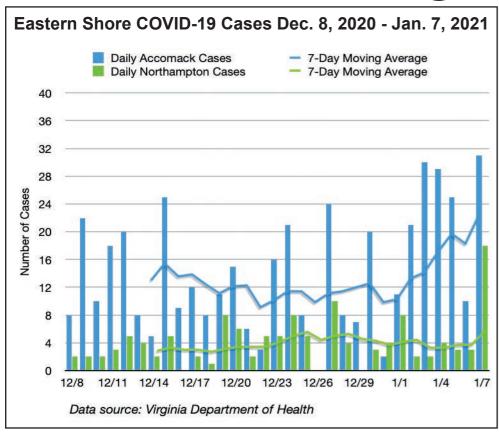
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# As COVID-19 Cases Surge, Vaccinations Slowly Roll Out



By Carol Vaughn

As of Jan. 7, 301 vaccine doses had been administered to Accomack County residents and 142 doses had been administered to Northampton County residents, according to a Virginia Department of Health dashboard.

Two doses are needed for full effectiveness.

"The number of doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered that is displayed on the dashboard will always lag behind the actual number of doses administered," as the data comes from information entered into a statewide information system by health care providers, according to Christy Gray, director of the VDH's Division of Immunization.

Gray updated reporters on the state's vaccination efforts in a Dec. 30 briefing.

"(W)e are expecting to increase our efficiency over time," Gray said, adding, "I would like to say that 47,000 doses in two weeks (the number vaccinated statewide as of Dec. 30) is not a small number and we are proud of our Virginia providers for accomplishing that."

Over 116,200 residents statewide had received vaccinations by Thursday, Jan. 7, out of 481,550 doses distributed to health care sites, according to the dashboard.

Eighteen Virginia hospitals received the initial shipment of the Pfizer vaccine the week of Dec. 18 and began dispersing those shipments, totaling 72,125 doses, to front-line health care workers, according to Gray.

The state also received around 140,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine the week of Dec. 23.

Together, the vaccines are being distributed to a total of 96 sites around Virginia.

Virginia expected to have received 370,650 doses of vaccine by the end of December from the two manufacturers. That is 107,350 fewer doses than the state initially was told to expect by the federal Operation Warp Speed.

Virginia officials are planning for a weekly allocation of 100,000 doses for the next few weeks, Gray said.

Local health districts have been working with health care systems to

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# Northam Orders State Troopers, National Guard To Help D.C. Restore Order After Insurrection During Electoral College Certification

#### By Connie Morrison

On the heels of a press conference to reassure Virginians about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine, Gov. Ralph Northam sent members of the Virginia National Guard and about 200 state troopers into a developing unsafe situation in Washington, D.C., which had unraveled into chaos when pro-Trump protests escalated into mob violence at the U.S. Capitol building.

The demonstrators assembled early in the day to protest a joint session of Congress to certify Electoral College votes confirming Joseph Biden as the

country's next president, a process that was interrupted by the melee.

Northam announced the supply of troops via Twitter at 3:29 p.m. Wednesday, after Vice President Mike Pence and members of Congress were evacuated from their chambers following the protesters' breach of Capitol security.

Northam said he was responding to a request from Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser. Another 1,100 troops from the District of Columbia National Guard were also scheduled to respond, along with guard members and state troopers from Maryland. In videos posted to social media and broadcast on news outlets, agitators roamed the chambers, rummaging lawmakers' desks. One protester appeared to revel in sitting in the seat usually reserved for Pence as he presides over the Senate and which the vice president had vacated shortly before the unrest turned violent.

Another photo showed an agitator mugging for the camera in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office desk chair.

The violence extended into the office complex housing members of Congress.

"I had to just evacuate my office because

of a pipe bomb reported outside," tweeted Rep. Elaine Luria, a Democrat representing Virginia's 2nd Congressional District, which includes the Eastern Shore. "Supporters of the President are trying to force their way into the Capitol and I can hear what sounds like multiple gunshots."

A female protester, later identified as an Air Force veteran from California, was shot by a law enforcement officer inside the Capitol building and was transported to a Washington, D.C., area hospital where she later died.

Northam laid responsibility for the in-

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# Onancock Reflects on Christmas Event, Provides Grants, Wastewater Updates

#### By Carol Vaughn

An estimated 300 vehicles, and likely around 1,000 people, participated in Onancock's drive-through Christmas event, according to Town Manager Matt Spuck, who called it "one of the finest and most memorable Christmas events."

Councilwoman Maphis Oswald, speaking during the Dec. 21 town council meeting, said feedback about the event was positive.

"Everyone was so grateful to have something to do and the holiday spirit — and the hosts were happy to provide it," she said.

"It was just great. The whole town sort of came together. People even not involved in the actual tour decorated their house," said Mayor Fletcher Fosque.

#### **Grants Update**

Spuck in his report to the council said a \$430,000 Community Development Block Grant was awarded to the town to assist local businesses. An application form is being developed and must be approved by the agency before businesses can apply for funds.

The town has a year to distribute the funds.

Onancock Main Street is helping administer and disseminate information about the grant.

"We want to help as many businesses as we possibly can to qualify for the money, so we are going to be doing workshops; we are going to be doing Zoom training sessions. We're going to do all kinds of things to make sure all of our businesses have the support to complete (the application)," Spuck said.

A bilingual person on the grant team will be able to speak to and advocate for business owners who speak a language other than English.

All CARES Act funds allocated to the town through Accomack County have been expended, Spuck said.

Onancock received two allocations of \$106.333 each.

"We, the staff, felt really, really good about the utility subsidies that council approved. We were able to help over 40 high-need customers with subsidies to help pay their sewer and water, right during a time of year when money gets incredibly tight in a good year," Spuck said, adding the total amount of subsidies was \$20,000.

Additionally, the town distributed more than \$100,000 in grants to businesses.

The town also was awarded a grant of over \$21,000 to help water and sewer customers whose accounts fell into arrears by more than 60 days as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Another grant application, to FEMA, has been submitted and if approved will award around \$5,000 to the town for COVID-19 related expenditures.

A project to renovate the Onancock Wharf boat ramp should get underway this month.

#### **Wastewater Update**

Spuck said the Hampton Roads Sanitation District was hit by a phishing scam in November, which triggered ransomware and caused HRSD to lose "an enormous amount of productivity, to where they were almost closed for the better part of two and a half weeks."

Spuck told the council he had spoken to Ted Henifin, HRSD general manager, earlier that day, Dec. 21, "about how we were going to be moving forward with our project with them."

"They are securing a VRA (Virginia Resources Authority) loan. They've already got the approval and everything else. That's going to be for their pipeline portion. A portion of that VRA loan is going to be used to pay off some of our debt," Spuck said.

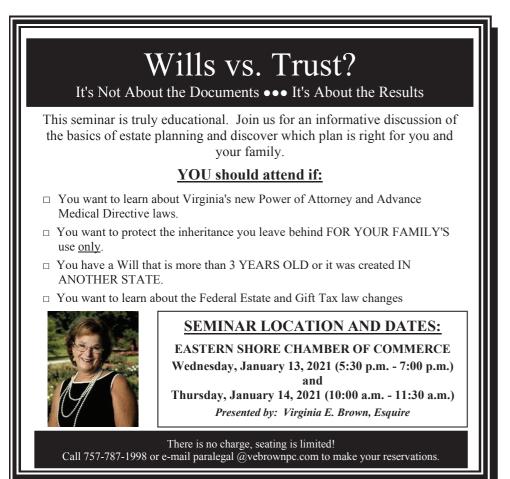
A contract with HRSD to guarantee the town will accept wastewater from Nassawadox for treatment at the Onancock plant went through some minor language revisions and will be completed and presented to the Department of Environmental Quality.

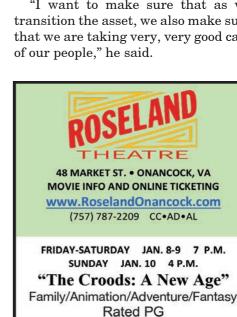
"Once DEQ has that contract they've already got the application for the qualified project down at Nassawadox — that's going to prompt things to move forward very quickly," Spuck said, adding, "The next trigger points are when the VRA loan closes for HRSD, when the Nassawadox contract is presented to DEQ. Those two issues, when they get resolved we will have a very clear timeline on moving forward and it's at that point we will begin very clear negotiations."

Spuck said in the meantime he will meet with the HRSD director of human resources to go over what the transition of the town's wastewater facility employees to HRSD will look like.

"I want to make sure that as we transition the asset, we also make sure that we are taking very, very good care









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plan for how to provide the vaccine to Group 1A individuals, which includes front-line health care workers and residents and staff of long-term care facilities, Gray said.

Long-term care residents and staff began to receive vaccinations the last week of December. Most are getting vaccines on-site through a federal partnership with CVS and Walgreens pharmacies.

"It'll take approximately three to four weeks to get that first dose done with the skilled nursing facilities. And then we'll also start these (assisted living) facilities in the coming three to four weeks based off of some scheduling that we're still working out," Gray said.

Information entered into a Virginia immunization information system will let providers know when to give an individual the second dose and which type of vaccine to give, and also provides proof a person has been vaccinated.

Virginia officials were expecting to receive final recommendations from the Virginia Disaster Medical Advisory Committee and the Virginia Unified Command on vaccination plans for priority groups 1B and 1C this week, Dr. Lorie Forlano of the VDH said during an interview aired Jan. 4 on WTVR.

Plans for vaccinating those groups should be announced soon thereafter.

Phase 1B will include people age 75 and over not living in congregate settings and front-line essential workers — including police, firefighters, teachers, daycare workers, U.S. Post Office employees, public transit workers, food and agriculture employees, manufacturing, and grocery store workers, according to recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

The next phase, Phase 1C, is recommended to include people age 65-74, younger people with high-risk health conditions, and other essential workers, including in transportation, food service, construction, finance, IT and communications, energy, media, legal service, public safety, and water and wastewater services.

Gray said the Eastern Shore's poultry plant workers will fall under Phase 1B or 1C.

"And we had this recommendation under review right now.... And so once we have that information available, we will publish that on our website," she said.

The timeline for vaccinating those next groups depends on factors including demand versus supply of vaccines.

Jon Richardson, chief operating officer of the Eastern Shore Health District, answered the following questions about the vaccination process for individuals in groups 1B and 1C via email Tuesday. How will they know when it is their turn; how will people be notified?

Richardson: "As you are aware, we are working through this in a phased approach, currently still concentrating on frontline medical staff. Many of the groups in the phases are identified relative to their employment. We are reaching out to these folks through their employers, or in some cases, individually to get them vaccinated as quickly as possible. When we get to Phase 1B or subsequent phases we will make that known widely through every source available to us to reach our citizens. We know in Phase 1B we will need to change our notification processes to ensure equitable and timely distribution of vaccines to our most vulnerable populations and those at highest risk of exposure. We are currently working with Eastern Shore Rural Health and Riverside to finalize our plan for reaching those identified in the next phases by age or other criteria not dependent on their employer. We will have that in place and share well prior to entering Phase 1B."

# Where will they go to receive their vaccination?

Richardson: "This will be dependent on the group they are in and will vary widely in order for us to make maximum use of all resources available. Some will go to their primary care provider, some will be done through clinics offered by the Health Department at either one of our two locations or at other facilities with which we have partnership, some will be done at the site of their employer."

Asked whether the VDH has a threshold for the number of vaccinations to be given to 1A individuals before moving on to the next groups, Gray said, "We don't have a specific number in mind right now, and we also are considering that one area of Virginia might hit that before another area of Virginia. So we are balancing the different districts and what their needs are."

Gray called the situation "very fluid" and one "that we're still learning."

"I think we will continue to get more ef-

ficient as we've been planning so long to put all of these moving pieces in place and now that it's working, they're all getting into place. We're getting more efficient about it. We're getting used to all of these interacting with each other," Gray said about progress in the vaccination rate.

Virginia mobilized the COVID-19 Unified Command, an interagency group, in March 2020 to manage state-level response to the pandemic.

Additionally, the COVID-19 Virginia Vaccine Advisory Workgroup provides guidance to the VDH on the vaccines. Its members represent a broad range of fields, including religious, education, health care, pharmaceutical, business, corrections, and government, among others. A roster can be viewed at <a href="https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/193/2020/12/VAW-Member-Roster.pdf">https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/193/2020/12/VAW-Member-Roster.pdf</a>

The VDH website has answers to frequently asked questions about the vaccine at <a href="https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/vaccination/">https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/vaccination/</a>

#### UPDATE: Eastern Shore Cases, Hospitalizations, Deaths, & Outbreaks

The Eastern Shore Health District reported, between Dec. 28 and Jan. 7, 194 new cases, 15 hospitalizations, and five deaths in Accomack County and 51 new cases, three hospitalizations, and zero deaths for Northampton County residents, according to the Virginia Department of Health website.

The seven-day average test positivity rate for the Eastern Shore was 24% as of Thursday, Jan. 7.

The district reported 61 visits to the emergency department for COVID-like symptoms the week ending Jan. 2 and 38 the previous week. The numbers do not reflect confirmed cases but help track the burden on local hospitals.

Accomack County currently has one outbreak in progress, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation in Parksley, where 59 cases were reported as of Friday, Jan. 1.

Between zero and five deaths related to the outbreak have been reported. To protect anonymity, if between 0 and 5 deaths are associated with an outbreak, the count is represented by an asterisk.

The numbers only include cases linked to the outbreak. If someone tests positive for COVID-19 but their exposure was determined to be outside of the setting and they did not pass on the virus to anyone in the facility, the case is not reported on the health department's outbreak dashboard.

Northampton County as of Jan. 1 had one outbreak pending closure, at Occohannock Elementary School, where the health department was notified of an outbreak on Nov. 28 and there were eight cases reported.

Pending closure means 28 days have passed without a documented new case and the outbreak has not yet been closed in the reporting system. The status refers to the outbreak investigation pending closure in the Virginia Outbreak Surveillance System, not the facility itself closing.

#### Accomack Sheriff's Office Outbreak

A COVID-19 outbreak at the Accomack County Sheriff's Office resulted in the National Guard coming to test staff and jail inmates Tuesday.

"We did have some positives, more employees than inmates. They were asymptomatic and they are being quarantined according to the health department (requirements)," Accomack County Sheriff Todd Wessells said Thursday.

Inmates who tested positive also are being quarantined.

Wessells requested the National Guard to conduct the testing after several people tested positive for the virus.

"They have been wonderful. We requested them Sunday evening and they were there Tuesday morning," he said.

More than 170 people were tested, according to Wessells.

He declined to give the number who tested positive.

The Virginia Department of Health gives those numbers in a dashboard updated weekly, on Fridays, which can be viewed at <a href="https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-data-in-sights/covid-19-outbreaks-by-selected-exposure-settings/">https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-data-in-sights/covid-19-outbreaks-by-selected-exposure-settings/</a>

No one has been hospitalized to date during the outbreak, Wessells said.

Other law enforcement departments are assisting the sheriff's office while some personnel are under quarantine.

"It's a team effort," Wessells said.

Wessells credited the Eastern Shore Health District and Emergency Coordinator J.J. Justis in particular with assisting the sheriff's office during the pandemic.

Law enforcement personnel are slated to receive vaccines in the next phase, Phase 1B, according to the VDH.

In a Wednesday press conference, Gov. Ralph Northam admonished health care providers to rapidly deploy the vaccine. Read more on Page 6.

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surrection at the feet of President Donald J. Trump.

"This did not come about overnight," he said in a press release. "When elected leaders purposefully reject facts and fan the flames of conspiracy theories, all in pursuit of power, they are taking dangerous steps. And now we are seeing where those steps can lead. God forbid we experience anything worse."

He said the Virginia National Guard and State Police personnel would be there "for as long as it takes to protect our nation's capital and ensure the peaceful transfer of power."

President Trump had promoted the rally at least three times through his Twitter account. He inflamed passions in a morning address to protesters at the National Mall, urging them to register their complaints at the Capitol in a last-ditch effort to overturn the presidential election results.

As the storming of the Capitol unfolded, the president asked for support of "Capitol Police and Law Enforcement," then asked everyone to remain peaceful in another tweet, before finally going on camera to both repeat his claims of election fraud and a "stolen election" and urge his supporters to go home.

"I don't recognize our country today, and the members of Congress who have supported this anarchy do not deserve to represent their fellow Americans," wrote Luria in a second tweet.

Eastern Shore residents also posted their opinions on social media.

Parker Boggs, who was the local point person for Republican Scott Taylor, who opposed Rep. Luria in November, posted, "This isn't democracy. This isn't American. I wholeheartedly condemn any protester who broke into the Capitol to attempt to stop democracy. You know better."

Others insisted the bad actors were antifa (short for anti-fascist) members.

Newly elected chairman of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors Ron Wolff contrasted the peaceful transfer of power in the county with the tumult in the nation's capital. "The pillars of democracy were near about destroyed today. It is an abomination that in this great country, something like this could take place," he said.

"It is also so important that here in Accomack County, the change of power has taken place uninterrupted — no violence, no dispute, but with only hopes for what can happen in the future of 2021. I am so proud to be an American and so proud to be a citizen of Accomack County."

International responses ranged from concern to condemnation, including British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who called the scene disgraceful.

"The United States stands for democracy around the world and it is now vital that there should be a peaceful and orderly transfer of power," he wrote.

Some members of Congress who supported challenging the electoral vote appealed for protesters to restore calm.

"Those storming the Capitol need to stop NOW. The Constitution protects peaceful protest, but violence — from Left or Right — is ALWAYS wrong. And those engaged in violence are hurting the cause they say they support," Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas, tweeted.

Cruz, along with Congressman Paul Gosar, had objected to Arizona's electoral vote certification causing the suspension of the joint session while the two houses met in their respective chambers to debate the objection.

Bowser put the city under curfew from 6 p.m. Wednesday night to 6 a.m. Thursday morning. The Capitol's sergeant-at-arms announced around 5:40 p.m. that the Capitol was secure.

Northam followed suit at the request of the City of Alexandria and Arlington County, declaring a 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. curfew for those jurisdictions. He also issued a state of emergency for Virginia "so we can continue to respond."

Shortly after 8 p.m., Pence called the Senate back into session. "Let's get back to work," he said. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reopened the House session around 9 p.m.

Calling the mob an "unhinged crowd," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the democratic process would not be thwarted.

"We will not be kept out of this chamber by thugs, mobs, or threats. ... We will discharge our duty under the Constitution and for the nation."

By 11:30 p.m., Congress had rejected the challenge to Arizona's Electoral College votes, by a margin of 303-to-121 in the House and 93-to-6 in the

Senate, and the joint session resumed.

Objections were made to accepting the certificate of the electoral vote of Michigan and Nevada. Because the objections were not supported by a senator as required by the U.S. Code, Pence did not accept the challenges.

Sen. Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, had initially planned to challenge Georgia's vote, but "the events that transpired to-day forced me to reconsider," she said, "and I cannot now in good conscience object to the certification of these electors."

As midnight approached, Republican Rep. Scott Perry, of Pennsylvania, objected to the certification of his state's electoral votes with the support of 79 other representatives and Missouri Republican Sen. Josh Hawley. The objection triggered another round of debate by the House and Senate.

The objection failed around 1 a.m. in the Senate by a vote of 92 to 7, and in the House after 3 a.m. by a vote of 282 to 138.

Around 3:40 a.m. Thursday morning, Pence announced the Electoral College vote tallies: "Joseph R. Biden Jr., of the state of Delaware, has received 306 votes. Donald J. Trump, of the state of Florida, has received 232 votes. ... Kamala D. Harris, of the state of California, has received 306 votes. Michael R. Pence, of the state of Indiana, has received 232 votes.

"The announcement of the state of the vote by the president of the Senate shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected president and vice president of the United States, each for the term beginning on the 20th day of January, 2021, and shall be entered together with the list of the votes on the journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives."

With that pronouncement, Congress completed its constitutional duty to certify the Electoral College votes.

Biden's inauguration is scheduled for Jan. 20 on the west front of the U.S. Capitol Building. Under Amendment 20 to the U.S. Constitution, President Trump's term ends at noon that day.

Carol Vaughn, Angie H. Crutchley, and David Martin contributed to this story.

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# 'Use It or Lose It': Governor Urges Rapid Deployment of Vaccines

By Stefanie Jackson

Gov. Ralph Northam's goal for getting "back to normal" after the coronavirus pandemic is for each of Virginia's 8.5 million residents to receive both rounds of the COVID-19 vaccine, or a total of 17 million doses.

"Our country – your country – needs your help to get past this pandemic," said the governor during a Jan. 6 press conference in which he outlined the strategy for getting Virginians vaccinated for COVID-19 and assured the public of the vaccine's safety.

About 110,000 Virginians have been vaccinated for COVID-19 within the last three weeks, since the vaccine became available. About 2,000 people already have received the required two doses.

Virginia's doctors, nurses, EMTs, and other healthcare workers are first in line for the COVID-19 vaccine, followed by residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, for a total of about 500,000 people.

Second to receive the vaccine will be essential workers including firefighters, police, hazmat workers, and other first responders; food processing and manufacturing workers; postal workers and bus drivers; and the elderly, age 75 and up.

"Every worker is important, but certainly these are: people who work in jobs that keep our society functioning, people who are at high risk of exposure to COVID-19, and people who cannot work remotely," Northam said.

Teachers and childcare workers also belong to the second group that totals about 1.2 million people, Northam said.

"Teachers are critical to getting schools back open, and that's critical to people getting back to work and literally getting back to normal," he said.

It will likely take until spring to vaccinate the first- and second-priority groups, Northam said.

Third priority is the next level of essential workers, including those in food service, transportation, construction, and utilities, as well as people age 65 and up and individuals under age 65 with high-risk medical conditions, a total of 2.5 million people.

Those three priority groups account for roughly half the population of Virginia and Phase 1 of the commonwealth's distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. The general population can be vaccinated during Phase 2.

The Virginia Department of Health is developing online tools for determining dates, times, and locations of COVID-19 vaccination events. Participants will be able to sign up online or by phone.

About 14,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are administered in Virginia every day. The goal is to increase that number to 25,000 doses per day and then 50,000 doses per day, Northam said.

Virginia set and met goals for COVID-19 testing and it can do the same with the vaccine. Early in the pandemic, Virginia was testing about 5,000 people every day for COVID-19. The goal was raised to 10,000 tests per day and was reached; some days as many as 50,000 COVID-19 tests are done, Northam pointed out.

He advised medical facilities to "use it or lose it": COVID-19 vaccines should be administered as soon as possible to avoid having future allotments of the vaccine reduced.

"We have to step up our game, right when everyone is exhausted. Months of work around the clock with no time off and endless stress has left everyone spent and worn out," Northam acknowledged.

He announced his appointment of Dr. Danny Avula, director of the Richmond and Henrico County health departments, to lead Virginia's vaccination program.

Avula will coordinate vaccination efforts by state officials, local health departments, hospitals, and private healthcare providers, Northam said. The National Guard also will assist with vaccinations as more vaccines become available.

Northam, a doctor, said he believes the vaccine is safe based on his years of medical experience and participation in more than 200 clinical trials.

He called the COVID-19 vaccine "a success story in a year that didn't have very many."

# Exmore Town Council Discusses Sewer System and Drive-By Shootings

By Stefanie Jackson

Exmore has received a notice from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality offering the town a low-interest loan for up to \$17,255,000 to build a new sewer treatment plant and collection system.

The entire project would cost \$17 million to \$18 million, Director of Utiities Taylor Dukes estimated last month. However, Exmore can afford to borrow no more than \$10 million, Town Manager Robert Duer said.

The total project cost will decrease if Exmore doesn't build a new sewer treatment plant, Dukes noted.

Duer asserted that Exmore's "worst-case scenario" is borrowing \$8 million. He's aiming to borrow as little as \$4 million.

The loan of more than \$17 million from the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund, authorized by Virginia's State Water Control Board, boasts a .5% interest rate for up to 30 years.

Dukes expects to receive an additional notice in March with the amount of "principal forgiveness" that

Exmore could get on the loan – basically a grant, he said.

With limited borrowing capacity, the town is looking for ways to acquire additional funding and reduce project costs.

Exmore is applying for a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The money would be used for town sewer system upgrades required by the Virginia Department of Health.

The \$1 million requested is federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, administered by DHCD.

Exmore has held two public hearings on the grant application that will be submitted in March 29.

The process is competitive, with just \$8.8 million available. \$1 million is the maximum amount for which the town may apply.

Exmore also is applying for grant funding from the U.S. Department of of Agriculture, Rural Development. The town is asking for the full cost of

the sewer project and will wait for an offer from USDA.

Many Exmore homes have failing septic systems. Only about one-third of the homes – around 180 – have sewer service. Exmore wants to extend sewer service to about 500 more homes. Dukes said.

Grants are "critical to keep the sewer rates affordable," Dukes said.

#### **Police Chief's Report**

Last month, Duer discussed possibly hiring a code enforcement officer to help Exmore get cleaned up.

Exmore Police Chief Angelo DiMartino announced Monday night that Officer H. "Chip" Little volunteered for the job, saving the town from hiring an additional employee.

Little will continue serving the town as a police officer but will concentrate on code enforcement during day shifts, DiMartino said.

"We really have some houses that need cleaning up. If they were my neighbors, I'd be highly irritated," he remarked.

Items needing removal include "junk cars ... piles of trash ... structures that are falling down," DiMartino said.

The code enforcement officer will notify town residents of cleanup needed on their property, and if the work is not done within 30 days, a summons will be issued.

DiMartino said he is looking into purchasing some affordable cameras for Exmore after the town experienced three drive-by shootings in about a month.

Shots were fired into homes Dec. 10, 4:47 a.m., Dec. 23, 4:44 a.m., and Jan. 4, 2:15 a.m., DiMartino said.

In one instance, a bullet passed through one house and into another, he said.

DiMartino did not report that anyone was injured in any of the shootings.

He said the drive-by shootings are not exclusive to Exmore but are occurring throughout Northampton County, in areas like Hare Valley and the town of Cheriton.

DiMartino said the cameras are necessary to identify the vehicles used in the shootings.

"At this time in the morning, even if people wanted to talk, they're not seeing it," he said.

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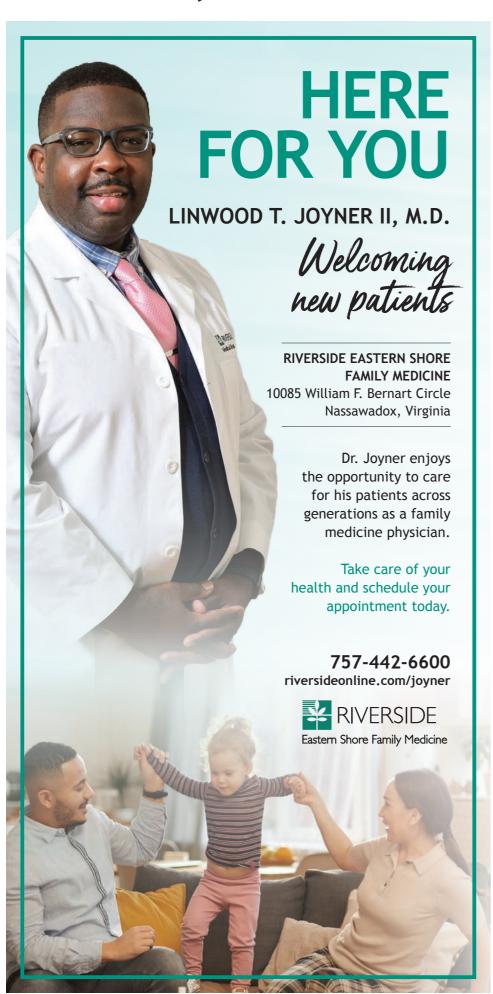
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# Wolff To Chair Accomack Supervisors, Board Approves Grant to Sentinel

By Carol Vaughn

Ron Wolff will be the chairman and Billy Joe Tarr will be vice chairman of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors for 2021.

The two men were elected unanimously at the board's organizational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The board also voted to continue holding the regular monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

The board will continue to meet at Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley rather than at the board chambers in Accomac for the time being to provide adequate space for social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sentinel Robotics Solutions will receive the county's first Economic Development Investment Program grant, after the board approved awarding a \$236,500 grant and voted to appropriate the amount to the Economic Development Authority to award to the company.

The board in November voted to establish the incentive program, which allows the EDA to make, and the county to fund, grants to businesses seeking to locate, relocate, or expand in Accomack County.

SRS, which provides services related to the unmanned aircraft systems industry, currently is located on Chincoteague Road in Wattsville.

SRS is proposing that the EDA purchase property adjacent to the Accomack County Airport, in the industrial park, and then lease the property to SRS.

The grant will be used to pay for improvements, including a gated service road from the property to the airport taxiway, that SRS needs to bring government and commercial UAS business to the county airport for testing, operations, and training.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration, the cost of the improvements must be paid by SRS.

Del. Rob Bloxom, speaking as a member of the EDA, said there is an old hangar on the property in question. The developments under discussion are related to a hangar project for which Bloxom introduced a funding request during the General Assembly special session.

The \$1 million funding was in the budget amendment Gov. Ralph Northam signed into law Nov. 18.

"It's going to hopefully create a hub of business," Bloxom said, noting the EDA and SRA will enter into a performance agreement.

Bloxom said the road to be built will be on county property.

"We think with this investment in Melfa, instead of going to Salisbury, we can entice more businesses to Melfa," Bloxom said.

SRS in grant application documents said the company expects to ramp up over the next two years to 24 to 36 operations annually involving unmanned aircraft systems classified by the Department of Defense as Group 1 to Group 4. Around 75% will require runway access.

The runway will not need to be closed for the operations, according to the documents.

The company's operations are projected to generate fuel sales at the airport of at least 272,000 gallons within the first 80 months, along with property taxes and airport fees, according to the agenda item.

The money for the grant will come from funding set aside in the fiscal year 2021 county budget for a capital grant at the airport that did not materialize, according to Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason.

The board also approved having the county serve as fiscal agent for a utility assistance grant of around \$10,000 awarded Parksley by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The town agreed to administer the grant, which is to assist residents who have water and sewer accounts in arrears due to COVID-19.

The county's role is confined to receiving the grant funding and disbursing it to the town.

The board also approved accepting a grant of \$101,158 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Service to establish a regional pretrial services program in Accomack and Northampton counties.

# Chincoteague Seeks Council Member, Completes Water Supply Testing

#### By Carol Vaughn

The Chincoteague town council is accepting applications from anyone interested in serving on the council to fill the seat vacated when Matthew Reed resigned.

The person must be a full-time Chincoteague resident and a registered voter in Chincoteague.

The appointee will fill the seat until a special election can be held in May.

Reed's term was to expire June 30, 2022.

Anyone interested in applying may obtain an application from the town website or call the town office at 757-336-6519.

#### **Water Supply Update**

Town Manager Mike Tolbert reported at the council's Jan. 4 meeting that all operational testing of the new filtration plant for the town's water supply has been completed. Test results for treated samples show no detectable PFAS, the chemicals for which the filtration was put in place.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were identified in April 2017 in Chincoteague's drinking water, which comes from wells on the mainland.

PFAS are man-made industrial chemicals manufactured since the 1940s that are persistent in the environment and in the human body. In the case of Chincoteague's drinking water, they are traced to a foam that contained PFAS used at a former fire-fighting training area at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility main base.

The filtration system is owned and operated by NASA.

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the town of Chincoteague will now accept treated water from the GAC filtration plant into our distribution system," Tolbert said in his report.

A NASA project manager later notified Tolbert that the operations contractor prefers to start operations at the plant only after an official certificate of operations is received from the Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water. The office has given oral approval.

Tolbert said it could be several months "before the paperwork catches up to the field work and we actually begin using the shallow wells again."

Monitoring and testing of the water supply to ensure safey will continue once the filtration plant is up and running.

#### **CARES Act Update**

The town has received all equipment to be paid for with federal CARES Act funds, including traffic display boards, a new dispatch system, and no-touch hand dryers and soap dispensers for public restrooms, according to Tolbert.

Accomack County has reimbursed the town for all funds it expended for the CARES Act program.

That amount totaled nearly \$504,000 in two rounds of funding.

Of the total, \$340,000 went for grants to small businesses; \$12,000 went to extra business awards; nearly \$40,000 went for hazard pay for workers; and \$46,000 went to assist waterman affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Taxes**

Tolbert said 89% of real estate and personal property taxes due Dec. 7 have

been collected. Late penalties and interest are being applied to the remaining bills not paid, he said.

December collections for meals tax was considerably behind the amount collected in December 2019 — \$28,788 in December 2020 versus \$47,266 in December 2019.

Still, transient and occupancy taxes collected in December totaled nearly \$40,989, just slightly less than the \$41,166 collected in December 2019, according to Tolbert.

#### COVID-19 State of Emergency Update

Chincoteague's emergency medical services personnel are transporting more COVID-19 patients by ambulance than at any time during the pandemic.

"Now it's a daily thing," said Bryan Rush, director of emergency services.

The department is "going through a lot of gloves, gowns, masks, face shields, and head coverings," he said, noting staff have to decontaminate after each ambulance call.

Chincoteague as of Monday had 15 new cases in the past week, for a total of 93 since the pandemic began.

Rush said the weekly number represents the largest weekly increase in cases to date for the town.

Virginia's 15.8% seven-day positivity testing rate is the highest yet seen, and jumped 3.5% in the past week.

Rush said the increase "is certainly concerning...The second wave is here. It's worse than the first wave and we still have a ways to go."

Chincoteague had 84 tested in the past week and has an around 17.5%

test positivity rate as of Monday.

Phase 1A of vaccinations on Chincoteague began Dec. 21 with front-line healthcare workers.

Chincoteague EMS personnel are alternating when they get vaccinated so if there are adverse reactions not all will experience them at the same time.

The second vaccine doses for those Chincoteague workers will begin Jan. 11.

All Chincoteague workers so far have received the Pfizer vaccine, which requires a second dose at 21 days after the first.

The town is preparing for the next phase of vaccinations, including police, firefighters, teachers, and water and wastewater workers, among others.

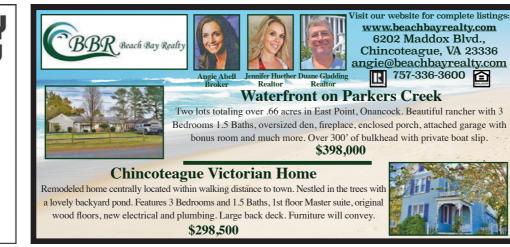
"Those folks in the next four to six weeks will be eligible to start their first round of shots," Rush said.

Rush said "the public is the key right now" as to how the pandemic progresses, urging people to stay away from group settings, wash their hands, wear a mask, and watch social distancing.

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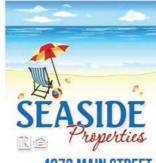
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# Chincoteague Woman Writes Book From Experience of Life-Altering Adversity

Staff Report

Chincoteague resident Beverly Starr Watson's new book, "Life's Unforecasted Storms," is now available for purchase at the Book Bin, Bonnie's Bounty, H & H Pharmacy, and Sundial Books.

"It is my goal to reach as many families and individuals as possible who may be struggling with adversity," Watson said.

The book is a personal, nonfiction account drawn from Watson's own life experiences.

Its purpose is "to inspire, encourage, and support those experiencing fear in the moment, numbness in the aftermath, or isolation following a life-changing tribulation," according to a description.

Watson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the College of William & Mary and a master's degree in education from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Her career as an educator spanned 24 years in a local school district, where she was a special education teacher

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and a school-based Title I facilitator.

Watson and her husband. Ken. were born and raised on Chincoteague. In addition to a son, they are "blessed with the memory" of two beautiful young daughters, ages 9 and 3, according to a press release.

In an excerpt from the book, Watson writes: "I have been told that everyone has a story. Some stories appear to begin near the end with an early onset discovery much like a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Others generate from the beginning, unfolding cautiously but predictably until reaching full maturity. Still, there are stories that evolve from the center point through the ripple effects of an unanticipated life-altering event. Friends, colleagues, family members, as well as casual acquaintances remark about the unlikely frequency and intensity with which life-changing storms have intervened throughout my personal journey. Some were trivial, most were powerful! Each foul weather interception introduces one or more larger-than-life lessons."

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#### **Northampton County**

- •From Bay Creek Development LLC To Michael and Tasha Hasty Lot 37, Bay Creek South For \$82,000
- •From Kellie Ward To George Robinson Parcel A, 5.3 acres, near Exmore For \$142,000
- •From Ayesha London To Todd and Melanie Lowrey Lots 16, 15, 14, and 10 feet of Lot 13, 4174 Main St., Exmore For \$60,000
- •From Bay Creek Development LLC To Terrance and Lynne Tierney Lot 32, Bay Creek South

For \$160,000

- •From CMH Homes Inc. To Jordan Sokel and Nicholas Latimer Lot 38, Highland Heights, 11009 Pheasant Run Road, Exmore For \$241.396
- •From Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC

To Celso and Joanne De Los Santos Parcel at Exmore For \$40,000

- •From Douglas Luther To Charlene Easter Lot 46, Kings Creek Landing, near Cape Charles
- •From Rhonda Greenlee-Zerphey

To Derek and Caitlyn Miller Lot 14, Tyseden subdivision, Franktown For \$75.000

- •From Michael and Sherry Lacker To Kathleen and Richard Terry Jr. Lot 8, Church Neck For \$85,000
- •From John Hoffman III To Kathleen Hurley Lot 50, Vaucluse Shores For \$50,000
- •From Jason Ochsner To Melissa Ruhan Lot 2, 6.15 acres, Occohannock Neck For \$45,000
- •From Julie Parry, Laura McSpedden, and Randall, Justin, and John Hickman III To Jose and Diana Gonzalez

To Jose and Diana Gonzalez Lot 190, Cape Charles For \$140,000

•From Leslie and Henry Jones Jr.

To James and Elena Lundy Lot 3B1, Mockhorn Bay Drive, known as Riverside Farm Lane, near Seaview

For \$384,000

- •From Jason Ochsner To James Chapman Parcel in Exmore For \$35,000
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# Missing Calico Cat Located and Returned to Owners After 100 Days in the Wild

By Jim Ritch

Kitty Hawk, a calico house cat, was scheduled to return home to Connecticut Thursday, Jan. 7, following a 100-day hunt by a team of Eastern Shore residents.

"I'm so happy I can hardly see straight," said C.J. Campbell, who with her husband, Duncan, will return from Stamford, Conn., to the welcome center at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

There, they will reunite with Kitty Hawk, where they last saw her on Sept. 26 as they returned from a week stay in the Outer Banks.

Something spooked Kitty Hawk as they walked her on a leash and collar, and the cat disappeared into Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge.

The distraught owners "spent hours walking through the wildlife refuge. My husband's legs were all chewed up from the brush," Campbell said.

They made handwritten signs that the Welcome Center staff copied and posted.

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During a tearful lunch at Stingray's Restaurant, a waitress suggested that they contact Laura Hastings, of Exmore, a veteran cat tracker.

In more than three months of effort, 3,200 postcards were mailed to residents in the Cape Charles ZIP code; volunteers posted notices in post offices, businesses, and around the Welcome Center; and many residents kept watch.

On Monday, welcome center staff member Reggie Peterson spotted Kitty Hawk near a dumpster and alerted a colleague who had already finished her shift but returned from home to set a trap.

The colleague came in the next morning on her day off to check the trap. Kitty Hawk sat inside



Kitty Hawk, a long-sought 3-year-old calico cat, waits in the trap where she was captured at the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge. The trapping ended her 100-day stay, which interrupted a trip between the Outer Banks and her home in Stamford, Conn. A team of Eastern Shore residents, led by staff members of the welcome center at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, advertised, tracked, and eventually caught the pet. Photo submitted by Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission.

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# **OBITUARIES**

# Brenda Kay Clark

Mrs. Brenda Kay Clark, 64, wife of Wayne M. "Gus" Clark Sr. and a resident of Cape Charles, passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. A native of Townsend, she was the daughter of the late H. Lee Hope Jr. and the late Catherine Kellam Hope. Brenda was a homemaker.

In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by four children, Phillip Hope and his wife, Levin, of Deep Creek, Wayne M. Clark Jr. and his companion, Paige, of Tangier, Jason



Mrs. Clark

Clark and his companion, Stephanie, of Cape Charles, and Ryan Clark, of Cape Charles; a brother, H.L. Hope III, of Cape Charles; a sister, Diane Snyder, of Silver Springs, Md.; and two

grandchildren, Phillip Hope Jr., and Kaitlyn Hope. She was predeceased by her sister, Carolyn Lewis.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at Capeville Masonic Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Charles Peterson officiating.

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

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

## Loretta Moore Conrow

Mrs. Loretta Moore Conrow, affectionately known as MomMom, 78, wife of the late James L. Conrow and a resident of Cheriton, formerly of Cape Charles, passed away Friday, Jan. 1,

2021, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. A native of Oyster, she was the daughter of the late Charles W. Moore and the late Bertha Groce Moore. She was a retired EKG



Mrs. Conrow

Technician for Shore Memorial Hospital, member of Lower Northampton Baptist Church, an avid bridge player, and above all else a loving and dedicated wife and mother.

She is survived by two sons, James G. Conrow and his wife, Lisa, of Florida, and Jeffrey E. Conrow and his wife, Cheryl, of Cape Charles; two sisters, Diana Munari and her husband, Harry, of Virginia Beach, and Brenda Carpenter and her husband, Bob, of Cherrystone; five grandchildren, Whitney, Amanda, Luke, Avianna, and Alaina; and two great-grandchildren, Finley Turner and Amelia Giarratano. She was predeceased by a son, John Conrow.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Cape Charles Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Conrow officiating. In the event of severe weather, the service location will be changed to Lower Northampton Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Randy Custis Memorial Park, P.O. Box 243, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

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

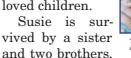
Arrangements made by Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

## Anna Lee Dadisman

Ms. Anna Lee Dadisman, also known as "Ms. Susie," 73, of Leemont, passed away Dec. 27, 2020, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

Born on June 11, 1947, in Scottsburg, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Raymond Deaton and the late Mary McNear. Ms. Susie was well known around Parksley, as she

delivered meals, chicken salad and Christmas candy to many friends. She had the most generous spirit and especially loved children.





Ms. Dadisman

Linda Roberts, of Dade City, Fla., Mark Stamper, of Beattyville, Ky., and John Stamper, of Scottsburg; a grandson, Tucker Key; a cousin, Paul Ewell; and friend and caregiver, Kim Smith.

Susie was predeceased by two brothers, Vern Stamper and Bobby Stamper. Per her wishes, there will be no funeral services.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Parksley Vol. Fire Co. for their help and friendship over the years. In her memory, memorial contributions may be made to Parksley Vol. Fire Co., P.O. Box 14, Parksley, VA 23421.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

To sign the guest book online, visit: www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

## Russell Dennis

**Mr. Russell Dennis,** 81, of Temperanceville, departed life Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020, in Salisbury, Md.

Born in Makemie Park, Va., Russell was the son of the late John and Flossie Watson Dennis. He was affectionately known as "Bill" by his family and friends. Russell served in the U.S. Army and after his discharge, he

worked a number of years for different employers including Perdue, Vernon Drewer Seafood, and Campbell Soup.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 2, 2020, at the Cha-



Mr. Dennis

pel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Brenda Wise officiating. Interment was in the Groton Community Cemetery, Messongo.

Bill leaves to cherish his loving memories: four children, Andora Parker, Jessica Dennis, Antonio Dennis, and Danny Hinmon; bonus daughters, Keisha Thornton and April Dennis; numerous grandchildren; a brother, Gralyn Hinmon; three sisters, Thelma Holden, Diane Holden, and Alma Brim; aunt, LaRue Holden; a special friend, Justine Crosby; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

# Linda Leigh Floyd

Ms. Linda Leigh Floyd, 70, a resident of Marionville, passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley. A native of Marionville, she was the daughter of the late Charles Henry Floyd and the late Edwina Burch Floyd. She was a graduate of James Madison Univer-



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sity, retired librarian for Northampton County Public Schools and a member of Red Bank Baptist Church.

She is survived by her brother, Henry B. Floyd, and his wife, Tilley, of Pilot, Va.; two sisters-in-law, Jane Floyd

and Carole Floyd; numerous and nieces and neph-She ews. was predeceased by two brothers, E. Eldred Floyd and Charles Warner Floyd.



Ms. Floyd

A private family graveside

service was held at Red Bank Baptist Church Cemetery with the Rev. John Robertson officiating. A public service will be held at a later date due to the current COVID-19 situation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Red Bank Baptist Church, P.O. Box 932, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

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

Arrangements were made Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

#### Linda Helen Hickman

Mrs. Linda Helen Hickman, 71, wife of William P. "Bill" Hickman and a resident of Temperanceville, passed away at her home Friday, Dec. 25, 2020.

Born Dec. 1, 1949, in Wilmington, Del., she was the daughter of the late William C. Albright and the late Beverly Ann D'Azevedo Albright. Linda was a member of Quinby United Methodist

Church, and formerly worked onair and in sales for radio stations.

In addition to her husband, Bill, she is survived by two sons, Brian Plant and his wife, Darlene Disney Plant, of San



Mrs. Hickman

Bernardino, Calif., and Steven Plant and his wife, Jennifer Gross Plant, of Riverside, Calif.; five grandchildren, Kody, Kyle, Sarah, Emma, and Laynie; a sister, Deborah Bender, and husband, Don, of Cape Charles; stepdaughters. Annie Parkes and husband. Tom, of Parksley, and Lou Mavromatis and husband, Arthur, of Chincoteague; stepgrandchildren, Kaity Parks, Chel-

sie Kenlon, and Dillon Hickman; and step-great-grandchildren, and Haleigh.

A graveside funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at 2 p.m., from the graveside at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Memorial donations in Linda's name may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

# Rieta Cheryl LeCato

Mrs. Rieta Cheryl LeCato, 73, was born Sept. 8, 1947, on Chincoteague Island. Known as "TuTu," she went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, at her home in Wilmington, N.C.

Rieta graduated from CHS and then traveled with her husband, Jerry W. LeCato (deceased). She had many hobbies and interests including playing

golf, cards, or anything competitive with family and Beachfriends. es with warm weather was truly where you would find her. She was truly gifted with talents. many whatever she did she did it well.



Mrs. LeCato

Rieta was predeceased by her loving husband, Jerry W. LeCato; father, Pete Richardson; mother, Eldee Richardson; and her sister, Judy Warren. Survivors include her son, Jerry LeCato Jr., and his wife, Tammy LeCato, of Wilmington; daughter, Angie Pruitt, of Wilmington; grandkids, Taylor LeCato, of New York, Amber LeCato, of North Carolina, Jacob Pruitt, of Virginia, and Skylar Pruitt, of North Carolina; sister, Sharon R. Yonek, and her husband, John Yonek, of Chincoteague; brothersin-law, Larry Warren, of Virginia, and Albert LeCato Jr., of Virginia; nieces, Cathie Lavarias, Debbie Horton, and Kimberly Connell; and nephews, Chris Warren, Tony Yonek, and Bert LeCato.

There will be a Celebration of Life for her as well as for her late husband, Jerry. Saturday. Jan. 16. at 11 a.m.. at the Pungoteague Community Center, 15346 Pungoteague Road. Bobby Parks will be the speaker.

# Janice L. Mason

Ms. Janice L. Mason, 63, of Millsboro, Del., formerly of the Shore, peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, at the Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Born in Atlantic, Janice was the daughter of the late Frank and Geneva Goodwine. She was employed by several employees over the years, includ-

ing Holly Farms, which later became Tyson Foods. and Hampton Inn & Suites. Her last place of employment was Royal Farms, until her health declined.



Ms. Mason

es were held Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Garv Miller officiating.

Janice leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Rozelle Mason; four bonus grandchildren; brother, Larry Goodwine; two brothers-in-law, Edward Morris and Alonzo Baine: two sistersin-law. Elizabeth and Althea Goodwine; a special niece, Nyneshia Holden; special friend, Charlene Shrieves; special sister, Brendola Miller, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

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

# **Gregory Louis Mast**

Mr. Gregory Louis Mast, 24, of Cape Charles, died Dec. 28, 2020, in a farming accident. He was born April 14, 1996, in Buckingham, Va., the son of Melvin Mast (Robin Mast) and Phyllis Marshall (Ronald Marshall).

Gregory is survived by the love of his life, Mary LeMoyne; his parents; his brothers, Wendel Mast (April

Mast), Travis Mast (Corinne Mast), and Jeremy Mast; his sisters, Monica Mast and Amy Mast; and his nieces nephews, and Grace. Kasandra. Joanna, Hayden, Katie, Dustin, and Brantley.



Mr. Mast

Gregory was known to all for his joyful smile, infectious laugh, and for lighting up any room he walked in. He was full of life and love; always wanting to bring others joy, especially his nieces and nephews. Gregory was most passionate about spending time with Mary and their dogs, Zeppelin and Jude, hunting, and fishing.

Visitation with the family was held Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at Bryan Funeral Service, 108 W Main Street, Plymouth, NC 27962. There was a graveside service Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021, at The Steiner Family Cemetery, 1509 Main Stem Road, Pantego, NC 27860.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The State Park Project Fund, c/o The Department of Conservation and Recreation, 600 E. Main St., 16th Floor, Richmond, VA 231219.

Arrangements are by Bryan Funeral Service at Hampton Academy, Plymouth.

# Ernest Edward Parks Sr.

Mr. Ernest Edward Parks Sr., husband of Donna Jean Smarr Parks and lifelong resident of Tangier Island, passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, at the age of 76. Born Feb. 26, 1944, on Tangier, he was the son of the late Ernest Elwood Parks and the late Della Marie Dise Parks.

As a member of the Seafarers International Union, Ern worked for vari-

ous tugboat companies over the course of 35 years, retiring in 2006 as a tugboat captain for Express Marine Inc. Ern was a hard worker and continued to take on many jobs throughout



Mr. Parks

his retirement years, one of which was running the oyster buyboat, the Delvin K, from Tangier to Reedville, Va., during the winter months. When he wasn't working on the water, you'd often find him fishing, building something for his grandchildren, lending a helping hand to someone in need, or catching up on island happenings with his pals in the "situation room." He was an active member of the New Testament Church and especially enjoyed going on mission trips. Ern was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, and nothing brought him more joy than

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spending time with loved ones. He loved the Lord, adored his family, respected his community, and believed any day on the water was a good day. He will be greatly missed by all.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by their children, Ernie Parks and his wife, Rose, of Tangier, and Lisa Pusev. of Salisbury. Md.: brothers. Larry Parks, of Salisbury, and Wayne Parks and his wife, Sarah, of Crisfield, Md.; grandchildren, Lewis Wheatley and his wife, Kristan, of Westover, Md., Olivia Pruitt and her husband, Brian, of Tangier, Trisha Wheatley and her fiancé, Brian Murphy, of Princess Anne, Md., and Kayla Crockett and her husband, Nathan, of Tangier; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Peyton, Brody, Madi, Weston, Rowen, Elliott, Kelsey, and Kole; and several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held in the Parks Family Cemetery on Tangier.

Contributions in Ernest's memory may be made to New Testament Church Mission Fund, c/o Danny McCready, P.O. Box 3, Tangier, VA 23440.

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

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

# Rebecca Justis Reade

Mrs. Rebecca Justis "Becky" Reade, 91, wife of the late George B. Reade and a resident of Parksley, passed away at her home Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

Born Nov. 18, 1929, in Hunting Creek, she was the daughter of the late Frank L. Justis and the late Nina Elizabeth Shrieves Justis. Becky was raised in Painter and graduated from Cen-

tral High School. She retired from NASA, and was a loyal member of St. Thomas United Methodist Church. Throughout the years, Becky enjoyed playing the piano, singing, the



Mrs. Reade

outdoors and taking care of her yard, reading, and crocheting.

Survivors include her daughter, Nina R. Shaw, of Parksley; niece, Teresa J. Parks (Jimmy), of Bloxom; two granddaughters, Leslie L. Hart (Mark) and Amy L. Ford (Greg), all of Onancock; three great-granddaughters, Baylee Hart (Tyler), Kerry Ford, and Kacey Ford; her great-great-grandson, Shaw Hart; and special in her heart are G.W. Hart (Kelley) and Wayne and Georgie Brown. In addition to her husband and parents, Becky was predeceased by a brother, Preston Lee Justis, and son-in-law, Tommy Shaw.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside at the Liberty Cemetery in Parksley on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, with Pastor Will Sloan officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Thomas United Methodist Church, c/o Dana Bundick, P.O. Box 485, Parksley, VA 23421, or to Foodbank of the Eastern Shore, P.O Box 518, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

# James William Short Jr.

Mr. James William "Jimmy" Short Jr., 70, husband of Evelyn Lucille Padgett Short and a resident of Virginia Beach, passed away Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, at his residence.

Born Sept. 25, 1950, in Parksley, he was the son of the late James William Short and the late Irene Louise White Short. Jimmy served his coun-

try in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as a contractor painting houses and was in the Painters Union. He enjoyed fishing on the James River, shooting a good



Mr. Short

game of pool, and was a member of the Aragona Moose Lodge.

In addition to his wife, Jimmy is survived by two children, Lori Anne Belleza (Robert), of Virginia Beach, and James William Short III (Melissa Daily), of Norfolk; two sisters, Anna Warren (Randall), of Quinby, and Rhoda Ross (Jackie), of Onancock; a grandchild, Taylor Belleza; special nephew,

Jonathan Ewell; and a host of many friends. Jimmy will be missed. Other than his parents, Jimmy was predeceased by his brother, Johnny Short.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at 11 a.m. There will be a visitation at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Contributions in Jimmy's memory may be made to Aragona Village Moose Family Center 1198, P.O. Box 2211, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2211.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

## Lois Ann Turner

Mrs. Lois Ann Turner, 75, of Parksley, passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Nassawadox, she was the daughter of the late W. Brooks Mears and the late Margaret Smullin Mears Bonniwell.

Lois was a member of ACTS the Apostolic Church in Temperanceville.

For many years, Lois was a beautician in her home in Onancock. She later worked at Virginia Landing in Quinby, and the Cambria Designs in Tasley. Her last job, which she loved, was at Vir-



Mrs. Turner

ginia Art Castings, also in Tasley.

Lois enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her great-granddaughters. She had a great love for animals, and never let a stray go hungry.

Survivors include her loving husband of 33 years, Richard "Dickie" Turner; her daughter, Michele M. Pruitt, and her husband, Joe Van, of Indiana; granddaughter, Amanda C. Sample, and her husband, Donte, of Parksley; great-granddaughters, Abigail, Briana, Jazmin, and Kaitlyn Zavala; fatherin-law, Richard C. Turner, of Parksley; stepson, Richard "Richie" Turner, and his wife, Cheryl, of Parksley; grandsons. Conway and Drake Turner; nephews, Jim Mears and his wife, Cindy (and their children, Brooks and Macy), and David Allen; niece, Leslie Allen Parks. and her husband, Matthew (and their children, Timothy and Erin); and all of Dickie Turner's family members.

In addition to her parents, Lois was predeceased by a brother, Brooks Mears Jr.; a sister, Mary F. Allen; sister-in-law, Bonnie Mears; and mother-in-law, Bonnie Huffman Turner.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at 2 p.m. Interment followed in the Parksley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417, or to the S.P.C.A., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements were by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

# Joan Patricia Farlow Tyre

Ms. Joan Patricia Farlow Tyre, 73, a resident of Whaleyville, Md., passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at Tidal Health Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, Md. A native of Quinby, she was the daughter of the late Jack Farlow and the late Viola Fluhart Warren. Joan thoroughly enjoyed bowling and above all else loved her family.

She is survived by four children, Robert H. Reed and his wife, Brenda, of Whaleyville, Kenneth F. Reed and his wife, Holly, of Ocean Pines, Md., Margaret S. Gravenor, of Whaleyville, and



Ms. Tyre

Bucky R. Reed and his wife, Michelle, of Whaleyville; a sister, Debbie Moon, and her husband, Dave, of Wachapreague; two brothers, John W. "Bubba" Farlow and his wife, Barbara, of Millsboro, Del., and Gregory Farlow and his wife, Teresa, of Laurel, Del.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Quinby Cemetery with Pastor Robert Welsh officiating. Flowers will be accepted.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

# Court Postings By Nancy Drury Duncan

# Accomack County Circuit Court

Demarco Montell Moore, 38, of Newport News, said he was not guilty of striking a woman with his fist, breaking her jaw and numerous bones in her face.

A circuit judge heard testimony in a three-hour bench trial and found otherwise, convicting Moore of malicious wounding.

The woman picked him up outside the jail in Accomac Sunday evening, Nov. 3, 2019, at about 6 p.m. Moore had been serving weekends for another conviction.

The defendant and the victim both agreed they began arguing immediately. On the witness stand, he said the argument was over her drinking and said she was openly drinking beer in her car when she arrived.

She testified they were arguing over his accusation that she was with another man while he was incarcerated that weekend. The two drove to the Regal Inn in Onley where she had rented a room for the weekend.

He left with friends for a (while) and then returned to the motel. He had been drinking, the victim told the court, and the arguing continued.

"I was in bed. He said he didn't want me anymore. He jumped across the bed and punched me in my face," she said. "I was shocked, couldn't believe he did it. Then, he hit me again. I told him I was tired of being in a relationship with someone I was scared of."

She said he made a phone call and then ordered her to take (him) to Captain's Quarters in Melfa. She said she did as he asked and then drove herself to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Emergency room physician Dr. Susan Boyle testified the woman had "obvious trauma to her face and an obvious depression in her cheek." Boyle testified that a CT scan revealed the woman had "multiple facial fractures." Because of the severity of her injuries, she was sent to Norfolk Sentara Shock Trauma Center. She said the woman asked that police be called.

The deputy who responded said he interviewed the victim at the hospital. She told him it was Moore who hit her.

The officer attempted to find Moore at the Captain's Quarters complex after speaking with the victim. The woman who lived there said she and Moore had been in a relationship "off and on" for years. She admitted she told police she had not seen Moore but told the court that Moore spent the night with her. He was not located and arrested until February 2020.

"The court had heard the evidence," said Judge W. Revell Lewis III. "The victim said you hit her when she was in bed. Hiding from the police is a circumstance the court can consider. This comes down to credibility. The court believes it happened as the victim said."

He found Moore guilty of malicious wounding and ordered that a presentence report be prepared. Moore will be sentenced on March 25.

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- 1. People 75+ and non-health care front line essential workers like grocery store workers and teachers. (Phase 1b)
- 2. People ages 65 to 74, people ages 16 to 64 with medical conditions placing them at higher risk to get very ill, and lower risk essential workers like food service workers and transportation. (Phase 1c)
- 3. People age 16+ to 64 who are not high risk and who aren't essential workers.

We will offer vaccination to these groups, in this order, soon.

Federal and state guidelines determine when you can get the COVID vaccine – this is subject to change. Supply of the vaccine received from the drug companies affects vaccine availability.

For guideline information visit

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html.



See the COVID-19 tab at **esrh.org** for updates.

# Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest: Slice, Slice Baby

Last Week's Contest: Place Settings for All

We asked readers to find six place settings that were on pages 5, 16, 17, 22, 25, and 27. Sarah Ross, of Chincoteague, found them and was randomly selected as the winner of the \$25 gift certificate to Sage Diner in Onley.

This Week's Contest: Find the Leaning Towers of Pizza We're actually looking for six images of the Leaning Tower of Pisa but we're calling it the Pizza Tower because of this week's sponsor. Find all six tower images and you will become a contestant and have a chance to be randomly chosen as winner of the \$25 gift certificate to Panzotti's Pizza & Waffles in Onley.

The rules:

• Find the Leaning Towers of Pizza and tell us where you found them (page number and location on the page). Send this information to david@ easternshorepost.com.

• You can start sending your entries now. Entries MUST have your first and last names and your town.

• Include a photograph if you choose

to submit one and tell us a little something about the picture.

• Entries will be accepted until noon on Monday, Jan. 11. Entries arriving after noon on Monday the 11th will not be entered in the contest.

• Anyone submitting a photograph must have taken the picture or have permission to use it.

• Do not submit multiple entries.

The winner and as many runners-up as possible will get their photographs in the paper. If you don't want to use your own picture, you can submit a photo of your child or a pet — or a pizza you're going to eat, some eggs you intend to beat, or even a derring-do feat. Just no, you know, regular feet.



Pizza & Waff

Winner Winner Winner

By finding all six place settings last week, Sarah Ross, of Chincoteague, entered a pool of contestants and then was lucky enough to be randomly chosen as winner of the \$25 gift certificate to Sage Diner in Onley. Standing in for their osprey-eyed mom are Samuel and James, pictured here practicing a Shore tradition: enjoying the sunset from a pier.

# Runners-Up



This Christmas, the family gathering was restricted to runner-up Sheena Jackson, of Painter, in the back on the right, with her oldest and youngest daughters and youngest son.



Runner-up Elaine Baseman, of Horntown, is happy to be hugging a dog — and the dog seems equally thrilled to get a hug.



Sarah Morgan, of Oyster, assured us that Grogu (Baby Yoda) can use his mind to play a computer game. Here's pictorial "proof."



This stargazer is the granddaughter of runner-up Anabel Beatty, of Silver Beach, who took a picture of the girl stargazing in Exmore.



Who loves it when there's snow and she can sit on the porch and chirp at the birds? Not runner-up Karen Allums, of Exmore — her cat.



Here's Vegas sitting by a Christmas tree when he was only 2 or 3 years old. Rob Moore, of Cape Charles, said Vegas is now 10.

## Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Julie Head, Machipongo Kelsey Gaskins, Belle Haven Theresa Lattimore, Bloxom Dawn Taylor, Parksley Jeanette Bell, Onley Cotina Strand, Melfa Charles Elsner, Stockton, Md. Annie Schu, Saxis
Beth McHenry, Parksley
Bob Dattner, Bloxom
Brittany Pettit, Parksley
Amy Eckard, Temperanceville
Brittney Parks, Pocomoke City, Md.
Brenda Ames, Painter
Katie M. Jackson, Pocomoke City, Md.

Leilani Smith, Hallwood Charles Koski, Chincoteague Camesha Handy, Parksley Gustava Pettit, Accomack Virginia Manzione, Exmore Patricia Willey, Quinby Jimmy Nickerson, Parksley

# Random Facts About ... Tongues of Woodpeckers, Whales, Isopods, and You &

#### **By David Martin**

When we went into the woods to check on one of our arboreal internet tubes, we found it riddled with holes.

Woodpeckers. They drill holes in search of insects or to build a nesting site. Although woodpeckers can pound a tree 20 times a second with a force 10 times more powerful than something that would give you a concussion, their bills and skulls are designed in ways that redirect the force away from the brain. Their tongues also play a role. Woodpeckers have long tongues, some of which are twice the length of the bird's bill or a third of its body's length. If you had a tongue that was propor-

tionally as long as that of the Eurasian green woodpecker, your tongue would be two feet long. Take that, Sir Michael Jagger. The woodpecker's tongue and the bony structure that supports it wrap all the way around the back of the skull, under the skin, and then over the top of the skull to be anchored in the front of the skull or, in some cases, all the way into the nostrils. This wraparound tongue cushions the brain and is also available to poke deep into holes for insects.

The blue whale is the largest animal on Earth and thought to be bigger than any animal that ever lived — dinosaurs included. Its tongue can weigh

more than an Asian elephant. The whale uses that whopper for tasting and for squeezing water out through the baleen, which filters and catches the whale's food, mainly krill. Each day, the whale eats up to eight tons of the little (around two inches) shrimp-like crustaceans.

attention. Pav here's tongue-twisting story of the flea-like isopod, Cymothoa exigua: The male isopod swims in through the gills of the rose snapper fish and attaches to the fish's tongue. When a second male isopod enters the fish's mouth, the first one changes from being a male to being a female because, well, it takes two to tango. The newly pregnant female, which is larger than the male, starts to consume the rose snapper's tongue by sucking out the blood. When only a tongue stump remains, the female isopod attaches itself to that stump and spends the rest of its creepy life serving as the snapper's tongue, getting free meals and birthing isopod young along the way. When the isopod has reached the end of its life cycle, it lets

go of the tongue stump and gets swallowed by the fish, which, tongueless, probably cannot survive.

Your own personal tongue has 10,000 taste buds and is controlled by eight muscles, which are not, in spite of what your uncle told you, the strongest muscles in your body. Your jaw muscles, butt muscles, and heart could all take your tongue in a match of strength. Human tongues average a tad over 3 inches in length, but the Guinness World Records says the longest human tongue was measured at 3.97 inches. You might be able to lengthen your tongue by doing sticking-out-your tongue exercises, but you also might get a reputation for being rude. A pink tongue is a healthy tongue. Bright red could mean anything from a vitamin deficiency to scarlet fever. A tongue with spots might mean a fungal infection, and a black tongue could indicate bacteria ... or licorice.

When you gain weight, your tongue can also get fat, and a fat tongue can exacerbate sleep apnea. Lose weight, get a slim tongue, sleep better.





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#### Last Week's Answers

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

#### by Linda Thistle

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# **Super** Crossword

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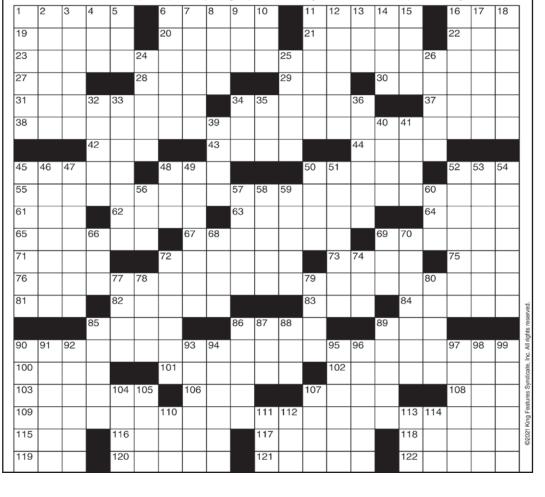
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# Film Set in Cape Charles Examines Child Protection in COVID-19 Era

#### Story by Stefanie Jackson Photos by Jim Ritch

Cape Charles set the stage last week for an independent filmmaker who has the Sundance Film Festival in her sights.

Her upcoming film "Don't Tell the Children" is a work of fiction based on real events, presented as a documentary.

"We want to be bigger than 'Tiger King," said C.J., who asked that her real name not be used.

She wishes to keep her identity a secret until the production's release and to protect the children whose stories are told in the film.

"Don't Tell the Children" is about her recent experience living in an "intentional community," a term used to refer to a small, planned community, often similar to a commune.

The story is set in the fictional community Frog Union and centers on a scandal that shatters the dreams of a family who leaves within a couple months of moving where they thought they would live peacefully for the rest of their days.

The husband and father of three is named Indigo, a healer portrayed by Michael S. Walls, an actor who lives in New York City but owns a home in Cape Charles.

C.J. filmed Walls' documentary-style interview in a historic, 1930s home near Cape Charles Beach, on Bay Avenue. The home is owned by Walls' sister and brother-in-law, Anne Marie and Mike Guevarra.

C.J. is based in Virginia Beach and hadn't planned any filming in Cape Charles, but she heard of the town from Walls, who has spent much time there during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Things were getting really scary in New York" in March as COVID-19 cases surged, Walls remembered.

He and his partner were stuck in their apartment for two weeks and couldn't get groceries or supplies delivered; they had to rely on restaurant takeout for every meal.

"The tension was palpable," Walls said. When the hospital tents went up, Walls called his sister and he and his partner left the city.

Even though work slowed during the pandemic, he has stayed busy since he moved to New York to become an actor about a year and a half ago.

Walls, with a bright smile and a head full of silver-gray hair, has been successful snagging roles without hiring an agent. He says there are actually a lot of parts for middle-aged men in the industry that appears to be youth-driven.

It probably doesn't hurt that Walls is willing to take on a variety of jobs. He's appeared in short films, TV series, podcasts, and has done voice-over work. Walls plays two or three roles every week and is thankful that he doesn't need to wait tables to make ends meet.

This is his second career as a performing artist. Walls spent 30 years making a living playing the harp – including the electric harp – touring and recording albums.

When boy bands were popular in the late 1990s and early 2000s, Walls was right there in the middle of it all in Orlando, Fla., where the trend started.

His latest work includes a 2020 episode of "Evil Lives Here," a true-crime series on the Investigation Discovery network. Walls plays Bill Layne, a man who physically abuses his wife.

Walls' role in "Don't Tell the Children" is the exact opposite. His character, Indigo, is a New-Age-style healer who wants nothing more than to forgive and mend the relationships that were broken after his stepdaughter was involved in a scandal with a boy from another family in their community.

Another scene with Indigo was filmed at Walls' Cape Charles home, on Washington Avenue, in which he plays the harp. Indigo strums a delicate tune and explains how he uses music therapy to heal his clients.

Walls was drawn to the role of Indigo because he relates to the sense of living in a "controlled society" – not because of any place he has called home but because of his religious upbringing.

His childhood experience with religion may have been "controlled" but a positive influence also came from it. Walls became interested in the harp because a woman in his church played one. He began learning the instrument at age 11.

C.J. wasn't always involved in filmmaking either. She was a teacher in California who had a friend in the film industry.

One day, the stress of the job led C.J. to imagine writing a screenplay about a



Anne Marie Guevarra, sister of actor Michael Walls and co-owner of the 212 Bay St. home where Walls' documentary interview was shot, hugs her brother, left, and husband, retired submariner Mark Guevarra.



Michael Walls, a former touring concert harpist, tunes a harp in his Cape Charles home.

teacher who kills her students. C.J. ended up moving to Los Angeles and studying at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles) to become a film producer.

C.J. still teaches to pay the bills but filmmaking is her passion. She's not in the business to make money but to tell stories. C.J. said if she and her cast and crew "make it big" with "Don't Tell the Children" she will share the profits equally with them. She appreciates how much work they have done, especially the actors, who have risen to the challenge of giving unscripted performances.

There is much attention to detail de-



Sandwiched between antique, French-eclectic style windows overlooking Cape Charles' Public Beach, actor Michael Walls, center, listens to his director while a videographer stretches across a billiard table to check settings. The upended pillow acts as a "gobo" to shield the camera from bright sunlight.



While a videographer adjusts a microphone, Michael Walls demonstrates a tune on his harp.

spite limited resources.

C.J.'s son, J.P., spends more time setting up a scene than filming it (with a Canon digital camera) so that the lighting and sound are just right.

C.J. asks Walls to move his laptop so he avoids subconsciously glancing in the direction of his notes and gives the scene a greater sense of realism.

C.J.'s main concerns are storytelling, using the film to examine group dynamics and how "groupthink" works, and getting the audience to react.

If the film makes the audience angry, she has been successful, C.J. said.

She wants "Don't Tell the Children" to provoke a strong audience reaction like the Netflix documentary "Tiger King," a show whose popularity she still doesn't understand aside from serving as a distraction from the real-life chaos of the coronavirus pandemic.

The story C.J. tells happened during the COVID-19 pandemic, in June 2020, and made a personal impact that she felt compelled to share.



The imaging power of a modern, digital camera allows low-budget film-making, showing actor Michael Walls as he reviews his script between takes.

She's having a tough time editing the film together because the actors have given her so much good material to use, and she only has permission from the Screen Actors Guild to make a short film, no more than 40 minutes.

C.J. has to get the film done by summer if she intends to submit it for next year's Sundance Film Festival, which begins in January.

The Sundance Film Festival, held annually in Salt Lake City, is the largest independent film festival in the United States. It is also a competition, and awards are given for the best independent films, including both dramas and documentaries and feature-length and short films.

But more important than any film festival is the kids. C.J.'s "bottom line" with her film "Don't Tell the Children" is asking the question, "How do you protect kids?"

"They didn't have a voice," she said. But film is one outlet that can give a voice to the voiceless.

# **Community Notes**

# **ESCSB** Meeting

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board will hold a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 9 a.m., at the administration building, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley.

# American Legion Monthly Meeting

The American Legion Northampton monthly meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month.

# MLK Jr. Virtual Community Unity Day Celebration

This year, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Unity Day Celebration will be held in two parts. Both parts will be virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Part I will be held via Zoom call on Friday, Jan. 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. The focus will be on the youth of the community, with students, their parents and grandparents, educators, and community leaders. Students will compete in the MLK poster contest and present a variety of other special talents, including music and dance. The theme for the 2021 MLK poster contest is "Rolling Together for a Better Tomorrow." Winners will be judged in two categories, grades K-3 and 4-6. A \$25 certificate will be awarded to each winner, and a certificate of participation will be presented to everyone.

Part II of the celebration will be held on Monday, Jan. 18, starting at 9 a.m. The theme for this year's celebration is "Together We Can Make a Difference for All." Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's event (formerly held at Northampton High School for more than three decades) will be broadcast live on WESR 103.3 FM.

This joint celebration is supported every year by Northampton County Public Schools, Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore, and the Northampton and Accomack Branches of the NAACP.

To sign up for the Zoom call on Jan. 15, contact Subrina Parker at sparker@ncpsk12.com or by phone at 757-678-

5151, ext. 6100. For additional details for both events, contact Jane Cabarrus at janecabarrus@aol.com or by phone at 757-442-2139, or Donna Bozza at info@cbes.org. Donations may be sent to MLK Unity Day Celebration, P.O. Box 333, Nassawadox, VA 23413.

# United Way Funding Available

The United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore's 2020-2021 Application for Funding is now available to agencies interested in applying for undesignated funds received from the 2020 United Way Campaign. Agencies must meet the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- 1. Must be incorporated as a nonprofit voluntary organization serving the Eastern Shore of Virginia.
- 2. Must be classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 3. Must be registered with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services allowing agency to solicit funds in Virginia.
- 4. Must demonstrate having appropriate accounting records and controls over the receipt and expenditure of funds in accordance with standards for voluntary health and welfare organizations.
- 5. Must be governed by an active board of directors and must practice nondiscrimination in the employment of staff, recruitment of board members, and the provision of services.
- 6. Must fall within the impact areas of Arts, Education, Financial Stability, or Health.

The application may be downloaded at <a href="https://www.esunitedway.org">www.esunitedway.org</a> Agencies may contact the United Way of Virginia's Eastern Shore by emailing Dawn Byrd at dbyrd@esunitedway.org with any questions. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021.

# Power Up Literacy

The Eastern Shore Literacy Council's Book a Month adult reading challenge has begun.

Each month, January through December, this fun reading challenge features a different theme and a hint for the type of

book to read. Hint: read a book set in a location you would like to visit. Download a reading log from the website <a href="www.shore-literacy.org">www.shore-literacy.org</a> or pick one up at the Book Bin in Onley. Each month, challenge participants can log the title and author of the books they read then visit the Book Bin to get their logs marked and claim a small reward, while supplies last. Complete the challenge, turn in a reading log, and be entered for the grand prize at the end of the year.

The Eastern Shore Literacy Council is committed to providing no-cost essential education to adult learners who have made a commitment to become proficient in reading and writing.



# Marríage Licenses Issued

- James Doughty Jr., 59, and Jennifer Smith, 41, both of Nassawadox
- Philip Prokopchak, 30, of Chesapeake, and Sandra Wyatt, 33, of Exmore
- Zachary Pfingst, 40, and Sarai Diaz, 30, both of Cape Charles

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John T. Williams, of Williams Funeral Homes in Parksley and Onancock, presents the library's cornerstone to Library System Director Cara Burton.

# Williams Funeral Home Donates Cornerstone

Eastern Shore Public Library's new regional library and Eastern Shore of Virginia Heritage Center recently received a donation of the cornerstone to be installed on the new building, now under construction in Parksley. The cornerstone was donated by Williams Funeral Homes in Parksley and Onancock. The library's cornerstone is inscribed with "2021," to commemorate the completion of the new library.

The library's construction started in October 2019 and moved along briskly until the pandemic hit. Accomack County, which manages the project, recently granted a second time extension pushing the completion date to mid-April 2021. The new facility's design will support post-COVID-19 community needs including individual study rooms and offices that allow for isolation, self-checkout of materials, automatic entry doors, modern HVAC air circulation systems, and technology for distance learning and conferencing. Reading has become an even more popular pastime during the pandemic. Library online services and downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks have become more essential.

Other donation opportunities are available for the new Eastern Shore of Virginia regional library and Heritage Center, including commemorative bricks and naming options. Information can be found at <a href="https://www.shorelibrary.com">www.shorelibrary.com</a> or by calling the Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation office at 757-787-2500.

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A special thanks is given to the Marines
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## **Thank You**

The family of William A. Hughes Jr. would like to thank family and friends for their outpouring of love at his passing. It is difficult to describe just how much your gestures of support in our time of need means to us. To have a reminder from the people that care for us that we are not alone in our grief is immeasurable.

As we learn to carry on while living our lives in mourning after William's home going, we do our best to honor his memory with each new day. In doing so, we are reminded of the beautiful things that life has to offer. We celebrate his life for all that it was, remembering the wonderful things he shared with us. Thank you for being there for us while we pick up the pieces and recover from our loss.

#### **Development Inspector**

Northampton County is accepting applications for the full-time 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.

# **Help Wanted**

**Part-Time Store Manager** 

Seeking a qualified general store manager to join our team. Excellent customer service skills and experience in management, retail and sales required. This individual will lead, supervise and assist in the day-to-day operations and help to oversee high volume of store inventory. Must be able to lift up to 30 lbs. and work Saturdays. Located in Exmore, VA.

For more information or to apply, email restorationmin.es@gmail.com

# SEASONAL SHOREBIRD/WATERBIRD FIELD TECHNICIAN

The Nature Conservancy is soliciting applications for a short-term Shorebird/Waterbird Field Technician to assist with management activities for nesting birds on the islands of the Volgenau Virginia Coast Reserve. This position will last 18-20 weeks beginning in April 2021. Responsibilities include monitoring beach nesting birds, posting and patrolling bird colonies and visitor education. Basic qualifications include coursework in wildlife biology or related field, bird monitoring experience, and boat operation/trailering experience. To see complete details for this position and to apply, go to <a href="https://www.nature.org/careers">www.nature.org/careers</a>, click Current Job Opportunities, search jobs by the position title and/or location, then click Apply Now to submit an online application by 11:59 pm on January 17, 2021. The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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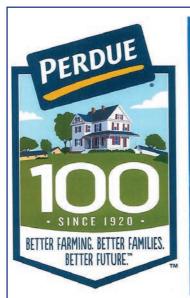
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Inquiries may be directed to:

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Position Number: L0010

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

For detailed job information and to apply, visit <a href="http://www.dss.virginia.gov">http://www.dss.virginia.gov</a>. Accepts only online applications; job close date 01/11/2021.

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# Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01) Office Associate II (Accomack)

Position Number: L0039

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The Town of Cape Charles on Virginia's Eastern Shore is accepting applications for a Senior Planner to lead the Planning & Zoning team in a fast-growing coastal community. This position serves under the general direction of the Town Manager and supervises a part-time zoning administrator and a full-time planning technician. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to; long- and short-term planning activities, state legislation, environmental rules and regulations, zoning overview and other statutory guidelines. Oversees the plan review process and comprehensive planning, and analyzes and interprets the Town Code as it relates to planning, zoning, development and land use. Consults with other agencies, county, state and federal government; provides administrative and staff support to Town Council, Planning Commission, Historic District Review Board and other Town Boards. The incumbent will possess excellent oral and written communication skills, will be an effective decision maker and strategic thinker with the ability to work effectively and harmoniously with residents and board members and be able to multitask and juggle simultaneous projects in a busy office setting. A bachelor's degree, preferably a master's degree, in urban planning, public administration or a closely related field, and a minimum of 4 years of experience in pro-fessional planning or a related position or any combination of training and experience that provides the required knowledge is required. E&S and AICP Certification are preferred. Salary DOQ/DOE (salary range: \$57,000-\$60,000 annual), plus a full benefit package including state retirement. Submit a cover letter, resume, three current professional references, and Town employment application (available at www.capecharles.org or by calling 757-331-3259 x 11) to Human Resources, 2 Plum St., Cape Charles, VA 23310 or email to jodi.outland@capecharles.org. This position requires a valid driver's license as well as frequent night meetings. Resumes without a Town employment application will not be considered. Open until filled. We are an equal opportunity employer and value diversity. All employment is decided on the basis of qualifications, merit and business needs.

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The Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency is seeking full-time employment for an Intake Specialist. The applicant must be able to plan, monitor, implement, and evaluate the Information and Referral process. Must also have the ability to communicate with clients, possess excellent computer and writing skills, knowledge of community resources, ability to accurately maintain record files, complete Quick Forms for Information and Assistance purposes to submit monthly.

An Associate Degree is preferred or at least 3 years of experience. Salary will be negotiated.

If interested you can submit a resume to Ilene Reid at ireid@esaaacaa.org or mail to:

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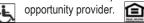
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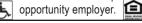
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Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of groundwater in Accomack County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 8, 2021 and Febru-

PÉRMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Grayson C. Chesser, Jr. and Dawn M. Chesser, PO Box 12, Sanford, VA 23426, Permit #GW0078900

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Holden Creek Gun Club, 26069 Saxis Road, Sanford, VA 23426 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Grayson C. Chesser, Jr. and Dawn M. Chesser have applied for a new permit for a withdrawal of groundwater to provide water for three shallow seasonal waterfowl impoundments in Accomack County, Virginia. The permit would authorize an annual groundwater withdrawal of 17,009,000 gallons per year. The groundwater withdrawal will support hunting and wetland habitats and conservation. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Yorktown-Eastover aquifer at a depth between 115 feet to 147 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aguifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal

is illustrated on a map that can be viewed at https://www. deg.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/

water-withdrawal. HOW TO COMMENT AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMA-TION: Shana Moore; DEQ Central Office, 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219; Phone: 804-698-4051; Fax:

804-698-4178; Email: shana.moore@deg.virginia.gov.

# Legal Advertising and Auctions

#### **INVITATION TO BID**

Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency (ESAAA/CAA) invites and welcomes proposals for their Senior Meals Proposal project.

The objective and primary goal for this project is to notify local restaurants to submit proposals to provide one meal (lunch), once a week to the Senior population.

ESAAA/CAA reserves the right to award the contract to more than one bidder and refuse any proposal or contract. All proposals must be received by Eastern Shore Area Agency on Aging/Community Action Agency no later than 4:30 p.m. close of business on January 22, 2021, for consideration in the project proposal selection process. Only those proposals received by the stated deadline will be considered.

For questions or information regarding the Proposal, contact: Tiffany Smith

Director of Aging 757-442-9652 ex.19 tsmith@esaaacaa.org

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Selling for several local Eastern Shore/Mid Atlantic Estates & Consignors!

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Preview: Monday, Jan. 11th, 2021, from 4-7 PM & and Friday, Jan. 15th, 2021, from 2-5 PM

(5) Upcoming Onsite Online Only Auctions to Include: Jan 20, 2021 – Online Only Auction – Reliance, MD! A&M Auctions is honored to sell for the estate of Chip Penxa! Personal Property located at: 5832 Newhart Mill Road, Seaford, DE (The Address is Considered a Seaford Mailing Address but the Auction Site is in MD!) Auction Held Online Only w/Bidding ending Wed. January 20th, 2021 Starting at 5 PM! Estate Vehicle, Case Tractor, Four Wheeler, Gun Safe, Tools, Furniture and more! Jan. 27th, 2021 - Online Only Auction – Cambridge, MD! Personal Property located at: 106 Linthicum Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613. Auction Held Online Only w/Bidding ending Wed. January 27th, 2021 Starting at 5 PM! Tools, Collectables, Furniture and more! Feb. 3rd, 2021 - Online Only Auction – Salisbury, MD! A&M Auctions is honored to sell for the Estate of Margaret Jones! Personal Property located at: 1031 East Schumaker Manor Dr. Salisbury, MD 21804. Auction Held Online Only w/Bidding ending Wed. January 27th, 2021 Starting at 5 PM! Furniture, Collectables, Electronics, Houseward Margaret Jones! Personal Property located at: 1031 East Schumaker Manor Dr. Salisbury, MD 21804. Auction Held Online Only W/Bidding ending Wed. January 27th, 2021 Starting at 5 PM! Furniture, Collectables, Electronics, Houseward Margaret Jones! Personal Property located at: 1031 East Schumaker Manor Dr. Salisbury, MD 21804. Auction Held Online Only W/Bidding ending Wed. January 27th, 2021 Starting at 5 PM! Furniture, Collectables, Electronics, Houseward Margaret Jones! Personal Property located at: 25170 April 27th Advanced April 27th April 27t Cedar Lane, Seaford, DE. Auction Held Online Only w/Bidding ending Wed. February 10th, 2021 Starting at 5 PM! Toyota Avalon Four Door Sedan, Primitives, Antiques, Furniture, Tools, & more! Feb. 24, 2021 - Online Only Auction – Willards, MD! A&M Auctions is honored to sell for the Estate of Charles "Buddy" and Gertrude C. Wilkins! Personal Property located at: 36554 Mt. Pleasant Road, Willards, MD 21874. Auction Held Online Only w/Bidding ending Wed. February 24th, 2021 Starting at 5 PM! Primitives, Antiques, Furniture, Tools, Firearms, Extensive wood Plane Collection & more!

(2) Upcoming Auctions at 8000 Esham Rd, Parsonsburg, MD: Feb. 17th, 2021 - Online Only Auction Sale – Parsonsburg, MD!! Selling from several Eastern Shore Estates and Consignors! Bidding Ends Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, Starting @ 5 PM. Selection of Primitives, Antique and Modern Furniture, Stoneware, Tools, Snap-On Tool Box, Generator and more! Mar. 4th, 2021 – Online Only Coin Auction at the A&M Auction Facility. 150+ Lots of Gold & Silver US Coinage.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Inlet View Holdings, LLC has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct riprap revetment, outfalls, and retain existing piers at Inlet View Campground (2272 Main Street) along the Chincoteague Channel in Accomack County.

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

#### Request for Proposals for Hotel Market Study

The Town of Wachapreague seeks expressions of interest from consultants wishing to be considered to provide professional services for:

Preparation of a hotel market study analyzing potential for increased business opportunities for the Wachapreague Hotel, on the site of the Wachapreague Inn, in the Town of Wachapreague.

The project's primary purpose is to assist the Wachapreague Inn in establishing data to determine feasibility and magnitude of hotel expansion on its current site through review of the market area to determine roomnight demand and ability to support development of a new hotel. For full documentation, contact Clara Vaughn at 757-787-2936 x 127 or claravaughn@a-npdc.org. Consultants must submit proposals no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 22, 2021, to be considered.

The Town of Wachapreague, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidders that disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Commission is seeking quotes with a scope of work for public safety dispatch consulting services. For a copy of the request for quotes and scope of work, contact the 9-1-1 Director at jflournoy@co.northampton.va.us or at (757)-787-0909.

# 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

# Legal Advertising (Cont'd)

#### **TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Chincoteague Town Council is taking applications for anyone interested in serving on the Council to fill a recent vacancy until a special election can be held. Applicants must be a full-time residents and registered voters of the Town of Chincoteague. Interested parties may obtain an application from the town's website or by calling the Town Office at (757) 336-6519.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 19148 GLENN DR, PARKSLEY, VA 23421. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 3, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$264,568.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180004411. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will of fer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Accomack County, 23316 Courthouse Ave., Accomac, VA on February 1, 2021, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN METOMPKIN DISTRICT, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DESIGNATED AS LOT #24 ON THE PLAT OF "GARGATHA LANDING" RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ACCOMACK COUNTY, ON JULY 23, 1986, WITH A DEED TO SWAN/ONLEY PARTNERSHIP FROM HOPELAND FARMS, INC., AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 508, AT PAGE 387, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE MAY BE HAD FOR AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE LOT HEREBY CONVEYED, SAID PLAT BEING RE-CORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 86, AT PAGE 25. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOL-LOW CDC GUIDANCE AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com VA-348472-1.

# NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021, AT 6:30 p.m., AT METOMPKIN

JANUARY 20, 2021, AT 6:30 p.m., AT METOMPKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETORIUM, 24501 PARKSLEY ROAD, PARKSLEY, VIRGINIA, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

#### B. Agricultural Ordinance Amendment to allow for any use of land not specifically listed as a Use Permitted by Right or Special Exception-Special Use.

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

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

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

#### **Public Notice**

The Northampton County Wetlands Board will meet Wednesday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in East-ville, VA, for the purpose of considering the following wetlands/coastal primary sand dunes matters under public hearing and to conduct regular business. The Board will assemble at 8:30 a.m. to conduct site visits.

VMRC 2020-2046: Desmond A. Baker has applied for a permit for shoreline armoring with a rip-rap revetment and to extend an existing bulkhead within the Wetlands Board jurisdiction. The property is located on the Chesapeake Bay at Lot #4 of Peaceful Shores Subdivision and is further described as Tax Map 6A-4-4.

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

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Marshall Cox, Chairman Wetlands Board

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# Just Do Something!

Dear Editor:

I have always been taught when you know better, you should do better. This lesson also applies to history.

The 1,000s of (Confederate) memorials across the United States were the result of efforts by White Southerners and a few Northerners with clear political objectives. The South was fighting to resist the political rights for Black citizens. Jim Crow and White supremacy can be linked directly to the raising of the statues.

You can read for yourself the 1913 dedication of the on-campus monument honoring the UNC students who fought for the Confederacy. Industrialist Julian Carr urged his audience to devote themselves to the maintenance of White supremacy with the same vigor that their ancestors had defended slavery.

He then boasted, "One hundred yards from where we stand, less than 90 days perhaps after my return from Appomattox, I horse-whipped a Negro wench until her skirts hung in shreds, because upon the streets of this quiet village she had publicly insulted and maligned a Southern lady."

Southern memorials inherently celebrated the slave South and White power along with the heroism of Confederate soldiers. It's not a celebration for all of us. The states' right to grow economically on the backs of enslaved people, whipped and treated as less than human, was a deeply moral issue.

I saw the gentleman from Onancock's response to Bill Payne's letter to the editor. That gave me hope that there is the opportunity for education and intelligent debate on this matter. I agree with his premise, but let's also consider a donation to a museum, where one can choose to go and be educated on the evil that Confederate statues represent.

Consider a fountain or art we can all enjoy, rather than a perceived whitewash that the Confederate soldier's mission could be remedied by adding a Post Office Mail

Black union soldier.

Let us keep the conversation going and get to a solution we can all live with. When you know better ... You should do better.

# Finale Norton, Jamesville Trump Reign Destructive

Dear Editor:

In less than a month, the grifter/carnival barker who currently occupies the Oval Office will be leaving.

What he has done since losing the free and fair election in November (supported as such by his once-favorite lapdog Bill Barr) is to show that he (Trump) is the true enemy of the people, democracy, and America and is concerned only with his self-interest. He has deconstructed and corrupted what the Republican Party once stood for and has created an atmosphere of paranoiac xenophobia and lunatic fringe conspiracy theories.

Trump is facing a mountain of legal problems when he departs. Perhaps his buddy Vlad has an opening in the Ministry of Propaganda and Disinformation. Trump has shown that he is certainly qualified for that.

John Weirich, Belle Haven
COVID-19 Data
Needs Improvement

Dear Editor:

We are bombarded everyday by the grim numbers regarding Covid. I do not think they are presented in the proper context. The state numbers should be presented in terms of cases per thousand of population, hospitalizations per thousand and deaths per thousand. Virginia has many more cases than Wyoming in raw numbers, but Virginia has many more people than Wyoming. That is why using the

per-thousand metric presents, in my opinion, a truer measure of how states stack up when compared to each other.

I believe there might be a correlation between state spending and outcomes. Many states like to brag about their "low-tax" environment. This obviously means lower investment in the health and education of their population. It would be interesting to see, using the "per-thousand" metric, if there is such a correlation. After all, you ultimately get what you are willing to pay for.

Another correlation to look at would be how the states that refused to expand Medicaid are doing versus those states that did expand Medicaid in dealing with Covid, again using the "per-thousand" metric.

These results would be purely data-driven, not "blue" results nor "red" results.

# Rick Saunders, Chincoteague Electoral College Adds Conflict to Elections

Dear Editor:

My thanks to Charles Landis of Onancock for his response in the Dec. 25 issue of the ES Post on the subject of the Electoral College (EC). I would only point out that the sole purpose of the EC is to select the best persons for the offices of the President and Vice President of the United States.

The EC has nothing to do with protecting minorities be they social, political or economic. As such, the EC was intended to operate much like the jury in a major capital crimes case.

Prospective jurors are chosen from the general population to perform an important one-time service to society. They are screened by the courts to ensure that they are qualified, unbiased, have no personal interest or involvement in the case, and are willing to honestly consider the evidence so that when sequestered at the end of the trial they can arrive at the best possible verdict.

Unlike a trial jury that is expected to render a unanimous vote or risk being a "hung jury," the Electors in the EC are sequestered in private in their respective States to discuss the merits/demerits of those persons nationally recognized as potentially fit for these highest Offices in the land. At the end of their deliberations in College, each Elector would make their individual choices for President and Vice President. These ballots would be sealed and then transmitted to Congress for tally on the appointed day.

All of this was intended to reduce or eliminate public tumult, political intrigue, special interest corruption and foreign interference in the selection of the U.S. President and Vice President.

As practiced today, however, the EC accomplishes none of these intended goals. Not only do we suffer the contention and tumult of the general election process, we have the added conflict and tumult of the EC process where the EC result can countermand the popular general election results — and has in practice. Rather than quiet the public mind, the EC inflames passions and conflict while protecting only the interests of those who control the Republican and Democratic Parties. It's time to put an end to the EC as a failed experiment.

For those interested in information supplemental to Mr. Hamilton's Federalist #68, I recommend lecture #13 from Columbia College Chancellor James Kent's Commentaries on American Law (1826-1830) along with Sections 1448-1470 of Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story's Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States (1833); both easily found online.

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