwarfs
 - 122 Infuriated
 - 123 Gazes
 - 14 Academy email ending
 - 15 Activity-tracking device
 - 16 Stretchy
 - 17 See 65-Down
 - 18 Mille — (Minnesota county)
 - 19 Fruity beverages
 - 24 Apple buy
 - 25 Police cruiser
 - 31 Post-it note, informally
 - 32 Gyro breads
 - 34 Utah’s lily
 - 36 Winans with 12 Grammys
 - 37 Be fond of
 - 38 French for “summer”
 - 39 Govt. health agency
 - 40 Tardy
 - 41 Pitted garnishes
 - 42 The Green Party’s Ralph
 - 43 Trades jabs
 - 44 Watch readout, for short
 - 45 “So that’s your trick!”
 - 50 For the — (temporarily)
 - 51 Self-pride
 - 52 Run up, as expenses
 - 53 The “A” of OAS: Abbr.
 - 54 Bana of “Troy”
 - 60 Poem of exaltation
 - 61 Suffix with pent-
 - 62 Whale locale
 - 63 Keepsake
 - 64 At least one
 - 65 With 17-Down, Princess or Royal Caribbean
 - 66 Ad — committee
 - 67 Baldwin of “Aloha”
 - 68 Eye suggestively
 - 69 British soldier of old
 - 70 Add zing to
 - 71 Beautify
 - 75 Prefix for “height”
 - 76 Food filter
 - 77 Three, in Ulm
 - 78 Optimistic declaration
 - 79 Interior-design magazine
 - 80 Saints linebacker Manti —
 - 81 Tax form ID
 - 84 Egg-shaped things
 - 85 Salt, chemically
 - 86 Clergyman’s area: Abbr.
 - 87 Ltd. cousin
 - 89 Civil War folk song
 - 94 Trendy
 - 95 Pursued
 - 96 Hauled (off)
 - 97 Clothes
 - 98 Trendy
 - 103 1970s-’80s sitcom
 - 104 Gets as much as one can out of
 - 105 Docs’ orders
 - 106 Big name in slushes
 - 107 1970s-’80s skit show
 - 108 “Toodles!”
 - 109 Read digitally
 - 111 —-chef (#2 in a kitchen)
 - 112 Peewee pup
 - 113 Cost an arm — leg
 - 115 Belief system
 - 116 Epoch
 - 117 Guided

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EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

Broadwater Secures Another Home Win



Senior Hannah Davis gets set for the serve.



Chloe Hall can do it all. The sophomore is recognized for hard serves but can play the ball softly as needed.

Story and Photos by Brennan Waldorf

The Lady Vikings hosted Denbigh Baptist Christian Oct. 17 in Exmore, defeating the Minutemen in four sets (25-22, 25-15, 19-25, 25-18). The Vikings currently sit at third place in the Metro conference with a 5-2 record as they began to play the back end of their shortened season.

The Vikings were against the ropes in their first set against the Minutemen. They put themselves into an

8-point deficit with a cold start but were able to turn the tables on Denbigh as they clawed their way back from a 20-12 disadvantage. Suzanna Long came up to serve with her team down 21-15, in dire need of points, and she rose to the occasion putting several well-placed serves into play that allowed for Viking comeback.

The Vikings delivered five unanswered points and pulled the momentum right out from underneath Denbigh. With the score at 22-20, the Minutemen felt the pressure and the Vikings capitalized. Emily Nordwall delivered an outside kill followed by a Sammi Yeung ace and the game was tied. After a Denbigh hitting error, Hannah Davis put the dagger in the back with a well-timed tip, putting the Vikings up by two. Yeung's final serve proved too much for the Minutemen as they fumbled the play and allowed the game to slip away 25-22.

The next sets were lopsided victories with both teams trading games before the Vikings eventually overwhelmed Denbigh in the fourth set. Broadwater's game is still defined by its offense with several hitters and superior serves that cause chaos for the receiving team. Depth in the roster also helps the Vikings as players have skill sets across

the board that are seen frequently by sophomore Faith Johnson who gets significant playing time. She's often targeted by opposing team hitters, but the young Viking shows poise as she digs up some of the game's hardest hits like a veteran.

In their victory, the Vikings were led by Emily Nordwall with six kills, five

aces, and one block. Chloe Hall tallied five kills and three aces, and Hannah Davis led blockers with two while contributing two aces and one kill.

The Vikings will take on the undefeated Metro Conference leader Stone-Bridge Oct. 29 at home before heading to Chesapeake Nov. 2 to take on Atlantic Shores Christian.

George McMath Park in the Works

Story by Matthew Yoder

Saturday marked the culmination of a more than yearlong collaborative effort of individuals, town government, and businesses to offer the people of Onley and all on the Shore a new park. Sitting on six town lots, the new McMath Park was dedicated in front of more than 100 people to honor a man who has spent the better part of his life promoting his town by the virtue of his kind, charitable manner.

At 88, George McMath has advocated his entire life for the community he has called home. His many contributions to the Shore include raising money for the chamber of commerce office, the YMCA, the Eastern Shore Regional Library, and community health centers in Onley and Eastville, just to name a few. McMath has been such an active participant that his influence dates back to the hospital in Nassawadox. McMath laughingly pointed to that project as a real determinant of his age.

"I think the funniest thing is I was chair of the organization that raised money for the hospital in Nassawadox and it's being torn down, that's how old I am," said McMath.

Old is not a proper way to describe the man, and when the town of Onley sought to set up a park in town, conversations also arose as to whom the park should be named for.

Unknown to the town, almost simultaneously McMath's daughters, Beth and Ginny, offered the lots for the project that was to become a park in their father's namesake. Onley's town council met, gave their endorsement to the idea, and appropriated a substan-

tial sum of money to see the project underway.

A parks committee, made up of chairwoman Billye D. Custis, Rose Pierson, Bryan Daffin, and Leslie Mason, was formed to oversee the project.

Custis, like McMath, was born and raised in Onley, and began researching and working with great commitment. Along with her husband, John Dennis, she traveled from Chesapeake, up into Delaware, taking note of other parks while forming ideas to put their own unique stamp on the one back home.

Excavation of the site followed, spearheaded by Simpson's Landscaping, and gradually elements to the park became visible. A walking trail covering the perimeter of the park was followed by an impressive labyrinth, which was the idea of McMath's daughters. Comprising hundreds of pieces and covering a condensed distance larger than the perimeter track, the labyrinth was installed by Simpson's with great precision. A pavilion followed, and a pond feature, completed just weeks before the dedication. Custis and Dennis, who conservatively put in 1,000 hours of their own time to the park, finished the pond Labor Day weekend. An avid walker in town, McMath remarked on their personal efforts to the park.

"On my daily walks I pass by this site and nearly always have seen them here working, together they have performed magnificently and a vacant lot has been transformed into a beautiful park," said McMath.

With McMath being humble and naturally inclined to speak in positive terms, the decision to affix McMath's



George McMath stands outside the gate to the new park that honors him in Onley, the town he's proud to call home. Photo by Matthew Yoder.

name to the park came without question. Onley Mayor Matt Hart gave his take on McMath's stature locally.

"He's done a lot for this community and it's nice to see that we can dedicate something this wonderful in honor of Mr. George McMath," Hart said.

The influence he has had on the community is wide, and yet definable, as Custis directly attributed his work to her own life.

"I am personally grateful for the cancer center at Nassawadox that he helped raise money for because I used it," said Custis. McMath's connection to the town is ubiquitous.

"I was born a block and a half from here. At eleven years old I joined a church two and a half blocks from here. I went to grammar school two blocks from here," McMath said.

Outside of traveling while in the Army, McMath stayed, doing all he still can to address the needs of the community in many capacities. He served the area in the House of Delegates for more than a decade, introducing a bill to give employees Monday holidays. He owned the Eastern Shore News for 32 years, and oversaw an additional 32 publications. His biography reads of a man who has always put people first, and represented with great character, traits he observed of his parents.

"My parents were involved. They did a lot of activities, and I guess it came natural to me. I enjoyed it. I love being around people and being with people, it's a blessing," said McMath.

Custis was quick to point out that sometimes events such as these honor a person's legacy posthumously. In this case she feels fortunate that the town was able to honor the man in his time.

"Most people don't get to know how

much people think about them until they're gone. They are memorial parks. We're glad this isn't," Custis said.

In attendance Saturday, McMath's daughter, Ginny, spoke about her father admiringly and adoringly.

"You know, my dad has done so many things and accomplished so much that when I went back and read it all, I said to my sister, my gosh, dad has done so much for the community, the state, and the country and her response was, don't try to keep up. And we both laughed at that because it would be impossible," Ginny said.

She spoke, too, in personal terms of a man who brought a similar commitment home from work.

"There was a lot of love, laughter, and joy in our family, and I always say that I have the best dad in the world because I really do," said Ginny.

She shared a poem directed towards her father, as well as her wishes for the park moving forward.

"We can't wait to watch it evolve into a place where families and individuals can come to relax and play and meditate," said Ginny.

A surprise attendee also spoke on McMath's behalf: Mary Lou Podelco, his assistant of 47 years. McMath is known as a wordsman, carrying a tape recorder to gather his thoughts to share with friends via the written word, and often Podelco was the one to transcribe his correspondence. She relayed stories and spoke in a similar vein as those before her, describing a beloved citizen.

"George is a true gentleman. He is appreciative, forgiving, courteous, gracious, supportive, understanding, respectful, encouraging, God-loving, generous, and kind. What more could you want from a boss? But he's not just a boss, he's my



Construction of the labyrinth at McMath Park. Photo courtesy of Billye D. Custis.

friend," said Podelco.

There are reminders everywhere inside the park of those who have served the town in some capacity, or others who wish to be remembered by family and friends. Bricks honor the town's mayors through the years, and benches as well as picnic tables likewise honor folks, with some still reserved for people wishing to do likewise for loved ones. One such bench was given from McMath to his wife, E.A., recently on their 65th wedding anniversary. Dennis and Daffin put the bench on McMath's porch that morning so he could show it to his wife. McMath and E.A. were married while he was serving in the Army, and upon being offered a job on the Shore, McMath's primary concern was the happiness of his wife in their living situation.

"One evening I asked her if she thought she could learn to enjoy turnip greens and sweet potato biscuits. She responded that she would try. After 65 years she has conquered turnip greens but sweet potato biscuits are still iffy. I deeply appreciate E.A.'s continuing support of me and all the projects throughout the years," McMath said.

Both McMath and Custis see the great potential in a space offering something for everyone. The pavilion measures 24 feet by 36 feet and contains 10 picnic tables, two of which are ADA accessible. A four-piece train set for children will be arriving at the turn of the year, constructed of the same durable, recycled milk jug material as the tables. The park offers a large green space, and regulars have begun making the most of it, which was always the hope. Events are in the

works, as well as discussions on how to logistically support reunions, picnics, and possibly weddings, if schedules permit.

"That's what we want, we want to encourage people to come out and use what we have," said Custis.

The Rev. James Canedy, of Onley United Methodist Church, where McMath attends, spoke similarly.

"May this park feel like a natural extension of our backyards, may it be a place where we can come together as neighbors to share with one another the joy of being a community," said Canedy.

That is also McMath's hope for a town that genuinely instills a feeling of good will in his heart.

He confessed to one time traveling for a speaking engagement in Northern Virginia and interacting with a man who inquired where he was from. McMath said the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and when the man asked in more specific terms McMath opted for the more widely known town of Onancock. In a twist of irony, the man stated, "Oh really, I used to live in Onley." Now, each day in his beloved hometown, McMath utters the words of his favorite hymn, "Here I am Lord," and looking ahead he has some thoughts about that encounter with the man who asked him where he was from.

"I hope there are more mountains to be climbed, and if so, wherever my travels may take to me. I enjoyed it. I love being around people and being with people. It's a I never again will say, I'm from Onancock. I will shout from the top of the mountain, I am from Onley, Virginia."

ARTISTS AND SCIENTISTS COLLABORATE TO PRODUCE

ARTFUL DEPICTIONS OF THE EASTERN SHORE'S GHOST FORESTS

By Carol Vaughn

A collaboration between scientists and artists resulted in a virtual art gallery that highlights the ghost forests of the Eastern Shore.

The show opens Nov. 1 at the website www.coastaleducation.virginia.edu

No, a ghost forest is not a woods haunted by spirits of dead people.

The term is used to describe standing dead trees that mark the transition between high land and salt marshes retreating from the rising sea, according to Cora Johnston Baird, site director at the University of Virginia's Anheuser-Busch Coastal Research Center in Oyster.

The center is hosting the virtual show, Ghosts of the Coast.

Ghost forests tell the story of the changing coastline to both scientists and artists.

Their formation "is an old phenomenon that is now happening faster, like the melting of glaciers. The Chesapeake and Delmarva regions, which have one of the world's highest rates of sea level rise, are a window into the future for the rest of the world," according to a description for the exhibit.

"The goal is to make it an interactive, exploratory exhibit," Johnston Baird said.

The effort involves five core scientists and several guests, as well as 10 local artists who were chosen to participate out of around 28 who applied.

The artists work in paints, fiber arts, silver point, steel sculpture, and photography, among other media.

Artworks in the gallery will be available for purchase from the artists.

Participating artists are: Laura McGowan, Carole Pierson, Miriam Riggs, Donna Stufft, Thelma Peterson, Moe Spector, Marty Burgess, Barbara Hennig-Loomis, Buck Doughty, and Helene Doughty.

A Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ghostsofthecoast, also was created to document the months-long process that resulted in the exhibit.

The idea came together after Johnston Baird began talking a few years ago with colleagues from other research centers where art/science collaborations were being done. The cen-



Four of the 10 artists of the Ghosts of the Coasts Exhibit gather amid their work at the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo. From left are Carole Boggemann Peirson, Miriam Riggs, Donna Stufft, and Thelma Peterson. The exhibit will open online Nov. 1 at www.coastaleducation.virginia.edu Photo by Jim Ritch.

ter at Oyster is part of a national network of long-term ecological research centers.

In summer 2019, the Lemon Tree Gallery in Cape Charles invited scientists from the center to a "conversation cafe" about art/science collaboration.

Many of the artists who ended up participating in Ghosts of the Coast attended.

Feedback from that conversation included requests for scientists to take artists into the field to see their research methods firsthand.

Still, there needed to be a starting point — a theme upon which to focus.

That winter, the national media started to give significant attention to research about ghost forest formation being done by scientists of the Virginia Coast Reserve Long Term Ecological Research program and elsewhere —

including Keryn Gedan, Ezra Kottler, and Sarah Noyes, of George Washington University; Alex Smith, of VIMS; and Elliott White, of U.Va.

The media coverage resulted in articles in the New York Times, Time magazine, and other publications.

Johnston Baird saw that people were finding the topic intriguing. She also realized that, although Eastern Shore artists often depict coastlines, "you don't often see (them) depicting ghost forests."

She approached Keryn Gedan and artist Laura McGowan with the idea of promoting an art/science "co-exploration" of ghost forests, which would bring public attention to the topic through art.

"We almost canceled it for COVID (but) we decided everything was getting canceled and everybody kind of

needed something positive. So we had to get creative with it," Johnston Baird said.

The original plan — to have scientists and artists together go on excursions to local ghost forests and pursue activities there jointly — had to be changed because of pandemic restrictions.

Still, the project went ahead.

Between online discussions, sharing information about ghost forest locations and ideas about what to look for once there, and mini-field trips by individuals to explore the sites safely, the collaboration progressed over the past several months.

Participants would explore sites on their own, then come together virtually to discuss what they had seen.

Scientists over a series of virtual meetings gave brief presentations on



Artists Thelma Peterson (above) and Donna Stufft (right, top) stand with three of their works depicting ghost forests. Photos by Jim Ritch.

topics about which artists asked.

Kottler said the collaboration is valuable and makes sense.

“Both artists and scientists use keen observation of natural systems to make new discoveries,” he said, adding, “Scientists can help artists by giving them a deeper understanding of the drivers of things they are observing in nature: how and why things are changing in the way they are. And one way artists can really improve science outreach is in their ability to communicate a message through a visual medium, and produce works with real emotional impact. “Particularly when it comes to issues of environmental conservation, we need to connect with people on an emotional level in order to promote changes that will protect both ecosystems and the people that live in or near them for decades to come.”

Artist Miriam Riggs can see the changes to the coastline happening right from her front door.

For the past two decades, she has lived and worked from a rustic old fisherman’s cottage near Broadway, at the edge of the Chesapeake Bay.

Her home is close to a marshy area with many ghost trees, mainly cedars and pines. The road leading to it floods more and more often in recent years.

“It is only recently that I have learned about the natural process that these trees represent. I now realize I am liv-

ing within a larger ghost forest area, and that the property where I have put my life’s savings is transitioning into a different form of ecosystem,” Riggs said, adding, “At this point, rather than retreat, I wish to study and celebrate the beauty of our ghost forests, just as I have sought to examine the eelgrass beds, freshwater ponds, and salt marshes.”

Riggs also for the past decade has designed exhibits for the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo, work which has led to her “becoming immersed in the study of man’s struggle to thrive in rugged coastal areas where nature seems to ultimately prevail.”

Kottler said scientists in their study of the Shore’s coastal habitats “are observing extreme and concerning changes: forests dying back, invasive species moving in, loss of arable farmland, and loss of marsh habitat to erosion and subsidence.”

Still, he said, “there is also a glimmer of hope in the darkness: if we are able to accept how things are changing and work to develop adaptive strategies that are informed by the science — such as allowing native marsh to migrate into coastal forest and managing invasive species, developing salt tolerant crops etc. — we have a much stronger chance of keeping pace and maintaining the economic, cultural and ecological benefits of coastal habitats as these changes continue.”



Artists Carole Boggemann Peirson (middle) and Miriam Riggs (below) show some of their artwork capturing the changing coastal landscapes represented by ghost forests. Photos by Jim Ritch.

Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest: No Luck? Elections Coming Up!

Last Week's Contest:

Lookin' Over a Four-Leaf Clover

This was a contest for the few, the proud, the very keenly osprey-eyed. Only a very few of you were not distracted by the three-leaf clovers and were able to concentrate on finding one, two, or all three of the four-leaf clovers hidden on pages 27, 37, and 43. Pam Wilkins, of Capeville, found two of the lucky four-leaf clovers and was randomly chosen to win the \$25 gift certificate to the Blarney Stone Pub in Onancock.

This Week's Contest:

Find the Elephant, Find the Donkey

In recognition of the election com-

ing in just a few days, this week's contest is hiding one Republican elephant and one Democratic donkey. Because this has been a topsy-turvy election year and to distinguish the party symbols we're hiding from any others that might appear in the paper this week, we're asking you to find the UPSIDE-DOWN Republican elephant or the UPSIDE-DOWN Democratic donkey. From among the osprey-eyed readers who find the party symbol they prefer, we will randomly select one to win the Super Tailgate chicken dinner from Bojangles. See sponsor box on this page.

The rules:

- Tell us the page number and location on the page where you found the upside-down party symbol that you prefer — either the donkey or the elephant, there is only one each in this issue. 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 and tell us a little something about the picture.

- Entries will be accepted until noon on Nov. 2. Entries arriving at david@

easternshorepost.com after noon on Monday the 2nd 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 voting booth, a bottle of vermouth, or even a half-eaten Babe Ruth.

Runners-Up



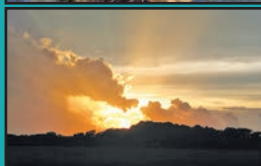
Teri Collins, of Bloxom, found all three of the four-leaf clovers. She's celebrating with pictures of her "boys," the brothers Killer (blue on the left) and Bubba (red on the right).



Another osprey-eyed reader who found all three four-leaf clovers, Barbii Rogers, of Birdsnest, submitted her Bitmoji, which, she says, "looks just like me, and it captures my personality!"



Is Amy Eckard, of Temperanceville, gaming the system by wrapping Joey in a shamrock necklace? Eckard hopes so, declaring, "Kitty luck is on my side!"



Is this a painting? No, it's all-three-four-leaf-clover-finder James Lamberth, of Cape Charles, using a camera to capture the sunset from Seaside Road.



This contemplative image is from Cheryl Turner, of Bloxom, who found all three four-leaf clovers and explains it's a "photo of me looking off into the sunset from Saxis beach wishing for more summer days."



Runner-up Janice Gladysiewicz, of Greenbackville, asked her cat Smokey to stand in for a photograph and Smokey's reply was, "Life is good."



Runner-up Kimberly Rice, of Bloxom, shows her dog with ears up and paws out. Duke is at the ready for another osprey-eyed contest.

Runners-Up Not Pictured:

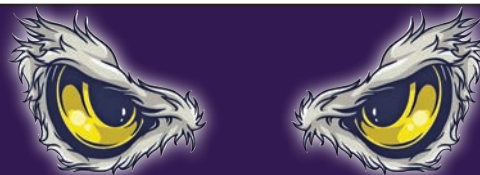
Teresa Rudiger, Melfa
Patricia Willey, Quinby

Hope Moore, Painter
Nancy Kupar-Page, Parksley

Last Week's
Winner



Pam Wilkins, of Capeville, was sufficiently osprey-eyed to find a couple four-leaf clovers and then lucky enough to be chosen at random to win the \$25 gift certificate to the Blarney Stone Pub in Onancock. Wilkins offers this strange creation with an explanation: "My granddaughter was having some fun during the pandemic."



This Week's
Osprey-Eyed
Reader Wins

a 12-piece Super Tailgate
includes three large sides, six biscuits,
and half gallon of tea - Value \$31

Happy Halloween from Bojangles!

- 26206 Lankford Highway, Onley
- Manager: Deborah Heath
- Sunday through Saturday:
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Lobby open for eat-in and
drive-thru!



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.

Random Facts About ... Secret Ballots and Thumbs-Up, Thumbs-Down Voting

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes for cleaning this week, they were filled with voting information, as you might imagine. One surprising fact: for much of the history of voting, the secrecy of the ballot wasn't guaranteed. In fact, in many places, voting in secret was thought

to be cowardly and underhanded. If you believed in a candidate or a proposition, the thinking went, then you should proclaim your support in public even if that public proclamation got you ostracized or beat up. Which it often did.

Before government-printed ballots came into widespread use after

the 1890s, voters in America (mostly white, property-owning men) voted in one of two ways. The earliest way was "viva voce," or voting by voice. Election day might be a public festival-like event during which a voter's name was called out, he stepped forward and declared which candidate he was for, and his voice vote was recorded for all to hear and react to. Later, voters would appear before a government official and declare their vote. Later on, ballots were printed by political parties and voters collected the ballots from the party and carried them to the polls. These ballots resembled train tickets, which is why even today when you select all of a party's candidates you are said to be voting the party ticket.

In 1856, Australian laws provided that standardized ballots would be printed by the government and provided to voters who would cast their ballots in secret. This reform spread to England and then New England and eventually across America. But the Australian ballot was occasionally greeted with arms instead of open arms. In 1892, voters in West Virginia destroyed polling booths and told voting officials to skedaddle. Newspapers reported that the West Virginians weren't having "any more of the Australian nonsense." They found voting by ballot in secret to be "slow and tedious." They wanted to vote by voice.

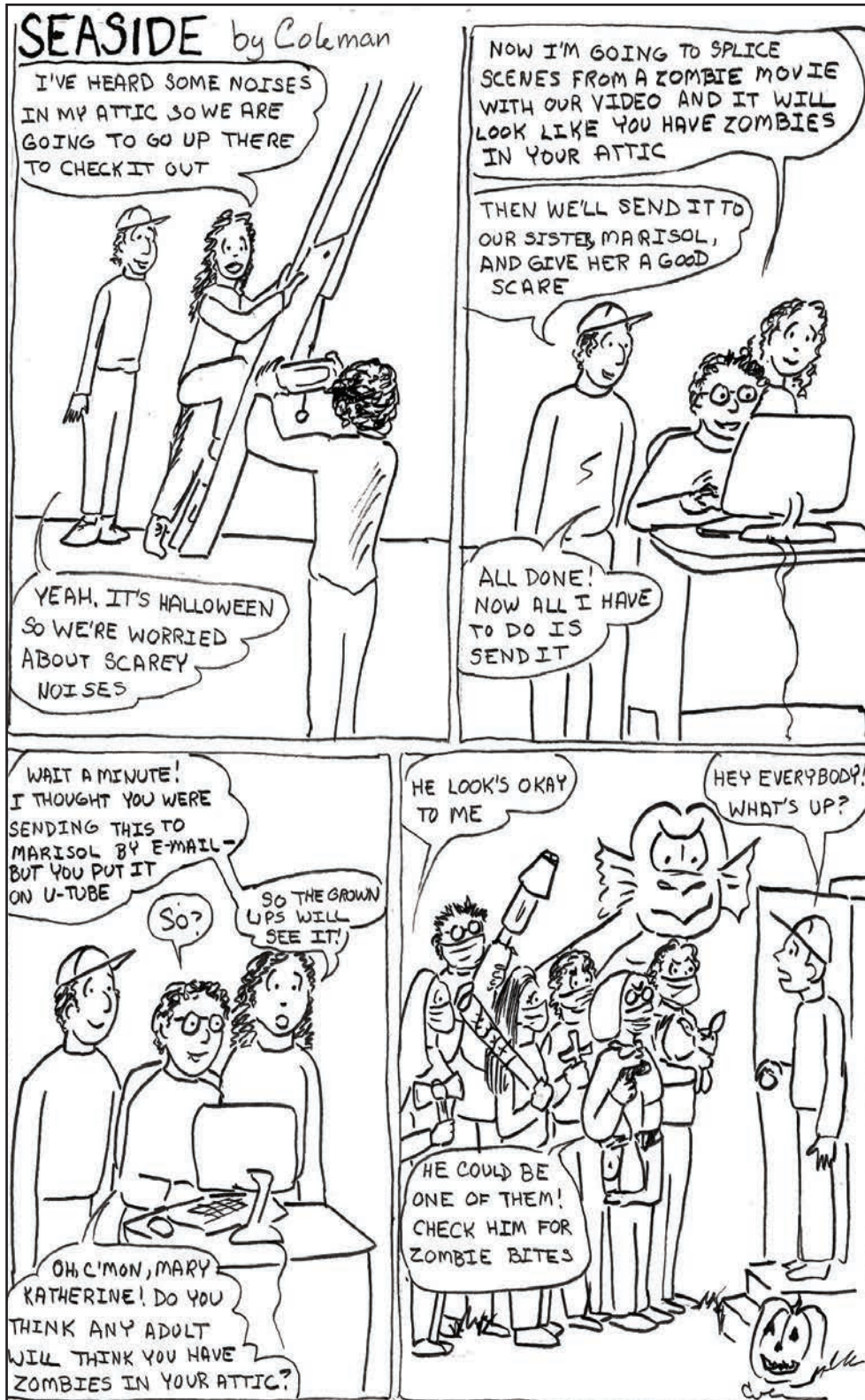
The Australian ballot eventually won out, of course, but refining the de-

tails of voting continues.

Ancient Rome eventually gave citizens the secret vote, but some aristocrats chafed at not knowing what the citizens were up to and suggested they show their secret written votes to members of the aristocracy. Which kind of defeats the purpose.

Public forums for voting on more grisly matters occurred at the Colosseum and Circus Maximus where the crowds could vote thumbs-up or thumbs-down on the fate of a fallen gladiator. But which was it? Writers have argued both cases. Thumbs-up meant let him live; thumbs-down meant kill him. But maybe it was the opposite: thumbs-up might have meant put the sword into the gladiator and kill him, while thumbs-down might have meant put the sword down in the dirt and let the gladiator live. Maybe the best explanation, although it never made it into any of the old sword-and-sandal movies, is that the crowd members showed their thumbs (up, down, sideways — didn't matter) when they wanted the gladiator to die. The thumb represented a sword. Stick it in him. When the crowd members wanted the gladiator to live, they hid their thumbs into their hands and waved their "thumbless" fists — representing swords in sheaths. No swords, no death.

Not that anyone is suggesting we put our current politicians in a big arena and decide their fate by either showing our thumbs or not showing our thumbs. That would be wrong.



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HAVE A SPOOK-TACULAR HALLOWEEN!

The Town of Eastville

The Town of Eastville will be hosting Halloween on SATURDAY, October 31, 2020, Between 5:30-8:00 pm

All children 12 & Under must be accompanied by an adult.
No full-face masks for anyone over 12 years old.

HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE HALLOWEEN!

HALLOWEEN CURFEW

TOWN OF EXMORE
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31, 2020

ALL CHILDREN AGE 17
AND UNDER MUST
BE OFF THE STREETS OF
EXMORE BY 8:00 PM



The Town of Cheriton will host Trick-or-Treating Saturday, October 31st from 5pm to 8pm!

8pm curfew will be *strictly enforced*.
NO full masks for anyone over 13.
Please follow CDC guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing and please do not knock on doors that do not have lights on as some people do not feel comfortable participating in the events.

HALLOWEEN CURFEW

IN ONANCOCK
Saturday, October 31, 2020
Only children younger than 13 will be allowed to Trick or Treat.
Curfew will be 8 p.m.

CDC Recommends No Trick-Or-Treating
Onancock promotes individual choice
Use your porch lights to show your participation up to 8:00 p.m.



The Town of Cape Charles

will permit Trick-or-Treating on

Saturday, October 31, 2020 until 8:00 p.m.

Please be mindful of those who do not wish to participate, normally identified by the absence of a porch light.

Costume masks are not a substitute for a cloth mask.

Town curfew will be strictly

enforced for anyone under 18 years of age.



TOWN OF ACCOMAC HALLOWEEN CURFEW

HALLOWEEN WILL BE OBSERVED IN THE TOWN OF ACCOMAC ON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020.

CURFEW IS 8:00PM AND ONLY CHILDREN AGED 12 YEARS AND UNDER, IN COSTUME, AND ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT, WILL BE ALLOWED TO "TRICK-OR-TREAT."



The Town of Chincoteague

Will have a Halloween Trick-or-Treat curfew of 8pm.



All vehicle traffic will be blocked at Sunnywood Manor 4pm-8pm
Please practice social distancing
Utilize hand sanitizer frequently
Use of mask (nose & mouth) highly recommended

Town of Melfa Halloween Curfew

Melfa will celebrate Halloween on Saturday, October 31, 2020.

Children 12 and under only accompanied by an adult.

Curfew for all under 18 will be 8:00



Church News

Accomac

Macedonia A.M.E. Church will give away 100 free bags of vegetables Saturday, Oct. 31, from noon until 3 p.m., at 23566 Church Road. This is a drive-through event. Masks should be worn.

Cheriton

Holmes Presbyterian Church will host "The Pursuit" Thursday, Nov. 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Join the church online for an informal discussion of a brief, historical reading in Christian ethics each week. People of all faiths or no faith are welcome to join. For a copy of the reading and instructions on finding the discussion on Zoom, visit <https://pursuit.holmespresby.org>

For more information, visit <https://madness.holmespresby.org>

Chincoteague

Chincoteague Church of God will host Candy Palooza Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m., at 5252 Woodland Drive.

Kids should arrive in costume to fill their goody bags with lots of treats. Decorated safe spaces will be spaced throughout the parking lot by church members. Meet Frazzle the Frog, the mascot for the event.

Franktown

Franktown United Methodist Church will hold the annual Art and Food Festival Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 7551 Bayside

Road. The event will feature artists, craftsmen, lots of frozen foods, soups, chicken salad, and cheeseballs to go. This is an outdoor event and masks must be worn on church property.

Onancock

The United Methodist Women of Onancock Market Street United Methodist Church have completed the 2021 Onancock Desk Calendar. The cost is \$7. The 2021 calendar contains the following pen and ink drawings: Harbormaster House, Hopkins & Brothers Store, the gazebo in the Town Square, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Corner Bakery, Market Street United Methodist Church, and much more.

The calendar is designed so that after the first complete calendar is purchased on the following year just a refill is needed. The refills cost \$5.

Call the church office at 787-4873 to obtain a calendar. The office is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pungoteague

The food pantry will be open Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Pungoteague Community Church. The youth group will meet Fridays, Nov. 6 and 20, at 6 p.m., in the church social hall. Teen Bible study is every Monday afternoon in the church social hall beginning at 3:30 p.m. Women's fellowship will be Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6

p.m., at the Huether home. Men's fellowship will be Thursday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m., in the social hall. Bible study is ev-

ery Tuesday, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home. Church Thanksgiving dinner will be Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church Rain Garden

Each spring, the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District's Endowment Committee accepts applications for Billie Fitzgerald Memorial Spring Grants. These grants are awarded to local schools, community group leaders, and other local organizations planning a conservation education project. This past spring, the district awarded a total of four grants, one of which was awarded to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock, to help restore its rain garden.

Rain gardens help protect water quality by catching rain water and holding it so that it can infiltrate into the ground. This prevents rain water from running into roadways and becoming contaminated. They can also help to prevent the erosion of soil which leads to excess sediment in our waterways. Too much sediment harms underwater grades, fish, and shellfish.

"Holy Trinity is a church involved in several social ministries, one being its Creation Care committee. This group is pursuing projects as the rain garden, a COVID Memory garden, partnering with others to plant trees in the community, and in promoting an ethos of good stewardship of the natural beauty of the world around us. Holy Trinity is grateful for this mini-grant and plans further involvement with the community in the future," said Dave Vaughn, member of Holy Trinity Church.

For more information on the Billie Fitzgerald Memorial Spring Grants or other environmental education programs, contact Julie Head, education director at Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District, at 757-302-4433 or julie.head@esswcd.org.



Notice of County Website Upgrade

Now - Live

The Treasurer's office is excited to announce the upgrade of the website from which you pay taxes. The county went live with that website on October 27, 2020. The website has needed an upgrade for a while and now has a cleaner and more user-friendly platform.

The portal allows you online access to:

- **Pay Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.**
*Personal property will require you to have your account number and last four of your social security number.
- **View and print your bill.**
- **Ability to email your bill to a valid email address if you cannot print at that time.** *New*
- **Payments are now updated and can be viewed in near-time.** *New*

You will find at checkout you can pay by credit card and now e-check which is the more economical option. We continue to work hard to bring you the very best and to make this process of paying taxes as seamless as possible. Please view www.accomacktax.com or contact us at [757-787-5738](tel:757-787-5738) for any questions or concerns.

I continue to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your Treasurer.

James A. Lilliston
Accomack County Treasurer

Operation Christmas Child

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Samaritan's Purse is calling on churches and families to pack more shoebox gifts than ever before for Operation Christmas Child—making sure millions of children experience the holiday.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys—to children worldwide for more than two decades. This is a mission project that everyone can still be a part of, even with COVID-19 restrictions. Simply pack shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys. Then bring them to one of more than 4,000 drop-off locations during National Collection Week, Nov. 16 through 23. Drop-off locations will be listed starting in early November at www.samaritanspurse.org and can be searched by city or ZIP code.

Community Notes

Trick or Treat Main Street

The Historic Main Street Merchants will present Trick or Treat Main Street Saturday, Oct. 31, at Robert Reed Park on Chincoteague Island. There will be music and treats. Pumpkin decorating is from 3 to 4 p.m. Trick-or-treating will be from 4 to 7 p.m. There will also be a virtual Facebook costume contest at <https://www.facebook.com/mainstreetmerchants>. Winners will be announced online and prizes given at 3:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the cutest, scariest, and best overall. Observe safety guidelines by wearing a face mask and keeping six feet distance.

Treats in the Streets

Treats in the Streets, a Halloween event sponsored by the Northampton County Sheriff's Department,

will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Northampton High School in Eastville.

In a new, COVID-19 constrained version of last year's popular event, a drive-through format will be followed and trick-or-treaters will remain in their cars. Participants will receive goodie bags, hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, and glow sticks.

Get Out With Scouts

The Virginia District of the Boy Scouts of America will present Get Out With Scouts Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Onancock Elks Lodge, 22454 Front St., Accomac. The rain date will be Nov. 14. Participants can sign up with packs and troops from Chincoteague, Parksley, Onancock, and Exmore. There will be fun opportunities with potential to launch rockets, practice fishing skills, visits from the fire department and Coast Guard, Pinewood

Derby races,, and more. For more information, email Joe Sherwood at joe.sherwood@gmail.com

Run For The Animals

The 9th Annual Run for the Animals is set for Sunday, Nov. 29, at 9:30 a.m., at the Historic Onancock School. Participants can choose between the half marathon, 10K, or 5K, and run or walk. Bring a canine companion. For more information on registering, volunteering, fundraising, or sponsoring, call 999-4999 or go to www.RunForTheAnimals.com

Thanksgiving Curbside Dinner To Go

The Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency will be hosting a communitywide event to help feed seniors in the Accomack and Northampton areas for Thanksgiving. ESAAA/CAA will provide a hot and delicious meal to anyone who is 60 or older. The meals will be served onsite curbside Tuesday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Hare Valley Center, 5432 Bayside Road, Exmore, and Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Mary N. Smith Cultural Center, 24577 Mary N. Smith Road, Accomac. These meals will be open to the public. Sign up by

calling Tiffany Smith, director of aging, at 442-9652 ext. 19, on or before Nov. 2.

Oyster Fritters on Chincoteague

Chincoteague Vol. Fire Co. is hosting a drive-thru fritter night Friday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m., at 5052 Deep Hole Road. Oyster fritters and chips are \$10.

Virtual Artisans Tour

The 18th annual ESVA Artisan's Guild Tour is going virtual this year, beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, and continuing through Sunday, Nov. 29 at midnight.

Each artist will present 10 items that shoppers can view and purchase directly from the ESVA Artisans Guild's website. Curbside pickup will be available for local customers and shipping can be arranged through the artists for out-of-town buyers.

More information will be made available as the dates of the sale get closer. Follow along at <https://www.esvaartistsguild.org>, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ESVAArtisansGuild> and on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/esvaartistsguild/>

Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Center
"Where Legacy Meets Vision"

Community Survey

October 13th to November 20th

go to **<https://forms.gle/B7wvmsfaAYV7nkfy9>**



Accomack County was awarded a CDBG Pre-Planning Community Organizing Grant to plan the renovation and best uses of the old high school building. The MNSCEC renovation project would enhance Accomack County's economic base and provide diverse services and entrepreneurship opportunities to our communities. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey online or you may pick up a hard copy from various locations including: Subway in Exmore, Jaxon's in Parksley, the Eastern Shore Public Library, the A-NPDC in Accomac, the Eastern Shore Virginia Historical Society in Onancock, the Foodbank in Tasley and other locations around the Shore. Just return it to the drop box at MNSCEC or mail it to P.O. Box 915, Accomac, VA 23301. Contact mnsgrants15@gmail.com



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Shavon Myrick Fundraiser

Friends of Shavon Myrick, who died Oct. 20, an apparent homicide victim, have established a fund to help the family with expenses. Organizers say the funds will be used for her funeral and any remaining funds will be passed to Myrick's mother to assist with the cost of raising Myrick's two children. Donations can be made at <https://gf.me/u/y6arva>



**Fall Back: Don't Forget to
Set Your Clocks Back This Weekend.
Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 a.m.,
on Sunday, Nov. 1.**

Fiege New Chairman of United Way Campaign

John W. Fiege has been named chairman of the 2020 United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore fundraising campaign.

The United Way chapter has raised over \$7 million aiding over 150 organizations that received funds either allocated by United Way or designated by individual contributors.



John Fiege

Funds go to provide emergency food and shelter; family counseling, health services; youth development and recreation programs, in addition to many other services needed in the community. Costs are kept low with one part-time employee. First Horizon donates an office and utilities. Most of the work is performed by local volunteers, many whom are coordinators in their place of employment.

Through the efforts of Jennifer Annis, the UWVES partnered with Julie Badger and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation to supply COVID-19 relief funds. With their help, the UWVES has distributed over \$47,500 in aid to local agencies so they can continue their support of the people on the Shore. Recipients included the foodbank, ESCADV, ESAAA/CAA, Boys and Girls Club, and Manna Café. Funding also was used to assist in organizing Shore Delivery Corp.

Your local United Way has partnered with the United Way of South Hampton Roads to receive donated cases of toilet paper from Cottenelle. The UWVES has also supplied FEMA masks for staff and volunteers of the agencies.

If anyone would like to make a positive impact on the quality of life of the residents of the Eastern Shore, send a tax-deductible donation to United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 605, Onley, VA 23418 or go to www.esunitedway.org



Marriage Licenses Issued

- Kelsey Lee Novack, 27, and James Edward Haley, 27, both of Chincoteague
- Linda Smith Gilliss, 64, and Terrence Fenerty, 62, both of Salisbury
- Joanna Laine Booker, 42, and Michael James Pool, 37, both of Niles, Mich.
- Megan Leigh Wallace, 25, of Chincoteague, and Ryan Edward Moltedo, 22, of Atlantic
- Tanisha Renee Hamsley, 34, of Painter, and Kimshawna Corneilus Johnson, 39, of Onancock
- Ashley Louise Parks, 28, and Christopher David Jester, 33, both of Chincoteague
- Megan Goard Vance, 31, and Christopher James Fuller, 38, both of Greenbackville
- Mary Theresa DePalma, 68, and Thomas Williams, 69, both of Camp Hill, Pa.
- Rachel Marie Simmons, 32, and Robert Dewar Greer, 46, both of Asheville, N.C.
- Rosemary Jeane Hill, 26, and Bryan Douglas Wainscott, 29, both of Union, Ky.
- Lisa Marie Good, 29, and Jonathan Philip Sharpley, 30, both of Greenbackville
- Elizabeth Ashley Ciskowski, 28, and Burrell Reid Hall Jr., 31, both of Wachapreague
- Charissa Bree Stevens, 45, and Justin Kyle Kerchner, 45, both of Chincoteague
- Dana Sherelle Smith, 43, of Cape Charles, and Wayne Rogers, 54, of Bloxom
- Judy Lynn Kerlin, 66, and Frederick James Schaffer, 69, both of Greenbackville
- Courtney Nichole Barker, 20, and Jacob Mason Guy, 23, both of Onancock
- Kristen Amber Jones, 25, and Matthew Gregory Holmes, 29, both of Belle Haven
- Gladiz Maria Vasquez Mendoza, 23, and Jesus Guadalupe Berlanga, 27, both of Greenbush
- Brittany Nicole Dehaven, 19, and Skyler Devin Chase, 24, both of Horntown
- Liberna Dominique, 41, and Emmanuelo Emerson Florissant, 55, both of Parksley
- Melissa Ann McGran, 30, of West Hazleton, Pa., and Andrew Joseph Frederick, 22, of Lancaster, Pa.

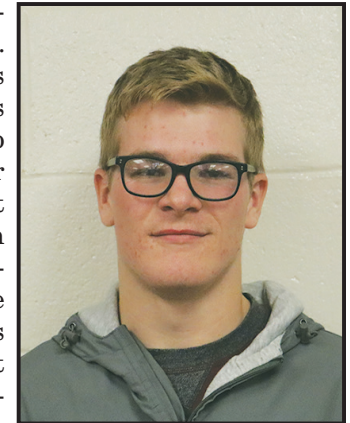
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Teasley Earns Scholarship

Joe Teasley, a Nandua graduate, was awarded the Tony Washington Jr. scholarship with the proceeds from the school's yearly flag football tournament.

This award is given to a senior student athlete on the Eastern Shore who plays at least three varsity sports and excels in the classroom. He played football, baseball, and wrestled. He is currently attending Virginia Military Institute and has walked onto their football team.



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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, **by appointment only**. 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 are 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.



In Memory



Larry Wayne McAllen

We hide our tears when we say your name
The pain in our hearts is still the same
We miss you every day and especially on
your birthday.

Happy birthday in heaven.

We love and miss you very much.

Margaret, Heather, Mark, Madison, Jessica,
Keith, and Max

**Happy Heavenly Birthday
November 2
to Chris Floyd from Darlene**

If I could write a story
It would be the greatest told
Of a kind and loving husband
Who had a heart of gold.

I could write a million pages
But still be unable to say
Just how much I love and
Miss you every single day.



Help Wanted

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.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN – Must have experience, tools, and transportation. Pays \$15-25 an hour (depending on experience). Apply in person at Bayside Tire or call 757-787-4633.

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.

Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following position: **Full-Time Correctional Officer**. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org. Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, November 2, 2020, at 4:00 pm. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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.

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Northampton County Parks & Recreation Assistant Director

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant Director in the Parks & Recreation Department.

Job Duties: Plan, develop, organize and direct under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Director. Responsible for assisting in supervising staff, managing recreational activities and events, managing equipment and Parks facilities, and documenting and reporting on programs and events to the Director. Makes sure that programs follow organizational policies set in place by the Director.

Minimum Requirements: Requires Associate's degree in recreation administration, public administration, business management, or a closely related field; Requires continuous, close attention for accurate results and frequent exposure to unusual pressure; Requires five (5) years of related experience.

Salary Range: \$28,954 to \$46,818

Please see Northampton County's website (https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings) for detailed job description and application form. Submit with letters of references to Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by November 20, 2020. Northampton County is an EOE.

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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.

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Inquiries may be directed to:
Melinda Phillips - Director of Administrative Services
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Help Wanted (Cont'd)

Office Coordinator

Northampton County is accepting applications for a full-time Office Coordinator in the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department.

The essential function of the position is to assist the Director of Planning, Permitting and Enforcement with the timely execution of legally mandated duties. The position is responsible for coordinating administrative support for the enforcement of County Codes relevant to the Department and issuing permits. This includes preparing agendas, public notices required by law and production of minutes for groups including but not limited to Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Wetlands Board, and the Agricultural Forestal Committee.

Excellent communication skills are essential with two years' experience in customer service. Requires high school diploma or GED, and one year of college or vocational school education in business administration or a closely related field.

Pay scale for this position is \$30,691 to \$49,627.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions, requirements and county's application form https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by November 6, 2020. Northampton County is an EOE.

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

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The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:
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YARD SALE - 24114 East Point Rd., Onancock. Sat., Oct. 31, 9AM. Household items, lamps, small furniture, decorative plates, servers, etc. Cash only.

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NASA announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Marsh Fiber Project.

NASA proposes to install a new fiber optic cable between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge and NASA's Wallops Island in Accomack County, Virginia.

Currently, a single fiber optic cable system along Atlantic Road provides communications and command data from the WFF Main Base to Wallops Island. Damage or failure of the single cable system would put NASA, tenants, and the public at risk for disruptions to launch command and information technology services.

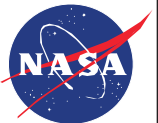
The project is needed to provide a redundant, geographically diverse, and reliable means of highspeed fiber optic communications for NASA, Department of Defense, and commercial systems

on Wallops Island. The existing cable system would remain in operation as backup.

NASA proposes to use a combination of horizontal directional drilling and vibratory trenching methods to install the fiber optic cable under waterways and across the saltmarsh. The EA evaluated the environmental consequences of the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative. NASA considered all public comments received on the Draft EA in preparing the Final EA and FONSI.

Due to the current COVID19 situation and the temporary closure of local libraries and NASA's Visitor Center, the EA and FONSI will be available on the internet in Adobe® portable document format (pdf) at: <https://code200-external.gsfc.nasa.gov/250-WFF/marsh-fiber-ea>, with a limited number of hard copies available upon request by contacting Ms. Shari Miller:

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NASA Wallops Flight Facility
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Wallops Island, Virginia 23337
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Pursuant to Section 6 of the Accomack County Wetlands Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of a Public Hearing that will be held in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, 23292 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia at **10AM, Thursday, November 19, 2020**, on the wetlands applications of:

Town of Onancock – VMRC# 2020-1665

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project, which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction, is the replacement of the existing paver laid ramp with 6 inch thick reinforced concrete pavement with turn-downs on both sides, located in Onancock, VA 23417, tax map# 85A1-A-401, 85A1-A-40A, 85A1-A-41A.

Randolph Lieberum – VMRC# 2020-1856

This application is for the following described project:

The portion of the project, which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction, is the proposed installation of approximately 155 linear feet of quarry stone sills, 80 linear feet of quarry stone rip rap revetment, and 3000 square feet, (150 cubic yards), of beach nourishment material, located in Bay Haven Subdivision of Craddockville, VA 23341, tax map#(s) 108-1-16.

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

Cape Charles Town Council Public Hearing

The Town of Cape Charles will file an application with the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to purchase equipment. The Cape Charles Town Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 19, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Cape Charles Civic Center located at 500 Tazewell Avenue to solicit public comments and discuss the proposed projects.

Libby Hume, Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that George Dilley Contracting has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct two breakwaters, and an extension to an existing breakwater adjacent to properties (3186 - 3242 Butler's Bluff Drive) along the Chesapeake Bay in Northampton County.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Eastville Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will meet on Thursday, November 12th, 2020, at 7:00 PM. in the Eastville Bingo Hall on Courthouse Road, Eastville VA 23347. The BZA will meet to conduct regular business and public hearings in the following Matters.

VARIANCE 2020-02: Jeffrey & Jeanette Coulter, have petitioned for variance request in the side yard set back, the property is located at 16374 Courthouse Road Eastville VA 23347 and is zoned R20 The property is further described at Tax Map #58A1-5-B.

Anyone interested in the above variance can attend the public hearing in order to make their views known. The files may be viewed in the Eastville Town Hall located at 5250 Willow Oak Road Eastville VA 23347.

Handicapped assistance is available: Please call 757-678-7523 at least 48 hours in advance.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 20-459

vs.

BETTY SAVAGE CUNNINGHAM
JOHN WILLIAM SAVAGE, SR.
JEAN SAVAGE ILER
HERBERT A. ILER, SR.
JOHN WILLIAM SAVAGE, JR.
A & N ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, being 1.00 acre, more or less, and designated as tax map number 11000A000003700.

standing in the names of Betty Savage Cunningham, John William Savage, Sr., Jean Savage Iler and Herbert A. Iler, Sr., pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to determine whether John William Savage, Sr. and Jean Savage Iler are living, or if deceased, to ascertain the names and location of all of their heirs, devisees and successors in title; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit, whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of John William Savage, Sr. and Jean Savage Iler; that Betty Savage Cunningham is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 1417 N. 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122; that Herbert A. Iler, Sr. is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 26 Lincoln Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of John William Savage, Jr., whose last known post office address is 31390 Big Pine Road, Painter, VA 23420

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

ENTER: This 23rd day of October, 2020
Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 20-456

vs.

BETTY WILEY BARNES
J. HALL

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land in Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, being on U.S. Route 13, and designated as tax map number 086B00100001000.

standing in the name of Betty Wiley Barnes, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Betty Wiley Barnes; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Betty Wiley Barnes; that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of J. Hall, whose last known post office address is P.O. Box 331, Tasley, VA 23441; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Christina Green, whose last known post office address is 20548 Deep Creek Road, Onancock, VA 23417.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before November 23, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mayor & Town Council of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on a Conditional Use Permit Application:

Mr. David Landsberger has applied for a Conditional Use Permit to change the use from a detached office and garage into an apartment. Property located at Tax Map # 31B1-1-19 5475 Warren Street Chincoteague VA, 23336. The property is zoned residential (R-1).

The proposed application can be reviewed at the Town office between 8:00 – 4:30 daily.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 20-457

vs.

The heirs and devisees of GEORGE T. BRIGHT
The heirs and devisees of HATTIE N. BRIGHT
CARMEN BRIGHT BAILEY
SHORE HEALTH SERVICES, INC. dba
SHORE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
LLC JORMANDY
EASTERN SHORE RURAL HEALTH

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

All that parcel of land near Greenbush, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, being 0.25 acre, more or less, and designated as tax map number 078D00200001100.

standing in the names of George T. Bright and Hattie N. Bright, pursuant to Section 58.1-3967 of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of George T. Bright and Hattie N. Bright; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of George T. Bright and Hattie N. Bright; and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Carmen Bright Bailey, whose last known post office address is 12491 Shell Bridge Road, Painter, VA 23420.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before November 23, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 23rd day of October, 2020
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 20581 CHERITON CROSS ROAD, CAPE CHARLES A/R/T/A CHERITON, VA 23310. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 10, 2004, in the original principal amount of \$36,205.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia as Instrument No. 040001822. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia on November 24, 2020, at 11:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE NEAR CHERITON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING .936 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10 ON A PLAT ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION OF COBBS MILL D.B. 248 P. 569 NEAR CHERITON EAST VILLE DISTRICT NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VA MADE FOR THOMAS RAY LEWIS, SR. & STEVE JACKSON LEWIS," MADE BY EASTERN SHORE SURVEYORS, LTD., DATED AUGUST 9, 1991, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 21, AL PAGE 19. REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE TO SAID PLAT FOR A MORE ACCURATE AND PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED. SAID LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND IS BOUNDED GENERALLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY COBBS MILL LANE; ON THE WEST BY VIRGINIA ROUTE 637 ALSO KNOWN AS PAT TOWN ROAD; ON THE SOUTH BY PROPERTY, NOW OR FORMERLY, OWED BY CLIFFORD ANDREWS AND BY PROPERTY, NOW OR FORMERLY, OWNED BY THOMAS R. LEWIS, SR., AND STEVE J. LEWIS; AND, ON THE EAST BY PROPERTY KNOWN AS LO 11. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE EXPRESSLY SUBJECT TO THE EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS CONTAINED IN DULY RECORDED DEEDS CONSTITUTING CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE IN THE CHAIN OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED WHICH HAVE NOT EXPIRED BY LIMITATION OF TIME OR OTHERWISE BECOME INEFFECTUAL. TOGETHER WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND APPURTENANCES TO SAID LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-340103-1.

Legal Advertising (Cont'd)

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA** TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. VAR-000069-2020: Horace Kelley - Tax Map #'s 12-A-20, 12-A-20B, 12-A-20C, 12-A-20D, 12-A-21

A hearing initiated by Horace Kelly to request numerous variances from the requirements outlined in Section 106-232 of the Accomack County Municipal Code (Poultry), to allow for modification of property lines, of the sale confined poultry operation. The confined poultry operation was constructed prior to the currently adopted ordinance. The property is located at 3459 Kelly Road, New Church, VA and is zoned Agricultural. The variances requested are as follows:

- Section 106-232(f)(2) states the overall density per parcel of poultry houses shall be one (1) house per five (5) acres. There are 14 houses

on this farm, requiring a total of seventy (70) acres.

1. A variance is of forty one (41) acres is being requested as the farm is twenty nine (29) acres total.

- Section 106-232(f)(3) states the maximum number of poultry houses is 12 per parcel.

2. A variance of two (2) houses is being requested as there are a total of 14 houses on this poultry farm.

- Section 106-232(f)(5)(a) states the minimum setback from any existing dwelling on an adjacent property shall be five hundred (500) feet.

3. There are 2 dwellings within the five hundred (500) feet setback requirement, 3371 Kelly Road which is four hundred and seventy three (473) feet away and 3456 Kelly Road which is two hundred and fifty six (256) feet away. A variance of two hundred and forty four (244) feet is requested from the Southwestern property line that is adjacent to 3456 Kelly Road.

- Section 106-232 (f)(5)(c) states the minimum setback for any portion of a confined poultry operation shall be two hundred (200) feet from any property line.

4. A variance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet is requested from the Northern property line that borders parcel #12-A-20.

5. A variance of one hundred and ninety (190) feet is requested from the Eastern property line that borders parcel #12-A-121

6. A variance of one hundred and ninety (190) feet is requested from the Northwestern property line that borders parcel #12-A-20

7. A variance of one hundred and sixty (160) feet is requested from the Southern property line that borders parcel #12-A-59

8. A variance of one hundred and ten (110) feet is requested from the Southeastern property line that borders parcel #12-A-20

9. A variance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet is requested from the Southern property line that borders parcel #12-A-20

- Section 106-232(g) describes the requirement for a vegetative buffer to be installed for the visual screening of confined poultry operations

10. A variance eliminating this requirement is being sought due to the lack of planting space surrounding this confined poultry operation.

This Board of Zoning Appeals 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 Office of the County Zoning Administrator at 23296 Courthouse Avenue - Room 105 - Accomac, Virginia or <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

Handicapped Assistance available, call: (757) 787-5726 or 824-5223

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 AT 6:30 p.m. AT METOMPkin ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 24501 PARKSLEY ROAD, PARKSLEY, VIRGINIA** TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. RZNE-000038-2020

Request initiated by Cellco dba/Verizon Wireless to conditionally rezone a portion of Tax Map # 110-9-B1 from Agricultural to General Business with proffers. The parcel is located adjacent to 16055 Pungoteague Road. The applicant is seeking to conditionally rezone approximately 13.9 acres on the western and northern portion of the parcel. A Cellular Tower greater than 100 feet in height is proposed.

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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Last Words From the Candidates

U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia's 2nd Congressional District

Re-Elect Elaine Luria

By Elaine Luria

Without question, this is the most consequential election in recent history. The decisions made and votes cast by voters across the country will have longstanding impact on the direction of our nation. There is nowhere that this is truer than here in Coastal Virginia.

For more than 20 years, I proudly served our country in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of commander. I was deployed to the Middle East and Western Pacific and was entrusted with the command of a combat-ready unit of 400 sailors. These experiences taught me the importance of service, honesty, and integrity and those principles have guided my commitment to the people of the 2nd District for the past two years as their Representative to the United States Congress.

Since being elected to Congress, I've traveled across the Eastern Shore and I've spoken with and, most importantly, listened to Eastern Shore farmers and watermen, doctors and nurses, small business owners and families. I heard about their joys and struggles, and I've fought tirelessly as your Representative in Congress to protect our special way of life. I've worked to improve rural health care and access to broadband internet, passed legislation to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, and ensured that our seasonal industries receive the funds they need to survive and later thrive after COVID-19. And I have worked with both Democrats and Republicans to secure grant funding for the Eastern Shore Rural Health System to assist with your

response to the COVID-19 crisis.

I worked across the aisle to help pass legislation that makes it easier for Eastern Shore farmers to hire and retain workers and grow our regional economy. As a former small-business owner, I was proud to create a hotline to help Eastern Shore businesses secure PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loans. I ensured that our local fishery and aquaculture industries were included in pandemic relief programs and I helped oyster farmers secure loans that will keep them in business and keep oysters protecting the health of our Chesapeake ecosystem.

The people of Coastal Virginia represent the best that our country has to offer. Many of them have dedicated their lives to serving in our nation's armed forces. Others have built small businesses that support and employ thousands of their neighbors. Many have chosen to raise their families here while others have chosen to retire here. Collectively, we are Virginia's 2nd District but, for all of us, this is home. Like all of you, I believe that our home is something worth fighting for. And over the past two years, that's exactly what I've done.

I could not be prouder of the work we've done and the campaign we've run. While my opponent chose to sling mud and misrepresent my record and positions on important issues, we have focused on providing Coastal Virginians with a clear understanding of our vision and our continuing efforts to fight for them. The people of the 2nd District deserve nothing less and on November 3rd, I hope to have earned your trust and support.

Elect Scott Taylor

By Scott Taylor

I humbly ask for your support in my race for Congress – the choice in this race is clear. I am not from a wealthy family who has millions of dollars in the bank. I was raised up on the Delmarva Peninsula by a strong, single mother who did her best to provide for the four kids in her house. I think about the Shore often, and I think about how devastating it has been during this pandemic – how tough this year has been on our families and businesses. How you may be struggling with kids at home, with work, or at your businesses. Virginians and Americans everywhere deserve effective, results-oriented leadership.

I have served this nation as a U.S. Navy SEAL, both in times of peace and of war. I have buried many of my friends in these wars and have wept with their families; I know the sacrifice many of you and your families have made for this great nation, and I am proud to be your neighbor. I also understand the issues that affect your families at the state level, having gained valuable experience serving this community during my two terms serving in the Virginia House of Delegates. It was truly an honor to serve as your U.S. Congressman for two years – helping thousands of constituents, passing numerous laws like the Ashanti Alert Act, accountability at the VA, and serving on the powerful Appropriations Committee to bring over \$300 million directly to this area and our economy.

This race is about contrasts. The

choice is clear. My opponent supports Nancy Pelosi over 90% of the time – in contrast, in a commitment to bipartisanship, I proactively secured a Democrat co-sponsor on every bill that I introduced while I served in Congress. My record demonstrates my commitment to bringing voices in the community together to work toward real solutions for our region. My opponent's gun control proposals (like banning suppressors) do not focus on the root of gun violence – in contrast, I support our 2A rights and only support intervention that would prevent tragedy, like greater access to mental health resources. My opponent has the worst constituent services in the state of Virginia – in contrast, I worked to deliver metric tons of PPE to Virginia at the onset of this pandemic because whether I am an elected official or a private citizen, I am committed to leadership that serves our community effectively. I co-sponsored legislation to mandate protections for healthcare access for Americans with pre-existing medical conditions (H.R. 628). My opponent proposes tax increases in the wake of the pandemic that will crush our businesses – in contrast, I am endorsed by the small-business community and will work to ensure families keep more of the money they earn. While my opponent's votes would harm our police and make our communities less safe, I am endorsed by the law enforcement community. The choice in this race is clear. If you believe what I believe for Virginia's future, I ask for your support in this critical election.

The Post reserves the last edition before November elections for candidates to offer their last words to voters. We contacted the campaigns of candidates for Virginia's 2nd Congressional District, the local Democratic and Republican parties as surrogates for presidential candidates, and the campaigns of candidates to represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate. Each candidates or surrogate was offered up to 500 words to make his or her case. The responses of those who responded are contained on these two pages.

Last Words From the Candidates

Candidates for President of the United States of America

On Behalf of Joe Biden

*By Linda Schulz, Chairwoman
Northampton County Democratic
Committee*

*Lisa LaMontagne, Chairwoman
Accomack County Democratic
Committee*

A look at Vice President Biden's plan to "Build America Back Better" reveals a comprehensive and detailed set of public policies for rural America based on a deep understanding of the needs of communities like the Eastern Shore.

Plans that would benefit the Eastern Shore include innovative economic development strategies that support agriculture, aquaculture, "Main Street" small businesses, and hard-working middle- and low-income families. He promises to provide funding for universal broadband coverage, which has become even more crucial amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Biden also plans to increase funding for rural public education systems, including for higher pay for teachers, quality early childhood care and education, and repairing and building new school buildings. His agenda would ensure postsecondary education is available to all through free tuition to low and moderate income students for community college, university or other postsecondary training programs. He promises he will "ensure no child's future is determined by their zip code, parents' income, race or disability."

Biden has also proposed an ambitious, job-creating agenda to combat climate change, and has introduced

plans to spur the development of clean energy across the country. His environmental agenda would ensure the preservation of our fragile Eastern Shore ecosystem, help promote coastal resilience, as well as provide new employment opportunities. He opposes offshore drilling.

Preserving and improving the Affordable Care Act is also one of Biden's top priorities, and his health care agenda will ensure coverage for pre-existing conditions, protect and expand Medicare and Medicaid, and support rural hospitals. Biden also wants to reduce prescription costs by giving the government power to negotiate prices, and ensure that nobody pays out of pocket for COVID-19 testing and treatment, regardless of whether or not they're insured.

These ambitious plans cannot be realized without support from Congress, and a Democratic House and Senate are essential to realizing any of these plans. To that end we must reelect Mark Warner and Elaine Luria, who have proven themselves to be excellent advocates for the Eastern Shore in Washington. In her first term, Rep. Luria has shown herself to be a hard-working, responsive, effective legislator and a fighter for her constituents. Sen. Warner, after four years as governor and twelve years representing Virginia in the Senate, also has demonstrated a deep understanding of the needs of the commonwealth's rural areas, including the Eastern Shore. Both of them will continue to be highly successful in help-

On Behalf of President Donald J. Trump

*By Wesley Edwards, Chairman
Accomack County Republican Party*

I'm voting for the First Amendment and freedom of speech. I'm voting for the Second Amendment and my right to defend my life and my family. I'm voting for the next Supreme Court Justice(s) to protect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I'm voting for the continued growth of my retirement 401K and the stock market.

I'm voting for a return of our troops from foreign countries and the end to America's involvement in foreign conflicts. I'm voting for the Electoral College and the Republic we live in. I'm voting for the police to be respected once again and to ensure law and order. I'm voting for the continued appointment of federal judges who respect the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I'm voting for our jobs to remain

ing the Eastern Shore fully access federal resources.

With our commonwealth and country suffering from an unprecedented pandemic, crushing recession, and a myriad of other crises, we can't afford four more years of the broken promises and ineffective leadership of Donald Trump and the Republican Party. Joe Biden has a comprehensive agenda to get us back on track, and it's up to us to vote between now and Election Day to make sure he has a mandate to deliver on his promises. For more information on polling locations and times, visit www.IWillVote.com/VA

in America and not be outsourced all over again to China, Mexico, and other foreign countries. I'm voting for secure borders and legal immigration. I'm voting for the military and the veterans who fought for this country to give the American people their freedoms.

I'm voting for the unborn babies who have a right to live. I'm voting for continued peace progress in the Middle East. I'm voting to fight against human/child trafficking. I'm voting for Freedom of Religion I'm voting for the American flag that is disrespected by the Democratic Party. I'm voting for the right to speak my opinion and not be censored.

I'm not just voting for one person, I'm voting for the future of my country. I'm voting for my children and my grandchildren to ensure their freedoms and their future. What are YOU voting for?

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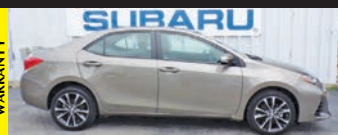
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