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Shore Mourns Death of Statesman and **Favorite Son** Robert Bloxom Sr.

By Carol Vaughn

Robert S. Bloxom Sr., 83, whose name became synonymous with statesmanship on the Eastern Shore and beyond, died Sunday at his home.

Bob Bloxom's name almost invariably is invoked as an example of the political ide-

al by elected officials from both political parties during their visits to the Shore.

"I am sorry to hear of the passing of Robert Bloxom Sr., a longtime member of the House of Delegates and Virginia's first-ever Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry," said Gov. Ralph Robert Bloxom Sr. Northam Monday.



"Bob was a true son of the Eastern Shore. His ... years in the General Assembly were spent working hard to represent the Shore's people and advocating for its concerns and needs. Bob and I shared a love for the Shore's land and its people, no matter what side of the aisle we were on, and I considered him a good friend and a true public servant," Northam said, adding, "Pam and I send our deepest sympathies to the Bloxom family."

Bloxom operated the family business, Bloxom Auto Supply in Mappsville, for many years.

Bloxom's entry into politics came with his election to the House of Delegates, where he represented the Eastern Shore from 1978 through 2003.

He chose not to seek a 14th term in office. Bloxom's son, Robert S. Bloxom Jr. (Rob), was elected to the same seat in 2014.

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Busy Night for Santa

Santa was busy last Saturday night, Dec. 12, leading the Onancock Christmas Driving Tour, before heading north to Chincoteague for its "Pop-Up" Parade. Above, Santa and his escorts ride atop Engine 95 of the Onancock Volunteer Fire Dept. Photos of the Onancock tour are on Pages 32-33; the Chincoteague parade photos are on Page 35. Photo by Jim Ritch.

17 Cases Reported in Latest Shore Rehab COVID-19 Outbreak

By Carol Vaughn

A long-term care facility in Accomack County has an outbreak of COVID-19, according to the Virginia Department of Health.

Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley notified the health department of the outbreak Dec. 9, with 17 cases reported as of Dec. 14.

The facility also reported an outbreak in May, with 15 cases reported before the outbreak was considered closed.

No deaths have been reported due to either outbreak.

The Post has contacted Saber Healthcare Group, which operates the Parksley facility, for comment.

"We are working very closely with this facility to help in any way we can and they are regularly testing both staff and residents, as they have been, based on federal guidance and level of transmission within our community," said Jonathan Richardson, chief operating officer of the Eastern Shore Health District, Tuesday.

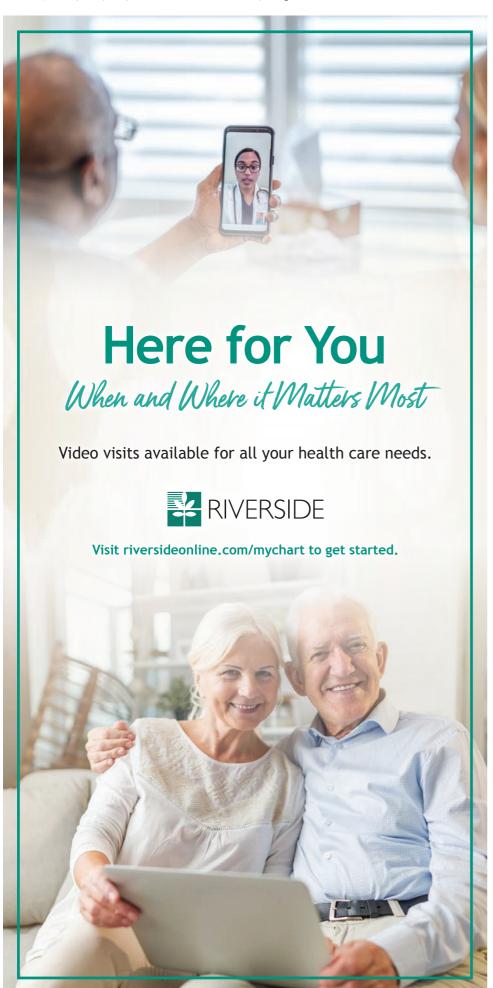
The health department tracks cases in longterm care facilities, identifies and reaches out to close contacts, and helps facilitate testing if needed, Richardson said, adding that local long-term care facilities for the past several months have been doing their own testing.

Heritage Hall in Nassawadox had a large outbreak of COVID-19 in spring, with 114 cases and 20 deaths reported before it was over.

Gov. Ralph Northam announced in June the VDH would start releasing the names of individual long-term care facilities with COVID-19 outbreaks.

The numbers reported for outbreaks include both residents and staff, according to the health department website.

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While in the General Assembly, the elder Bloxom served on committees that focused on agriculture and the Chesapeake Bay — both areas near and dear to Shore residents' hearts. He served on the Agriculture, Labor and Commerce Committee, the Chesapeake and its Tributaries Committee, and the Appropriations Committee. Bloxom also served as chairman of the multi-state Chesapeake Bay Commission.

"Virginia has lost a great statesman and advocate for the Chesapeake Bay with the passing of Robert Bloxom Sr. His lifelong commitment to the Commonwealth, the Eastern Shore, and the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay will not be forgotten," said Peggy Sanner, Chesapeake Bay Foundation Virginia executive director.

Sanner added, "During his decades of work in the Virginia General Assembly, he worked on both sides of the aisle to improve the health of waterways, notably as chair of the multi-state Chesapeake Bay Commission. He will be greatly missed."

During Bloxom's tenure in the House of Delegates, Kiptopeke State Park, the first state park in Virginia in two decades, opened and the Eastern Shore Farmers Market was built with state funds, among other notable events.

Bloxom introduced the legislation that established a commercial spaceport at Wallops and helped establish a dental program for school children, among other accomplishments.

Bloxom, a Republican, was known for his honesty and his ability to work across party lines.

When Gov. Mark Warner, a Democrat, added the position of Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry to his cabinet, he appointed Bloxom to fill it.

That was in December 2004.

Bloxom's appointment was historic because Virginia was one of only five states without a Cabinet-level agriculture secretary.

"Bob Bloxom was a true Virginian who always put the Commonwealth first," Warner said Monday.

"For years as governor and afterwards, whenever I was on the Eastern Shore and looking for an applause line, I would always remind folks that I appointed Bob Bloxom as the first Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. That

was always greeted with a round of thundering applause, because he was that well-respected," Warner said, adding, "I want to offer my sincerest condolences to his wife Pat, his children Lee and Robert Jr. and his four grandchildren."

Bloxom was asked to stay on as secretary of agriculture by Warner's successor, Gov. Tim Kaine, another Democrat. He retired from politics for the second time at age 72, when Kaine left office in January 2010.

"Bob Bloxom was the epitome of public servant — dedicated, kind, devoted to the beautiful Eastern Shore," Kaine said Monday.

The Robert S. Bloxom Agricultural Complex in Melfa was named in his honor in 2011, after Bloxom over his decades as a public official advocated for construction of a centralized agricultural marketing facility on the Eastern Shore.

Farmland preservation was among the accomplishments Bloxom was most proud of having seen happen while he was secretary.

Another was the completion of a major economic study that found Virginia agriculture and forestry was, at the time, a \$79-billion-a-year industry—a figure significantly higher than was known before the study.

As secretary, he visited every county in Virginia and traveled as far away as Cuba promoting the state's agriculture. Increasing agricultural exports from Virginia was another accomplishment of which he was proud.

Still, Bloxom was modest about his role.

"I learned early on it's not what one person does, but it's what people do—each one has a little part to play in accomplishing what you want to do," he said during a 2009 interview.

Bloxom also was known for championing local causes and served on many boards and commissions, including for Eastern Shore Community College, the Eastern Shore Public Library, the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, among others.

Bloxom particularly delighted in attending his grandchildren's sporting events and was happy to have more time to do so after he retired.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter, Lee; son, Rob, and his wife, Lou; and four grandchildren.

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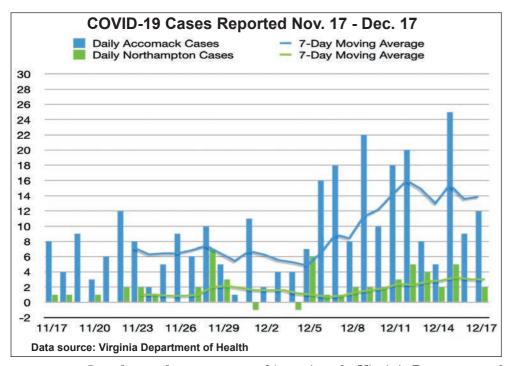
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An outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory-confirmed cases of illness with onset dates within one incubation period.

Legislation signed by Northam Oct.

21 requires the Virginia Department of Health to share a public-facing dashboard of COVID-19 outbreaks reported to the agency.

That is expected to go live Friday, Dec. 18, and will include the name of the facility, the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths associated with the

outbreak, where the facility is located, the date VDH was notified, and the status of the outbreak.

The new dashboard will be posted on the COVID-19 Data Insights https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ coronavirus/covid-19-data-insights/

The dashboard will be updated once a week "so that the data can stabilize and appropriate communications can occur before information is publicly posted," according to a letter about the legislation sent by VDH to long-term care facilities.

HB 5048 requires the health department to make available to the public on a VDH-maintained website information about outbreaks of communicable diseases "at any medical care facility, residential or day program, service or facility licensed or operated by any agency of the commonwealth, school, or summer camp currently required to report an outbreak" to the VDH, according to a summary of the bill.

Richardson said the Eastern Shore currently is experiencing a high level of community transmission, with many cases "easily and directly linked to another positive case, either within the same household or someone who was in close contact."

"The rise in cases isn't primarily linked to just a couple outbreaks as it was in the spring," he said, adding, "We know people are tired of 'rules' but wearing masks, social distancing and frequent hand washing remain our best defense to help protect our neighbors."

As of Thursday, Accomack County reported 59 new cases and Northampton County reported 13 new cases since Sunday.

Accomack County reported 25 new cases and Northampton County reported five new cases Tuesday.

Accomack County reported nine new cases, one hospitalization, and one death Wednesday, and reported 12 new cases, two hospitalizations, and one death Thursday. Northampton County reported one hospitalization Wednesday and two new cases Thursday.

Since Dec. 1, Accomack has reported 199 cases, eight hospitalizations, and two deaths due to COVID-19.

Northampton since Dec. 1 has reported 33 cases, three hospitalizations, and zero deaths.

The current seven-day percent positivity rate for PCR test in the Eastern Shore Health District is 12.2% as of Dec. 17.

Vaccines were to begin to be administered to health care workers on the Shore this week, but Richardson said the health department does not expect vaccines to become widely available for the general public "until probably spring."

"In the meantime, we need to do everything we can to look out for one another," he said.



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Northampton County Public Schools To Give \$150,000 in Bonuses

Bv Stefanie Jackson

The Northampton school board voted unanimously Dec. 10 to spend nearly \$150,000 for bonuses for all employees who have been working through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The last nine months have been very tiring to the staff. They have been trying times," Superintendent Eddie Lawrence said.

Northampton school employees have been working long hours, launching the virtual and hybrid learning programs, expanding long-distance learning down to third grade, and obtaining learning tablets for grades pre-K to two and Chromebook laptops for grades three to six, he said.

"Our staff - every time the bell has rung - have stepped up and answered the call, and they have exceeded expectations every single time," Lawrence said.

The school board voted unanimously to approve the bonuses, which will be paid in early January 2021.

Every full-time employee will receive \$500, and every part-time employee or substitute who has worked 250 hours or more this school year will receive \$300.

Employment with Northampton schools must be maintained through Dec. 31 to receive a bonus.

The bonuses will be paid with vacancy savings.

"We're really, really impressed with a lot of things we're seeing in the classrooms," Lawrence added later.

When schools closed in March, students were mostly reviewing old lessons at home. But now teachers have adapted to the remote learning environment and even take their students on "virtual field trips," he said.

Parent Communication

The number of students who are virtual learning during the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to upgrade the technology used to communicate with parents.

Director of Technology Diane Powers is working to improve those lines of communication.

The effort began after school board member Charlena Jones asked if important messages normally sent to parents by robocalls could also be sent by text messages.

"The majority of our families, their

acknowledged. Many homes do not have laptops or tablets.

She is considering the services of Apptegy, a company that provides a "three-tiered approach to public relations" that includes building and updating web pages and managing robocalls and text messages.

Based on her research, Powers recommended Apptegy for its user-friendliness, customer service, and affordability.

A user would be able to write a message and upload a photo, and with "one click," send the message via the Northampton schools website, social media accounts like Facebook and Twitter, robocall, and text message simultaneously.

This would eliminate the need for multiple departments to coordinate communications every time a message needs to be sent to parents.

The company has an app that parents can download on their phones and use it to read the latest school news, lunch menus, or athletics schedules, or find contact information for teachers and school staff.

The app shows only the most recent,

technology is smartphones," Powers relevant information and no "documents and calendars from six months ago," Powers remarked.

> But if parents want to find additional resources, those items will remain available on the Northampton schools main website. Lawrence noted.

> Parents who are at work when a school notification is sent can check the app during a break and find out what's happening without needing to call the school or search the web, he added.

> Apptegy would provide website design and construction, training, and the first year of service for less than \$15,000, including a one-time setup fee of less than \$7,000. The quoted price would rise nearly 50% after December.

> The Northampton school system pays \$3,400 a year for its current school website platform, SchoolBlocks, plus \$3,200 a year for the robocall system that can't send text messages. It would cost an extra \$2,700 a year to add text messaging to the current system.

> The new service would start in July 2021.

The school board voted unanimously to accept the quote from Apptegy.





Sports Enthusiasts Ask School Board to Reconsider Winter Sports

By Stefanie Jackson

Accomack school sports enthusiasts asked the school board Tuesday night to reinstate winter sports that were canceled due to COVID-19, but school officials were not big fans of the idea.

It was the first meeting to allow public comments since the school sports ban was enacted Dec. 1.

"Sports are not a significant source of increased risk for spreading the virus" causing COVID-19, said Giovanni Rosanova, of Chincoteague.

He cited a University of Wisconsin study on COVID-19 and high school athletics conducted at 207 schools during the fall sports season. The study involved 30,000 students, 16,000 sports practices, and 4,000 games.

During the study, 209 students (less than 1%) contracted COVID-19 but only one of those cases was attributed to participation in sports, Rosanova said.

He expected that few to no spectators would be allowed at the games, and students would be required to wear face masks and social distance except during gameplay. "Those sacrifices are worth it for the students," he said.

He commended Accomack schools for addressing students' academic needs but claimed children's psychological needs are not being met.

For some children, "their heart, their soul" is in a favorite sport, Rosanova said, and they have been deprived.

Billy Justice, of Onancock, who is the president of Central Accomack Little League, said he hosted Little League during the COVID-19 pandemic and it was "tremendously great," with 316 Eastern Shore kids participating without issue.

He advocated for the Accomack schools sports program. "It keeps them out of trouble, it keeps them fit ... these kids need sports," he said.

Arthur Leonard, of Chincoteague, spoke on behalf of the Chincoteague Athletic Boosters Club.

"The physical and mental health of our student athletes is being negatively impacted by the current restrictions. Our children thrive physically and academically when being part of a team." Losing the opportunity to play sports is "heartbreaking" for students, Leonard said.

He sympathized with seniors who have lost their "time to shine" and will likely graduate "in a parking lot or on a computer screen."

School sports help motivate kids to go to school and stay in school, and attendance, class participation, and grades are "tanking" without school sports, Leonard said.

He noted that students in Delaware and at private schools like Broadwater Academy and Holly Grove Christian School played fall sports "without incident."

Leonard suggested allowing parents to sign waivers for kids to participate in school sports, limiting competitions to the Eastern Shore, and only playing outdoors.

But school board member Lisa Johnson, speaking as a parent and "sports mom," was not convinced that playing sports outdoors offered a meaningful solution.

Locker rooms are indoors, sports equipment is stored indoors, and student athletes often share transportation, she pointed out. "Right now we know that staying within our bubble is important," she said.

Superintendent Chris Holland, a self-proclaimed sports lover, said his priority is safety.

He prefers to follow suit with 10 out of 15 other schools in the region, which are not holding winter sports.

"I'm not ruling out anything," Holland said. But he believes the school district should wait until a COVID-19 vaccine is available before planning to hold school sports events.

Chairman Paul Bull asked the superintendent to re-examine the issue and make a recommendation at the next school board meeting Jan. 5.

School board member Ed Taylor requested that a committee be formed to prepare for upcoming sports seasons.

According to a schedule released in September by the Virginia High School League, basketball began Dec. 7, and other winter sports like wrestling began Dec. 14.

Fall sports like volleyball were postponed until Feb. 15, 2021, and spring sports like baseball, softball, and soccer were scheduled to begin April 12, 2021.



Makemie Park Sewer Planning Grant Approved

By Carol Vaughn

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors accepted a planning grant for sewer improvements in the Makemie Park community and authorized the county administrator to negotiate with the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission for administration services for the grant.

The initial award for the Community Development Block Grant is up to \$3,000, with up to \$30,000 available based on performance.

The goal is to begin design of alternative septic systems for up to 28 households. The existing community sewer system has failed.

The planning work is to be completed by April 30.

The board approved an amendment to an ordinance it adopted June 17, which implemented procedures to ensure continuity of county government during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The action confirms the declaration of a local state of emergency and extends the provisions of the original ordinance for up to six more months.

The board has been meeting at Metompkin Elementary School's cafeteria rather than the much smaller board chambers, with social distancing and other safety protocols in place, since it resumed in-person meetings.

The Accomack County Economic Development Authority is recommending the board approve awarding Sentinel Robotic Solutions the county's first Economic Development Investment Program grant, in the amount of up to \$236,500.

The grant program, approved by the board in November, was established to promote economic development by providing incentive grants to new businesses looking to locate in Accomack County or existing businesses wanting to relocate or expand their facilities.

Both the EDA and the board of supervisors must approve grant awards.

Under the program, the board appropriates money to the EDA, which uses it to award grants.

To be eligible, taxes and other revenue generated by the business and col-

lected by the county have to exceed the grant amount no later than 80 months from when the business begins operations in the new, relocated, or expanded facility. For every grant dollar received, the business must spend \$23 on capital investments, with at least half spent within a year of receiving the grant. For every \$10,000 received in grant funds, the business must create at least one new, permanent, full-time job in the county, or must create at least 10 new jobs within a year of receiving the grant.

Businesses located at the airport or in the industrial park only have to meet one of the three criteria.

The board will discuss the award to Sentinel Robotic Solutions at its organizational meeting Jan. 6.

The company in a press release Dec. 10 announced it recently demonstrated ability to provide video, voice, and data from a ship around 90 nautical miles over the horizon to a land-based Navy operations center on Wallops Island.

Peter Bale, chief executive officer of SRS, said in the release, "This is the start of a bright future for the implementation of communication and range instrumentation technologies to Wallops Island."

The board also approved extending a \$2-per-hour hazard pay bonus to former employees who worked with the public between March 1 and June 30. The board in August approved the hazard pay but did not include employees who had left their jobs.



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First COVID-19 Vaccines Arrive in Virginia, Health Care Workers First in Line

By Carol Vaughn

An initial allotment of 72,150 doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine arrived Monday and Tuesday at health systems across Virginia.

The vaccine was to be administered to frontline health care workers starting as early as Tuesday, according to a press release from Gov. Ralph Northam's office.

"These initial doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are a much-needed symbol of hope for our Commonwealth and our country," Northam said, adding, "With this remarkable medical achievement, we are beginning to see the light at the end of a long, dark tunnel. Yet even in this moment of celebration, we must remember that this is the first step in a months-long process to receive, distribute, and administer the vaccine as it becomes available. I ask evervone to stay vigilant, take care of each other, and continue following the public health guidelines as we work to vaccinate Virginians in a safe, efficient, equitable manner."

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Health care workers who directly care for COVID-19 patients will receive top priority.

Virginia expects to receive around 480,000 doses of vaccine from two manufacturers, Pfizer and Moderna, by the end of December.

That should be enough to begin the vaccination process for nearly all health care workers and long-term care facility residents, according to the release.

Riverside Health System received its first shipment of the vaccine early Tuesday morning.

With the vaccine's arrival, Riverside officials anticipate the health system beginning the first vaccinations of frontline health care workers later this week and continuing to do so throughout the next few weeks, according to spokesperson Savannah Lentz.

"Most of the work until the vaccine was received yesterday was around finalizing all of our documents, our clinic work flow — all of the details needed to get these clinics up and running," said Cindy Williams, Riverside Health System vice president and chief pharmacy officer, Wednesday.

The FDA approved emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine late Friday, setting in motion "a very busy weekend" for Riverside staff, she said.

Staff, including at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, did "dry runs" over the last couple of days to practice and prepare for receiving and distributing the vaccine.

"We are in the process right now of packing up the first distribution product to send out to all five regions and



The first of Riverside Health System's COVID-19 vaccines are removed from packaging before being put into ultracold storage. Riverside declined to say at which of its facilities the photos were taken. Photo courtesy of Riverside Health System.

we will have immunizations starting on the Eastern Shore tomorrow, focused on frontline health care workers within the health system," Williams said Wednesday.

Once Riverside got access to all the tools provided by Pfizer, which the company could not fully release until after the FDA authorized the vaccine's use, and with the health system following the process outlined in those documents, "yesterday, everything went just like clockwork," Williams said.

Pfizer's information, including videos, about how to receive and handle the vaccine "was very straightforward and it worked just as we thought it would, which was nice," she said.

Riverside employees have shown "overwhelming support" in terms of making appointments to receive the vaccine themselves, according to Williams.

"Within the first 12 hours of us opening up the clinic slots, we had over 700 frontline team members in those high-priority groups sign up for clinic times, so I really do think there's a lot of energy around this," she said.

"Seeing the number of our physicians that have already...signed up, really stepping up to be the first to receive the vaccine, ...that's quite exciting," Williams said.

Riverside will collaborate with the local health department on strategies to vaccinate health care workers from other organizations, including EMS providers among others, "making sure that vaccine is available and that we can get as many health care providers in our community vaccinated as quickly as possible," Williams said.

Getting the second vaccine, the one produced by Moderna, approved by the FDA is something Riverside officials look forward to because the Moderna vaccine "doesn't have quite as stringent cold chain issues," Williams said, adding, "I think that is going to help us as far as that greater community outreach."

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, this 8th day of December, 2020, that the regular work session meeting of the Board, scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 2020, commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, be cancelled.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, following the above noted adjustment, the date, time and place of the regular work session meeting of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors shall revert to the 4th Tuesday of each month, commencing at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the County, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia.

Adopted this 8th day of December, 2020.

By: Charles Kolakowski, County Administrator

Northampton Superintendent Issues Holiday Travel Recommendations

By Stefanie Jackson

Accomack and Northampton County Public Schools both will observe a two-week winter break this year, from Dec. 19 to Jan. 3, 2021.

Northampton parents received a letter earlier this month from Superintendent Eddie Lawrence sharing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health on staying safe during the holiday season and limiting the spread of COVID-19.

The CDC states that travel increases the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19, and all who travel outside the U.S. must quarantine for 14

days upon their return.

Any student who travels outside the U.S. during the winter break must observe the 14-day quarantine period and test negative for COVID-19 before returning to school in person. Students can receive virtual learning support during the quarantine period.

The following actions are recommended to anyone traveling during winter break:

- Check for travel restrictions along your route and at your destination. There may be quarantine requirements or stay-athome orders at the destination, or state borders may be closed.
- Before leaving, notify the school nurse if your family is traveling to a country or state that is nonexempt from quarantine and testing requirements.
- Get a flu shot before the trip, preferably 14 days before leaving.
- Get tested for COVID-19 one to three days before leaving and three to five days after returning home.
- Family members who travel out of state should be tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours of returning to Virginia.
- Notify the school nurse if any-

- one in the family tests positive for COVID-19.
- Monitor children for signs of illness and keep them home if they are sick.

During travel, be sure to:

- Wear a face mask.
- Stay at least six feet away from others.
- Wash hands and use sanitizer often.

Students or staff who travel out of state during the holiday may not return to school before submitting COVID-19 test results to the school nurse.

For more information, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html

Administrator Explains COVID-19 Data Driving School Health Decisions

By Stefanie Jackson

Accomack Coordinator of Student Health Services Tonya Martin updated the school board Tuesday night on the data that drives school closures.

Schools remain open or are closed based on the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) School Metrics, guidance from the local health department, and other data.

Accomack's school metrics are high due to two COVID-19 outbreaks, one on Tangier Island and another at Shore Health and Rehabilitation in Parksley, Martin said.

Accomack students are at the "highest risk" of transmission of COVID-19 in school, according to two core indicators provided by the CDC: 537 new cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 persons within the last 14 days, and a COVID-19 test positivity rate of 11.7% as of Dec. 16.

But Eastern Shore Health District officials report, "while the cases continue to trend upward, we're not seeing substantial transmission within our schools," Martin said.

The COVID-19 outbreak on Tangier did not originate in the school, but it continues, and the school will remain closed until Jan. 4, 2021.

Accomack schools communicate daily with the local health department and Superintendent Chris Holland. "He knows what's going on with this data at all times," Martin said.

There were more than 2,950 students in Accomack's hybrid learning program as of Nov. 20.

A total of 20 Accomack students have tested positive for COVID-19 since September. Four were virtual students, and six were from just three households.

The number of Accomack students who tested positive each month were one in September, two in October, six in November, and 10 in December.

The last time an Accomack student tested positive for COVID-19 was Dec. 9.

A total of 17 Accomack school staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 since September.

One COVID-19 outbreak in Accomack originated in a school, at Nandua High School in October, Martin reported.

"Our mitigation strategies are strong," she said. School nurses make sure students with signs of illness stay home, hand-washing and social distancing are practiced, and custodians are keeping surfaces clean and sanitized.

"I think we're doing a really good job in Accomack County," she said.







Exmore and Cape Charles Awarded Tourism Recovery Grants

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton County's two biggest towns, Exmore and Cape Charles, each have received a grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation's Recovery Marketing Leverage Program to help their economies survive the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cape Charles received a \$20,000 grant through the nonprofit organization, Cape Charles Main Street. The funds will be used to promote the tourist town's fall, winter, and spring shoulder seasons.

The goal is "to help our businesses not only recover from short-term losses due to the impact of COVID 19 but to ... build longer-term stability," according to a Cape Charles Main Street press release.

This strategy is based on the idea that "COVID has driven more people to stay closer to home," said Cape Charles Main Street Executive Director Karen Zamorski.

"Here on the Eastern Shore, we understand that our best opportunity for recovery is to market to those day trippers who are craving outdoor experi-

ool, fitness room, large boat slip and dock. This

a 1st floor unit so easy to get to your boat

\$379,000

ences, exploring historic architecture, shopping unique shops and savoring incredible food," she said.

"People don't realize that 27 of the best shops, restaurants, spirits, etc. are right here in their own backyard!" Zamorski said.

The Town of Exmore received a \$10,000 grant that will be used to promote spring travel and build additional web presence for Visit Exmore, the town's tourism campaign.

Visit Exmore was created to showcase the town's amenities, including more than 150 businesses like New Ravenna, an internationally recognized manufacturer of handcrafted mosaics.

Exmore also boasts three national hotel chains, Exmore Town Park, and a growing list of annual events including Shakespeare in the Park (a fall event offered free to the public), oyster roasts, car shows, and the Eastern Shore's only Juneteenth festival.

"Exmore is ideally positioned in the geographic mid-section of the Eastern Shore peninsula, within easy reach of attractions in all directions," said Ex-

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\$199,000

more Mayor Douglas Greer in an additional press release.

"Revenues generated by travelers make a substantial impact on our local community and help strengthen our infrastructure," he said.

"As we emerge from the 2020 downturn in travel, Exmore plans to leverage this grant to support a rebound for our business community in ways that increase tourism activity and spending in 2021," Greer said.

Exmore visitors contributed about \$485,000 in local and state tax revenue in 2019.

Cape Charles visitors contributed more than \$2 million in local and state tax revenue in 2019, spending more than \$26 million in town and supporting close to 500 work opportunities.

A total of \$27 billion was spent by Virginia visitors in 2019, providing \$1.8 billion in local and state taxes and supporting 237,000 work opportunities.

The Virginia Tourism Corporation is the state agency that has been tasked with marketing the commonwealth as a travel and film destination.

More than \$1.9 million in matching

grant funds have been awarded to 161 tourism initiatives through the Recovery Marketing Leverage Program. Local partners will provide more than \$5.6 million in-kind value to match the grants, impacting 483 Virginia tourism entities.

Virginia's tourism and hospitality industries were among the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, with decreased revenue, job loss, and temporary closure of businesses.

The Virginia Tourism grants represent a "first step to re-entry into the marketplace," and a revived tourism economy can help spur new economic activity and "inject critical funds back into Virginia communities," the press releases stated.

Gov. Ralph Northam said, "Tourism is a crucial section of the Virginia economy and when we invest in this industry, we support local job creation and drive regional economic growth, which is desperately needed now due to the pandemic.

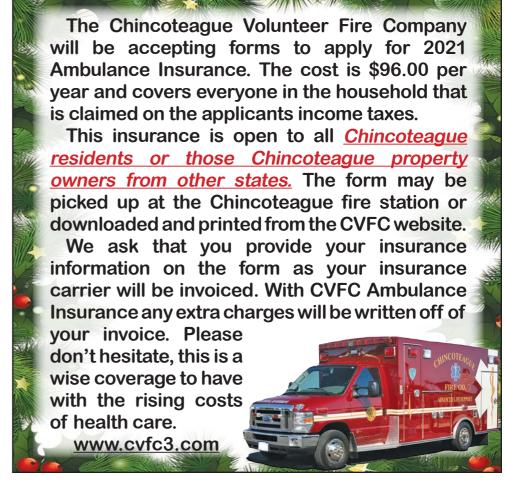
"These funds give localities and businesses access to critical marketing resources that will help bring more travelers to our Commonwealth, increase visitor spending, and grow demand for Virginia products."



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OBITUARIES

Robert S. Bloxom Sr.

The Honorable Robert S. Bloxom Sr., 83, husband of Patricia Killmon Bloxom and a resident of Mappsville, passed away at his home, Cedar Grove, on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020.

Born April 26, 1937, he was the son of the late Brantley Spurgeon Bloxom and the late Nancy Miles Bloxom. Bob owned and operated his family busi-

ness, Bloxom Auto Supply in Mappsville, for many years. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a dutiful servant to his faith, his Eastern Shore Community, and



Hon. Bloxom

the Commonwealth of Virginia. His always pleasant demeanor and contributions shared throughout the state will be fondly remembered and treasured for many years.

Bob began his longtime political career in 1978. He was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, representing the Eastern Shore in the 46th District, serving for 26 years in what ultimately became the 100th District. In 2004, after 13 terms, he chose not to seek re-election. During Bob's tenure in the General Assembly, he served on the Agriculture, Labor, and Commerce Committee, the Chesapeake and its Tributaries Committee, Appropriations Committee, and chaired the multi-state Chesapeake Bay Commission.

Following his departure as delegate from the General Assembly, he was appointed the first secretary of agriculture and forestry, a newly added position in the commonwealth. After five productive years as secretary, Bob retired from his storied 32-year political career in January 2010. To honor his vision and work to construct a centralized agricultural marketing facility on the Eastern Shore, The Robert S. Bloxom Agricultural Complex, in Melfa, was aptly named acknowledging his efforts.

At home on the Eastern Shore, Bob served on countless boards and commit-

tees, including the Eastern Shore Public Library, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission, the Eastern Shore Community College board, the Broadwater Academy board of directors, the Barrier Islands Center board, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, of which he was an honorary lifetime member. He was a former member of the Jaycees, where he formed many lifetime friendships both locally and statewide, and longtime member of the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association and the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club.

In addition to his loving wife Pat, Bob is survived by a daughter, Lee, and her daughter, Nina; a son, Rob, and his wife Lou, and their children, Blaire, Madison, and Brant.

Due to COVID-19 limitations, the funeral service and interment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to The Eastern Shore Community College Foundation - Project Horizons, 29316 Lankford Highway, Melfa, VA 23410, or to a charity of your choice.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Berlie Thomas Custis

Mr. Berlie Thomas Custis, 88, beloved husband of Lucille Bundick "Susie" Custis, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, at his home in Cashville. Born Sept. 9, 1932, in Cashville, he was the son of the late Lynwood Oswell Custis and the late Gertrude Hundley Custis.

Berlie proudly served his country

in the U.S. Army. Upon honorable discharge, he returned home to his waterman spending roots, countless hours gillnetting aboard his most prized possession, MyGal. For 60 years,



Mr. Custis

Berlie fished the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and owned and operated Custis & Brown Seafood in Washington. D.C. Few people in the seafood business didn't know the name Berlie Custis, a name associated with a hardworking, honest man of his word, who never hesitated to tell it like it was. Berlie was a lifelong member of Broadway Baptist Church.

In addition to his loving wife, Susie, he is survived by his children, William Thomas "Bill Tom" Custis and his wife, Bonnie, of Cashville, Catherine Leigh Custis and her husband, Bob, of Richmond, Michael Warren Custis and his wife, Pam, of Cashville, and Berlie Thomas Custis Jr., of Texas; grandchildren, Brandy Custis Childress and her husband, Shane, of Accomac, William Thomas "Bill" Custis Jr., of Covington, Ky., Chloe Custis Tatum and her husband, Hunter, of Quinby, and Chris Gill, of Richmond; brother-in-law, Parker Johnson, of Hopeton; sister-in-law, Olive Custis, of Maryland; two greatgrandsons; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Berlie was predeceased by his sister, Gloria Custis Johnson, and brother, Johnny Custis.

Funeral services will be conducted from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Albert Crockett and the Rev. Danny Shrieves officiating.

Contributions in Berlie's memory may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418 or online at www.shorespca.com.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Oscar Brown Dhority

Mr. Oscar Brown Dhority, formerly of Parsons, Tenn., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at the home of his daughter in Cape Charles, after an extended illness. Oscar was 82 years old. He was born in Victoria, Ark., in 1937, the son of Ollie and Estelle Dhority.

Oscar was preceded in death by

(Dennis), of Cape Charles; his son, Jer-

his wife, Ivadene; his parents; his brothers, Thomas, Louis, and Ollie Jr.; and his sisters, Lucy, Jean, Jewel, Lois, Molly, and Donnie Mae. He is survived by his daughter, Tamela Thornes



Mr. Dhority

brother, Kirt (Shirley); and many very special nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly. There will be no viewing or funeral

imy Curtis (Sara), of Steinbach, Ger-

many; two granddaughters; his sisters,

Anna, Martha, Bonnie, and Pat; his

service. He will be interred beside his wife of 63 years in Richland, Pa. The family requests donations to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers. The family would also like to thank the nurse angels, Marie, Pat, Begonia, and Ticia, of Intrepid Hospice for their care. love, and kindness both to him and his daughter and his son-in-law, Dennis, during the period of his transitioning. Oscar was loved so very much and will be missed by so very many.

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

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

Betty C. Dix

Mrs. Betty C. Dix, 86, of Greenbush, gained her angel wings on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, at her residence surrounded by her family.

Born in Onancock, Betty was the youngest of seven children of the late Ivory "Ike" and Fannie Davis. She was employed for many years at both Holly Farms and Perdue. After retiring from

Perdue, Betty later was employed by Roses, where she was affectionately known as "Miss Betty." Betty married Alonzo "Bud" Dix Jr. (deceased), and this union was blessed with three children.



Mrs. Dix

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Milton P. Bunting officiating. Interment was in the Metropolitan Bayside Community Cemetery, Onancock.

Betty leaves to cherish her memory: son, Wayne Dix; two daughters, Pamela Dix and Tracey Ridley; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

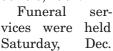
Arrangements were by the Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac.

Katherine Fletcher-Smith

Mrs. Katherine Grace Fletcher-Smith, 83, of Parksley, transitioned to her eternal home on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at Coliseum Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Hampton.

Katherine was the daughter of Isaac and Ambert Fletcher. She was affectionately known as "Ma Katherine" by her family and friends. Katherine

was a faithful employee of Perdue Farms until she retired. She married her life partner and friend, Upsher Smith, on June 6, 1981.





Mrs. Fletcher-Smith

12, 2020, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac. Interment was in the Foundation of Faith Worship Cemetery, Belle Haven, with Bishop David Sabatino officiating.

"Ma Katherine" leaves to cherish many fond memories of her: her two granddaughters, Centoria Fisher and LaRhonda Fletcher; two great-granddaughters, Emalynn Fisher and Taylor Fisher; daughter-in-law, Betty Fletcher; two bonus daughters; eight bonus grandchildren; eight bonus grandchildren; her spiritual son and Overseer, Bishop David Sabatino, and daughter, Gloria Sabatino; along with a host of other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Arrangements were by the Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac.

Salina M. Giddins

Ms. Salina M. Giddins, 43, of Pineville, N.C., formerly of the Shore, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, at Atrium Health Pineville in Charlotte, N.C.

Born in Nassawadox, Salina was

the daughter of Samuel Giddins Jr. and Betty Fletcher. For a number of years, she was employed at Chase Bank in Rehoboth, Del. Salina later relocated to North Carolina and



Ms. Giddins

gained employment at Walmart. She quickly climbed the ladder of success and received numerous promotions, her last being Front End Coach.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with Pastor Diane Wright officiating. Interment was in the Nedab Cemetery, Daugherty.

Salina leaves to cherish her loving memories: mother, Betty Fletcher; father, Samuel Giddins Jr.; grandmother, Novella James; sister, Shamara Giddins; brothers, Samuel Giddins III and Jarrod Bailey; three aunts; four nephews; three nieces; special cousin, Larry Collins; several special friends from South Carolina; and a host of cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Arrangements were by the Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac.

Jean Anna Gonzoph

Mrs. Jean Anna Gonzoph, 86, of Chincoteague Island, passed away on Dec. 13, 2020, at her residence.

She was born in Camden, N.J., on Aug. 26, 1934, a daughter to the late Eugene and Margaret (Kelley) Vogel. She worked at the Christ United Methodist Opportunity Shop for many years alongside her good friend, Maureen Derrickson.

She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church on Chincoteague Island.

Jean is survived by her loving spouse of 66 years, Richard Gonzoph, of Chincoteague Island.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Richard Gonzoph Jr.; and two brothers, William and Richard Vogel.

At her wishes no service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ United Methodist Church Opportunity Shop, 6253 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

Services were entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home Inc., on Chincoteague Island.

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Send your mileposts and community events to angie@easternshorepost.com

Mitchel Green

Mr. Mitchel Green, of Onley, formerly of Temperanceville, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, at the age of 91. Born Sept. 10, 1929, in Gardner, Fla., he was one of nine children, raised lovingly by the late Jesse James Green and the late Mildred Ford Green.

Following high school, Mitchel enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was as-

signed to serve at the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station. As fate would have it, he met Miss Winnie Taylor during his service, and they began their lives as husband and wife. Upon



Mr. Green

honorable discharge, Mitchel began working for Birds Eye, in Pocomoke City, Md., while also owning and operating a radio and TV repair shop. His interest in electronics led him to accept a NASA apprenticeship through the University of Virginia, later transferring to NOAA, where he retired as a computer specialist and digital expert in 1990. He was a longtime member of the Assawoman United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of Pocomoke City Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E. #1624, member of the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, and a charter member of the former Nassawango Country Club.

Mitchel is survived by the love of his life, Winnie Taylor Green, with whom he has shared nearly 70 years of beautiful memories; their sons, Michael Green and his wife, Darlene, of Fredericksburg, Va., Gary Green and his wife, Judy, of Salisbury, Md., and Drew Green and his wife, Susan, of Stockton, Md.; sisters, Lorine Dees, Iris Gilliard, Lillie Crane, Linda (Ronald) Perkins, and Sue Birge, all of Florida; grandchildren, Christopher Green (Angela), Beth Dang (Donny), David Green (Stacey), Roger Hall (Summer), Jennifer Wolfe (Shawn), Brandon Green (Brandy), Taylor Green (Valerie), and Kevin Green (Krystle); and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, William and James Green, and his sister, Laura Fox.

A life defined by unwavering commitment to God, country, family, and community, Mitchel was a true patriarch who will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

Funeral services will be conducted from the graveside at the John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery in Temperanceville, on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Robert Fletcher officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mitchel's memory may be made to Assawoman United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 177, Oak Hall, VA 23416, or to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams Funeral Homes, Onancock and Parksley.

Dixie L. Handy

Ms. Dixie L. Handy, 71, of Parksley, departed this life on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

Born in Mappsville, Dixie was the daughter of the late Clarence and Dixie Handy Mason. She was affectionately known as "Dick," "Carrie," and most of all "Dixie Lee," by her fam-

ily and friends. In her younger years, she worked in various industries from field work to poultry processing.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at the Cha-



Ms. Handy

pel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Tamela P. Wise officiating.

Left to cherish special memories are: her two children, Mary Handy and Clarence Handy; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ineta McLaughlin and Alice Townsend; five brothers, Rudolph Handy, Roger Mason, Willie Mason, Tommy Mason, and Tony Mason; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, the Rolling Acres Family, and friends.

Arrangements were by the Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac.

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Henry T. Jackson

Mr. Henry T. Jackson, 65, of New Castle, Del., formerly of the Shore, departed this life Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, at his residence.

Born in Withams, Henry was the son of the late James Jackson Sr. and the late Mildred Taylor-Jackson. He was united in marriage to Tara Sparks-Jackson. He later joined the U.S. Army,

where he served for 22 years until his retirement.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev.



Mr. Jackson

Brenda Peterson officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Zion Independent Cemetery, Withams.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Tara Sparks-Jackson; daughter, Janina Jackson; godson, Tre'von P. Jackson; four brothers, Willie Jackson, Leon Jackson, Richard L. Jackson, and Edward Jackson; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Arrangements were by the Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac.

Patsy Morris

Mrs. Patsy Marie Kellam Morris, 79, wife of the late Frank Morris Jr. and a resident of Marionville, passed away Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. A native of Exmore, she was the daughter of the late Ivy Chester Kellam and the late Marie Etta Sterling Kellam. She was a retired licensed practical nurse.

She is survived by three children, Elvis Justis, of Exmore, Rita J. Simpson and her husband, Marvin, of Painter, and Terry Lynn Shrieves and her husband, Bobby, of Painter; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

To honor her request, no public service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SPCA Eastern Shore Inc., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

Online condolences may be sent to the

family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Frances Rowe

Mrs. Frances Grace Massie Rowe, 86, loving mother, passed away Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, at her son's home in Capeville. She was born May 3, 1934, in Nelson County, Va.

She was predeceased by her husband, Winfred Drummond Rowe. She was a member of Lower Northampton Baptist Church, where she taught

youth Sunday School for years.

She leaves behind a son, Ronald W. Rowe, and wife, Betsy, of Capeville; grand-daughter, Michelle R. Willke, and husband, Karl; and great-granddaughters



Mrs. Rowe

granddaughters, Ariel and Emmaline, who were the apples of her eyes.

The family sends a special thanks to family friend and Intrepid Hospice Case Manager Debbie Merritt and the Intrepid Hospice nurses and staff.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, at 11 a.m., in the Capeville Masonic Cemetery, Capeville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lower Northampton Baptist Church c/o Annette Brown, 5425 Tyson Circle, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

Arrangements are by Fox Funeral Home, Temperanceville.

Catherine Townsend

Mrs. Catherine Ann Lewis Townsend, 88, passed away peacefully with the loving support of her son, Michael, at Citadel Nursing Home on Dec. 3, 2020, after battling complica-

tions related to Alzheimer's disease. She was the only daughter of the late Mable Cinderella Spady and the late Walter Lewis, of Townsend. She was preceded in death by her



Mrs. Townsend

husband, Tasley Townsend; and her daughters, Nayyir Jean Bayyan (Deborah), and Carolyn Ann Townsend.

Catherine attended the public school in Northampton County and graduated from Northampton County High School in 1949. At an early age, she professed her faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church Capeville, where she was a dedicated member until her health started to decline in 2018. Her participation included, serving as a member of the Starlight Chorus, Senior Choir, Pastor's Aide Ministry and Future Outlook Club.

She was employed by the Virginia Health Department for 21 years and retired in 1995. Many county residents know of her through her supportive role at the health department. While employed at VHD, she attended Eastern Shore Community College, completing her certification as a nurse's aide in 1991. Prior to her career at VHD, she worked as a teacher's aide in the Northampton County Public School System and was, at the time, a full-time housewife, managing the household while her husband worked out of state.

She is survived by her two sons, Michael Townsend, of Cape Charles, and Bobby Townsend; three grandchildren, Howard Anderson (Angela), of Arden, N.C., Carolyn Anderson, of Charlotte, N.C., and Zachary Townsend (Petra), of Seattle, Wash.; two great-granddaughters, Madeline Anderson, of Arden, and Tatum Townsend, of Seattle; an aunt, Mamie Boney, of Cheriton; and a host of cousins and devoted friends.

Please consider honoring her life with a donation in her memory to First Baptist Church of Capeville, P.O. Box 526, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at First Baptist Church Capeville Cemetery, with Pastor Kelvin F. Jones officiating.

Arrangements were made by John O. Morris Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

Joanne Mills Warren

Mrs. Joanne Mills Warren, of Cape Charles, passed away Dec. 14, 2020, in Landrum, S.C. Born Feb. 11, 1930, in Nassawadox, she was the daughter of the late Allison Stephen Mills and the late Elizabeth Hurlock Mills. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Norman Randolph "Randy" Warren. She is survived by a daughter, Jody Warren Hough, and her husband, Ken, of Greensville, S.C.; a son, Stephen Randolph and his wife, Katherine Trower Warren, of Machi-

pongo; grandchildren, Amy Hough Picone and husband, David, of Greenville, Mark Hough and wife, Kim, of West Chester, Pa., Randy Warren and wife, Leigh, of Charleston, S.C.,



Mrs. Warren

Jesse Warren, of Taitung, Taiwan, Brian Warren and wife, Roberta, of Mechanicsville, Va.; great-grandchildren, Cole, Peyton, and Luke Hough, Bryce Picone, Ella and Tripp Warren; her sisters, Kay Colonna, of Accomac, and Allison Duncan, of Melbourne Beach, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Warren was a graduate of Cape Charles High School and attended Madison College and Westhampton College. She retired from Northampton County Schools as a division media center director. She was a lifelong dedicated member of Trinity United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities. She was a charter member of the Cape Charles Historical Society serving as membership chairperson and a docent at the museum from the opening until the illness of her husband. She was a volunteer at the Northampton Memorial Library and a charter member of the Young Woman's Club of Cape Charles, and also a volunteer in the gift shop of Shore Memorial Hospital.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Cape Charles Cemetery, with the Rev. Barbara Schweitzer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 326, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

Arrangements are by Fox Funeral Home, Temperanceville.

Send Obituaries to angie@easternshorepost.com

Watson's Hardware Bids Farewell After 50 Years as Cape Charles Mainstay



The S.S. Gibbs will be part of the memorabilia on sale Dec. 22 and 23. The flatboat, like much of the memorabilia, has a colorful history. It's named for a gentleman who borrowed it, kept the boat for more than a year, surprised Chip Watson by putting fiberglass on its bottom, and then unsuccessfully billed Watson for the work.

Story and Photos by Jim Ritch

A traditional Christmas in the early years of Watson's Hardware Store was a hectic affair that reflected Eastern Shore life in the '70s and '80s.

Bill Watson, who has partnered with his brother, Chip, since they took over the Mason Avenue business in 1970, remembers about 30 bicycles purchased on layaway, lined up and waiting to be paid for and spirited home by parents.

Watermen, many of them now-prohibited crab dredgers from Tangier Island, finished their Christmas shopping before heading home after long days of working and sleeping aboard their boats.

Mesmerized children watched the Lionel train layout, which was more finicky and difficult to troubleshoot than it appeared. All the electrical wiring to the track, lights, and switches had been done in the same, green wire.

The final chapter on 50 years of such stories will close on Dec. 22 and 23, when the store will hold its final public sale. This time, all the memorabilia and fixtures will be priced or negotiable.

Bill Watson remembers that merchandising to watermen was different in an age that many only drove their boats, not trucks.

"We had a CB radio, and everyone had their call signs. Ours was brass

bolts,' because we used to sell a lot of brass bolts for the fittings on the boats. We'd keep that CB on all the time. They'd call in, 'Brass bolts, this is John Wayne from the Mary Sue, I need a bilge pump, can you wait for me?' Even if we were closing up, we'd take whatever they needed over to the boats. No one had cars," he said.

It was an era when downtown Cape Charles bustled with shoppers. Banks opened on Saturdays to accommodate out-of-town workers who came in to cash their paychecks.

"People would take a bath, and get dressed. It gave them an incentive to come into town and go shopping," he said.

Watson's stayed open until 9 p.m. on Saturday to accommodate them.

"When we started every store was a viable business. There was an Army/Navy store and Jones' Department store, where you could buy Florsheim shoes," he said.

Many other businesses lined what Watson calls "Front Street," a local nickname for Mason Avenue.

Then, Cape Charles "had a high school, and it was more of a town. Now, it's more of a summer retreat," he said.

From the moment Watson first walked into his hardware store, when it was still owned by Elwood Collins, the



Chip Watson holds one of the official Watson's Hardware Drinking Team shirts, a sign of retailing and merrymaking in an age slipping past. Memorabilia in the store will go for sale on Dec. 22 and 23.

relative poverty of Northampton County was apparent.

"There was at least a dozen pitcher pumps (for water) on the floor, oil lamps, chimneys that go on the oil lamps, wooden wash boards," he said.

With a veteran retailer's eye for the sizing of merchandise, he adds, "and number 1, number 2, and number 3 washtubs."

The round, galvanized tubs doubled for washing clothes and children in many homes.

"There were a tremendous number of laborers, of old, two-story, tenant houses. They didn't have electricity, they didn't have running water," he said.

"We sold 'tin heaters' in three sizes, small, medium, and large. The tin heater would last a year if they were lucky. They would put sand in the bottoms and hook them to the chimney. They were dangerous. They caused a lot of fires," he said.

Watson has taken these and many more memories into retirement, which has been highlighted with trips on his 22-foot catboat, Fair Weather, kept in Cape Charles town harbor, and a motorboat he stores on Cherrystone Creek.

He hopes, however, that one bit of history doesn't happen again.

While taking the last inventory with Elwood Collins before Bill and Chip took over the store, "all (Collins) was talking about was a right good-sized fishing boat, a cabin cruiser. All he could talk about was going fishing. Six months later he died of a heart attack," Bill said.

"I hope I don't repeat what he did,"

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Northampton County Board of Supervisors' policy, please be advised that there are either appointment vacancies or terms which have expired on the following commissions and boards:

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (Two At-Large Members and one representative from District 2)
- · Social Services Board

If citizens are interested in serving on any of these boards or commissions, they should contact the County Administrator's Office and complete a Board Bank Application. The Board Bank Application is also available online at the County's website: **www.co.northampton.va.us**.

Property Transactions

Northampton County

•From Joan Corcoran To Heather Shaw Lots 16 and 17, 4.18 acres, Wilsonia Neck For \$235,000

•From Eric and Nancy King To Gail and Bradley Boltz Lot 17, Vaucluse Shores, Section I, Church Neck For \$49.000

•From Edward and Cynthia Mlodynia To Charles Cook Jr. and Kathryn Keller Lot 236, Vaucluse Shores, Church Neck For \$135,000

Accomack County

•From Charles R. Chase To Rebecca L. Mears 24400 Bennett St., Parksley For \$45,000

•From Stuart K. Matthews To Robin A. Huttner 24205 Catherine St., Parksley For \$134,500

•From Dawn Lee and Brian Baylis Sr. To Kuruvilla Abraham 33188 Lankford Hwy., Painter For \$105,000

•From Kellee L. and Thomas L. Blake Jr. To Shalli A. Sherman and Cale M. Rubenstein

18658 Johnson Landing Road, Parksley For \$387,500

•From Bobby Rice To Leslie U. and Michael A. Maciejewski 9177 Stump Town Road, Temperanceville

For \$3,700
• From John Nelson Jester Jr. and Cathy Jester Perry and David Carl Perry, trustees

To Mariner Vacation Buildings LLC 6224 Clark St., Chincoteague

For \$244,000

•From Robin Marie Morris To Rosemarie Brierley 5220 Blue Point Drive, Horntown For \$102,500

•From Brenda J. Oliphant To Charlotte D. and James Lawson Trails End Lot 318 Unit 3 Sheet 5, Horntown

For \$6,000

•From Martin G. Ludeke To Charles M. Henry 18512 Gaskins Road, Onancock For \$53,900

•From CCG Note LLC To Brenda J. and Julian A. Hurley Jr. Lot 185 Section 2 Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$10,000

•From Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-GS2 To Richard Lewis 18374 Wilson Ave., Parksley

For \$64,000
•From Zehn Group LLC
To Kathryn Marie and Adam John
Sterling

Lots 1-7 and common area, Finneys Creek, Wachapreague For \$75,000

•From Deborah Ullmann To Shanik and Anthony Mapp Captains Cove Lot 1153 Section 1, Greenbackville For \$3,500

• From Helen M. Defeudis
To Jamie and Robert Michael Graham
Captain Cove Lot 2244 Section 4,
Greenbackville
For \$267,000

•From Lynn Anne Gillingham

To Julie A. and Charles H. Peck Jr. 20367 Bluebill Lane, Schooner Bay Lot 25 Section 1, near Onancock For \$245.000

•From Sherry F. and Chih H. Chiang To Peter J. Gerry 16381 Red Bank Lane, Melfa For \$374,000

• From Christina A. McQuaid To Joles Auguste 29396 Hallwood Road, Hallwood For \$105.000

•From Karin M. and Ian C. Markley To Deborah L. and Gregory D. Christman

Revised parcel 36A and revised parcel 33, Andrews land parcels, Chincoteague For \$100,000

•From Gene H. Burke, executor To Won Kyun Shin 2 parcels, 26106 East Main St., Onley For \$132,000

•From Luke T. Britton To Sara Dubberly and Paula Dubberly Lot 7 on Pine Drive, Chincoteague For \$100,000

•From Melinda Dawn Thornton To Kevin D. Dunn 50 acres near Messongo Bridge near Hallwood For \$52,000

•From Dawn M. Crawford and John A. Escarsega To Lesa M. and Patrick H. McCaffery

To Lesa M. and Patrick H. McCaffery Lot 15 Bay Haven, Belle Haven For \$145,000

•From Jacqueline and Timothy J. Iannuzzi, trustees To Alison Haines Whitacre Lot 21 Hopeland Way Road, Bloxom For \$62,500

•From Patricia Clare and Alvin James DeMarco Jr.

To Jumosa Properties LLC

Olde Mill Pointe Lot 82, New Church For \$27,500

•From Aimee and Joseph Shryock To Gemcraft Homes LLC Lot 9 Section 5 Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$1

•From Captains Cove Land Co. LLC To Gemcraft Homes LLC Lot 1134 Section 1 Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$20,000

•From Captains Cove Land Co. LLC To Gemcraft Homes CC LLC Lot 723 Section 1 Captains Cove, Greenbackville For \$50,000

• From U. Warren Parks Jr. and Jeffrey A. Parks, trustees To Sandra Lee and John S. Hall Lot 1 Block C East Point, Onancock For \$36,000

•From John P. Custis, successor trustee To Lori L. and Stuart K. Colonna 23427 White Lane, Onancock For \$650,000

•From Perry Dean Carpenter and Robin Shirl Knight To Harold Cherrix and Harold Cher-

rix Jr. 4362, 4354, 4342, and 4334 Carpenter

Lane, Chincoteague
For \$220,000
•From Nicholas McClean-Rice and

Susan D. Simon To Susan Elizabeth and Brent Matthew Stark, trustees 27480 Fairfield Drive, Onancock For \$555,000

•From Denise E. Cherewaty, trustee To Carolanne and Paul Barylski 24456 Nancock Gardens Road, Onancock For \$135,000





HAPPY SMALLIDAYS.

Keep celebrations small to fight COVID.





For many of us, being with friends and family is a holiday tradition. But this year, instead of having large gatherings, it's smart to keep things small. To help prevent spreading COVID-19, limit the number of people in your home. And instead of personal visits, opt for video chats or long phone calls. Keeping it small can make a very big difference.





PLANNING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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Shorter days and turning leaves bring memories of holidays past. Mom going all out with dinner. Dad bringing home the biggest tree. Kids running all over the house. These were festive (*if not chaotic*) times. But the kids are older now and our parents are too.

Given our current world, Mom and Dad have likely been isolated for months. While phone calls and distanced visits have been a good way to check in, are they really happy, and more importantly, are they safe at home? Is this how they should be spending their golden years - alone and afraid?

During the holidays we all deserve to be surrounded by family and friends: sharing stories, enjoying home-cooked meals, and having the peace of mind that comes with knowing you are loved. This is what Commonwealth Senior Living communities offer during the holidays and every day. Our families are relieved to know that their loved ones are safe, happy, and enjoying the lifestyle they deserve.

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Court Postings By Carol Vaughn

A grand jury meeting Monday, Dec. 7, in Accomac indicted the following:

- Debra Michelle Ryan, 40, of Horntown, possession of cocaine.
- Joshua Ryan Bale, no age given, of Mink Farm Road, Onancock, shooting from a vehicle; use of a machine gun for aggressive purpose; brandishing a firearm; recklessly handling a firearm — 10 counts total related to a Nov. 7 incident.
- Elisse Marie Fitzgerald, 47, of Bloxom, driving under the influence of alcohol after a previous DWI-related felony; assault and battery of a police officer in a Sept. 4 incident.
- Megan Anne Harrison, 30, of Onancock, attempted first-degree murder; malicious wounding in an Aug. 25 incident.
- Michael Thomas Justis, 30, of Painter, abduction; strangulation in a Sept. 13 incident.
- Timothy Charles Landolt, no age given, of Middletown, Del., aggravated sexual battery in a May 1, 2019, incident.
- Monica Riley, no age given, of Exmore, leaving the scene of an accident in an April 7 incident.
- Julian Travis Scarborough, 41, of Painter, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; possession with intent to distribute cocaine; possession of a firearm while in possession of a controlled substance in connection with an April 16 incident. Distribution of cocaine, three counts, in connection with incidents July 5, 2018; July 13, 2018; and July 17, 2018.
- William L. Tatum, no age given, of Onancock, obtaining money by false pretense in an Oct. 29 incident.
- Vincent Thomas West, no age given, of Greenbush, making a false statement in a July 31, 2019, incident.
- Daniel James Zahn, 26, of Onley, embezzlement of property belonging to the U.S. Postal Service in connection with an Aug. 15 incident.
- Robert James Northan Sr., 64, of Parksley, possession of cocaine in a June 8 incident.
- Brooks R. Mariner Sr., 43, of Hall-

- wood, assault and battery of a household member, third or subsequent offense in a Sept. 24 incident.
- Carlton Marcus McKinley, 37, of Greenbush, assault and battery of a household member, third or subsequent offense, related to incident between June 28 and July 8.
- Lee Judson Edwards, 36, of Tangier, grand larceny of a motor vehicle in an Aug. 15 incident.
- Kristen Blake Edenton, 21, of Baltimore, possession of cocaine in a June 12 incident.
- Brandon Michael Expectacion, 31, of Baltimore, burglary; possession of cocaine in connection with a June 12 incident.
- Billy Joe Hawkins Jr., 54, of Accomac, assault and battery of a police officer in a Sept. 2 incident.
- Marquez Jarue Searles, 23, of Parksley, felony eluding a law enforcement officer; abuse and neglect of a child in an Aug. 27 incident.
- Jeffery Lyn Oldham Jr., 41, of Hagerstown, Md., possession of hydrocodone in an Oct. 7, 2019, incident.
- Glen Evans Jr., 33, of Whaleyville,
 Md., assault and battery of a police officer in a Sept. 5 incident.
- Rebekah Fuller-Taylor Pace, 36, of Exmore, burglary; grand larceny in a June 19 incident.
- Benjamin Adam Hogan, 38, of Portsmouth, burglary; grand larceny in a June 19 incident.
- Kimberly Erin Carey, 30, of Greenbackville, credit card larceny on or between June 25 and 26.
- Jason Roy Childrey, 36, of Onancock, assault and battery of a police officer; two counts of assaulting a police officer, all related to a June 17 incident.
- Donald Clifton Buzzard, 32, of Edgewood, Md., possession of Etizolam in a June 10 incident.
- Preston Rain Shover, 20, of Bloxom, malicious maining in an Aug. 24 incident.
- Quenga Bietester Davis, 39, of Painter, felony shoplifting in an Aug. 11 incident.

- Louis Tom Sample Jr., 59, of Accomac, possession of cocaine in a May 31 incident.
- Kevin Lawrence Clark, 45, of Nassawadox, threatening to bomb, burn, destroy, or in any manner damage a building in connection with a June 3 incident; making a threat in writing on or about April 27.
- Brian Keith Boyce Jr., 30, of Greenbackville, burglary on or between Aug. 28 and Aug. 30.
- Gregory Alan Smith, 47, of Painter, larceny; forgery; uttering, 19 counts total, on or between Aug. 8 and Aug. 25.
- Jerron Lamont Corbin, 35, of Atlantic, robbery in a July 14 incident.
- Pamela Lynn Dix, 57, of Parksley, burglary; grand larceny; felony property destruction in a March 19 incident.
- Sherry Sandlin, 43, of Melfa, stolen checks; obtaining money by false pretense; forgery; uttering, 11 counts total in connection with incidents on or between Aug. 8 and Aug. 25.



Blacksmith Shop Puts on Holiday Colors

The Samuel D. Outlaw Blacksmith Shop Museum in Onancock is ready for the holidays with a fresh coat of paint and decorated with colorful wreaths and evergreen garland. Photo by Connie Morrison.

Watson Hardware Company Christmas Blowout All Hardware Merchandise <u>HALF PBICE</u> Antiques and Memorabilia Sold Separately

Antique Water Skis, Duckbill Push Pole, Mounted 10-Point Buck, 8-Foot Hunting Skiff, Antique Tools, Pistols and Shotguns, 12-foot Harpoon, Barn Hay Puller, 12-Foot (19th Century) Pine Harvest Table, Vintage RCA Victor Chairs (2), Cherry Drop Leaf Colonial Dining Table, LL Beam Snow Sled w/Steering and Brakes, Antique Baby Walker, Western Union Remington Type Writer, Wind Surfer Board, Last Edition Northampton County Map (Laminated).

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES: WALLOPS-CHINCOTEAGUE LINE NOS. 6745 AND 6746 69 KV TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD CASE NO. PUR-2020-00227

On October 30, 2020, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative ("ODEC" or "Cooperative") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval and certificates of public convenience and necessity for electric facilities: Wallops-Chincoteague Line Nos. 6745 and 6746 69 kV Transmission Line Rebuild ("Application"). ODEC filed the Application pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 et seq.

Specifically, the Cooperative proposes to (i) remove an approximately 0.5-mile segment of its existing overhead Wallops-Chincoteague Lines 6745 and 6746 just east of Wallops Flight Facility ("WFF") Runway 35 ("Existing Facilities"); and (ii) relocate and replace the lines underground in a new duct bank within existing and new right-of-way in Accomack County, Virginia ("Relocated Facilities") (collectively, "Rebuild Project").

The Cooperative states that the Rebuild Project is needed as the Existing Facilities' structures are nearing their end of life and need to be replaced. ODEC states that the Rebuild Project is necessary to continue providing reliable electric transmission service consistent with the Cooperative's obligation to provide generation and transmission service to its Members who in turn provide retail electric distribution service to their member-customers. ODEC further states that while Lines 6745 and 6746 generally follow a direct-line path along Virginia State Route 175 ("Rt. 175") in the area of the Rebuild Project, the Existing Facilities veer away from the road into marshland to avoid proximity to the flight path of WFF Runway 35. ODEC states that it cannot replace these structures in their current right-of-way due to conflicting requirements for the height of the structures. The Cooperative states that the Relocated Facilities will be placed underground and will follow a shorter, direct-line path along Rt. 175. ODEC represents that it will acquire two new 100-foot width right-of-way easements in properties paralleling Rt. 175.

The Cooperative states that the desired in-service date for the Rebuild Project is May 31, 2023. The Cooperative represents that the estimated cost of the Rebuild Project is approximately \$3.8 million.

The proposed route for the proposed Rebuild Project is approximately one-half mile long and is adjacent to Chincoteague Road, State Route 175 for the entire length of the route. The proposed route begins one-quarter mile north of the Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge sign at Structure No. 65 and travels northeast parallel to Chincoteague Road until it terminates slightly northeast of Structure No. 76. Structure 76 is one-quarter mile southwest of NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center. The two structures in this Route are seventy feet tall.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Transmission-Line-Projects, and a more complete description of the Rebuild Project may be found in the Cooperative's Application.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the route described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on ODEC's Application. On April 27, 2021, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before April 23, 2021, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On April 28, 2021, at 10 a.m., either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Cooperative, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

An electronic copy of the Cooperative's Application also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Cooperative, Garland S. Carr, Esquire, Williams Mullen, 200 South 10th Street, Suite 1600, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or gcarr@williamsmullen.com.

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NASA WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY

WATTSVILLE TO CHINCOTEAGUE TO CHINCOTEAGUE TRANSMISSION (6745 & 6746) REBUILD PROJECT AREA MAP

WATTSVILLE TO CHINCOTEAGUE - DUAL CIRCUIT 66KV TRANSMISSION LINE - PROPOSED UNDERGROUND ROUTE - GENERAL PROJECT AREA MAP

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WATTSVILLE TO CHINCOTEAGUE - DUAL CIRCUIT 66KV TRANSMISSION LINE - PROPOSED UNDERGROUND ROUTE - GENERAL PROJECT AREA MAP

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Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before January 29, 2021, a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling.. Notices of participation shall include the email addresses of the party or its counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Cooperative. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00227. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before April 26, 2021, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00227.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Cooperative's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

CIAO, Lower Shore Performing Arts Partner on 'Seaside Christmas'

Submitted article

Chincoteague Island Arts Organization and Lower Shore Performing Arts Company are partnering to offer an online Christmas show called "Seaside Christmas."

The show is a gathering of local talent, with classic and original stories and music.

It will stream on CIAO TV starting Dec. 21 and running for one week.

Go to https://chincoteagueisland-arts.com/upcoming-events to view the show at no cost.

Among local talent appearing in the show are:

- Dr. Dan Cochran reading the 1897 classic letter to the New York Sun, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."
- The Cockey family, Robin, Elijah, Isabelle, and Guinevere, known as "The Folk Villains," providing seasonal music.
- Alana Troxell, local actress and student at the Manhattan School of Drama, as Mary.

- Capt. Barry, island storyteller, with one of his famous tales.
- Kisha Jackson, local playwright and director, with a selected reading from Maya Angelou's "Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem."
- Christopher Jestin, local actor, reading as Clement Moore "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The show includes glorious background vocals from The Arlington Children's Chorus.

The production team of William Borges, Kevin Carr, Doug Mills, Rhonda Dausman, and Kathryn Redden hopes everyone enjoys the show and wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Stay tuned for more shows to come. Chincoteague Island Arts Organization (CIAO) and Lower Shore Performing Arts Company (LSPAC) have partnered over the past few years to deliver live performances on stage at the Chincoteague Island Theater for the Eastern Shore community.

Previous productions include Oscar Wil-

de's "The Importance of Being Earnest"; "Pippin," a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Roger O. Hirson; Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice"; and "A Christmas Pudding."

In summer 2019, the organizations held a theater academy, Broadway at the Beach with plans to make it an annual event, attracting young local actors and summer visitors.

This Christmas, as with all arts organizations, they had to pivot to a new way of providing arts to the community.

LSPAC provided online classes in public speaking, in partnership with Debedeavon Toastmasters Club on Wallops Island, and theatrical dance.

CIAO continued with streaming performances each month, such as the recent offering, "Hearts and Hands: 19th Century Women and their Quilts."

Donations to both organizations are always welcome.

Go to https://www.lowershorepac.org/become-a-member-or-patron and https://chincoteagueislandarts.com/for more information



Dr. Dan Cochran reads the 1897 classic answer to a letter written to the New York Sun, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" for a Christmas show, "Seaside Christmas," being streamed on CIAO TV starting Dec. 21. Submitted photo.



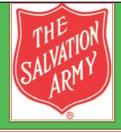
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Ship-to-Shore Communications Test a Success

Submitted Article

Sentinel Robotic Solutions recently demonstrated the ability to provide video, voice, and data from a ship close to 90 nautical miles over the horizon to a land-based Navy Operations Center at Wallops Island. This innovative demonstration has given the end user a more cost-effective and reliable means of getting secure information from ship-to-shore without using expensive satellite technology.

Advanced communication systems are starting to be widely used in building highly capable networks for the Department of Defense, first responders, and areas with limited radio connectivity. Supporting the Navy's Surface Combat Systems Center, the SRS-led team held a full-scale demonstration of a Silvus-based mesh network, with high fidelity voice, HD-video streaming, and high bandwidth data transfer from land-based stations to over the horizon ship-based platforms at ranges close to 90 nautical miles, via an airborne relay.

With the network proven highly effective, more radio relay nodes could be

added to the network to cover expanding range operating areas. This will support the growing number of U.S. Navy missions, NASA launch operations, and scientific research at Wallops Island.

The project not only proved the effectiveness of the technology, but also serves to ignite innovation, economic growth, and workforce development on the Eastern Shore. Teaming with Eastern Shore Community College, two students interned with SRS in support of the project. This opportunity provided valuable experience for the students and proved that the Eastern Shore can build and provide a technically educated workforce to support its growth.

Peter Bale, CEO of SRS stated, "We are proud to be a part of the dynamic and growing Eastern Shore. This is the start of a bright future for the implementation of communication and range instrumentation technologies to Wallops Island." SRS is one of very few innovation companies on The Virginia Eastern Shore, and proud winner of this VISA-funded grant opportunity.



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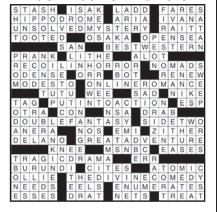
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by Linda Thistle

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EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

Wilfong, Northampton's Athletic Director's Retirement

By Brennan Waldorf

Richard "Doc" Wilfong has been in education for over 50 years and now has reluctantly hung his hat up for good. "I'm almost embarrassed to say that I won't be going into work today. I've told people I have never worked a day in my life; I absolutely loved it," said Wilfong.

Like many educators, the longtime Northampton County educator took on several jobs that span the state of Virginia as his career expanded, holding several positions in administration, athletics, and teaching.

Wilfong was born in 1941 in Harrisonburg, Va., where he attended Turner Ashby High School. As a Knight, he played both football and basketball and admits he was a better defensive end than he was a basketball player.

After graduation from high school, Wilfong pursued an undergraduate degree at the University of William & Mary. He furthered his education with a master's degree at Virginia Tech, where he started his coaching career. Working as a graduate assistant at Tech, Wilfong began coaching at Riverheads High School where he took over as the head football and track coach for the 1967 school year.

Upon completion of his master's degree at Tech, Wilfong took a teaching position at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. He became the first men's basketball coach at Mary Washington while also working as the assistant football coach in the fall and head track coach in the spring at Stafford High School, also in Fredericksburg.

One of Wilfong's greatest accomplishments occurred while coaching at Stafford. Backed by a strong relay team that held the state record for numerous years, he guided the Wolverines track team to a state championship in 1968 before returning to Virginia Tech. While at Tech, he pursued his doctorate in school administration and supervised student teachers.

While working toward his doctorate and assisting student teachers, Wilfong was also an assistant princi-



Doc Wilfong poses with a portrait of his 1968 state track championship team and wears a warmup jacket he designed while athletic director at Northampton High. Photo by Brennan Waldorf.

pal at an elementary school in Blacksburg, Va. After completing his degree, Wilfong moved on to the principal position at Blacksburg High School. A brief stint at the high school led to a permanent home in Nelson County as Wilfong worked as the head principal for 15 years at Nelson High School.

Wilfong stepped down as the high school principal after a change in superintendents to take on a new role as a headhunter in Charlottesville, Va. This paid well but did not provide the fulfillment of working with the youth Wilfong received in years prior. "Made a lot of money but hated it (and I) wanted to get back into education," said Wilfong of the short stint.

Transitioning back into education, he then became Powhatan High School's 16th principal in 20 years "They didn't have a lot of stability," said Wilfong. "Powhatan's kids were

great and the teachers were great," he said, but he was commuting from Nelson, Va., every day and desired a position with stability that allowed more time with his family.

He received interest from a school in southwest Virginia but it fell through as family members were reluctant to move there. In 1989, Wilfong elected to take a position in his final school district when he became the assistant principal at Northampton High School. He initially had plans to stay for three years but developed roots and relationships that kept him grounded in the position for 15 years.

After stepping down from the assistant principal position, he was offered a part-time position as the horticultural teacher and oversaw the rebuilding of the greenhouse and program that he proceeded to teach for seven years. "They said it was a half-time job. It

wasn't. They paid me half time but it was a full-time job," said Wilfong. As a true educator, Wilfong was unfazed by pay and time as his passion for teaching and an unmatched work ethic were what really drove him. His transition into teaching was seamless as he had taught at Mary Washington as a biology instructor and supervised student teachers at Tech.

Working as an administrator for so many years limited Wilfong from coaching and pursuing interest in athletics, but in his new teaching position, he was able to revive his coaching career and began a new course within the education field. When no one wanted to coach the Jackets cross-country team, he stepped in with a can-do, laid-back attitude. "Sure, why not? I still like to coach," said Wilfong about absorbing the position.

"We've been extremely successful here," said Wilfong about his tenure as the cross-country coach. In boys dual meets, he's compiled 107 wins against 25 losses. He doesn't count invitationals because of the wide range in competition but there would be over 200 wins if they were included. Until last year, when injuries and illness riddled the season, the girls team had never lost a district championship while under Wilfong's coaching.

He's now entering his 14th year as head coach of the cross-country team but has contributed to numerous roles within the Jackets' athletic programs. "I loved the kids. It doesn't matter what I coached," said Wilfong.

At one point he helped John Gorman with the boys soccer team where he admits he learned a lot from the Jackets' former bench boss. "John was an outstanding coach," said Wilfong, who credits Gorman for establishing a strong soccer community in Northampton County.

Along his athletic trail at Northampton, Wilfong found himself as the interim coach for the girls field hockey team. When the head coach had to step down for a period of time due to a family emergency, Wilfong

stepped in. While guiding the team, they advanced to the regional finals and lost to Maggie Walker in a close bout. Shortly after, he was nominated for coach of the year. "I couldn't take credit, I was just the interim coach. We had an outstanding coach at the time," said Wilfong. He was recognized for the team's success because the Northampton team was such a large underdog throughout the tournament.

In 2010, Wilfong went back to administration work when he took over the Jackets athletic director position. He admitted, "I always felt like I had big shoes to fill 'cause I always thought we had outstanding ADs (at NHS)," said Wilfong. He took over the position from coach Brian Harmon and believed the best quality of the position was "the challenge of the job. It was a full-time job. So many tasks, so many jobs. I enjoyed being able to work with people not just locally but across the state," said Wilfong.

One of the biggest challenges Wilfong spearheaded as athletic director was reworking the school's athletic funds. Every year the school gets a budget from the district but that budget doesn't always cover the needs and wants to maintain several programs. Building funds was no easy task and required ingenuity and finesse. By staying loyal to suppliers and hunting out the best prices in small needs that add up, such as something as simple as paint, Wilfong established a big enough budget to allow for numerous teams to go to states if need be. "Sending teams to states is not an inexpensive cost, at about \$5,000 per team. That's something I'm proud of," said Wilfong.

As athletic director, Wilfong designed the Northampton High School logo and assisted in trademarking it for the school. He helped build a culture that stressed sportsmanship and encouraged student athletes to continue their education even if their athletic careers came to an end at Northampton. "To see the students grow and pursue academics is as feel-good as it gets," said Wilfong.

When asked what motivated him to stay in education so long, Wilfong said, "Coaches and people like myself are fortunate enough to have good relationships with students. I do think

you touch a lot of lives and help people along the way." He has almost 50 VHSL seasons logged in as a coach and is only stepping down from the AD position because of family health issues and rising COVID-19 concerns.

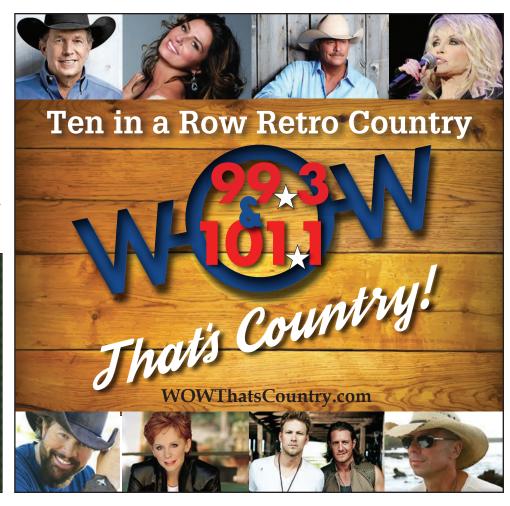
Head football coach John Edney is the new athletic director for the Yellow Jackets and spoke highly of Wilfong's dedication to the position. "He was super dedicated to the school and athletic department. He was at every athletic event and donated a lot of time that was unpaid," said Edney. Wilfong has been in the AD slot since Edney's arrival at Northampton and has always been a good source of advice. "He coached everything. Had a good feel for the day-to-day activities," said Edney. Wilfong was supportive to all members within the athletic department, creating an environment that led to coaches feeling supported and athletes ecstatic after interactions with him. "There's a lot respect for (Doc). Everyone really enjoyed the interactions with him. They were always positive. He's always good for advice," said Edney.

and the students was unparalleled championship. Submitted photo. and did not go unnoticed by colleagues from around the district. "In the seven years I worked with him he rarely, if ever, missed a game. He was here each and every day. He was a major part of the heartbeat of NHS," said Northamption High School principal Michael Myers who had ample praise for Wilfong's dedication and commitment to the school while also reiterating that Wilfong had a great amount of wisdom. "He was all-in for the student-athletes, He was extremely visible. It is hard to replace that type of commitment. He will be missed," said Myers.





wilfong (bottom middle) had career highlights that include this 1968 Wilfong's dedication to his position Stafford track team that went undefeated in meets and won the state and the students was unparalleled championship. Submitted photo.



ESSHL Game Summaries from Sunday, Dec. 13

Story and Photo by Matthew Yoder

Sunday's action of the ESSHL provided proof that there is a good deal of parity in the league. The Ducks, accustomed to wearing their opponents down with steady play, were rattled to a level unknown to them this year, and the Knights, who struggled offensively a week ago, welcomed back a pair of forwards and unloaded with offensive explosiveness. Other teams continued to jockey in the standings amid the seesaw day. The teams are headed into an extended holiday break, but before doing so they played a slew of entertaining games in unseasonably warm December conditions.

Game 1: Bruins vs. Harambe

Harambe players found themselves fighting off an early two-man disadvantage but persevered on the penalty kill with a strong effort from Robbie Washington. Both teams displayed patience and precision in the opening period, offensively, but the only goal came off the stick of Bruins' forward Hoyt, a quick shot from behind midcourt. Harambe brought the pressure in the second, but Mark Stapleton dominated the period with a number of great saves for the Bruins. Madeline Cornwell added to the Bruins lead late in the period, grinding hard in front of the net to put home a loose ball. Her goal brought an exuberant celebration and gave the Bruins all the difference they would need for a positive outcome. The teams traded goals in the third, with Preston Shover bringing Harambe within one with 2:45 to play, but in the final minute Hoyt found Donnie Williams for a good look, pushing the final score to 3-1.

Game 2: Knights vs. Blues

The Knights were boosted by the return of speedy forwards, Derek Hail and Taylor Parks. The two were simply unstoppable in controlling the ball and the pace of the game. Hail registered a hat trick by the early stages of the second period, and Parks would join him in the third with a three-goal game of his own. Thomas Eno also scored for the Knights, and battled hard with his elder forwards to yault the Knights to an 8-2 victory.

Game 3: Red Wings vs. Ducks

The third game of the day brought with it all the anticipation of a marquee matchup. The Ducks entered the



Two titans, the Ducks and Wings, facing off in a classic game.

game undefeated, while the Wings were fresh off a pair of impressive victories from the previous week. The first period was arguably the best period of hockey played at Stapleton Rink this season, a true harbinger of the periods to follow. Brandon Stapleton found Gabriel Nock for the first score of the game, giving the Wings an early lead, but the Ducks responded with a pair of goals ten seconds apart, the first from Anthony Taylor, the second from Dustin Aigner. From there, the game was played at a frenetic level, and passions landed players in the sin bin. A series of high sticks and slashes from the Wings provided the Ducks with the opportunity to pad their lead via penalty shot, but Guy Parks was up to the challenge, stopping Aigner's attempt. Late in the first, Stapleton gathered a rebound and tossed it off Justin Wheeler's back to level the game at two apiece headed into the second.

Penalties and passions persisted in the second. Aigner scored with each team down a man, giving the Ducks the lead again at 3-2. Less than a minute later, Ethan Ayer brought the Wings back with a goal. It appeared, then, as if the Ducks were reeling and thrown off their game plan. The tide further shifted in the Wings' favor after Ayer made the Ducks pay with a power play goal five seconds from the end of the period. The goal brought tremendous applause and set the stage for a classic ending. In the third, were it not for a sliding save from defender Jenny Hagler, the Ducks would have tied the game early. The Wings, though, were plagued by a string of penalties for the second time in the game, yielding another Duck's penalty shot. This time Wheeler traded sticks with a teammate and attempted the shot in full goaltending gear but was matched by his adversary Parks. The Ducks didn't let the missed opportunity disrupt the composure they were beginning to gain back. Taylor set up Aigner with a great pass for a game-tying goal, and Thomas Hart stunned the Wings by throwing the ball towards the net, only to have it bounce in from the stick of a Wings' defender. The Ducks miraculously retook the lead and would not relinquish it this time. Wheeler made an impressive blocker save on Ayer to preserve the lead, and Hart registered an insurance goal late to give the Ducks a 6-4 win in a very entertaining game.

Game 4: Bruins vs. Blues

The Blues have been playing much better hockey every week, while unfortunately not seeing the results they would like in the standings. An early goal from the Bruins' Matt Yetter did not demoralize the Blues into submission. They responded with a goal from Garrett Baylis and if not for some impressive saves from Stapleton and an unforgiving post, the Blues would have entered the second period with the lead. The game remained tied in the second

after a round of great saves from Blues' goalie, Jacen Horne. A delay of game penalty came back to bite the Blues, however, with Hoyt finding Williams for the power play goal. The Blues would ring the post two more times in the period, further extending their bad luck. Horne continued to provide great goaltending in the third, but a brilliant pass from Cornwell to Williams extended the Bruins' lead to two. Baylis got a second goal on an odd-man rush from the Blues, but the Bruins sealed the victory late with a goal from Hoyt.

Game 5 Blues vs. Harambe

With the Red Wings putting the fear into the Blues earlier in the day, Harambe took notice and sent the league's only unbeaten team to their first loss of the season. The first period was largely played scoreless, but Guy Shoyer changed that with 30 seconds to go with a goal from the boards, giving Harambe a 1-0 lead. Harambe peppered Wheeler with shots in the second, and the younger Shover helped add to the lead. Harambe also benefited from strong goaltending by Sean Justice. The Ducks cut Harambe's lead in half in the third after a score from Hart, but they would not come any closer, with the game ending 2-1.

Game 6 Red Wings vs. Knights

Possibly demoralized by their dramatic loss earlier in the day, and facing the offensive juggernaut that is the Knights, the Wings found themselves fighting an impressive barrage of shots and goals. Hail recorded his second hat trick of the day as the Knights put an 8 on the board for the second time, dispatching the Wings 8-2.

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Kickball Tournament Hosted by CALL



The fog begins to blanket right field for the kickball tournament Sunday night at the Central Accomack Little League ballfields. Photo by Matthew Yoder.



Under the lights Sunday night, the CALL hosted a kickball tournament. Additionally, CALL hosted Santa Claus on Saturday, accepting more than 60 presents to pass on to Lighthouse Ministries. Photo by Matthew Yoder.



Winners of Delegate Bloxom's Christmas Art Contest



Lillian Scott Broadwater Academy Grade 4





Gabriela Salamanca **Vallecillo**

Kegotank Elementary School Grade 5



Campbell Morgan **Broadwater Academy** Grade 3



Forest Chavis Drummond

Broadwater Academy Grade 3

Honorable Mentions: Chandler Kellam, Grade 1, Broadwater Academy and Ivan Broyles, Kindergarten, Pungoteague Elementary School

Thank you to all the participants! Due to COVID-19, fewer schools were able to submit entries this year.

Merry Christmas from Rob, Lou, Blaire, Madison, and Brant Bloxom

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Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest: From Snowmen to Candelabra

Last Week's Contest: Find Snowmen Before They Melt

The six snowmen were on pages 28 (one scary snowman and one happy snowman), 33 (happy), 34 (scary), 38 (happy), and 45 (scary). Allison Burton, of Eastville, was chosen at random from all the contestants who found the six snowmen, and she won her choice of a Smith Island cake from Becca's Smith Island Cakes.

This Week's Contest: Find the Special Candelabra

In recognition of our Dec. 18 publication date being the last day of Hanukkah, we have placed nine of these candelabra in this week's newspaper:



From among the osprey-eyed readers who find all nine, we will randomly choose one reader to receive the Super Tailgate chicken dinner from Bojangles. See sponsor's box on this page.

The rules:

- Find the candelabra and tell us where you found them (page number and location on the page). Send this information to david@easternshorepost.com.
- You can start sending your entries now. Entries MUST have your first and last names and your town.
- Include a photograph if you choose to submit one and tell us a little something about the picture.
- Entries will be accepted until noon on Monday, Dec. 21. Entries arriving after noon on Monday the 21st will not be entered in the contest.
- Anyone submitting a photograph must have taken the picture or have permission to use it.
 - Do not submit multiple entries.

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 your own candelabrum, a guitar you strum, or a little drummer boy drum. Just no feet.

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



This Week's Osprey-Eyed Reader Wins

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Last Week's Winner



For finding all six snowmen in last week's edition, Allison Burton, of Eastville, was selected by random from among her fellow contestants to win her choice of a Smith Island cake from Becca's Smith Island Cakes. Here's osprey-eyed winner Burton in front of a holiday wreath hanging under a candelabrum.

Runners-Up



Welcome Virginia Manzione, of Exmore, to the Shore. She and her husband, Tony, are new to the area and this is her first time playing the contest, which she "loves!"



Did you ever wonder where Ana Zapata, of Belle Haven, hangs out? Here's proof, in her own words, of her, "Hanging out in a box."



Runner-up Charles Boss, of Machipongo, didn't win the prize but wins a special place with the osprey-eyed contest. Check out the name of his sailboat.

Courtney Chance, Temperanceville Brenda Dize, Onancock Theresa Lattimore, Bloxom

Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Patricia M. Voss, Bloxom Rob Moore, Cape Charles Amy Eckard, Temperanceville



Chaundra Thorp, of Belle Haven, sent this picture of Vincent doing what Vincent does, "hanging out on the dock looking at birds."



This '95 Ford Mustang has a name (Buttercup) and goes to car shows. Buttercup's owner is runner-up Jeanette Bell, of Onley.



Levi and Virginia Thornes, of Guilford, sent in a joint entry along with this picture "of Levi's 1947 Stud all decorated up for Christmas."

Cotina Strand, Melfa Randy Miller, Parksley Sarah Morgan, Oyster Patricia Willey, Quinby Jimmy Nickerson, Parksley Debbie Fox, Machipongo Annie Schu, Saxis

Random Facts About ... Fear in This, and Other, Frightful Times

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes for cleaning last week, something menacing and contagious came oozing out. Not the coronavirus. Fear.

Widespread fear in this time of pandemic is similar to the fear that gripped America in the Atomic Age, that period following the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan in World War II and then into the nuclear stalemate between the United States and the Soviet Union when hydrogen bombs — 1,000 times more powerful than the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs — were developed.

Today, schoolchildren are required to wear face masks as protection against the virus. In the 1950s, schools issued dog tags to children so their charred remains could be identified in the aftermath of a nuclear attack. Today, kids

in school have their desks kept apart to guard against the virus. In the 1950s and into the early '60s, kids were taught to "duck and cover," getting under those desks as protection (futile, of course) in a nuclear attack. Today, people are required to quarantine at home to avoid the virus. In the 1950s-'60s, fallout shelters, in which a family could quarantine after a nuclear attack, were available commercially and as DIY projects outlined in popular magazines. Today. newscasts are full of the latest devastating reports about the pandemic. In the Atomic Age, movies showed the world being destroyed by nuclear war.

In 1948, near the beginning of the Atomic Age, C.S. Lewis, author of "The Chronicles of Narnia," wrote, "On Living in the Atomic Age." In this essay, Lewis — who was British, an academician, and

a theologian — advised against living in fear, regardless of the threats we face. This essay has been used by some as reasoning for not following protocols to protect us against COVID-19, but that misses entirely what Lewis is saying. Our pandemic situation is different, but Lewis' larger points, that death comes for us all and that living in fear is no way to live, are still valid today. Here's the entire essay (for application to our own time, substitute pandemic for his references to the bomb):

"In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. How are we to live in an atomic age?" I am tempted to reply: Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents.' In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe

me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors — anesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty. This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things — praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts - not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds."





Onancock Holiday Driving Tour Shows Town in Its Holiday Best













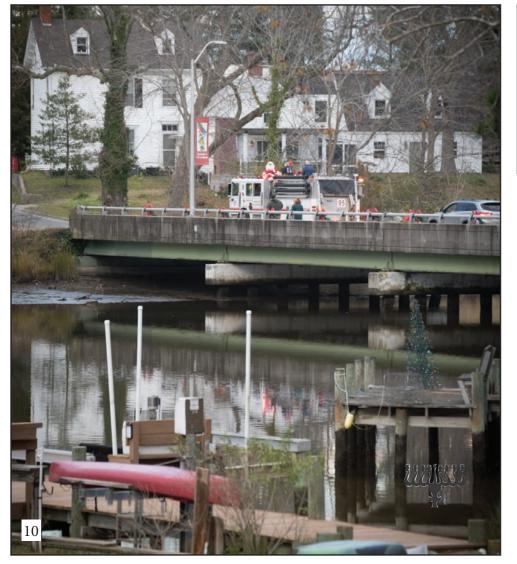
Onancock's first Christmas Driving Tour attracted more than 1,000 cars bearing visitors from as far away as Annapolis, Md., Saturday. The creative twist on the town's traditional Christmas parade placed the crowds that would traditionally have been watching from the curbs into motion in their own cars. They drove through a roughly mile-long stretch of residential Onancock, watching 10 large displays, performers, and curbside decorations in socially distanced comfort. Photos by Jim Ritch.

(1) A large Christmas tree ornament marks the route of the driving tour. (2) Staffing Santa's Workshop are John and Margaret Boddie. (3) Maphis Oswald portrays the Sugar Plum Fairy and distributes candy canes to passing children. (4) Peter O'Malley, 5, and his sister, Mamie, 3, watch displays from the rear of their parents' car. Peter and Sarah O'Malley brought the kids all the way from their Annapolis home "just to find something to do." (5) Parker Betz, left, of Machipongo, watches the column of cars pass his grandmother's home. With him are, from left, his sister, Summer Betz, and Benjamin Nicholson, of Onancock. (6) The best seats atop the ladder truck of the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department went to Santa, Elfie, and two firefighter escorts. From left are firefighter Seth Jonczak, Santa, Elfie, and firefighter Joe Pechacek.





(7) Leslie Wesp records the scene as the tour gets rolling. (8) A Nativity scene comes to life thanks to, from left, wise men Gunther Hukkinen, of Painter, and Stanford Strand, of Onancock; Squirt, the pony; Holly and Josh Bundick, of Melfa, playing Mary and Joseph; and Ed Oswald, of Onancock, playing the third wise man. (9) The column of cars, led by Santa and Engine 95, rolls out of the tour's starting point, Historic Onancock School on College Avenue. (10) Santa crosses the Ames Street bridge as he arrives in downtown Onancock.









Putting the Sparkle in Christmas As part of the Onancock Christmas driving tour, children were encour-

As part of the Unancock Christmas driving tour, children were encouraged to write letters to Santa and leave them in the North Pole Express mailbox. The letters also served as entries for a drawing to win a stuffed unicorn. Town Manager Matt Spuck (left photo) drew the letter written by Josie Vasquenza, 9, of Melfa (above right), who said she didn't know there was a drawing. Josie named her new friend Sparkle. Submitted photos.

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Santa Travels in Style in Chincoteague 'Pop-Up' Parade





Santa arrives in Chincoteague Saturday behind a column of emergency vehicles that wove through town for more than an hour. Left: Santa waves from the bucket of a ladder truck, escorted by an elf in turnout gear. Above: Decorations glow along a deserted stretch of Maddox Avenue as he passes. Below: Wren Scott, not yet 2 years old, sits in the arms of her father, Patrick Scott. After Wren alerted her family to the sound of firetrucks, the family came over from Marsh Island to become one of the few families on the street. With Patrick and Wren are mother, Melissa, and brother, Knox, 4. The family is visiting from Herndon, Va. Photos by Jim Ritch.





P.O. Box 342 Onley, Virginia 23418

To the citizens of Accomack County,

The Accomack County Salvation Army Service Unit regrets to inform you that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be hosting our annual Red Kettle Campaign. However, there are still many people to assist with limited funds. We are asking the community to please help us by continuing to provide financial support. In lieu of the Red Kettle Campaign, we are accepting donations via check or money order if you find it in your heart, and all money raised in Accomack County will stay in Accomack County. Please send donations to P.O. Box 342, Onley, VA 23418. It will be much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely yours, Leah Trader, President Kanesha Hall, Secretary

Community Notes

Free Hot Meal and Gift Giveaway

The Youth Awareness Team will give away free hot meals and Christmas gifts Saturday, Dec. 19, from noon to 4 p.m., at 18271 Lankford Highway, Eastville (in the fabric shop parking lot). For more information, call Rebekah James at 757-350-1748. Masks are required.

Carols and Nativity

Fireside Carols and Nativity Service with Holy Communion will be held Thursday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., at St. James Church, Drummondtown Road, Accomac. A Christmas morning online and outdoors prayer services will be Friday, Dec. 25, at 11 a.m., at the rectory front lawn on Back Street or at www.stgeorgesesva.org

Fireside Carols and Nativity Service with Holy Communion will be held Thursday, Dec. 24, at 9 p.m., at St. George's Church, Pungoteague.

Candlelight Service

Traditional Candlelight Service Christmas Eve service will be Thursday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., at Pungoteague Community Church. The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Gifts and Food Giveaway

Ebenezer Baptist Church will give away Christmas gifts (from infant to teenager) and food during Operation Christmas Blessing Saturday, Dec. 19, from noon to 2 p.m., at the church at 9504 Occohannock Neck Road, Exmore. For more information, go to www.ebcesva.org

Bookmark Contest

The Eastern Shore Public Library is hosting a bookmark contest for all ages. The theme of the bookmark is "What I Want to Read in 2021." The winning bookmarks in each age cat-

egory will be printed for distribution in the four Eastern Shore libraries.

Bookmark entries must be drawn in a 2-inch by 7-inch rectangle. Entry forms are on the Eastern Shore Public Library website, www.espl.org and Facebook page. Return your drawing and form by Jan. 5, 2021, in an envelope in your local library's book return or mail to: "Bookmark," Eastern Shore Public Library, P.O. Box 25, Parksley, VA 23421. Questions or scanned entry forms can be emailed to espl@espl.org.

Hunters for the Hungry Deer Donations

The Eastern Shore Chapter of the Hunters for the Hungry announced the start of receiving deer donations to the program this year. There is no charge to the hunter to donate the deer. The deer must be properly harvested and registered, field dressed, and taken to one of the processors or collection points.

The program raises funds to pay the cost of processing a deer (\$50). Proces-

sors have the right to refuse any deer donation that has not been field dressed or cared for in a manner that ensures high quality usable meat.

The processors this year are (from north to south): Brent Powell, Powell Processing, 21397 Trower Road, Wachapreague, 787-7107, and Scott Hines, Eastern Shore Outfitters, 4306 Main St., Exmore, 442-4009. Collections points include the food bank at 24530 Coastal Blvd., Tasley, 787-2557, and B&B Market, 13001 Lankford Highway, Machipongo, 678-7236.

The program is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and donations are deductible as allowed by law. The program is a listed agency for the local United Way campaign. There currently is a dollar-for-dollar match for donations from businesses, civic organizations, and Ruritan clubs. Donations, made out to "Hunters for the Hungry" may be sent to 22271 Lee Mont Road, Parksley, VA 23421. For further questions, to arrange a speaker, or to help out, call or email the local director, Worth Saunders, at 757-710-0049 or worth@baysiderehab.com.

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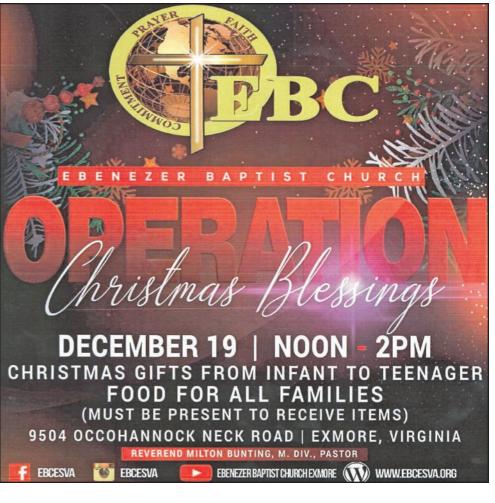
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Shannon Wescoat

Two Teachers Recognized for Hard Work

This past October, NeuBeam, a service of Declaration Networks Group, asked its Facebook page visitors to recognize and applaud Eastern Shore of Virginia teachers for doing all they can to educate children, either virtually or in the classroom, during these challenging times. The company learned of many ESVA teachers who are going above and beyond during the pandemic and recognized two of them with \$100 Amazon gift cards.

Broadwater Academy teacher Shannon Wescoat was nominated by Sarah Hoffman. Hoffman said, "She has gone to having one class to two and she manages going between the two adjoined rooms each day with the help of an assistant. She engages them, is genuinely happy each day, and her excitement to be in the classrooms with them is contagious. She makes them feel as normal as possible while keeping them safe and thinks outside of the box to provide many outdoor activities to allow for multiple mask breaks per day. She makes sure to remain in constant contact via email, newsletter, or phone since parents are not allowed inside at this time. We're lucky to have ber!"

Northampton High School history teacher Kelly Driscole was nominated by Richard "Doc" Wilfong. Wilfong said, "Kelly is just an outstanding teacher. She has been selected as the Teacher of the Year in 2017. Not only does she excel as a teacher, but she has also served as a cross country assistant coach for four years."

Declaration Networks EVP of Sales and Marketing Barry Toser said, "This year has been tremendously difficult for teachers. The pandemic is requiring teachers to adapt to new ways of educating their students with technology and digital resources. Teachers are real life heroes and deserve much praise for the work they are doing."

NeuBeam will soon ask ESVA residents to nominate health care workers and first responders through a similar Facebook effort. Those interested in learning more should visit the company's Facebook page at facebook.com/ NeuBeam.Internet/

The Eastern Shore Post will be closed on 12/23, 12/24, and 12/25 and 12/30, 12/31, and 1/1.

We will be checking voicemails and emails so that we can still bring you the

Eastern Shore Post on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you.





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- Angela Jean Nieves, 26, of Virginia Beach, and Woodlyn Walker Scott, 23. of Norfolk
- Stephanie Harmon Williams, 44, of New Church, and Alexander Williams, 52, of Painter
- Courtney Brooke Baylis, 26, and Dale Christopher Holcombe, 27, both of New Church
- Bethany Hope Clayton, 26, and Erik Wilson Hodgson, 26, both of Painter
- Ana Maria Ochoa Florez, 24, of Bowie, Md., and Joseph Taylor Swartz. 21. of New Church
- Hosanna Rene Jackson, 40, and Daniel Lawrence Murphy, 40, both of Chincoteague
- Sarah Monet Johnson, 21, of Lynchburg, and Jordan Thomas Breisch, 23, of Portsmouth
- Alexeus Chermese Berryhill, 30, of Onley, and Romar Lamont Reid, 36, of Wachapreague
- Alyssa Leeann Beebe, 27 and Derrick Wade Crockett, 45, both of Melfa
- Linda Lee Tuite, 63, and Hans Dieter Pfeiffer, 64, both of Severn, Md.
- Sara Nicole Phillips, 32, and Matthew David Chapman, 31, both of Vernon, Conn.
- Erica Janet Martinez Enriquez, 21, and Benigno Ontiveros Escalona, 28, both of Bloxom
- Darlene Gwen Russinko, 64, and Michael Kevin Dick, 58, both of Parksley
- Marie Lulianne Chery, 35, and Smith Estime, 54, both of Accomac



Lions Club Donates to ESCADV

The Onancock Area Lions Club made a donation to the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Pictured above are Ernie Swisher, Lions president, and Shelley Strain, executive director of ESCADV.



Toy Drive a Success

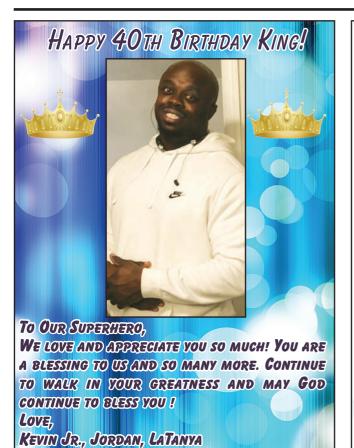
The Dollar General in Mappsville collected over \$300 in toys for the community.

Pictured above from left are Assistant Manager Shanita Warner, Seargent Tom Willett, and Store Manager Lisa Snyder.

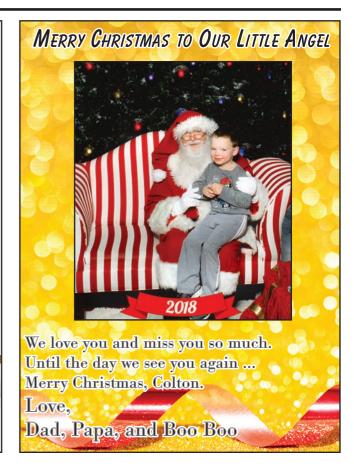
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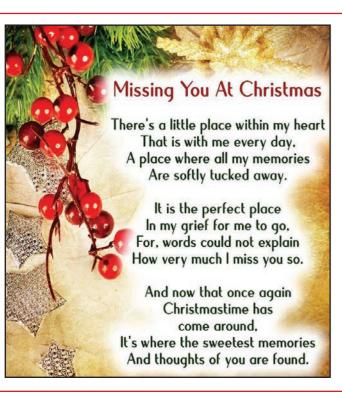
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Announcements













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Announcements (Cont'd)

The family of the late Salina Giddens wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to those who offered kindness, support, and messages of sympathy and comfort to us in our time of hereavement.

Lovingly submitted, Betty Fletcher and the Giddens family

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9-1-1 Communications Officer

The Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Commission is now accepting applications for 9-1-1 Communications Officers for part-time openings, including individuals' potentially interested in future full-time advancement. The qualified applicant will work rotating shifts, including weekdays, weekends, and holidays, as well as fill in shifts as needed. Communications Officers are responsible for answering 9-1-1 calls, verifying the callback number and address of the emergency, determining the nature of the emergency and transferring the call or dispatching the appropriate emergency response unit as required, as well as other associated duties.

Minimum qualifications are a high school diploma or equivalent, including some experience in keyboarding or typing. Applicants must be able to speak clearly and distinctly, understand and follow detailed directions, act quickly and effectively during emergencies, and operate complex telecommunications equipment. Desirable qualifications include two years experience in law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services, and/or public safety dispatching. Applicants selected for employment will be subject to a background investigation and drug screening.

Applications may be obtained at the Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Communications Center, 23201 Front St., P.O. Box 337, Accomac, Va. 23301 or by visiting www.esva911.org. Applications are due by 3 p.m., December 28th, 2020. The ESVA 9-1-1 Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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.

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_op-portunities/job_openings Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by December 28, 2020. Northampton County is an EOE.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity is seeking applicants for a part-time Assistant Executive Director. Duties include office management, correspondence, and other clerical duties. Good computer, organizational skills, and references are required. QuickBooks and knowledge of Grant procedures experience a plus. Applications are due by December 21, 2020, for a starting date Mid-January. Contact Nancy Gonzalez at 757 442-4687 or eshabitat@verizon.net.

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 <u>accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org.</u> Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, December 28, 2020, at 4:00 pm. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

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Position # L0080

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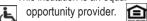
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The Town of Onancock Town Council will consider a resolution to accept a donation of real property at its normally scheduled meeting help virtually at 7:00 p.m., on December 21, 2020. The link to the meeting can be found by selecting the Town Council Meeting link on the Town's website (www.Onancock.com). Public comments will be allowed. Questions may also be asked in advance and in writing to Matt Spuck, Town Manager, Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com.

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Jesse M. Marsh, (2020041) has applied for approximately 4.9 acres of oyster planting ground in Burtons Bay situated in Accomack City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long; N37-36.7331 / W75-39.8449

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2020041):

https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

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Trade Adjustment Assistance Petition Approval Notification for Petition #96013 - Pacific, Cheriton, Virginia

The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) has been notified that employees of **Pacific, Cheriton, Virginia**, have been certified by the U.S. Department of Labor for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) provided under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. The U.S. Department of Labor has determined that a shift in production or services like, or directly in competition with, the products or services produced by the company contributed significantly to the decline in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers at the company. To be eligible for TAA, you must have been totally or partially separated from the company on or after December 12, 2018 and before December 12, 2020. Certain wage and employment qualifications must also be met in order to be eligible for TAA programs.

Because the VEC has determined that you may be eligible to file for TAA, you are advised to participate in an informational Conference Call with VEC representatives regarding Trade Act benefits and programs according to the following schedule:

> Tuesday, December 29, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Conference Call# 1-866-845-1266, Enter ID# 35164239 Instructions for filing and submitting your Claim will be covered during the Conference Call

Prior to participating in the Conference Call, you will be required to <u>certify</u> that you have read and viewed the power point presentation. This information can be found on our website at https://www.vec.virginia.gov/TAA-Benefits-Video. You will need to view the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Benefits Video, download/print all required forms necessary to file your Trade claim. If you do not have printing capabilities at home or through a relative, we suggest that you try your local library, church, or resource that can assist you. If you should encounter any problems securing the needed information, we ask that you email HamptonTradeQuestions@vec.virginia.gov.

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- Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) for older persons who have found employment
- Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTĆ) to assist towards monthly health insurance premium payments

These services have specific time limitations and eligibility requirements that must be met, so it is imperative that you file your Trade claim immediately. You must apply for each program separately.

For questions, assistance, or to notify the VEC that you are unable to attend, please email HamptonTradeQuestions@vec.virginia.gov

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Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of groundwater in Accomack County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 18, 2020 to January 19, 2021

PÉRMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board APPLICANT NAME. ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Kuzzens Inc., 3769 Grapeland Circle, Exmore, VA 23350; GW0071600

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL Mappsville North Complex; 12201 Lankford Highway, Mappsville, VA 23301

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Kuzzens Inc. has applied for a new permit for the Mappsville North Complex in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 25,479 of gallons per day. The groundwater withdrawal will support agricultural and domestic uses. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Yorktown-Eastover aguifer at a depth between 190 feet to 270 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aguifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on a map that can be viewed at https://www.deq. virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/waterwithdrawal

How to comment AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: Tony Cario; Department of Environmental Quality-Office of Water Supply, 1111 E. Main Street, Suite 1400, Richmond, VA 23219; Phone: 804.698.4089; Email: anthony.cario@DEQ.Virginia. gov; FAX: 804.698.4032. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.

23410. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 23, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$78,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200704696. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA on January 15, 2021, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF MELFA, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA BEING A PORTION OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, DESIGNATED ON A CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "MELFA, ACCOMAC [SIC] COUN-TY, VIRGINIA. JOHN W. MARTIN`S EST., LOTS WEST OF RAILROAD", DATED MAY 3, 1926 AND MADE BY FRED E. RUEDIGER, C.S., WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 3 AT PAGE 42, AND REFÉRENCE TO SAID PLAT IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DE-SCRIPTION OF THE LOT HEREIN CONVEYED. SAID LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND FRONTS ON STATE VIR-GINIA ROUTE 626 FOR A DISTANCE OF SEVENTY FEET (70°), AND IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 626; ON THE EAST, BY THE REMAINDER OF LOT 9, BLOCK, 2, NOW OR FORMERLY OF IRMA T. BELOTE; ON THE SOUTH BY LOT 11, BLOCK 2, NOW OR FORMERLY OF WOODROW C. GASKINS AND RUTH G. GASKINS; AND ON THE WEST, BY LOT 10, BLOCK 2, FORMERLY BY BURLEIGH S. DOUGHTY AND VONDA K. DOUGHTY, NOW OR FORMERLY OF MONA J. GEORGIANNA. 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 FOL-LOW 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 and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. 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-347731-2.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNES**-DAY, JANUARY 6, 2021 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 COM-MENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. VAR-000083-2020: Joyce Turner - Tax Map # 40-A-39

A hearing initiated by Joyce Turner to request a variance of 33 feet from the frontage regulations pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-82 which states 100 feet of frontage is required in the Residential Zoning District. Currently, there are two (2) dwelling units on one lot with a total of 184 feet of frontage. A variance is being requested so that a lot with 67 feet of frontage will be created to build a new home (in place of the existing one) at 28631 Saxis Road, Temperanceville, VA.

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 Building and Zoning Office 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

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

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND **APPLICATION**

Garland M. Killmon, (2020042) has applied for approximately 100 acres of oyster planting ground in Onancock Creek situated in Accomack City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-43.0701 / W75-49.8020

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2020042): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/ search_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday January 5th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and review the following applications to forward recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Minor SUP 2020-10 Accessory Dwelling: Barry and Paula Dombek are applying for a minor special use permit to construct an accessory dwelling on their property located on Cedar Cottage Road in Franktown. The property is zoned as A/RB (Agriculture/Rural Business) and is further described as Tax Map 20-A-38.

ZTA 2020-04 Mixed-Use Development: The Northampton County Board of Supervisors have applied to make amendments to the Northampton County Zoning Code to revise Mixed Use Development language. The text amendment removes two existing uses and definitions: mixed-use structure and combination line work unit and replace these with ture and combination live-work unit and replaces those with a mixed-use development use and definition. The proposed use and definition would allow mixed-use development in Conservation areas, Agricultural/Rural Business areas, Hamlets, Villages, Waterfront Villages, Town Edge districts, Rural Residential, and Existing Business/Commercial districts.

If the Planning Commission makes recommendation on the above and the application is not tabled, the Board of Supervisors shall also conduct public hearings on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers The application will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA.

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

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL20000917-00 Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

HONG LI v. SI YU LIU The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

It is ORDERED that SI YU LIU appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before JANUARY 25, 2021, at 9 a.m.

December 1, 2020 Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. 20CL836 Accomack County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 126, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301

ANTHONY M. BUTTERS v. WILLIAM S. BULL & VIRGINIA BULL and unknown heirs of WILLIAM S. BULL & VIRGINIA BULL The object of this suit is to: ESTABLISH TITLE BY ADVERSE POSSESSION TO REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX MAP NO. 075A0A000011900 NEAR ONANCOCK, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

It is ORDERED that WILLIAM S. BULL & VIRGINIA BULL and unknown heirs of WILLIAM S. BULL & VIRGINIA BULL appear at the above-named court and protect their interests on or before FEBRUARY 5, 2021.

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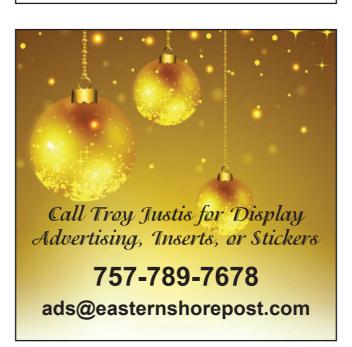


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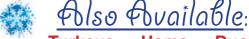
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Too Rural or Not Rural Enough?

By Ron Wolff

On Nov. 12, I attended Gov. Ralph Northam's announcement of a \$20 million investment in broadband internet on the Eastern Shore by Spectrum, a Charter Communications company.

Needless to say, I was full of positive anticipation as I listened to speakers tell of the 17,500 homes and businesses that were on the cusp of high speed internet service.

It was encouraging to see all spring and summer Spectrum and their contractors hanging cable from what seemed like every utility pole on the Eastern Shore. Up and down U.S. Route 13 and all the roads from Bayside to Seaside, all the incorporated towns, villages, and hamlets on the Eastern Shore would now be brought into the 21st century, just as our families were with rural electrification.

Leaders from federal and state government praised the efforts made by Spectrum to finally close the digital divide here on the Eastern Shore. The governor announced \$52 million to be spent in the next two years along with \$30 million in COVID Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding throughout the commonwealth.

Del. Rob Bloxom spoke even more positive words to my ears as he said, "an internet connection is vital to families today," and "I applaud Spectrum for their commitment to bringing broadband service to the Eastern Shore of Virginia."

Sen. Lewis also voiced the hope I was there to hear when he said, "It's critical for broadband providers like Spectrum to bridge the digital divide so that everyone has the tools they need to succeed in today's environment."

Rep. Luria reinforced all I was hearing when she said "investing in infrastructure now includes the internet as well."

When the ceremony concluded I sought out and introduced myself to the vice president for Spectrum on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, with the same anticipation and expectations I had as a kid, when I entered Memorial Stadium to see my first Orioles game. I told him of the dilemma I experienced almost 30 years ago, when building my home here in rural Virginia, on the Eastern Shore and contacted Charter Communications about cable TV service. And how Charter informed me that there weren't enough homes on my road to make it profitable to provide cable service. He was quick to ask for my location and contact information and to say that he would call me the next day.

As we spoke I remembered that throughout my travels across the Shore, I had not seen any of Spectrum's trucks hanging cable down my road, as I had everywhere else. It stopped about a mile and a half to the east, just outside the village of Atlantic and a mile

to the west along Route 13, outside of the incorporated town of Hallwood. I did not have a good feeling about this.

To my surprise, the next day I did receive the phone call saying that the matter was being turned over to the Onancock office and that office would conduct a survey of my location and get back with me. Several days passed when I received a robocall from Spectrum, informing me that service to my location and the four other homes on my road was not profitable due to the cost of running the cable.

I called the Spectrum VP the next day and within minutes of our conversation my hopes for high speed internet and TV service had vanished, just as they had almost 30 years ago.

So I ask: "Am I too rural or not rural enough?" To Spectrum, the 17,500 homes and businesses it plans to serve are just low-hanging fruit of profitability, not the actions of a true utility provider of all residents of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Ron Wolff is an Accomack County Supervisor representing Election District 2.

Electoral College Broken

Dear Editor:

In light of the results of the presidential elections of 2016 and 2020 there has come a call in the national media to abandon the Electoral College as confused and outdated, while adopting presidential election by direct popular vote. This idea was seriously considered by the Philadelphia Convention of 1787, but in the final analysis they adopted the more complex mode of Electors to select the President of the United States. Anyone interested in the rationale behind this should read Alexander Hamilton in Federalist #68; easily found online and very easy to read. As a delegate from New York to the Philadelphia Convention, Mr. Hamilton gives us an insider's view of the underlying reasoning behind this mode of selection.

The main problem today is that America has done the Electoral College so wrong for so long that the errors of this

system as practiced have become de facto

changes to the U.S. Constitution. The Achilles heel in this system is that it assumes a general voting population that is educated, trained, aware and involved at the State levels so that only those people most mature, experienced, impartial and trustworthy of service would be selected as Electors for that State. Unfortunately, We the People have been asleep at the wheel for well over 100 years, rousing ourselves to semi-consciousness every four years for the general elections. This has allowed partisan party politics to govern the selection of Electors and the operation of the Colleges in each State for presidential selection, virtually guaranteeing that only Democratic and Republican Party candidates will receive any consideration at all by the Electoral Colleges of the several States.

I don't believe that the Electoral Col-

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lege method of selecting the President of the United

States can be correctly done in modern America. Straying far from the original pathway we are now at the point where the Electoral College method needs to be scrapped and the selection of the President done by general popular vote. But be aware that this method exposes us to all of the problems and dangers mentioned by Mr. Hamilton in Federalist #68.

I read an article today about Hillary Clinton and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo casting their Electoral College ballots for Joe Biden. Their selection as Electors underscores my comments regarding the depth of error in the modern operation of the Electoral College. Neither should have been selected as Electors. Hillary is the very personification of a partisan Party politician who can make no claim to impartiality. Gov. Cuomo should have been passed over simply be-

cause he is a governmental office holder. Again, he cannot be impartial in his vote. The Electoral College process is broken beyond any repair.

Brian Bloedel, Accomac Suggested Biden Moniker: 'His Fraudulency'

Dear Editor:

President Martin Van Buren was rudely nicknamed "His Rotundency" by his detractors because of his ample waist.

Likewise, John Tyler was derisively referred to as "His Accidency," upon his ascendance to the presidency following William Henry Harrison's death after just 30 days in office.

If, on January 20, Joe Biden is inaugurated to the nation's highest office, "His Fraudulency" would be a highly appropriate — and well deserved – designation for the 46th president.

Kenneth Carpenter, Exmore



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