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Wings Abound at Ticktown

Wingfest coordinator Barry Mears holds “#1 Gyrfalcon Carving,” by Billie Crockett. The carving fetched \$4,300 at the online auction of the Ticktown Wingfest Sunday. The event, including the cooking and sale of 8,500 chicken wings donated by Tyson Foods, raised funds to help Michelle Buell, of Onancock, in her battle with cancer. The event took place at Onancock Elks Lodge 1766. See story and photos on Page 20. Photo by Jim Ritch.

Two Bloxom Men Die, Driver Critically Injured in Tuesday Night Crash

Staff Report

Virginia State Police were called Feb. 17 to investigate a single-vehicle accident at the 17100 block of Metompkin Road, south of Nelsonia Road.

According to State Police spokeswoman Sgt. Michelle Anaya, preliminary investigations reveal that at approximately 8:29 p.m., the driver of a 2009 Lexus ES350, Brian Markis Handy, was traveling in the southbound lanes of Metompkin Road when he encountered an area of standing water, hydroplaned, and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle then left the roadway, striking a tree head-on.

The rear seat passenger, Jemel Lydell Toppin, 34, of Bloxom, was not

wearing a seatbelt and died upon impact. Handy and his front seat passenger, Samuel Keynhia Dennis, were also not wearing their seatbelts and were airlifted to Norfolk Sentara Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Dennis, 34, also of Bloxom, died in flight to Norfolk Sentara.

“Speed played a contributing factor in the traffic crash, no seat belts were worn by either occupant, and it is unknown at this time if alcohol played a contributing factor,” wrote Anaya in the release.

Anaya said family members/next of kin had been notified.

Charges are pending the review of the case by the commonwealth’s attorney’s office.

Statewide Vaccination Call Center, Website Accepting Preregistrations

By Carol Vaughn

A statewide, centralized preregistration system and call center for Virginia’s COVID-19 vaccination program rolled out this week after the Virginia Department of Health directed local health districts to stop registering people over the weekend.

The pause was to allow information from those who previously filled out a form or signed up for a waitlist through the local health department to be imported into the new, statewide system.

The VDH announced www.vaccinate.virginia.gov went live Tues-

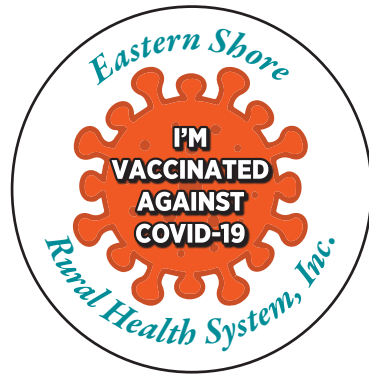
day, Feb. 16, with a statewide hotline launched Wednesday.

Gov. Ralph Northam announced in a briefing Wednesday the launch of the hotline, 877-VAX-IN-VA, or 877-829-4682, where Virginians can preregister to be vaccinated and also get information. The call center is staffed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

People who previously preregistered with their local health district do not need to register again. They will maintain their current status in the queue and still will be assigned to their local health district, according to

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COVID-19 Vaccinations Now Available to Phase 1b!



COVID-19 vaccinations are given at no out-of-pocket cost to you. Phase 1b includes People age 65+; People age 16-64 with a High Risk Medical Condition or Disability Increasing Chances of Severe Illness from COVID; People Living in Correctional Facilities, Homeless Shelters and Migrant Labor Camps; and Frontline Essential Workers.

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 1a and 1b can call to arrange for a vaccine. We are vaccinating Shore residents with the “first dose” as quickly as our supply of vaccine allows 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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Accomack To Spend Almost \$1M To Expand Broadband

By Carol Vaughn

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors authorized County Administrator Mike Mason to develop a memorandum of understanding with the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority to expand broadband services.

Projects in this phase total more than \$865,500 and will be paid for through funds derived from the federal CARES Act.

Miriam Riggs and Karen Downing submitted written comments asking for more public input on broadband expansion and expressing concerns about affordability and the lack of broadband in some areas.

Downing said in an informal poll she took via her Facebook page more than 145 respondents said “that internet service is a necessity.”

The board in September approved using up to \$1.1 million of CARES Act funding for broadband expansion.

Around \$98,000 has been spent to date to install public Wi-Fi hotspots in areas with high densities of public school students, mainly in impoverished areas, according to Mason.

Seven areas have received hotspots and two more are in being completed.

The second expansion phase, as approved Wednesday by the board, includes five components and will serve nearly 1,500 households.

Robert Bridgham, ESVA executive director, called the projects “another big step to try to help the community.”

The first component is to spend \$200,874 to allow communities that previously applied to the broadband authority’s micro-communities program but failed to qualify for assistance to get service.

The money would serve as matching funds, allowing 10 communities to get broadband. The authority previously deemed it too expensive to extend fiber to those communities, which include 102 homes.

Additionally, the fiber would pass by 301 more homes.

The communities include Big Road, Bogues Bay Drive, Creek Bluff, Dix Farm Road, Doe Crossing, Evergreen Lane, Locust Grove 2, Ox Hearth-Bethel Church, Hillsborough, and Metompkin View.

A second component is to spend

\$537,391 to construct fiber along 16 strategic road sections, totaling 41.7 miles.

The segments were determined using “several different data sets,” including county data about public school students, community college data, and business and financial data, Bridgham said.

The segments include Bayside Road from Deep Creek to Lee Mont; Chincoteague Road; Coal Kiln Road; Daugherty Road; Dogwood Drive; Greta Road; Haksneck Road; Matthews Road; Nandua Shores; Nelsonia Road; North Metompkin; Red Hill Road/Seaside; Redwood Road; Shell Bridge Road; Upshurs Neck Road; and Wisharts Point Road.

Third, \$50,000 would be used to help low- and moderate-income residents offset installation costs.

Fourth, \$52,266 would be used for the Red Bank community, which was included as a target community in a regional application for a state grant, should the application be denied.

Last, \$25,000 will be used to pay part of the preliminary engineering design cost for broadband in Captains Cove. The engineering, which will cost an estimated \$75,000, is a prerequisite to applying for a 2022 state grant to bring high-speed internet to around 1,000 households in the community.

Mason said it could cost \$1 million or more to install fiber-to-the-home broadband in Captains Cove.

Money for the projects was freed up as result of the county’s plan to reimburse itself for payroll costs for public service employees, as allowed under CARES Act guidelines.

2022 Budget Goes to Public Hearing

The board voted to schedule a public hearing for the fiscal year 2022 budget, after members agreed the version Mason presented on Feb. 8 did not need changes.

The budget does not include any new taxes or fees.

“The budget this year is what it is and we just don’t have room to do anything else but what has been presented,” said Chairman Ron Wolff.

Discussions about potential new revenue sources, including a meals tax and a cigarette tax, likely will continue separately and could result in a budget amendment later.



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Coastal Precast Systems Responds to Comments About Dust, Noise

By *Stefanie Jackson*

Photos by *Jim Ritch*

The Cape Charles concrete plant has come under scrutiny for its impact on the quality of life of town residents, and Coastal Precast Systems, which has owned and operated the decades-old plant since 2019, recently responded in writing to citizens' concerns.

Public comments heard at the Cape Charles Planning Commission's Feb. 2 meeting gave voice to concerns about "unacceptable dust and debris" and noise, which create a "threatening health environment" and diminish the outdoor experiences of residents and visitors alike.

But Coastal Precast Systems is committed to "helping to keep Cape Charles a beautiful and true working harbor town," the company said in a Feb. 10 press release.

That means taking action to address dust and noise emanating from the plant and the recent clearing of trees at the edge of the property, which put concrete plant operations in full view from the boardwalk of the adjacent Cape Charles Natural Area Preserve.

Coastal Precast is working to control its dust through several measures, including the purchase of a water truck that runs daily to keep the dust down.

The dust collectors for the cement silos have been rebuilt, and a reclamation system has been added to further cut air impurities.

Two large under-roof production facilities are under construction, which will minimize both dust and noise.

Another measure used to reduce noise is changing or repositioning audible alarms on concrete plant equipment, pointing the alarms away from town whenever possible while remaining in compliance with federal and state regulations from OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

"Safety is our #1 priority, these OSHA regulations are in place for that very purpose," the release stated.

Coastal Precast has measured how much noise carries from the concrete plant into town on at least two occasions.



Cranes and docks of Coastal Precast Systems rise beyond slips for recreational boaters in Cape Charles Town Harbor.

A noise survey was conducted using a decibel reader on the Cape Charles waterfront, when the concrete plant was in full operation, Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m. The noise level ranged from 52 to 55 decibels over a 30-second sample time.

Another noise survey was conducted Feb. 5, at three different locations in town. The noise level was 50 decibels at 11:30 a.m. on Mason Avenue, 50 decibels at 11:35 a.m. on Tazewell Avenue, and 56 decibels at 11:40 a.m. at The Shanty restaurant on the harbor.

To measure noise levels impacting a home, a decibel reading should be taken inside, four feet from the wall, the release stated.

Coastal Precast noted that noise levels between 52 and 55 decibels are equivalent to a "quiet office" and within the 65-decibel maximum allowed during regular business hours, according to Virginia Beach's noise ordinance.

The Cape Charles facility operates Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and occasionally runs on Saturday to make up for time lost on rainy days.

Tugboats and barges operate 24/7,

and "we strive to only operate during normal business hours but unfortunately, we are at the mercy of our customers and their schedule demands," the release stated.

Coastal Precast describes Cape Charles Mayor Smitty Dize and Town Manager John Hozey, as "a pleasure to work with" and communications with Bill Ballard, of the private group Citizens Concerned for Cape Charles, as "amicable."

Hozey told an Eastern Shore Post reporter that the town has a noise ordinance but according to state code, it cannot apply to industrial sites.

The removal of trees on Coastal Precast property, next to the Cape Charles nature preserve, was deemed necessary to concrete plant operations, and "we took care as to not overstep our boundary," the release stated.

There are no definitive plans to repair the viewshed from the nature preserve's boardwalk, but concepts for a wall have been discussed.

Hozey said he has not yet been to in-

spect the changed view from the boardwalk or considered discussing it with Coastal Precast Concrete.

Neither does Coastal Precast plan to expand the Cape Charles facility or its hours of operation. However, there are plans to add 50 to 100 more employees to the Cape Charles team of 160 concrete plant workers.

Creating local jobs is just one way Coastal Precast is a good corporate neighbor. It also supports local businesses, donates to local charities, supports local law enforcement, and hosts the town's annual Fourth of July fireworks display, the company disclosed.

Coastal Precast Systems says it continues to cooperate with town and Northampton County officials and listen to citizens' thoughts and ideas.

Coastal Precast Systems dates back to 1946, even before its historic predecessor in Cape Charles, Bayshore Concrete, which was established in 1961 to help build the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel.

Coastal Precast Systems employs more than 550 people at three facili-



Bill Ballard, a master naturalist whose grandfather was a waterman in Willis Wharf and father ran Ballard Fish & Oyster Co., stands on the boardwalk of the Cape Charles Natural Area Preserve that overlooks a newly expanded portion of Coastal Precast Systems. At Ballard's request, the company has made several changes to control dust and noise. "If we can resolve this harmoniously, no one has to lose," Ballard said.

ties, including Wilmington, N.C., and Chesapeake, which is also home to its main office.

Cape Charles is the newest location

of Coastal Precast but is positioned to become possibly the company's primary production facility due to its "unique orientation," making it accessible by barge.

In its first year of operations for Coastal Precast Systems, the Cape Charles concrete plant worked on two projects that required concrete pieces so large, they could only be transported by barge.

Those two projects were the construction of a U.S. Navy submarine production facility in Connecticut and the new Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge in Maryland, which spans 1.7 miles across the Potomac River.

Coastal Precast also aspires to be a good environmental neighbor and, while cleaning up its Cape Charles property, has recycled more than 60,000 tons of concrete, disposed about 5,000 tons of scrap steel and iron, and demolished many corroded buildings.

Coastal Precast Systems is Northampton County's largest employer and generates an annual taxable revenue of about \$40 million to \$50 million.

The company was expected to address the Cape Charles Town Council at its Feb. 18 meeting.

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a press release.

Data from the Virginia Immunization Information System is being used to remove from the list names of people who already have been vaccinated.

Local health departments will still manage their own lists, but they will be on the new platform.

"The form will change, but the process will not," said Dr. Danny Avula, state vaccine coordinator, in a briefing Friday.

Virginians who preregister online all will answer the same questions and will receive a confirmation on the screen that they are registered. They also will get weekly reminders and will be able to do a status search, Avula said.

Additionally, around 750 call takers at the centralized call center will be able to help people register and answer questions about COVID-19 and vaccination, taking the burden off local health departments. Around 10% of those workers speak Spanish and speakers of more than 100 other languages can request a call back in their language.

Northam said 1.4 million Virginians have been vaccinated to date.

More than 12% of Virginia residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, he said.

Avula said 130,000 first doses were administered in Virginia last week, up from around 108,000 three weeks ago.

"We continue to really focus on the long-term care facilities that fall outside of the CVS/Walgreens (federal) partnership, as well as some other priority populations" to which the state is distributing vaccines directly, including the Department of Corrections, Avula said.

Other than those instances, vaccines still are being distributed to localities primarily based on population, he said.

"We are doing...specific allocations when there are high-priority, minority residents or elderly, minority residents," Avula said, adding decisions are going to be made "on data-driven priorities."

"So there is a reserve of vaccine that

goes to fund those types of initiatives," he said.

Avula addressed the issue of allocating vaccines for older residents versus younger residents with underlying medical conditions that put them at higher risk for severe disease, as well as for special cases such as the large number of poultry processing plant workers in Accomack County.

"That's really a tough one," he said of younger residents with underlying conditions, noting "that is a large number of Virginians."

"We just don't have the science or the ability to assign a risk-order criteria, so there's got to be some rule on the ground for providers to make decisions about which types of underlying conditions do we push to the front of the line and which types of conditions do we ask to wait," Avula said, adding, "This is a hard place for America. ... We've never really been in a place that we've had to ration a scarce resource, and functionally, that's where we are right now. We have a very limited resource in vaccine, a very large number of people who want it, and we've got to use guidelines and our best judgment to try to meet individuals with the highest risk."

State guidance is that each locality split its allocated doses roughly 50-50 between the elderly and younger people with underlying medical conditions, according to Avula.

"There's still got to be local flexibility. ... In a particular community, they are going to move through the demand at different rates and different segments of our state are going to have different desire for the vaccine, and so we've got to allow some local flexibility with that," Avula said.

Avula also addressed the issue of out-of-state residents with second homes in Virginia, such as on Chincoteague, seeking to be vaccinated in Virginia, along with Maryland residents crossing the state line seeking vaccination.

Asked if the health departments have a protocol for weeding out non-residents coming to Virginia to be vaccinated, Avula said, "I wish we did."

The vaccines are a federally funded resource, he noted, saying federal guidelines dictate that "regardless

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of place of residence or citizenship or anything that ties you to any location, that none of those things should be barriers to getting vaccinated.”

“What we’ve tried to do in our health department-run clinics and the guidance we’ve provided providers who are receiving vaccine is to provide vaccine to individuals who are qualified under 1b based on their age or their underlying condition. Those folks should go the locality that they reside in.”

Whether that means their first or

second residence, Avula said, “I would say first residence, but everybody obviously is going to try to find the quickest way to vaccinate.”

Additionally, if a person qualifies for Phase 1b based on their employment type — essential worker status — “then your vaccine will come through closed pods the health departments are setting up with your employers,” he said.

Officials encourage people to get their second dose at the same place they received their first dose.

Virginia’s Vaccine Allocation

Health officials have been told the state’s current allocation from the federal government likely will remain the same for the next three weeks, but that other retail pharmacies in addition to CVS likely will begin offering vaccines allocated to them separately through a federal partnership within three to four weeks, according to Avula.

Additionally, the federal government announced a separate allocation will begin going to federally subsidized primary care providers around the United States, Avula said.

“What we’re hearing out of the federal government is that, by April, that

most everybody who wants vaccine should have access to it, but we haven’t seen numbers here, what that means for Virginia,” he said.

CVS Vaccine Program

New last week was the addition of CVS offering vaccines to Virginians age 65 and over.

Friday, Feb. 12, was the first day CVS started giving vaccinations.

So far, no CVS store on the Eastern Shore is offering the vaccine.

The company said it will have around 26,000 doses per week to administer in Virginia.

Appointments filled up quickly on the company’s website after the announcement, but appointments will continue to be opened up “on a rolling basis,” Avula said.

Information is at <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>

COVID-19 Variants Found in Eastern Virginia

The VDH Friday also announced a case of the SARS-COV-2 variant first identified in the United Kingdom was identified in an adult resident of Eastern Virginia with no recent history of travel outside Virginia.

The B.1.1.7 variant is associated with increased person-to-person transmission of the virus, and a preliminary report from the United Kingdom indicated it causes more severe illness than other variants — although further study is needed to confirm that, according to the VDH.

Additionally, two cases of a variant first identified in South Africa have been found in Eastern Virginia.

Virginia so far has identified a total of six cases of the U.K. variant and two cases of the South African variant in the state.

“Viruses change all the time, and VDH expects to see new strains as disease spreads. As our state public health officials closely monitor for the emergence of the B.1.1.7 variant and other variants in our Commonwealth, it is important that all Virginians comply now with mitigation measures. This means wearing a mask, staying at least six feet from others, washing hands often, getting vaccinated for COVID-19 when it is your turn, and staying home if you are infected with COVID-19 or if you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19,” the release stated.

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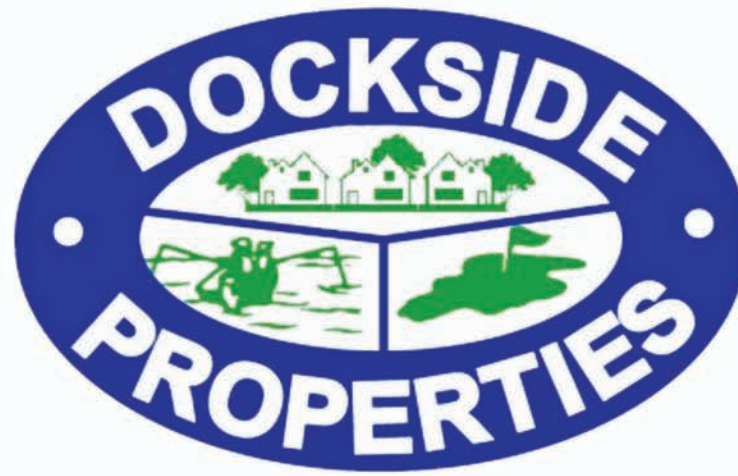
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Court Postings *By Nancy Drury Duncan*

Accomack County Circuit Court

Aubrey Jamari Grimes, 26, of Norfolk, pleaded guilty to the assault and battery of a law enforcement officer in a plea agreement with the commonwealth. In exchange for his guilty plea to that charge, the charge of obstruction was nolle prossed (not prosecuted).

On April 8, 2020, a Virginia state trooper was monitoring traffic on U.S. Route 13. He saw a Volvo traveling southbound on Route 13 at 3 a.m. driving very slowly. Later, he saw the same car stopped at the entrance of the Onley Verizon store, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney William Fox. He said the officer turned around to go back and check on the driver. Before he was able to do that, the car turned right onto Market Street, then turned left into the shopping center and stopped in front of a gas pump at

Royal Farms.

The officer approached the car from the passenger side and asked for the driver's license and registration. Fox said the driver got out and walked away. "I don't believe you are the police. You are lying," he shouted at the officer. The officer attempted to detain Grimes but was unable. They struggled and fell to the ground with Grimes shouting obscenities. He refused to follow instructions and struck the officer in the mouth. When a deputy came to assist, they were able to get Grimes under control and he was placed under arrest. "The trooper had a busted lip and cuts and scrapes on his wrist," said Fox. "It was quite an experience."

The assault and battery of a police officer carries a mandatory six-month sentence, said Judge W. Revell Lewis III. He sentenced Grimes to two years with all but time served suspended. He ordered him to be on indefinite supervised probation and on good behavior for five years. Grimes has been incarcerated since he was arrested in April of last year.

A presentence report was ordered for Mary Elizabeth Becraft, 60, of Chincoteague, who pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine.

On Dec. 6, 2019, Becraft was observed driving 35 mph in the left lane of U.S. Route 13 in Oak Hall. She was swerving in and out of that lane, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Fox. A deputy attempted to stop the maroon Mercury Grand Marquis. It did not immediately stop, Fox said.

When the car pulled over, Becraft got out and appeared to be concealing something in her hand. It fell to the ground and she kicked it under the car. "She admitted it was a crack pipe she had made herself," Fox said. "She said she had a 30-year issue of smoking crack." Defense attorney Garrett Dunham told the court his client had gone 10 years since incurring a criminal charge. Becraft's sentencing is set for May 6.

David Tyler Nalls, 28, of Belle Haven, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and D.U.I.

On July 31, 2020, police received a complaint that someone was at a house banging on the door, said Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan. As police searched for the person who was banging on the door, a deputy came upon two men who said they were searching for Nalls who had just wrecked his car. The officer located Nalls walking along Bobtown Road and took him back to the scene of the single-car accident. He appeared intoxicated, Morgan said.

A search of the car revealed remnants of suspected narcotics and ammunition. A K-9 located a small firearm near the wrecked car. Nalls was taken to the hospital for a blood draw, Morgan told the court. He had cocaine and other narcotics in his system. Judge Lewis continued Nalls' sentencing until April because he is to be released on bond to complete an in-patient drug treatment program in another state.

"I don't understand why you had a firearm after having been convicted of possessing a firearm by a convicted felon which has a mandatory minimum

sentence," said the judge. He told Nalls the commonwealth is to be notified when he is released from the program either by failing to complete it or by his successful completion. "This is a condition of your bond," he said.

Ricky Lee Howard, Jr., 37, address not given, pleaded guilty to possession of heroin. He has chosen to participate in the first offender program.

He was arrested after a Virginia state trooper responding to a three-vehicle accident on Marsh Island noticed track marks on Howard's arms indicating drug use. He admitted he had been using drugs prior to the accident, said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. Heroin and fentanyl residue were found on broken needles in his pocket.

Judge Lewis explained the terms of the program, which require a year of probation, abstaining from drugs and alcohol, and completing 100 hours of community service. He continued the case until Feb. 17, 2022. "If you are successful, the charge will be dismissed," he said.

James Eugene Dolan, 26, of Parkersley, pleaded guilty to the May 2020 strangulation and assault and battery of a family or household member. He entered into a plea agreement with the commonwealth that contained a sentence. In exchange for his guilty plea to both charges, Dolan was sentenced to five years with all but nine months suspended for strangulation and 12 months with all but one month suspended for assault and battery. He will serve three years of supervised probation and must be on good behavior for five years.

When the police officer responded to a call for a domestic assault, the defendant was outside the home, said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. The victim said he woke her up and was acting erratically. He pushed her into a window, breaking it, then pulled her to the ground. He held her in a chokehold with his arm, bruising her neck. Morgan said Dolan was angered by a social media post. The pair had been in a long-term relationship, he said. Defense attorney Carl Bundick said his client had an "assaultive criminal history." The agreement specifies he is to have no contact with the victim.

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Accomack Schools Briefed on COVID-19

By Stefanie Jackson

Accomack schools Coordinator of Student Health Services Tonya Martin had “excellent news” for the school board Tuesday night on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in the county.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s school metrics published on the Virginia Department of Health website Feb. 16, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Accomack per 100,000 persons in a 14-day period was 429.

That means within the previous two weeks, there were about 142 new cases of COVID-19 in Accomack, since the county’s population is not 100,000 but approximately 33,000.

The number of new cases had declined over the past 35 days.

The percentage of positive COVID-19 tests was nearly 15%, down from 20% a month earlier.

Accomack County reported four new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, and a seven-day average of nine new cases per day.

Martin announced that Accomack teachers and school staff who registered for the COVID-19 vaccine would receive their second doses on Friday.

The event was coordinated by Accomack County Public Schools, Riverside Medical Group, and the local health department, and it was open to Accomack and Northampton public and private school teachers and staff by appointment.

Martin also shared new CDC guidelines for persons who have received the COVID-19 vaccine and have been exposed to COVID-19.

A person who has been potentially exposed to COVID-19 does not need to quarantine for 14 days if the exposure occurred at least two weeks after the person received the final dose of the vaccine, the exposure occurred within three months of vaccination, and the person has no symptoms of COVID-19.

A person should not skip quarantine unless he or she meets all three criteria listed. Persons who avoid quarantine should still self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for two weeks and consult a clinician if symptoms appear, Martin said.

As of Feb. 16, the total number of Accomack school students or staff who were COVID-19-positive were 10: one teacher, one staff member, four hybrid students, and four virtual students.

ical students, and others to help get COVID-19 shots into arms, he said.

Virginia’s official COVID-19 vaccination registration website, www.vaccinate.virginia.gov, went live on Thursday; an average of 150 registrations per minute and as many as 300 registrations per minute were received.

A total of about 240,000 people had signed up for the COVID-19 vaccine via the website on the first day.

Northam reminded Virginians that the COVID-19 vaccine is free to everyone and warned them not to respond to scammers asking for money to reserve a dose of the vaccine.

In another matter, the governor noted that two weeks ago, about one-third of Virginia K-12 schools had no plan to offer students in-person learning options. This week, only three or four school divisions still need to finish their plans.

He also said that children will be allowed to attend overnight camps this summer, and plans are in the works to permit large outdoor events.



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52 COVID-19 Cases Reported in Sheriff's Office/Jail Outbreak

By Carol Vaughn

An outbreak of COVID-19 at the Accomack County Sheriff's Office and the Accomack jail from late December through late January resulted in 52 people testing positive for the virus.

One recent inmate died after being released from custody while in the hospital and a deputy was hospitalized after the virus began spreading during the outbreak.

The Eastern Shore Health District, responding to a request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act, confirmed on Feb. 11 that 28 staff and 24 inmates tested positive for COVID-19 between Dec. 28, 2020, and Jan. 20, 2021.

The request was for information about COVID-19 cases among sheriff's office personnel and inmates at the Accomack jail between Dec. 21, 2020, and Jan. 25, 2021.

Stanley Avon Ames, 63, of Painter, died Jan. 29 at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News after he was hospitalized with COVID-like symptoms while serving time in the

Accomack jail for a shoplifting conviction, according to a relative.

He was released from custody while in the hospital and died a few days later.

Ames had diabetes and high blood pressure. He suffered a stroke and was put on a ventilator after being hospitalized, according to his sister.

Ames' sister, Shirley "Diane" Ames Harmon, said she contacted the sheriff's office about her brother's illness and wrote an email to Gov. Ralph Northam in January expressing concerns about overcrowding at the Accomack County jail and about inmates not being given masks.

Harmon said she has not received a response from the governor's office.

Harmon said Tuesday she is requesting her brother's medical records from the jail.

"My brother told me on the 27th (of December) that they had a case up there. ... He said, 'He's right next to me,'" she said.

"I tried to be proactive before all this happened. They dismissed me," Harmon said, adding, "...As I explained

to the jail, I explained to the people at the hospital, he is somebody and he has people that care about him. ... He came over as an inmate, but he's still human."

Sheriff Todd Wessells said Feb. 8 all sheriff's office staff are back at work except for one, who was hospitalized after contracting the virus.

"All the inmates are good to go now," he said.

The National Guard tested more than 170 sheriff's office employees and inmates Jan. 5, according to Wessells.

Results obtained from the health department show 27 people tested positive for the virus Jan. 5. The cases were not broken down by whether the person was a staff member or an inmate.

Cases reported at the sheriff's office and the jail between Dec. 28 and Jan. 20 were as follows, by testing date:

- Dec. 28, 2020 - 2 cases
- Dec. 30, 2020 - 8 cases
- Dec. 31, 2020 - 1 case
- Jan. 2 - 6 cases
- Jan. 4 - 2 cases
- Jan. 5 - 27 cases

- Jan. 13 - 1 case
- Jan. 14 - 2 cases
- Jan. 15 - 1 case
- Jan. 18 - 1 case
- Jan. 20 - 1 case

Wessells in mid-January responded to concerns about whether inmates were being provided masks during the outbreak.

"If somebody is COVID-positive, they are in a COVID bloc," he said then.

Those inmates are housed exclusively with other COVID-positive inmates, meaning they do not need to wear a mask in the bloc, according to Wessells.

"If they move around in the jail, they are provided masks when they move around the jail," he said then.

New inmates are housed in a separate bloc and are tested and quarantined 14 days before they are moved into the general jail population.

Additional sanitation and disinfection measures also were being taken in the office and the jail.

"We are in good shape in the jail right now. Everybody new that comes in still gets tested. They are separated from everybody for 14 days after they are tested. We are still taking precautions, trying to stay healthy," Wessells said Feb. 8.

"Hopefully we can get everybody vaccinated," he said.

Some staff members have been vaccinated, while "some of them decided not to get them," Wessells said, adding he has not made it mandatory for staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Wessells said he does require all staff to be vaccinated for hepatitis.

"If you are going to work here, you are going to get that one, because hepatitis will kill you," he said.

Wessells said he consulted with an attorney for the Sheriff's Association about requiring staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

"We are on strong legal grounds to make people get it, but ... they are grown adults and they should be able to make that decision for themselves. And hopefully they choose to get the vaccine," he said, adding that he himself has been vaccinated.

Wessells also said he has spoken with Gov. Northam about the need to get inmates vaccinated.

"Hopefully that's coming down the road," he said.

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Chamber/Tourism Director Leaves for A&N Electric Position

By Carol Vaughn

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission are looking for a new executive director after Robie Marsh announced he is leaving the position to take a job as financial analyst with A&N Electric Cooperative.

“In March of 2017 when I was hired as the Executive Director for the ESVA Chamber, I was given the opportunity to lead an organization of which I hold passionately close to my heart. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as the Executive Director of the ESVA Chamber for the past 4 years and the ESVA Tourism Commission for the past 2 years,” Marsh said in a written statement.

He added, “I have said many times that the role was my dream job and I meant it with the utmost sincerity each time. While I always saw myself retiring at the Chamber, sometimes the present cannot predict or know opportunities that may arise in the future.

“...Growing up on the Shore, I have always heard and seen how great of an organization ANEC is to work for and I look forward to joining their cooperative team. This decision was a very tough decision and was a long-term family decision. I will now be able (to) help my community in a new way, while putting my financial background and my love of analytical thinking to work.”

Marsh said he will stay on as the chamber and tourism commission executive director until April 1 to ensure a smooth transition and has offered to volunteer for the organizations in the future.

“It is my hope and recommendation that the partnership between the two organizations will continue on as is currently,” he said, noting both organizations have grown under the partnership “and it truly puts the ESVA in a position of strength regionally as a strong place to live, work, and visit.”

Marsh thanked the boards of both organizations and their community partners for their support over the past


four years.

“I have said many times that both organizations do not succeed on the merits of one or two individuals but succeed with strong membership participation, strong Boards, and strong staff to serve and support both. I am grateful that both organizations have all of this, and through these positive attributes, it has fostered growth and strength for the Chamber, the Tourism Commission, and the ESVA regionally. I have utmost confidence in both Boards that this positive momentum will continue on well into the future,” Marsh said.

The chamber of commerce and the tourism commission issued a joint statement Monday regarding Marsh’s departure:

“The ESVA Chamber of Commerce and the Eastern Shore Tourism Commission will deeply miss Mr. Robie Marsh. We thank him for his service to the two organizations over the last few years and wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

“The ESVA Chamber and Eastern Shore Tourism Commission fully intend to continue the outstanding working relationship Marsh has built and we will work together to find the best candidate for his replacement. We encourage anyone interested in the position of Executive Director of our organizations to submit their resume and application to will@easternshoreradio.com or mail to P.O. Box 460, Onley, VA, 23418 c/o Will Russell.”



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Harold Bruce Arnold

Mr. Harold Bruce Arnold, 78, a resident of Machipongo, passed away Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley. Born in Tacoma, Wash., he was the son of the late Buckley Bruce Arnold and the late Rosemary Montag Arnold. He was a retired officer for The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, and an avid boater and fisherman.



Mr. Arnold

He is survived by two sons, Jonathan Bruce Arnold and his wife, Sara, of Mount Airy, Md., and Jason Lee Arnold and his wife, Brandi, of Wilson, N.C.; a sister, Rosemary Silen, of St. Helens, Ore.; and two grandchildren, Lucy Arnold, of Mount Airy, and Harold Arnold, of Wilson.

A celebration of life service will be conducted, Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Doughty Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

Clarence Isaac Burton

Mr. Clarence Isaac "Ike" Burton, of Snow Hill, Md., passed away Feb. 16, 2021. Ike was born in Richmond, was raised in Nassawadox, and graduated from Northampton High School. He attended Danville Community College and worked for Lawrence Distributing Company of Danville, Va., from 1978 to 2001 delivering wine and beer. He later became a wine supervisor.



Mr. Burton

He was the eldest son of Drs. William S. and Mary Ann Burton. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Elizabeth "Betsy" Burton. He is sur-

vived by siblings, Robert, Richard, and Cara Burton, and three nieces and two nephews.

A private, family service will be held.

The family requests donations be made to Northampton County Education Foundation, P.O. Box 323, Cape Charles, VA 23310.

Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

Charles W. Godwin Jr.

Mr. Charles William Godwin Jr., 89, of Temperanceville, received eternal life Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, at Peak Healthcare at Hartley Hall in Pocomoke City, Md.

Born in Messongo, Charles was the beloved son of the late Charles L. Godwin Sr. and the late Ida Justice Godwin. "Big Dave," as he was called by family and friends, was a dedicated truck driver for Evans Seafood for many years.



Mr. Godwin

Private funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at the Chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Brenda Peterson officiating. Interment was in the Groton Community Cemetery, Messongo.

He leaves his love and fond memories to his children, June Gordy, Charlene Parker, Michael Bowen, Kevin Parker, and Darren Parker; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three nephews; five nieces; and a host great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

Lybren Brent Hart

Mr. Lybren Brent Hart, 53, of Onancock, better known as "Brent," entered into the presence and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021.

Brent was loved by many and known for his quiet demeanor, integrity, honesty, and hard work. Born and raised on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, he owned and operated his own landscaping and estate-

care business. His line of work was a blessing, as he found closeness to God working in nature.

Brent was a devoted and faithful husband for 31 years to the love of his life, JoLynn Hart. Together, they raised

and rehomed Akitas, including their most recent furbaby, Honey Bee Hart. They teamed to accomplish numerous building and business projects, which he continued to manage and maintain. Brent also provided encouragement and support to JoLynn as a ministry partner for many years.



Mr. Hart

Brent is also survived by his mother, Brenda Drummond Peffer (Dave); sisters-in-law, Betty Bralley (Richard) and Angie Ainsworth; and many nieces and nephews, as well as their spouses and children.

He was predeceased by his father, Lybren Brooks Hart Jr.; and his brothers, Kenny and Keith Ainsworth.

A celebration of life service will be held Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Rock Church of the Eastern Shore in Onley, where he was an active member.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rock Church of the Eastern Shore, c/o Norris Beasley, 27112 Lankford Highway, Onley, VA 23410.

Condolences and memory tributes may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Magadlene G. Hinmon

Mrs. Magadlene Garris Hinmon, 85, of Withams, received eternal life Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, at her residence.

Born in Onancock, Magadlene was the beloved daughter of the late George Garris Sr. and the late Eula Toppin-Garris. "Maggie," as she was called by family and friends, was active on many church auxiliaries at Miracle Temple of Faith in Mappsville. On



Mrs. Hinmon

June 1, 1957, she married the love of her life, the late Beauford Hinmon.

Private funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at the chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with Pastor Diane Wright officiating. Interment was in the Withams Cemetery, Withams.

She leaves her love and fond memories to her children, Roderick Hinmon and Montrose Hinmon-Jackson; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three nephews; five nieces; and a host great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

Betty Jean Collins Lang

Mrs. Betty Jean Collins Lang, 88, of Temperanceville, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021. She was born May 25, 1932, in Wattsville, to John and Arella Collins. On April 3, 1949, she married Robert "Bobby" Cale Lang Sr., who preceded her in death on April 14, 2015.

Betty worked various jobs which included Birdseye, Holly Farms, US 13 Restaurant, JJ Newberrys, Clam Factory, JP's, and babysitting for various families.



Mrs. Lang

No job was more gratifying to her than that of mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She soothed many scraped knees in her time.

Betty loved sewing, quilting, cooking, camping, fishing, gardening, animals (especially bird and squirrel watching), but most of all she loved her family and treasured the moments she got to spend with them.

Betty is survived by her children, Bobby Lang Jr. (Corinne), Donna Goleman (Walt), Steve Lang (Kim),

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and Lisa Ward (Jeff); 14 grandkids; 26 great-grandkids; five great-great-grandkids; her sisters, Beverly Meyer, Barbara Squibb, and Darlene Cherrix; and her many nieces and nephews. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bobby Lang Sr.; son, David Lang; and siblings, Johnny Collins, Peggy Troutman, Almeda Fleetwood, Catherine Williams, Wade Collins, and Dale Collins; and great-grandson, Dylan Michael Justice.

The funeral was Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021, at Fox Funeral Home, Temperanceville. There was a visitation one hour prior to service. Interment was at John W. Taylor Cemetery, Temperanceville, with the Rev. Kevin Eley officiating.

Wade Fletcher Long Jr.

Mr. Wade Fletcher Long Jr., 79, passed away at his residence in Franktown, on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021. His parents were the late Wade Fletcher Long and the late Dorothy Parker Long. He graduated from Central High School, served in the U.S. Coast Guard, and was a retired licensed air-conditioning graduate and serviceman.

He is survived by his wife, Clayshia Arnold Willis; one daughter, Cynthia Jeanne Long, of Franktown; three grandchildren, Cody, Erica Paige, and Damien; three great-grandchildren, Peyton, Kylee, and Christian; and one niece, Noel Nicklas Emswiler, of Bartlett, Tenn. He was predeceased by one sister, Dale Long Nicklas.



Mr. Long

A private family graveside service was conducted Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock.

Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hollandfuneralhome.net

Arrangements were made by Holland Funeral Home in Nassawadox.

Anne Mason Mason

Mrs. Anne Mason Mason, 87, of Accomac, passed away peacefully at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, with her sons by her side. A native of Pocomoke City, Md., Anne was born Dec. 28, 1933, a daughter to the late John Elton Mason

and the late Lillian Johnson Mason, and was the loving wife of the late Alfred Jackson "Jack" Mason Jr.

Anne graduated from Fairfax Hall Junior College and received an associate's degree from Goldey-Beacom School of Business in 1955. For many years, Anne worked alongside her husband at Mason-Davis Company. She was an avid horse lover and a founding member of the Eastern Shore Short Circuit Horse Show Association, whose passion and dedication were evident throughout the years, gaining her another family of "Horse Show Daughters." A talented and artistic gardener, Anne was among the first class of Master Gardener graduates on the Eastern Shore. She was a member of the Eastern Shore Garden Club and Ye Accawmacke Garden Club, serving in many positions and committees for both organizations. Anne was very well known for her baking and culinary skills, which she enthusiastically shared with her children and grandchildren.



Mrs. Mason

She is survived by her four sons, Jack Mason and his wife, Cindy, of Locustville, Andy Mason and his wife, Tammy, of Melfa, Tom Mason and his wife, Lisa, of Accomac, and John Mason and his wife, Susan, of Accomac; sisters-in-law, Amy Mason, of Swickley, Pa., and Barbara Mason, of Richmond; grandchildren, Alex Herbert, Kelsey Ayres, and Jakob, Ellie, and Anne Mason; great-grandchildren, Bethany, Olivia Grace, Harper, and Mary Anna; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Anne was predeceased by her siblings, John Marshall Mason, Jay Elton Mason, and Ethel Marion Mason Turner and her husband, Henry; grandson, Mathew Mason; and in-laws, Pat and Peggy Foley.

In light of the current pandemic, funeral services will be private. For those who wish to honor Anne's memory, please do so with a contribution to a local charity of your choice.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

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William Daniel Miller Jr.

Mr. William "Billy" Daniel Miller Jr., 45, of Pennsylvania, passed away Feb. 6, 2021.

Born July 13, 1976, in Nassawadox, he was the son of Patricia Adkins Miller and William Daniel Miller Sr. After graduating from Arcadia High, Billy joined the Marines and completed his training in Parris Island, S.C. He was a barber and loved spending time with his family. Billy loved animals, his pets, and spending time in nature.

Other than his parents, he is survived by two daughters, Brianna Lynn Thomas and Kayla Marie Thomas, of Pennsylvania; a sister, Michelle Lynn Bowen, of Lebanon, Pa.; and many nieces and nephews.

Interment followed private services on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at Liberty Cemetery in Parksley with Pastor Wayne Asbury officiating.

Arrangements were by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Daniel Herman Runde

Mr. Daniel Herman Runde, 55, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, Md. Born in Teutopolis, Ill, he was the son of the late William and Ellen (Sharpies) Runde. He is survived by his loving wife, Pamela Runde, of Ocean City, Md., and stepchildren who he loved dearly and treated as his own, Jake and wife, Jessica

Ward, of Accomac, and Kara and husband, Michael Nissim, of Miami, Fla.; and grandchildren, John Wesley Ward, Jamie Nissim, and Ari Nissim; three brothers, Paul

(Julie), of Effingham, Ill., Bill (Silvia), of Teutopolis, and Pete, of Teutopolis; four sisters, Michelle, of Teutopolis, Patty, of Anchorage, Alaska, Carol, of Pahrump, Nev., and Angie, of Kirk-



Mr. Miller



Mr. Runde

wood, Mo. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and great-nephews.

Dan served in the U.S. Navy and later managed a power plant. He was a member of The Knights of Columbus in Teutopolis.

In his spare time, he was an avid golfer. He loved spending time in St. Pete Beach, Fla. It was his happy place, his heaven. A friend once said, "If you did not like Dan, you did not know Dan." Through his courageous battle with cancer his wife Pam called him "my Superman." He was an all-around great person to know and cared very deeply for the people in his life.

Cremation followed his death. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Burbage Funeral Home on April 3, 2021, at 1 p.m., in the garden. Masks and social distancing are required.

A donation in his memory may be made to The American Cancer Society via <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html>

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com

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Coalition Sees Wealth for Black Farmers in Land, Forestry

By Stefanie Jackson

Acomack and Northampton are two of many rural counties across Virginia and six other states that could receive federal grant money to support their economic development if the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission is finally activated in 2021, about 13 years after its creation.

The Farm Bill passed by Congress in 2008 authorized the federal commission, but a U.S. president has yet to appoint a co-chair. Once a co-chair is appointed and approved by the Senate, the commission becomes active and is allowed to begin spending the money that Congress has appropriated for it in the federal budget.

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Coalition, founded in 2019 by Ava Gabrielle Wise, captured the attention of President Joe Biden's transition team in November 2020 with a letter bearing more than 100 signatures, which was immediately acknowledged by the team upon receipt.

Congress also recently increased the commission's annual federal budget appropriation from \$250,000 to \$1 million.

Members of the coalition believe these actions indicate the commission will be activated later this year.

Congresswoman Elaine Luria also called attention to the inactive federal commission in a Feb. 16 letter to Congressman David Scott, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Luria called on the chairman to hold a hearing on the benefits of regional commissions and how they provide "innovative approaches to rural development."

She highlighted the success of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the first federal regional commission and the model for seven others that followed.

The ARC was established in 1965 but is still relevant today and con-

tinues "to coordinate federal, state, and local actions to address the region's economic disparities and pressing issues like lack of high-speed internet and automation of rural professions," Luria wrote.

Future economic growth on the Eastern Shore and elsewhere in the Black Belt of the American South will happen with renewed interest in professions in agriculture and forestry, experts said during an online forum hosted by the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities Feb. 10.

Veronica Womack, executive director of the Rural Studies Institute at Georgia College, shared various definitions of the Black Belt.

Some scholars define the Black Belt as counties from Virginia to Texas that historically had "plantation economies," while others call the Black Belt a rural, underdeveloped area with a large African American population and low-skill, low-wage jobs in industries like manufacturing.

Alton Perry, director of the Roanoke Electrical Cooperative's Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project in North Carolina, said, "often times, we may overlook an asset that we have right outside our door throughout our community ... our agriculture and our forestry assets."

Through the project's partnership with the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, the U.S. Forest Service, and many others, landowners can get access to information, education, and technical assistance to help them make their forests productive and earn income.

Using forest resources generates wealth for landowners, and the community gets more jobs, cleaner air and water, less erosion, and more carbon sequestration, Perry said.

The project has given clients access to about \$500,000 in the last five or six years to make unused for-

est lands productive, he said.

For example, one family had 120 acres, about half of which was used for agriculture, growing crops and raising livestock. However, the other half was forest land that was just “growing up in weeds and brush.” Now growing there is a pine stand “that the next generation can also create and continue that legacy on,” Perry said.

He observed that land loss especially affects the African American community, and his organization also works to address issues with inherited property and land retention.

Michael Carter Jr., of the Virginia Cooperative Extension’s Small Farm Outreach Program, also discussed the declining number of Black farmers in the U.S., which peaked at about 50,000 in Virginia and one million in the U.S. in the 1910s through the 1930s.

As the number of Black farmers declined, especially during the period of the 1970s through the 1990s, the economic resilience of the Black community also declined, Carter said.

He suggested that landownership is a source of power and that owners of large amounts of land can wield as much or more power and influence in society than large populations concentrated in urban centers.

“For our economic future, Black farmers will be critical for our growth in the 21st century,” Carter said.

He called for a reverse or “greater migration” of Black farmers to the South and elsewhere in rural America to create a “Black land ownership boom.”

Womack said the rural South should follow the example of the Appalachian region, which has a “long history of developing community empowerment.”

Citizens are empowered when “people around the table making decisions” – meaning elected officials, particularly at the local level – “are reflective of the community,” including people of all races, classes, genders, neighborhoods, and other groups, she said.

But how do young adults who

have inherited land come to understand the value of the land they own and become interested in farming?

Carter said the answer, which “may or may not be controversial,” is marijuana and hemp, the “gateway plants to land ownership.”

He has been collaborating with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, preparing for the legalization of marijuana, and receives 10 to 15 calls a week from young adults who are interested in growing the crop on family-owned land.

“When you show young people how they can make money from the land, they’ll be much more enticed to be a part of the process of owning land,” Carter said.

If they aren’t shown the potential of the land, they are likely to sell it as soon as they acquire it, he said.

Farming marijuana also supports other industries such as plumbing, HVAC, electric, security, bookkeeping, and accounting, Carter added.


Marcus Comer, a professor of agriculture and natural resources at Virginia State University, recommended promoting Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences, or MANRRS, an outreach program for college-bound students interested in agriculture, forestry, and related sciences.

He also runs the Harding Street Urban Ag Center in Petersburg, Va., and encourages older members to bring “the next generation” along to meetings to show them the value of agricultural and forestal lands.

The experience often produces an “aha moment” when young people discover they can make money from these lands, and it isn’t necessary to relocate to manage their business.

Comer also pointed out that the agricultural and forestal sciences involve research, analysis, genetics, robotics, and other opportunities for young, career-minded students.

“It’s not about being on a tractor, it’s not about being in the woods ... but we have got to show them that, because if we don’t show them that, then they’re never going to look at it.”



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Northampton County

- From WDA III LLC
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2 parcels, 630 Tazewell St., Cape Charles
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- From Larry and Debra Frakes
To Todd and Sarah Zimmerman
Lot 36, Heron Pointe, Cape Charles
For \$330,000
- From Kathleen Harris
To Cherrystone Road LLC
5400 Captain Howe Lane, Cape Charles
For \$50,000
- From James Elliott, special commissioner, and Tyco Homes LLC
To John and Amy Nottingham
Lot 40, The Landings at Eastern Shore, Eastville district
For \$10,500
- From Scrimgeour's Farm All LLC
To Porter Mill Properties LLC
2 parcels at Silver Beach, Occohanock Neck
\$124,810
- From Emma Pitt
To Audrey Roberts
Parcel, 5/8 acre, near Simpkins Sid-

- ing, near Eastville
\$53,505
 - From Maggy's Eastern Shore Properties LLC
To Dario Sanchez and Jade Saldana
Lot 4, .6 acre, near Machipongo
\$32,500
 - From Jon and Charlotte Sundstrom, trustees
To James and Barbara Cox
7345 Chesapeake Drive, Exmore
For \$525,000
- ## Accomack County
- From Robin Ann Kelly
To Alice Elaine and Vincent J. Savona Jr.
3298 Scimitar Way, Greenbackville
For \$372,500
 - From Kenneth S. Collins
To William A. Feehley
Trails End Lot 173 Unit 3 Sheet 7, Horntown
For \$1,897.71
 - From Patricia Cahill
To Alison W. and Mickey Allen Parks
Gargatha Landing Section II Lot 26, 6 acres, Parksley
For \$62,000

- From Sherry A. and Matthew H. Daisey
To Tara N. and Joshua J. Merritt
Lots 15 and 16, 33317 Holly Lane, Wallops Island
For \$145,000
- From Ann M. and Herbert L. Glass Jr.
To Michaeline C. and Phillip K. Deneka
1474 Oak Court, Greenbackville
For \$245,000
- From Kathryn M. Colonna
To Julie and Matthew Clay
23422 Back St., Accomac
For \$304,000
- From Maryanne E. B. and Michael S. Williams
To Eric J. Dawson
Trails End Lot 113 Unit III, Horntown
For \$5,000
- From Scarlett Marie Speight, Frances A. Speight, and Jessi Elaine Speight
To Sara V. Blankenship and Donald Wayne Brock
2 parcels, 1.963 acres and 30 acres, near Rue
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- From Ana M. and Albert J. Casciero
To Rodrigo Javier Alba
5385 Pearl Drive, Chincoteague
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To Fiddle N Heads Farm LLC
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25491 Shore Main Drive, Bloxom
For \$215,000
- From Theresa Lynn B. Bundick and David Wayne Brown, by Theresa Bundick, his attorney in fact
To Lucia R. Montalvo
19261 Poplar St., Melfa
For \$140,000
- From Connie W. and Jeffery Doughty
To Anne Kyle Bundick and Jesse E. Doughty
4 parcels near Melfa
For \$20,000
- From Kandice T. Bruno, Burleigh Eugene Turlington Jr., Pamela T. Widgeon, and Peter N. Turlington
To Elise G. and Benjamin G. Rew
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- From Sandra J. and Malcom D. Gifford, trustees
To Kayla M. and Douglas J. Furman
10436 Eaglet Lane, Atlantic
For \$370,000
- From Diane Rene and John Carroll Welch
To Teresa F. and Robert M. Kauffman
Trails End Lots 240 and 241 Unit 3 Sheet 5, Horntown
For \$45,000
- From Diane D. and Douglas B. Cooper
To Nancy W. and Walter R. Woodall III
Lot 1231 Section 1 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$125,000
- From Diane D. and Douglas B. Cooper
To Nancy W. and Walter R. Woodall III
Lot 1230 Section 1 Captains Cove, Greenbackville
For \$518,000
- From Fannie Mae
To Megan Colleen McGuiggan and Gregory Bruce McLean II
27 Johnson St., Onancock
For \$150,000
- From William K. Dove II
To Samantha Ann and Michael Howard Strappazon
5396 Pearl Drive, Chincoteague
For \$319,000
- From Marjorie L. Medalie
To Lisa Marie and Jason Daniel Lambert
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Grant Will Improve Exmore Park



Exmore Town Park will soon see improvements under a recent grant from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

Submitted Article and Photo

The Town of Exmore has been awarded a \$15,000 Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) grant for the revitalization of the Exmore Town Park. The funds will be directed to changes that will improve the children’s play areas in the park, including installing new drainage features.

“The Town Park, which is open to all, is an important amenity for our community,” said Mayor Douglas Greer. “With its open spaces, picnic area and playground, it is a backyard for many Exmore families. We want to keep it pleasant and attractive at all times.”

Exmore is one of 25 communities in the state named in the \$1.9 million grant awards, which are part of the new “Get Outdoors” program created under VOF’s Preservation Trust Fund. Brett Glymph, executive director of VOF, commented, “We are pleased to be able to support this project that will provide better, safer access to the outdoors for the town’s residents and visitors. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed a great deal about the importance of open space for not only our physical and mental health, but also for the strength of

our communities.”

The first phase of improvements is slated to begin in February, with completion targeted for early spring. “The timing is excellent,” said Mayor Greer. “We always have lots of activities in the park during warm weather, including birthday parties and special events. A big thank you to Taylor Dukes for spearheading this grant and to the VOF for providing the funds.”

Property for the Exmore Town Park was acquired by the town in 2005. Since then, constant improvements and upgrades, including a multiuse recreational building, performance stage, and ongoing additions to the playground, have resulted in a popular, much utilized centerpiece of the community. Multiple annual events are held here, from town socials and Easter egg hunts to art festivals and Free Shakespeare in the Park performances.

The VOF was created in 1966 by the state legislature and since its inception has protected more than 850,000 acres of farms, forests, parks, and other open spaces in 111 cities and counties. Learn more at <https://vof.org>

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Ticktown Wingfest Creates Feeding — and Giving — Frenzy

Story and Photos by Jim Ritch

A single Ugly Stik, a basic spincasting rod and reel perfect for children that usually sells for about \$50, fetched adult prices — four times — at the online auction of the Ticktown Wingfest Sunday.

The first buyer paid \$100 and asked the Stik be put back on auction.

The second buyer paid \$250 and did the same.

So did the third buyer, who paid \$125.

The fourth buyer won the Stik for \$120.

“That’s the story of community giving,” said volunteer Marty Bull, of Parksley.

Accomack County rallied generously Sunday to support event beneficiary Michelle Buell, assistant principal at Metompkin Elementary School, and her fight with cancer.

A cake by Shannon Wessels sold for \$325.

The 8,500 chicken wings donated by event sponsor Tyson Foods and cooked by members of the Onancock Elks

Lodge 1766 sold out in three days.

“We’re on our way to having one of our better years,” said organizer Barry Mears, who ran the event with friend and Elks officer, Wayde Fowler.

Fowler dominated the wing-cooking again with a first place finish in the sweet wings category of the backyard chefs division.

His sister, Tami Fowler, of Onley, took first in the spicy wings category.

Other winners and their places in the sweet wings category were Ron

Perry, of Bloxom, second place, and Kyle Bundick, of Onley, third place.

Other winners and their places in the spicy wings category were Kyle Bundick, second place, and Keith Ferry, of Bloxom, third place.

The winner in the restaurant division was the Cape Charles Brewing Company.

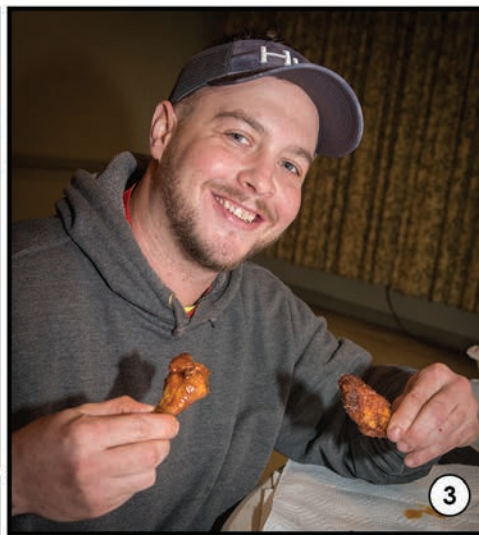
The Onancock Elks Lodge successfully fended off challengers from the Pocomoke Elks Lodge, winning first place in a two-lodge, wing-making duel.



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(1) “Chicken Wings Are My Valentine” read the T-shirts of, from left, Nancy Childers, of Parksley; Kate Bonniwell, of Onancock; Charmin Horton, of Cedar View; and Tami Fowler, of Onancock.

(2) Michelle Buell, of Onancock, left, will benefit from the funds raised as she battles cancer. With her is her husband, Jerry.

(3) Chris Ferry, of Melfa, raised \$4,500 in sponsorships to become a judge in the spicy wings category of the backyard chefs division. In four years, he has raised over \$18,000.

(4) Laura Moore, of Parksley, seated left, and Steve Lipscomb, of Onancock, seated right, count out wings, as standing from left, David Fluhart, of Quinby; cook G.L. Smith, of Accomac; Matthew Hershey, of Tasley; and Chris Ashburn, of Accomac, bring empty boxes and a fresh load of wings.

(5) Wayde Fowler, left, district deputy to the grand exalted ruler of the Elks, and his friend and rival wings chef, Barry Mears, pause while overseeing the Wingfest.

(6) Judges of the sweet wings category pause their deliberations. From left are Scott Newman, of Onancock; Rodney Godwin, of Parksley; Wayne Gwaltney, of Bloxom; and Twila Camden, of Belle Haven.

(7) Penney Fluhart, left, registers entries in the backyard chefs division with the help of her daughter, MacKenzie Lewis.

(8) Jerry Buell, of Onancock, surveys the auction items, including an oil painting by Willie Crockett that sold for \$1,000.

(9) Drivers picking up orders line up behind volunteer Charmin Horton.

Cape Charles Church Moves Ash Wednesday Service Outdoors



Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cape Charles held an outdoor service to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. About 24 parishioners joined along with the Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, who traveled from Virginia Beach.

Left: The Rev. David Boyd reads from the Bible as parishioners listen at a distance.

Right: Flags placed in memory of 33 Northampton County residents who have died of COVID-19 wave in the foreground as Bishop Haynes gives the closing benediction.



Far left: Wil Raivel, newly elected senior warden, wears a cross on his forehead as the service ends.

Left: The Rev. David Boyd preaches the sermon as Paul Grossman watches.

Above: Steve Stone uses ashes to mark the forehead of his wife, Julie. As a COVID-19 protection, individuals marked their own foreheads or helped others in their family.



Left: Nancy Proto takes individual servings of Communion wine and wafer from a tray held by Libby Gray.

Right: Parishioners hold flags before placing them in the ground to commemorate the 33 Northampton residents who have died in the pandemic.



Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest: Giddy Up, Sea-Haw!

Last Week's Contest: Heart and Crossbones

Last week, only an elite corps of osprey-eyed readers was able to find the hearts and crossbones on pages 1, 26, 27, 28, 36, and 40. And, no, the leftover little alien face doesn't give extra credit. The winner chosen at random for the \$25 gift certificate to C.D. Marsh Jewelers in Onancock was Jerome Schaum, of Machipongo.

This Week's Contest: Giddyup Little Seahorse

In keeping with the ocean-y offerings of this week's sponsor, we have put six seahorses 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 Sting-Ray's Restaurant outside of Cape Charles. See sponsor box on this page.

The rules:

- To become a contestant, find the six seahorses 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. 22. Entries arriving after noon on the 22nd 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.

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

- 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 fat toad, a lonely road, or even some interesting bread mold. Just no feet.



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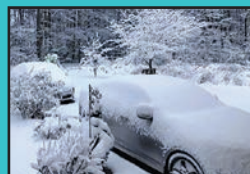


Jerome Schaum, of Machipongo, was one of the relatively few readers who were able to find all six clues last week, making him eligible to be randomly selected to win the \$25 gift certificate to C.D. Marsh Jewelers in Onancock. Schaum took this picture one tranquil October day on Kings Creek a few years ago.

Runners-Up



Have you ever seen a buttercup in the snow? You have now. This '95 Mustang Buttercup belongs to Jeanette Bell, of Onley.



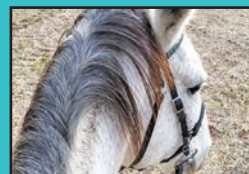
Arline Curtis, of Greenbackville, is from the Northeast and said the snow was an unexpected surprise. The osprey puzzle gives her "something to do after playing in the snow!"



After snow pics, we need to see a mermaid from Weeki Wachee, Fla. Teri Collins, of Bloxom, said this mermaid photo is for Seaside George.



Runner-up Janet Leigh Cooper, of Onley, sent this picture of her daughter with cousin and best friend back on Tangier Island 11 years ago.



This is an angle of a horse you don't often see — from the rider's point of view. It was taken by Sarah Morgan, of Oyster. "The fun horse I ride."



And here's Manny facing the decision that a lot of us faced last week: Do we go out in the snow or not? Sent in by Amy Eckard, of Temperanceville.

Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Stephanie Bailey, Chincoteague
Richard Marshall, Atlantic
Patricia Willey, Quinby
CindyLou Nelson, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Dawn Taylor, Parksley
Maria Owens, Exmore

Cheryl Turner, Bloxom
Sara M. Fetterman, Bloxom
Theresa Lattimore, Bloxom
Nadine Chrzanowski, Strange Creek, W.V.
Jimmy Targett Jr., Strange Creek, W.V.

John Chrzanowski, Melfa
Katlyn Nottingham, Keller
Mary Carey, Cape Charles
Doug and Carol Wehner, Belle Haven
Anabel Beatty, Silver Beach

Random Facts About ... Cane Toads and Nonnative Species

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes for cleaning this week, a huge ugly toad jumped out.

A cane toad. Six to 9 inches long, big enough around to fill a dinner plate, 3 or 4 pounds, poisonous, able to live for decades, and a prodigious breeder, the cane toad will eat bugs, grubs, snakes, small birds, birds' eggs, mice, reptiles, and other frogs and toads. (Largest on record was 15 inches long and weighed 6 pounds.) Very few animals will eat the cane toad without being killed by the toxins the toad excretes from its skin when stressed.

With all those unpleasant attributes, the cane toad would, you might think, be an unwelcome guest in any region outside its native South and Central America. Au contraire. It has been introduced by the boatloads all over the world, from the Caribbean islands to the islands of Japan, from Fiji to Florida, from Puerto Rico to Australia. The cane toad's voracious appetite, it was thought, would control various pests, most notably the beetles that

devastate sugar cane crops — hence the name, the cane toad.

The toad's reviews as a pest-killer have been mixed, but its success as an invasive species is unparalleled. Especially in Australia. In the 1930s, more than 50,000 little cane toads were released in Queensland. They bred like, well, like toads and they ate everything they could fit in their mouths — everything, it seems, except the sugar cane beetles. These Australian beetles hung out on the upper parts of the canes where the fat toads couldn't reach them. No matter, Australia was full of other native creatures for the toads to eat. They advanced inland at about 6 miles a year, then 12 miles a year, then 30 miles a year. The toads were evolving longer legs — and arthritis to go along with those longer legs.

With many invasive species, the problem is that no natural predators exist to control them. With the cane toad in Australia, the problem is there are plenty of natural predators — snakes, mammals, and birds — and the cane toad is slowly threatening them all with extinction. The toad's poison is so deadly that it doesn't

give predators a learning curve. One toad and you're done. Predators are being found dead with a toad halfway down its throat, the poison is that effective.

Naturalists in Australia are capturing some of the predators in the toads' path, feeding them young cane toads that are toxic but not deadly, and hoping that the experience of becoming sick will teach the predators, once they are released, to skip any future cane toad meals. This might be called the one-night-with-peppermint-schnapps-cure: I will never do that again.

Some people in Queensland, where the toads were originally released, have a strange affection for the creatures in spite of their toadiness. They do, after all, clean up a yard and garden of bugs, slugs, and snails. The 1988 film, "Cane Toads An Unnatural History," even showed little girls playing with huge living cane toads as dolls, cuddling them, hugging them, rubbing their bellies to put them asleep. Apparently, the toxins are excreted under extreme stress, not when a little girl grabs your front legs and lifts you up

to make you "dance" on your back legs. So maybe we shouldn't be so hard on the cane toad. At least not as hard as Australian drivers who swerve all over the road to squish every one they see.

Nonnative doesn't necessarily mean bad. Corn, rice, and wheat feed the majority of the world's population and these crops are grown well beyond their native habitats. Emma Marris, writing for National Geographic, pointed out that some nonnative plants and animals are struggling in their native habitats while thriving in their "invasive" habitat: "Hippos, vulnerable to extinction in sub-Saharan Africa, are multiplying in the lakes of Colombia, after being imported by drug lord Pablo Escobar. The red-crowned Amazon parrot is endangered in its home in northeast Mexico, but flourishes in noisy flocks in cities in California and Hawaii."

After all, we're an invasive species everywhere except Africa so let's give the cane toad some space. And once you see one, you'll want to give it lots of space. Unless, of course, you're a little girl in Queensland who likes to put a doll's outfit on her own huge fat warty toad, Dairy Queen.



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Broadwater Falls in Season Finale

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Story and Photo by Brennan Waldorf

The Broadwater Vikings took on the Atlantic Shore Seahawks last Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Hall Center in Exmore. The Vikings had a stranglehold on the conference heading into the final showdown between the two rivals. Senior night allowed parents of the Vikings' seniors to watch the players from the sidelines instead of the computer screen for the first time this year. The small crowd was left on the edges of their seats as the two teams battled it out. If Broadwater won, it would have sole claim to the crown, but if Atlantic Shores won, the teams would split the Metro Title.

Before the game, Broadwater honored its seniors by sharing their accomplishments as they stood with their parents midcourt. Seniors Brant Bloxom, Caleb Floyd, Gunnar Gustafson, Marvin Johnson, and Clay Wardius

started and finished their final game at the Hall Center against the Seahawks. These seniors guided a handful of underclassmen to a 13-0 record behind a stingy defense that created a winning offense. Their accomplishments are nothing less than astounding as they managed to dig out wins, both on the road and at home, during one of the strangest times in sports history.

Going into the game, the Vikings had a one-game advantage over the Seahawks and were on the verge of a perfect season. They weren't the underdog in the gym: they entered the bout already holding a double-digit win over the Seahawks that the Vikings secured at Atlantic Shores back on Jan. 19. The Vikings also have one of the best defenses in the conference, holding teams to just under 42 points a game while also averaging 11 steals and three blocks per game. The Vikings have fed off teams not protecting the ball, turning defense into offense while also doing an outstanding job protecting the rim. The Vikings'

defense wasn't the issue in this conference loss as much as it was the Seahawks' defense that did the damage.

The first quarter of the game portrayed what you would usually see in a championship game with both teams exchanging blows and making mistakes as they shake off nerves and settle into the game.

Atlantic Shores initially built a 7-2 lead before the Vikings turned things on. Brant Bloxom hit a 3 to put the Vikings on top, 11-9. After that shot, with two minutes remaining, Atlantic Shores went to a full press defense, which it primarily stayed in for the rest of the game.

The defensive formation created chaos for the Vikings' offense. The Seahawks closed off passing lanes and used their quick hands both on and off the ball to convert steals into fast break layups. They took the lead at the end of the quarter, finding the keys they needed to lead the Vikings, 15-14. Atlantic Shores then proceeded to go on an 11-0 run to start the second quarter. Behind the full court press, they generated 21 turnovers in the first half and built a 40-21 halftime lead.



Senior Caleb Floyd runs out of the team tunnel for the last time of his career.

The Vikings' offense kept pace with the Seahawks in the second half 30-30 but the 19-point deficit inflicted in the first half was too much to overcome. The Vikings eventually fell at the Hall Center, allowing the most points this season, 70-51. They were led by Clay Wardius with 14 points, eight rebounds, and one block. Brant Bloxom followed with 13 points, six rebounds, and two steals while Bradyn Washington added 13 points.

The Vikings will not see Atlantic Shores in the postseason as the Seahawks compete in the VISAA Division II. Broadwater was given the number five seed in the VISAA Division III tournament. The entire team will be tested for COVID-19 prior to competing. They'll face Stonebridge at home in the first round, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Lady Vikings Finish Season on the Road

Story by Brennan Waldorf

The 2020-21 regular season came to a conclusion for the Lady Vikings last Friday, Feb. 12. The Vikings topped off their 9-7 season with two road game victories and a third-place finish in the Metro conference. They first traveled to Chesapeake to face off against Atlantic Shore Christian Academy on Thursday, Feb. 11. They defeated the Seahawks by generating 21 turnovers on the way to their 47-13 victory and were led by Molly Brown with 16 points, four rebounds, and five steals. Suzanna Long followed with 10 points, four rebounds, and four steals.

The Vikings then turned around the following day and traveled to Virginia

Beach where they took on the Gateway Christian Crusaders. They defeated the Crusaders 45-24 and were led by Suzanna Long who recorded a double-double with 12 points, 11 rebounds, and three steals. Senior Hannah Davis finished her high school career on the road with 14 points and three steals. Taylor Leland added 7 points, five assists, and four steals.

The Lady Vikings were given the eighth seed in the VISAA Division III state tournament. The entire team will be tested for COVID-19 prior to participating in the tournament. The team will travel to the number one seed Virginia Academy on Feb. 23 for a 5 p.m. tipoff.

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Mason Shares Personal History of Automobile Racing



An example of the radio controlled cars raced at Dunne Avenue Speedway.

Story and Photo by Matthew Yoder

From an early age, Mike Mason was behind the wheel, forging an affection for the sport in his own backyard.

“We ran locally. We had a track at Guard Shore, and I won the first race down there. I was six years old,” remembered Mason.

Racing was very much a part of Mason’s DNA. He has an older brother, Donnie, and the two would mirror one another in many of their pursuits. However, it was their father, Carl, who branded an impression in their earliest years and throughout life. Mason recalled his father’s impressive exploits at Guard Shore predating his own winning circle days.

“Dad won at Guard Shore until they threatened to throw him out. He was just plain faster than everyone else. I remember at five years old the meeting at the race car club and that’s what they were fussing about. They said, Carl, your motors too fast,” said Mason.

Those advantages were not born of good luck, but instead of patient preparation and tinkering with motors. The best drivers enhanced their advantage by working with motors they had built, and this was a skill Mason relied on throughout his own career in racing, passed on from his dad and mastered through trial and error. “Dad would make his motor faster. He would sit and think about it. I learned it instead of telling me. Back then you had to figure it out,” said Mason.

The Mason brothers kept racing until they reached high school, at which point dad thought it best to take a

hiatus and have the brothers focus on what he called being normal kids. Though they were “tore up,” in Mike’s words, they listened to their dad and focused on their studies. The brothers, separated by three years, with Donnie the elder, couldn’t entirely leave racing behind. Mike said it was during this time, when his brother was at col-

lege and he was at home, that the two took to drag racing. Donnie was racing his own car, but Mike was racing the family car, a 1966 Ford Fairlane 390 convertible. The two had been running their cars at a track in Delaware, outside of their parents’ knowledge but not far from their suspicion. Denial to his parents’ questions only lasted so long, as Mike recalled the moment he encountered his mom and dad, as well as Donnie at the kitchen table. The cat had been out of the bag, and it was their own successes that spurred a resulting admission of guilt.

“We had been doing it a long time. In fact, we kept our trophies in the trunk of the car so dad couldn’t see them. Somebody at work came in and told my dad, ‘Boy your two sons are kicking butt at the racetrack.’ That was the end of that for a while especially for me because I was using dad’s car,” laughed Mason.

Things settled for a time. Mike followed his brother in attending college, enrolling at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. He was pursuing an industrial arts career. He had applied himself well in high school but was unsure of the path ahead of him. Shop was a class he had taken every year, and his guidance counselor had a question for him.

“‘Why don’t you become a shop teacher?’ And I remember saying, ‘Can I do that?’” said Mason.

In those days he could, and he did, landing a job out of college first in Berlin, and then moving into a career at Pocomoke Middle School.

Though the Mason brothers had

both entered into careers, their racing fire was far from extinguished. Mike smiles when describing a lifelong bond the two have shared.

“Right after I got out of college my brother and I were talking one night and I said we ought to get a stock car, dirt modified. We were getting back into watching it so we built one and we raced it two years. I’d drive one week and he’d drive the next,” said Mason.

Mike would then move on to a late model class vehicle, and his parents were there, never missing a race.

“I got married and I thought this is ridiculous, ‘cause honestly I was spending whatever I had on the races,” Mason said.

Competitive pursuits rarely perish, and during this next phase of his life, Mason’s daughter took over the generational torch, racing junior dragsters.

At the track, it was all about family and friendships of similar racing enthusiasts, at Pocomoke Middle School it was about instilling a sense of self-worth in the kids he taught.

“I love it, I loved the kids. We didn’t try to turn them into carpenters or metal workers or welders. The simple thing was that they knew how to use a ruler, how to put something together. I didn’t grade them on perfection. It was whether or not they applied themselves,” said Mason.

Mason spoke of one of his students moving on to a career in orthopedic reconstruction in California. When that student’s father traveled to witness, firsthand, his son at the highest level of his profession, Mike’s name was brought up. The surgeon turned to his father and said, “Tell Mr. Mason I learned all this in his class.”

Mason’s whirlwind career of simultaneously teaching and racing continued until he was 54. In fact, he had already retired from teaching after a 28-year run and remained active on the track. “I went end over end in a go-kart at Daytona at the World Championships. Actually that’s when I realized I might be getting too old for this,” said Mason.

Mason did not simply rest, he just pivoted. For a time, he ran a furniture business out of the shop on his grounds in Parksley. It, too, was a success, almost too much of a good thing.

The solution to this feeling was racing. Only now, wheels and motors

would be traded for batteries and transponders. Thus, Mason’s current endeavor, Dunne Avenue Speedway, was born. It was an opportunity to bring together one of his favorite aspects of his racing days.

“I missed the camaraderie. I didn’t know a thing about it. I started getting on the internet, talking to people, and finally met this guy, Tony Sciscent in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and he’s been a ton of help to me,” said Mason.

Originally the races were held in a building in downtown Parksley, which brought about the name Dunne Avenue, but later Mason rid his shop of all the instruments for making furniture and built a scale track for radio-controlled cars. He even built a pit area, and grandstands for spectators. Mason installed a computerized scoring system and started selling cars to interested racers. Two dozen people have signed up. To level the playing field, Mason sells the cars himself from one company.

“I don’t want this to turn into a spending game. The complete car with a transponder sells for \$300. It comes with two batteries and you’re ready to race all night,” said Mason.

There are divisions for kids, adults, and seniors, 45 and older. Heat races are run to determine placement in the feature races, and trophies are rewarded for victory. Controllers of the cars run 40-lap features, and, for the speeds they maintain, a race typically runs five minutes from start to finish.

Races have recently started again on Wednesday evenings, though the ebb and flow of regulations for gatherings has limited participation to just 10 at a time. Mason is more than happy to add another night if interest permits and always welcomes interested individuals to give things a go. “I have two cars of my own. Anybody that wants to come up here and try it to see if they like it, come on,” said Mason.

Mason enjoys the crowd that gathers to race. He races sometimes on nights with his friend, Wayne Core, just for the sake of camaraderie. He has plans to expand the area, to move the pits, and to welcome new participants. “There is nothing better in the world than to talk racing with somebody,” said Mason.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Super Crossword

BACKUP FUNCTION

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 "When — your age ..." | 1 Gandhi of India |
| 5 Having two systems | 2 Ferret's kin |
| 12 One of the "Little Women" | 3 Lennox and Potts |
| 16 Angry crowd | 4 Uttered |
| 19 "99 Red Balloons" band | 5 "Nonsense!" |
| 20 Really foolish | 6 Kin of "equi-" |
| 21 First digits dialed, often | 7 Old space station |
| 23 * President of Nicaragua | 8 Hip about |
| 25 Added yeast to, as bread | 9 Related to food intake |
| 26 San —, Buenos Aires | 10 African land |
| 27 Oklahoma tribe | 11 Meadowland |
| 28 * Rock yielding element #28 | 12 Island east of Java |
| 29 Riddle-me- — 1/36 yard | 13 Build |
| 33 Jai — | 14 Stovetop whistler |
| 35 Head, to Fifi | 15 Can't say no |
| 36 * Historical French area | 16 Part of MSG |
| 40 Way of being torn, thrilled or loved | 17 Polish river |
| 44 Put aside for future use | 18 See 48-Across |
| 45 Handed out | 22 Big name |
| 47 Prefix with soul | 24 "Fanny" author Jong |
| 48 With 8-Down, 1859 George Eliot novel | 28 San Fran NFLer |
| 51 Cal. neighbor | 31 Tribal groups |
| 52 * Crank-turned instrument | 32 Gordie of hockey |
| 55 Prioritizes, as patients | 34 Verdi's title slave |
| 58 Hosp. area | 37 Makeup brand |
| 60 TV antennas | 38 Pasta dish |
| 61 Bond film actress d'Abo | 39 Head of corn |
| 62 Place for a welcome mat | 41 Collects, as a harvest |
| 66 CPR giver | 62 Fraction: Abbr. |
| 67 Mil. officer | 63 — gin fizz |
| 68 * An off-Broadway theater is named for her | 64 Vicious vortex |
| 71 Linden of TV | 65 Lifesaving locs. |
| 74 Ice-T's music | 69 "Lady for a Day" director Frank |
| 76 Plane fliers | 70 It flows in la Seine |
| 77 Viewpoint | 72 Rent- — (security guard) |
| 79 Apple tablet download | 73 Classic Ford models |
| 82 A fifth of fifty | 75 Ending for lime |
| 83 Nuclear reactor part | 78 Blueprints |
| 84 * Popular citrus fruit | 79 Part of IHOP: Abbr. |
| 88 "I solved it!" | 80 Part of UTEP |
| 90 Nile vipers | 81 Claim the truth of |
| 91 China's Lao- — | 83 Actress Edie |
| 92 Fully enjoy | 85 Colorado NHLers, to fans |
| 93 1966-2013 bookstore chain | 86 Eminent |
| 96 Funny feline photo meme | 87 Coll. seniors' tests |
| 99 * Musical group playing industrial drums | 89 Challenging of east, in Madrid |
| 104 Egg cell | 90 Opposite of east, in Madrid |
| 106 Genesis twin | 91 Key next to a period |
| 107 Diana of "Dance Hall" | 92 Disinclined |
| 108 Ball or bass ender | 93 Dine away from home |
| 109 * Mafia boss | 94 Throat part |
| 113 Newsmen Koppel | 95 "Casino —" (Bond film) |
| 115 2017 biopic about an Olympic figure skater | 96 Not digital lodging |
| 117 Per-night cost to stay at a 105-Down | 97 "Damn it!" |
| 118 "Mr. Mom" plot premise (and what the answers to the starred clues have) | 98 Rice-A- — |
| 121 Like not-yet-sampled food | 99 Greek vowel |
| 122 Two-function | 100 Crimson and cherry |
| 123 Fodder tower | 101 Boxer Oscar — Hoya |
| 124 Day, in Spain | 102 Roughly |
| 125 Squirmly fish | 103 Std. for a nutritionist |
| 126 Lee who advised Reagan and Bush | 104 Deep groove |
| 127 Couturier Cassini | 105 Suffix with Siam |

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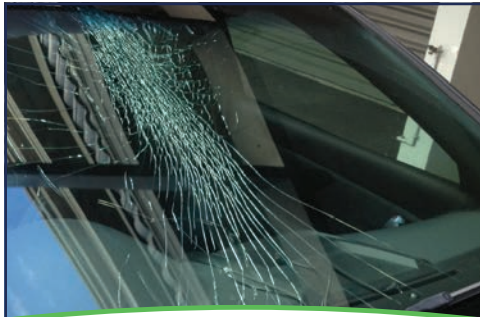
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Oh! Oh! Look at the Snow!

Snow lovers across the Shore rejoiced Friday, Feb. 12. Snow totals reported on the Eastern Shore Post Facebook page ranged from a dusting in Cape Charles to 4.5 to 5 inches in northern Accomack County. Enjoy these reader-submitted photos.



Top left: Summer Bell poses with a snowman family. Top middle: Tymere and Teoni Trader, of New Church, built a snowman armed with an ax and scythe. Top right: Abigail and Mallory Freeze, of Belle Haven, show their snowgirl with pine pigtails. Middle left: Jeanette Eby captured this peaceful New Church winter scene. Middle right: Amy Gibson and her grandson brought a ice fisherman to life on Chincoteague. Bottom: Maureen Freeman had her own winter wonderland in Greenbackville.



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DAR Searches for Tombstones of American Revolution Patriots

Submitted Article

The Northampton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has begun planning projects to recognize the 250th anniversary of United States of America. The local chapter of 38 women is joining the National DAR's "America 250" initiative with a variety of local projects leading to the July 2026 culmination of celebrations. The chapter's local project is to identify the burial places of local patriots and placing wreath with flags on the sites. The chapter hopes the community will join its search and help identify locations.

A team of chapter members recently visited the Poplar Valley cemetery located on Northampton County property near Eastville. The goal was to identify which tombstones remained and whether two Nottinghams known to be American Revolution patriots are buried there. Thomas Nottingham Jr. was a lieutenant. Thomas Nottingham Sr. was a civil service patriot as a juror and provider of supplies. The members were

able to identify names on the well-preserved tombstones but were not able to find the two Nottinghams.

The fieldwork was not in vain, as the tombstones were photographed and uploaded to the GHOTES (Genealogy and History of the Eastern Shore) group's website, www.ghotes.net. Tombstones are important to genealogists in identifying ancestors' birth and death dates. Photographs of tombstones can qualify as documentation needed in joining DAR.

In addition to such visits to burial sites, chapter members are researching genealogical and history resources to identify names of known and potential patriots. Their final resting places are identified and the GPS coordinates determined. The goal is to identify and recognize Revolutionary War patriots from Northampton County. Additional benefits include bringing attention to the need to preserve historic cemeteries and fostering an interest in genealogy and the origins of our nation.



Northampton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution stand behind some of the tombstones in the Poplar Valley cemetery near Eastville.

Off the Shelf: News From Eastern Shore Public Library

By Stacia Childers

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Public Library and Heritage Center is now under construction in Parkesley, to be completed this spring. The state-of-the-art heritage center aims to bring Eastern Shore stories to light through its extensive reading room collections, microfilm, and especially valuable primary source documents in the archives. This is the story of one item in the collections, a voting register.

After a year of debate, Virginia passed a new state constitution that went into effect July 1, 1902. Its effect on the electorate as a whole was disastrous, but for African-Americans it was particularly devastating.

New voter qualifications such as payment of land taxes, a literacy test, and a \$1.50 poll tax caused the numbers of all voters in Accomack County — White and Black — to drop significantly from what they had been just after the Civil War. African Americans living in Accomack County, for instance, saw their share of the electorate drop precipitously, from 40% before 1902 to only 12% after the new constitution was adopted.

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| October 2, 1902 | 2 | Hall Isaac | 1844 | 53 | Farmer |
| Nov. 6 th 1902 | 1 | Handy Jas. T. | Oct 10 th 1875 | 30 | Farming |
| Oct. 14 1902 | 27 | Handy Parker | 1852 | 50 | Optician |
| Oct. 3. 1902 | 15 | Harmon J. Jeff. | 1861 | 41 | Lawyer |
| Oct. 3. 1902 | 11 | Holden Charles | 1848 | 54 | Farmer |
| Oct. 27 1902 | 8 | Holden Wm. Harry | 1841 | 61 | Optician |
| Oct. 21 1902 | 3 | Hoode Calise T. | 1844 | 57 | Laborer |

Names extracted from the "List of Colored Voters Registered at Temperanceville Precinct in Atlantic Magisterial District" after the 1902 state constitution went into effect, which disenfranchised many — especially Black voters — by requiring a literacy test and payment of taxes to qualify to vote.

Among the 12% was 50-year-old oysterman and father Parker Handy, born in 1852. And the Rev. G.H.T. Byrd, who in 1902 was a deacon at Jerusalem Baptist Church but who later broke off from that congregation to help found and become Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Temperanceville. Another was Alfred Justice, a 60-year-old laborer born in 1845 and a Civil War veteran who had served in the 2nd Infantry, Company A, U.S. Colored Troops. Younger men born after the war also registered to vote in 1902, like farmer George D. Justice, age 29, born in 1875.

Their names were recorded at that

historic moment in the "List of Colored Voters Registered at Temperanceville Precinct in Atlantic Magisterial District." The actual register is held in Eastern Shore Public Library's archives, but a complete digital image is now available to view on the library's website at <https://espl.org/genealogy/digital-history/>

The book also reveals those few Black women in northern Accomack County who registered in 1902 when passage of the 19th Amendment legalized women's suffrage. Women like Mary F. Brown, 44, a housewife and mother who lived with her family in Withams. And 30-year-old Estella Tull,

also of Withams, who was listed as a housewife when she registered to vote Oct. 2, 1920, but who later became a schoolteacher.

Not only is the register a monument to local historical events, it is a monument to family. Everyday people — a laborer, a farmer, a mother — left their marks on history and are a part of the story of a place and its people. For their descendants, many of whom still live on the Shore today, individual lines in a register reveal an important piece of their family story. A seemingly distant and abstract historical fact — Virginia adopted a new state constitution in 1902 — can become very personal.

ESPL invites you to learn more about your own family's story with its genealogical and local history resources. Though the library is currently closed to the public, its staff is still available to assist with research questions via phone or email. Call 757-787-3400 or email espl@espl.org to learn more.



Community Notes

Mary N. Smith 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 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=ckFzRG11YStNakxZbnVIMDFGeklFQQT09> 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=YWphTjJEN1hHL1ZHSd1CWmpHODJjZz09>

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.

Conservation District Scholarships

Eastern Shore of Virginia residents enrolled in or having applied to a college curriculum related to natural re-

sources conservation may apply for scholarship funding from local sources.

The W. Foster Fletcher Conservation Scholarship and the William H. Beasley Sr. Memorial Scholarship, both administered by the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District's endowment committee, are available only to Eastern Shore of Virginia residents who are full-time students or who have applied to a college undergraduate level curriculum. Up to \$1,000 will be available for scholarships to be awarded to two students, depending upon the qualification of the applicants.

Thursday, April 1, is the deadline to apply for the W. Foster Fletcher Conservation Scholarship and the William H. Beasley Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Application materials may be obtained from the district office in Accomack by calling 757-302-4433, by email at julie.head@esswcd.org, or by visiting <https://www.esswcd.org/scholarships>

VA Sheriffs' Institute Scholarships

Accomack County Sheriff W. Todd Wessells announced today that the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute Scholarship Program for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. Applications will only be accepted online and must be completed and electronically signed by May 1, via the VSI website www.vasheriffsinstitute.org for scholarship consideration. The VSI Program was established to provide an opportunity for young people across Virginia to pursue an educational curriculum in law enforcement or criminal justice.

Full-time and part-time students are eligible for this program and all applicants must meet the requirements set forth by the VSI to qualify as a recipient of the VSI scholarship award. A complete listing of the scholarship program policy is located on the website.

Applicants must live in the locality where the sheriff is a member of the VSI and a letter of recommendation from the sheriff is required to be considered a recipient of the scholarship program. All requests for recommendation letters must be emailed to the Accomack County Sheriff's Office at kbarrett@co.accomack.va.us no later than Friday, April 9. Verification of residency and college acceptance or attendance is required upon recommendation request.

All students interested in the scholarship program may contact their school guidance office for assistance or may contact Barrett at 757-709-9814 with any questions.

Pocomoke City Documentary

In 2011, the town of Pocomoke City, Md., hired Kelvin Sewell, a former Baltimore City, Md., police detective and the town's first Black police chief, to address the town's crime problem. Five years later, the town fired Sewell over racial discrimination disputes. The film, "The Friendliest Town," documents the story and will stream as part of the 5th Annual Ocean City Film Festival, March 4-11, 2021.

Festival passes are on sale now at www.OCMDFilmFestival.com or by calling 410-524-9433. Prices allow customization to create a personal viewing experience. Passes start at \$10 per feature film or film block. Multi-film packages are also available: six features and/or film blocks, \$49; 13 features and/or film blocks, \$99. All-access passes are \$149.

Youth Conservation Corps Applications

Virginia State Parks is seeking qualified candidates to fill Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) summer residential service opportunities across the state.

Two three-week programs will be offered this summer.

YCC crews will assist Virginia State Parks staff with a range of operational projects including, but not limited to, trail maintenance, habitat improvement, and campground construction and restoration. Room and board is provided to all YCC crew serving at Virginia State Parks.

Applications for both crew leaders and crew members are being accepted for the following sessions:

Session 1: June 20 – July 10, 2021

Session 2: July 18 – Aug. 7, 2021

YCC Crew Members

Crew members will gain valuable experience in trade skills and resource management. Ideal applicants for crew member positions are young adults, ages 14-17, have a demonstrated interest in environmental protection, the physical ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions, and the desire to make a difference in the communities they serve. Crew members who successfully complete a three-week service program will receive 120 service learning hours and a \$500 stipend. Applicants for crew member positions are being accepted through March 15.

YCC Crew Leaders

Crew leaders will supervise a group of 10 YCC members and work directly with park staff to complete a variety of projects that will enhance visitor experience. Upon completion of a three-week program, crew leaders will receive a \$1,800 stipend and \$350 travel voucher. All crew leaders are required to attend training at Twin Lakes State Park June 14-17.

For continuity of the service programs, crew leaders are encouraged to apply for both three-week sessions. Eligible crew leaders will be entering their junior year of college or equivalent. Applications for crew leaders are being accepted until filled.

Those interested can visit <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/youth-conservation-corps> to learn more and apply.

Due to COVID-19, Virginia State Parks reserves the right to make changes to YCC programs to follow CCD guidelines.

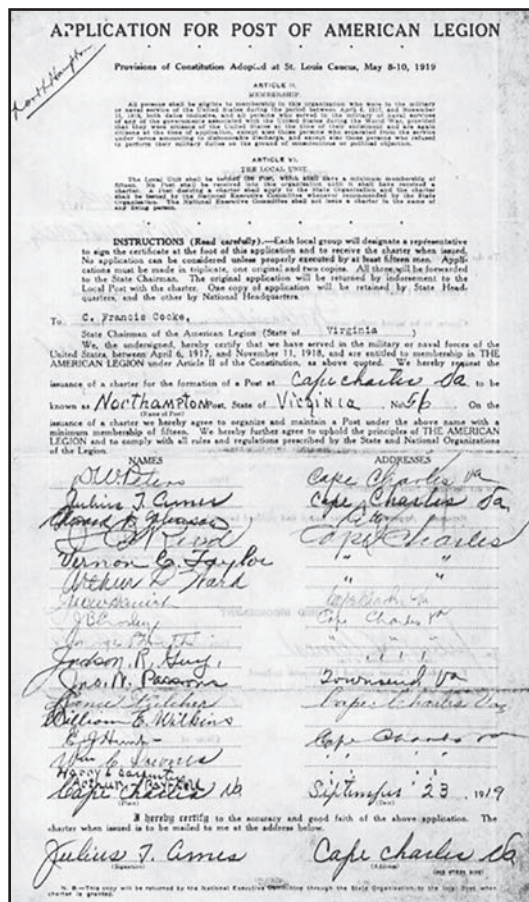
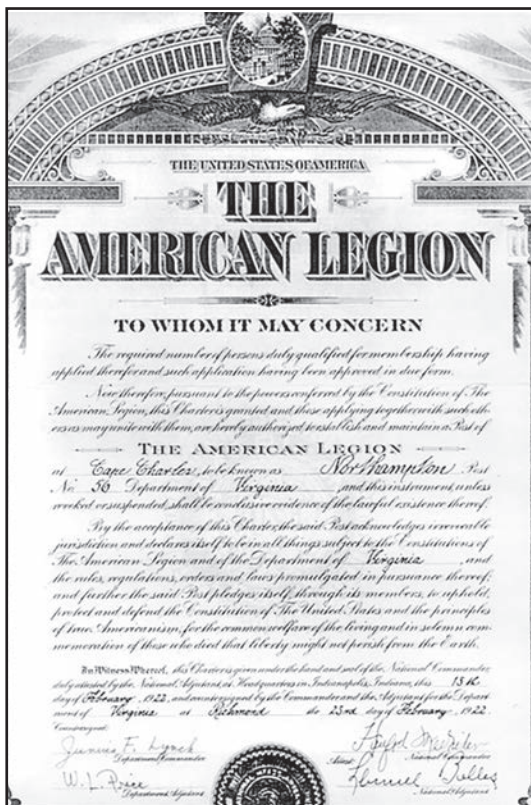
Spring Fire Season Begins, Burn Law in Effect

In Virginia, spring brings increased wildfire potential and a greater threat for escaped fires. Virginia's spring wildland fire season and accompanying 4 p.m. Burning Law officially began Monday, Feb. 15. The law prohibits burning before 4 p.m. each day between Feb. 15 and April 30 if the fire is in or within 300 feet of woodland, brush, or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials. In addition to being tended at all times, fires started after 4 p.m. should not have additional material added to the burn after midnight. If weather conditions become critical, localities often add further restrictions to outdoor burning at the town, city, and county levels. So, be sure to check with local officials before burning. Individuals found violating the 4 p.m. law can be charged with a class 3 misdemeanor, which carries a fine of up to \$500. For more information on wildland fire in Virginia, visit <https://www.dof.virginia.gov/fire/>

American Post 56 Celebrates 99 Years

Ninety-nine years ago, on Feb. 13, 1922, The American Legion national commander and adjutant signed the charter for Northampton Post No. 56. The charter was countersigned by the commander and adjutant for Virginia on Feb. 23, 1922.

On Sept. 23, 1919, 17 Northampton County World War I veterans signed the application for Post of American Legion. They included Dr. David Wilbur Peters, Julius Taylor Ames, Edward D. Johnson, Isaac Glenmore Reid Sr., Vernon Carlisle Taylor, Arthur Littleton Ward, John Warren Daniel, James Benjamin Crosley, George P. Smith, Judson Reamy Guy, John Wise Parsons Jr., Ariel Lancelot "Lance" Fulcher, William Elliott Wilkins, Ernest John Hunt, William Carl Downs, Henry L. Carpenter, and Arthur Rayfield.



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Parkes Named to Dean's List

Kaitlynn Parkes, of Parksley, was named to the James Madison University dean's list for the fall semester. Parkes is majoring in nursing.

Interviews begin the week of Feb. 22!

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The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office is now hiring for an as needed Temporary Administrative Assistant position. The Temporary Administrative Assistant can expect to work up to 24 to 32 hours per week starting on June 1, 2021, until October 1, 2021. Then the position will resume back to as needed Administrative Assistant after October 1, 2021. The responsibilities include file organization, data entry, general clerical assistance, serving as office receptionist, answering telephone calls, directing inquiries from the public, law enforcement and courts. Knowledge of and abilities in word processing and general office procedures required. Must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information. 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, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 no later than Friday, March 5, 2021, by 5 p.m. Northampton County is an EOE.

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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.

Special Requirements: Must be able to work a flexible schedule to accommodate the organization's needs.

A person in this position must be a visionary with supervisory and administrative experience, mature judgment, and sound leadership principles. Must have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to foster teamwork. Excellent communication skills required.

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.

ESVA Chamber of Commerce offers a competitive benefits package.

If a reasonable accommodation is needed for the interview process, please contact Will Russell
will@easternshoreradio.com

Help Wanted (Cont'd)

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Deputy Clerk - Treasurer's Office [Deputy Treasurer I, II or III]
F/T position w/benefits | Salary: \$25,364 – \$37,456 based on experience

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.

SERVICE MANAGER wanted immediately at Coastal Tire and Auto in Exmore. Salary based on knowledge and experience. Call 757-710-2866 for an appointment.

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.

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

Correctional Officer

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

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

Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the Eastern Shore Regional Jail Office located at 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or online at https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

Deadline for applications: February 28, 2021.

Northampton County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted: Forklift Operator for produce packing company. Loading trucks, moving product to storage. Must be able to do simple math and have prior forklift experience. Full-time employment. \$11.40 per hour / time and a half over 40 hours. Must be willing to travel seasonally to Florida. C&E Farms – Cheriton, VA. Call (757) 678-5097.

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.
Equal Opportunity Employer

Certified VA Inspector Wanted Immediate Opening

• MUST HAVE VA INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION
**STOP BY TO PICK UP AN APPLICATION MON-FRI,
 8AM-5PM, AT MOORE'S TOWING & REPAIR
 15442 MERRY CAT LN., BELLE HAVEN, VA 23306
 757-442-2734**

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.

Jail Medic

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

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

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

Deadline for applications: February 28, 2021.

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EXPERIENCED AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN – Must have own tools. Full-time work work in Onancock. Pays \$15-25 an hour (depending on experience). Call 757-787-4633.

CLASS A CDL DRIVERS WANTED

- CLEAN DRIVING RECORD
- CURRENT DOT PHYSICAL
- TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- COMPETITIVE SALARY AND BENEFITS

**CONTACT JOHN AT MOORE'S TRUCKING LLC
 15442 MERRY CAT LN., BELLE HAVEN, VA 23306
 757-442-2734
 OR EMAIL JOHN.ANNIS@MOORESCOMPANIES.COM**

Help Wanted (Cont'd)

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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.

William & Mary values diversity and invites applications from underrepresented groups who will enrich the research, teaching and service missions of the University. The University and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science are Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employers and encourage applications from women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Morrison Dental Group is seeking a full time Dental Assistant. Previous experience working in a dental or medical office is required. Training provided! Submit your resume to: jlewis@morrisondentalgroup.com

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Morrison Dental Group is seeking a part-time Front Office Assistant to help answer phones, schedule and confirm appointments, and more! Enjoy working with a fabulous team! Submit your resume to: jlewis@morrisondentalgroup.com

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN CLERK

This position is part-time, approximately 24 hours per week, Monday to Wednesday.

The position requires a person with clerical/office skills, computer knowledge, such as Microsoft Office Suite 2007, and good organizational abilities. The person must be able to interact well with the public, town officials, and other business and government entities, both on the telephone and in person.

Applications will be available at the Town Hall and the Wachapreague Post Office.

Applications must be received by March 10, 2021

Please call the Town with any questions or information needed (757) 787-1930. Leave a message if your call is not answered, and we will get back to you asap.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: Police Officer POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2021-1-2111

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel District will be accepting applications for a Certified Police Officer from February 17, 2021, thru March 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Applicant must be a Certified Police Officer in the Commonwealth of Virginia in accordance with regulations of the Department of Criminal Justice System. Applicant must be 21 years of age or older, and have a good driving record, and possess a valid Virginia Driver's License. Applications may be obtained from the District's personnel office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by telephone (757)331-2960, or online at www.cbbt.com/employment.html. The annual salary range for this position is \$39,801.00 to \$63,832.00 and includes a complete benefits package. EOE.

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

Developmental Disabilities Aide (\$11.25/hour- \$2.50/hour-weekend differential)
Peer Recovery/Engagement Specialist
Clinician

Part-time Peer Recovery Specialist
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Case Manager-
Outpatient Services
Office Services Specialist
Director of Finance and Administration
Developmental Services Case Manager
Office Manager

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

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Help Wanted

DELIVERY DRIVER - Delivering nursery plants in Mid-Atlantic. Must have or be able to obtain D.O.T. medical card. CDL preferred but not required. Must have clean driving record. Call 787-4096.

ASSISTANT GROWER Full-time, year round position for wholesale ornamental nursery. Duties include, but not limited to irrigation, applying pesticides and herbicides. Experience preferred, but willing to train the right individual. Weekend work required on a rotating schedule. Pay base on experience. Send resume to brianj@theivyfarm.com office #757-787-4096.

WINDOW & DOOR INSTALLER - Must have experience - Pay based on exp. Must have DL & a vehicle. Call 789-3333.

GUEST SERVICE REP.

Hampton Inn & Suites
Full Time
Apply Within
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Chincoteague, VA

PIZZA COOK - Immediate opening. Fridays + Saturdays necessary. Excellent pay. Experience preferred. 757-710-5768.

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

FULL-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT- Must have Quickbooks and Microsoft Office experience. Daytime, Mon-Fri. DOUGLAS REPAIRS, INC., SNOW HILL, MD. Call 410-632-1346.

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

MILLWRIGHTS- PIPE FITTERS/WELDERS MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
* MIG - TIG - STICK
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CDL DRIVER NEEDED w/two-years experience. See Karen Gray at T&W Block, 21075 Washington Street, Onley, VA.

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Traffic Plan seeks FT
Flaggers to set up
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A valid driver's license
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Boats, Etc.

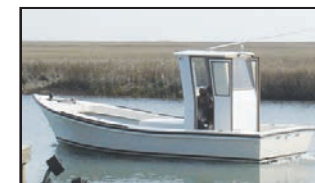
20-FT. AVALON PONTOON BOAT - Loaded. 50 HP Mercury w/15 hours. Like new. \$12,000 OBO. 757-693-2154.

SUZUKI OUTBOARD ENGINE - 115 h.p., like new, less than 30 hrs. running time. \$7,500! Call 757-787-8680.

'90 22-FT. SEAPRO CUD-DY CABIN - Rebuilt OMC 225. 160-gal. fuel tank, 22-ft. aluminum trailer w/brakes (Grady White clone). \$10,300 REDUCED: \$6,000. Pat-757-442-4635.



27-ft. McGregor Sailboat - With sails, tiller, retractable skag, depth recorder for shallow water, trailer w/electric mast, wench. Exc. cond. **Reduced: \$2,100.** 757-710-7146



'84 21-FT. KEN CRAFT - Pilot house, fresh water cooled, V8 inboard, pocket drive w/galvanized trailer. \$10,500. 757-665-6564.

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'00 MAXUM 2800 SCR twin 4.3L V6 engines. Exc. cond. w/recent (2014) maintenance record. Many extras. \$16K OBO. Call 540-287-5047.



FORMULA 233 THUNDERBIRD -

23-ft. 5-7 350 V8 (less than 50 hrs.) New stern drive (less than 10 hrs.) Great open deck, Cuddy Cabin, Loadrite trailer w/pwr. winch, well kept, exc. cond.

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'86 27.2-FT. O'DAY SAILBOAT -

9.9 Yamaha, 4-stroke. Sails good, sleeps 4. Galley & toilet. Trailer & new winch. Draws 2'11". **PRICE REDUCED:** \$5,000 OBO. Call Don at 757-656-8986.

1992 GRADY WHITE 190 TOURNAMENT - 175 HP Johnson. \$6,000. Call 724-601-3695. See in Chincoteague.

2014 60 HP MERCURY OUTBOARD MOTOR - Low hours; needs a lower unit. Asking \$1,000. 757-894-9168.

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

'87 26-FT. SHAMROCK - With anchor puller, never been used, lots of extra equipment. Call 757-891-2426.

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

FREE 26-FT. RANGER SAILBOAT in cradle w/ sails, rigging, cushions. Needs to be moved & repaired. 757-331-0315.

1983 Pro-Time 20-ft. Cuddy Cabin, 2006 150 HP Yamaha V-WAX, 2009 float-on trailer, and many extras, exc. cond. \$15,000 OBO 518-369-9458

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

BOAT WHEELS - 4-blade, 1 pair, 19" x 23-1/2" shaft. JUST REDUCED \$300. Call 757-999-3437 & leave msg.

ANTIQU 1956 MERCURY outboard, electric start w/0 hours, 8-pt. over haul! \$1,995 or buy a 1950s 16-ft. (or so) run-about and keep sailing! Jim: 757-789-5141.

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

CHARTER BOAT \$15,000 OBO - 34' Delta-ville Dead-Rise \$15,000 obo - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718.

34' DELTAVILLE DEAD-RISE \$28,500 OBO - Charter Fishing Boat. 2012 Re-Power Cat 3208T (757) 678-3718. dat556@verizon.net www.ltbaycharters.com

'01 18' TROPHY - Very good cond. + extras. Can be seen at K & E Marine, across from Perdue plant. \$11K. 757-678-3622.

Farm & Lawn Equipment

LAWN MOWER - John Deere with 84 hours. Zero-turn, 54-inch cut, \$4,000. Call 757-894-0669 or 757-665-5040

1953 ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE 600 FORD TRACTOR - \$3,500. 442-7507.

NEW TRAILER - 6' x 12', back and side gates, \$1,800. Call 757-894-0669 or 757-665-5040

Feed & Seed

HORSE HAY for sale (\$6 per bale) and STRAW (\$4 per bale). Call 757-824-3930 or call 757-894-1339 (cell).

Firewood

Firewood
757-442-7540

ES Post 789-7678

Misc. - For Sale

STAGE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE - Stage lights/cords, CD burner equipment, microphones, old trunk. Call for pricing: 757-709-5327.

150-YEAR-OLD BOER WAR ENFIELD RIFLE Exc. condition. \$1,000 OBO. 410-245-0152.

SONY WEGA 55-INCH LCD REAR PROJECTION TELEVISION - REDUCED: \$275. \$375. Call 757-709-0813.

LIKE NEW: 2 INDIAN HEAD PENNIES - \$6 a set. Call 757-442-4252.

WHIRLPOOL PROPANE WATER HEATER TANK Exc. cond., \$275. Located on Chincoteague. 804-218-1090.

LARK ENCLOSED TRAILER 5'x8' - Like new, built-in shelf, used 1 time. 665-4424. \$1,700.

ANTIQU MAPLE HARDWOOD KITCHEN TABLE w/leaf & 4 chairs, \$150. Located on Chincoteague. 804-218-1090.

DISPLAY CASES - Three display cases are 6 ft.; two are 3 ft.; one corner. Will sell separately or together. Call for pricing. Pick up only. 757-442-5873.

30KW KOHLER GENERATOR - 4-cyl. diesel, 3-phase or 1-phase. \$3,500. Exc. shape. 787-1469.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER - Includes 42" flat tv (Pioneer 5.1 surround sound), receiver, Sony compact disk player, Bose speakers. All sold as 1 unit: \$800 OBO. 757-693-2154.

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept advertising for real estate that violates the fair housing law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. For more information about Virginia's Fair Housing Law or to file a fair housing complaint, call the Virginia Fair Housing Office at (804) 367-8530. Toll-free call (888) 551-3247. For TDD users, please call the Virginia Relay by dialing 7-1-1.



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BIRDSNEST - 3BR mobile home. 1BA. No pets, No Sec. 8. \$625/mo. Avail. immediately. Call & leave msg. at 757-678-5547.

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Rentals - Apts.

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TOWN OF ONANCOCK New, open finished office/retail space. Up to 7,400 sq. ft., 10-ft. clg., 2BA, will finish space to suite. 55 parking spaces. Possible drive-through. \$8/sq. ft. per year. Call 710-0070.

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Rentals - Houses

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CENTRALLY LOCATED Charming brick home with 4 BR, 1 1/2 baths, LR, dining room, reception room, hardwood & ceramic tile floors, dry basement and attic. Newly renovated. Separate detached building with brick floors and French door entry. Perfect visibility for home business. Great location for new teachers, \$1,200 month for a couple. Avail. April 1. **757-678-7500.**

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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. 447 P.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 HEREINAFTER MENTIONED CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 225 PAGE 545 AND TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FORA 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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMBINED NORTHAMPTON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, EASTVILLE, VIRGINIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Northampton is soliciting sealed proposals to establish a contract through competitive negotiations for construction project management services for the renovations and additions to a Combined Northampton Middle/High School located in Northampton County, VA. The successful vendor works in the best interest of the County and the School Board. Construction Management services will include representing the County and School Board during conceptual project design development and overseeing construction, resulting in the successful construction, occupation, and operation of the enhanced Combined Northampton Middle/High School.

The term of this contract is for the duration of the completion of the Combined Middle School/High School Enhancement Project which comprises both renovations and additions. The Design Phase is anticipated to last from February 2021 through February 2022. The Bidding/Procurement Phase is anticipated to last from February 2022 through April 2022, and Construction is expected to last 24 months, from May 2022 to May 2024. There will be an option to continue the contract services for the construction of other associated projects that may be required.

Sealed Proposals will be received until March 12, 2021, at 3:00 PM. Failure to submit proposals to the correct location by the designated date and hour will result in disqualification. Any proposal received after this date and time, whether hand-delivered, submitted via U.S. Postal Service, or submitted via any other delivery service, will not be accepted or considered.

Proposals should be mailed or hand delivered to: County of Northampton Administration Department, 16404 Courthouse Road, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347. Reference the Opening Date and Hour, and RFP Name in the lower left corner of the return envelope or package.

All inquiries for information regarding this solicitation should be directed to: Charles Kolakowski, County Administrator, Phone: (757) 678-0440, ext. 515, Fax: (757) 678-0483, email: ckolakowski@co.northampton.va.us.

The full text of the RFP can be downloaded from the County's website (www.co.northampton.va.us). It is the responsibility of the vendor to make sure that they have received any and all addenda which will also be posted on the website.

The County reserves the right to amend or cancel this RFP at any time if it is in the best interests of the County. The County reserves the right to reject any or any part of all proposals; to waive informalities and technicalities; and to accept that proposal which the County deems to be in the best interest of the County, whether or not it is the lowest dollar cost proposal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Genivaldo Pereira has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct 50 linear feet of bulkhead no more than 2 feet channelward of existing failing bulkhead adjacent to Lot 5A3-1-1323 in Captains Cove Subdivision along Chincoteague Bay in Accomack County.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Donna Martinelli has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct 74 feet and 8 linear inches of bulkhead, no more than 3 feet in front of existing failed bulkhead, at property (4433 Main Street) along Lewis Creek (Chincoteague Channel) in Chincoteague.

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

Notice of 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 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.

Proposal and specifications may be purchased from the owner (VDOT).
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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 SUBSTITUTE 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 SUBSTITUTE 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:
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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 SUBSTITUTE 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, Hetompin 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, Hetompin 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 SUBSTITUTE 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.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE
10311 Lankford Highway, Temperanceville, VA 23442

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated January 19, 2009, and recorded at Instrument Number 200900295 in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court for Accomack County, VA, securing a loan which was originally \$222,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE 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 piece or parcel of land situated in the town of Temperanceville, (erroneously refer to as Temperanceville in Deed of Trust) Accomack County, State of Virginia, containing by estimation One Acre (1) (A), more or less, and bounded and described as follows, et wit: West, by the main State Road, North by the land of said Julius G. Matthews, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron post (erroneously refer to as post in Deed of Trust) on State Road, running East direction seventy (70) yards, more or less to an iron post, thence South Seventy (70) yards more or less to an Iron post thence West to point of beginning on the State road, Bounded on North, East and South by land of said Julius G. Matthews.

Less and Except that certain piece or parcel of land as conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia by Deed recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County, State of Virginia, in Deed Book 809, page 627, 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 SUBSTITUTE 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.

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**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.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 AT 7:30 p.m. AT METOMPKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CAFETORIUM located at 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, VA 23421** TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. Ordinance Amendments pertaining to Lighting Regulations.

Proposed amendment to the Accomack County Zoning Ordinance regarding the Lighting Regulations, specifically Section 106-139 - Industrial Zoning District; Section 106-412 - General Business Zoning District; Section 106-226 - Zoning Permits by adding a section to allow for certain building mounted lights such as wall packs; and Section 106-230 - Off-street parking, stacking, and loading.

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

This Planning Commission meeting will be held as a Hybrid - Electronic (Conference Call) and In-Person Meeting due to the restrictions put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Accomack County Planning Department, 23296 Courthouse Avenue - Room 105 - Accomack, Virginia and on the County's website at <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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CAPITAL LETTERS



By Del. Rob Bloxom

The House of Delegates unveiled its budget last week, and I will attempt to give an overview of the spending priorities. We focused on addressing the unique needs arising from the pandemic, including increasing funds for the Virginia Department of Health and residential nursing homes and accelerating the vaccine distribution. We also acknowledged that the temporary federal stimulus is currently being used to balance our budget. Since this money will not be available in future years, we enhanced the revenue reserve funds to buffer any shortfalls that may arise in the future.

The House of Delegates also focused on education. We realized the formula used in the past would not adequately fund our schools in this virtual environment. The House decided to fund K-12 schools, regardless of decreased attendance, at the previous year's level. We also increased funding to higher education so we could hold tuition the same as the year before. We increased fund-

ing for COVID-19 testing as well as tuition assistance for Virginia universities. We also felt that a 3.5% raise for all state and state-supported local employees would be possible in the second year.

Another major area of investment was the environment. We are making key investments to finish upgrades to the wastewater sector. We also appropriated a large amount to the storm water fund as well as the water quality fund. These investments are necessary for Virginia to meet our 2025 Chesapeake Bay clean water goals.

On a more local level there are several items in the House budget that would be very beneficial to the Shore. The first is an increase in teacher salaries that should help Accomack and Northampton Counties retain teachers who are enticed by the higher salary scale offered in Maryland. Another initiative funded in the House budget is seed money for Children's Harbor. Children's Harbor is a nonprofit organization that runs early childhood daycare centers across Hampton Roads. They accept children from 6 weeks old to 12 years of age with income-based tuition. The House of Delegates recognized the shortage of daycare

Shore Students Could Benefit from QuestBridge Programs

By Sheryll Stanley and Nancy R. Wolfe

It is time for high-achieving high school juniors to go online and read about QuestBridge. The organization's National College Match program is a college admission and scholarship process through which high-achieving, low-income students can be admitted early with full four-year scholarships to QuestBridge college partners.

Another program, College Prep Scholars, offers many opportunities for high school juniors who are selected to participate, including the possibility of a full scholarship to a college summer program hosted by Yale, Emory, the University of Chicago, and other colleges (<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>). This year's deadline for the summer program is March 24.

Financial qualifications include

household earnings of less than \$65,000 annually for a family of four with few assets. Also taken into account are the number of people supported by the household income, the number of students in college, and other demands on family resources such as high medical bills. Unemployment or other changes in household income will be taken into consideration, as well as eligibility for free or reduced lunch.

"Participants have access to a QuestBridge National College Admissions Conference, an invitation-only, online event. It includes college workshops, as well as a college fair with the college partners," according to information released by QuestBridge. Campus visits, specialized guidance, and resources for the college application process are additional opportunities.

All high school juniors, whether U.S.

on the Eastern Shore, and this initiative would help alleviate this problem. I was also pleased that the committee included my amendment for a Community Center in Northampton County.

I would like to reiterate that this is the House budget, and I have not looked at the Senate version. Now, the two budgets will be put into conference where a few senators and delegates will assemble to reconcile the budgets and produce the final version. Once that is completed, the final product will still need to return to the House and Senate for approval. As we discovered last year, nothing is finalized until the veto session has ended. Senator Lewis and I will work together to ensure items for the Eastern Shore are not forgotten in the final version.

I encourage you to follow along the legislative process by streaming the committee and floor sessions at <https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/house/chamber/chamber-stream.php> As always, I wel-

come 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.

citizens or not, who are currently attending high school in this country are eligible. U.S. citizens and permanent residents living abroad may also apply to QuestBridge. Criteria also include earning mostly A grades in the most challenging subjects available to the student. Some high schools do not offer Honors, IB (International Baccalaureate), or AP (Advanced Placement) courses. That does not necessarily disqualify a student. A student should rank in the top 5-10% of his or her class, though exceptions are sometimes made, with consideration given to the entire application package. QuestBridge recommends submitting any national test scores the student has.

Questbridge looks for strong writing ability, innovative thinking, as well as determination in the face of obstacles. Teacher and personal recommendations are weighed in student evaluations.

Strength of character, motivation to

succeed, and unusual levels of responsibility within the family are factors that help to determine acceptance into the program. Many college prep scholars are in the first generation of their families to attend college.

The Way I See It by Dan Hillman



Just a reminder: Virginia's distracted driver law went into effect Jan. 1, making it illegal to text, message, or talk on a handheld cellphone when operating a vehicle. Motorists under 18 may not text or talk when driving even if using a hands-free device.

For more information, go to <https://www.questbridge.org/>

Sheryll Stanley, of Parksley, retired from Fairfax County, was an adjunct professor at American and George Washington universities, and most recently was a long-term substitute in Accomack County Schools.

Sheryll's daughter, Nancy Wolfe, works in Huntsville, Ala., and travels among high schools counseling college-bound students in selecting schools to help meet their academic and future career goals.

What if ER Is Primary Care Doc?

Dear Editor:

Toward the end of the Feb. 12 article on Page 7 (“CVS Begins Vaccination Rollout, Shore Locations Not Yet Included”), it says to contact your physician’s office for the vaccination.

What if the emergency room is your primary care physician? Is it “Too bad, you’re not in the loop?”

Does the emergency room set a follow-up appointment with Eastern Shore Rural Health?

I have thought there would be a few that will not fit in any group.

Linwood Windsor, Onancock

Keep Your Mask On

Dear Editor:

The cartoon in the Feb. 5 edition implied something that’s just not true — that we can act differently once we’ve been vaccinated.

Unfortunately, we can’t let our guard down yet. According to Jon Richardson, chief operating officer for the Eastern Shore Health District, “Receiving the vaccine for COVID-19 does not mean life goes back to pre-pandemic times.”

The vaccine trials didn’t track who got infected, but only who got sick. There is a distinct possibility that you could be infected, be asymptomatic, but still transmit the virus to others.

“A lot of people are thinking that once they get vaccinated, they’re not going to have to wear masks anymore,” said Michael Tal, an immunologist at Stanford University quoted in a recent New York Times article. “They have to keep wearing masks, because they could still be contagious.”

To quote Jon Richardson again, “Even after receiving the vaccine, it will remain important to continue masking, maintaining social distancing, and avoiding crowded areas in the coming months.”

Post Office Mail

So let’s celebrate our ability to get vaccinated — but keep doing everything we’ve been doing to keep everyone safe.

Sue Mastyl, Harborton

Internet No Longer An Amenity

Dear Editor:

I listened recently to the “Wi-Fi Update” provided by Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason at the January Board of Supervisors meeting.

The responsiveness of local entities has been significant in addressing expansion of internet services into areas of high concentrations of school children, such as in the three recently targeted areas in Onancock, near Tasley, and near Hallwood. Providing increased access throughout the county must be continuously coordinated with commercial providers, local government, and the public. I would like to see a larger emphasis on planning based on public input.

In fact, much of the planning and strategizing on the commercial provider end seems to be not widely disclosed, possibly due to competitive marketing. As a result, some neighborhoods, such as Cashville, end up with multiple options for connection with ES Broadband, Spectrum, Verizon, and NeuBeam. Then there are other less central locations where school children are struggling to access lessons, remote workers are unable to telecommute, and other residents may not have access to medical information. I’ve been working with the local chapter of Virginia Organizing (VO) to host public forums to make an assessment of access through the perspective of the consumer so we can provide another layer of knowledge in connecting the highest number of residents with

the services they need.

While fiber-optic cables are now reaching deeper into the community, there are still many situations where individual installation fees (sometimes between \$1,000-\$4,000) make the access unattainable for large segments of the population. The upcoming VATI Grant monies should focus on less-

ening the prohibitive installation fee problem and spreading out the service to avoid the clustering of providers in some centralized areas while overlooking others (which may be less convenient for commercial providers). I urge the county to recognize that internet access is no longer an amenity, but is now a necessity for survival in our current circumstances and may need to be regarded as a public utility.

Miriam Riggs, Onancock

Letters to the Editor

We are happy to provide a forum for public expression and reaction to our articles and to local issues, and we are committed to publishing a wide range of viewpoints — when we have them to publish.

Since the last election, letters to the editor have trended toward and stayed on national topics. As a community newspaper, we want to bring things back to a local level. That is where we best serve you. There are many other papers and online forums for discussion of national events. Not so for the ESVA.

To help get there, we are re-issuing, expanding, and clarifying guidelines for letters to the editor. When sending letters to the editor, make sure they are:

- 300 or fewer words; longer letters may be edited or rejected.
- the original work of the author and not submitted to another publication.
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