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Hydroponics Farm is Business of the Year

Steven Sturgis, left, and his son, Kyle, just celebrated the end of their first year of hydroponic growing. Their business, Shore Breeze Farms, was named Business of the Year by the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce. Story and more photos on Page 21. Photo by Jim Ritch.

CBBT Tunnel Construction Continues; Expected Completion Pushed to 2024

By Stefanie Jackson

Construction continues on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel's first parallel tunnel, near the Virginia Beach side of the bridge, with projected completion in 2024, approximately two years later than originally estimated.

"The key emphasis for the collective project team is high quality and durability over speed for completion deadlines," said Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Executive Director Jeff Holland.

The team consists of two groups: the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel project management team and the Chesapeake Tunnel Joint Venture, three contractors designing and building the tunnel — Dragados USA, Schiavone Construction Company LLC, and the Mott MacDonald Group.

The goal is for the new tunnel to "have a long-term durability of over 100 years," better than the original tunnels, which have required several improvements, Holland said.

Those are the Thimble Shoals tunnel, near Virginia Beach, and the Chesapeake Channel tunnel, near Northampton County.

The delay in construction of the new Thimble Shoals tunnel was caused by a combination of three factors: the permitting process, the termination of a key subcontractor, and the design of

the marine-works portion of the project, Holland said.

But new tunnel construction isn't the only improvement that's been going on at the Chesapeake Bay facility. A \$1.6 million project was recently completed, which replaced the lights in both existing tunnels with new LED lights.

The LED lighting was installed to enhance safety in the tunnels and save electricity. LED lighting also will be used in the new tunnel.

The majority of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel's electric consumption in 2018, or 45%, lighted its tunnels.

Of the remaining electricity the facility used that year, 24% ventilated the tunnels, 15% lighted roadways, and 16% provided all other electricity demands.

The tunnel lights used nearly 3.6 million kilowatts of power out of about 7.9 million kilowatts used by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel in 2018.

The parallel tunnel at Thimble Shoals is being built to alleviate traffic congestion near Virginia Beach during the busy summer tourist season when more people are traveling. The additional tunnel also can serve as a backup in case of an emergency.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in September 2017 on One Island,

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~Bridge-Tunnel~

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one of four manmade islands spanned by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

A restaurant and gift shop on One Island were closed permanently to save money on the \$756 million project. Rebuilding the restaurant, gift shop, parking lot, and entrance and exit ramps would have pushed the project cost to more than \$1 billion.

The tunnel will be dug by a 325-foot-long, cylinder-shaped boring machine nicknamed “Chessie,” after a long-necked monster that, according to legend, lives in the Chesapeake Bay, like “Nessie,” the mythical Loch Ness monster of Scotland.

“Chessie” was the winning entry in a naming contest held in elementary and middle schools on both sides of the bridge-tunnel in 2018. The winning entry was submitted by Grace Bentley, of Nandua Middle School.

Chessie was manufactured by a German company, Herrenknecht, to bore the one-mile-long, 42-foot-wide tunnel, which will be 70 feet underground, or 15 feet deeper than the existing Thimble Shoals tunnel.

Not only will the parallel tunnel be buried deeper than its counterpart, this will be the first time the boring technique will be used at the Chesapeake Bay facility. The two existing tunnels were built with the immersed tube method. The tunnels were prefabricated in sections that were floated out into the Chesapeake Bay and sunk into U-shaped trenches.

The boring technique was chosen for the parallel tunnel to limit the amount of work to be done while exposed to wind and waves and to avoid impact to the existing tunnel.

The boring machine’s launching pit will be located at One Island. The launching pit will eventually become the southbound exit of the new tunnel.

At the launching pit, a secant pile wall (a retaining wall of interlocking

drilled piles) will ensure a watertight excavation. The excavation area will be braced, with a concrete cradle at the bottom to hold the boring machine, which will be lowered one section at a time by a lift tower.

A temporary dock at One Island will be used for mucking and transferring excavation disposal, allowing barges to bring pieces of tunnel onsite, and storing sections of the tunnel liner.

On the front of the boring machine is a cutting wheel that turns and breaks up the soil that is transferred to the rear on a conveyor belt.

Pressure from hydraulic cylinders keeps the cutting wheel pressed against the face of the soil and prevents uncontrolled penetration of soil and water.

The completed tunnel will consist of rows of tunnel rings, with each ring made of 10 tunnel liner segments – nine large segments and one small segment called the key. The tunnel liner segments are manufactured by Concrete Systems Inc., of Chesapeake, and will be transferred into the work area by mine cars.

Each segment is positioned precisely and bolted next to the previous ring. The remaining gap between the soil and the liner ring is continuously filled with grout, creating a seal between the interior work area and the exterior soil and water.

Chessie is expected to arrive at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel in late 2021.

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel’s parallel tunnel project will be funded 29% by general funds, 34% by state and federal loans, and 37% by toll revenue bonds.

To pay for the project, tolls are expected to increase 10% every five years. The toll rate schedule was last updated Jan. 1, 2019. A round trip by car, if the return trip is made within 24 hours, currently costs \$20.

Without EZ Pass, each trip is \$14 to \$18, depending on the time of travel. See the full toll schedule at www.cbbt.com



The image above shows “Chessie,” the tunnel boring machine manufactured in Germany, which will be used during construction of the parallel Thimble Shoals tunnel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Photo courtesy of the CBBT.

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From Council Member to Cheriton Mayor: An Interview with Jackie Davis

By Stefanie Jackson

A longtime Eastern Shore resident, Jacqueline “Jackie” Davis, became the mayor-elect of Cheriton in November after serving just one two-year term on the town council.

Cheriton Mayor Larry LeMond had decided not to seek re-election but ran for a seat on the town council, which he won, meaning he and Davis will switch roles starting Jan. 1, 2021.

The role reversal was unplanned. LeMond had told the town council he would not seek re-election, and Davis decided to run for mayor after she reflected and prayed about the opportunity.

“I thought, if this is where God intends me to be, I’ll be there,” she said. “I just want to give 110% of what I am.”

She was unaware initially of her opponent, Warren “Ski” Wisneski, Cheriton’s building and code enforcement officer.

But there was no rivalry between the two candidates, who have a “great relationship” and “support each other no matter what,” Davis said.

She won without campaigning and had no explanation why voters chose her, but she hoped her financial experience was a factor.

Davis has worked in finance for most of her career, beginning right after she graduated from high school. She was a member of Nandua High School’s first graduating class.

Davis had attended Accomack County Public Schools since her family moved to Quinby in 1976, when she was 10 years old. The family moved from Northern Virginia after her parents retired.

Her first job was at a local bank, and later she worked for the Northampton County Treasurer’s Office.

She left her finance career to raise



Jackie Davis

three children and worked as a teacher’s aide at Broadwater Academy to coordinate her work schedule with her children’s school schedule.

After about 10 years, she went back to work for Northampton County and later obtained a position at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, where she has worked for the last three years in finance, payroll, and human resources.

Davis discovered Cheriton after her marriage of 20 years ended and her new life as a single mother necessitated her search for a safe, affordable place to live and raise her children.

“I just fell in love with Cheriton,” she said. Cheriton was an attractive choice because it was “a small town that had everything” within walking distance, minus the burden of paying both town and county taxes.

Cheriton requires each citizen to purchase a town decal for each vehicle owned, but there are no town real estate or personal property taxes.

That’s where Davis’ financial experience comes into play.

She is mindful of her responsibility to Cheriton citizens and works conscientiously to be a good steward of the town’s finances, always open to opportunities to maximize revenue and minimize spending.

Davis first considered running for town council after her kids had grown up and left for college.

She realized, “I actually have time that I can give back, and hopefully I can give something positive.”

Davis enjoys helping others, and in addition to her service on Cheriton’s town council, she has volunteered for organizations such as the local library and literacy council.

One of the town’s council’s accomplishments in 2020 that made Davis proud was keeping Cheriton safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

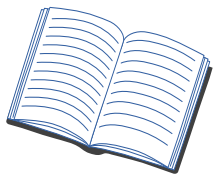
Cheriton purchased a germ-killing blue light and plexiglass barriers for the town office and increased sanitation measures, allowing the DMV Select office to continue operations, Davis said.

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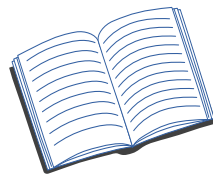
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“We have a beautiful town,” said the mayor-elect. Her vision for Cheriton is to preserve and enhance the town’s character while welcoming new residents and businesses.

At least one new business may be coming to town, a restaurant near the intersection of North Bayside Road and Route 13, Davis said.

She would like to see Cheriton form its own business association.

Davis also supports efforts to enhance the small town’s appeal to walkers and bicyclists. She noted that a bike station recently was installed in front of the town hall, and she looks forward to Northampton County’s rails-to-trails project that is expected to extend the Southern Tip Bike and Hike Trail past the town.

Cheriton wants to revisit its comprehensive plan after the update of the Northampton County comprehensive plan is complete, so the town’s planning committee can get a better idea of the future that citizens want for their town, she added.

Davis is looking forward to working with the town council in 2021 and looking at all the options in every situation before ultimately making the decisions that are in the best interest of Cheriton’s citizens.

She pledged, “We’re going to do the best we can.”

Perdue Wants Workers Given Vaccination Priority

By Carol Vaughn

Perdue Farms sent a letter to 16 governors, including Gov. Ralph Northam, urging prioritization of meat and poultry workers in upcoming COVID-19 vaccination programs.

Perdue is the nation’s fourth largest poultry producer.

The Dec. 10 letter, sent to governors of states where Perdue operates facilities, urges officials to give priority for vaccination to poultry and meat plant workers and their families.

The letter also urges officials to coordinate with other states to help stop community spread across state lines, noting many poultry workers commute from out of state.

Additionally, the letter urges states to accept Perdue’s offer to help educate the public about the vaccine.

“Our teams communicate daily to a diverse workforce in which more than a dozen languages are spoken. We also have deep relationships in the communities our associates call home, having worked directly with local political, religious, and business leaders. We stand ready to support the CDC and state governments in the important work of education and information dissemination through

direct communication to our associates, but also through a broader education effort in their communities,” the letter says.

Perdue also sent a letter to the Centers for Disease Control echoing the requests.

The CDC is allowing states to determine prioritization of vaccine distribution, according to the letters, which were signed by Perdue Farms chief executive officer Randy Day.

Perdue has 21,000 employees, including 3,081 employees in Virginia, according to the letter sent to Northam.

“(W)e are writing to you, the CDC, and all the governors of states where Perdue has operations to urge you to place not only meat and poultry workers, but also their families and co-habitants, at the top of the list as vaccines are distributed to those listed in Phase 1b,” the letter to Northam says, adding, “To truly stop the spread of this virus, and to protect the men and women who continue to support our economy and food supply through their essential work,

meat and poultry employees — and those who live with them — must be able to receive a vaccine as quickly as possible.”

The letter goes on to say that “a patchwork of state policies that prioritizes different groups may do little to stop community spread” because of people traveling between states on a regular basis.

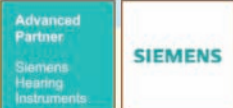
Perdue Farms is “uniquely situated” in communities with company facilities to support vaccination and education efforts, according to the letter, which notes most Perdue Farms facilities have their own wellness centers, staffed by health care professionals, where employees could receive the vaccine if allowed.

After outbreaks in the spring at poultry and meat packing plants around the United States, the companies responded by taking additional safety precautions. Case numbers among poultry workers on the Eastern Shore have been low since then, according to local health department officials.

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State Water Control Board Approves 10-Year Poultry Waste Permit

By Carol Vaughn

The State Water Control Board on Dec. 9 approved the 10-year general permit for managing waste from poultry farm operations in Virginia.

The permit regulates management of poultry manure, including manure used as fertilizer on farm fields.

Staff brought to the board a request to adopt the final amendments to the Virginia Pollution Abatement Regulation and General Permit for Poultry Waste Management, in order to allow for reissuance of the general permit, which was set to expire Nov. 30.

There are 954 poultry operations in Virginia permitted under the general permit, which requires that poultry waste management be conducted with no point source discharge of wastewater to surface waters except in the case of an extreme storm event, according to the meeting packet.

Additional requirements to track and report how and where poultry manure is moved and how it is applied as fertilizer were included in the final permit the board approved — something for which the Chesapeake Bay Foundation had advocated.

Another requirement the CBF wanted was not included in the final permit. That was a requirement to report use of additives to poultry litter.

According to a press release from the CBF, the additives reduce air and water pollution from ammonia from manure piles.

Joe Wood, CBF senior scientist, said that Virginia missed an opportunity to require reporting of the litter amendments, which he said would enhance understanding of the contribution of ammonia to nitrogen pollution in the Bay.

“Some additives to poultry manure can reduce the amount of ammonia that is released into the atmosphere and to our waters,” he said, adding that the additives also can help control runoff.

Wood said it is important for the Department of Environmental Quality to track their use.

“There is clear evidence that ammo-

nia emissions from poultry production are a major source of pollution to the Chesapeake Bay. Yet Virginia has still not considered ammonia emissions from poultry in any meaningful way. We must address ammonia emissions to protect Virginia’s waterways,” Wood said.

Still, the new reporting requirements included in the final permit will help better track “how much poultry manure is being put to good use and how much could be running off fields into creeks and rivers,” according to Wood.

Two virtual public hearings were held in September about proposed language in the regulation, according to the SWCB meeting packet.

DEQ staff received comments from 634 people and organizations about the proposed amendments.

Of that total, 500 comments came as result of a CBF action alert, with 486 of the comments being identical.

The comments asked that producers be required to report on type and amount of litter additives used and thanked DEQ for requiring reporting by end users and that litter be covered within 14 days.

Forty-eight comments came as part of a Virginia Farm Bureau action alert and opposed the end-user reporting requirements; new reporting requirements for poultry growers; and the proposal to require reporting for use of litter amendments.

A total of 113 farmers submitted comments. Ten had concerns about Freedom of Information Act implications for the required records; 86 farmers and farm organizations supported not requiring reporting of litter amendments; 87 did not support requiring poultry grower reporting of waste transfer records; and 123 commenters did not support requiring end users to report waste transfer and land application records, with some saying the new reporting requirement could have negative financial impacts and likely would result in less use of manure by users other than the poultry grower.

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Dominion Files Plan for Offshore Wind, Triggering Federal Review Process

By Stefanie Jackson

Dominion Energy has filed with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) its plan for the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project, the largest offshore wind farm in the U.S., according to a Dec. 18 press release.

“This is an important step in the process toward bringing commercial-scale offshore wind to the Commonwealth and shows Dominion Energy is committed to delivering the clean, renewable and reliable energy our customers expect from us,” said Dominion Energy Vice President of Offshore Wind Joshua Bennett.

Dominion Energy plans to install 188 offshore wind turbines about 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. Construction in the 112,800-acre commercial lease area is scheduled to begin in 2024.

The offshore wind project is part of a goal for Dominion’s Virginia operations to be 100% carbon-free by 2045, as required by the Virginia Clean Economy Act, signed into law by Gov. Ralph Northam in April.

The wind turbines will generate more than 2,600 megawatts of electricity,

enough to power up to 660,000 homes.

According to the press release, the CVOW project will create hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars of positive economic impact.

That includes approximately 900 jobs and \$143 million in annual economic impact during construction and 1,100 jobs and \$210 million in annual economic impact during operation.

The CVOW project is expected to generate annual local and state tax revenue of nearly \$5 million during construction and \$11 million during operation.

Dominion Energy filing a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) with BOEM is a required step that begins a two-year federal review process.

The purpose of the COP is to demonstrate that the offshore wind project is designed to protect “natural resources, the environment and human and wildlife health; uses the best available and safest technology, and does not unreasonably interfere with ... commercial and recreational fishing, commercial shipping lanes and military training maneuvers.”

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fishermen whose work may be impacted by the operation of the wind turbines include Tangier watermen who catch conch and sea bass in the area.

Todd Janeski, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program ocean planning stakeholder engagement coordinator, is an advocate for the watermen’s concerns and has facilitated meetings between the watermen and Dominion Energy representatives.

He recently highlighted a memo from the U.S. Department of the Interior released Dec. 14, which contained an opinion favorable to the watermen.

Daniel Jorjani, solicitor of the Department of the Interior, wrote that determining an offshore wind project’s “unreasonable interference” with fishing activity should be based on the perspective of the fishermen.

For example, if a wind project causes the fishermen’s arrival at a fishing location to be delayed a couple minutes, that is “minimal interference.”

However, if the wind project completely prevents the fishermen from accessing the area, “the degree of in-

terference would arise to the level of unreasonableness,” Jorjani wrote.

He also noted that the cumulative effects of interference should be considered.

“While one minimal interference by itself might not be unreasonable, the cumulative effect of multiple interferences” might be unreasonable “as a whole,” he added.

In other news impacting the offshore wind industry, the U.S. Senate passed the 2021 Defense Authorization Act, which states that all federal laws apply to installations for “exploring for, developing, or producing resources, including non-mineral energy resources” like offshore wind, Janeski noted.

If the 2021 Defense Authorization Act is signed into law, offshore wind farms will be required to comply with all federal laws, including the Jones Act, requiring most vessels operating on U.S. wind farms to be built and owned in the U.S.

An amendment to an earlier bill, the 2019 Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act, enforced the Jones Act for offshore renewable energy production.

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Court Postings *By Nancy Drury Duncan*

Jarrell Edward Corbin, 32, of New Church, entered pleas of not guilty at an arraignment. He is charged with the March 23, 2019, armed robbery of the Accomac Shore Stop, the Feb. 7 armed robbery of the Oak Hall Dollar General store, and the March 25 robbery of Corner Mart. He is also charged with possession of ammunition by a convicted felon.

Defense attorney Carl Bundick told the court his client wishes to be tried by a jury. Judge W. Revell Lewis III explained that because of the state's continuing judicial emergency, no jury trials are permitted in Accomack County at this time. He said the court has submitted a plan to safely conduct jury trials but it has not yet been approved.

Bail was denied for Tommy A. Brown, 36, of Atlantic. He is charged with attempted murder, conspiracy to

commit murder, and attempted malicious wounding.

The alleged victim, Gilbert Johnson Sr., appeared in court as a witness for the defense. He admitted he and Brown had an altercation, but said, of Brown, "He didn't do anything. He didn't have a gun." He blamed Brown's brother for the shooting.

"The defense's own witness was not credible," said Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan. "His testimony differed today." Morgan described video from Royal Farms security cameras showing people smashing out the windows on Brown's white Lincoln Town car with a baseball bat before the incident. Judge Lewis denied bail for Brown, saying it was because of the nature of the charges and danger to the community. "Johnson was present when your windows were smashed out," said Judge Lewis. "You went to

his residence. You were a victim and you went looking for Mr. Johnson. Bail denied."

Amber Putnam, 33, of Berlin, Pa., returned to court for a first offender return.

"She tested positive for cocaine and heroin, completed only 28 of her required 100 hours of community service, and has not paid her court costs," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Baker. "She is working and would like to continue her case until April," said defense attorney Garrett Dunham.

"I am going to give you a chance to avoid a felony," said Judge Lewis. He continued her case until April 15 and told her she needed to be making regular payments on her court costs.

Maurice James Bivens, 37, of Temperanceville, entered into a plea agreement with the commonwealth. In exchange for his plea of guilty, the original charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reduced to unlawful use of a motor vehicle, a misdemeanor.

In 2019, Bivens was staying with a female friend because he was going through a breakup, said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. On Sept. 25, 2019, the woman discovered that her two children and her car were missing. The children were found at Bivens' mother's house where he dropped them off. Bivens was apprehended on Oct. 10, 2019, in Crisfield, Md., after a traffic stop.

"He maintained he took the children because their mother had substance abuse issues," said defense attorney Patrick Robbins. He asked that his client be sentenced, saying he had already spent 71 days in jail.

Judge Lewis reprimanded Bivens for failing to come to court in October when his case was originally scheduled. "When you have a court date and are a defendant or a witness, it is not like an invitation to a party," he said. He sentenced Biven to 12 months in jail and suspended all but time served. He ordered him be on probation, supervised by Community Corrections, for one year. He ordered Bivens to pay \$400 in restitution, the amount paid

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by the victim to retrieve her car after Bivens' arrest in Maryland. Later, on the same day of this trial, Bivens was back in court as a witness for the commonwealth.

Kelly Waneta Fowler, 41, of Melfa, pleaded not guilty in a bench trial to two counts of distribution of cocaine. Maurice Bivens was the confidential informant hired by the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force to make two drug buys from Fowler on June 14, 2017. He testified he and Fowler knew each other. Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan played an audio recording of the telephone call to Fowler from Bivens, asking her to sell him crack cocaine. Morgan also showed a video of Bivens, who was wearing a camera and microphone, driving to Fowler's home and handing her the money for each purchase.

Defense attorney Kenneth Singleton argued that while the video showed Bivens handing Fowler the money, it did not show the drug being handed over. Task force agents testified that the informant and his vehicle

are searched for money and for drugs before going to make the buy and upon return. They said Bivens had no drugs and no cash when he left but returned twice that day, each time with a bag of crack cocaine. Testimony was that he was given \$100 for each buy.

The trial lasted almost three hours. In his final argument, Morgan said there was ample evidence to find the defendant guilty. "The task force doesn't want innocent people convicted," he said. Singleton said the task force relies on individuals acting as confidential informants who are doing it for money. "They have lied and committed crimes," he said. "If Mr. Bivens' testimony was all that there was, I could agree with you," said Judge Lewis, but that is not all there was. He said Biven called Fowler and asked if he could get a G (slang for a gram of cocaine). "She said yes and there she is (in the video) leaning into his car. He set it down on the seat. I find the evidence of the commonwealth is corroborated by the video." The judge found Fowler guilty on both charges. He ordered a presentence report and set her

sentencing for March 4, 2021.

Singleton asked that his client be allowed to remain on bond until her sentencing. He said she has no previous criminal record and provides care for five grandchildren. "Everyone relies on her," he said. "The offense date is over three years old," said Judge Lewis. "She may remain on bond."

Arkeven Montell Richardson, 32, of Onancock, pleaded guilty to distribution of cocaine in a plea agreement with the commonwealth. In Feb. 2019,

he sold 2.58 grams of cocaine for \$220 to a confidential informant working for the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force.

Judge Lewis sentenced Richardson to five years with all but one year and three months suspended, as specified in the agreement. He ordered him to be on supervised probation for three years and five years of good behavior. He allowed him to delay reporting to jail until Jan. 8, 2021, and warned him that the four years and nine months could be reimposed for a violation of his probation.

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Charles Stanley Donnell

Mr. Charles Stanley Donnell, 78, husband of Marlene Goldenbaum Donnell and a resident of Onancock, and formerly a longtime resident of Cream Ridge, N.J., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. Born in Trenton, N.J., he was the son of the late Willard F. Donnell and the late Mildred Reynolds Donnell. He was a retired welder-steamfitter, 58-year member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 9 in Englishtown, N.J., a member of the Peninsula Tractor Organization, and a life member of N.R.A. Benefactor Level. Charles was an avid hunter, fisherman, and woodworker.



Mr. Donnell

In addition to his loving wife of 60 years, he is survived by four children, Marvin Donnell and his wife, Arlene, of Zuni, Va., Kenneth Donnell, of Kittery, Maine, Dale Donnell and his wife, Stella, of Cream Ridge, and Daryl Donnell and his wife, Mary Jo, of Bordentown, N.J.; eight grandchildren, Kelly Donnell, Charles "Chaz" Donnell and his wife, Kelly, Mary Kate Soliva and her husband, Nelson, Sarah Day and her husband, Cory, Bradley Donnell, Emily Donnell, Coner Donnell, and Isabella Donnell; two great-grand-

children, Ryan Clayton and Bryer Donnell; a special nephew, Charles Amburn, and his wife, Melissa, and their daughter, Madelyn; and numerous other nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, John C. Donnell.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date at the family farm in Onancock. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The NRA Foundation, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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

Catherine H. Edmonds

Mrs. Catherine H. Edmonds, 85, of Onancock, slipped away from this earthly life on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020, at her residence.

Born in Cashville, Catherine was the beloved daughter of the late James E. Hill and the late Margie W. Hill. In 1970, Catherine married the love of her life, John Herman Edmonds. They shared 40 years of marriage until his demise in 2010. She first joined the workforce assisting her husband with his business ventures. Then she became a nurse's assistant and lastly a personal caregiver.



Mrs. Edmonds

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with Bishop R.W. Hill officiating. Interment was in the Fairview Lawn Cemetery, Onancock.

Catherine leaves to cherish her memories: her adopted daughter, Barbara Collins; two adopted grandchildren; four sisters, Margie Hill, Bertha Brutton, Rosemary Hill, and Elizabeth Mumford; two brothers, Bishop R.W. Hill and Wilbert Hill; three stepdaughters, Eva M. Marks, Joan Wilson, and C. Reneta Major; one stepson, Lawrence Bailey; four stepgrandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

Etta Lou Hill

Mrs. Etta Lou Hill, 79, of Greenbackville, passed away Dec. 15, 2020, at her home.

She was born in Fruitland, Md., on April 10, 1941, a daughter to the late Robert and Martha (Martin) Day.

She was a member of Union United Methodist Church and Greenbackville Vol. Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Etta is survived by her loving spouse of 34 years, Arthur "Reds" Hill, of Greenbackville; three daughters, Teresa Wimbrow and her husband, Paul, of Greenbackville, Pamela Hoffman and her husband, Jim, of Salisbury, Md., and Dana Massey and her husband, Jeff, of Greenbackville; stepdaughter, Teresa Selby, and her husband, Robert, of Greenbackville; stepson, Robert Hill, and his wife, Jamie, of Greenbackville; three grandsons, Kyle Watkinson and his wife, Ashley, of Parksley, Tyler Watkinson and his wife, Nikki, of Greenbackville, and Brice Massey, of Greenbackville; two step-grandsons, Bobby Selby and his wife, Tammy, of Parksley, and John Selby and his wife, Amanda, of Staunton, Va.; three great-granddaughters, Natalie Watkinson, of Princess Anne, Md., Hailey Watkinson, of Princess Anne, and Mackenzie Watkinson, of Greenbackville; two great-grandsons, Grayson Watkinson, of Greenbackville, and Kenson Watkinson, of Parksley; two stepgreat-granddaughters, Tracy Selby, of Parksley, and Addisynn Selby, of Staunton; stepgreat-grandson, Levi Selby, of Staunton; several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.



Mrs. Hill

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Howard Milton Marshall Jr.; two twin great-granddaughters, Addison and Kenslee Watkinson; sister, Elizabeth Drummond; brother, Robert Day Jr.; and first husband, Howard "Pete" Marshall Sr.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020, at the Greenbackville Cemetery, Greenbackville, with the Rev. Brenda Laws officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made to Union United Methodist Church, 2198 Spinnaker St., Greenbackville, VA 23356, or Greenbackville Vol. Fire Department, P.O. Box 156, Greenbackville, VA 23356.

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

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Leon McMann

Our dad, **Leon McMann**, was born on Feb. 22, 1931, to Charlie and Alma McMann. He was followed by two sisters, Jeanette Ward and Emma Jane Sterling. He was born on Tangier Island and remained there until this past Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, when he went home to be with the Lord.

Mom would often say that they fell in love with each other in the seventh grade, never even dating anyone else, and on June 5, 1950, they were married. Their children: Carlene, Nick, Irene, and Carolyn, grew up in a home that knew so much love. Twenty-five grandkids and great-grandkids would follow. For the past 15 years, even after mom died, we have met at their home for a Sunday lunch after church, whether there were eight of us or all of us. Mom made us promise to continue this when she died. We will miss that, it kept us tied to each other, connected.

When Mom passed away from cancer in 2011, it was very hard on Dad. We had learned from both of them how important family was, and from Mom's death on, every day, Dad took turns eating supper with his children.

Dad was a part of a group of men, young and old, who had started meeting in a place most of us referred to as the "Old Men's Place." They would meet twice a day and try to solve the world's problems. They had a coffee pot, chairs, and plenty of opinions. Eventually it was referred to as the "Situation Room," and Dad developed strong and lasting friendships with these men. Many times, reporters looking for a good story would often end up there and sit in on their conversations.

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Dad and Mom had a great life together. It was filled with heartaches and struggles like everyone else's but early on in their life together, they became Christians. Their lives were filled with teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, singing with each other, and working with missions. Dad loved going on mission trips with many of the men in that Situation Room. Florida, Mississippi, and West Virginia, were a few of the places he went.

Dad and Mom had given us a life too rich for words, but they also prepared us for the next life. They knew and believed that Jesus was coming again and eternal life was theirs. Heaven was a very real place for them, and Dad knew Mom was waiting for him. Last Thursday, when he breathed out that last breath in that bed, leaving us..., his next breath would take him in the very presence of God.

He would see Mom, I couldn't help but think about her...surely a celebration takes place when someone comes home...did she know who the party was for....when do you think God told her that it was for Dad...He was on his way...

A Celebration of the Life of Leon McMann will be held at a later date on Tangier Island.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to New Testament Church, Mission Fund, Attention: Faith Charnock, P.O. Box 231, Tangier, VA 23440.

Thomas Coe Pruitt Jr.

Mr. Thomas Coe Pruitt Jr., 66, a resident of Melfa, passed away Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at his residence. A native of Wachapreague, he was the son of the late Thomas C. Pruitt and the late LaBelle Sturgis Pruitt Tyndall. Tommy was a retired master electrician, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, and in his younger years worked on Ray Parker's party boat.

Tommy is survived by his companion of 16 years, Brenda Lee Johnson; two daughters, Adrianna Pruitt, of Melfa, and Anndrea Pruitt Rodriguez, of Melfa; one son, Andrew Pruitt, of Bayview; one brother, Keith Pruitt, of Exmore; and his grandson, Carter Rodriguez.

A celebration of life service will be conducted Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, at 2 p.m., at Pungoteague Community Church, with the Rev. Bobby Carroll Huether officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SPCA Eastern Shore Inc., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418, or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, MD 21803-0163.

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



Mr. Pruitt

Sylvia Whitmore

Mrs. Sylvia Faye Godwin Whitmore, 78, wife of the late Ronnie Eugene Whitmore and a resident of Gargatha, formerly of Smithfield, Va., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Md. A native of Sanford, Sylvia was born Oct. 15, 1942, a daughter to the late John Nathan Godwin and Irene White Godwin.

Always on the go, Sylvia kept busy through her role as a wife, mother, and grandmother, as an active member of Hallwood Baptist Church, and traveling. She especially enjoyed trips to Pennsylvania and North Carolina, and for many years, she spent countless hours sewing and crocheting gifts for friends and family. Sylvia cherished time spent with family and adored her teacup poodle, Lexie, all of whom will greatly miss her.



Mrs. Whitmore

Survivors include her loving children, Tana Miles Brittingham, of Smithfield, Lou Ann Burkhead and her husband, David, of Gargatha, Anita Burkhead, of Parksley, and Shari Gary and her husband, Jerry, of Smithfield; sisters, Louetta Gibbons, of Onancock, Ann Pruitt, of Pocomoke City, Md., and Roberta Chance, of Sanford; grandchildren, Autumn and Austin Brittingham, and Mackenzie and Olivia Burkhead; special friend, Dallas "Butch" Thomas, of Pocomoke City; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her siblings, Peggy Miller and Johnny N. Godwin Jr.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside at the John W. Taylor Memorial Cemetery on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Danny Shrieves officiating.

Contributions in Sylvia's memory may be made to Hallwood Baptist Church, c/o Max Marshall, P.O. Box 43, Hallwood, VA 23359.

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

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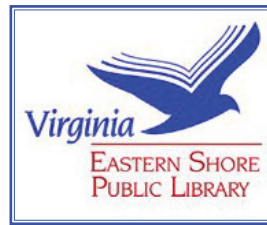
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For \$12,000
- From Nancy and Robert D. Umphlett Sr.

- To Laura Wessells and Joseph Lee
James Bloxom
Lot A, Monarch Lane, Chincoteague
For \$50,000
- From Dorothy N. Thomas and Anita J. Leitch, trustees
To Laura D. Kerbin
3 parcels, 24326 Finney Drive near
Onancock
For \$260,000
- From Kimberly and George Banks
To Jennifer S. and Robert J. Lynch
Trails End Lot 135 Unit 3, Horntown
For \$27,500
- From Julianna L. and Daniel J. Madden IV
To Susan K. and William R. Braun
5505 Warren St., Chincoteague
For \$480,000
- From John R. Deal Jr.
To Hugo Velasquez Velasquez and Elia Anahi Roblero Bravo
24151 Front St., Accomac
For \$135,000
- From Thomas G. Kelbaugh and Nancy Ruth Bevard
To Michelle N. and Devin L. Alles
8234 Sea Bird Drive, Chincoteague
For \$127,116
- From Gloria Jean Wolfe
To Julie Ann Nash, Aaron D. Johnson, and Christopher Honeycutt
24212 Catherine St., Parksley
For \$124,000
- From Lisa M. and Jeff R. Stepler
To Anne Marie Cooke and Stephen C. Lynn
Captains Cove Lot 342 Section 2,
Greenbackville
For \$167,000
- Northampton County**
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Thomas and Dianne Frantz
Lot 128, Cape Charles, Bay Creek
For \$570,000
- From David and Agnes Carroll
To Lori and Owen Sigmon Jr.
Lot 64, Cape Charles, Bay Creek
For \$20,000
- From Terry Sell and J&B Sell LLC
To B&W Miller LLC
Parcel A, 2.563 acres, Exmore
For \$900,000
- From Rhonda Zerphey-Greenlee
To Keith and Paula Hennessy
Lot G, near the saltworks, Occohan-
nock Neck
For \$59,900
- From Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
To Juan Reyes and Herlinda Mireles

- Parcel in Exmore
For \$30,000
- From Marion Simonsen
To Christopher and Kimberly Larkin
Unit 12, Kiptopeke Condominiums
For \$185,000
- From Mary Harrissmith
To Barbara Plummer
2 parcels in Cheriton
For \$192,500
- From U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., trustee
To Rosalia Cruz
5297 Cobbs Station Road, Cheriton
For \$64,000
- From Kathryn Ashby
To Colleen Brennan and Lisa Bashinkski
Lot 30, Exmore
For \$140,000
- From MLT Enterprises LLC
To Thomas and Katherine Austin
Unit 506, Nectarine St. Condominium, Cape Charles
For \$325,000
- From Kathleen Hurley
To Catherine Stinson
Lot 10A, Wilsonia Neck, Machipongo
For \$377,000
- From UB Properties Inc.
To Eastern Shore Holdings LLC
Parcel in Exmore
For \$12,075
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Beacon at Bay Creek LLC
Lots 8A and 8B, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$142,000
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Beacon at Bay Creek LLC
Lots 15A and 15B, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$142,000
- From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Lucille Joynes and Dorothy Beacham
To Timothy Cannon Jr.
Parcel east of Treherneville
For \$1,000
- From William Scott
To Frederick and Darlene Garofalo
Parcel 4A, 7.14 acres, near Seaview
For \$83,000
- From Cesar Cuevas Jr.
To Joshua Justice
Lot 1, 0.951 acres, near Capeville
For \$140,000
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To David Loy and Elizabeth Suarez-Loy
Lot 48, Bayside Village, Cape Charles
For \$325,000

Off the Shelf: News From Eastern Shore Public Library



Peterson's Career Prep

Is career planning one of your new year's resolutions? Eastern Shore Public Library's newest eResource on the library's website is Peterson's Career Prep. It is provided to ESPL library card holders by the Library of Virginia as part of the FindItVa suite of eResources. Peterson's provides the tools necessary for an individual to create a resume and cover letter to help land a job. By just answering a few questions, it will recommend potential careers to meet a job seeker's skills and interest. Job searches can also be conducted using Peterson's.

In the Create a Resume section, a resume can be uploaded from a computer or flash drive and updated in this program. Job seekers who do not have a saved resume can create one along with a cover letter within the software program. These items can be saved online, published as a website to reach many potential employers, or downloaded in Microsoft Word or PDF format. The end result is a very professional formatted document, which will assist anyone who is trying to find a job or start a new career.

In the Find a Career section, there are four brief assessments to complete that evaluate interests, values, personality, and workplace preferences. Assessment results will be revealed, explained in detail, and can be printed or downloaded. If you do not agree with the result or want to change an answer to a question, the assessment can be retaken.

The next step is to Explore Career Matches, which is a very interesting section. The subject area is listed such as "Arts, Media & Communication," with a graph of how it matches the assessment results. When the subject area is explored further by selecting View Careers, an occupation is revealed with the match level, job description, and average salary. This is an excellent resource for job seekers who want to look for or switch careers and employers who need to create job descriptions.

Conducting a job search within

Peterson's Career Prep is convenient and easy. Click on Find Jobs, type in the job title, keywords, or company and the location ZIP code. Click on Search Jobs to read the results. Select Learn More to be redirected to wwwIndeed.com, which allows you to apply for the job without exiting Peterson's.

The final section is Advice, which contains individual modules that will help guide job seekers through the career-seeking process, from searching for jobs to preparing resumes and cover letters to negotiating job conditions. If you do not know where to start in hunting for new employment, review the Advice section first before trying to create a cover letter and resume.

Overall, Peterson's Career Prep is an excellent eResource that helps job seekers highlight their abilities and work experience to create a professional looking resume with cover letter that many potential employers require today.

To find Peterson's Career Prep, go to the eResources tab at www.espl.org. The Eastern Shore Public Library System has four libraries in Accomac, Cape Charles, Chincoteague, and Nassawadox. Your ESPL library card can be used at any of the four libraries. For more information about your library services, library hours of operation, or your library account, visit your local public library in person, visit www.espl.org, "like" us on Facebook and Twitter, or call the library Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 757-787-3400.

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	Chinco. Channel	H 4:43 p.m. L 10:55 a.m.	H 5:30 p.m. L 11:44 a.m.	H 5:57 p.m. L 12:31 p.m.	H 6:41 a.m. L 1:15 p.m.	H 7:23 a.m. L 1:57 p.m.	H 8:05 a.m. L 2:39 p.m.	H 8:47 a.m. L 3:20 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 5:36 p.m. L 11:41 a.m.	H 6:09 a.m. L 12:30 p.m.	H 6:52 a.m. L 1:15 p.m.	H 7:35 a.m. L 1:57 p.m.	H 8:17 a.m. L 2:38 p.m.	H 8:59 a.m. L 3:20 p.m.	H 9:42 a.m. L 4:02 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 5:29 p.m. L 11:23 a.m.	H 6:02 a.m. L 12:15 p.m.	H 6:45 a.m. L 1:00 p.m.	H 7:28 a.m. L 1:42 p.m.	H 8:10 a.m. L 2:23 p.m.	H 8:52 a.m. L 3:05 p.m.	H 9:35 a.m. L 3:47 p.m.
	Wachapreague	H 4:59 p.m. L 10:57 a.m.	H 5:46 p.m. L 11:46 a.m.	H 6:19 a.m. L 12:35 p.m.	H 7:04 a.m. L 1:21 p.m.	H 7:50 a.m. L 2:05 p.m.	H 8:36 a.m. L 2:48 p.m.	H 9:19 a.m. L 3:28 p.m.
	Quinby Inlet	H 4:40 p.m. L 10:41 a.m.	H 5:25 p.m. L 11:30 a.m.	H 5:56 a.m. L 12:15 p.m.	H 6:39 a.m. L 12:57 p.m.	H 7:21 a.m. L 1:38 p.m.	H 8:03 a.m. L 2:20 p.m.	H 8:46 a.m. L 3:02 p.m.
	Machipongo	H 5:10 p.m. L 11:10 a.m.	H 5:55 p.m. L 11:59 a.m.	H 6:26 a.m. L 12:44 p.m.	H 7:09 a.m. L 1:26 p.m.	H 7:51 a.m. L 2:07 p.m.	H 8:33 a.m. L 2:49 p.m.	H 9:16 a.m. L 3:31 p.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 8:38 a.m. L 3:08 p.m.	H 9:22 a.m. L 3:57 p.m.	H 10:03 a.m. L 4:42 p.m.	H 10:42 a.m. L 5:24 p.m.	H 11:19 a.m. L 6:04 p.m.	H 11:58 a.m. L 5:41 a.m.	H 12:37 p.m. L 6:18 a.m.
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	Guard Shore	H 8:54 a.m. L 3:54 p.m.	H 9:38 a.m. L 4:39 p.m.	H 10:20 a.m. L 5:20 p.m.	H 10:59 a.m. L 5:59 p.m.	H 11:38 a.m. L 5:43 a.m.	H 12:17 p.m. L 6:24 a.m.	H 12:56 p.m. L 7:05 a.m.
	Chescon. Creek	H 8:29 a.m. L 3:07 p.m.	H 9:14 a.m. L 3:51 p.m.	H 9:55 a.m. L 4:32 p.m.	H 10:35 a.m. L 5:11 p.m.	H 11:14 a.m. L 5:49 p.m.	H 11:53 a.m. L 6:27 p.m.	H 12:31 p.m. L 6:17 a.m.
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: HUMOROUS ANECDOTE

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| Car brand | Holiday | Pet | U.S. city |
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Last Week's Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆
 ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!
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Super Crossword

EMCEE RIVALRY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Moves like a dog's tail
 - 5 Sicilian erupter
 - 9 Not too swift
 - 16 Slack-jawed feeling
 - 19 Question to an unknown caller
 - 21 Portable grill
 - 22 See 38-Down
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 In favor of
 - 26 Downhillers, e.g.
 - 27 "— haw!" (rodeo yell)
 - 28 Magazine agent's success
 - 30 Total failure
 - 32 Riddle, part 2
 - 36 Run — (buy drinks on credit)
 - 37 Title for Lancelot
 - 39 Sleep study acronym
 - 40 Big vases
 - 41 Riddle, part 3
 - 49 Cab
 - Calloway catchphrase
 - 50 Lovingly, to a musician
 - 51 Common folks
 - 55 Similar to
 - 57 Actor Kilmer
 - 58 Peppery
 - 59 Boxer Clay, later
 - 60 Riddle, part 4
 - 69 PC combo key
 - 70 Water, in Vichy
 - 71 A, in Italy
 - 72 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
 - 73 Riddle, part 5
 - 81 Author Rand
 - 82 Fall Classic mo.
 - 83 12, on a sundial
 - 84 Small kid
 - 85 Clorox, e.g.
 - 87 Having no
 - 91 Sarajevo locale
 - 96 Riddle, part 6
 - 99 Some vipers
 - 102 — -pah-pah
 - 103 Gen. Lee's side: Abbr.
 - 104 Half-pint
 - 105 End of the riddle
 - 111 — Stone (hieroglyphic discovery)
 - 114 Gretel's brother
 - 115 Metal source
 - 116 Painter's undercoat
 - 117 A Gershwin brother
 - 118 Riddle's answer
 - 125 Sci-fi author Stanislaw
 - 126 Email, e.g.
 - 127 Some overcrowded houses
 - 128 Historic span
 - 129 Smiled villainously
 - 130 See 74-Down
 - 131 Top of a car
 - 11 Shikoku sash
 - 12 Is no longer
 - 13 Here, in Le Havre
 - 14 Sandbar
 - 15 Indian language
 - 16 Public scandal
 - 17 Like Afghans
 - 18 Act of exiting
 - 20 Clic — (Bic brand)
 - 24 Drain-clearing stuff
 - 29 Shocks
 - 30 Quick race
 - 31 Sewing case
 - 32 Baby buggy, to Brits
 - 33 Tolkien meanies
 - 34 Fish in a Pixar title
 - 35 Doctors' gp.
 - 38 With 22-Across, spaced out
 - 42 "If — a Hammer"
 - 43 Mouselike animal
 - 44 1970s Chevy
 - 45 "Curses!"
 - 46 Shed skin or feathers
 - 47 Doctors' gps.
 - 48 Curse
 - 52 Resident of Riyadh
 - 53 Page of "Juno"
 - 54 Album's first half
 - 56 Make — in (begin working on)
 - 58 "Grand" hotel
 - 60 1983 comedy with Mr. T
 - 61 Gasoline additive
 - 62 Wading bird
 - 63 Sickly
 - 64 Label
 - 65 Color shade
 - 66 "Say again?"
 - 67 Rock's Brian
 - 68 Boat mover
 - 74 With 130-Across, home of a Scottish "monster"
 - 75 Say again
 - 76 Old lovers
 - 77 "Say it — so!"
 - 78 — Field (Mets' home)
 - 79 Drifting sort
 - 80 English prep school
 - 86 Aides: Abbr.
 - 87 "Hmm, I guess so"
 - 88 Grandiosity
 - 89 In the past
 - 90 Magazine or book divs.
 - 92 Wall — (financial district employee)
 - 93 Nearly massless particle
 - 94 Lacks entity
 - 95 "— boy!"
 - 97 Vie for the love of
 - 98 Lurches from side to side
 - 99 For a spell
 - 100 Generous type
 - 101 It's west of Colombia
 - 106 Bursts (with)
 - 107 Of the past
 - 108 Ski cottage
 - 109 Like pop flies
 - 110 Co.'s top dog
 - 112 Hall's pop partner
 - 113 Slightly built
 - 116 Admiral Graf — (German warship)
 - 119 Mao — -tung
 - 120 Sugar-name suffix
 - 121 Big rabbit feature
 - 122 Peak: Abbr.
 - 123 Siouan tribe member
 - 124 Abbr. on a bounced check

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals H

WDKFWP, KNF LDTCTF ZV

RJTTPZMX D WJK CJTF JLFM.

NF NDV CDMP XTJRZMX AJMAFTMV.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIBU EP ZPV HFU XIFO ZPV DSPTT

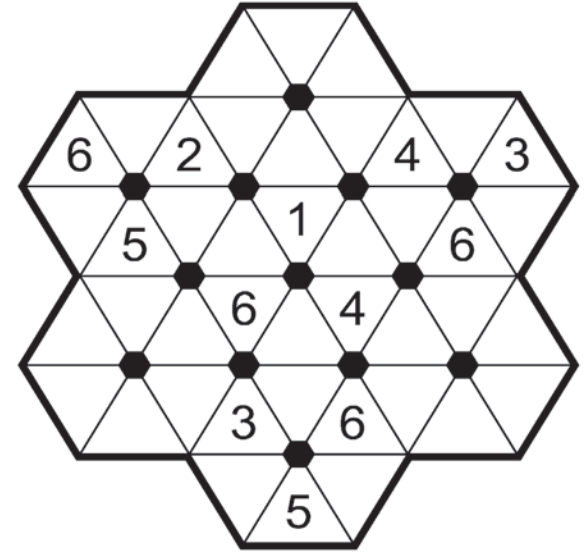
DISJTUNBT FWF XJUI UJFE-VQ SPQF?

UIF LOPU CFGPSF DISJTUNBT.

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Bonus Puzzle Page

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Bob Schwartz

"About this dish called 'Chef's Delight' ... is there anything on the menu called '_____ Delight'?"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

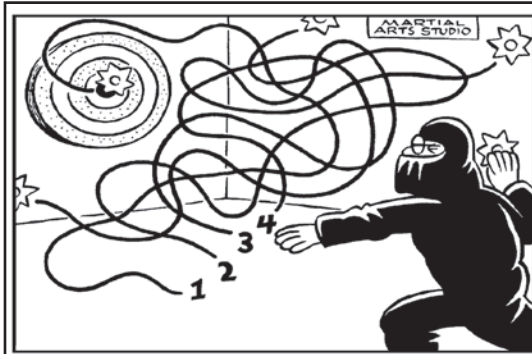
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TODAY'S WORD



THE NEARSIGHTED NINJA! One out of four is pretty bad. Can you guess which throw hit the target?

Answer: Number one.

TIME TO HIT THE ROAD! Write the number "11030" on a piece of paper, hand it to a friend, and challenge him to change the number to a homeless man by adding two lines to it.



Answer: A line between the 1's and another in front of the 3 gives us the word "HOBO."

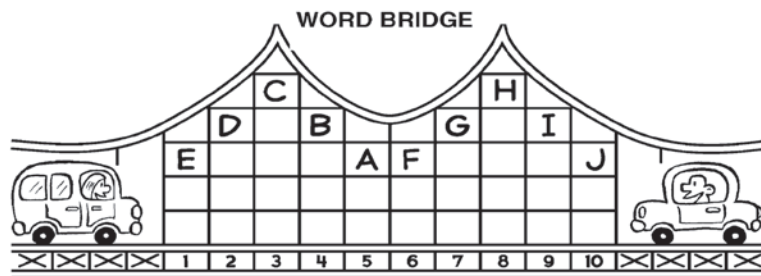
LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

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|---------|------|
| 1. CAR | NEST |
| 2. HERE | LED |
| 3. EAR | ROT |
| 4. DORM | TIC |
| 5. GAB | ART |
| 6. IMP | ANT |

Answers: Carrot, heretic, earnest, dormant, gabled, impart

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. Great self-esteem.
2. Disagreeably humid.
3. Type of TV transmission.
4. Refuse to go on.
5. Expression of surprise.
6. A Mediterranean cap.
7. A valley
8. What ghosts do.
9. Where travelers stay.
10. Preserved fruit.

Answers: 1. Ego. 2. Dank. 3. Cable. 4. Balk. 5. Aha. 6. Fez. 7. Glen. 8. Haunt. 9. Inns. 10. Jam.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's beard is longer.

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Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest: Here Fishy, Fishy, Fish!



**This Week's
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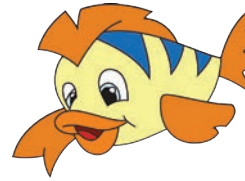


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**Last Week's Contest:
Find the Special Candelabra**
 Last week's edition had candelabra on pages 15, 25, 28, 30, 32, 33, 40, 41, and 44. From among the contestants who found all nine candelabra, Patricia Voss, of Bloxom, was chosen at random to win the Super Tailgate chicken dinner from Bojangles.

**This Week's Contest:
Find the Cartoon Fish**
 In recognition of this week's sponsor (Eastern Shore Pets), we have placed six fish in this week's newspaper. Specifically, this little darling:



From among the osprey-eyed readers who find all six, we will randomly choose one reader to receive a \$25 gift certificate to Eastern Shore Pets in Onley. See sponsor's box on this page.

The rules:

- Find the fish 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. 28. Entries arriving after noon on Monday the 28th 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 a fish you bought, a butterfly you caught, or iron you wrought. 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.

**Last Week's
Winner**



Patricia Voss, of Bloxom, pledged that one day she would win the osprey-eyed contest. And on Christmas Day her wish came true. Voss was chosen at random from all the contestants who found the candelabra and won the Super Tailgate dinner from Bojangles in Onley. Pictured are Voss' children, Alanna and Asher, looking spiffy in their matching shirts.

Runners-Up



Looking regal and ready for Christmas while posing with his Little Lamb is Asher, a dog rescued by Marion Robinson, of Chincoteague.



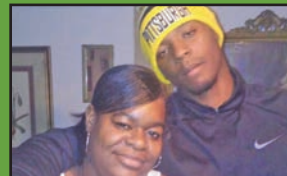
Terry Ewell, of Youngs Creek, sent in this picture of "my four-legged, very intelligent daughter Annie, a border collie named for my beloved grandmother, Annie Simpson."



This is Britton Parks displaying extreme cookie delight, sent in by Britton's mom, runner-up Hollis Parks, of Parksley.



Looking beyond adorable, this is one of several kittens rescued by Beth McHenry, of Parksley, during COVID-19 and needing a home.



Regular osprey-eyed contestant Cotina Strand, of Melfa, sent this picture of her with her son, Don-trail, having fun at Christmas four years ago.



Amy Eckard, of Temperanceville, insists this is Manny either singing "Fleas Navidad" or singing FOR some Bojangles chicken.

Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Brittany Pettit, Parksley
 Teresa Rudiger, Melfa
 Kimberly Rice, Bloxom
 Kimberly Laxton, Onancock

Jeanette Bell, Onley
 Milissa Whitfield, Jamesville
 Theresa Lattimore, Bloxom

Jerome Schaum, Machipongo
 Patricia Willey, Quinby
 Charles Koski, Chincoteague

Dawn Taylor, Parksley
 Jimmy Nickerson, Parksley
 Rob Moore, Cape Charles
 Pamela Wilkins, Capeville

Random Facts About ... Christmas Miracles, Believe Them or Not

By David Martin

Today when we checked our internet tubes, they were clean and unbroken. It's a Christmas miracle!

Yujin Nagasawa, a professor of philosophy at the University of Birmingham, says that belief in miracles might simply be a manifestation of wishful thinking. Or the belief in miracles could be linked to cognitive development, in that we are born with a sensitivity to and fascination with events that appear to defy the laws of nature. The professor dismisses the possibility that miracles actually occur.

Christmas Eve, 1931, Ed and Julia Stewart's car breaks down in the desert near Superior, Ariz. While Ed looks to fixing the car, Julia takes a walk and spots a hatbox, of all things. In the desert. She and Ed investigate — and they find a newborn girl inside, alive. Ed gets the car running and the couple feeds the baby warm water from a thermos. Eventually, the girl, named Sharon but known as the Hatbox Baby, is adopted. What are the chances that a car would randomly break down in exactly that spot or that Julia would walk exactly where the hatbox was? It's a Christmas miracle. Except some people didn't think so. The Stewarts were subpoenaed to testify at a child abandonment hearing. The judge decided that the child could be put up for adoption, but suspicions still dogged the Stewarts. It wasn't until some 90 years later that DNA tests showed there was no connection between the Stewarts and the Hatbox Baby.

It's three days before Christmas in the 1950s in Brooklyn when a storm damages a church, allowing rain to ruin plaster on the wall behind the pulpit. The pastor and his wife debated canceling Christmas service, that's how ugly

the wall damage was. By luck, the pastor stopped at a flea market and bought a magnificent gold and ivory tablecloth. It was exquisitely done, a huge ivory cloth with gold embroidered edging — perfect for hiding the plaster damage. After the pastor hung the tablecloth, he noticed an elderly woman at the bus stop outside the church. The bus wasn't due for another hour and the weather was frightful, so the pastor invited her into the church whereupon she saw the tablecloth. The woman rushed up to the pulpit and then to the tablecloth on the wall, holding its gold edge in her trembling hands, crying openly. The concerned pastor came to the woman who had difficulty with English and kept saying the tablecloth was hers. She finally was able to explain. She had made the gold and ivory tablecloth more than 30 years before, in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was sent to a concentration camp and never found out what happened to her husband or any of their possessions. The pastor offered to return the tablecloth to the woman, but she was adamant. The tablecloth should stay in the church. "Well, at least let me drive you home," he told the woman. Two days later, after the Christmas Eve service, one man remained sitting in a pew long after all the other worshippers had left. The man, confused and teary-eyed, tried to explain in broken English. "You see," the man told the pastor, "my wife made a tablecloth exactly like that one. This was in Austria before the war. She was taken away by the Nazis. I was arrested. We never saw each other again. It's impossible that two gold and ivory tablecloths of that size and beauty should exist, do you agree?" The pastor told the man he would like to take him to meet someone who lived in an apartment on

Staten Island. The pastor knew exactly where the apartment was. "I took your wife there two days ago." (The fact-checking site Snopes labels this story, a version of which was published in a 1954 edition of Reader's Digest, as "legend.")

Finally, there's the Christmas mira-

cle story about a young couple unable to get a room on Christmas Eve even though the woman was heavy with child. They had to stay in a stable and, when the child was born, the couple had to put him in a manger. Oh, wait... you already know that story.

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Northampton Chamber Names Shore Breeze Farms Business of the Year



Story and Photos by Jim Ritch

Every week, even in the cold of December, a harvest of lettuce departs the hydroponic greenhouse of Shore Breeze Farms in Cheriton, destined for local schools, restaurants, farm markets, and grocery stores.

This December, the new and innovative operation is celebrating two milestones: a Business of the Year Award from the Northampton Chamber of Commerce and completion of its first year in business.

“We’re just very thankful,” said Kyle Sturgis, manager.

The promising future of the greenhouse, which grows lettuce more sustainably with higher yields, also recently attracted the attention of Virginia officials, who awarded a \$15,000 grant to increase production by about 30%.

The funds will be used to hire help tending the greenhouse. Those duties are mainly shared by Sturgis and an intern, Broadwater Academy student Sawyer Johnson.

“Someone has to be here 24/7,” he said.

When problems arise that the elaborate digital control systems can’t handle, there’s only a two-hour window for repairs. After that, lettuce and profits wilt.

The operation was long in coming. Its origins include a plant physiology course at Ferrum College, Ferrum, Va., for which Sturgis installed a hydroponic rack. He also wrote his senior thesis on hydroponic farming before graduating in 2011.

Sturgis’ father, Steve, sees hydroponics as a high-tech means of diversifying the family’s 1,200-acre farm and providing continued employment for Kyle and his brother, Jarrett, who runs the snap pea, grain, and bean operation that occupies most of the farm’s 1,200 acres.

The brothers are the fifth generation of Sturgises to farm the Eastville area and southern Eastern Shore since 1907.

“We’re just trying to make room for everyone,” said Steve.

The family decided to grow lettuce because of

strong local demand by schools and restaurants.

The family also operates its own market seasonally and supplies 14 varieties of sausage made by another family member.

Each week, Kyle Sturgis works one day in Virginia Beach at a farmers market and delivers to Quail Cove farm market and Bay Creek’s Coach House Restaurant.

Although scrambling to make the operation work, the family had time this fall to supply Kiptopeke and Occohannock elementary schools with a pumpkin patch. When students couldn’t come to the family’s annual hayride and pumpkin patch at the farm, the family carried pumpkins to the schools. They created a patch of donated pumpkins in the halls.

Students selected their own pumpkins to decorate and take home.

In the greenhouse, lettuce plants begin their growth under pink grow lamps shining down on sheets of volcanic rock wool.

The wool supports seedlings’ roots, much as soil would, although nutrients come from water flowing over the roots.

After four days, the seedlings poke above the wool and are moved to the main greenhouse, still in sheets.

Kyle then breaks the sheets into individual squares, each containing one plant. Squares fit securely into openings of the main growing racks, which position each plant at an optimized distance from others, forming a precise geometric design.

Growth of the plants requires careful monitoring, done largely by a digital console. Several times each hour, the console opens louvers and activates fans, tweaking the temperature and humidity of the greenhouse air.

“It’s a balancing act that you have to have down to a science,” because of the precise relative humidity that has to be maintained for the plants to absorb nutrients, said Kyle.

Although water flows through a maze of pipes, tanks, and racks in and under the greenhouse, very little water is lost.

After water recycles through an underground tank, sensors measure its electrical conductivity, which is largely determined by salts in the fertilizer. More fertilizer is automatically added as needed.

In the future, Kyle hopes to add additional greenhouses and produce tomatoes.

Almost any plant can be grown hydroponically, but not all can be done economically because of the high cost of digital controls and other equipment.

“You’ve to be careful. This is expensive real estate,” said Steve Sturgis.

Top: The hydroponic greenhouse of Shore Breeze Farms shows in white at left alongside the farm market, office, and warehouse building located on Route 13 in Cheriton.

Middle left: Steve Sturgis shows roots attached to a red leaf lettuce plant.

Middle right: Seedlings germinate in sheets of volcanic rock wool.

Bottom: Steve Sturgis opens a rack holding mature lettuce plants, exposing the mat of roots that grow inside. When harvested, their roots remain attached to preserve freshness.

Exmore's Ebenezer Baptist Church Fills Bellies and Spirits



(1) Prayer sets the scene before a team at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Exmore, tackles the distribution of food and toys for 130 families Saturday. Wrapped gifts, plus packable and filled food boxes lie in wait.

(2) The team of volunteers gathers. From left are the Rev. Quintavion Washington, of Accomac; Kim Johnson, of Onancock, chair, trustee board; Clarence Sharp, of Melfa; Hazel Jackson, of Exmore; Joyoin Jackson, of Exmore; Jamon Boggs, of Tasley; Ja'Shyne Dickerson, of Tasley; Inaeyah Dickerson, of Tasley; Patricia Rogers, of Tasley; Jyasia Smith, of Tasley; and Ianna Dickerson, of Tasley.

(3) Kim Johnson, of Melfa, removes one of the wrapped boxes containing gifts for children.

(4) Jyasia Smith, of Tasley, hands a box of toys through a car window.

(5) The Rev. Quintavion Washington, of Accomac, briefs volunteers before the start. From left are Kim Johnson, of Melfa; Clarence Smith, the Rev. Washington, and Patricia Rogers.

(6) Ianna Dickerson delivers an armload of children's gifts to one of the many cars lined up to receive distributions.

(7) Clarence Sharp, of Melfa, prepares boxes of food.

Photos by Jim Ritch



Accomack County Sheriff's Office Shops for Annual Toy Drive



Story and Photos by Carol Vaughn

Accomack County Sheriff's Office personnel did some last-minute Christmas shopping at Walmart in Onley Friday, Dec. 18, for the Donnie Wayne Tyndall Memorial Toy Drive.

The items were to fill out the wish lists of youngsters and were in addition to hundreds of toys and other items donated by community members.

Bicycles are among the most often asked for items, Sheriff Todd Wessells said.

"We've been doing it for several years," Wessells said, adding the name

was changed to honor Tyndall, a deputy with the sheriff's office, after he died in June 2016.

Tyndall, of Chincoteague, died at age 53 after an illness.

"He was the only active-duty deputy sheriff we've ever had pass away. ... He loved kids," Wessells said, adding, "He gave so much to the community. He coached Little League, (youth) football. ... My kids loved him. Since he loved kids so much, we decided to change it to the Donnie Wayne Tyndall Memorial Toy Drive."

Last year, 165 children received Christ-

mas presents through the toy drive.

Additionally, gift cards are given to older adults each year to help them purchase medication, food, or whatever they need.

Sgt. Connie King heads up organizing the toy drive, a massive task.

Area churches and other entities give the sheriff's office names of residents who could use some Christmas cheer.

With COVID-19 restrictions and many people out of work, Wessells was concerned that the toy drive might not get donations this year.

"But people in the community have

been great. That's the one thing about Eastern Shore people — they are very giving people," he said.

Even as the sheriff and several other members of the department were doing their shopping Friday, two women wheeled two bicycles up to them, saying they had been paid for and were donations for the toy drive. They declined to give their names.

Families were able to pick up items at the sheriff's office this week, in time for Christmas.

"This makes my Christmas, right here," Wessells said.



Top left: Sheriff Todd Wessells checks out at Walmart in Onley with a cart full of toys.

Top right: Jamie Collins, Sgt. Connie King, and other Accomack County Sheriff's Office personnel shop for toys.

Far left: Bicycles and other toys for the Donnie Wayne Tyndall Memorial Toy Drive line the hallway at the Accomack County Sheriff's Office in Accomack on Friday, Dec. 18, in preparation for delivery to Accomack County residents in time for Christmas Day.

Left: Sgt. Connie King organizes toys that will be gifted by the sheriff's office in time for Christmas.

Community Notes

Shoe Drive

The Museum of Chincoteague Island is conducting a shoe drive now through Feb. 18, 2021, to raise funds in light of an absence of income this year due to the pandemic. The Museum of Chincoteague Island will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected, as Funds2Orgs will issue a check for the collected shoes. The goal is to fill 100 bags with 25 pairs of shoes in each bag. Those dollars earned will benefit continued programming and upkeep of the museum. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used, and new shoes at the drop box located in the museum's courtyard, 7125 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague Island, or at Shore Post and Parcel Business Center located at 4019 Main St., Chincoteague Island.

All donated shoes will then be re-distributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners.

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 category 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 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 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.

Church News

Accomac

A Christmas morning online and outdoors prayer services will be Friday, Dec. 25, at 11 a.m., at the St. James Church, Drummondtown, rectory front lawn on Back Street or at www.stgeorgesesva.org

A Public Service of Healing is held every Thursday at noon.

Cheriton

Holmes Presbyterian Church will host "The Pursuit" Thursday, Dec. 31, at 5:30 p.m.

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

All in-person meetings at Holmes Presbyterian Church have been suspended due to COVID-19. Join parishioners for an online worship experience Sundays at 11 a.m. on their Facebook page or on Zoom with Meeting ID 972-3754-2625. People may also join by calling +1 929 205 6099 and entering Meeting ID 972-3754-2625.

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

Onancock

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

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

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

Pungoteague

The annual business meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., at Pungoteague Community Church. The food pantry will be open Saturday, Jan. 9, from 8 to 10 a.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. The teen youth group will meet Fridays, Jan. 15 and 29, at 6 p.m., in the church social hall. Women's fellowship will be Thursdays, Jan. 7 and 21, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home. Bible study is every Tuesday, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home.



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Smoked Chicken w/BBQ Sauce	\$9 ⁹⁹
Thursday	
Homemade Lasagna	\$9 ⁹⁹
Friday	
Petite Stuffed Flounder	\$15 ⁹⁹

The Eastern Shore Post will be closed 12/25, 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.



**Have a Safe
and Happy
New Year's Eve**

Metompkin BETA Helps Others

The Metompkin Elementary School National Junior BETA Club announced that during this season of giving, it has raised funds to send numerous life sustaining gifts to families and communities in need around the globe. The hybrid and virtual students launched a service project as part of their Global Giveback, "The Gifts of Hope." They partnered with Samaritan's Purse to send gifts of livestock, trees, and drinking water to countries devastated by war, famine, and poverty.

The elite fourth and fifth grade students raised funds to send two dairy goats, 20 starter beehives with training, 60 fruit trees, and 96 baby chicks to families abroad. They also raised funds to provide a community with access to clean drinking water. These gifts will provide nourishment, income, and life sustaining water to families across the poorest areas of our world.



E.S. Cruisers Donate to Riverside

The Eastern Shore Cruisers car club recently made two generous donations to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and the Riverside Shore Cancer Center.

The car club donated \$5,000 to the Cancer Center – the proceeds from the very successful third annual Axing Out Cancer car, tractor, truck, and Corvette show held in October in Accomac.

Additionally, the club donated another \$1,000 to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital to support patients with sleep disorders in memory of the spouse of a club member.

Car club president Chester Jackson, above left, delivers a check to John Peterman, president of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

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- Evelyn Marie Custis, 58, and Jakorah Makis Parker, 45, both of Parksley
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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 weekends, 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.

Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following position: **Full-Time Correctional Officer**. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org. Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, December 28, 2020, at 4:00 pm. Accomack County Sheriff's Office 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_opportunities/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.

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TO APPLY: send an email with a brief explanation of interest and your resume attached to hatcheryjobs@clamandoyster.com

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Convenience Center Attendants
P/T position
Rate: \$ 10.76 hourly

The County of Accomack is seeking applications for part-time positions for Convenience Center Attendant, in the Public Works Department.

The position is responsible for operating and maintaining the convenience center facilities and assisting customers as needed. Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. *Attendants may be assigned to any location within the County.*

Qualifications: A high school diploma or GED is preferred; A valid driver's license and satisfactory completion of a background check and drug screening prior to employment are required. A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>.

First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

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

Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01) Human Services Assistant III (Accomack)

Position # L0080

Hiring Range: \$24,765 (May be higher depending on qualifications and budgetary considerations.)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov>. Accepts only online applications; job close date 12/31/2020.
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Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01) Office Supervisor (Accomack)

Position # L0073

Hiring Range: \$28,187 (May be higher depending on experience)

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This position provides support to the Property Appraisal staff.

This is an entry-level part-time position.

Must have own vehicle.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

High school graduate or equivalent. Good communication skills needed. Experience in technical functions related to property appraisal and assessment, sketching/drawing preferred. Good knowledge of basic arithmetic; some knowledge of building materials and construction; ability to record figures accurately and legibly; ability to conduct effective, cooperative, and professional working relationships; observation skills; and mental alertness.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions, requirements and county's application form https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

Salary starting \$14.00 per hour.

Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by December 28, 2020.

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- Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- School Psychologist
- School Secretary-Part-Time & Full-Time
- Secondary Mathematics Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Substitutes-Teachers, Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Nurses, etc.
- Technology Lab Assistant
- Tutors-Math & Reading
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For job descriptions, qualifications, salaries, and to apply go to www.ncpsk12.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. and Mrs. John Cumberland have applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct a 5-foot wide by 20-foot long extension to an existing private open-pile pier, a 20-foot by 10-foot L-head, a 20-foot by 10-foot floating dock with an 18-foot ramp, and move existing boat lift adjacent to 25323 Oceanview Court along Folly Creek in Accomack County.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Onancock has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to replace existing boat ramp with a concrete boat ramp, repair existing bulkhead, and move the north side bulkhead landward of the existing bulkhead at Onancock Wharf along Onancock Creek in Accomack County.

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

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.

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

TRUSTEE'S SALE

12300 BROWNE AVENUE, EXMORE, VA 23350
MAP NO. 010A4/ 01 00/ 0000012/ /

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated November 8, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$83,673.00, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 120001986, the property briefly described below will be offered for sale at public auction:

Lot 12, as shown on the plat of Property of Josephine Browne Masi, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 4, Page 48, and as more particularly described in the referenced deed of trust.

The sale will take place on **JANUARY 7, 2021, at 12:00 NOON**, at the front entrance to the building housing the Circuit Court for Northampton County, located at 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA.

The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property.

Terms: A deposit in the form of **CERTIFIED FUNDS** in the amount of **10% of the successful bid** is required of any bidder at the time of sale. Closing within fifteen (15) days of sale. Time is of the essence. Additional terms will be announced at sale. Purchaser to pay all closing costs. Sale subject to lender confirmation.

James A. Evans, Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Evans, Substitute Trustee, 2101 Parks Avenue, Suite 301, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. 17574379500 (2034285).

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 7:30 p.m. AT METOMPKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CAFETORIUM located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421** TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 - 2026

The Capital Improvement Plan is a long-range 5 year planning tool used to schedule anticipated Capital Projects lasting longer than 3 years and costing more than \$50,000 and to coordinate how they will be funded.

B. Ordinance Amendments pertaining to Lighting Regulations.

Proposed amendment to the Accomack County Zoning Ordinance regarding the Lighting Regulations, specifically Section 106-139 - Industrial Zoning District; Section 106-412 - General Business Zoning District; and Section 106-226 - Zoning Permits by adding a section to allow for certain building mounted lights such as wall packs.

Additionally, to consider an amendment to Article X. - General Provisions by adding Sections 106-241 and 106-242 to require Special Use Permits and Conditional Use Permits to comply with the lighting regulations, and to regulate excessive lighting in all districts.

This Planning Commission meeting will be held as a Hybrid - Electronic (Conference Call) and In-Person Meeting due to the restrictions put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue - Room 105 - Accomack, Virginia and on the County's website at <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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

TO: Benjamin F. Gardner, Jr.
RE: 3211 Lee Street, Exmore, VA 23350,
Tax Map No. 10A1-6-G-7

Be advised that the above-noted structures constitute a danger to the public health or safety of the residents of the Town of Exmore, Virginia. Pursuant to Town Ordinances and *Va. Code Ann.* § 15.2-906, the structures must be removed, repaired or secured to the satisfaction of the Town no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, 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 COMMENTS 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 date.

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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 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,
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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.

December 7, 2020
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Remembering a Generous Friend

Dear Editor:

Kirk Mariner's legacy to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library and Heritage Center has brightened the end of 2020 at a time when we need such good news. Bequeathing his collection, Frances Bibbins Latimer's collection documenting four centuries of African-American history on the Shore, and other valuable historical collections ensures researchers have access to important documents relating to Shore heritage.

I was fortunate to count Kirk as a friendly competitor in the Accomack County Spelling Bee in the ninth and 10th grades of school (1959 and 1960), even though we were at different schools—he at Atlantic and I at Park-sley. He won the bee the first year we competed, though I don't recall the word he spelled correctly to win—nor the word I had earlier misspelled, which eliminated me from competition. In 1960, when the contest came down to the two of us, I had the easy part: Kirk misspelled the word “supersede” with a “c” instead of the second “s” -- which was the sure-fire clue to me of the only alternative, an “s”—so I won and went on to Norfolk for the regional competition (at which I did not place).

Although I saw him a couple of times on the Shore in recent years, it was our 1974 reunion that brings a smile to my face: Kirk was pastor of Williamsburg United Methodist Church, where he presided at the funeral of my friend Marion Hamner Hawkes (who, as Earl Hamner's sister, inspired the strong character of Mary Ellen on television's “The Waltons”). After the service, when I reintroduced myself to Kirk, he insisted on introducing me to everyone around as “the girl who whipped me in the county spelling bee”—while I tried to insist he had beaten me the previous year!

The Shore lost an ever-generous and ever-generous human being in Kirk Mar-

iner. His legacy will live on at a time when libraries are

needed more than ever — not only for their “hard-copy” books and documents such as those Kirk left behind but also for their important digital resources.

Martha Wessells Steger, Midlothian, Va.

Board Lacks Will To Address Statue

Dear Editor:

I want to express my disappointment that the Northampton Board of Supervisors has continued to lack the will to address the Confederate statue in downtown Eastville. Statues in public places should celebrate people and events which we can take pride in, things which inspire and elevate us. Rather this statue celebrates a very dark period in our history when the soldiers it honors revolted against the U.S. to defend a way of life which depended on subjugating Black people to slavery.

It is apparent that this statue must be offensive to a large segment of our population in Northampton County; in fact, I find it personally offensive. The statue was erected in the “Jim Crow” era, when over 1000 such statues were simultaneously erected all over the South. They were produced during a time when White supremacy was being consolidated across this region. To say that such a statue is a celebration of history makes no more sense than to leave up signs identifying “Negro water fountains” or “Colored waiting rooms” as relics we are proud of.

Fortunately, many such statues across the South are now being removed, as they should be. When several similar statues were removed in New Orleans its mayor, Mitch Landrieu, said, “These statues are not just innocent remembrances of a benign history. These monuments celebrate a fictional, sanitized Confederacy — ignoring the death, ignoring the enslavement, ignoring the terror that it actually stood for.” He went on to say, “It is self-evident that these men did not fight for

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the United States of America. They fought against it.”

To me it is unacceptable that when the Black citizens of our county need to go to court near there, they should be reminded of how terribly they were treated in our not-too-distant past.

Paul Strong, Cape Charles

United Way Needs You

Dear Editor:

Our United Way fundraising campaign is ongoing. As you are well aware, the pandemic has created loss of income for a lot of our residents. Most charities have seen significant increases in the number of people who require assistance. At the same time, pandemic restrictions have caused many charities to cancel fundraising events. Through the ES United Way, you can help provide funds to these charities.

Because the need is enormous in Accomack and Northampton Counties, we have doubled our goal to \$500,000. This is a tall order, and we need a lot of help to achieve it. Please prayerfully consider giving generously. You can make a pledge to be paid in installments over the course of 2021 if you like.

United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore funds only LOCAL charities — those that have a direct impact on ES citizens, unless you direct us to send your money elsewhere. You can make a general contribution or you can designate some of your gift to go to specific organizations you want to fund. For example, one might give \$350 through United Way and designate \$50 to each of five different local groups and the other \$100 to United Way's general fund. The general fund is allocated by a committee of committed local people who investigate which organizations can help the most people with housing, food, and medical and other benefits. Any legitimate local 501(c)3 organization can apply.

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utive Director, at 787-5622 or you can call me, John, at 710-2489.

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John W. Fiege, Onancock

Electoral College Protects Minority

Dear Editor:

This responds to the op-ed of Brian Bloedel, Eastern Shore Post. Dec. 18, 2020, “Electoral College is Broken.”

Word count policy of ES Post does not permit full response to Mr. Bloedel's misunderstanding of founders intent, the Constitution, and the Electoral College. However, with penchant for pithiness, I suggest he needs to read:

1. Article 2. Sec. 1 whereas Constitution mandates state legislatures write the rules; not governors, boards of election ... etc. as was unlawfully done in 2020 election.

2. Article 4, Sec. 4 where it is mandated every state must guarantee a “republican” form of governance. Meaning a representative democracy.

3. Federalist Paper 10 (James Madison) whereas all the founders rejected a “democratic” form of governance. Meaning 51% has, and always will, fail.

4. Electors are chosen by political parties and, by popular vote, the winning candidate(s) take all (Except 2 states).

5. Sixteen states have circumvented electoral college as now operated by passing legislation requiring all electors vote for candidate winning national popular vote. Effect is trend to national popular vote.

The purpose of the electoral college system and a republican form of governance was to protect minority interest(s). If national popular vote determined, in 2016, 5 counties in New York City would have elected Clinton. If electoral college is eliminated, a half dozen large urban areas could/would have 51% of popular vote majority. There would be no need to campaign in 40 states which would be reduced to flyover. It ain't broke so don't fix.

Charles A. Landis, Onancock

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