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New Fees at Cape Charles Harbor Hit Hard for Commercial Watermen

By Stefanie Jackson

It hasn't been smooth sailing so far in 2021 for Cape Charles boaters who have been contending with some unexpected changes since Jan. 1, when the private Cape Charles Yacht Center took over management of the public town harbor.

"We as commercial fishermen feel like we are just kind of systematically being driven out of the harbor," Scott Wivell said of continually rising harbor rates and expectations from harbor management that make him, as a waterman, feel unwelcome.

The Cape Charles town council approved the new harbor management agreement Sept. 17, 2020, which took effect at the beginning of the new year.

According to the town harbor management vision statement, the Cape Charles Yacht Center pledged "to improve the appearance, function, and financial position of the Town Harbor," which is deteriorating and struggles to break even, much less turn a profit.

One step toward the harbor's financial goals is adjusting rates for docking and electricity usage.

According to a proposal discussed during the Jan. 21 town council meeting, the daily cost of 30-amp electric service at the harbor would decrease from \$7 to \$5, the monthly cost of 30-amp service would increase from \$30 to \$35, and the daily cost of 50-amp service would increase from \$14 to \$15.

It was the dramatic increase in

the proposed monthly cost of 50-amp electric service, from \$50 to \$105, that caught the attention of Cape Charles residents like Justin McCarthy, who had submitted a written public comment stating that with the docking and electricity rate hikes combined, his annual harbor fees would increase 56%.

(Town Manager John Hozey explained that only the current daily rates for electric usage had been approved by the town council. The monthly rates were unofficial and not based on actual costs, but the proposed daily and monthly rates were based on actual costs.)

Stuart Smith wrote that in August 2020, the Cape Charles town council assured residents of its control over harbor rates, and J.B. Turner, a principal in the Cape Charles Yacht Center, pledged not to raise harbor rates for Cape Charles residents, but "clearly, that commitment has not been honored."

Wivell also was told that harbor rates would not dramatically increase, yet the new rates that were proposed could cost him nearly \$500 more a year. That's a lot when "you're barely getting by as it is," he said.

The proposal discussed Jan. 21 showed harbor docking rate hikes across the board, including smaller rate increases for locals and watermen and bigger increases for visitors, aka transients.

Cape Charles Yacht Center docking rates would be adopted at the town

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A workboat is docked at the Cape Charles harbor. The Coastal Precast Systems plant is in the background. Photo by Jim Ritch.

~ Cape Charles Harbor ~

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harbor, with longterm commercial watermen receiving a 40% discount and residents receiving a 20% discount.

However, even with the discounts, many residents and watermen would still pay more than what they're paying now to dock at the harbor.

Residents who pay by the season (for example, April 1 through Oct. 31) would pay nearly 25% more, watermen would pay about 15% more, and residents who pay by the month for less than three months per year would pay nearly 10% more.

Residents who pay by the month for more than three months per year would pay about 6% less.

Councilman Steve Bennett was not in favor of raising docking rates for watermen 15%, with residents paying only 10% more or even saving money.

"These guys make a living here, and they should be afforded a similar break," he said of the watermen.

And the watermen get no additional benefit when harbor rates increase. The new floating docks, concrete dock, breakwaters, bathhouse, and other recent harbor improvements all benefit transients, Wivell said.

Bennett said any docking rate increase for watermen should be implemented in phases over a two-year period, like the 37% rate increase for annual slip holders.

Bennett also liked Hozey's suggestion to increase the resident discount to 30%. Cape Charles residents who are seasonal slip holders would pay only 9% more instead of 25% more.

However, town council members decided they needed more time to consider the harbor rate proposal and postponed a vote on the matter until their Feb. 18 meeting.

Another new problem watermen have encountered in 2021 is an inability to get fuel at the harbor outside of regular business hours.

Before the yacht center took over management of the harbor, the wa-

termen had fuel cards that authorized them to access the harbor's fuel pumps at any time.

The fuel cards were not credit cards; they provided access to the fuel pumps, not a method of payment. Harbor employees printed out computer reports daily indicating how much fuel had been pumped by each waterman overnight so invoices could be written and paid later.

When management of the harbor transitioned to the yacht center, a computer software incompatibility issue was detected, meaning overnight usage of the fuel pumps could not be tracked. The yacht center responded by deactivating the watermen's fuel cards.

Councilman Andrew Follmer said he heard the watermen were notified by letter after the cards had been deactivated, which was unacceptable.

"We need to show them ... a little bit more respect. They're business people," Follmer said.

"If it was a mechanical failure that can't be helped, that's one thing. But if we knew this was coming and we didn't communicate in advance — that needs to not happen again," he said.

Mayor Smitty Dize commented that since the cards were deactivated, some watermen have had to go to Royal Farms in the middle of the night to get fuel.

Spencer Travis, assistant harbor master, has been coordinating with the two or three affected watermen so they can fuel up during yacht center business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., when their transactions can be processed manually.

But watermen normally don't work during regular business hours, Dize pointed out.

Turner said a possible solution is installing credit card readers on the fuel pumps, and a temporary work-around will be provided to the watermen until a permanent solution can be implemented.

Councilwoman Tammy Holloway agreed with Follmer that the communication between the yacht center and its new harbor clients needed improvement.

She said, "I don't think that's how we want to start this relationship."

Wivell remembers when he was a child, there were hundreds of watermen who worked in Cape Charles. Now he is one of only three full-time watermen left in town.

He said he was reprimanded at least three times last year after he set fishing equipment on the docks while addressing a mechanical failure, and locals who wanted to walk along the docks complained.

Wivell believes watermen are "being driven out in the interest of people who are just coming here to retire."

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18 184-Foot Concrete Pilings Fall Into Cape Charles Harbor

Staff Report

The Coast Guard Auxiliary has advised mariners to proceed with caution in Cape Charles Harbor due to the presence of 18 concrete pilings that have fallen into the water.

Brandon Mowrey, Coastal Precast Systems director of business development and marketing, reported Wednesday that its Cape Charles plant produced the concrete pilings, but the customer who purchased them was responsible for their removal.

Mowrey said a Jan. 28 winter storm caused the customer's barge to take on water, and the 3-foot-wide, 184-foot-

long pilings secured to the barge eventually gave way and rolled into the water.

Coastal Precast discovered the pilings in the harbor the morning of Jan. 29 and immediately notified the Coast Guard.

Divers inspected the area and found the pilings laying horizontally in the mud close to the barge, Mowrey said.

The customer selected a local contractor to remove the pilings, but the insurance claim must be processed before the job can proceed.

Coastal Precast offered its assistance to remove the pilings, Mowrey said.

Accomack County Administrator Proposes 'Depleted Budget' to Supervisors

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack County's Board of Supervisors began work on the fiscal year 2022 budget this week, after receiving a presentation from County Administrator Mike Mason of his proposed budget.

Mason thanked "the county's team of hardworking men and women who have overcome the operational challenges the last difficult year has presented," saying, "I am amazed by their resilience, adaptability, and drive to deliver the services our customers depend on."

The proposed \$64.4 million budget includes nearly \$4 million in capital expenditures — including \$1.3 million for closure of a cell at the northern landfill and money toward constructing a new cell — and \$56.6 million in the operating budget, along with \$3.8 million for debt service.

No tax or fee increases are proposed. Still, Mason said the budget as proposed "does not enable us" to

be "an adaptable government, one that finds efficient ways to implement the services we need today and those that residents will demand tomorrow."

Without more revenue, the proposed budget "focuses our county departments at best on maintaining and in some cases regressing," Mason said.

"Quite frankly, as presented, it is a budget that will likely create a larger problem to solve" in the next few years, Mason said, noting things like capital maintenance and replacement and operational needs including for more full-time positions will not go away.

Mason said the budget "is now becoming structurally imbalanced," largely due to the fact that the tax rate has not been increased since 2016.

Accomack County ranks 13th out of 19 peer counties for real estate tax rate, which is the same ranking as last year, according to Mason, who not-

ed neighboring Northampton County's rate of \$0.835 per \$100 of assessed value and Worcester County's rate of \$0.845, compared to Accomack's rate, \$0.61.

The "structurally imbalanced" budget situation does not stem from the COVID-19 pandemic, as county revenues remained relatively stable except during Gov. Ralph Northam's stay-at-home order and revenue growth is projected for 2022, Mason said.

"I certainly understand the board's position to keep resident taxes at a minimum, especially during a pandemic, so I have delivered such a budget tonight, but nevertheless, this position produces a depleted budget, which is starved of resources needed to move us forward, void of additional staff, lacking dedicated funding to maintain our equipment and our infrastructure, (and) missing significant opportunities to prepare and advance our most important asset — our employees," Mason said.

The county has an unassigned fund balance of around \$2.3 million, which can be used for one-time initiatives, and available operating funds of around \$937,000, compared to requests from departments and agencies for \$18.5 million in additional funding.

Just over 41% of local tax dollars go to the public school district, which according to a longstanding formula would receive an additional \$468,000 from the county next year.

The budget as proposed includes a 2% pay raise for county employees or targeted salary increases for public safety employees starting Aug. 1, which was removed from this year's budget because of the pandemic.

No new positions are proposed, but one vacant position is proposed to be transferred to the Building and Zoning Department for dangerous building enforcement, which Mason said "is becoming a major issue."

Mason detailed around \$1.5 million in needed maintenance, repairs, and equipment replacement, including \$652,000 for roofs, including for the General District Court building, and generators and \$245,400 for 911 Center equipment replacement and maintenance.

The proposed budget all but eliminates the planned contribution to the rainy day fund, which puts an indefinite hold on the board's goal of increasing the balance to 16.7% of revenues by 2024.

The contribution to the fund would have been around \$900,000 to keep on track.

"Really, we can't do that and maintain our assets — our maintenance on our buildings, infrastructure, and equipment — at the moment. It really comes down to one or the other," Mason said, adding, "... This money that would normally go perhaps to being put away for a rainy day is now being put away for the rain that's coming now and the maintaining of all our different assets in the county."

"It's much better ... to hear that than it would be that you have to draw out of the rainy day fund to keep our operations going," said Su-



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pervisor Robert Crockett, adding, “I know it’s bad that we can’t contribute, but we have been going through a pandemic.”

“We ARE in a rainy day. ... We’re in a situation where we may need to use part of that...That’s what it was set up for,” said Supervisor Donald L. Hart Jr.

Mason told the board the county is “in desperate need for some more FTEs (fulltime employees) in multiple departments,” noting the budget does not include funding for any.

“There’s considerable stress on internal service departments such as IT (information technology), HR (human resources), and finance,” he said.

Mason’s presentation included two options for potential sources of additional revenue — a cigarette tax and a meals tax.

A cigarette tax, which recent state legislation allows the county to impose now, could in a conservative estimate generate \$422,000 a year, and perhaps more, taking into account Accomack’s location on the Maryland state line, which makes it a destination for ciga-

rette sales.

Still, money would be required up front to implement the tax, either by hiring additional staff and finding them office space or by forming or finding a regional board to administer the tax, similar to what happens in Northern Virginia.

It likely would be no sooner than early 2022 before the tax could be implemented.

The county by state law is allowed to impose a food and beverage tax of up to 6%, but the tax applies only to businesses outside incorporated towns.

Northampton County has a meals tax, as do most Accomack County towns, including Chincoteague.

The estimated revenue would be \$300,000, at a 5% rate, according to Mason.

The board received department and agency presentations Wednesday, Feb. 10, and will continue budget discussions at the regular meeting Wednesday, Feb. 17, when the school board will present its budget request.

Telehealth Grant Will Focus on Mental Health/Substance Abuse

Submitted Article

Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance (BRTA) has been awarded more than \$900,000 in federal grant funds over three years for its development of the Eastern Shore Telehealth Consortium (ESTC). This grant establishes a sustainable consortium designed to build a telehealth delivery system infrastructure to promote increased resources, innovation, and coordination of health services on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The initial project for ESTC is to help coordinate services for individuals living on the Eastern Shore, with mental health and substance use disorders and/or opioid use disorder by linking treatment resources through telehealth. Over the next three years, ESTC will work with community partners to increase the use of evidenced-based and culturally appropriate interventions through telehealth-enabled innovations.

The federal funding comes from the

U.S. Department for Health and Human Services Rural Health Network Development Program which exists to increase access to healthcare in rural areas through the expansion of telehealth technology.

BRTA and ESTC will partner with Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Eastern Shore Community Services Board, Eastern Shore Regional Jail, Eastern Virginia Medical School, and the Virginia Department of Health to create the Consortium. If any agency is interested in learning more about the Consortium and partnering opportunities, please contact Donna Dittman Hale at ExecDirector@bayriverstelehealth.org.

“We are excited to support the organizations on Virginia’s Eastern Shore to enhance the system of care with technology, telecommunications and integrated systems of care,” said Hale.

BRTA hired Mary Ochsner to lead the consortium.

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Riverside Expands Access to COVID-19 Vaccines, Still Lacks Supplies

By Carol Vaughn

Riverside Health System, starting Wednesday, Feb. 10, is offering the chance to make an appointment to get the COVID-19 vaccine to its patients age 65 and over who live in Virginia and were in active treatment with a Riverside specialty care provider on or after Jan. 1, 2020.

Before, only those older patients whose primary care provider was Riverside were eligible to be vaccinated by the health care system.

Riverside is capable of vaccinating 10,000 people a week but lacks supply to do so, according to a press release.

“Our strategy at this time is to vaccinate the oldest and most vulnerable first, based on supply,” the release said.

Since mid-December, Riverside Health System has received 54,150 doses. Of that, around 17,000 were Moderna and another 37,000 were Pfizer, Dr. Mike Dacey, chief operating officer and president of Riverside Health Systems, said Tuesday in a video update.

The numbers include the entire Riv-

erside system, not just the Eastern Shore facilities.

Riverside redistributed 20,780 of the doses it received so far to private medical groups and for special clinics for essential workers, including an event on the Eastern Shore where 800 teachers were vaccinated.

Riverside itself administered 31,619 doses — around 6,000 of those went to Riverside employees and another 3,000 went to other health care workers.

Riverside patients have been administered 22,619 of the doses.

Virginia had around 60,000 doses left from the vaccination program for long-term care facilities; 8,600 of those extra doses were distributed to and administered by Riverside, Dacey said.

“We’ve utilized 97% of the vaccine that we’ve been given. ... There are not a lot of states and health systems that can say that,” he said.

Of 54,000 doses in Riverside’s charge, only 14 went to waste — all 14 happened the first day of giving vaccinations, Dacey said.

Still, with Riverside currently receiving just 2,000 doses per week, it will take some time to vaccinate its approximately 80,000 eligible patients systemwide who are over 65.

At the current rate, if 70% of eligible patients choose to be vaccinated, it will take seven months.

“It really stretches well into the summer,” Dacey said, adding, “...Even though these appointments are opened up, we’ve still got a significant shortfall in supply, and so we ask for your patience in this,” Dacey said.

Women make up 63.3% of those vaccinated by Riverside so far, in part because a majority of health care workers are women.

Of the total, 38.6% of those vaccinated by Riverside in Phase 1a and up to now in Phase 1b were 75 or older, followed by 24.2% age 16 to 49, 20.1% age 65-74, and 17.1% age 50-64.

The younger age groups were largely frontline health care workers, Dacey said.

Seventy percent of those vaccinated

so far are White.

“We need to work harder as a country, really, on improving this,” Dacey said.

In the United States, Black people are 1.4 times more likely to get COVID-19, 3.7 times more likely to be hospitalized as result, and 2.8 times more likely to die, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Latinos are 1.7 times more likely to get COVID-19, 4.1 times more likely to be hospitalized, and 2.8 times as likely to die.

“People are not completely certain why this is. It may be because people in these groups don’t have the right access to health care; it may be that their medical conditions aren’t treated as adequately as Caucasian people; it may be because of the hospitals that surround them. ... In any case, it’s a problem,” Dacey said, adding Riverside has plans to, working with the health department, find ways to encourage minorities to be vaccinated.

Eligible Riverside patients will be notified by MyChart notification, email, and/or telephone when they can schedule an appointment to be vaccinated.

Riverside recommends patients sign up for a MyChart account if they do not already have one.

Go to <https://mychart.riversideonline.com/MyChart/Authentication/Login?> to sign up.

Additionally, all Riverside medical practices will have scheduling ability, Dacey said.

According to the release, Riverside is unable to accept phone calls to schedule vaccinations in order to keep phone lines clear for people with urgent and acute medical needs.

Riverside also is working with the health department to create outreach teams to reach out to vulnerable populations, Dacey said.

As of Wednesday, 5,118 vaccine doses have been administered in Accomack County and 621 people are fully vaccinated (two doses); 2,659 doses have been administered and 275 people are fully vaccinated in Northampton County, according to the Virginia Department of Health.

A total of 9,825 doses to date have come to the Eastern Shore.

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CVS Begins Vaccination Rollout, Shore Locations Not Yet Included

By Carol Vaughn

When CVS announced last week it would bring 26,000 vaccine doses per week to Virginia, the Virginia Department of Health reached out to the company's Virginia leadership to make plans for "how do we ensure CVS' vaccine appointment opportunities are integrated into our state plan," including equity issues and honoring people who preregistered with the health department for vaccination opportunities, according to Dr. Danny Avula of the VDH.

That didn't end up working out.

The doses are sourced to CVS directly from the federal government through the pharmacy partnership program.

"We worked through a number of different options with CVS," Avula said in a briefing Tuesday.

Among the challenges was that CVS has a national registration system set up, but was not able to tweak it to allow people who had preregistered with the health department to get priority for appointments.

While the company was willing to work with the VDH, "they were not able to deliver a technological solution that would allow us to preregister folks who had been already waiting on our list," Avula said.

CVS made its appointment scheduler available Tuesday, even though a press release that day from the company said CVS would begin offering vaccination appointments to eligible populations Thursday, Avula said.

The agreement was that Virginia health departments would have early access to the CVS system to sign up people who had preregistered with the health department before the site was announced in a national rollout Thursday.

"What that didn't resolve was that people who were looking for appointments would find their way to them one way or another — so that's what happened," Avula said.

"Unfortunately, they were not able to do that in a way that limited access," which meant anyone, not just people who had preregistered with their health department, could make an appointment, Avula said, adding,

"So all of those appointments were taken up pretty rapidly."

Still, CVS is confirming that people scheduling appointments are age 65 or over, but not whether they previously had registered with their health district.

"While it does not meet what we had asked for...it does at least ensure that it's going to one of our highest priority populations."

According to CVS' website, 28 Virginia CVS stores are active in the vaccination program. Appointments were fully booked at all 28 as of Wednesday.

None of the 28 is on the Eastern Shore, according to the CVS website, www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine

Still, the additional doses should help the vaccination effort.

"It's a large number of doses — 26,000 per week is an almost 20% increase to what we are getting as a state," Avula said, calling it "not an ideal rollout, but at the end of the day we are thankful it's a way to pull down more vaccine into Virginia."

Avula said younger people with underlying medical conditions, who also fall under Phase 1b, are eligible for vaccination and should continue to preregister through their local health department, although supplies are limited.

The VDH is finalizing a centralized preregistration process, which should be ready next week, he said.

The Eastern Shore Health District is currently vaccinating Accomack and Northampton residents in Phase 1b.

If you are within this group, check with your employer about vaccination — each employer within this group should have one contact person reach out to Laurie Laird at 757-787-5880 or Laurie.Laird@vdh.virginia.gov to provide information for your organization members to be vaccinated.

Individuals age 65+ or 16-64 with an underlying medical condition and not included in an essential worker group should contact their physician's office to schedule vaccination — both Riverside physician's offices and Eastern Shore Rural Health centers are providing vaccine to Accomack and Northampton residents in these groups.

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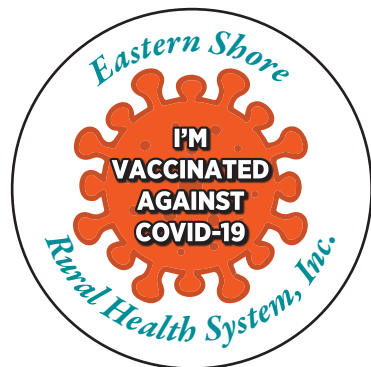


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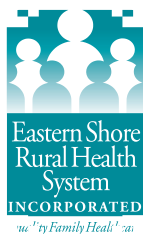


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Go to the COVID-19 tab at esrh.org for info including lists of medical conditions and frontline workers eligible for vaccination.

How to get vaccinated:

- Anyone in Phase 1b can call to make an appointment. Due to high demand and limited supply we are scheduling “first dose” appointments well into the summer and “second dose” appointments as close to 4 weeks after the first dose as possible. As we get more vaccine, we hope to offer more appointments including possible extended hours or additional days for vaccinations.
- Phase 1b workers ask your employer for info. Many Phase 1b will get vaccinated where they work or live and do not need to call to make an appointment.
- Over the next few months, the Health District will contact smaller and independent businesses to set up vaccinations for their employees.



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Shore Schools Ahead of Governor's March 15 Target for In-Person Learning

By Stefanie Jackson

Gov. Ralph Northam announced last Friday a new goal for all Virginia public schools to make options available for in-person learning by March 15.

“In the past 11 months, our children ... have been champions. They have made sacrifices. They’ve endured a lot of change and uncertainty, and so have their families and teachers and school staff,” he said.

The governor, who is a pediatric neurologist, said his colleagues have reported writing more prescriptions for anti-depressants and stimulants as children have developed more emotional and behavioral issues during the COVID-19 pandemic that also has contributed to a decline in academic performance.

“Children learn better in classrooms,” Northam said.

The governor later clarified that the March 15 deadline was not a “mandate” but “direction” for Virginia school divisions as they continue to navigate their way through the COVID-19 pandemic and the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine.

He referred school divisions to the Virginia Department of Education document, “Interim Guidance to K-12 School Reopening,” which was published in January.

The guidance outlines how to reopen schools safely and prioritize student groups who need in-person learning the most (such as students with disabilities and English learners).

Reopening schools is “critical to prevent greater learning loss and to support our children’s health and well-being,” Northam said.

Accomack and Northampton County Public Schools are ahead of the curve, since they have offered options for in-person learning from the beginning of the current school year – namely, their hybrid learning programs that allow students to attend class in-person two days a week and virtually two days a week.

Both school divisions briefly suspended in-person learning in January after a post-winter-break spike in COVID-19 cases, but Accomack schools reopened their doors Jan. 28, with Northampton schools following

one week later, Feb. 1.

Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane announced that the Virginia Department of Education will be issuing flexible guidelines for offering in-person learning options from a newly forming educational remediation and recovery group called Virginia Learns.

Northam also encouraged Virginia school divisions to plan summer school programs that will help students who have fallen behind in school during the COVID-19 pandemic.

January was a “hard month” with record numbers of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, but those numbers are now trending down, Northam said.

Yet caution is still needed, as mutations of the coronavirus have been detected in Virginia, including, as of Feb. 5, four cases of a COVID-19 variant from the U.K. and one case of a COVID-19 variant from South Africa, which appear to be more contagious.

Virginia had received more than 1.4 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as of Feb. 5, or enough to give more than 700,000 people the two doses each individual needs for the vaccine to be effective.

Of the more than 1.4 million doses received, nearly 87% of the first doses had been administered, and 30% of the second doses had been administered.

Nearly 964,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in Virginia, with more than 800,000 persons receiving at least one dose and nearly 158,000 person being fully vaccinated.

Virginia ranked nine out of 50 states (one is best and 50 is worst) for the percentage of its population – 9% – that had received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Virginia ranked 12 out of 50 states for the percentage of COVID-19 vaccines received that had been administered – 67%.

Virginia expected to hit the 1 million mark for COVID-19 vaccines administered last weekend.

That is about double the number of cases of COVID-19 identified in Virginia since March 7.

But “we still have a long way to go,” the governor said.

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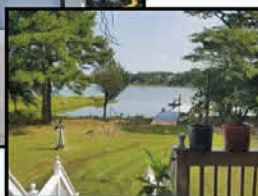
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Accomac Perdue Employees Receive COVID-19 Vaccinations

By Carol Vaughn

Perdue Farms employees at the Accomac poultry processing plant received COVID-19 vaccinations Monday, marking the beginning of the company's vaccine distribution to its employees across the United States.

Eligible employees at the facility received the first dose of the Moderna vaccine in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, according to a press release from Perdue.

Vaccination was voluntary and was administered free of charge to employees at the plant's onsite Wellness Center.

Perdue is ready to provide vaccines "as quickly and widely as supply allows" as more vaccines become available in other states in which the company operates, according to the release.

"Essential frontline meat and poultry associates have worked tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the continuity of America's food supply. The health of our people has been — and remains — our top priority throughout this uncharted situation. Today, we're pleased to take another step in protecting our associates,

their families, and our communities through this first round of vaccine distribution," said Randy Day, chief executive officer, Perdue Farms.

"We're grateful for our partnership with local leaders at the Virginia Department of Public Health and to Governor Northam as we maintain the safety of our associates as our primary focus," Day added.

Perdue began planning for vaccine distribution to its frontline workers when it became clear last fall that vaccines would soon be available.

Planning included preparing educational materials in multiple languages about the importance of vaccines, advocating for poultry processing workers to be prioritized, and training Wellness Center staff.

Perdue in December called on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and governors of 15 states where the company has operations to prioritize essential poultry and meat workers and their families or people they live with for vaccination.

Later that month, the CDC recommended states include those workers in Phase 1b of vaccination.

Workers at Accomack County's two poultry processing plants, Perdue Farms and Tyson Foods, were hard hit by COVID-19 last spring.

Still, it was difficult at first to get details of case numbers related to the plants.

In May, Tyson Foods issued a press release saying around 20% of workers at the Temperanceville plant tested positive for COVID-19.

Of 1,282 employees and contractors tested, 257 tested positive. Most did not show symptoms of the illness.

Of the total positive results, 79 were individuals who were tested either by the health department or their doctor; another 178 were tested at the plant between May 5 and 7.

As of May 6, Perdue had around 175 to 180 cases, all sick people who tested positive, said Jon Richardson, chief operating officer of the Eastern Shore Health District, at the time.

Richardson said 55% of total cases in the district at the time were poultry workers.

Poultry plant workers make up nearly 12% of Accomack County's workforce, according to the county's comprehensive financial report.

The Virginia Senate this week approved legislation introduced by Sen. Lynwood Lewis that would require large employers, such as the poultry plants, to report publicly COVID-19 outbreaks.


SB 1362 requires any workplace with 50 or more employees and five or more COVID-19 cases within a 14-day period to publicly report the name of the facility and the number of confirmed cases.

At present, workplaces only have to report cases to the health department.

However, an emergency enactment provision for the bill did not get enough support to pass, leading Lewis to remove it. That means the requirement will not go into effect until July 1 if the bill is approved by both General Assembly bodies and signed into law by Gov. Ralph Northam.

In the broader vaccination picture on the Shore, as of Wednesday, 5,118 vaccine doses have been administered in Accomack County and 621 people are fully vaccinated (two doses); 2,659 doses have been administered and 275 people are fully vaccinated in Northampton County.

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NAACP Celebrates 112 Years

By Stefanie Jackson

Today the NAACP celebrates 112 years since its founding in 1909 by a multiracial coalition headed by civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois.

The NAACP was established as “an organization for the black community and their allies from across the political spectrum to fight for human rights and equality,” wrote Jane Cabarrus, president of the Northampton County NAACP.

Du Bois and the other NAACP founders “recognized something that rings true to this very day: None of us are free until all of us are free,” Cabarrus said.

NAACP members have experienced and witnessed much over the years, from the Jim Crow era and lynchings to the civil rights movement and today’s fight to end police brutality, expand voter rights, and address economic and health disparities in the Black community, which have been made evident and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On its anniversary, the NAACP takes time to reflect and remember its history and history makers like the late Oliver W. Hill, an African American attorney and civil rights activist.

Hill was the lead attorney for the Virginia State Conference of the National NAACP and is best known for his involvement in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the landmark Supreme Court decision that ended segregation in schools.

Hill and his team filed more legal challenges to segregation than any other attorney in the South, undermining segregation and discrimination throughout the region.

The Eastern Shore NAACP also remembers the Shore’s “unsung heroes” of Black history, including:

- The Hon. Samuel S. Cooper Jr., Accomack County’s first African American clerk of court.
- The late Julia Major, the first African American on the Accomack County Board of Supervisors.
- Thomas Godwin, the first African American on the Northampton County Board of Supervisors.
- The Rev. Felton Sessoms, the first African American mayor of Nassawadox.
- Joan Wilson, the first African American registered nurse at the Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital.
- The late Alice B. Brown, the first African American mayor of Cape Charles.
- The late Clarence Arnold Sr., the



Northampton County NAACP President Jane Cabarrus and NAACP attorney Oliver Hill in 2007. Hill died later that year at the age of 100. Submitted photo.

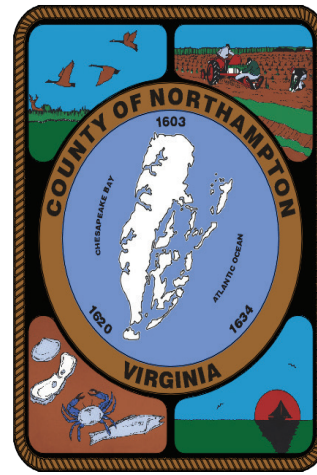
first African American member of the Northampton County School Board.

- Charlene Gray, Northampton County’s first African American commissioner of the revenue.
- The late Dr. Vernon L. Giddens Jr., the first African American dentist to serve the children of Northampton County Public Schools.
- Janice Langley, the first African American teacher of the Bessie B. Anderson Practical School of Nursing.
- Jane Cabarrus, the first and only woman president of the Northampton County NAACP.
- Willie Randall, the first African American to own and operate a financial business on the Eastern Shore.

Other honorees include Reginald Terry, the late Calvin L. Brickhouse, Otis J. Braggs, John Parsons, Vernon L. Giddens III, Dr. Arthur Carter, Gerald Boyd, Nathaniel Williams, Matilda Tyler, Earnestine Ashby, Bernice Griffin, Chester Pettit, the Rev. Charles F. Mapp Sr., the Rev. William C. Rucker, the Rev. Albert Sinclair, the Rev. Ralph Harmon, the late Effie G. Spady, the Rev. R.W. Wilson, William Denny, Isaac “Ike” Mapp, Charles Bell, and S. Dawn Goldstine.

“The Northampton County NAACP is still on the front lines for human rights, civil rights, and justice for all,” Cabarrus said.

“We have made many strides for change, yet we still have a long way to go. Education is the key. We must work together to make our schools National Blue Ribbon Schools again.”



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Comprehensive Plan Update Virtual Open House

A Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning document that is meant to help guide County staff and elected leaders in the many decisions they make over time. A Comprehensive Plan is not regulation, rather it is a policy guide. The Plan is the community’s vision for where it wants to be in 20+ years, along with strategies to achieve the community’s goals.

What: Comprehensive Plan Update Virtual Open House

When: February 18, 2021 at 7:00pm

How: To participate virtually, register here:

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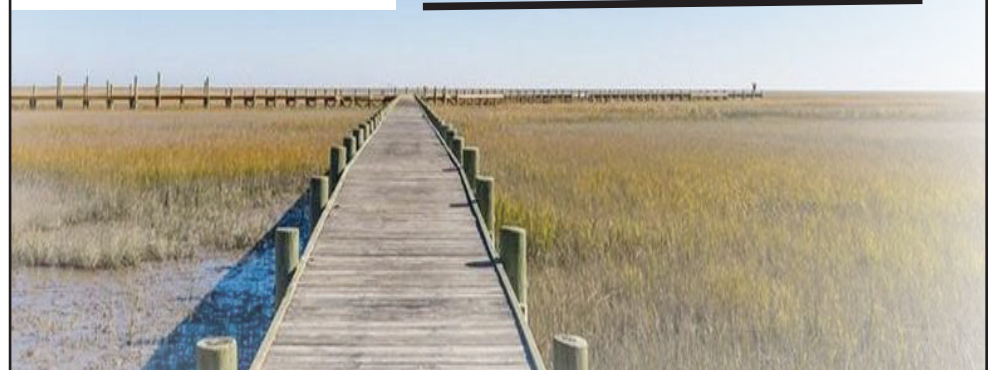
To participate in person, contact Kelley Lewis Parks at the Planning Office in Eastville, 16404 Courthouse Road or 757-678-0443 ext. 546. We encourage citizens to participate virtually. The in-person component is ONLY for citizens without internet access. This is limited to 30 participants due to social distancing requirements.

Northampton County has **completed the draft update of the Comprehensive Plan.** The Open House will include a presentation on the content of the plan and opportunity for you to provide feedback.

The draft plan is available digitally on Northampton County’s website at:

https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/department_s_elected_offices/planning_permitting_enforcement/planning/comp_plan

Copies of the draft plan are also available in print at the County Administration Office, Department of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement; each Town Hall; and the Nassawadox Free and Cape Charles Libraries. Please call ahead to each location to reserve a copy for review.



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Staff Report

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Visit www.HealthCare.gov before May 15 to purchase coverage, compare plans, or check eligibility. The ACA Marketplace has trained brokers available to help you find the plan that works best for you and your family and trained assistors available to help you fill out an application.

To get free help from a local broker or assistor, go to <https://local-help.healthcare.gov/#/> or call the HealthCare.gov toll-free number at 1-800-318-2596.

Most people using HealthCare.gov qualify for financial assistance. As a result, two in three people could find plans for \$10 per month or less last year. If you already had coverage through HealthCare.gov, there may be additional plans to compare and choose from, and you may save more by choosing a different plan for 2021.

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Court Postings *By Nancy Drury Duncan*

Accomack County Circuit Court

Bail was denied for Malik Javon Johnson, 22, of Virginia Beach. He is charged with attempted malicious wounding and possession of ammunition by a felon.

The case involves a shooting, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney William Fox. "He pulled up and opened fire at a mother and her son. There was a high-speed chase involving the mother and son and a police officer," Fox said. "I believe he is a risk to the victims."

Judge W. Revell Lewis III noted the seriousness of the charges and said there is a presumption of no bail in such a case. After hearing testimony from Fox and from defense attorney Kelly Vasta, the judge said the presumption against bail had not been refuted. "The only evidence I heard is that you have a place to live (if released)," he told Johnson. "Bail is denied."

April Lynn Pruitt, 43, of Wallops Island, failed to successfully complete the first offender program and was convicted of felony possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor. Judge Lewis sentenced her to two years with all but 30 days suspended on the cocaine charge and 30 days, suspended, for possession of marijuana. Her year of probation was extended because she failed to complete her community service hours. During that time, Pruitt tested positive for cocaine use on several occasions. Judge Lewis ordered her to be on unsupervised probation for three years.

In a plea agreement with the commonwealth, Jamir Kuamel Giddins, 31, of Parksley, pleaded guilty to three counts of distribution of cocaine and one count of possession with intent to distribute the drug. A

fifth charge was nolle prossed (a decision not to prosecute) in exchange for Giddins' pleas of guilt.

The drug buys, made in 2018 by a confidential informant working for the Eastern Shore Drug Task Force, were both audio and video recorded. Sentencing is set for April 8.

Samuel Randolph Custis, 56, of Painter, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm after having been convicted of a felony in a plea agreement with the commonwealth.

On May 17, 2020, police responded to a report of a man carrying a rifle walking along A.S. West Road. "Mr. Custis was very cooperative," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Fox.

Custis told police there was an individual named Bobo parked in his driveway making threats against him. Custis said he went inside, got the gun, and walked away. "He said he took it to protect himself and told the officer he was a convicted felon." Defense attorney Garrett Dunham said his client has since moved. "He is on disability and cares for his wife," he said. Judge Lewis allowed Custis to remain on bond until his April 8 sentencing and told him, "You should call police if you are being threatened."

Travis Watkins Carpenter, 32, of Oak Hall, was sentenced to four

years, eight months, and 20 days in prison for the Jan. 23 attempted robbery of a Corner Mart convenience store and for violation of his probation on an earlier charge.

The store clerk told police the defendant had what looked like a knife in his hand and said, "Give me the money." The clerk ran outside and was able to get away. Carpenter left shortly afterward, said Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan. He said the defendant was known to witnesses there and a store surveillance tape shows a knife in his hand.

"No one was injured and nothing was taken. This was not a typical robbery," said defense attorney Matthew Morris. Judge Lewis said to Carpenter, "I don't know if you read your presentence report." The judge recited a criminal history beginning when Carpenter entered the juvenile court system at the age of 14 or 15 and continuing to the present. He listed drug convictions, larcenies, eluding police, obstruction of justice, and other crimes in both Maryland and Virginia. He said this was Carpenter's third violation of his probation. He sentenced him to spend two years and five months for the attempted robbery and two years, three months, and 20 days for probation violation. He will be on indefinite supervised probation when released.

Joshua Michael Bundick, 31, of Quinby, was sentenced to three years, with all time suspended, for the strangulation of his then-girlfriend in an incident defense attorney Garrett Dunham called "alcohol fueled." He said Bundick and the vic-

tim had been drinking all day and both were intoxicated. He said his client spent 28 days in jail when arrested and was now working as a waterman. He said Bundick has been sober for 301 days.

On the witness stand, Bundick apologized for what he had done and said his job was year-round, working for an excellent boss. "I've had no problems since quitting drinking," he said.

"This incident has been characterized as alcohol fueled," said Judge Lewis. "Some people are affected in ways that are ugly and do ugly things." He noted the positive things in Bundick's life since he stopped drinking. He ordered him to be on supervised probation for one year, to be on good behavior for five years, and to have no contact with the victim. "I encourage you to attend AA meetings," the judge said.

In a plea agreement with the commonwealth, Billy Joe Corbin Jr., 49, of Darien, Ga., pleaded guilty to making a threat in writing to kill or do bodily injury, a felony. He also pleaded guilty to misdemeanor threatening an illegal or immoral act.

A woman with whom he was in a relationship for 18 years left him and came to the Eastern Shore to stay with her sister and her husband, said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. During that time, Corbin sent numerous text messages to all three explicitly threatening various types of violence against them and their property, Morgan said. Morgan presented four pages of Corbin's "explicit text messages" in evidence.

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Stanley Avon Ames

Mr. Stanley Avon Ames, 63, of Painter, received eternal life on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News.

Born in Accomack County, Stanley was the beloved son of the late Ernest A. Ames and the late Shirley Parker. Stanley was a gifted auto mechanic that touched many lives near and far with his skills.

Private funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Milton P. Bunting officiating. Interment was in the Shiloh Baptist Cemetery, Painter.

He leaves his love and fond memories to his children, Jeneisha Burney, Angie Hall, and Brittany Wynder;

nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley "Diane" Ames Harmon; three aunts, Doretha Ashby, Frances Washington, and Evetta Foster; two uncles, Harold Parker and Calvin Parker; six nieces; four great-nieces; four great-nephews; one sister-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

Jill Holman Davis

Mrs. Jill Holman Davis, 69, wife of John Davis, and a resident of Exmore, passed away Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021, at her home. A native of Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Dalton B. Holman and the late Ruth Edna Clark Holman. A retired school teacher, she was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, Jill is survived by one son, Brian J. Davis, of Apple Val-

ley, Calif.; two grandsons, Christian Davis, of Lake Havasu, Ariz., and Cameron Davis, of Apple Valley; and two great-grandsons, Hudson Davis and Jackson Davis, both of Lake Havasu. She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law, Betty Jane Davis.

To honor her request, no public service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church, c/o Mrs. Bettie Nuckols, P.O. Box 224, Jamesville, VA 23398.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Auletha Jones

Mrs. Auletha Darlene Bell Jones, 67, of Exmore, received eternal life on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at her residence.

Born in Bloxom, Auletha was the beloved daughter of the late Hezekiah Fletcher and the late Moveta Bell. Auletha worked in various fields throughout her lifetime. She was employed at Holly Farms, now Tyson Foods, Northampton-Accomack Memorial Hospital, as a certified nursing assistant, and lastly, she was a human resources clerk for over 20 years at Perdue Farms in Accomac, until she retired.

Private funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Tamela P. Wise officiating. Interment was in the Macadonia Baptist Cemetery, Bloxom.

She leaves her love and fond memories to her husband, Orlander Jones; children, Saadia Davis, Natasha Davis, and Marva Davis; stepchildren, Olanca Baines, Shantell Baines, Orlander Jones Jr., Omarius Jones, and Okhayla Holloway; three grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; sisters, Connie Marshall, Avon Mason, Edwinda Johnson, Una Tucker, Diane Kellam, Marian Hall, and Elaine Satchell; brothers, Dinne Bell, Kerry Bell, Varry Bell, Lurell Justice, Maurice Fletcher, and Marvin Clayton; stepmother, Levolia Fletcher; four brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-laws; a goddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and special friends.

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

Richard Kimball Penland

Mr. Richard Kimball Penland, known as Kim, passed away at home on Feb. 3, 2021, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jo Alison Gibb Penland, of Accomac; four children, Ellen, Nancy, Bruce, and Carrie; nine grandchildren, Kyle, Jeanne, Danielle, Chris, Alison, Bronwyn, Gillian, Allie, and Jordan; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was well loved and will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held late this summer, when his family and friends can safely gather from varied locations. Details will be provided when available.

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The family thanks everyone for their kindness, especially the wonderful staff at Riverside Shore Hospice and the EMTs at Onancock and Tasley Fire Departments, who came to their aid many times when they needed help.

Remembrances may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Eugene Ivins Pharo Jr.

Mr. Eugene Ivins Pharo Jr., 69, died Feb. 1, 2021, at the Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, of COVID-related conditions.

Gene used to say he should have been born in another century. His family hailed from Pennsylvania Dutch country (mother Grace), England and Wales (father Ivins), moving to the U.S. in the 1600s.



Mr. Pharo

He was an avid outdoorsman, duck hunter, fisherman, and excellent carpenter. A lifelong native of Beach Haven, N.J., Gene had planned on making his life on the water and owned a net boat for a period. As a youngster he clammed the bay and explored the Sedge Islands by rowboat or sneakbox. He had been known to skip school on occasion in hunting

season, sometimes accompanied by one of his teachers.

But time and tide changed the life of the bay and Gene turned to carpentry, learning from his dad and others. He worked on Long Beach Island (LBI) for decades, then in Local 2018 of the Carpenters and Millwrights Union.

Friends have said, "Gene was a great friend to many. He will long be remembered in many stories, a wonderful man" ... "A serious historian, both local and general. Lived by his principles, both based in the past and on the Golden Rule" ... "His son and I share the same birthday. I will always have great memories of Gene. He made sure we turned out to be good men." ... "A willing helper when it came to getting things done ... born and raised here he saw the good, the bad, the storms, the crazy summers" ... "He would eat huge chowder clams I brought him on the half-shell ... never saw that done before." "Gene's excellent Manhattan clam chowder was never, in his opinion 'clammy enough.'" His first fishing trip at 3 years old was cut short when he ate all the bait clams.

Gene was a born storyteller. The way he recalled events of years past was most enlightening but didn't tend to make it into the books.

Pegged as a lifelong bachelor, Gene and his wife, Sharon, were together 38 years. He was thrilled at the birth of his son Sam ("He's a keeper!") and delighted as Sam and Melissa's family grew to include Adam and Lia.

Gene's sister, Jill, said, "Gene and I disagreed on a great many things, but

we were always close, never argued about the very important or very trivial things in life, and we often shared intuitions in some pretty uncanny ways."

Sharon said, "Our views on politics and some other issues were often polar opposites but our love was steadfast. We both loved exploring remote roads from the New Jersey Pine Barrens to the far north woods in New Hampshire, observing wildlife and new vistas. Gene had hoped to do a cross-country trip but it wasn't to be."

His sister-in-law, Sally, said, "Gene did not dabble. When he took on a project you could be sure there would be no short-cuts. When he loved, he loved deeply – his family most of all (but his Brittany's were not far behind.)"

Gene fought passionately to protect the character of his native town and island against the tides of money and development. In time, he and his wife, Sharon, and sister, Jill, were ready to leave the 93-year-old homestead they shared and head south. The Eastern Shore still holds many of the beauties that his home once did. Though he joined some old friends down here

and met some new ones, he's headed to other shores now.

"Gene was 100%. Now he's 100% energy. And energy is forever."

Survivors include his wife, Sharon K. Osborn, of Onancock; a son, Sam Osborn Pharo, and wife, Melissa, of Chalfont, Pa.; two grandchildren, Adam and Lia; a sister, Jill A. Pharo, of Jensen Beach, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Sally Lavalle, of Tabernacle, N.J.; and many cousins throughout the U.S.

Sometime in a safer future, when family and friends can gather together they will scatter his ashes in a favorite fishing spot in New Jersey.

If desired, donations can be made to NBRAN (National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network). Check their website or Facebook for further information.

Dennis James Taylor

Mr. Dennis James Taylor, 66, of Elkin, N.C., passed away at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Friday morning, Jan. 29, 2021. He was born in Northampton County, Va., on July 30, 1954, a son

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CARLA SAVAGE-WELLS SCHOLARSHIP

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OBITUARIES

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to the late James Taylor and the late Agnes Hall Taylor. Mr. Taylor was a faithful member of Zephyr Baptist Church, in Elkin, and was a passionate follower of Christ. He was the prior owner operator of Eastern Shore Ambulance Service Inc. before moving to live in Elkin in 2007.



Mr. Taylor

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Chance Holston; a great-granddaughter, Madalynn Allshouse; and a brother, Erwin Taylor. Surviving is his wife, Margaret Shelton Taylor; children, Chastity Hinson, Ray Velbis, Christina and Matthew W. Allshouse; grandchildren, Little Ray Velbis, Charles Velbis, Matthew C. and Jenna Allshouse, Brandon and

Chelsea Allshouse, Ethan and Katelynn Allshouse, Nickoli Velbis, Cameron Martin, Patrick Hogan, Hannah Allshouse, and Hailey Martin; great-grandchildren, Brendan Velbis, Joshua Velbis, Daniel Allshouse, Alexis Allshouse, Kinsley Allshouse, and Mason Allshouse (on the way).

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021, in the chapel of Moody-Davis Funeral Home with burial following in the Zephyr Cemetery. The Rev. Craig Key officiated the services. Moody-Davis Funeral Home is serving the Taylor family.

Claudia Wescott

Mrs. Claudia Lee (Panter) Wescott, of Columbia, Md., passed away Jan. 27, 2021. She was known for her independent spirit, love of home, family, and friends. She always adored children and cherished all her time with her three grandchildren. Claudia loved the holidays. Nothing brought her more joy than seeing the excitement of her grandchildren on Christmas Eve. Each New Year's Day, for decades she would welcome family,

friends, and neighbors into her home to celebrate and enjoy one another.

As a girl, Claudia and her family moved quite a bit, bringing her and her siblings—Mike, Bob, and Christina—remarkably close. Claudia attended college at Shepherd University in West Virginia. There she made lasting friendships and met Harding Parks Wescott Jr., from Nasawadox, who became her husband in 1973. Claudia and Harding moved to Columbia where they built treasured friendships and started their family.



Mrs. Wescott

Claudia enjoyed working and began her career at Provident Bank. She continued her career as an executive assistant at Nestle, Verizon, and Arbitron, where she was valued as a dependable and personable team member.

She was born Sept. 26, 1951, to Sog Riley Panter and Martha Ann (Petersen) Panter. She is survived by her beloved husband of 47 years, Harding Parks Wescott Jr.; her loving children, Jessica Rose Wescott Favret and husband, Jim, and Harding Parks Wescott III and wife, Carolyn; cherished grandchildren, Jacqueline Rose Favret, Patrick Harding Favret, and Harding Parks Wescott IV. She is also survived by her siblings, Christina Pascale and husband, Nino, and Robert Holt Panter. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Michael John Panter.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, services and interment for Mrs. Wescott

will be held privately. A larger memorial will be held later.

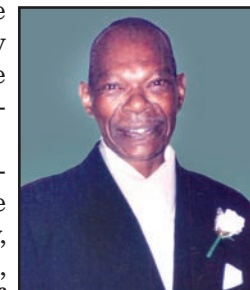
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, 6555 Rock Spring Drive, Suite 280, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.slackfuneralhome.com

Robert Lee Wilson Sr.

Mr. Robert Lee Wilson Sr., 78, of Parksley, departed this life Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Onancock.

Born in Accomac, Robert was the beloved son of the late Clifton Lingo Wilson and the late Mildred Wilson Wise. Robert was affectionately known as "Buddy" by his family and friends. He worked for many years at Perdue until his retirement.



Mr. Wilson

Private funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Jazmine Brooks officiating.

He leaves his love and fond memories to his children, Terry Wilson, Robert Wilson Jr., and Natisha "Toya" Wilson; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Virginia Bailey, Edna Gregg, Barbara Lee, Sharone Johnson, and Tereasa Wise; brothers, James Wilson, Ronald Dix, Roy Wise Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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

Accomack County
Public Schools

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration



Registration for the 3 and 4-Year Old Program and Kindergarten in Accomack County will be conducted on February 24, 2021 by appointment only. Please call the school in your child's attendance zone to schedule an appointment. The hours for registration are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the school day and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. during the evening. Bring your child's social security card & birth certificate, proof of residency (3 forms). Income verification is required for Pre-K Registration.



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Property Transactions

Accomack County

•From Lorin L. Dana
To Noah Jester
Lot 13 Watts Bay Lane, Atlantic
For \$89,500

•From Judy H. Davis
To Patricia A. Broderick
5353 McCleary Drive, Chincoteague
For \$15,000

•From Jami A. Dizon, trustee
To Margie Taylor and Carroll Thomas Budd II
25368 Parks Road, Parksley
For \$44,000

•From Tyler M. Fincen
To Joseph Greene
18494 Seaside Ave., Parksley
For \$172,000

•From Edward G. Moran
To Caliban Realty Corp.
Lot 163 Section 7 Captains Cove,
Greenbackville
For \$190,000

•From Truist Bank
To Marie Elsie Pierre and Gregorie Antoine Desile

24039 Catherine St., Parksley
For \$53,000

•From Jennifer Fowler and James Todd Lucas
To Kathryn L. And Wilson C. Byrd Jr.
Mount Hope Lot A, Melfa
For \$229,000

•From Virginia N. Strand
To Ebony L. and Ronnie T. Northam
21570 Lankford Highway., Parksley
For \$43,000

•From Debra D. and Michael F. Adams
To Deborah and Garry Pomraning
Trails End Lot 143 Unit 1 Sheet 1,
Horntown
For \$18,000

•From Nora L. and Steven S. Hoffman
To J.R.R. Holdings LLC
Captains Cove Lot 1641 Section 3,
Greenbackville
For \$5,750

•From Theresa and Eric McLaughlin
To Eric K. Niskanen and Kimberly A. Govvern-Niskanen
6250 Clark St., Chincoteague
For \$254,000

•From Dorothea R. and David A. Libby
To Janice Key and Richard Lee Holes
4412 Eastwinds, Chincoteague
For \$185,000

•From Jean L. Waller
To Deborah N. and Charles P. Thompson
8190 Sea Spray Drive, Chincoteague
For \$62,120

•From Renee Ann Sechrist
To Nancy J. and Leonardo Cruz
2247 Smugglers Way, Greenbackville
For \$179,900

•From Gregory Wright
To Wolfgang Michael Dunker
Trails End Lot 154 Unit 3 Sheet 3,
Horntown
For \$9,600

•From Jose D. Vieira
To Lalin Yup Ing and Selena Sour
Captains Cove Lot 47 Section 6,
Greenbackville
For \$1,000

•From Todd E. Warner
To Jessica A. Walter
17092 Coal Kiln Road, Painter
For \$259,000

•From George S. Parker III, trustee
To Orange Smith Farm LLC
Parcel A, 112.1 acres and Parcel B,
9.76 acres; and Parcel A, 42.40 acres
and Parcel B, 4.88 acres
33293 Smith Farm Road,
Craddockville
For \$3,000,000

•From Vincent W. Dorsa
To Julia Graham and Heather Jane Graham
3468 Blackbeard Road,
Greenbackville
For \$335,000

•From Susan J. and Randall L. Strock
To Captains Cove Golf & Yacht Club Inc.
Captains Cove Section 11 Lot 71,
Greenbackville
For \$0

•From Aarika Lieske Turner, trustee
To Brian Doe
Cedarview Beach Lots 28 and 29 Section C
For \$180,500

•From Dana M. Schell
To Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
8045 Mire Pond One, Chincoteague
For \$40,000

•From GND LLC
To Stephanie Nicole and Justin Michael Miller
6220 Sharpley St., Chincoteague

For \$178,500

•From Sean Patrick Albert, administrator, and C.A. Turner III, administrator
To Tina K. and Gary W. Williams
210 Brigantine Blvd., Greenbackville
For \$194,000

•From Lynda C. and Roger Dale Johnson
To Joan and Jeffrey Hoffman
8202 Sea Shell Drive, Chincoteague
For \$115,000

•From GND LLC
To Tamara Cloyed and Gene William Loughran
6570 Coachs Lane, Chincoteague
For \$75,000

•From Michelle A. and James M. Drager
To Tammy L. and Steven J. Creighton
5504 Amrien Drive, Chincoteague
For \$565,000

•From Citycoast Properties LLC
To Jo Ann F. and George E. Duer
18477 Dunne Ave., Parksley
For \$50,000

•From Daniel B. Kidd
To Chandler F. Drummond
20204 Market St., Onancock
For \$92,600

•From Thomas Mooney
To Shannon C. and Charles C. Thain
13 acres on Southside Road, near Onancock
For \$14,950

•From Norma H. Hurst, trustee
To Jennifer and Willie Kirkpatrick Jr.
24411 Cooke St., Parksley
For \$70,000

•From CCG Note LLC
To Darren Lilly and Allison Gravino
Captains Cove Lot 274 Section 2,
Greenbackville
For \$10,000

•From Kathryn and Robert Allan Mikulsky
To Tammy Sue and Larry R. Parks
Captains Cove Lot 24 Section 8,
Greenbackville
For \$230,000

•From Kimberly L. and James V. Zeleny
To Carolyn A. and Wayne J. Sharp
Captains Cove Lot 1311 Section 3,
Greenbackville
For \$125,000

•From Christine A. Rich
To Carrie M. Greevy and Tasha D. Lucy
23036 Crape Myrtle Lane, Accomac
For \$200,000

The Town of Keller will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., on February 25, at the Town Hall located at 18248 N. R. North Street, to hear public comment on the proposed changes to the fees associated with the following applications/licenses/permits to become effective April 1, 2021:

- Business License Fee increase from flat annual \$40.00 to \$50.00

- Zoning Permit Application

<u>Estimated. Construction Cost</u>	<u>Fee</u>
0 to \$49,999.99	\$50.00
\$50,000 to \$99,999.99	\$100.00
\$100,000 to \$149,999.99	\$150.00
\$150,000 and above	\$200.00

- Sign Permit Application Fee to \$40 for up to 25 square feet. An additional \$20 for 25+ square feet, not to exceed 32 square feet.

- From John H. Cronan
To Robert C. Lataille
6188 Marsh Island Drive, Chincoteague
For \$308,000
- From Connie W. and Jeffery Doughty
To Jaquana Ward
14105 Kia Lane, Painter
For \$1,000
- From William Harrison McKnight II
To Stephen E. Bowden Jr.
32085 Greta Road, Atlantic
For \$235,000
- From Jackie Ray Dillon Jr.
To Donna Y. Dillon
20237 Deep Creek Road, Onancock
For \$31,653
- From Karen E. and Bruce H. Sokoloff
To Peter D. L. Williams and Gina C. Green
Lot 1 Richardson St., Chincoteague
For \$262,500
- From Stephen E. Bowden
To Elizabeth P. Fisher and Jeffrey H. Steward
6472 Coach's Lane, Chincoteague
For \$183,000
- From Robert Colin Deaso
To David E. Eaton
2347 Holly Cove Road, Onancock
For \$152,900
- From Christina Marie Wood, Lauren Marie Small, Lawrence John Renas III, Jeffrey John Renas, and Gregory John Renas
To Nathan Travis
40 acres in Locustville
For \$300,000
- From David C. Howard
To Mary Jane and Charles E. Killmon Jr.
Lot 5 Dingley's Mill Farm, near Onancock
For \$26,800
- From Robin L. and David J. Troutman Sr.
To Barry D. Marks
4237 Captains Corridor, Greenbackville
For \$285,000
- From Carol and Lance Ernst
To Briana L. Lewis
Captains Cove Lot 48 Section 12, Greenbackville
For \$3.00
- From Zenovia J. Qualliotine, trustee
To Cynthia B. and Mitchell R. McDougal
49.71 acres near Leemont
For \$188,000
- From Colby M. Trouts
To Norma D. Amburgey and Charles A. Born

Trails End Lot 237 Unit 1 Sheet 1, Horntown
For \$10,000

- From Bruce A. York
To Briana L. Lewis
Captains Cove Lot 2 Section 16, Greenbackville
For \$1
- From The C.D. Fleming Jr. Charitable Trust Foundation Inc.
To Jon F. Miller
40 acres near Sanford
For \$40,000
- From Bin Yang
To Kristine Ann and Alexander Lee Tranauskas
26222 Colonial Drive, Onley
For \$215,000
- From Judy and John Lord
To Jackie Lynn Bullion and Patsy Burkhead
1.5 acres near Hallwood
For \$112,000
- From David Preston Downing, Donna Leigh Thomas, and Roland H. Satchell
To Denise H. and Ernest Dale Holston
Lot 9 Mason Road, Chincoteague
For \$30,000
- From Susan L. and John J. Keegan IV
To Krista R. and Cody G. Butler
3218 Mulberry Lane, Chincoteague
For \$265,000
- From Matthew Vermeal, executor, estate of Veronica Chieffo
To Kathryn L. Williams
27418 Evergreen Lane, Melfa
For \$17,500
- From Beverly and Robert L. Parks Jr.
To Chincoteague Center LLC
6739, 6735, and 6743-1, 6743-2, and 6743-3 Maddox Blvd., Chincoteague
For \$1,350,000
- From Janice L. and John H. Parker Jr.
To Tracey A. and Gary T. Roe
Trails End Lot 145 Unit 3 Sheet 5, Horntown
For \$45,300
- From Michael E. Trice
To Melody A. and Larry E. Kirkessner
Trails End Lot 416 Unit 1 Sheet 1, Horntown
For \$42,500

Northampton County

- From Oliver Bennett
To Arkiece Davis
Lot 9, Block B, Exmore
For \$8,500
- From James Sullivan
To Michael Hamill
Lot 40, Heron Pointe, Cape Charles

For \$289,000

- From Robert and Leslie Hendren
To Mary Harrington
Unit 4-108, Building 4, Fairways I Condominium, Cape Charles
For \$334,000
- From Neil and Denise Huizing
To Gary and Leslie Eaton
Parcel, 1/2 acre, Capeville
For \$198,000
- From Cynthia Jordan
To Jeffrey and Kathryn Palmore
Lot 552, Cape Charles
For \$210,000
- From E. Polk Kellam Jr.
To Roberta and Lucius Kellam IV, trustees
Various parcels at Wellington Neck, Franktown district
For \$496,000
- From Daniel Maurice
To Nan Arpino
Parcel A, 1.43 acres, near the Village of Chesapeake
For \$367,000
- From Jay Carriere
To Frank and Sheryl Simeck, trustees
Lot 30, Cape Charles
For \$510,000
- From James Elliott, special commissioner, Ronald Tolbert, and Moses Mapp
To Triangle Enterprises Inc.
Parcel near Nassawadox
For \$17,500
- From Bruce Rehm
To John and Pamela Reinhard
Lot 233, Vaucluse Shores, Church Neck
For \$129,000
- From Sharon Damiano and David Richardson
To Royce Parks and Richard Conner
Lot 4, Block C, Exmore
For \$35,000
- From Stephanie Smith
To Elena Cintron
Lot 2, Exmore
For \$127,000
- From Equity Trustees LLC, substitute trustee
To Community Loan Servicing LLC
Lot 10, .936 acre, near Cheriton
For \$16,600
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Louis and Linda Calderone, trustees
Lot 7, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$180,000
- From Michael Rabdau and Kate Rooney
To Richard and Sonia Baker
Part of Lots 488 and 489, corner of Peach Street and Tazewell Avenue,

Cape Charles
For \$550,900

- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Kevin and Susan DeFriest
Lot 38, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$175,000
- From Mark and Christine Snook
To Fred and Amy Benham
Lot 27, Kiptopeake Landing, Phase 2, Capeville district
For \$45,000
- From Mary and J.B. Laird and Teresa Grunert
To John and Amaris Mazziott
Lot 5, Block A, Belle Haven
For \$140,000
- From James Altadonna Jr.
To Hummingbird Cottage LLC
Lot 293, North Park Row and Strawberry Street, Cape Charles
For \$532,000
- From Robert and Linda Krepps
To Robert and Voe Montgomery, trustees
Parcel in Sea Cottage Addition, Cape Charles
For \$479,000
- From Charles Murrin
To Douglas Brothers and Hannah Allaire
Lots 73 and 74, near Cape Charles
For \$107,500
- From Lucia Montalvo
To James Dorr and Ethel Taylor
Lot 2, near Cherrystone
For \$174,000
- From Strawberry Street Station LLC
To Randall and Michelle Walden
Unit 230G Condominium, Cape Charles
For \$313,000
- From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Tyco Homes LLC
To John and Amy Nottingham
Lot 38, The Landing at Eastern Shore, Eastville district
For \$16,000
- From Jo Ann Blair-Davis and Michelle Davis, successor co-trustees
To Solitude ES LLC
Parcels near Cape Charles/Cheriton
For \$297,000
- From Nathan and Wendy Higgins
To Caryn LeMur and Bonita Kingsley
Parcel, 2.385 acres, Eastville
For \$374,000
- From Nicholas Dematteo
To Michael and Kathryn Randall
Lot 3A, 5 acres, Church Neck
For \$382,500

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Property Transactions

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- From Ocean Road LLC
To Joanne and James Latimer II
Parcel, .5 acre, Eastville
For \$245,000
- From John Burdiss, special commissioner
To Kenneth Dufty
Parcel, 1.13 acres, on Route 13, near Exmore
For \$1,500
- From Brenda and Gerald Fields Jr.
To Richard and Carmel Sobota
Lot 15, Section I, Vaucluse Shores
For \$23,250
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Three Willow Bay LLC
Lot 23, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$232,500
- From Stephen Donahoe, trustee
To James and Shirley Bennett
Parcel N, Butlers Bluff, near Kiptopeke Beach
For \$40,000
- From Ray and Susan Smith
To Michael and Lorraine Carter
Lot 56, Heron Pointe, Cape Charles
For \$55,000
- From Christopher Condetti
To Kenneth Roberts and Dolores Blackburn
Lot 78, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$35,000
- From Robert and Joanne McMahon
To David and Patricia Butler
Lot G, Malen subdivision, Occohannock Neck
For \$630,000
- From Michael and Mary Ann Litton
To Albert and Amy Foreman

- Lot 126, Cape Charles
For \$455,000
- From John and Mary Frances and Joseph Bergamino
To Alan and Eileen Czerwinski
Lot 3, Bay Creek, Cape Charles
For \$27,500
- From John and Joyce Mlodynia
To James Spence III
Lot 77, Vaucluse Shores, Church Neck
For \$20,000
- From Gerald and Betty Lanum
To Jack and Sherree Weeks
Parcel D, 6.23 acres, Church Neck
For \$400,000
- From Stephen, Barbara, and Richard Gaskill III
To David B. Tankard Family LLLP
3 parcels, Occohannock Neck, near Jamesville
For \$200,000
- From W&L LLC
To Richard Barrett and Carrie Setliff
Parcel 639, Cape Charles
For \$210,000
- From Strawberry Street Station LLC
To John Mayberry and Susan Bauer
Lot 230 F, Cape Charles
For \$332,000
- From Wayne Garvin
To General Builders LLC
Parcel near Cheapside
For \$14,000
- From Kitty Hickman
To Dawn and Brian Baylis Sr.
Lot 2, Exmore
For \$111,000
- From KNGR Properties LLC
To John Yaros

- Parcel, 91.92 acres, Guys Neck Farm, near Cheapside
For \$500,000
- From Jane Turner
To Charles and Kathryn Floyd, trustees
Parcel, 3 acres, Church Neck
For \$165,000
- From Carolyn Wilson
To John Jardine
Parcel B, .26 acre, and 1974 Conner mobile home, Machipongo
For \$3,000
- From William Powers
To Robert Kelly
Lot 4, Vaucluse Shores, Church Neck
For \$145,000
- From Donna Bozza
To Charles and Christianna Johnson
Lot 28, 3.79 acres, Sugar Hill
For \$860,000
- From Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust
To Isidro Salazar and Silvia Ramirez
7174 James Allen Drive, Eastville
For \$49,900
- From John and Verna Fulcher
To Hillegonda, Jessica, and George Hartley IV
Lot 22, Clear View, Occohannock Neck
For \$70,000
- From Mark and Christine Snook
To John and Myongsuk Pasiak
Lot 28, Kiptopeake Landing, Phase Two, Capeville district
For \$45,000
- From Barbara and Thaddeus Nowakowski Jr.
To Joseph Moore, trustee
Lot 168, Cape Charles
For \$165,000
- From Michael Lahorner
To John and Gudrun Cordle
Unit 2B, 300 Mason Avenue, Cape Charles
For \$243,000
- From Crystal Enterprises LLC
To Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
Lot 4, .6 acre, near Machipongo
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CAPITAL LETTERS



By Del. Rob Bloxom

We have reached the halfway point of this year's session. The House has finished all our bills, and the Senate has finished its as well. The bills will now be sent to the opposite chamber to be examined. The only item that each body is working on is its own respective budget, and each will be unveiled this week. I will report on the House's budget next week.

Some major policy shifts were voted on this past week with the legislation of marijuana taking the top spot. House Bill 2312 is a massive bill topping 500 pages. This bill is the product of the governor's marijuana task force. It sets up the framework in which marijuana can be grown, processed, distributed, sold, and taxed. The bill also sets up programs supported by the tax revenue. This passed on a party line vote.

There are a number of my Republican colleagues who support the legalization of marijuana for recreational use. These supporters could not vote for this bill as it contains many provisions that they could not overlook. I did not support this bill. I believe it failed to acknowledge the problems associated with legalization and the cost that accompanies it. Instead, it overprojects the tax revenue generated and sets up new programs that these revenues are intended to cover (similar to the lottery-for-schools campaign). When the programs are established, however, they will need to have supplemental funding. I believe that this is a bad deal for Virginia.

The last two bills which made the headlines were criminal reform bills. The first is House Bill 2331. This bill eliminated mandatory minimums on certain offenses. I supported this legislation because I feel that a judge who hears the case

should be able to take into account the totality of the evidence and the defendant's circumstances, and then impose a fair sentence. The next bill is House Bill 2263. This bill eliminated the death penalty. I voted against this bill, as I believe there are crimes that occur every so often that are so heinous that the ultimate price needs to be paid by these vile offenders. This sentence is not sought frequently, nor should it be. However, I do not believe it should be completely abolished as a possible punishment.

I encourage you to follow along the legislative process by streaming the committee and floor sessions at <https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/house/chamber/chamberstream.php> As always, I welcome you to contact me with any questions or concerns at my district office at 757-824-3456 or email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov.

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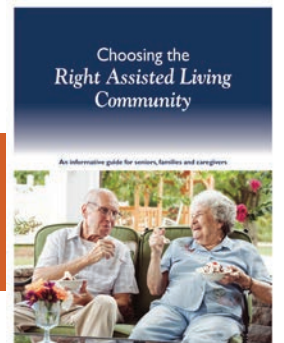
As we age, we may experience decreased stability, limited sight, and impaired dexterity, all of which may lead to a dangerous living environment. For seniors living alone, this problematic scenario may become even more difficult as feelings of isolation and depression set in. In fact, studies have shown that seniors experiencing loneliness are more at risk for heart disease, stroke, and even mild cognitive impairment. As we live longer, we are more likely to need additional support.

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With Additional Funds and Receptive Administration, Southern Crescent Commission Hopes 2021 Will Be Its Year

By *Stefanie Jackson*

The Eastern Shore is part of the Black Belt, a southern U.S. region that curves from Virginia to Mississippi, covering many counties across seven states, which are in economic distress but may soon be able to receive federal assistance.

The Southern Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) was formed in 2008 to invest federal funds in the region, directing it away from poverty and toward prosperity.

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), which was formed in 1965 and currently receives about \$165 million in federal funds annually, was the model for the SCRC.

The SCRC originally was authorized for \$30 million, but that was reduced to an annual federal budget appropriation of \$250,000. The money cannot be spent until the U.S. President appoints a co-chair to the commission, a task which none of the last three presidents completed.

But the Southern Crescent Regional Commission found new hope when it successfully contacted the office of President-elect Joe Biden, and Congress increased the commission's annual federal budget appropriation from \$250,000 to \$1 million.

With the appointment of a commission co-chair expected later in 2021, the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities hosted an online forum Feb. 10 to discuss how the SCRC should prepare to begin operations.

Tamarah Holmes, of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and ARC, said the keys are community capacity building and asset-based development.

That means the community takes responsibility for its own development, leveraging its strengths – its collective resources, skills, and experiences.

“Our residents are our biggest asset. We believe that in Virginia,” Holmes said. The Appalachian community focused on its strengths to build what she calls a “creative economy.”

For example, Appalachia is home to The Crooked Road, a 300-mile route through southwest Virginia created in 2003 to promote the region's heritage

music but also outdoor recreational and tourism opportunities.

Holmes noted that investing in infrastructure such as sanitary sewer brings a dual benefit because not only is a necessary service provided, local waters get cleaned up, which supports recreational opportunities and other economy boosters.

Cliff Albright, co-founder of Black Voters Matter, agreed that a lack of infrastructure, from roads to internet, is a barrier to economic parity.

Access to capital is also important. Albright said that he once ran his own mortgage company in Alabama because he observed that “our people were being denied access to homeownership.”

Homeownership is often the first step

in building assets, wealth, and savings, which can be used for further betterment of the family, such as paying for a child's education or using the equity in the home to start a business, Albright said.

Politics also can create barriers to economic equality. Democracy and representation are needed, including at the local level.

Albright has witnessed “local governments that have been run by old power structures that have refused outside money, whether that may be federal funding ... or outside companies or corporations that are saying, ‘Look, we want to come to your community, and we can bring 100 jobs.’”

“We've seen local governments that said, ‘We'd rather keep things the way

we have in order to maintain the status quo' ... because when you bring in that new development, and when you bring in these economic opportunities, what happens? People start getting these ideas about freedom.”

But there's a “new South rising ... an expansion of political power amongst those who have been at the bottom,” Albright said, referring to the results of the recent U.S. Senate runoff elections in Georgia.

A well-funded federal commission for the Black Belt will bring economic development and give residents “a stake in the system,” motivating further civic engagement, Albright said.

This story will be continued in next week's edition of the Eastern Shore Post.

Task Force Wants To Help Businesses Become More Resilient

Submitted Article

The Ready, Set, Go Task Force, a group made up of representatives from Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission; Eastern Shore Community College; the Eastern Shore Tourism Commission, the ES-VA Chamber of Commerce, the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, and the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce, aims to help local businesses speed recovery, prepare for the post-COVID world, and build resiliency.

The task force hopes to accomplish this using a four-step process that will gather data and feedback from local business owners to create trainings, and educational materials.

“There has never been a more important time than right now to come together regionally in order to assure the survival, aid in the recovery, and to build the resiliency of our local businesses,” said Robie Marsh, executive director of the ESVA Chamber and the Eastern Shore Tourism Commission. “The Ready, Set, Go Task Force is focused on achieving this very goal.”

The Ready, Set, Go Task Force will start this process by conducting a survey of local businesses looking at how business owners have adapted during the pandemic, how they managed their workforce, what their biggest challeng-

es have been, how the pandemic has affected them financially and how they hope to move forward.

The Ready, Set, Go survey went live on Tuesday, Feb. 9, and will be distributed to local business owners through email by the participating organizations.

The week of March 8, the task force will hold a series of five virtual roundtable discussions with local business owners, each geared toward a specific industry. The goal of these discussions is to review the survey data and foster collaboration among industry leaders regarding what they need to recover and what innovations were successful during the pandemic that could be used to build resiliency in the future.

The schedule for the virtual roundtable discussions follows.

- Monday, March 8, 3 - 5 p.m.
Industry: Hospitality and Entertainment (Accommodations, Eats & Drinks, Experiences, and Related Retail/Services)
- Tuesday, March 9, 12 - 2 p.m.
Industry: Community Services (Education, Health, Government, and Nongovernment/Nonprofit Services)
- Tuesday, March 9, 3 - 5 p.m.
Industry: Agriculture, Aquaculture, Fisheries, Poultry and Related Manufacturing/Services/Retail

• Thursday, March 11, 9 - 11 a.m.
Industry: Business Operations, Business and Personal Services (Professional and Technical Services: Finance, Legal, Engineering, IT, etc.; Personal Care Services; Building/Property Services: Real Estate, Janitorial, Landscaping, Cleaning, Septic, etc.)

• Friday, March 12, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Industry: Manufacturing, Trade, Construction and Related Retail/Services (Utilities, Non-agriculture Manufacturing, Construction, Property Services)

“Collaboration between local business owners is vital to strengthening economic development opportunities with shared goals and objectives,” said Evelyn Shotwell, executive director of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce. “Partnerships created through combined effort builds a network of business leaders willing to grow and learn from one another.”

That information will then be used to create online toolkits, trainings, and reference materials, as well as educational content at Eastern Shore Community College.

For more information about the Ready, Set, Go Survey or roundtables please contact Marsh at executivedirector@esvachamber.org or 757-787-2460.

12 Ways To Tell If That Person Loves You

By Dr. Julie Nash, Professor of Psychology at Eastern Shore Community College

February is the month of love. Love is a word with such complex meaning. We use it flippantly as in when we say, "I love mashed potatoes" or "I love Big Macs." However, love is supposed to mean so much more. Therefore the question is "what is love?"

Knowing the definition of love affords us the luxury of knowing when someone really loves us. Furthermore it allows us to know when we really "love" someone else. If I could emphatically answer this question, I could become rich and many people have tried. I am no expert, but I will give it a shot.

Love is powerful, so powerful, that it can affect our health. Research shows that being married can lower the odds of becoming depressed, lower blood pressure, lessen anxiety, lower stress, hasten healing and lead to fewer colds. In general, research on married people supports the theory that they have a longer, happier life.

So how does one know if someone really loves them or not? What does love look like? Is it a warm fuzzy feeling? Is it that chill you get when you look at your phone and it is that special someone calling? Is it that thrill experienced when someone merely touches your hand?

Well, I would venture to say that isn't the definition of love at all. Love is an action not a feeling. Feelings quite often are associated with selfishness when actions are often as-



sociated with sacrifice. To know if someone loves you or not ask yourself, "what are they willing to sacrifice for me?"

There can be degrees of love and you can measure it according to the level of sacrifice that a person is willing to do. Some people in your life love you so much they are willing to relocate for you. When I wanted to move across the ocean for a couple of years for my career, my spouse was willing to venture into the unknown, quit his job and take a chance for me. He loved me enough to leave family behind and the comfort of the United States.

On the other hand, you can measure how much you really love someone by what you are willing to sacrifice for him or her. Truth be told, if it were the other way around, I would



never have quit my job and put my career on hold to follow him. In the end this test of willingness proved true; I eventually left him. My love was not that strong.

You may have someone in your life who loves you so much they are willing to die for you. That is the ultimate sacrifice. This is a very strong love. It is a rare form of love, usually reserved for a few. There are many lovers across time who did just that. Quite often parents would be willing to die for their children.

So when you are contemplating, "Does this person really love me?" "Should I marry this person?" or "Should I trust my heart to this person?" think about their actions. What have they been willing to sacrifice for you? And then in all fairness, make sure you actually love them. They deserve true love back if they are willing to give it. What are you willing to sacrifice for them? Love is an action not a feeling.

I know, I promised you a checklist to see if that special person actually loves you. So here is a checklist of actions you can refer to when considering putting your heart out there.

1. Is this person patient with me? (Do

they easily get angry when I don't understand something?)

2. Is this person kind to me? (Do they treat me as well as a guest?)

3. Is this person jealous? (Are they constantly questioning me and lacking trust?)

4. Is this person boastful? (Do they act as if they are above me?)

5. Is this person prideful? (Are they not open to suggestions and constructive criticisms?)

6. Is this person rude to me? (Do they show me common courtesies?)

6. Is this person selfish? (Do they offer me the last chicken wing or the last piece of pizza?)

7. Is this person self-serving? (Are all of our events and plans about furthering their goals?)

8. Are they slow to anger? (Do I feel like I am on eggshells whenever they are around?)

9. Are they positive? (Do they see the good in me?)

10. Do they sometimes find joy in my misery? (The "I told you so" person.)

11. Do they let me down? (I can't always trust them to come through.)

12. Do they bear my burdens with me? ("It's your family. I don't want to go and sit there for hours. I'll stay home, you go.")

Really only one question matters, "What are they willing to do for you?" And remember during this month of love, what are you willing to sacrifice? Do you truly love the people you say you love? Then show it with actions. Lust is a feeling or sensation. Love is an action.

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Random Facts About ... the Third Man Factor

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes this week, information about the Third Man factor came out in all kinds of spooky ways.

Accounts of solo sailors, mountain climbers, polar explorers, survivors of disasters, and others who've been through harrowing experiences describe encountering a presence, very much like a real person, who appears during the crisis, attempts to help, and then disappears once the crisis is over. Researchers call this experience the Third Man factor for a reason we'll explain before we finish the story.

To be clear, this is not a generalized feeling that someone somewhere is hoping you'll be okay. The Third Man factor seems to have three elements shared by those who experience the syndrome: First, the sense is that the person or presence is real, is right there, does in fact exist. You can talk to it and it talks to you. Second, the person or presence gives specific, helpful advice — stay awake, take the downstairs, steer your ship away

from that danger. Third, as soon as the danger is over, the presence is gone.

John Geiger's book, "The Third Man Factor," recounts stories such as what happened to Ron DiFrancesco, the last person out of South Tower of the World Trade Center before it collapsed on 9/11. DiFrancesco was guided by a male voice that told him which stairwell to take, that he should cover his face and rush through flames, staying with him until he made it out.

James Sevigny was severely injured in a 1983 avalanche in the Canadian Rockies. His arm and shoulder were broken, as was his back in two places; his nose was broken and he was missing teeth. His climbing companion was lying nearby, dead. Sevigny decided to lie down next to his friend and let the cold do its work — when a presence made itself know, telling him he had to get up, stand, start moving. It seemed impossible but the presence insisted. The presence stood just behind Sevigny's right shoulder. It told him to use the blood dripping from his nose as an

arrow to point the way. When Sevigny couldn't walk, he should crawl. The presence was so kind that Sevigny thought of it as a woman. She guided him all the way back to the camp Sevigny and his companion had made. Sevigny was too injured to crawl into the tent or light a stove or eat. All he could do was curl into the fetal position and wait to die with the female comforting him with her presence. But that presence left him immediately when Sevigny heard rescuers' voices approaching.

The Third Man syndrome is not rare. Charles Lindberg reported talking with "copilots" during his solo trip across the Atlantic; sailors making solo voyages have become sick, caught in storms, and have ended up sharing their captain duties with shipmates that were there but not there; when Ernest Shackleton, the famous Antarctic explorer, made the heroic trek over mountains and glaciers to find help for his stranded crew, he and

the two men he was marching with each felt the presence of a fourth man accompanying them.

Explanations for the syndrome range from guardian angels to bicameralism, a theory that the human brain was once divided into two chambers — one of which appeared to be speaking to the person and the other to be listening. These two chambers eventually evolved into our single consciousness. But perhaps, the idea goes, in times of extreme stress and need, that ancient speaking chamber of the mind asserts itself with advice and comfort and a presence.

A few lines of T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land" were inspired by Shackleton's experience and those lines gave the Third Man factor its name: "Who is the third who walks always beside you? When I count, there are only you and I together. But when I look ahead up the white road, there is always another one walking beside you."

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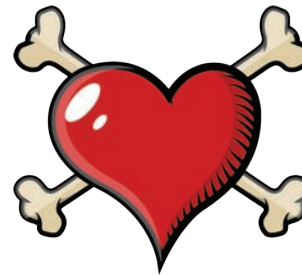
Last week, we had a high number of readers who qualified as contestants even though those alien faces were hiding in devilishly clever places. Also, lightning struck a second time last week in that our randomly chosen winner, Hollis Parks, of Wachapreague, was also an osprey-eyed winner of \$20 back in August of last year. This time lightning delivered Hollis with a Becca's Smith Island Cake.

Last Week's Contest: Cake So Good, It's Interstellar

After setting a record for the number of contestants two weeks ago, last week we broke that and set a new record: 45 readers osprey-eyed enough to find the six alien faces on pages 20, 22, 25, 28, 36, and 39. Hollis Parks, of Wachapreague, was chosen at random to win a Becca's Smith Island Cake.

This Week's Contest: Heart and Crossbones

Valentine's Day this Sunday can be joyful or hurtful depending on who gets what valentine, so as a warning we are putting six heart and crossbones in this issue of the paper. They look like this:



Readers who find all six will become contestants and, from that pool, one lucky osprey-eyed reader will be randomly selected to win a \$25 gift certificate to C.D. Marsh Jewelers in Onan-

cock. See sponsor box on this page.

The rules:

- To become a contestant, find the six heart and crossbones 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.

- Entries will be accepted until noon on Monday, Feb. 15. Entries arriving after noon on the 15th will not be entered in the contest.

- Do not submit multiple entries.

- Include a photograph if you choose to submit one and tell us a little something about the picture.

- The winner and as many runners-up as possible will get their photographs in the paper. If you don't want to use your own picture, you can submit a photo of your child or a pet — or a sweetheart, a strawberry tart, or even sunset at Walmart. Just no feet.

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

Runners-Up



Rob Moore, of Cape Charles, came in as runner-up and then made everyone hungry by sending this picture of a delicious pizza he had at Yuk Yuk & Joe's.



This is a Lego treehouse that Levi Thornes, of Bloxom, just finished building. Levi and Jessica Thornes were joint runners-up.



Kelsey Gaskins, of Belle Haven, and Clarabelle always read from a book before bed — at least that's what Kelsey claims.



Anabel Beatty, of Silver Beach, said, "It was so much easier to find aliens with my granddaughter Mayson helping me!"



If you tell 10-month-old Caesar to get off the kitchen table, this is the reaction you get, according to Beth McHenry, of Parksley.



Colleen Koski, of Chincoteague, is the wife of a former osprey-eyed winner and something of a winner herself, showing off this whopper of a fish.

Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Virginia Manzione, Exmore
Jeanette Bell, Onley
Sarah Morgan, Oyster
Patricia Willey, Quinby
Amanda Mariner, Pocomoke City, Md.
Richard Marshall, Atlantic
Jeff Fitchett, Chincoteague
Patricia M. Voss, Bloxom
Cindylou Nelson, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Brenda Dize, Onancock

Cotina Strand, Melfa
Theresa Lattimore, Bloxom
Jimmy Targett Jr., Strange Creek, W.V.
John Chrzanowski, Melfa
Nadine Chrzanowski,
Strange Creek, W.V.
Kim Rice, Bloxom
Sarah Ross, Chincoteague
Pamela Jones, Hallwood
Sara Fetterman, Bloxom

Maria Owens, Exmore
Janet Leigh Cooper, Onley
Lee Ann Nottingham, Keller
Arline Curtis, Greenbackville
Tabitha Geiser, Oak Hall
Stephanie Redden, Millsboro, Del.
Stephanie Bailey, Chincoteague
John Downing, Onancock
Mitzi Paul, Wachapreague
Barbara Whealton, Chincoteague

Terry Ewell, Youngs Creek
Dawn Taylor, Parksley
Amy Eckard, Temperanceville
Teri Collins, Bloxom
Nancy Kupar-Page, Parksley
Charity Thomas, Kiptopeke
Mary Carey, Cape Charles
Melissa Sample-Wharton,
Nassawadox
Oliver Bennett, Weirwood

Iconic Painter, Poet Willie Crockett Featured in Documentary Film



Artist Willie Crockett painting in his Onancock studio. Photo courtesy of Miller Productions.

By Carol Vaughn

Eastern Shore artist Willie Crockett is the subject of a new documentary film.

David Miller, owner of Miller Productions in King William County, Va., created the 58-minute film, “The Art of Willie Crockett and Virginia’s Eastern Shore.”

Crockett, a Tangier native who celebrated his 82nd birthday Feb. 3, can be found most days at Crockett’s Gallery, his studio and gallery at 39 Market St. in Onancock.

“You meet Willie and you like him immediately,” Miller said.

Best known for watercolor landscapes, including of the Chesapeake Bay and the marshes where he grew up hunting and fishing, Crockett more recently has been working in oils and acrylics as well.

He also has taken to the stage at

Onancock’s North Street Playhouse and other local venues to perform his original poetry as well as classic poems by others and to tell tales.

Miller’s documentary highlights Crockett’s love of the Chesapeake Bay, his art, and his colorful life.

Typically, the debut would be celebrated by a crowd at a theater premiere, but that celebration has to wait because of COVID-19 restrictions.

In the meantime, the film can be accessed online at www.gumroad.com/seachaser210

Plans also are in the works to sell DVDs at Crockett’s Gallery and other outlets, and to offer the film to regional PBS television stations, which have aired four other Miller documentaries.

“To me a film is only good if people get to see it, so I hope a lot of people get

to see this one,” Miller said, adding, “I think it’s kind of a timeless piece.”

Miller is producer, director, editor, and cinematographer for the film, which features music by Eastern Shore musicians “Johnny Mo” Morrison and Patrick and Sherry Belote’s duo, The Waterfront Band, as well as solo instrumental music by Patrick Belote.

Johnny Mo’s reggae tune, “Living on the Eastern Shore,” opens the film.

“I just used a bunch of Patrick’s stuff — it had the right feel,” Miller said of Belote’s contribution.

In addition to Crockett, Miller interviewed several local Chesapeake Bay experts for the film, including Paul Ewell, founder of the Eastern Shore Watermen’s Museum, and Dot Field, Eastern Shore region steward for the Virginia Department of Con-

servation and Recreation’s Division of Natural Heritage.

Field took Miller to some of the Shore’s iconic landscapes, at Muttonhunk Fen and Savage Neck Dunes. Both locations make an appearance in the film.

It also includes footage filmed inside Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Onancock — the stained glass windows attracted Miller as a way to depict Crockett’s changing relationship with organized religion.

In a trailer, Miller calls Crockett “a legend on Virginia’s Eastern Shore.”

It was Sheila Kerpelman, of the non-profit IPAC/Marine Environmental Research Corp., who suggested Miller do a documentary about Crockett.

IPAC/MERC has provided funding for some of Miller’s productions, including this one.

The Virginia Tourism Commission and the Virginia Film Commission also are sponsors, Miller said.

Miller first met with Crockett in December 2019, spending most of the day with Crockett in his studio and around town.

“That got things going,” Miller said, adding, “We wanted to involve some other elements in the story — the natural areas of the Eastern Shore, a little bit about the watermen and their history and culture, and then, of course, Willie. ... He has kind of a following.”

Part of what fascinates Miller about Crockett is his birthplace, Tangier, as well as his varied career — he formerly was a preacher, a waterman, and a trapper, among other experiences.

“He ... has all those backgrounds that really give his paintings that authenticity of being there, doing that,” Miller said.

Miller and Crockett met again last month on Tangier, where Miller filmed more footage for the documentary.

Miller piloted his boat from his vacation home near Reedville, on the western shore of the Bay, and Crockett boated over from Onancock to meet him.

Crockett drove Miller around the island on a lightweight utility vehicle, which largely have replaced the golf carts islanders formerly used to get around, according to Miller.

They chatted with Mayor James “Ooker” Eskridge, visited the boatyard and its crew, and ate lunch at Lorraine’s restaurant, among other highlights of the day.

“Willie is so full of energy,” Miller said.

Still, he said the film about Crockett “is kind of a relaxing film to watch. It’s not a lot of violence, for sure. It features a lot of Willie’s artwork. ... It features nature photography. ... We went out to Onancock Creek, to the mouth of the creek, and followed Willie as he walked the beach and sat down in the grass and did a poem.”

Additionally, there is footage of Ewell at the Waterman’s Museum and of Field in the nature preserve areas.

“I think it does kind of represent the Shore as far as the natural areas, the watermen’s history, and of course a lot of Willie’s artwork,” Miller said.

The film includes footage of Crockett creating a painting — a brief art



Artist Willie Crockett stands next to a boat on Tangier Island. Photo courtesy of Miller Productions.

lesson within the larger documentary.

“It’s how to paint a wildlife painting in five minutes with Willie Crockett,” Miller said.

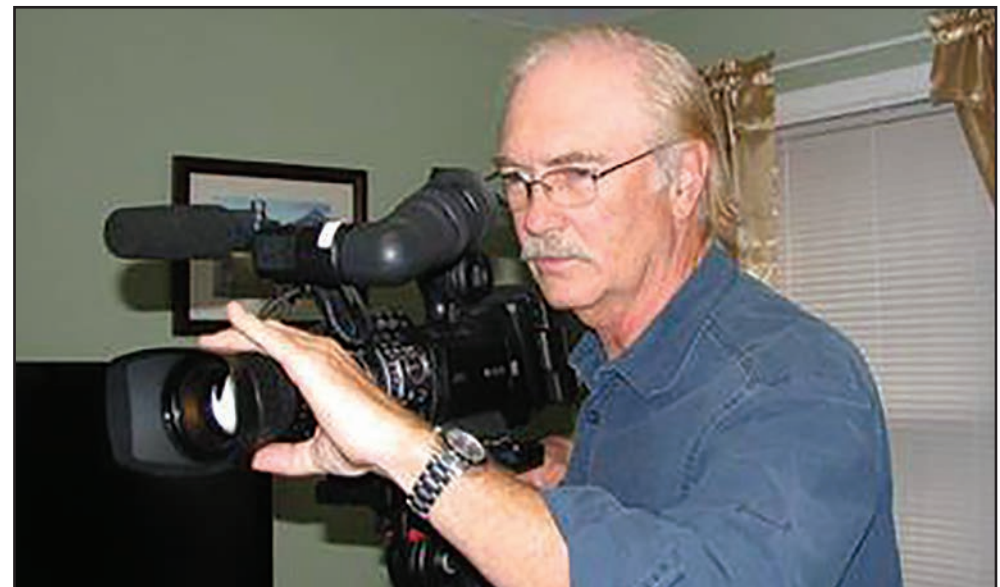
Through the process of making the documentary, Miller came to regard Crockett as his friend, as well as an icon of bay life.

“Willie IS Tangier Island; Willie IS the Chesapeake Bay, the marshes. He grew up hunting ducks and chasing crabs because that’s what there was to do as a young person on Tangier back in the day. ... They were out there in nature. ... He has all that in his mind. He has it all embedded in his memory,” Miller said.

Miller Productions produced four major documentaries in 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2018, all of which won awards.

Miller has done work with many different media outlets and other entities, including NBC-12, WCVE-PBS, Maryland Public Television, The Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, The Mathews Maritime Foundation, Capital One, Virginia Seafood, Green Top, Virginia Tech, Warner Hall, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury, and Henrico County Schools and local government, among others.

He also produced more than 100 bimonthly features for the broadcast



Dave Miller of Miller Productions. Photo courtesy of Miller Productions.

television program “Real Virginia.”

Due to COVID-19, Miller Productions is offering online screenings and downloads of all its Chesapeake Bay films for \$5. Go to www.gumroad.com/seachaser210 for a digital copy.

Miller Productions’ website is <http://millerproductionsofvirginia.com/index.html> and includes a link to the Willie Crockett film.

Crockett’s website is <http://www.williecrockett.com/index.html>

The Waterfront Band’s music is available for download at <http://waterfrontsessions.com/index.html>

Johnny Mo is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/johnny.mo.94/about> and some of his music can be heard online at <https://www.reverbnation.com/johnnymothemusicalchef>

His restaurant website also has information about the musical chef, at <https://eatatmallards.com/about-johnny-mo/>

Community Notes

Virtual Lunch With Paula Owens Parker

We are shaped by what we inherit. Our ecological environment, culture, ancestors, and parents pass on perceptions, beliefs, attitudes, and values embedded in our bodies, DNA, and emotions before we are born. We are influenced by what we experience. Our birth, childhood, family systems dynamics, school, faith tradition, and communities continue to inform who we are, what we believe, and our place in the world.

On Wednesday, March 17, at noon, the public is invited to spend a virtual lunch with the Rev. Paula Owens Parker, author of "Roots Matter: Healing History, Honoring Heritage, Renewing Hope." This one-hour, free presentation will illustrate how to locate the trauma in our lives and the resilience created in response to trauma. It will identify criteria for recognizing how generational trauma influences

family life and introduce practices to foster resilience. Intentional and compassionate choices to mourn the losses and celebrate the strength can restore trust and vitality in family relationships and communities.

The virtual Zoom webinar program can be joined online via computer or personal device or by phone. To register and receive the program link, go to <https://tinyurl.com/y6p8er3h>

"What Makes You So Strong?" is sponsored by Community Partners of the Eastern Shore, the Community Services Board, and the Eastern Shore Public Library. For more information or questions, call 757-787-3400 or email espl@espl.org.

Grants-in-Aid to Future Teachers

The Lambda Chapter of DKG Society International will award grants to female high school seniors, college un-

dergraduates, and graduate students who intend to pursue a career in education. These future teachers must be residents of Accomack County or Northampton County. There are four scholarships totaling over \$11,000. Interested persons may apply for these grants by completing the application and returning it by April 1.

To apply or for questions, contact Norma Jones, grant-in-aid chairperson, P.O. Box 291, Nassawadox, VA 23413, or call 757-442-7796.

Relay for Life Virtual Kickoff

Relay for Life of Nandua will host a virtual kickoff for its 2021 fundraising season Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. Register at relayforlife.org/nanduava to receive the Zoom invitation.

During the kickoff party, cancer survivor Tee Wells will share his story. Participants will learn how to organize a new team; use the FUNdraising app; and much more. Door prizes will be mailed after the meeting, and be sure to wear your best pajama bottoms for the session because there will be a prize for that, too.

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and this year's local event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11. Still have Relay Rewards points from last year? They'll roll over if you register now!

Contact 2021 Relay for Life of Nandua Chair Cheli West at chelinwest@gmail.com or 757-646-8451 with questions.

Neuter Scooter

The Virginia Beach SPCA's Neuter Scooter, a mobile surgical clinic, visits the Eastern Shore each month.

- The cost for cats is \$92, male dogs \$118, and female dogs \$123 for spay/neuter surgery and an additional \$10 for rabies vaccination if not current. Additional charges will apply for large dogs and pets in-season or pregnant. Appointments are required.

- Vaccinations/heartworm or FeLV/FIV tests, heartworm/flea preventions are also available from the Neuter Scooter from 11 a.m. to noon. No

appointment is necessary. There is a \$10 exam fee plus vaccine cost; vaccinations vary in price. There's a \$12 additional fee for pets not altered.

The scooter closes promptly at noon.

The Neuter Scooter schedule for 2021 is as follows: Feb. 18, 19, March 18, 19, April 15, 16, May 13, 14, June 17, 18, July 15, 16, Aug. 19, 20, Sept. 16, 17, Oct. 14, 15, Nov. 18, 19, and Dec. 2, 3.

For more information, call 757-787-7385, or email shorespca@gmail.com.

Community Foundation Grant

The deadline for local nonprofit organizations to apply to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation for the spring 2021 round of grants is March 1.

Organizations that are interested in applying should visit the website for the foundation at <http://www.esvcf.com> and submit a concept proposal as soon as possible. Approved concepts must submit a full grant application no later than March 1.

These grants meet a broad range of needs by:

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- Making critical grants to local nonprofits to meet current and emerging community needs and opportunities. Past grants funded capital projects ranging from roof replacements, facility renovations and improvements that allow nonprofits to operate safely and efficiently as well as other grants where a substantial number of Shore residents are positively impacted by the project. Recent grants were made to a variety of local organizations including fire companies, arts organizations, social service organizations as well as environmental and educational groups.

For more information about the foundation, visit the website <http://www.esvcf.com> or contact Julie Badger, executive director, at 757-789-0910 or esvcf2016@gmail.com.

Public Input Sought on 2021-2022 School Budget Proposal

The Northampton County School Board will hold a Budget Input Session on the 2021-2022 School Budget Proposal on February 25, 2021, at 7 p.m., to be held in the Conference Room at the Central Administration Office located at 7207 Young Street, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. This will be a virtual public hearing and instructions to access the Zoom meeting will be on the NCPS website. Parents, community members and school employees will have access through a Q&A function in Zoom to submit questions to tell the Superintendent and the School Board their top funding priorities for the school system. The regularly scheduled monthly School Board Meeting will take place at 6 p.m. prior to the Budget Input Session. For further information, contact Mrs. Karen Pitt at (757) 678-5151 ext. #2002.

Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Virtual Meetings

The Project Management Team for the Mary N. Smith Cultural Enrichment Team has several virtual community meetings coming up. The virtual community meetings will be via Zoom.

The first meeting was held Thursday, Feb. 11. The next meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. The link to join the session is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84032309468?pwd=ckFzRG11YStNakxZbnVIMDFGeklFQT09> There will also be a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. The link to join the session is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82784713664?pwd=YWphTjJEN1hHL1ZHSdICWmpHODJjZz09>

Everyone is encouraged to complete

the community survey using this link: <https://forms.gle/B7wvmsfaAYV7nkfy9>

The organization is seeking the community input of: individuals, families, civic organizations, corporations, small business owners, alumni members, community leaders, and more.

The event is hosted by New Road Community Development,

P.O. Box 1296, Exmore, VA 23350. For more information on the NRCC, email avagabrielle@ussustainabledevelopmentcorp.com. The event is also hosted by the MNSAA Project Management Team. For more information about MNSAA, contact mnsgrants15@gmail.com.



Smith/Morris Valentine's Day Wedding

Betty Smith and Anthony Morris, both of Exmore, will be married at Onancock Baptist Chapel Feb. 14, by Senior Pastor Andy Cobb.

Smith and Morris have been friends for five years in different apartments in the same building. She retired from McDonald's after 21 years. She also worked at the shirt factory, clam house, and Delaney's. He has retired, also. He was a youth pastor for 10 years and an educator for 20 years.

They both love the Lord and Exmore Baptist Church and Onancock Baptist Church. As a widow and widower, they found love and each other in their senior years. Morris proposed to Betty on Thanksgiving Day, and Smith said yes.



Betty Smith and Anthony Morris

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Northampton County Department of EMS will be hosting a "mostly" virtual EMT class that runs from **Saturday February 27, 2021, to Saturday June 19, 2021**. Classes will meet online using Zoom every Monday and Thursday night from 6:30-10:00 p.m. with 2 in person practical classes each month on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cost per student is \$420 and includes the online course access with e-textbook, CPR certification and online test prep access. There is a scholarship available to reimburse the qualifying students after class starts.

For more information contact NCEMS at 757-678-0411.

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Announcements



Larry and Nina Thornton would like to announce their 50th wedding anniversary. We would like you to help us celebrate by sending us anniversary cards. We hope to receive 50 cards, one for each year. Our anniversary is on February 14th.

Our address is:

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thornton
30227 Downing Road
Oak Hall, VA 23416



The families of the late Nakesh T. Savage would like to express their love, gratitude, and thankfulness to each and everyone for all their support, all acts of kindness, and prayers during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to the New Hope Community Center and McDonald's May God's blessings always follow you.

*Sincerely,
The Savage, Belin, Pettit,
and Toney families*

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After his passing, we received a lot of love, kindness, cards, prayers, phone calls, and food. Thank you for all of your kindness.

~ Sara Wood

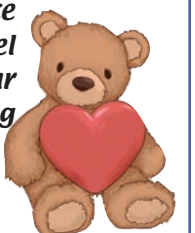
Carol,
Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Anniversary. You are a wonderful woman for putting up with me for 31 years. You do so much for people. I like having you by my side.

Love Always,
James Bishop



To Brantley Bishop:
Happy Valentine's Day to a very nice grandson. You are our little angel and we love you so much. This is your fourth year and we love watching you grow up.

Love You Always,
Grandma and PopPop



Announcements (Cont'd)

**Deborah T. Wessells
Happy 38th Anniversary
on February 12th**



An Eternal Memory...Until We Meet Again
Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do
you always meant so very much
and always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause me pain
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again

Love, your husband: Tyrone, son: T.W., daughters:
Tyrontha, Renae, grandkids: Boogie, La'Meere,
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**Happy 18th Anniversary Wishes
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Morris on Valentine's Day.
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you both. Thanks for taking care of me
when I was sick.**



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Billy,

I will always love you. I miss you more than
words could ever say. I thank God, our Father, for
the many, many years we shared together.
Happy, Happy Birthday, Billy!!

Sleep on and one day we will meet again.

Your loving wife Annie M. Collins and family

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Help Wanted

Correctional Officer

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

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

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Deadline for applications: February 28, 2021.

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Applications may be obtained in person from the Eastern Shore Regional Jail, 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Virginia 23347, or online at https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

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For a copy of the full job description or to apply, please send an email with your resume and brief explanation of interest to chamber@northamptoncountychamber.com



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William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science Laboratory located in Wachapreague, VA seeks applicants for the following temporary position:

Laboratory & Field Summer Intern: Position # T0374V

This position requires the incumbent to be actively enrolled in a high school, college or university degree program. This position also requires the incumbent's primary residence to be located in Accomack or Northampton County, VA. Incumbent is required to be at a minimum of a rising senior position in High School.

The Laboratory & Field Summer intern position assists with ongoing research projects. The responsibilities will include: assisting with field and lab data collection; assisting with sample collection and transport; preparation and clean-up of field and lab equipment; and assisting with the maintenance and care of laboratory facilities.

Please send cover letter and resume to Linda Ward [lward@vims.edu], or mail to P.O. Box 350, Wachapreague, VA 23480 by March 13, 2021.

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The Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission is now seeking strong candidates for the following position:

Marketing Director (full time)

The Marketing Director reports directly to the Executive Director and is responsible for all aspects of marketing of the tourism industry in both Accomack and Northampton Counties for the Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission. Responsible for all social media and content management, website maintenance, analytical data management reporting and development of media/travel industry relations. This position is also responsible for grant writing and reporting when needed.

Min. Req.: A Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, Public Relations, Journalism or closely-related field and 2-3 years' experience, preferably in tourism, or any combination of training and experience which provide the required skills, knowledge and abilities. An emphasis will be placed on those who have worked with the promotion of tourism and have experience in journalism, photography, videography and social media.

Salary: Highly competitive compensation.

For job descriptions or to apply:

1. Visit www.VisitESVA.com, or
2. Email, executivedirector@esvatourism.org.



Resumes should be emailed to
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by close of business **Friday, February 19, 2021.**

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Deputy Clerk - Treasurer's Office [Deputy Treasurer I, II or III]
F/T position w/benefits | Salary: \$25,364 – \$37,456
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Accomack County is currently recruiting for a full-time Deputy Clerk position in the Treasurer's office – Deputy Treasurer I, II or III. The position is responsible for performing a variety of data processes and customer service duties for the Treasurer's Office. The position's designation of I, II or III will be determined by the extent of demonstrated knowledge, skills, and abilities, including: Excel proficiency, ability to write report queries and extract data, experience with relational databases and understanding of data integrity. Excellent problem solving skills and ability to maintain confidentiality in an office setting; a balance between basic operational/technical skills and strong proofing and accuracy abilities for reconciling financial transactions.

Minimum qualifications are: High school diploma or GED; supplemented by vocational/technical training in business or data processing; supplemented by 1 to 3 years previous experience and/or training involving data input work; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. For Deputy Clerk II or III – minimum qualifications include more than 3 years' experience and education or training in banking, finance or information technology. **Preferred qualifications** are: bilingual capabilities, strong data management skills and prior handling of cash and credit card transactions. Satisfactory completion of a background check, and pre-employment drug screening are required prior to employment. Application and instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>. Electronic applications are preferred. **First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2021.**

Accomack County is committed to an inclusive and diverse workforce.

EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
is currently recruiting for a

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The mission of The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce is to serve, promote, and connect the businesses and communities of the Eastern Shore.

ESVA Chamber is seeking to fill the position of **Executive Director**, which is a key representative and advocate for business owners and employers in a community. As the chief executive officer of the chamber of commerce, the Executive Director is responsible for the daily operation of the chamber office and staff. The E.D. will furnish leadership within the chamber and the community in order to help support the chamber's mission statement. The E.D. will help develop and guide programs intended to improve business and civic conditions. The E.D. of the Chamber will also serve as the part-time E.D. for the ESVA Tourism Commission.

Qualifications/Requirements:

Knowledge of: Marketing and public relations techniques; word processing, database management; working knowledge of accounting and finance; principles of volunteer management, program administration and strategic planning; and operation of a board of directors.

Ability to: Handle multiple tasks and projects, develop and motivate volunteers, communicate effectively, review and appraise complex issues; supervise personnel; establish and maintain strong working relations with others.

Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration or related field from an accredited institution is a minimum requirement.

Experience: At least five years of recent progressive administrative experience in a chamber of commerce or closely related organization.

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This is a full-time position with benefits.

For more information, visit our website at <https://www.esva-chamber.org/>. If you are a community-driven person looking to make a difference, kindly forward your resume to:

Mr. Will Russell
PO Box 460
Onley, VA 23418
will@easternshoreradio.com

Resume must be submitted via email or postmarked by March 1, 2021.

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If a reasonable accommodation is needed for the interview process, please contact Will Russell
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Help Wanted (Cont'd)

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board is seeking candidates for the following positions:
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Peer Recovery/Engagement Specialist Clinician

Part-time Peer Recovery Specialist
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager- Outpatient Services
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Program Monitor

Northampton Co. Parks and Recreation department is currently accepting applications for a part-time program monitor position. The position will be responsible for regular attendance and punctuality of all Parks and Rec. programs, including opening and closing Parks & Rec. facilities during program practices and games, set up and break down of necessary equipment needed for programs. Minimum qualifications for this position are a high school diploma or equivalent, including some experience in athletics. Applicants must be able to speak clearly and distinctly, understand and follow detailed directions. Applicants must be able to clear a criminal background investigation before employment is offered. An application can be obtained thru the Human Resources office or by clicking the link (https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings). Completed application form and cover letter can be submitted to Human Resources, PO BOX 66, Eastville, Va. 23347 no later than Friday, February 26, 2021, by 5pm. Northampton County is an EOE.

Recreation Score Keeper I

Northampton Co. Parks and Recreation department is currently accepting applications for a part-time Recreation Score Keeper. The position will be responsible for regular attendance and punctuality of all Parks and Rec. programs, including keeping accurate time, score and statistics for various sport programs.

Minimum qualifications for this position are a high school diploma or equivalent, including some experience in athletics. Applicants must be able to speak clearly and distinctly, understand and follow detailed directions. Applicants must be able to clear a criminal background investigation before employment is offered.

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Recreation Score Keeper 2

Northampton Co. Parks and Recreation department is currently accepting applications for a part-time Recreation Scorekeeper. The position will be responsible for regular attendance and punctuality of all Parks and Rec. programs, including keeping accurate time, score and statistics for various sport programs. Minimum qualifications for this position are a high school diploma or equivalent, including some experience in athletics. Applicants must be able to speak clearly and distinctly, understand and follow detailed directions. Applicants must be able to clear a criminal background investigation before employment is offered. An application can be obtained thru the Human Resources office or by clicking the link (https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings). Completed application form and cover letter can be submitted to Human Resources, PO BOX 66, Eastville, Va. 23347 no later than Friday, February 26, 2021, by 5pm. Northampton County is an EOE.

Parks & Recreation Referee

Northampton County, Virginia

Northampton County is accepting applications for a part time Sports Activities Referee for the Parks & Recreation Department. Referee certification is preferred and previous experience is required. Applicants must be able to clear a criminal background investigation before employment is offered. An application can be obtained thru the Human Resources office or by clicking the link (https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings). Completed application form and cover letter can be submitted to Human Resources, PO BOX 66, Eastville, Va. 23347 no later than Friday, February 26, 2021, by 5pm. Northampton County is an EOE.

Family Services Specialist I/II Northampton Social Services

Position Number: L00060
 Hiring Range: \$30,828.00 – depending upon budget
 Location: Eastville, VA 23347
 Application Deadline: February 26, 2021 at 4:30PM

Office Associate III (Re-Advertisement) Northampton Social Services

Position Number: L00027
 Hiring Range: \$21,761.00 – depending upon budget
 Location: Eastville, VA 23347
 Application Deadline: February 26, 2021 at 4:30PM

Benefit Programs Specialist I/II (Bilingual) Northampton Social Services

Position Number: L00018
 Hiring Range: \$28,187.00 – depending upon budget
 Location: Eastville, VA 23347
 Application Deadline: February 26, 2021 at 4:30PM

For more information on these positions, please visit <https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov>. Applications for these positions must be submitted electronically through this website (<https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov>). Mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered applications and resumes will not be accepted.
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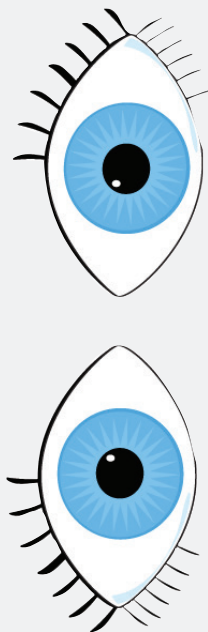
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 TOWN COUNCIL
 TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VA
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The Town Council for the Town of Onancock, VA will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following ordinance changes:

- o Public Hearing - Town Code 36-19 to 36-29, Town Wharf
- o Public Hearing - Town Code REPEAL 26-71 to 26-78, Vehicle Decal and ADD 16-243 to 16-251, Vehicle License Fee
- o Public Hearing - Town Code 28-20, Trash
- o Public Hearing - N.E. Project Planning Grant - DHCD Previous Use of Funds

The Onancock Town Council discussed these ordinance changes and is now eager to hear the opinions and comments from Onancock residents and businesses.

A copy of the proposed ordinance changes are available for review upon request or at www.Onancock.com. Questions or comments may be directed to Matt Spuck, Town Manager, at 757-787-3363, or via email at Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com.

To participate in the virtual Public Hearing please visit www.onancock.com and select Calendar & Events. Choose the Town Council meeting on February 22, which includes a link to the virtual meeting.

Questions or comments can be submitted to Matt Spuck at the above referenced email address prior to the meeting to be read on the record.

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
 TOWN COUNCIL
 TOWN OF ONANCOCK, VA
 FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

The Town Council for the Town of Onancock, VA will conduct a virtual public hearing on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., to consider one (1) special use permit application for the following:

Special Use Permit application - SUP 02:21

Onancock Baptist Church requests a special use permit to purchase 67 Market Street in the Town of Onancock. This parcel is currently (and will remain) zoned Business-Down-town (B-1). The Tax Map number is 85A2-A-280.

A copy of the special use permit application and staff report are available for review upon request. Questions or comments may be directed to Matt Spuck, Town Manager, at 757-787-3363, or via email at Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com.

To participate in the virtual Public Hearing please visit www.onancock.com and select Calendar & Events. Choose the Town Council meeting on February 22, which includes a link to the virtual meeting.

Questions or comments can be submitted to Matt Spuck at the above referenced email address prior to the meeting to be read on the record.

Notice of Taking Proof of Debts and Demands of the Estate of Raymond H. Tozer

At the request of Wendy Tozer Feller, Executor of the estate of Raymond H. Tozer, I have fixed Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. as the time, and the office of Custis, Dix, Lewis & Custis, L.L.P., 23345 Counsel Drive, Accomac, VA 23301, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the said decedent or his estate.

Given under my hand this 8th day of February, 2021.

Henry P. Custis, Jr.
Commissioner of Accounts
of the Circuit Court of
Accomack County, Virginia

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Notice of Taking Proof of Debts and Demands of the Estate of Francis Victor Schmidt

Pursuant to § 64.2-550 of the Code of Virginia (1950) and at the request of Paula Seiberlich and John W. Wescoat, Esq., Executors of the Estate of Francis Victor Schmidt, deceased, I have fixed Thursday, the 25th day of February, 2021, 9:00 a.m., at 16464 Courthouse Road, Suite 201, Eastville, Virginia, as the time and place for receiving proof of debts and demands against Francis Victor Schmidt or her estate.

Given under my hand this 9th day of February, 2021.

C.A. Turner, III
Commissioner of Accounts
Northampton County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

RE: ESTATE OF KIRK C. MARINER, deceased

Court File No. 201700140

SHOW CAUSE ORDER AGAINST DISTRIBUTION

It is Ordered that the creditors of, and all other persons interested in, the above estate show cause, if any they can, on the 18th day of February, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., before this Court, at its Courthouse, Accomack County Circuit Court Building, 23312 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, Virginia 23301, against the payment and delivery of the estate to the distributees without requiring refunding bonds.

It appearing to the Court that reports of the accounts of Anne E. Barnes, Executor of the above estate and of the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, and upon motion of the personal representative, it is further Order that the caption, style and first paragraph of the Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper of general circulation in Accomack County, Virginia.

ENTER: January 28, 2021
W. Revell Lewis III, Judge

I ask for this:
HOWARD C. WESSELLS II
Virginia State Bar No. 31171
23318 Courthouse Ave., P.O. Box 30
Accomac, VA 23301
Telephone: (757)787-1077 Fax: (757)787-9294

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Lieberum have applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct a sill and coir logs with sand fill and native wetland plantings adjacent to Lot #108-1-16 on Clearwater Way along Curratuck Creek in Accomack County.

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

LEGAL NOTICE REGARDING DANGEROUS STRUCTURES PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE SECTION 94.03, Northampton County has determined that the following structures endanger the public health and safety or other residents of the locality and that said structures must be removed, repaired or secured within thirty days of this publication.

Property Owner	Lien Holder	Property Address
Ellen Smith c/o Randolph Satchell	None	Stumptown Road 00068-0A-00-0000050
Arlenia Howell c/o Mondray Isureal	None	5202 Cobbs Station Road 00077-0A-00-0000060
OysterVA LLC	None	6423 Sunnyside Road 0085A-03-00-00014A1
Gwendolyn Rigglin	None	11306 Harmon Road 0040B-09-00-0000030

If the owner(s) of the above referenced parcels fail to remove, repair or secure the structure within 30 days of this publication, the County will remove the structure and the cost of the removal shall be chargeable to the owner(s) of the structure and shall be collected as taxes are collected. Inquires may be directed to Tom Rippon at twrippon@co.northampton.va.us or 757-678-0440 Ext. 526.

Invitation to Bid

County of Northampton

POLE BUILDING FOR COUNTY STORAGE

The County of Northampton, Virginia is accepting sealed bids for the construction of a new 30'x48' pole building for county storage within the Northampton County Government Complex in Eastville, VA. The actual location of the work shall be behind the Northampton County Sheriff's Office, located at 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, VA. Bids will be received at the office of the County Administrator, 16404 Courthouse Road, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 until 3:00 PM, Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter.

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

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

All bidders are subject to and must comply with the provisions of Northampton County's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and applicable State and Federal anti-discrimination laws.

Request for Proposals

The Town of Cape Charles is requesting proposals for consulting services for the proposed acquisition of the Town's public utility systems under the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (PPEA). Proposals will be received in the Town Hall Building, 2 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 until 2:00 PM local prevailing time on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. A Request for Proposals package may be obtained online at www.capecharles.org under Bid Opportunities, or by contacting the Town Clerk at 757-331-3259, ext. 10. Proposals received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Cape Charles Planning Commission will hold a public hearing via electronic communications on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Cape Charles Civic Center, 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive comment on a request made by Patina Green, LLC dba Suzy's Old Fashioned Frozen Custard to rezone 303 Jefferson Avenue (tax map # 83A1-184C) and 309 Jefferson (tax map # 83A1-1-81C) from Residential - 1 (R-1) to Commercial - 1 (C-1); said services thru said rezoning would enable the addition of a golf cart drive-thru service window to the existing structure and improved exterior seating. The intent is to operate a frozen custard shop with a golf cart drive-thru service.

The Planning Commission will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the request. The application is available for public review on our website at www.capecharles.org. Please contact the Planning Department at 331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

9017 Snyder Lane, Sanford, VA 23426

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated April 21, 2008, and recorded at Instrument Number 200802177 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally \$189,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

March 11, 2021 at 1:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being near Sanford, Accomack County, Virginia, located West of but not bordering, Virginia Road 695 leading from Sanford to Saxis and described as follows: Beginning for the same at the Northeast corner of that parcel of land now or formerly owned by Anthony S. Czarniak and wife, same being the Northwest corner of the property hereby conveyed; thence (1) South 71 degrees 15 minutes East for a distance of 130 feet to a marker; thence (2) by and with a ditch South 18 degrees 45 minutes West for a distance of 127 feet to a marker; thence (3) by and with reserved land of the Grantor herein North 71 degrees 15 minutes West for a distance of 130 feet to a marker; thence (4) by and with the Easterly line of said Czarniak property, North 18 degrees 45 minutes East for a distance of 127 feet to the place of beginning, containing 16.510 square feet of land, more or less, and the Grantor hereby conveys herein privileges of egress and ingress over a right of way 30 feet in width, fully described in a Deed from Grace White to the said Anthony S. Czarniak, et ux, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County in Deed Book 266 at page 397 and further including a right of way 25 feet in width, running from the Southwestern most corner of the land hereby conveyed unto the first described right of way, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$465.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Rosenberg & Associates, LLC
(Attorney for the Secured Party)
4340 East West Highway, Suite 600
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301-907-8000
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

28537 Bloxom Road, Parksley, VA 23421

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated February 22, 2005, and recorded at Instrument Number 200501421 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally \$100,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at main entrance of the Accomack County Circuit Court, located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue on:

March 11, 2021 at 1:00 PM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain lot or parcel of land containing 3.20 acres by actual survey on State Route 812 near Gargatha, Hetompkin Historical District, Accomack County, Virginia, shown as Lot C on a certain Plat entitled "Subdivision of part of property of Frank W. Blake D.D. 562 P. 628 near Gargatha, Hetompkin District, Accomack County Virginia" dated December 11, 1991, made by Eastern Shore Surveyors, Ltd., which said Plat is attached to and made a part of this Deed and reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description hereof. Said lot or parcel is bounded on the Southwest, by State Route 812 (40' R/W), as shown on said plat; on the Northwest, by Lot B, as shown on said Plat. It being a part of Tract 111 in a certain Deed from Alfred J. Gibbons, Jr. to Frank W. Blake and Maxine L. Blake, his wife dated May 23, 1989, and of record in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of Accomack County, Virginia, in Deed Book 562, at Page 628, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000.00, or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTION TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$465.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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

Legal Advertising (Cont'd)

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

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM

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

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

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

TOGETHER WITH all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise

appertaining.

Tax ID: 00090-04-00-0000061

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

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

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

NOTICE: ABANDONED WATERCRAFT

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

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

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

NOTICE FOR DBE/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS & MATERIAL SUPPLIERS

Branscome Eastern Shore is currently soliciting subcontractor and material proposals on the following project:

VDOT Order 552 – PM5G-001-723,P401;PM5G-001-724,P401
Bid Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:00 AM
We request quotes by 5:00 PM on March 17, 2021 on the Following bid items:

Pavement Markings & Signage, Rumble Strip Asphalt, Flexible Pave Planing, Maintenance of Traffic, Saw Cutting & Enclosed Cable, Eradication and Trucking

We encourage minority and/or female subcontractors and suppliers to contact Wes Parks at 757-787-4801 or fax a quote to 757-787-8149.

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An Elephant in the Room

Dear Editor:

What has happened to conservatism in the U.S.? Conservatism produced recent icons such as Goldwater, McCain, Buckley, Kemp. Now we have venality coming from the likes of Hawley and Cruz. Trump will probably be acquitted, but even though he is out of office, it is like a surgeon leaving half a tumor still in the body with those other two still in the Senate.

Conservative mantra used to be “with rights come responsibilities.” No more. Armed thugs claiming to support the 2nd Amendment invade state legislatures and the National Capitol. I doubt this is what the founding fathers wanted when they composed the 2nd Amendment. After all, the first four words are “a well regulated militia.” Regardless of the first amendment, words have consequences and should be chosen carefully by those in power. Yet many of today’s conservatives are perfectly fine with Trump’s incitement of terrorism. In 1968, at the Mexico City Olympics, two Black American sprinters stood on the podium and raised their fists skyward. They caught holy hell for that gesture. This is exactly what Senator Hawley did as he urged the terrorist mob on to the Capitol. He needs to catch holy hell!

Conservatives supposedly stand for limited government. Is it limited government to have the government “invade” a woman’s bedroom to tell a woman what to do with her own body? And then make it more difficult for her to access health care? Conservatives talk about “American Exceptionalism.” How does that jibe with a Black service member leaving the military after wearing the uniform and then encountering difficulty voting? Today’s conservatives do not believe in accountability; they are perfectly willing to devote themselves to a man whose denials and mismanagement oversaw the deaths of 450,000 (and counting) of their fellow citizens.

There is one simple elephant (metaphor intentional) in the room. They will not demonstrate (for the most part) any

courage for one simple reason. They are afraid of getting “primaried” in their next election.

Perhaps they should look at the last six words of the Pledge of Allegiance, “with liberty And justice for all.” Then they might graduate from being “bumper-sticker” patriots to being real patriots.

Rick Saunders, Chincoteague

Don't Rat on Businesses

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to the Post article titled “Hundreds of Pandemic Rule Violation Complaints Filed with the Health District” (Jan. 29).

I find it sad that as a result of this pandemic, we have become a nation that feels it necessary to report our friends and neighbors for their actions. In these difficult times acting as an anonymous “watchdog” is not needed so much as support for businesses which put themselves at risk for all of us everyday. Business owners are doing the best they can and if one does not feel comfortable in the establishment one has the right to leave.

I understand the need to protect one another but let’s recognize the challenges we are all facing and help each other in a more civil manner.

Virginia Schneider, Bloxom

Keep God, Politics Separate

Dear Editor:

We all watched in horror as an angry mob attempted to overthrow our sacred democracy, storming our Capitol claiming to be “patriots.” Bearing nooses, Confederate flags, weapons, and chanting “Kill Mike Pence” and “Where’s Nancy?” Five died while some beat an officer with an American flag and another crushed a peace keeper in a doorway. All this while flying flags proclaiming “God and Country,” “Law and Order,” “Auschwitz,” and “Stop the Steal,” and many sporting Swastikas.

I was particularly seared when I saw a flag proclaiming “Jesus Saves” and another mobster dressed as the Grim Reaper clutching a Bible in his claws.

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My siblings and I were raised in a tiny burl of a

town in upstate New York in a solid Eisenhower Republican household. We attended a one-room schoolhouse, starting our academic day with the pledge followed by the Lord’s Prayer or the 23rd Psalm. We not only learned the 3 Rs and our nation’s history, we were taught to shape our lives in the form and fashion of righteousness, taught to ask “what would Jesus do and what would Jesus say” before acting. Mom was a Sunday School teacher and Deacon, solidly woven into the fabric of our true, compassionate, and loving holy word and we followed her footsteps.

We learned our work ethic from Proverbs 24:33; our moral guardrails from Matthew 19:18; our respect for law from Jeremiah 22:3; not to call people names from Matthew 5:21; our love for all living beings under God from John 13:34; and, love for immigrants from Exodus 22:21. We were warned about false prophets who preach hatred and divisiveness from Matthew 7:15 and hypocrisy from Matthew 23:23.

With that spiritual tap root we hold that partisan politics are nothing more than the shirt on your back or the shoes you wear. They mean nothing in the context that we are all children of God, and when we call each other names or condemn our partisan leanings, we are disrespecting our creator and only hurt ourselves when we spew such vitriolic judgment. Those acts and words are between us and our God, and they have nothing to do with the fact that we need to love each other ... unconditionally.

Ken Dufty, Exmore

Northampton Salvation Army: “Thanks!”

Dear Editor:

The Salvation Army of Northampton County greatly appreciates the many, many gifts that our community has provided to families in Northampton Coun-

ty. This year Salvation Army volunteers rang bells at the Food Lions in Exmore and Cape Charles, CBBT Welcome Center and Walmart in Onley. We thank the many volunteers that donated two hours or more to stand by one of our Red Kettles. Kettle donations and donations sent to our address (P.O. Box 1274, Exmore, VA 23350) remain with the chapter and are important in providing needed assistance to our community. We have also established a website to accept donations (<https://www.salvationarmyeasternshoreva.org/>)

The money raised during the holiday season enables us to provide not only joy at Christmas but 365 days a year. Because of your support, we will continue to provide services and funds to individuals that have experienced a sudden, unexpected emergency in 2021. We receive referrals from community organizations including Social Services and Northampton Social Ministries to support individuals and families in recovering from fires, illness, homelessness, disasters and other issues.

We just completed the annual Angel Tree and Toy Closet program. This program, done in cooperation with the Northampton County Department of Social Services, provided gifts to children from birth to twelve years of age. This year over 260 children received Angel Tree gifts and toys. Our distribution was very different as the Angel Gift was a \$50 gift card from Walmart that could only be used for children’s clothing and the toys were selected by the Marines in Tidewater and delivered to us bagged and ready to distribute. We especially thank the following for their support: Northampton County Social Services and Sheriff’s Department, Eastern Shore Post, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel staff, Walmart, Bless our Children, Edward Jones, community churches and the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

The joy and privilege that is ours is made possible only by the generosity of our community. On behalf of our families, THANK YOU and may God Bless you!

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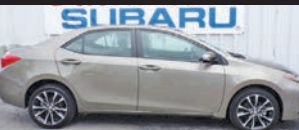


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