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# Students Head Back to Classrooms in Accomack and Northampton

#### By Stefanie Jackson

Accomack and Northampton public schools are using multiple tools to keep students and staff safe as they return to school in person after closing due to rising numbers of COVID-19 cases following winter vacation.

"School is actually safer than home," said Accomack Schools Coordinator of School Health Services Tonya Martin on Monday.

The decision to allow Accomack students to return to school Jan. 25 was made when COVID-19 numbers showed a steady decline over an approximately two-week period.

Superintendent Chris Holland had made the call to close schools late in the evening Sunday, Jan. 10, when Accomack reported 77 new cases of COVID-19, the most cases reported in the county in a single day since reporting began in late March.

Martin has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 data trends via multiple sources, including the COVID-19 dashboard of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), which can be found at https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/

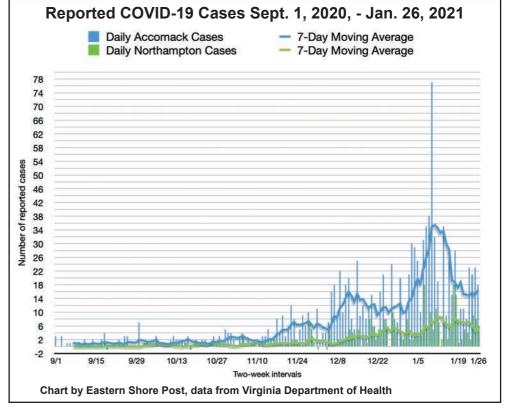
Another source of COVID-19 data is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) school metrics published on the VDH website, used to determine the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in schools.

One core indicator of the risk of transmission is the number of new cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people reported within the previous 14 days. That number approached 1,200 last week in Accomack.

However, the population of Accomack is nowhere near 100,000. Based on the county's population of approximately 33,000, the actual number of COVID-19 cases reported over the previous 14 days was about 400, Martin noted.

Sunday, Jan. 24, the day before Accomack students returned to the classroom, the number of new COVID-19

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# Governor Addresses Vaccine Supply, State To Receive 16% More Doses

#### By Carol Vaughn

"I know you have one thing on your mind — and that's vaccines," said Gov. Ralph Northam in a briefing Wednesday.

Northam said Virginia is accelerating COVID-19 vaccinations and working to increase transparency, including Wednesday's launch of a vaccine dashboard on the Virginia Department of Health website, <a href="https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines-received/">https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines-received/</a>

Over 520,000 doses have been given in Virginia, mainly to health care

workers and nursing home residents.

"In just one month, more people have been vaccinated than have tested positive in the entire year of the pandemic," Northam said.

Federal messaging to states to start vaccinating people 65 and over, along with a promise of more doses, caused confusion when, two days later, "states learned that there were no more doses to release," Northam said.

Northam spoke with the White House twice this week.

In a call with other governors, he

heard "something that I have not heard since the pandemic began — and that is a commitment at the national level to work together, find solutions, and get this moving."

In that call, states were told they will begin receiving 16% more doses immediately and the increase will be locked in, allowing them to plan for the coming month.

Gen. Gustave Perna, in charge of the federal vaccine effort, told governors manufacturers have "hit a stable, regular sustainable cadence of production" and the Biden administration is confident about allocating more doses, Northam said.

The goal is to get all Americans who want it vaccinated by summer's end.

Virginia ranks 11th among states in number of shots given, but 26th in terms of vaccination rate per 100,000 population.

Virginia met its initial goal of 25,000 shots per day and now averages more than 26,000.

Two pharmacies in a federal partnership to vaccinate long-term care fa-

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cility residents and staff agreed to speed up their timeline at Northam's request.

A Walgreens official said vaccinations at 94% of Virginia assisted living facilities in its charge will be completed by January's end and the rest by early February.

Vaccination is complete at 92 long-term care facilities.

Walgreens has administered more than 18,500 vaccinations in facilities.

A CVS official said CVS completed first doses at 195 skilled nursing facilities and expects to finish second doses by Feb. 8.

CVS has administered 43,000 doses in those facilities.

CVS within three weeks has completed vaccinations in all 611 assisted living facilities in its charge, except for 3% that asked for a week's delay. CVS administered 20,000 doses in those facilities.

"The faster they get done, the faster more shots can get to the next groups," Northam said.

Dr. Mike McDermott, president of Mary Washington Health Care, said Virginia hospitals increased vaccinations 35% in the past week and can give 100,000 shots a week if vaccine is available.

Virginia is distributing vaccine to communities based on population.

The VDH Wednesday issued guidelines to health districts to allot half of the doses for age 65 and over and half for essential workers and people with high-risk medical conditions.

Districts also were directed to collect race and ethnicity data for those vaccinated; Northam supports legislation in the General Assembly to require that.

Northam directed the VDH to develop a centralized registration system and said call center staffing will increase.

Last week, Virginia had requests for 300,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses but received only 105,000 from the federal government, according to Dr. Danny Avula, vaccine coordinator for the Virginia Department of Health.

In the Eastern Shore Health District, 4,250 doses were requested last week, but only 1,000 were received and the district was told to expect only 500 doses per week in the near future.

The district has received 6,150 dos-

es in all

In Accomack County, 2,409 doses were administered as of Wednesday, with 128 people fully vaccinated.

In Northampton County, 1,231 doses were administered, with 75 fully vaccinated.

"We need to realize ... we are looking at two to three months to look at this population that wants to be vaccinated," in Phase 1b, Avula said.

Around 2,000 providers and 400 pharmacies in Virginia are approved to give vaccinations, and planning continues for more sites.

#### **Riverside Official Gives Update**

As of Jan. 23, Riverside Health System had distributed 93% of its allotted vaccine and expected to use 100% by the end of the week, with the rest scheduled to be administered to Riverside patients age 65 and older, according to a Riverside official.

"We think this is a really great accomplishment because there are a lot of health systems across the country and a lot of states across the country that have only given out 40% or 50% of the doses," Dr. Mike Dacey, chief clinical operations officer, said in a video

posted on Facebook.

Over 30% of doses went to people not employed by Riverside, including municipal workers and other providers' employees.

Riverside in Phase 1b is moving from hospital-based clinics to medical group-based clinics.

As result, "We've been able to expand our total capacity for giving vaccines to approximately 10,000 doses per week," if vaccines were available, Dacey said, adding, "...The supply that we are currently receiving falls far short of that. I think that there's a lot of hope that that number will go up and we will receive more vaccine, particularly given the great performance of the health system in terms of administering the vaccine that we've received so far."

Riverside has more than 80,000 patients age 65 and up.

"We'll do whatever we can beyond that, particularly with the essential workers," Dacey said, noting the health system has good relationships with municipalities and local health departments.

"It is a dynamic situation and there is a lot of fluidity to it, particularly at the federal level," he said.



# Ms. Haley Accepting New Patients at Eastville Center!

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cases reported in a 14-day period had dropped to about 750 per 100,000 people, or approximately 250 actual cases.

The new VDH guidelines for K-12 schools state. "Each indicator or combination of indicators should neither be used in isolation nor should they be viewed as hard cut-offs by state and local officials and school district decision-makers. Rather, they serve as broad guideposts of inherent risk to inform decision-making."

No COVID-19 data from any source is examined in isolation. Martin also speaks daily with J.J. Justis, local health emergency coordinator for the Eastern Shore Health District.

Accomack County Public Schools has experienced only one COVID-19 outbreak since September, and its size was minimal, Martin said.

An outbreak is defined as two or more people who are not related contracting the disease, she said.

Martin attributes Accomack schools' success in handling the COVID-19 pandemic to the superintendent.

Holland was "phenomenal" and spared no expense obtaining needed supplies such as face masks, hand sanitizer, plexiglass barriers, and electrostatic sprayers, she said.

He also hired additional custodians to clean and sanitize classrooms and buses daily.

Holland says he is proud of Accomack schools' "Return to Learn" plan, which was developed over the summer so students could resume their education in the fall, even as the COVID-19 pandemic wore on.

The "Return to Learn" plan allowed parents to choose either the virtual or hybrid learning option for their children. Virtual students complete all their school work at home, and hybrid students spend two days a week in school and two at home.

A student does not need an excuse from school to learn from home, but teachers who want to work from home must be at high risk of severe illness as defined by the CDC, according to the VDH guidelines for schools.

Adults at high risk of severe illness include older adults (80% of reported COVID-19 deaths have been in adults age 65 or older) and people with certain medical conditions.

(The CDC's list of medical conditions that put adults at high risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 can be viewed at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/ people-with-medical-conditions.html)

Allowing all teachers the option of working from home would not be possible since not all students are learning from home.

Northampton schools Superintendent Eddie Lawrence noted during a Jan. 20 interview that teachers cannot access all of their teaching materials from home. and some lack internet access.

Moreover, students attending class in person require adult supervision, and substitute teachers are scarce, he said.

Even though "not feeling comfortable" in the school building isn't a valid reason for working from home, it's "understandable," Lawrence said, and additional COVID-19 mitigation can make teachers feel more at ease.

For example, a plexiglass shield can be attached to a teacher's desk, or furniture can be rearranged or removed from the classroom so students can be spaced farther apart, he said.

Getting kids the education they need while keeping everyone in the school building safe is "a huge balancing act," Lawrence said.

Keeping the schools staffed is a challenge since teachers and staff miss work not only when they have COVID-19 or another illness but also when they are in quarantine, waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test, he said.

But the COVID-19 vaccine will be a "game changer," Lawrence said.

Martin agreed that the COVID-19 vaccine will make a big difference.

Nearly 600 Accomack schools employees already have signed up to receive the COVID-19 vaccine through the school system. Martin said.

Holland denied a rumor that Accomack schools administrators have received the vaccine ahead of teachers.

He said that some individuals may have received the COVID-19 vaccine through private health care providers, but Accomack schools had not held a vaccination event for administrators.

Martin, a registered nurse, has received the vaccine through her other employer, Riverside Medical Group.

Accomack students are back in class, but parents shouldn't anticipate in-person learning expanding from two

Return Date	School / Grade Levels	Amount of Face-to-Face Instruction					
		NOTE: Wednesday is a Remote Learning Day for All Students and Will Be Used for Mitigation					
February 1, 2021	Kiptopeke Elementary School Grades PK – 6	PK – 2 Students: Return Four Days Per Week (M, T, Th, and F)					
		Grades 3 – 6 Students: Return to the Hybrid Schedule in Place Prior to the Winter Break (A Students Attend Monday, Thursday and B Students Attend Tuesday, Friday)					
February 1, 2021	Occohannock Elementary School Grades 3 - 6	Return to the Hybrid Schedule in Place Prior to the Winter Break (A Students Attend Monday, Thursday and B Students Attend Tuesday, Friday)					
February 1, 2021	Northampton Middle School Grades 7 - 8	Return to the Hybrid Schedule in Place Prior to the Winter Break  A Students Attend Monday, Thursday and B Students Attend Tuesday, Friday					
February 8, 2021	Occohannock Elementary School Grades PK - 2	Return Four Days Per Week (M, T, Th, and F)					
February 8, 2021	Northampton High School Grade 11 Special Education Students	Return to the Hybrid Schedule in Place Prior to the Winter Break					
		A Students Attend Monday, Thursday and B Students Attend Tuesday, Friday					
February 15, 2021	Northampton High School Grades 9 – 12	Return to the Hybrid Schedule in Place Prior to the Winter Break					
Image from Northar		A Students Attend Monday, Thursday and B Students Attend Tuesday, Friday					

to four days a week yet.

Classrooms still must accommodate students spaced 6 feet apart, as per CDC guidelines, which are "not changing anytime soon," Holland said.

The American Academy of Pediatrics considers spacing desks at least 3 feet apart acceptable, but Accomack schools will continue to follow CDC recommendations, which also apply to

buses, Holland noted.

Students with disabilities, English learners, and younger students will be prioritized for future expansion of in-person learning, in accordance with VDH guidelines.

Holland said the key for the school division is to be "flexible" and act according to the COVID-19 data whether it trends up or down.

### **ESRH** Gets Psychiatric Nurse Grant

#### By Stefanie Jackson

Eastern Shore Rural Health (ESRH) has received a \$132,100 grant from the Virginia Health Care Foundation to hire a psychiatric nurse practitioner at the Eastville Community Health Center.

"The Virginia Health Care Foundation applauds this important addition of mental health services at Eastern Shore Rural Health System and is happy to make it possible," said VHCF Executive Director Deborah Oswalt in a Jan. 11 press release.

Since Eastern Shore Rural Health was established in 1976, it has been known primarily for providing medical and dental care, but the Eastville Community

Health Center will be the first ESRH location to offer mental health services.

"Addressing the shortage of mental health services in Virginia is one of VHCF's priorities. This has become even more important with the stresses created by the COVID-19 pandemic," Oswalt said.

The psychiatric nurse practitioner will treat patients onsite at Eastville Community Health Center and via telehealth appointments.

The grant ESRH received was one of 11 grants totaling more than \$1.2 million from VHCF to health safety net

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## Onancock Town Council Debates Subdivisions, Approves Homestay Business

#### By Carol Vaughn

Roads approved decades ago in connection with a subdivision at the old carnival grounds property do not have to meet current highway department width standards but any repairs or repaving done will meet current standards, according to Town Manager Matt Spuck.

A development company has purchased lots at the former carnival grounds to build single-family housing.

Councilwoman Maphis Oswald said at the Jan. 25 meeting she is concerned about "how this information about this development" is being shared with residents.

"When a property is purchased, and a big tract like this, we should have something in place to let people know what's going on," Oswald said.

Sandra Sharon, who said she is building a residence on Jefferson Street, agreed with Oswald.

Mayor Fletcher Fosque said, "We're not trying to hide anything from anybody. We were trying to follow the law. ... To be honest with you, if they hadn't deeded the property to the town in the back area, we wouldn't have been notified about anything because they bought existing lots, and according to the law, they don't need anything from the town to build on an existing lot."

The property was subdivided in the 1950s and zoning was changed in 2007. Fosque said.

The land at the rear of the property donated to the town had no conditions placed on the gift, he said.

"I have a problem with procedure. ... I did not know that there was going to be no information given to the council as to what this development is going to look like. I thought that we were going through the normal subdivision kind of process with this," including neighbors being informed and a public

hearing, Oswald said.

Fosque noted another area north of Kerr Street also was subdivided years ago. "So if somebody comes and bought all those lots and wanted to build, we would not have any control over that — it has already been subdivided."

Oswald said, "I would hope that council will take this under advisement and look to the future. ... There are several large tracts of land available for sale in this town and if we have something in place so that neighbors are informed, then I think it would be a good idea — that's all."

Fosque agreed, but said most remaining large tracts are not subdivided and so would fall under notification and public hearing requirements if the owner wants to subdivide them.

Councilman Bob Bloxom noted the council would have significant input into that process.

Still, owners who meet the requirements and subdivide their property can "sit on it for years and years," Fosque said.

#### **Homestay Business Approved**

The Onancock town council approved a special use permit for a homestay business at 37 King St. Applicants Will and Lynn Flynn have an option to purchase the property.

No more than six guests will be allowed at one time and guests must use off-street parking, according to conditions the council approved with the permit.

The property was operated in the past as a bed-and-breakfast inn.

The town's homestay policy limits guest to stays of three weeks or less, according to Spuck.

The council voted to codify the town's ordinances. Onancock contracted with Municipal Code Corporation to do quarterly updates of the town code, which will be on the town website and will be searchable and more

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organizations in Virginia.

The grants will give Virginians who are uninsured or medically underserved more access to medical, dental, and behavioral health services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

VHCF was created in 1992 by the Virginia General Assembly and its Joint Commission on Health Care.

VHCF is a nonprofit public/private partnership that has funded 437 community-based projects affecting more than 700,000 Virginians to date.

user friendly, according to Spuck.

#### Wastewater Treatment Facility — Negotiations with HRSD

Bloxom said the first draft of a contract with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District was reviewed by the town HRSD contract negotiations committee. The committee's comments were passed on to the law firm representing the town.

Spuck was scheduled to meet with the attorney this week and asked the attorney to give HRSD a response to the draft by Feb. 1.

Transfer of the town's wastewater treatment facility to HRSD is part of a regional sewer plan that also includes HRSD building a sewer line.

HRSD is willing to invest nearly \$25 million in sewer system infrastructure on the Eastern Shore, starting with a force main from Nassawadox to Onancock.

The Onancock plant would process sewage collected by the main pipeline.

Customers would pay monthly rates set by HRSD.

Spuck also met recently with HRSD's

billing company about potentially transferring the town water and sewer billing.

Electricians and engineers from HRSD are scheduled to visit the Onancock plant for a full asset review Friday, Jan. 29.

#### **New Businesses**

Spuck in his town manager's report named new businesses that recently applied for business licenses in town, including Magpie's Garden, a florist on North and King Streets; Nemo's, a hotdog stand outside OBS; 11:11 Spa at the Historic Onancock School; and three home-based businesses — Pen and Sword Marketing; Beyond Numbers Consulting; and Reid's Cleaning.

"I love hearing that we are starting to attract businesses to town. I know we've got a lot of work to do but that's going to be really exciting. I think if we make a great town to live, businesses are going to follow," Spuck said.

The town office remains closed to the public due to COVID-19 and inability to manage public access and maintain social distancing in the entry way.



# Canonie to Supervisors: Study Finds 'Overwhelming' Support for Rail Trail

#### By Carol Vaughn

Spencer Murray, director and senior vice president of Canonie Atlantic Corporation, which manages the railroad on the Eastern Shore, summarized findings of a highway department study about a proposed rail-totrail project at the Accomack County Board of Supervisors Jan. 20 meeting.

The study outlined four potential segments of the trail, which would run along 49 miles of abandoned railroad tracks from Cape Charles to near Hallwood.

"The purpose of the rail to trail is two-fold. First, it's to build a really exciting trail for us throughout this 49 miles," Murray said, noting results of a survey showed "overwhelming" support for the trail.

"We just see tremendous potential for the economic development that benefits the towns as it goes by them; but, actually, a secondary and an extremely important reason for the trail is that, under the National Trails Act, by converting to this trail we will protect all of the right of ways."

The right of way currently is used for broadband and other utility infrastructure and could be used for sewer and natural gas lines in the future.

The trail also would maintain the right of way in case there is ever a need to return to using it for a railroad.

"It is a tremendous expense to do it, but it is a phased approach. It will probably take years to do the project itself, no matter which phases we do," Murray said of the trail project.

He noted three SMART SCALE projects related to the trail are in the process of being scored by the state.

"Transportation projects are scored based on an objective, outcome-based process that is transparent to the public and allows decision-makers to be held accountable to taxpayers.

"Once projects are scored and prioritized, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has the best information possible to select the right projects for funding," according to the Virginia SMART SCALE website, www.vasmartscale.org/

Segment 1, from Cape Charles to Nassawadox, would include 18 miles of trail — running through multiple destinations including Cheriton, Eastville, and Machipongo — and four trailheads, with an estimated cost of \$12.1 million, according to the study.

Segment 2, from Nassawadox to Eastern Shore Community College, is 12.5 miles - running through Exmore, Painter, and Keller — with one trailhead, with an estimated cost of \$6.6 million.

Segment 3, from the community college to Onley, is 4.7 miles — running through Melfa and including numerous destinations such as Nandua High School, the YMCA, and multiple restaurants and retail stores in Onley. The segment would include one trailhead and would cost \$2.5 million.

Segment 4, from Onley to Taylor Street, south of Hallwood, is 13.5 miles and includes two trailheads, with a cost of \$7.4 million. It includes the towns of Parksley and Bloxom.

Bringing the trail into Hallwood would require constructing around 0.6 miles along a still-active rail line, which would fall under a separate set of requirements. Such projects are known as "rails with trails."

Murray said railroad officials are in the process of negotiating with a potential sponsor for funding to build and maintain the trail.

The deadline set by the federal Surface Transportation Board to conclude an agreement with a sponsor is July 6, but a one-year extension can be granted.

"So July of 2022 we need to have a sponsor to move forward; but we're looking good in that regard," Murray said, adding that Sen. Lynwood Lewis and Del. Rob Bloxom are "totally in tune with where we are" and Gov. Ralph Northam has put in his proposed fiscal year 2022 budget \$5 million for development of trails over 35 miles long.

Murray said he wants the Virginia Capitol Trail to be the model for the Eastern Shore trail.

That trail runs between Richmond and Williamsburg and is managed by VDOT.

"That would be my hope," he said, noting almost 31 miles of the proposed trail would parallel Route 13.

in what happens here," he said.

Information about the Eastern Shore Rail to Trail Study is at www.virginiadot. org/projects/hamptonroads/eastern shore rail to trail study.asp

#### Saxis Property To Be Aquired, **Demolished**

The board approved acquiring and demolishing an unoccupied structure at 20153 Saxis Road rather than elevating it as part of a federally funded hazard mitigation grant program.

Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason said the county received a memorandum from Saxis supporting the acquisition and demolition of the property and saying the town would accept the property later if the county wants to give it to the town.

The property is adjacent to a large parcel of town-owned property.

Five other homes in Saxis are set to be elevated after the owners submitted a required \$2,500 match deposit, with others pending.

No county funds are used for the program.

#### **Forestry Update**

Robbie Lewis of the Department of Forestry said the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 limited the department's usual work done in partnership with other agencies.

In the past year, the department was involved in three commercial thinnings; writing four cost-share plans; 25 harvested areas found that have regenerated with natural seedlings; 89 partner group contacts; and six educational presentations.

Additionally, the department was involved in establishing two riparian buffers in a Saxis Island project; making 237 stand plans with recommendations for landowners; 12 in-depth stewardship plans, including a tree farm inspection; four tree plantings of open or cutover fields; five urban tree plantings; eight tree harvest assistances; and fighting eight forest fires.

#### **Grant Application for** Greenbackville, Quinby Harbors

The board authorized staff to apply to the Virginia Port Authority for a \$325.500 grant for Greenbackville Harbor renovations and to request a carryover of unused grant funds previously awarded for Quinby Harbor projects.

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"So VDOT already has an interest

A local match of \$108,625 for the Greenbackville Harbor project would be required if the grant is awarded. The Greenbackville Harbor Committee has around \$24,000 in committee-managed funds to go toward the match, according to Stewart Hall, deputy county administrator for public works and facilities.

#### No Wake Zone Ordinance a No Go

The board did not act on a proposed ordinance that would have required anyone wanting to place a "No Wake" marker or buoy to apply to the board of supervisors.

The board then would have had to forward the application to the Department of Wildlife Resources for action under the proposal.

Additionally, the Accomack County sheriff would be responsible for enforcement — a provision that several supervisors were against.

James Altadonna, who owns property near Folly Creek public landing, had submitted an application to the county for a no wake zone.

He was the only speaker at a public hearing.

"The traffic on the creek has exponentially exploded" since improvements were made to the public landing, he said.

In a letter to the board, Altadonna said the wake of boats coming into the ramp at high speeds has more than once knocked him over as he attempted to dock his boat and also has caused "considerable erosion along the shore line."

Supervisors Robert Crockett, Reneta Major, Billy Joe Tarr, and Harris Phillips spoke against the ordinance, noting the sheriff lacks adequate manpower and equipment to enforce no wake zones.

Tarr said there are laws in place already allowing an applicant to request a no wake zone from the state.

Supervisor Paul Muhly asked whether the ordinance could be written to stipulate that enforcement be done by the state rather than the sheriff.

The county attorney said that could be done, but Crockett, a former sheriff, said the "pushback" for enforcement would still come back to the county because it would be the county's ordinance.

"Doing this would just create another level of bureaucracy," he said.

Chairman Ron Wolff said boaters are already required to not make a wake in those circumstances. "It's already there. It's a matter of enforcement" by state agencies, he said.

The board voted unanimously to take no action on the ordinance.

#### Ordinance Allows Communications Towers in Ag District

The board after a public hearing with no speakers voted to amend the zoning ordinance to allow antennas and towers over 100 feet tall in the agricultural district by special use permit. The amendment was initiated by county staff.

Until the change, applicants had to seek a rezoning and then a special use permit to install communications towers in the agricultural district, which includes most of the county.

The board also voted to add to the agricultural zoning ordinance a provision for "any use of land not specifical-

ly listed as a use permitted by right or special exception-special use...which is clearly similar and compatible" with uses listed as allowable in the district.

The change makes it possible for owners to apply for a land use to the Board of Zoning Appeals, which then will undertake a special use permit review process, including a public hearing, before making a decision.

# Chincoteague Names Smith Street Park 'The Brianna Kindness Park'

#### By Carol Vaughn

The Chincoteague Town Council voted at its Jan. 21 meeting to name a new park being constructed on Smith Street "The Brianna Kindness Park," named after Brianna Jade Merritt, who died in October 2019 at age 11 after a three-year battle with leukemia.

Brianna Merritt toward the end of her life expressed the wish that everyone should do some act of kindness each day.

The council voted unanimously to proceed with completing the Smith Street park project using \$140,000 from the playground equipment fund and paying for the balance of the project with money from the beach replenishment, recreation and tourism fund.

Resident David Landsberger in the Jan.12 meeting of the budget and personnel committee offered to donate \$80,000 toward the cost of playground equipment and \$25,000 toward building of a pavilion on a lot at the corner of Smith and School streets, which he offered to donate to the town if improvements to the lot are completed within an agreed upon time frame. The lot is assessed at \$29,000.

The amount needed to complete the park is \$444,672, according to a budget presented to the committee. Around \$95,000 has been spent to date, according to the budget.

"I can't wait to see it done," said Councilwoman Denise Bowden, calling Brianna "a bright light for all of us."

A group raising funds for the playground has raised \$40,000 to date, with additional fundraising efforts in the works, Mayor J. Arthur Leonard said.

The Facebook group Brianna's Wish and the website <a href="https://islandcommunityhouse.org/team-brianna-town-park">https://islandcommunityhouse.org/team-brianna-town-park</a> have information about the fundraising efforts.

#### COVID-19 Update

Chincoteague has had 122 COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began, including two since Jan. 18, according to Bryan Rush, emergency management coordinator.

"The phase 1a vaccine strategy went very well," Rush said, adding the town is working with the health department to get phase 1b vaccinations underway.

"Unfortunately, the doses for the 1b vaccination, the shipments have been very slow and have not been a lot," he said.

The town had planned to begin vaccinating essential personnel — including police officers, firefighters, water de-

partment employees, and elected officials — last week, but has not been able to due to the lack of vaccine supply.

The town is planning for future mass vaccinations, likely no sooner than May.

"That's still in its infancy," Rush said, noting some of his staff are being trained through the health department to give vaccinations, "so we can be ready if and when we want to move to the next step."

#### **Raises for Part-time Employees**

The council approved a 2.5% raise for all part-time employees, matching the raise given previously to full-time employees.

#### **SECTION 8 WAITING LISTS OPENING IN FEBRUARY**

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority (A-NRHA) will open the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List Tuesday, February 16, through Friday, March 12, 2021. Any low- and very-low income person requiring rental assistance in order to find safe, decent, affordable housing may pick up an application at the A-NRHA Section 8 Office located at 23372 Front Street, Accomac, VA, or call (757) 787-2800 ext. 100 to have an application mailed. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the A-NRHA lobby will remain closed to the public during the application period. Drop-off slot facilities are available next to the front entrance. You must provide physical photocopies of valid/unexpired photo identification for all persons over 18, Social Security Cards for all household members, birth certificates/birth records for all minors, and proof of residency (911 address). All documents must be returned with each application. Photocopy services will not be provided, and A-NRHA will not be responsible for original documents. No documentation will be accepted through email. A good, reliable phone number must be provided, as this is how applicants will be contacted if more information is required or documentation is incomplete. Applicants that cannot be contacted will have their application rejected and returned to them by mail. All applications with accompanying documentation MUST BE RETURNED by close of business Friday, March 12, 2021. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted regardless of postmark date.

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority is an equal housing provider and does not discriminate. If accommodations are needed in order to apply for assistance, please contact Brenette Hinmon at (757) 787-2800 x122. Call Virginia Relay at (800) 552-7917 for deaf or hard of hearing assistance.

### Forum Assesses State of Broadband on the Eastern Shore

#### By Stefanie Jackson

The Eastern Shore has made progress toward offering high-speed internet, aka broadband, to all its residents, but availability isn't the only issue quality and affordability are also essential, a recent online forum revealed.

"I know all too well the challenges for Virginia's unconnected, and this past year has just magnified those 100 times over," said Deputy Broadband Advisor Kyle Rosner at the opening of the Jan. 21 event.

The online forum was hosted by Willie Justis and Karen Downing, of the Eastern Shore chapter of Virginia Organizing — a statewide, nonpartisan grassroots organization.

Speakers included state officials, county administrators, educators, internet providers, and concerned citizens.

Gov. Ralph Northam has been "laser-focused on broadband since day one of his administration," said Rosner, who highlighted Northam's goal of achieving universal broadband in Virginia by 2028 - meaning every resident would have access to high-speed internet.

Virginia has invested \$100 million in broadband to date - including \$80 million in the past year - primarily through the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) created by state legislators in 2016.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Broadband administers VATI grants that allow broadband providers to expand their services to unserved or underserved localities.

Northam provided \$50 million in the current state budget and designated \$30 million in federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for broadband.

Accomack also spent a portion of its CARES Act money on broadband about 25%, or \$4 million.

Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason explained how the county used CARES funds to "provide broadband access to areas with high densities of Accomack County Public Schools students who lack sufficient access to high speed internet."

Accomack County partnered with the school division and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (ESVBA) to bring public Wi-Fi to students in need. The Wi-Fi was powered by Verizon cell towers temporarily until ESVBA installed fiber optic cable and established a permanent connection.

The project had two benefits: it provided free, public Wi-Fi, and it built broadband infrastructure so nearly 200 families can more easily afford high-speed internet in their homes in the future.

Northampton County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski noted that public Wi-Fi hotspots are temporary solutions and the county's overall goal is for residents to have broadband access at home.

People sitting in parked cars, completing their work and homework over public Wi-Fi is not a longterm solution to the issue of high-speed internet access, he said.

Eastern Shore Community College President James Shaeffer shared the results of a recent survey of ESCC students, which indicated high-speed internet is among their top technology needs.

Almost all students surveyed said they own at least one device such as a laptop computer or smartphone; 76% own more than two devices, and 27% own five devices. About 48% of the students share a device with someone at home.

Connecting multiple devices to the internet simultaneously reduces the quality of the service, Shaeffer noted.

Only 10% of students have no internet access. "However, they were very quick to indicate that the quality of the internet was not always as high as they needed it," Shaeffer said.

Students said the main reason they need broadband is to play videos.

About 48% of students said they have good quality internet, but 46% said they have poor internet service.

Pastor David Sabatino pointed out that high-speed internet also must be affordable. About 20% of the Eastern Shore lives in poverty, and 30% of its residents are ALICE (Asset Limited. Income Constrained, Employed), or the "working poor," he said.

ESVBA Executive Director Robert Bridgham said the broadband authority has new rates around \$100 a month for small businesses, which could be of-

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ESVBA also offers a micro-community program. Two or more people whose homes are near each another can apply to get broadband connection and service at a reduced cost.

Spectrum Director of Government Affairs Eric Collins said his company offers broadband for \$17.99 a month for qualifying low-income applicants.

Neubeam Executive Vice President of Sales Barry Toser added that "Neubeam is still here" and operating in more than 50 service areas covering 60 miles, including Eastern Shore necks and other out-of-the-way places.

Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Robie Marsh commended the internet providers for "working extremely hard to roll out broadband access to the entire Shore ... as quickly as humanly possible."

High-speed internet access at Eastern Shore homes, businesses, and public Wi-Fi hotspots has "drastically increased" since around 2017.

But a lack of broadband on the Shore persists, for which there is no "silver

bullet ... other than a blank check," Marsh said.

The lack of residential broadband puts the Eastern Shore at a disadvantage when students are getting their education and when they graduate and decide where they want to live and work.

Local businesses struggle to hire and retain talented employees, and new businesses are reluctant to locate or expand on the Shore.

Affordable, widely available broadband is the "best form of low impact, sustainable economic development that we could have here on the Shore," Marsh said.

"We also live in a world where you can work on the Shore in your own house, in a small office, for a company in a big city, earning big-city wages — and then at the same time have a lower cost of living because you live here on the Shore ... spending those savings back in the local economy, supporting our local businesses," Marsh said.

"And all of this can help keep our rural nature and can give us all a better quality of life."

# Northampton Sales Tax Revenue Increases

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton County's fiscal year 2022 budget, which will take effect July 1, is projected to top \$32 million – nearly a \$1.8 million increase from the current fiscal year – due in part to additional revenue from an unexpected source.

Northampton's sales tax revenues are expected to increase by nearly \$500,000 next year — a surprise to Finance Director John Chandler. He predicted a 25% decrease in sales tax revenue this year due to COVID-19, but he has seen an 18% increase so far.

Chandler believes the unexpected increase in sales tax revenue can be attributed to local residents staying home and shopping online instead of traveling long distances to stores in Salisbury, Md. and across the Chesapeake Bay.

Shopping online contributing to the local economy may seem counterintuitive, but 1% of the 5.3% sales tax on items ordered online and shipped to Northampton is shared with the county.

Northampton's sales tax rate will effectively be raised from 5.3% to 6.3% starting July 1. Citizens voted in favor of an additional 1% sales tax in Novem-

ber 2020, which will fund renovations and new construction at Northampton High School.

The new sales tax rate will expire in 20 years, when the loan for the high school project is repaid.

The 1% sales tax is projected to raise between \$1 million and \$1.5 million in FY 2022 for school capital improvements, Chandler said.

Real estate taxes, Northampton's largest source of revenue, are expected to top \$15 million next year, a gain of nearly \$425,000. Delinquent real estate taxes will supply nearly \$518,000 in additional revenue.

Personal property taxes are expected to surpass \$2.4 million, a gain of more than \$214,000.

But not all of the revenue budgeted for FY 2022 is from taxes or other income.

The county budgeted more than \$1 million from its "savings account" for the current fiscal year to pay for COVID-19-related expenses, and it will budget more than \$600,000 from the same fund in FY 2022 to make sure the bills are paid.

"There's some good things here, but there's a lot of expenses," Chandler said.

# **Starting the Conversation**

How to talk to Mom and Dad about Senior Living

Mom may have had a hard time recalling names when you spoke with her over the phone the last few times, but you weren't prepared for what you found during a recent visit. While you were happy to finally be able to see her again, you were concerned. It was clear the carpets needed vacuuming and the bathrooms had not been scrubbed in some time. Most worrisome, however, was Mom's appearance. She looked like she'd lost a lot of weight.



For many families, sheltering in place due to COVID opened their eyes to the side effects of isolation. You may wonder what is happening when you aren't there. Is Mom safe? Is she happy? *Now* is the time to make a plan and find a senior living community that you would both feel comfortable with, rather than

being forced to make a choice in an emergency.

# Here are some tips for discussing your concerns with your loved one:

- Remind Mom or Dad that you love them and are worried about their wellbeing.
- Ask what he/she would need to happen for them to decide it was time to move.
- Discuss his/her concerns about senior living and what he/she would like to see in a community.

While this can be a very difficult time, there is a myriad of support available to you. Commonwealth Senior Living has been guiding families on this journey for almost 20 years. Our caregiver support groups can connect you with families who are experiencing the same challenges and will provide useful tips for ensuring that your

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### Accomack County Section 3 – Local Business and Employment Notice

Accomack County is preparing to carry out Accomack County COVID-19 Urgent Need Response Program through the use of Virginia Community Development Block Grant Funds. In the implementation of this project the following job types may be available:

#### <u>Delivery Drivers - Food Distribution Representative -</u> Distribution Attendant

In carrying out this project, Accomack County, its contractors and subcontractors will, to the greatest extent feasible, utilize qualified persons who permanently reside within the County of Accomack for employment and training positions.

All job openings will be listed with the local office of the Virginia Employment Commission. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the following location:

Virginia Employment Commission Colonial Square Shopping Plaza 25036 Lankford Highway – Unit 16 Onley, Virginia

Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made:

- a. Contracts with Small Businesses located within Accomack County, contracts with local farmers markets in the Accomack or Northampton County, contracts with small restaurants located within Accomack County, contracts with COVID-19 PPE Distributors, contracts to provide Telehealth opportunities and contracts to provide Telework assistance.
- b. Additionally, the following list of specific equipment and general types of services to be used includes the following: purchase of COVID-19 related PPE equipment for small businesses, COVID-19 PPE kits for individual distribution, computers, software, technical equipment for telework and telehealth, food vouchers for local farmers markets, food purchase, distribution and delivery services.

Accomack County will, to the greatest extent feasible, use businesses located in and owned by persons residing in the County of Accomack.

Any person residing or firm located in the above named localities may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting the following person within ten (10) days of this notice:

Bobbie Jo Wert, Project Manager Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission PO Box 417, Accomac, Virginia 23301 (757) 787-2936 Virginia Relay: 711

Written requests should include the name, address, product or service and phone number.

All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. The names of businesses who respond to this notice will be included on procurement lists for this project. Names of job seekers will be given to contractors.

# Hundreds of Pandemic Rule Violation Complaints Filed With Health District

By Carol Vaughn

The Eastern Shore Health District during the coronavirus pandemic has received hundreds of complaints about businesses alleged to have violated the governor's executive orders requiring mask wearing and other measures meant to contain the spread of COVID-19.

The Post made a request under the Freedom of Information Act for complaints made to the health department about alleged violations and responses by the health department.

Executive Order 63, issued May 26, requires face coverings to be worn in certain indoor public spaces.

Executive Order 67, issued June 30, allows restaurants to operate provided owners comply with certain guidelines, including employee mask wearing, no bar seating, and social distancing and sanitation requirements, among others.

The Virginia Department of Health in July set up an online portal, at https://redcap.vdh.virginia.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=Y4P9H7DTWA, where Virginians can file complaints about businesses they allege are not complying with the executive orders.

Complaints may be made anonymously, although a few people on the Shore identified themselves.

Of 320 complaints filed with the Eastern Shore district through Dec. 15, nearly 60 appear to be a form of protest against the orders — including profanity, criticism of Gov. Ralph Northam, messages about tyranny, and the like, rather than actual complaints against real businesses.

One complaint referenced "Reverend Parris's Church; Accomack County," with the address given as Salem, Mass. — an apparent reference to Samuel Parris, who was the Puritan minister in Salem Village, Mass., during the Salem witch trials of 1692.

Two were about Hampton Roads businesses and were referred to the appropriate health departments.

Dozens more were about businesses that fall under the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or the Department of Labor and Industry, including grocery and other stores. Those were referred to the appropriate agencies.

In most of the remaining complaints, health department employees followed up by discussing requirements with business operators, providing educational materials or signage, and similar actions.

Several complaints resulted in onsite inspections and three resulted in notices of alleged violation being sent to restaurants.

None so far resulted in a restaurant's permit to operate being suspended.

The notices included a warning that if violations were not remedied or if they continued, the health department could suspend the business' food permit or seek enforcement action, "including Class 1 criminal misdemeanor and civil injunctive relief."

One notice was sent Nov. 30 to Club Car Cafe in Parksley. Another was sent Nov. 12 to Steamer's Restaurant on Chincoteague. Yet another was sent July 7 to Mallards at the Wharf in Onancock.

The notice to Mallards said the health department received complaints June 15 and 22 alleging violation of executive order 63 by not requiring all customer-facing employees to cover their mouth and nose with a face covering.

On July 4 and 7, complaints were filed alleging violation of executive order 67 by allowing customers to congregate and be served at the bar during a July 3 concert.

The notice to Steamer's said the health department received three complaints Nov. 12 alleging violation of executive orders 63 and 67 by allowing customers to congregate and be served at the bar without proper social distancing and without requiring customers to wear face coverings while entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside buildings open to the public. A photograph also was submitted.

One complaint said their party was sitting at a table in the bar area and there were eight people standing at the bar and ordering drinks at the time.

"Our table was crowded by these people who were being served at the bar. We made a comment to the employees working and nothing was done. We left because we felt uncomfortable because these groups of people were in our seated space," the person wrote.

The notice sent to the Club Car Cafe said the Accomack County Health Department "has made observations, and received numerous complaints" alleging violation of executive orders 63 and 67.

The health department received complaints, including about employees and customers not wearing face coverings and lack of social distancing, on June 29, July 15, July 20, July 21, July 24, Aug. 4, Oct. 13, and Nov. 30.

A health department employee visited the Club Car July 23 but did not observe any executive order violations, according to the notice.

The next day, the same employee visited again and saw employees behind the lunch counter without masks.

The health department and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Au-

thority conducted a joint inspection for executive order 67 Phase 3 compliance Aug. 14 and observed one employee with mask below the nose. The inspection resulted in requiring the operator to move one table from the bar area and a reminder that no service from the bar directly to customers is allowed.

Jon Richardson, chief operating officer of the Eastern Shore Health District, said in a Dec. 14 email the Club Car Cafe's owner the weekend before "reached out to us, (and) has indicated he is providing masks for anyone who shows up and needs one."

## Boating Safety Tips From U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla 12-02

#### Submitted Article

Which life jacket is best? The answer is simply the one you will wear on the water.

Life jackets come in a wide array of styles. What you need to consider is the type, buoyancy, and your planned use.

The weight rating on a life jacket is based on turning you faceup and keeping your head above water in specific sea types. A 15-pound rated jacket is designed primarily for inshore bays and smaller waves. A 22-pound jacket is for open ocean and larger waves. A 22-pound jacket offers protection in the bay, but a 15-pound jacket might not be enough in the ocean.

Inflatable jackets have the same ratings. The manually inflated jackets are very inexpensive but you must be conscious to inflate them. Automatically inflating jackets cost a bit more but they will inflate once they get wet even if the wearer can't pull the cord. If you are

boarded by law enforcement, inflatable jackets and belt pack jackets will count as life jackets only if they are being worn.

Personal watercraft riders and skiers must wear a life jacket that must be rated to function after hitting the water at 50 mph. Also, those using paddleboards, kayaks, or canoes must wear a life jacket at all times. Federal law requires that children under 13 must wear a life jacket whenever the vessel is underway and they are not in an enclosed cabin.

Once you are in the water you are dependent on your life jacket to keep you afloat and on the Coast Guard to find you. The key is making yourself visible.

The human adult head is the size of gallon milk jug; that is what the Coast Guard is searching for in the bay or the ocean with the waves, wind, and rain making it harder. So the key is visibility.

Every jacket and hat should have shiny SOLAS (reflective) tape on the shoulders of the jacket and somewhere on the hat. All jackets should have a whistle and a safety mirror attached to the jacket with a 36-inch lanyard. In the water, use the whistle — you can blow a whistle much longer than you can scream and rescuers can hear it farther away. Planes can see a mirror flash from several miles. Whistles and mirrors are how rescuers will find you.

If you have a locator beacon, attach it to your shoulder with Velcro (and a lanyard). You might also include sweet snacks, candy, and some water to help keep your energy up.

#### **Aids to Navigation Notices**

All U.S. Aids to Navigation notices are listed in a document called the Light List. The 2021 List is available free on the Coast Guard Navigation Center website at https://msi.nga.mil/Publications/USCGLL All boaters should print out the pages for their waters. It's updated weekly.



# **OBITUARIES**

#### Marjorie Pryor Annis

Mrs. Marjorie Pryor Annis, 92, wife of the late Stuart Annis and a resident of Guilford, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

Born June 7, 1928, in Southside Chesconnessex, she was the daughter of the late John Pryor and the late Ethel May Lewis Pryor. Marjorie

was a graduate of Parksley High School and retired from R&G Shirt Factory and Parksley Apparel. She attended Independent Pilgrim Church and proudly lived a Christian life.



She is survived by her grandson, William Rodney Annis, and his wife, Carol, of Clam; stepgrandsons, Justin Davenport and Jason Ward; greatgranddaughter, Renae Williams, and her husband, Christopher; great-greatgrandchildren, Maria Nicole, Christopher Jr., Aubrey Ann, and Emily Elizabeth Williams, all of Salisbury, Md.; a halfbrother, Wallace Evans, and his wife, Willa, of Aston, Pa.; devoted inlaws; and many extended family and friends. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a son, Larry Stuart Annis.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside at the Liberty Cemetery in Parksley, Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, with the Rev. Wayne Asbury officiating.

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Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

#### Geraldine Brown Brinn

Mrs. Geraldine Brown Brinn. 89, wife of the late Ronald Lee Brinn and a resident of Parksley, passed away at her home Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. Born Oct. 11, 1931, in Tylerton. Md., she was the daughter of the late Carroll Benjamin Brown and the late Alma Franklin Bradshaw Brown.

Geraldine graduated from Parks-

ley High School, class of 1948, and later from Beacon College. She worked as a secretary for both the U.S. Navv and for NASA before leaving the workforce to become a full-time home-



Mrs. Brinn

maker. Throughout their marriage, Geraldine provided invaluable support for the three businesses owned by her and Ronald. The first was a shoe repair shop, followed by a furniture store, both in Parksley, and in later years, a check cashing business. Geraldine was a quiet, strong, and gentle woman who led the Christian life by example and few words. She loved gospel music and shared the word of God through singing with her family. Over the years, she was a member and Sunday School teacher at Calvary United Methodist Church, United Christian Church, and Faith Assembly of God, and most recently, a faithful member of Baptist Bible Church. Geraldine enjoyed sewing, particularly quilting, cross-stitch, and embroidery, and she also enjoyed cooking, often baking something sweet and experimenting with new recipes. She liked working in her flower gardens and was especially pleased when she successfully rooted an old plant or shrub. For many years, Geraldine hosted picnics in her backyard gazebo, a place where family and friends gathered, and many cherished memories were made.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Jennifer Brinn Henderson and her husband, Bruce, and Lucy East Huffman and her husband, Dannv: brother. Sammuel Carroll Brown. and his wife, Linda, all of Parksley; grandchildren, Olivia Rebakkah Marcus and her husband, Joshua, of Wilmington, Del., and Eddie Ray Allison Jr., of Windsor, Va.; great-grandchildren, George Edward Smith IV. Bradleigh Lola Smith, Ethan Revell Allison, and Isaac Mason Allison; step-grandsons, William Huffman and his wife, Emma, and their two daughters, and Richard "Ricky" Huffman; and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Rachael Marie Brown Justis, and her husband, Carroll; and brothers, Lorie Colbourn Brown and his wife, Sue, and Teddy Berman Brown.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Mark Howard and the Rev. Robert Fletcher officiating. Interment will be held in the Liberty Cemetery.

Contributions in Geraldine's memo-

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#### Wayne Lee Heath Sr.

Mr. Wayne Lee Heath Sr., 57, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021. A grave-

side service was held Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, at at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Exmore.

Please visit www.lewisnwatsonfuneralhome. com to offer condolences to family.



Mr. Heath

#### William Henry Johnson Jr.

Mr. William "Bill" Henry Johnson Jr., 91, of Bradenton, Fla., passed away peacefully Jan. 20, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen; two children, William Johnson, of New York, N.Y., and Kathy Sundberg (Andrew), of St. Pete Beach, Fla. (formerly of Richmond); and two grandchildren, Eric Sundberg and Megan Sund-

berg. He is preceded in death by his parents, Agnes and William Johnson; and brother. James R. Johnson.

After growing up in West Caldwell. N.J.. Bill with served the Marine



Mr. Johnson

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Korean War. Bill and Helen raised their children in Denville, N.J., where, after a 34-year career with AT&T/Bell Telephone Laboratories in Whippany, he retired and they moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to enjoy boating and fishing on the Chesapeake Bay. After many years as snowbirds, they moved to Bradenton.

A private memorial service will be scheduled for a later date at Sara-

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The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to Tidewell Hospice at www.tidewellhospice.org

Condolences may be made to www.brownandsonsfuneral.com

#### Richard Louis Norton Sr.

Mr. Richard Louis Norton Sr., 74, husband of Ruth Ann Squires Norton and a resident of Melfa, formerly of Eastport, passed away Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News. A native of Southampton, N.Y., he was the son of the late James L. Norton and the late Irene Kacinski Norton. He was a re-

tired engineer for Grumman Aerospace.

In addition to his loving wife, Richard is survived by two children, Richard L. Norton Jr., of Melfa, and Amy Norton Rogers



Mr. Norton

and her husband, Randy, of Southold, N.Y.; one sister, Marilyn Hidenlang, and her husband, David, of Randolph, N.J.; a granddaughter, Rebecca Rogers, of Southold; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration of life service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Melfa United Methodist Church, 19444 Main St., Melfa, VA 23410.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at <a href="https://www.doughtyfuneralhome.com">www.doughtyfuneralhome.com</a>

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

#### Bonnie Bean Putnam

**Ms. Bonnie Bean Putnam,** 65, of Parksley, passed away Jan. 25, 2021, at her residence.

Born Dec. 20, 1955, in New York, she was the daughter of the late David Charles Bean and the late Betty Lou Heaton. She was a former marketing manager for Northern Telecom. Bonnie was a member of Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club and Grace United Methodist Church. She enjoyed dec-

orating her home, cooking, traveling, trying new foods, and playing with her dog, Lacy (deceased).

Bonnie is survived by her children,

William Putnam, of Oakland, Calif., and Alexandra Putnam, of Gulfport, Miss.; a sister, Beverly Hill, and husband, Brian Hill, of Parksley; nephews, Tyler and Trevor Hill; and a greatnephew, Dash Hill.



Ms. Putnam

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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#### Kearn Charles Schemm Jr.

**Mr. Kearn Charles Schemm Jr.,** of Cape Charles, passed away on Jan. 20, 2021, at the age of 72, another soul lost to cancer.

Kearn was born June 22, 1948, the third child of Catharine (Gilbert) and Kearn Schemm Sr. He passed his happy childhood in Nutley, N.J., and graduated from Nutley High School

in 1966. A lifelong historian, Kearn earned his B.A. in history and anthropology from Upsala College in East Orange, N.J. Thereafter, he received a scholarship to attend Seton Hall Law



Mr. Schemm

School in Newark, N.J., graduating in 1977.

After being admitted to the bar, he formed his own law firm in Union, N.J. – Schemm & Fitzgibbon, Kearn was a trial lawyer in New Jersey for many years before relocating to Vienna, Austria, where he met and married Eva Maria Bartl. He was a freelance journalist in Austria, covering many issues of the day, including the Bosnian War. He was a talented communicator, making friends wherever he went while honing his gift for languages, especially German. His linguistic skills led him to a position with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), where he taught English to Eastern European refugees and assisted with their relocation, mostly to the USA and Australia. In the mid-1990s, he returned to the United States and began his final career at the U.S. State Department. There, his duties included monitoring sensitive communiqués and translating them from Russian to English.

He loved the outdoors, bike riding, hiking, and especially swimming in the Chesapeake Bay. He fell in love with Cape Charles while vacationing, and decided that the slower pace of the Eastern Shore fit his personality. He looked around and found a home just one block from the beach, to which he retired and happily passed his golden years. He swam in the bay every day of the summer. Although he was a "come here," he made more friends and memories in Cape Charles than many native-born citizens of the town. He was a familiar sight walking the beach daily with his dog. Duke, who has found a new home in New Jersey with Kearn's favorite (and only) niece, Mireille Alfano, and her husband, Allen.

He is also survived by three children, Andrew Huber (Amv). Freya Frost (Patrick), and Saskja Schemm. They were a source of support throughout his ordeal, and he loved them with all his heart. Freya earned her angel wings as she cared for him day and night. His four grandchildren, Richard Huber, Isla Frost, Finn (his best buddy), and Siglinn Schemm, will miss playing games and laughing with him. He also leaves his brother and sisterin-law, David and Liz Schemm; his sister, Kathleen Bahri; and his four nephews, Steven (Angie), Keith (Suzanne), Kevin (Julia), and his help-mate, Adam Bahri, who weekly traveled many miles to assist in his uncle's care through his final weeks.

Kearn enjoyed his interesting, varied, and too-short life. We hope to celebrate his memory with friends and family at some future time when we are able to gather and share food, drink, and happy stories.



# Onley Town Council Seeks Construction Bids for New Town Hall

By Carol Vaughn

The chairman of a committee charged with looking into options for a new town hall in Onley outlined steps the committee and town council have taken since March 2019 before he made a motion to seek bids "as soon as possible" to build one using plans Beracah Homes Inc. prepared for the town.

The council approved the motion, made by Councilman Brian Corbin, 4-2, with members Billye D. Custis and Claudia Harmon voting no. Former committee chairwoman Rose Pierson had seconded the motion.

The council in spring 2019 approved spending \$3,000 for a set of modular building plans from Beracah. After the initial set of plans was submitted in August 2019, the council held work sessions and asked for multiple changes. The committee also had the plans reviewed by a third-party engineer, among other actions Corbin detailed.

On behalf of the committee, Corbin asked the council "to move forward, as

we are almost there."

"We have done a lot of work for almost two years and we spent \$3,000 of the town's money. This project has been on the table almost 12 years," he said

Discussions about building a new town hall have been going on for that long.

The town paid for a previous set of plans for a custom-built structure some years ago, but when the time came to vote on the only bid received to build it — which was for over \$1 million — the council voted it down.

Between purchasing property next to the current town hall, tearing down a building on the property because problems were found; paying for the previous set of plans and the latest, modular plans from Beracah; and installing well and septic on the property, the town has spent around \$350,000, Mayor Matt Hart said in November 2019.

The council has been holding its monthly meetings at Onley Baptist Church, and before that at the Vietnam Veterans building and the Onley firehouse, because of the small size of the current town hall, where administrative staff and police share quarters.

The Jan. 4 meeting, at which the latest town hall vote was taken, was held electronically via Zoom because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In other action at the Jan. 4 meeting, the council voted 4-2 to not pursue purchasing either the former Floor Store building or the Onley Baptist Church office building for use as a town office.

Harmon and Custis also voted no on that motion, which Corbin made and Councilman Bill Ferguson seconded.

Harmon noted the town's budget for a new town office is \$339,454, and said, "I would like to have the facts about the Floor Store building to make an informed decision, to see how much of that budget would have been needed to renovate that store. Citizens often say, 'You should have bought the fire station.' Well, now are they going to say we should have bought the Floor Store?"

Ferguson said he does not believe

that either building is suitable for a town hall.

Custis said the Floor Store's asking price, \$48,000, "gives it a whole new meaning."

Discussion included mention of an email Town Manager Jamye Salazar sent to council members informing them that Custis said she had spoken to the Floor Store's owner, who told Custis she was going to sell the building to Hart.

Hart said he followed that email up with his own email to council saying he would not close on the property until the town decided whether or not it wanted to buy it.

"I will hold off on buying it if you guys wanted to pursue it. I've stated that from day one," Hart said at the meeting.

He said the owner's husband, who since died, tried to sell him the building three years ago.

"I'm not here to try to steal anything from anybody," Hart said, adding he told the owner he would not buy it unless the town did not want it.



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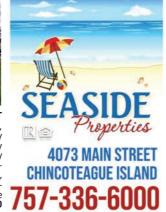
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The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority is soliciting comments on its Section-8 Housing Choice Voucher Program 5 Year Plan. The plan outlines the agency's goals and objectives with regards to its Section 8 program and affordable housing. Copies of the plan are available at the offices of the Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority. This plan was adopted in 2020 and the Authority has not made changes to its goals or objectives in the interim. However, a public hearing to solicit comments will be held on MARCH 16, 2021, at 6 p.m., at 23372 Front Street, Accomac, VA. Please call 757-787-2800 ext. 119 for additional information or if you need special accommodations in order to view the plan or attend the public hearing. Comments may be submitted in writing. Please send comments to:

Russ Williams, Director of Housing Services Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority P.O. Box 387 Accomac, VA 23301

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# Court Postings By Nancy Drury Duncan

#### **Accomack Circuit Court**

Dorothy Payton, 33, of Mappsville, will spend 12 months in jail for her October 2020 conviction of threatening to burn a residence and misdemeanor arson in a plea agreement with the commonwealth.

Northampton County Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly Leatherbury prosecuted the case because of a conflict in the Accomack office. The incident involved problems with Payton, co-defendant Terrance Baines, and Jerry Satchell.

The conflicts continued July 4, 2019. At 2 a.m. on July 5, 2019, Satchell's camper trailer was found to be on fire. Satchell was not at home at the time. His camper burned to the ground with his dog inside.

Witnesses heard Payton and Baines threatening to burn the camper and the pair was seen buying gas at Royal Farms shortly before the fire, said Leatherbury. She said she entered into the agreement with Payton because the evidence was circumstantial, and she had no confidence witnesses would testify against the pair at trial.

Co-defendant Terrance Baines pleaded guilty to misdemeanor arson and was sentenced to 12 months in jail, the maximum for a misdemeanor. "That was someone's home," said Judge W. Revell Lewis III.

Defense attorney Carl Bundick called Payton to the witness stand before her sentencing. "I'm sorry this happened," she said. "We were good friends."

"There were a series of incidents on July 4, 2019," said Leatherbury. "There was an altercation in the morning. Baines was assaulted by Satchell. Payton was driving up and down the lane with Mr. Baines making threats to kill Satchell. After it was burned and destroyed, Payton was bragging that they burned it down."

She described Payton as having a history of "assaultive behavior." Leatherbury told the court Satchell's dog was burned alive and Satchell lost everything in the fire. Bundick described the conflict that day as "probably fueled by alcohol." Judge Lewis sentenced Payton to three years with all time suspended for threatening to burn the residence and 12 months for arson. He ordered her to pay \$2,375 in restitution for the loss and to be on indefinite supervised probation. He said she could serve her time on weekends. which will not begin until July 2 because of COVID-19. He ordered her to be on good behavior for five years.





Accomack and Northampton counties' plan to safely hold jury trials was approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia.

A Declaration of Judicial Emergency prohibiting the conduct of jury trials has been in effect since March 16, 2020. The chief judge of the 2nd Circuit and resident judge W. Revell Lewis III are of the opinion it is not possible to safely resume criminal jury trials in Accomack County at this time because of space consideration in the courthouse. Therefore, Accomack criminal jury trials will be conducted in the Northampton County courthouse on an interim basis.

Comprehensive instructions for conducting jury trials in Eastville are outlined in the plan.

For an Accomack case, courtroom security will be provided by the Accomack County Sheriff's office. All other Accomack personnel necessary for the conduct of a jury trial will travel to Eastville. Jurors will be reimbursed for the additional mileage in addition to the per diem jury fee. The plan out-

lines in detail the steps that will be taken to ensure that jurors and all others involved will be safe during this pandemic. Public entrances and exits will be marked by signs. Social distancing will be 6 feet outside and 10 feet indoors. A checking station will be set up on the front porch of the courthouse with a tented waiting area for the overflow of persons waiting for the checking station. Each person will be asked a series of questions before being allowed to enter. Each person will have a temperature check and must apply hand sanitizer. All persons must wear a mask. Jurors will be given staggered reporting times to eliminate too large a crowd at the check-in station and to minimize close contact and long wait times. Once inside, there will be social distancing.

Accomack County jury trials will resume during the April term of court and Northampton County cases will resume in May. The complete details of all safety procedures will be posted on the website of each of the two counties before jury trials are set to begin.







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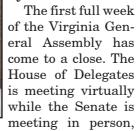
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#### By Del. Rob Bloxom

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social distancing in a large auditorium at the Science Museum of Virginia.

The amount of Zoom time that took place during the first week is beyond comprehension. At times I would be in two meetings simultaneously. While in Richmond, it was not unusual to have to be in two separate rooms at the same time, but to have two full committees meet is a real conflict that cannot seem to be avoided in this format. I have two computer monitors viewing the meetings along with a voting device that I can toggle between the two meetings in order to vote. I mention all this to say that meeting virtually is certainly not a positive way to change the Code of Virginia.

My committee assignments remain the same as last year. I serve on the Appropriations Committee, Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee, and the Privileges and Elections Committee. Each committee has a two-hour block starting at 7 a.m. with full dockets of bills to be heard. The committee meetings go until 3 p.m. when the floor session begins at 4 p.m. Any committee work left unfinished will continue after the floor session adjourns. This schedule of Zooming is far from ideal. The public is omitted from the discussion and the patron of the bill makes sure the supporters occupy the Zoom session while the opponents of the legislation may not even know that the bill is even being heard.

**LETTERS** 

While it is early in this session, I will venture to say the main priority of the majority party will be to make permanent the election law changes that occurred due to the pandemic. In turn, this would take Virginia further away from our pro-business position and it would also make more adjustments to criminal justice reform. I will try to highlight some of the bills when the House presents them on the floor in the upcoming weeks.

I encourage you to take a look at the bills that are being considered during the 2021 Virginia House of Delegates session at https://lis.virginia.gov/ You can also stream the committee and floor sessions at https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/house/chamber/chamberstream.php.

As always, I welcome you to contact me with any questions or concerns at my district office at 757-824-3456 or email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov.

# Co-Op Association Honors Sen. Lewis

#### Submitted Article

State Sen. Lynwood W. Lewis Jr. has been named the recipient of the 2020 Distinguished Friend of Electric Cooperatives Award by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Lewis, who represents the 6th Senatorial District, was honored for his leadership and advocacy on issues important to co-ops and rural Virginia. He was instrumental in passage of landmark legislation that will improve the ability of electric cooperatives and their subsidiaries to deploy high-speed internet in unserved communities across the state.

"Thanks to the work of Sen. Lewis, electric cooperatives will be able to deploy broadband services at a time when access to the internet is more important than ever," said Richard G. Johnstone Jr., president and CEO of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives.

"Sen. Lewis has truly distinguished himself as a friend of electric cooperatives and the member-owners we serve," Johnstone added.

The award honors legislators, regulators, and others in public service who have strongly supported the best interests of electric cooperative member-owners.

"This new law will help to accelerate the deployment of broadband in those areas of Virginia that need it most," said Andrew Vehorn, VMD Association vice president of governmental affairs.

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### Random Facts About ... Vaccines From Smallpox to the Coronavirus

#### By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes for cleaning this week, a word popped out that deserves a standing ovation: vaccine.

The word came from the treatment of smallpox, a viral disease that first infected humans as far back as 10,000 years ago. Caused by the variola virus, which resides only in humans, smallpox was one of the deadliest diseases ever to devastate the human race. With a mortality rate of 30%, it killed 400,000 people each year in Europe in the 18th century with a third of those who survived blinded by the disease. In our own 20th century, from 300 million to half a billion people were killed by smallpox.

As far back as the year 1000, people realized that if you survived smallpox, you were immune from getting it. In fact, smallpox survivors were in demand to care for those suffering from the disease, because if you did not have smallpox and cared for someone suffering from it, chances were overwhelming you would get it. In China, Africa, and Turkey, people began prac-

ticing variolation, which was inoculation by introducing the live smallpox virus to a person through his or her lungs, mucus membranes, or blood. Variolation could indeed make a person immune — but at tremendous risks. It gave recipients full-on cases of smallpox (and other diseases that the donor had) that sometimes killed the recipients. It started smallpox epidemics.

The better way of inoculation came from Edward Jenner. Born in England in 1749, Jenner was a doctor and a polymath with interests in science, medicine, hot air balloons, and ornithology, among many other disciplines. Jenner had heard that dairymaids and farmers with cowpox, a condition that causes fever and skin infections, did not catch smallpox. In fact, when these farm workers received variolation (the live smallpox virus) as inoculation, they had no reaction — no disease, no sores. Doctors told them, "You've already had smallpox." The farmers and dairymaids replied, "No but we've had cowpox."

In 1796, theorizing that the mild

cowpox could create immunity to the deadly smallpox, Jenner inoculated an 8-year-old boy — first with cowpox, which caused the boy to have cold-like symptoms for one day and then, rather ruthlessly, with smallpox. The boy did not get smallpox.

Jenner was unable to receive support for his work even after he successfully repeated his experiments with this new procedure, which he called vaccination — from the Latin word for cowpox, "vaccinia," from Latin for cow, "vacca." But acceptance eventually came because Jenner was tireless, sending his vaccine to medical colleagues around the world, including a professor at Harvard who sent it to Thomas Jefferson, who appointed the professor to set up a national vaccination program.

Although the enormous, world-changing value of Jenner's vaccination was acknowledged eventually, he never profited from his discovery and was ridiculed by many. The idea that you can use a pox to stop a pox. Ridiculous! Vaccine deniers even back then.

Looking for some good news in this time of plague? Smallpox has been eradicated for 70 years — the first disease ever to be completely wiped clean from Earth. After vexing us for a hundred centuries, it does not exist anywhere in the wild in the world. You can't get it. You don't even need to be vaccinated for it. Bye, bye, smallpox.

And Dr. Jenner has a message for you, coronavirus: You're on borrowed time, sucka! (Although a distinguished British scientist would probably not phrase it in exactly that manner.)





# Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest: Drumming Up Contestants



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#### Last Week's Contest: Gather Ye the Flower

Last week we asked you to find six bird of paradise flowers that were on pages 2 (two of them), 18, 23, 28, and 34. Thirty-four readers were sufficiently osprey-eyed to achieve contestant status and, of those, Janice Gladysiewicz, of Greenbackville, was randomly chosen to win the \$25 gift certificate to C.D. Marsh Jewelers in Onancock.

#### This Week's Contest: Gimme Dat Drumstick!

In recognition of this week's sponsor, we have served up six drumsticks in the paper:



Readers who identify all six will become contestants and, from that pool, one lucky osprey-eyed reader will be randomly selected to

win a \$25 gift certificate to Bojangles in Onley. See sponsor box on this page.
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- To become a contestant, find the six drumsticks and tell us where you found them (page number and location on the page). Send this information to
- You can start sending your entries now. Entries MUST have your first and last names and your town.

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• Entries will be accepted until noon on Monday, Feb. 1. Entries arriving af-

ter noon on the 1st will not be entered in the contest.

- Do not submit multiple entries.
- Include a photograph if you choose to submit one and tell us a little something about the picture.
- 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 chicken dinner, a lottery winner, or a driving beginner. Just no feet.
- Anyone submitting a photograph must have taken the picture or have permission to use it.





Janice Gladysiewicz, of Greenbackville, found the six flowers last week and was chosen at random to win the \$25 gift certificate to C.D. Marsh Jewelers in Onancock. She said, "My cat Smokey and I always look forward to these games in the Post. It was tricky but we were able to find them all." But, seriously, does it look like Smokey was much help?

#### Runners-Up



We looked up the word "adorable" in the dictionary and found this picture of Lila Whealton, great-granddaughter of Barbara Whealton, of Chincoteague.



Here are Amy and Alex Joyner at the Polar Duck Dip for Camp Occohannock. Runner-up Amy Eckard said go to <u>www.ootbay.org</u> for more videos of the dip.



Arienne Townsend, of Eastville, said this is a picture of her kitten, Fluffy, and her daughter, Marlaniah, when they were both young. We say TOO CUTE!



Shellsey Reid, of Parksley, and her 3-year-old daughter, Laionna Mears, play osprey-eyed each week to help Laionna recognize objects and improve memory — and because "we can turn it into a fun game!"



Remi is a dog. Remi is a family dog. Remi gets dressed up. Deidre Brown, of Cape Charles, sent Remi to stand in her place as runner-up.



Damian Sirois, of Bloxom, was a runner-up and this is a picture of his dog who is relaxed — very, very relaxed.

#### Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Brittney Parks, Pocomoke City, Md.
Jeanette Bell, Onley
Sarah Morgan, Oyster
Katie M. Jackson, Pocomoke City, Md.
Richard Marshall, Atlantic
Jimmy Targett Jr.,
Strange Creek, W.V.
John Chrzanowski, Melfa
Nadine Chrzanowski,
Strange Creek, W.V.

Cheryl Turner, Bloxom
Sara M. Fetterman, Bloxom
Sarah Ross, Chincoteague
Cindylou Nelson, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Peggy Belote, Painter
Stephanie Bailey, Chincoteague
Karen Wilson, Melfa
Virginia Manzione, Exmore
Teri Collins, Bloxom

Theresa Lattimore, Bloxom
Charles Boss, Machipongo
Marion Robinson, Chincoteague
Eileen Kruger, Accomac
Laura Dabroski, Bloxom
Colleen Koski, Chincoteague
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Megan Thornes, Exmore
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#### **Last Week's Answers** AMERICAS IMPEACH VERA

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by Linda Thistle

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### **Super** Crossword

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# EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

# Eastern Shore Street Hockey League Game Summaries

#### Story by Matthew Yoder

Another week, another roster of competitive games completed on the ESSHL docket. It's clear the Knights are shaping up as a formidable opponent in line with the Ducks. Each team finished Sunday with a pair of wins. The formula to their success has been a cohesive approach to defending, outstanding consistency in goal, and speed on offense, with, at times, an uncanny ability to score at will. Though these two teams have been winning games in bunches, the league is still very much up for grabs, with all teams possessing the ability to rise to the occasion when blending skill, desire, and a plan. Following are the results of games played Jan. 24.

#### Game 1: Blues vs. Ducks

While the Blues have yet to notch a victory, they have also shown an unwillingness to throw in the towel. For two periods Sunday they matched the league's top team. Jacen Horne provided strong goaltending for the Blues, fighting off a flurry of shots from the Ducks, and at times keeping the ball out of the net on his back. His counterpart, Justin Wheeler, was solid in net as well. Hockey is a sport that can be just as entertaining without scoring, as evidenced by two scoreless periods of great action from these teams. In the third, the Ducks shifted the momentum in their direction after Dustin Aigner found Anthony Taylor in front of the net from his position on the back boards. Taylor later added to the Ducks' lead on a rebound, after Aigner grabbed a takeaway, settling the puck for a good scoring opportunity. The Blues made things interesting with 30 seconds to go after Garrett Baylis stunned Wheeler with a hard shot from behind midcourt. The Ducks quickly settled, however, and Aigner sealed the 3-1 victory with a twoon-one goal seconds later.

#### Game 2: Red Wings vs. Harambe

Zach Webb entered the game playing at another speed for Harambe. Webb fired a heavy shot on Wings goaltender, Guy Parks, prompting Parks to look behind himself, seemingly astonished that he made the save. Harambe would continue to pursue with great positioning, and seconds later the team's hard work paid off with Guy Shover finding Webb out front with a nice pass. A shot from just in front of midcourt from Gabriel Nock tied the game, and slowed Harambe a bit. With three seconds remaining in the first period, Ethan Ayer scored to give the Wings a one-goal lead. In the second period, the Wings extended their lead after Brandon Stapleton redirected a shot from Nock into the net. The Harambe players gathered themselves and trimmed the lead back to one after Josh Taylor scored from a good look from Johnny Irvin. The game seesawed similarly in the third, with Ayer scoring again to push the Wings ahead and Irvin scoring on a furious push from Harambe. In the end, Parks made timely saves to preserve the 4-3 victory for the Wings.

#### Game 3: Bruins vs. Knights

This game was played in true ironman fashion, with teams playing either with no bench, in the Bruins' case, or just one substitute on the Knights' end. The Knights would use the first period to build a strong 3-0 lead, after a pair of goals from Taylor Parks, and one from Thomas Eno. In the second, the Bruins crept closer after Donnie Williams slid a brilliant pass to Matt Yetter for a goal, but Parks would later add to his tally for the Knights, notching a hat trick. The Bruins would not relent in the third, even after a goal from Patrick Christman, who streaked out of

the penalty box. Up 5-2, the Knights committed a pair of penalties back-to-back, and the Bruins made them pay. First Yetter scored on the two-man advantage, then Williams cut the lead to one after directing the ball into the net off the stick of Knights' goalie, Alex McCollough. The Bruins would not get any closer from there, however, as McCullough then atoned for his mistake with some strong saves to finish.

#### Game 4: Ducks vs. Harambe

The Ducks benefited from a pair of goals from backline defender, Jesse West, en route to a 4-2 victory. Preston Shover scored the first goal for Harambe, and a length of the court shot from Webb bettered Wheeler to truly make the game interesting late, but the Ducks calmly managed to hold on for the victory.

#### Game 5: Knights vs. Blues

As was the case in their earlier game, the Knights' offense ignited for 5 goals in their contest against the Blues. Parks repeated with a second hat trick of the day, and goals from Derek Hail and Eno added to the total. Colby Allen scored the Blues' lone goal past a diving McCullough.

#### Game 6: Wings vs. Bruins

Small in size but strong in development, Grayson Ford, one of the league's youngest stars, opened the scoring with a five-hole shot for the Wings. Williams responded in the first for the Bruins, sliding one past Parks. From there, the Bruins' offense took control of the game, with Williams, Yetter, and Caleb Clark scoring the final three goals of the game. Mark Stapleton provided some spectacular work in net for the Bruins, who finished the day with one win and one loss after beating the Wings 4-1.

The teams will be back in action Feb. 7 in Parksley.

# The Lady Vikings Fall on the Road

01/21/21 HAMPTON CHRISTIAN 48 BROADWATER 28

01/26/21 GREENBRIER CHRISTIAN 58 BROADWATER 34

#### Story by Brennan Waldorf

The Lady Vikings drop in back-to-back games on the road. They traveled to Hampton Christian

on Jan. 21 to face-off against the Warriors. Junior Suzanna Long was the leading scorer for the Vikings, recording a double-double with 12 points, 11 rebounds, and two steals. Senior Hannah Davis followed just shy of a double-double with 8 points, nine rebounds, and two steals.

The Vikings then traveled to Chesapeake to face-off against the much taller Greenbrier Christian Gators. The Gators roster is highlighted by twin towers Eden and Chloe Belford, one of the best front courts the Vikings have seen. Traveling

without senior Hannah Davis, the young squad uncharacteristically recorded only two steals in the game, falling to the Gators for the second time this season. Suzanna Long was the leading scorer with 10 points, eight rebounds, and three assists. She was followed by eighth grader Leah Smith and sophomore Taylor Leland who each finished with 9 points and four assists.

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# Vikings Continue Winning Streak



Junior Willie Holden is Broadwater's most improved player and a night-mare for opposing guards.

01/21/21 BROADWATER 43 HAMPTON CHRISTIAN 39

01/26/21 BROADWATER 55 GREENBRIER CHRISTIAN 41 Story and Photo by Brennan Waldorf

The Broadwater Vikings extended the best start the school has seen since head coach Eddie Spencer took over the program. They improved to 8-0 after back-to-back wins at the Hall Center in Exmore, first defeating Hampton Christian on Jan. 21, followed by a pummeling of Greenbrier Christian on Jan. 26.

The team that lost three seniors last year has already surpassed its wins from the previous year. This year's squad boasts five seniors who have stepped up in the metro conference, punishing teams on the boards and in transition. Seniors Marvin Johnson and Clay Wardius have led the team over conference rivals who have gotten the best of the Vikings in years past. "Atlantic Shores and Portsmouth Christian have always been big games. It feels good to get a win over them," said coach Eddie Spencer.

Teams are finding that the Vikings are the real deal with rim protectors Levin Smith and Wardius on the court. Attacking the basket comes with a high cost. The two towers are the core of the interior defense and the best front court in the metro, but the return of Brant Bloxom and the addition of Bradyn Washington make it almost impossible for offenses to score in the paint. Some of the fastest guards in the metro have seen their shots rejected by the Vikings stingy defense that's allowed an average of only 38 points per game.

The Vikings' back court is no slouch either, anchored by Johnson and most improved player Willie Holden. "He handles and shoots the ball well. He's always working on his game, nonstop," said coach Spencer of Holden. Last year, Holden and Johnson were the workhorses of the offense, being the primary ballhandlers. This year they got some relief when twoway guard Washington was added to the roster. Washington has been the X-factor on the Vikings' team as he can play almost all positions on the floor with exception of center. His ballhandling skills allow for Johnson and Holden to generate offense off the ball while his 6-foot-3-inch height also allows him to help when the defense collapses in the paint.

"He can handle the ball and help get out on the fast break and has been a big piece of the puzzle," said coach Spencer on Washington's performance against Greenbrier. The junior was absent for the first game against Greenbrier when the Vikings edged the Gators by 3 points in Chesapeake. With the addition of Washington, the Vikings dominated Greenbrier after a close first quarter in the second game. The defense stifled the Gators' attack allowing only 2 points in the second quarter, which left the Gators all but defeated. The second half seemed like a mere formality with the Gators already acknowledging that a loss was inevitable. "Man (defense) took them out of their offense. They're a perimeter shooting team ... took that way from them tonight," said coach Spencer of the double-digit win.

The Vikings are atop their conference and have a good chance to go undefeated this year. One could assume this team is destined to reach the state playoffs with the team's eyes on the ultimate prize of winning a championship.

# CALL Starts 2021 with Board Meeting

Story and Photo by Matthew Yoder

A board member meeting was held Monday evening for the Central Accomack Little League. The framework was set for establishing dates to sign up for spring baseball and softball, and members deliberated on options to proceed with the annual auction, which helps to support operations throughout the year.

Coming off a year in which spring competition was canceled as a result of the pandemic, it was hoped an abbreviated attempt to salvage the season this past fall will springboard to a successful 2021 effort. The board was optimistic that the opportunity to play very much exists.

"We're on schedule to start as planned," said CALL President Billy Justice.

First up is registration, which is scheduled to start Feb. 1 and run through March 15. The fees remain the same, \$65 for machine pitch and Little League and \$45 for T-ball. Tryouts are slated for March 20 for baseball and softball and they will be held outside, weather permitting. If the weather is not cooperative, the league will forgo tryouts and move ahead with a draft on March 22 and commence the following day with practices.

Opening date was set for April 10 at 9 a.m., with the season ending on June 5.

In the meantime, the indoor facility on the ball-field grounds in Onancock will soon be accessible to interested participants looking to brush up on their skills. Masks are required in the building, and players will be required to bring their own equipment. Open gym sessions will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., and a \$5 fee is requested to help with electric charges.

In other topics, the league is looking for umpires and coaches and will hold a safety meeting on March 8 for anyone interested in coaching.

A big topic of discussion was the annual auction, which has drawn nice-sized crowds but this year faces the continued challenge of curbs on gatherings. The board discussed options ranging from an all-online forum to auction donated items or an outdoor event at a later date. Nothing was set in stone Monday evening, as everyone patiently awaits any new directives over the next month or so. It seems likely by the next meeting in February the board will have finalized a decision on the annual auction.



The new display at CALL headquarters to honor the achievements of 2019's champion-ship teams.

# Church News

#### Accomac

A Public Service of Healing is held every Thursday at noon at the St. James Church, Drummondtown, rectory front lawn on Back Street or at www.stgeorgesesva.org

#### Cheriton

Holmes Presbyterian Church will host "The Pursuit" Thursday, Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25, 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

#### Pungoteague

The food pantry will be open Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 13, from 8 to 10 a.m., at Pungoteague Community Church. The teen youth group (ages 9 to 16) will meet Fridays, Feb. 12 and 19, at 6 p.m., in the church social hall. Women's fellowship will be Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m., at the Huether home. Men's fellowship will be Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m., at the church social hall. The Eastern Shore Emmaus monthly gathering will be Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the church sanctuary. The building dedication of the new Self Help Center will be Sunday, Feb. 21, during morning worship service.



# **Community Notes**

# Sweethearts on Parade Goes Virtual

The Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency will host its annual "Sweethearts on Parade" event Thursday, Feb. 11. This year the event will be held virtually via Zoom and guests may dial in. Meeting ID and Passcode information will be provided upon request. The annual event features the Eastern Shore's finest adults 60 and older. For more details or if you or someone you know is interested in being presented or would like to nominate a "sweetheart," contact Denise Godwin at 757-710-0038 or email dgodwin@esaaacaa.org, or Cassandra Bailey at 757-710-5932 or email at cassandra@esaaacaa.org, by Friday, Feb. 5.

# Accomack Democratic Meeting

The Accomack County Democratic Committee's monthly general membership meeting will be a virtual platform via GoToMeeting Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m.

All members interested in attending the meeting should contact Executive Chair Lisa LaMontagne at 703-623-0690 for a code to access the virtual meeting.

### Take-out Challenge

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission invites everyone to order take-out once a week from Feb. 1 through Feb. 27 for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to any local restaurant. Pick-up the order, plate it at home, or bring it to a favorite stargazing spot for a picnic date, just make sure to snap a picture and share it on Facebook and Instagram. All contestants who upload an image and tag @visitesva once a week will be entered to win the gift card from any local restaurant of her choice.

Head to <a href="www.VisitESVA.com">www.VisitESVA.com</a> and click "Eat" at the top to see updated business hours and special services including take-out, curbside services, delivery, outdoor seating, and more. Click on the restaurant's website to see a menu or contact the restaurant with any inquiries directly from VisitESVA's website.

### Summer Meals Program Seeks Partners

The Virginia Department of Education is seeking partners to participate in the commonwealth's Summer Food Service Program this year to ensure that children have access to nutritious meals during months when school is not in session.

The department reimburses approved organizations for meals served and for associated administrative costs. In addition, all participants receive training and technical assistance from VDOE.

Organizations that may qualify to participate in the program include public and private schools, local governments, public and nonprofit private residential summer camps, and nonprofit faith-based and community-based organizations.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, Virginia's 139 Summer Food Service Program partner organizations served more than 14 million meals to children between June and August last year.

Information for organizations interested in applying to participate in the Summer Food Service Program—including details on application deadlines—is available on the VDOE website, <a href="https://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/nutrition/programs/sfsp.shtml">https://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/nutrition/programs/sfsp.shtml</a>

# Academy for Lifetime Learning

The Academy for Lifetime Learning will offer an interesting slate of classes for the spring 2021 semester. There are some old favorites and many new offerings. The complete course catalogue and schedule can be found at <a href="https://www.allesva.org">www.allesva.org</a> For an enrollment fee of \$25, participants may sign up for as many classes as they please.

Because of COVID-19, most classes will again be offered online on the Zoom platform. All that is needed is an internet connection and a computer or tablet. For those who haven't used Zoom, staff will happily answer questions and provide help.

# Bill Lewis and Pepper Raise \$900 for Veterans

American Legion Post member Bill Lewis and his dog, a blue heeler named Pepper, raised \$900 for the Veterans and Children's Foundation during the 100 Miles for Hope Challenge.

In August, The American Legion National Commander announced the challenge, a fundraiser with the goal of getting 5,000 participants to walk, run, cycle, or ride a motorcycle 100 miles by Veterans Day. Bill and Pepper accepted the challenge on Aug. 10 and started walking every day, recording each and every mile completed. But they didn't stop there. Bill recruited sponsors. Together, they walked hundreds of miles in support of the foundation.



# DAR Donates Money To Preserve Records

One of the missions of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is to promote historic preservation by preserving genealogical records, artifacts, and historical documents. To carry on this mission locally, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chapter NSDAR over the years has donated funds to help in preserving records housed at the Accomack County Clerk's Office. Recently, Nancy Bisker, chapter regent, presented to Sammy Cooper, the clerk of court of Accomack County, a check for \$2,700 to help in these preservation efforts. This donation will go toward the restoration of the court records from 1777-1783.

Pictured above, from left are Shirley Elstrodt, Nancy Bisker, Sammy Cooper, Lynne Schreiber, and Sarah Bingman.



# Onancock Lions Club Donates Sweatsuits

The Onancock Area Lions Club recently donated 45 sweatsuit sets to Metompkin Elementary School. Pictured above are Ernie Swisher, Lions Club president, and Ruth Tankard, Metompkin Elementary principal.

# Island Library Receives Donation from BLBB Charitable

The Chincoteague Island Library recently received a generous donation from BLBB Charitable, the giving arm of BLB&B Advisors located in Montgomeryville, Pa. The donation to the library is in keeping with its mission helping people discover their potential through education and leadership opportunities.

Linda Ryan, president of the Chincoteague Island Library board of directors said, "This generous donation is especially important to the library at this time as the funds will help bridge the gap that exists due to the current COVID-19 related limitations on operations and fundraising events."

The Chincotegaue Island Library is currently open for porch pick-up Tuesday through Saturday. For specific information about the Chincoteague Island Library, hours of operation, and services, visit the Chincoteague Island Library Facebook page or go to www.chincoteagueislandlibrary.com

# COVID-19 Vaccinations Now Available to Ages 75+ in Phase 1b!





We are working hard to vaccinate the Shore. Due to the current lack of supply, we are vaccinating people in Phase 1b with the greatest chance to get the sickest first. Right now, our priority high risk group is people age 75 and older. We continue to use all doses we receive. As we get more vaccine, we hope to offer more appointments including possible extended hours or additional days for vaccinations.

For updates see the COVID-19 tab at esrh.org, follow us on Facebook, and check local media.

#### **How to get vaccinated:**

- Patients and people without a primary care provider age 75 and older should call to make an appointment. Due to high demand and limited supply we are currently scheduling "first dose" appointments well into the summer and "second dose" appointments as close to 4 weeks after the first dose as possible.
- Phase 1b workers ask your employer for info. As more vaccine becomes available, many Phase 1b will get vaccinated where they work or live and do not need to call to make an appointment.
- Over the next few months, the Health District will contact smaller and independent businesses to set up vaccinations for their employees.



Atlantic 757-824-5676
Chincoteague Island 757-336-3682
Eastville 757-331-1086
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The afternoon is the best time to call. Please be patient – don't hang up and lose your place in line.

# Eastern Shore Trading POST

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#### **Announcements**



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The family of the late Wayne Heath Sr. would like to thank everyone for all acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate the prayers, calls, texts, visits, cards, flowers, and donations. With sincere gratitude, there are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love, and support. Thanks to all who attended the homegoing celebration service – your presence was greatly appreciated and remembered by family.

Special Thanks to Bundick Well & Pump, Bojangles, Lewis Watson Funeral Home, Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Accomack & Northampton County Sheriffs departments.

Love, Peborah, Mark (Maggie), Kelly, Wayne Jr. (Tanesha) Heath, and Family

# Thank You

Please accept our sincere gratitude for all the love and support shown to our family during this crisis. Losing our home to a fire has been an extremely hard and difficult thing to deal with. All of your kind words, daily inquiries, calls, texts, and monetary support has helped our family tremendously and has really shown us how much you all care. This devastating event has brought my family closer together and we are just thankful to have such great coworkers, friends, and family like you all!

With much gratitude,

Al, Kesha, Ke'Airia, and Phonso

THE RICHARDSON FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO EVERYONE WHO EXPRESSED THEIR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF GRIEF, WITH CARDS, FLOWERS, FOOD, PHONE CALLS, PRAYERS AND THOSE WHO MADE MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO THE HARBORTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN HIS MEMORY.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS.

GOD BLESS

#### **Help Wanted**

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POSITION: Electrician POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2021-1-3252

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for an Electrician starting January 21, 2021 and ending February 11, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. The Electrician position performs general to intermediate skilled work in the installation, maintenance and repair for low to medium voltage systems and equipment; does related work as required. Work is performed independently, with other electricians or helpers and under the regular guidance/supervision of the Electrical/ Mechanical Superintendent. The position requires rotating shifts which includes, but is not limited to, working on the weekends and Holidays. Three to Five years' experience preferred. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must have a good driving record, and must possess a class A commercial driver's license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia or the ability to obtain within 180 days. Full time position with a salary range of \$36,411.00 to \$58,396.00 and includes a complete benefits package. Applications and job descriptions may be obtained from the District's personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by telephone (757)331-2960 or online at <a href="https://www.cbbt.com/employment.html">www.cbbt.com/employment.html</a>.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel District is an EOE.

**Shore Masters LLC** is seeking highly motivated individuals with some construction experience (will train) & able to lift 40lbs+. MUST have a drivers license. Duties will include carpet cleaning, communicating with clients and assisting with fire & water damage clean up/restoration. Starting wage 12.00/hr. dependent upon experience & qualifications. Please contact Chris 757-678-6659 to schedule an interview.

#### Tourism Counselor (Part-Time) New Church, VA

The Virginia Tourism Corporation is seeking a Tourism Counselor for its Virginia Welcome Center at New Church who is willing to work 8 to 12 days per month. The center is open 7 days per week from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. This individual will provide travel information and assistance to the traveling public, stock brochure racks, assist the welcome center manager with daily operations and perform general office duties.

All candidates must apply through our website <a href="https://www.vatc.org/administration/employment/">https://www.vatc.org/administration/employment/</a>. Application deadline: February 4, 2021.

VTC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, genetics, or against otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. It is VTC's intent that its employment and personnel policies and practices conform to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding non-discrimination and affirmative action. Applicants requiring more information or requiring assistance may contact VTC Human Resources at 1-804-545-5634 or <a href="mailto:vtchr@vedp.org">vtchr@vedp.org</a>. TDD 1-800-828-1120

#### Help Wanted (Cont'd)

# ACCOMACK CUNTY Virginia

Community Corrections Grant Case Worker / Program Assistant F/T w/benefits | \$25, 364 - \$31,712 (based on experience)

Accomack County is currently recruiting for another fulltime position to assist with case management for the Accomack/Northampton Community Corrections local probation program grants. The purpose of local probation services is to provide the judicial system with sentencing alternatives for adults convicted of certain misdemeanors or felonies that are not acts of violence for whom the court imposed a sentence of twelve month or less and who may require less than institutional incarceration. The program ensures court mandated adult participants comply with the terms of their court orders. This position provides direct client contact and case work through community service; home incarceration with or without electronic monitoring; electronic monitoring; and substance abuse screening, assessment, testing and treatment. Successful candidate will be self-motivated, with a balanced approach to the offender population utilizing facets of both social work and law enforcement. Minimum qualifications: Associate degree in criminal justice, social work or related field, one (1) or two (2) experience in similar position; Microsoft Suite proficiency, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Preferred Qualifications include: Criminal Justice or probation experience, bi-lingual capabilities, and case management experience; Satisfactory completion of a criminal background check, DMV records check and drug screening are required prior to employment. 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, February 11, 2021.

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

#### Benefit Programs Specialist I/II Bilingual Required (English/Spanish) (Northampton County Social Services – Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00018

Hiring Range: \$28,187.00 may be higher based upon qualifications

Location: Eastville, VA 23347

Application Deadline: February 5, 2021 at 11:59PM

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

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

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Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following positions: Full-Time Certified Law Enforcement Officer and a Full-Time Correctional Officer. Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at <a href="mailto:accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org">accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org</a>. Applications must be returned to this office by Monday, February 8, 2021, at 4:00 pm. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### Certified VA Inspector Wanted Immediate Opening

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

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**Duties:** 2x weekly property walkthrough and fix issues (trash, maintenance, etc.), perform work orders, report lease violations, respond to after-hours emergencies, perform move-out inspections complete damage reports, coordinate vendors/contractors specialty maintenance and repairs, prep vacant homes for move-in, preventative maintenance.

Requirements: Prior maintenance experience, ability to respond to after-hours emergencies, smartphone proficiency, must be willing to submit to criminal background screening. To apply, email resumé with contact information to zoe@waukeshaw.com or call Zoe at 804-510-6062.



Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission Hiring for two (2) F/T positions w/Benefits; Salary \$35,000 - \$45,000 depending on experience

#### **REGIONAL PLANNER**

This position focuses on transportation planning and community and economic development and reports to the Director of Planning.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

This position focuses on implementing community development projects with an emphasis on housing, community, and economic revitalization.

**Both** positions will be filled by motivated and creative thinkers capable of managing multiple projects. The successful candidates will be able to coordinate, facilitate, and participate in meetings with the public and local and state government.

Complete job descriptions can be found at <a href="http://www.a-npdc.org/accomack-northampton-planning-district-commission/about-us/">http://www.a-npdc.org/accomack-northampton-planning-district-commission/about-us/</a>.

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OR EMAIL JOHN.ANNIS@MOORESCOMPANIES.COM

#### **Correctional Officer**

Job will require shift work, nights, weekends and some holidays.

**Qualifications**: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Certifications must be obtained within one year of employment.

Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the Eastern Shore Regional Jail Office located at 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or online at <a href="https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs">https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs</a> opportunities/job openings

Deadline for applications: February 28, 2021.

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#### **Development Inspector**

Northampton County is accepting applications for the fulltime position of Development Inspector. This position is required to have expertise in several areas of law related to land development and conservation in Virginia. The principal role is to work cooperatively with land owners and their agents in complying with various code requirements while promoting economic progress. As such the inspector will have a full understanding of the laws and their intent so as to reasonably apply the standards to situations that arise from those proactively seeking permits for work and those who may have violated laws. In addition the individual must be able to serve as an advocate for proper development by a local constituent with several Commonwealth and Federal agencies. This is a field position which will handle all site inspections for zoning compliance and follow-up on zoning complaints and violations. Virginia Combined ES & C and Stormwater Inspector certification is required within twelve months of employment.

Requires high school diploma or GED and the equivalent of one year of college or specialized vocational training in land surveying, landscape architecture, environmental sciences, planning, civil engineering, or other related field. Also requires one year of related experience.

Excellent communication skills are essential.

Please refer to Northampton County's website online for further job descriptions, requirements and county's application form <a href="https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs opportunities/job openings">https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs opportunities/job openings</a>.

Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by January 29, 2021. Northampton County is an EOE.

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

Developmental Disabilities Aide (\$11.25/hour-\$2.50/hour-weekend differentral)

Peer Recovery/Engagement Specialist

Clinician

Part-time Peer Recovery Specialist
Mental Health Facility Technician
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Case ManagerOutpatient Services
Office Services Specialist

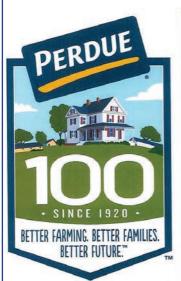
Director of Finance and Administration
Developmental Services Case Manager

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

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### Help Wanted (Cont'd)



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#### WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR Position #X3466

The Eastern Shore Health District has a wage position opening for a Public Health Outreach Worker / Breastfeeding Peer Counselor to support the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). The position promotes breastfeeding as the preferred infant feeding method. Requires prior experience breastfeeding an infant. For detailed job information or to apply, visit <a href="http://jobs.virginia.gov/">http://jobs.virginia.gov/</a>. Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by February 16, 2021. EEO.

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 26-FT. SHAMROCK

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BOAT, MOTOR, & TRAILER - 14-ft. Carolina Skiff w/a deep hull, 25 HP 4-stroke Yamaha motor, and aluminum trailer (all new wiring & lights). For location/info., call 665-6565.

**2001 HYDRO 21-FT. SPORT** Walk-around Cuddy. 150 HP Evinrude. Original owner. \$5,000 Firm. Call 757-302-0047 after 2 p.m.

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

BOAT WHEELS - 4-blade, 1 pair, 19" x 23-1½" shaft. JUST REDUCED \$300. Call 757-999-3437 & leave msg.

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paired. 757-331-0315.

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

1997 EAGLE CENTER CONSOLE – Fiberglass, '04 Loadrite trailer, '02 90 hp Yamaha w/150 hrs., VHF, depth finder, all fishing gear, 3 elec. winches, internal bilge pump & gas tank, \$4,000. 757-336-5256 or 410-404-6066 (ask for Bob).

#### **HVAC Comfort Consultant**

Job Details

Pay Scale: Base Salary + Commission Based Commission Target Expectation: \$75,000 + yearly!

Full Job Description: Thornton Services, Inc, a residential and light commercial heating and air conditioning company servicing all of the Eastern Shore of Virginia as well as Maryland's lower Eastern Shore, is looking to hire for the position of Full Time Comfort Consultant. This hire will be responsible for HVAC sales in lower Accomack County and all of Northampton County. The applicant must have prior sales experience with a proven track record of success. Any experience in HVAC or contracting would also be a plus. However, it is not a requirement for applicants as we will train the right individual that fits our company's needs. Individual must have a commitment toward being ethical and detail oriented with which the manner that they reflect our business and our customer's needs. Position requires the individual to educate our consumers and existing clients about our company and the products that we offer in a manner that leaves a favorable impression thereby obtaining sales for the company that are competitive and profitable. Excellent communication skills both verbal and written. Well organized and possess the ability to work independently. Individual should be outgoing, enjoy working with people, driven for success, self-disciplined, and learn quickly. A clean valid driver license is also a requirement.

**Hours:** Monday thru Friday (typical 40 hours) and occasionally be available for appointments on nights or weekends to accommodate customer needs.

#### **Benefits:**

- 401k Retirement Plan
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Applicants may send resumes to: Thornton Services, Inc. P.O. Box 95 Belle Haven, VA 23306 Or email to cwtsi@verizon.net

#### Jail Medic

This position will be working in the Eastern Shore Regional Jail and the job will require shift work, days, nights, weekends, holidays and required to be on call at times.

**Qualifications**: over the age of 21 and have obtained high school diploma or GED. Applicant must possess at a minimum the following: LPN or higher certifications.

Applications may be obtained in person from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia 23347, or online at <a href="https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs\_opportunities/job\_openings">https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs\_opportunities/job\_openings</a>

Deadline for applications: February 28, 2021.

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



#### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE (RN) Position #07072

The Eastern Shore Health District is seeking an experienced Registered Nurse to provide public health nursing services. RN required. Base Location: Northampton County Health Department. For detailed job information or to apply, visit <a href="http://jobs.virginia.gov/">http://jobs.virginia.gov/</a>. Virginia Department of Health (VDH) accepts only online applications; apply by February 15, 2021. EEO.

Place your help wanted ad in the Eastern Shore Post and find help faster! Call Angie today for free pricing at 757.789.7678 — she'll help you out.

#### Help Wanted

HVAC/R HELPER NEEDED – Basic mechanical skills necessary. Must have valid driver's license. 757-442-4428.

PART-TIME LABORER

- The ESVBA has a job opening. Apply through the website at www.esvba.com
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**LOOKING FOR MASONS** & CARPENTERS - Pay based on experience. Call 757-710-9376.

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#### NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

Notice is hereby given that the following watercraft has been abandoned for more than **60 DAYS** on the property of L. Hancock, 23330 Metompkin Station Lane, Accomac, VA 23301, 443-324-5906.

Description of watercraft: Tracker 16' '99 MD 9305 LA.

Per Section 29.1-733.25 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u> application for Registration/Title will be made if legal title is not produced and boat is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources with questions.

Richard Terry, (2021003) has applied for approximately 8 acres of oyster planting ground in Westerhouse Creek situated in Northampton City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long: N37-26.6077 / W75-58.0409

NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND

**APPLICATION** 

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2021003):

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

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

**Notice of Public Hearing** 

The Cape Charles Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive public comment on: a request for a variance for a 3' encroachment into the 5' rear yard setback requirements of Section 4.2(E) for a proposed detached accessory structure (garage and office) to be 2' from the rear property line and 2' from the alley line located at 10 Randolph Avenue. The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the request. The application is available for public review on our website at www.capecharles.org. Please contact Town Planner/ Zoning Administrator Allyson Finchum at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least 48 hours before the hearing.

### NOTICE OF OYSTER PLANTING GROUND APPLICATION

Adam J. Sterling, (2018144) has applied for approximately 25 acres of oyster planting ground in Burtons Bay situated in Accomack City/County. The application is located at Lat/Long; N37-36.0242 / W76-38.1045

To view a map of the application, use this web link to search the application by number (2018144): https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/oystergrounds/search\_applications.php or contact the VMRC Engineering/Surveying Department at 757-247-2230.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2021, to receive public comment on the following ordinance: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MONETARY BONUS FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR."

The meeting will be conducted in a virtual fashion via telephone. Public comment can be made by mailing a written statement to the County Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, Virginia 23347. Statements must be received not later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting in order to be read into the official meeting record. Comments may be emailed to: <a href="mailto:jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us">jwilliams@co.northampton.va.us</a> and must be received prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting in order to be read into the record. To call in and listen to the meeting, call 1-312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID 856 3973 8785 and Passcode 187847

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a bonus to the County Administrator in recognition of his satisfactory 2019-2020 performance evaluation.

This proposed ordinance is available for review at the County Administrator's office, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, during normal business hours.

HANDICAPPED ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Call 757/678-0440

On Tuesday, February 2, 2021, The Accomack County School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed 2021-2022 Operating Budget. The hearing will be held in the cafeteria at Metompkin Elementary School starting at 6:00 p.m.

Gretta L. Smith School Board Clerk

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Case No. JJ013989-01-00 Accomack J&DR Juvenile Division, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, P.O. Box 299, 23371 Front Street, Accomac, VA 23301

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ABRAHAM EDEN CASTRO-MENDOZA

IRINEO CASTRO ROMERO
v. JULIANA MENDOZA FRANCISCO
The object of this suit is to:
TO DETERMINE SOLE LEGAL AND PRIMARY
PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILD AND SIJS.

It is ORDERED that JULIANA MENDOZA FRANCISCO appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before MARCH 18, 2021, at 9 a.m.

December 29, 2020 Brenda Dize, Dep. Clerk

### CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR BID PROJECT NO. 2007 1. FILEDTRICAL STOPACE

PROJECT NO.: 0307.1, ELECTRICAL STORAGE BUILDING ADDITIONS BID NO.: PTST-21-001

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#### ACCOMACK COUNTY MINORITY-OWNED AND FEMALE-OWNED BUSINESS NOTICE

County of Accomack is preparing to carry out Accomack County COVID-19 Urgent Need Response Program through the use of Virginia Community Development Block Grant Funds. In the implementation of this project the following kinds of contracts will be issued and procurements made:

a. Contracts with Small Businesses located within Accomack County, contracts with local farmers markets in the Accomack or Northampton County, contracts with small restaurants located within Accomack County, contracts with COVID-19 PPE Distributors, contracts to provide Telehealth opportunities and contracts to provide Telework assistance.

b. Additionally, the following list of specific equipment and general types of services to be used includes the following: purchase of COV-ID-19 related PPE equipment for small businesses, COVID-19 PPE kits for individual distribution, computers, software, technical equipment for telework and telehealth, food vouchers for local farmers markets, food purchase, distribution and delivery services.

County of Accomack is soliciting the participation of minority-owned and female-owned businesses, contractors and suppliers in carrying out this project. Such businesses may be included on appropriate bid and procurement lists by submitting a written request within ten (10) days of this notice. Requests should state the name, address, product or service, and how the firm qualifies as a minority or female owned business concern.

Such requests should be addressed to:

Bobbie Jo Wert, Project Manager Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission PO Box 417, Accomac, VA 23301 Phone Number: (757) 787-2936 \* Fax Number: (757) 787-4221 Virginia Relay: 711

All above referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 23372 FAIRVIEW RD, CAPE CHARLES, VA 23310. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 4, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$20,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Northampton County, Virginia as Instrument No. 030004522. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Northampton County, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia on February 25, 2021, at 1:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CAPEVILLE DIS-TRICT, NEAR FAIRVIEW, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 1.13 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "PHYSICAL SURVEY PROPERTY OF WILLIAM S. REYNOLDS ET UX. D.B. 218 P. 447P.B. 12 P. 45 P.B. 12 P. 2 NEAR FAIR-VIEW CAPEVILLE DISTRICT NORTHAMPTON CO., VA.", DATED JANUARY 29, 1987, MADE BY BRUCE B. GALLUP, C.L.S., WHICH SAID PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED CLERK`S OF FICE IN DEED BOOK 225 PAGE 545 AND TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FORA MORE SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HERE BY CONVEYED. SAID LOT IS BOUNDED GENERAL LY ON THE NORTH BY THE LANDS OF GEORGE E ETZ, JR.; ON THE EAST BY VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 684; ON THE SOUTH BY THE LANDS OF CAROLYN J. WHITE;. AND ON THE WEST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO THE CAPE CHARLES RAILROAD. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclo-sure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANC-ING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240. Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-351061-1.

# Legal Advertising

#### NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE 505 Arnies Loop, Cape Charles, VA 23310

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sophie A. Chrostowski ("Borrower") to RBC Centura Bank ("Lender"), dated September 23, 2004, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton, Virginia at Instrument No. 040003390, said Deed of Trust and accompanying debt instrument having since been assigned to Greyt Estates, and default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Northampton, Courthouse Door, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, VA 23347, on:

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Improved real property, being known as 505 Arnies Loop, Cape Charles, VA 23310 and described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cape Charles, Capeville District, Northampton County, Virginia, and being known, numbered and designated as Lot 61, as shown on that certain plat entitled "PLAT OF BAY CREEK AT CAPE CHARLES, PHASE I, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PARCEL BAY CREEK - PHASE ONE, M.B. 26, P. 62 - M.B. 27, P. 26, REF. D.B. 177, P. 431, D.B. 311, P. 516, D.B. 317, P. 378, M.B. 26, P. 49, TOWN OF CAPE CHÁRLES, NORTHAMPTON COÚNTY, VIRGINIA", duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Northampton County, Virginia in Map Book 28, at Pages 49 through 63.

SUBJECT TO all rights of way, easements, restrictions and reservations of record affecting the said property.

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Terms of Sale: The purchase price in the form of immediately available funds will be due and payable on the closing date. A deposit in the form of immediately available funds in the initial amount of \$6,000.00 will be required at the time of sale from the successful bidder, which deposit amount may have to be increased by the successful bidder within two business days of the foreclosure sale to an amount that equals 10% of the total bid price. The successful bidder will be required to close within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. Time will be of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. In the event an auctioneer is used in connection with the sale of the Property, there will be included a buyer's premium of 10% of the purchase price that must be paid by the successful bidder. All loss or damage to the Property from the time of sale and before settlement shall be at the risk of the successful bidder. The Property will be sold "AS IS" and the Real Property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all rights, reservations, leases, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions, as they may lawfully affect the Property. Any Personal Property will be conveyed by Bill of Sale, without warranty. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust will deliver physical possession of the Property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs, including the Grantor's recording tax. Real estate taxes will be pro-rated as of the foreclosure sale date. Additional terms may be announced at the sale.

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

CBKN Trustees, LLC, Substitute Trustee. FOR INFOR-MATION CONTACT, Council, Baradel, Kosmerl & Nolan, PA c/o Brian Gallagher, 125 West Street, 4th Floor, Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-268-6600

#### **Public Notice**

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Chincoteague will hold a public hearing on February 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers located at 6150 Community Drive to receive public comments and views on the following zonling matter:

Appeal 210113-1 A request from William and Christine Brinton, 8071 Zed Ayers Ln, for a variance from Article 3, section 3.12.4 (2) and Article 3 section 3.12.2 of the zoning ordinance of the Town of Chincoteague. The applicant wishes to place a new 27 x 61' home on said parcel. The new home would be placed 15' from the front property line and 14' from the rear property line. Current zoning requires a minimum 25' front and rear yard setback. The property is located in R-4 Resort Residential.

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### $\frac{\text{REPLACEMENT OF SHINGLE ROOFING AT FOR-}}{\text{MER NORTHAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL}}$

The County of Northampton, Virginia is accepting sealed Bids for the replacement of certain areas of asphalt shingle roofing with metal roofing at the former Northampton Middle School located at 7247 young Street, Machipongo, VA 23405. Bids will be received at the office of the County Administrator, 16404 Courthouse Road, PO Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 until 3:00 PM, Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter.

Contractors can obtain copies of the complete bid specifications from the Public Works Director's office at P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, (757) 678-0414, or cthomas@co.northampton.va.us.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the bidding.

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#### Obstacles To School Sports Are Surmountable

Dear Editor:

I submitted the following letter to the Accomack County School Board for the Jan. 19, 2021, meeting.

Dear Board Members: I spoke at the Dec. 15, 2020, meeting in favor of high school sports. I presented data from a University of Wisconsin study that concluded there is low risk of infection during play.

In response to my comments, Dr. Johnson raised legitimate concerns about the risk of infection during other aspects of sports, such as locker room interaction. Dr. Johnson also raised a valid concern about students being coerced into playing when they might not feel comfortable doing so.

I firmly believe that these and other concerns can be addressed in a plan developed by medical and sports professionals, if given the opportunity. For example, the locker room concern could be alleviated by having coaches or staff manage small groups of players taking turns to occupy the room for dressing and undressing, only, not for team huddles. I am confident medical and sports professionals can develop more effective ideas than myself, a regular parent.

As for the coercion concern, I propose that parents or guardians have to opt-in to have their students play, perhaps using an interview process whereby the parent or guardian has to talk to the coach by phone or other virtual means to clearly express their support for the student playing, in addition to the normal permission and waiver forms that are submitted.

There are, admittedly, many other complicating aspects of sports that need to be addressed. I only ask that the professionals be given a chance to put a plan together. There are such people willing and available to do exactly that right now. Furthermore, they would have the

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VHSL guidelines, as well as plans from other school districts who are safely playing now for reference.

Lastly, I would like to offer that the current virtual-only academic instruction environment will serve to make athletes safer during the sports season. They will only interact with other athletes and coaches on a daily basis versus being exposed to the general student body during an in-school day, then interacting with other athletes and coaches later during play. This model is being followed by other school districts, such as Virginia Beach. It is also successful in some work places, where people who typically work in an office are now working from home (just like virtual learning), while people who can only perform their jobs at the work site are allowed on site (just like athletes on the court or field), thus greatly limiting density of people.

So, please, for the psychological and emotional well-being of our students, let them play!

 ${\it Giovanni~Rosanova, Jr., Chincoteague}$ 

# Thanks for Community Unity Day

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for all who helped bring the MLK Jr. Community Unity Day Celebration to WESR-FM.

It was a wonderful hour with so many local voices contributing to the message of Unity here on the Shore.

I know from personal experience how it feels to be in the Northampton H.S. cafeteria all these years to participate together in the celebration of the good work of so many in our community. It was a comfort to have this tradition continue through the magic of technology so that we could all still celebrate the important message of unity in action that was a part of the lessons of Dr. King.

Special thanks to Will Russell and Kelley Drummond Gaskill for bringing it to air and, of course, Kelley's graceful hosting. I would like to give a huge thank you to Tracy Giddens-Jarrett for putting the program together for the radio broadcast.

And also great appreciation to Jane Cabarrus of the Northampton County N.A.A.C.P.; Bishop David Sabatino of the Accomack County N.A.A.C.P.; Donna Bozza of Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore; Superintendent Eddie Lawrence and Kiptopeke Principal Sabrina Parker of Northampton Public Schools for bringing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Unity Day an Eastern Shore Celebration together as "One Dream! One World! One Community!"

Peg Snowden Volk, Cherrystone

# Trump Was 'Pretty Good' President

Dear Editor:

If you look at Trump's life and what he stood for in the past everyone liked him including most of the Democrats. He often donated to their election campaigns and everything was fine until that day he came down the escalator in 2015 and announced that he was running for President. From then on he was public enemy number one. Trump thought this country had made a wrong turn, and not seeing a candidate trying to turn it back decided to do it himself. I will admit that he's a typical New York business man that will defend himself when attacked unlike most politicians which he's not.

Some people are still deranged over Trump to the point that they lie to themselves and everyone else around them about who he is and what he stands for. They say he is anti-Semitic yet his daughter has converted to Judaism. He has also been the best Presidential friend that Israel has ever had. Certainly better than Obama and I don't expect Biden to be any better. They call him a racist because he wanted to build a wall to keep illegal immigration down. It wasn't because of their race but he wanted to know who is coming into this country. If a terrorist wanted to sneak a dirty bomb into this country that's how they would come. Yet the real reasons the Democrats want the illegal immigration is because they think they will be able to buy their votes.

They call him a Nazi, yet it's the Democrats and Tech Companies that want to censor other people's opinions as hate speech. Another thing that the Nazis did was to take away the guns from the people, sounds familiar doesn't it?

I hate to admit it but enough people bought what the Democrats were selling to vote for a demented old man. I still think there were enough illegal votes to make a difference in this election but it had to be kept close enough to make a difference and with the virus they managed to do that.

I think with his accomplishments, history will judge him a pretty good President certainly better than the one he replaced and a whole lot better than the one replacing him.

Ed Bishop, Pungoteague

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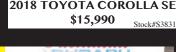




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