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Tour Gives Governor View of School's COVID-19 Mitigation Measures



Gov. Ralph Northam reads the children's book "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" to second graders in the class of Keyona Mapp at Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley. The governor was touring the school to observe its COVID-19 mitigation measures. Photo by Jim Ritch.

By Stefanie Jackson
Photos by Jim Ritch

Gov. Ralph Northam visited Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley on Monday to observe COVID-19 mitigation measures in practice, which have allowed both Accomack and Northampton County schools to offer options for in-person learning since September.

"One of the reasons I wanted to come today was to say thank you, and first of all, thanks to the students. ... The students and their families have really sacrificed since last year," Northam said.

The first case of COVID-19 found in Virginia was announced March 7, 2020, and about a week later, Northam's administration made the decision to close public schools due to "unknowns about the virus" and how it would effect children and families, Northam said. "We've learned a lot since then."

Since schools closed, children have suffered from mental health issues,

and test scores have fallen, he noted.

"I think we can all agree that we want our students to be back in the classrooms. That's where they learn best," Northam said.

He recommended that everyone visit the Vaccinate Virginia website, www.vaccinate.virginia.gov, to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine and wait to receive a phone call or email alert when it's time to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated.

"That's the way we're going to put this pandemic in the rearview mirror and get all our children back in school," Northam said.

His goal is for all Virginia students to be back in the classroom this fall.

Clinical trials are ongoing for COVID-19 vaccines for children, Northam said.

The Pfizer vaccine is currently approved for ages 16 and above and the Moderna vaccine is approved for ages

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Looking Ahead: Nursing Home Visits Permitted; Annual Boosters Possible

By Carol Vaughn

The Eastern Shore this week moved into Phase 1c of vaccination for COVID-19.

The health district announced Tuesday in a press release that, in partnership with Eastern Shore Rural Health System Inc., and Riverside Medical Group, the health district will begin providing vaccines to additional groups identified as being in Phase 1c.

That includes workers in energy, water, wastewater, and waste removal; housing and construction; food service; transportation and logistics;

higher learning; finance; information technology and communications; media; legal services; public safety; and public health.

"We have nearly completed the first round of Phase 1b vaccinations. We will begin vaccinating essential workers identified in 1c while finishing up vaccinations of our 1b population. This will allow us to move to vaccinating our general population more quickly," said Jon Richardson, chief operating officer of the Eastern Shore Health District.

Anyone age 65 or older or 16 to 64 with a medical condition should con-

tact his or her primary care provider to schedule a vaccine appointment. If a person does not have a primary care provider, contact Eastern Shore Rural Health.

Essential workers in phases 1a, 1b, or 1c should contact their employer and have them register with the health department.

"Receiving the vaccine for COVID-19 does not mean life goes back to pre-pandemic times but each vaccination gets us closer. It is still important to wear a mask, social distance and practice good hand hygiene. Even after receiv-

ing the vaccine, it will remain important to continue masking, maintaining social distancing and avoiding crowded areas until we see case counts drop in the coming months and public health authorities indicate it is safe to relax protective measures," the release said.

Health department officials said they "are devoting every available resource" to vaccination efforts and that they appreciate the community's patience "as we work to vaccinate those who are most susceptible to a negative health outcome and at highest risk of

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Accomack To Get \$6.3M More in Federal COVID-19 Relief

By Carol Vaughn

Accomack County is expected to receive \$6.3 million under the federal American Rescue Plan of 2021, which was signed into law March 12.

The county has not yet received specific guidelines, but information released by the National Association of Counties indicates the money will come directly from the U.S. Treasury, rather than being allocated by the state, as CARES Act funds were, Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason told the Accomack County Board of Supervisors Wednesday.

Additionally, incorporated towns are to receive their allocations directly from the federal government, he said.

Half of the money is to be given to the county within 60 days of when the law was signed, with the rest coming no earlier than 12 months later.

The deadline to spend the funds is Dec. 31, 2024.

The board will discuss eligible uses for the money at its April 21 meeting.

Among eligible uses are: to respond to the public health emergency's impacts, including providing assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations or aid to impacted industries including tourism; to provide extra pay to eligible county workers performing essential work during the pandemic or provide grants to eligible employers; to help pay for government services impacted by reduced tax revenue due to the pandemic; and to make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Library Construction Update

The board after a closed session discussion took no action on a request for an extension from the contractor building the new public library in Parksley.

RH Contracting, Inc., asked for a three-month extension on the contract to complete the work.

The completion dates the company proposed are June 13 for substantial completion and July 13 for final completion.

The company president, Edgar Flores, proposed "in lieu of the additional expense for architectural fees to

the county for the time extension," the company would, at no cost, reroute roof drain lines away from the Heritage Center part of the building, as the project's steering committee requested — a change order that according to a previous quote would cost around \$27,500.

The contractor "is at the mercy of the current weather and subcontractors," Flores wrote in a Feb. 25 email to Accomack County Public Works Director Stewart Hall.

According to the contract, liquidated damages related to not completing the work by the deadline are \$1,500 per day, totaling \$138,000 over the three-month period.

The board approved a request from the library trustees to name the new library the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Library & Heritage Center, and to name a small study room for Bea Johnson and an entryway for Otho Wescott Custis and Diana Ciuffreda Custis.

Hack's Neck Landing Settlement Reached

The board approved entering into a settlement agreement with a property owner, resolving a longstanding dispute related to the Hack's Neck public boat landing.

The landing has been used for recreational and commercial public access to the bay for generations.

The agreement and general release between the county and Nandua Selects, LLC, and managing member Tucker Terry allow the county to acquire land next to the landing to create a public parking area.

The improvements are expected to be made in time for the 2021 boating season.

Under the agreement, the county will purchase .57 acres of Nandua Selects' property for \$80,000, with closing to happen within 30 days.

Pending litigation, which sought enforcement of a 2018 settlement agreement, will be dismissed under the new agreement.

Chairman Ron Wolff noted the resolution of the matter has been "a long time coming."

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~ Gov. Northam ~

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18 and above.

The governor anticipates that clinical trial results will be available in August concerning a COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 12 and up.

According to Dr. Anthony Fauci, COVID-19 vaccines for children may be approved by fall or winter, Northam said.

Vaccinating children for COVID-19 will play a role in achieving herd immunity.

About 70% of Virginia's population must be vaccinated to reach that goal, Northam said.

Virginia's total population is around 8.5 million, including about 2.5 million children.

Roughly 3 million COVID-19 vaccinations have been administered in Virginia to date, Northam said.

A person needs two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Virginia was receiving about 100,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine weekly at first, but it is currently receiving 400,000 doses weekly, enough to meet the goal of administering 50,000 shots daily, Northam said.

He expects the COVID-19 vaccine supply to improve further, with Virginia receiving 500,000 doses weekly

ly by April and 600,000 doses weekly thereafter.

The governor also expects that by mid- to late May, all Virginians who want the COVID-19 vaccine will be able to get it.

Virginia's COVID-19 test positivity rate peaked at about 20% and is currently near 5%. COVID-19 restrictions will be eased if the numbers continue trending down, Northam said.

Accomack school board member Ronnie Holden thanked the governor for including in the state budget funding for Accomack and Northampton counties to receive the Cost of Competing Adjustment, or COCA.

COCA funding helps school districts offer competitive salaries to teachers and originally was intended only for Northern Virginia counties near Washington, D.C.

But Accomack and Northampton also would benefit from COCA funding, with Accomack competing with lower Maryland counties for teachers and Northampton competing with Hampton Roads cities across the Chesapeake Bay.

"People have to make a living, and when they're paying higher salaries just north of us, it's not a fair process," Northam remarked.

"I can assure you it's going to stay in the budget," he said. "I think we'll make that happen."



Above left: Fourth grade teacher Sheila Walker gives a CDC-approved elbow bump to Gov. Ralph Northam as she welcomes him to her class at Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley.

Above right: Math teacher Markest Knox, right, discusses diameters and radiuses with fifth graders at Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley, as Gov. Northam, center, and Accomack County School Board Chairman Paul Bull look on.



Gov. Ralph Northam, left, speaks at an impromptu press conference following his tour of Metompkin Elementary School, Parksley. With Northam are, from left, Accomack School Board Chairman Paul Bull, Vice Chairman Ronnie Holden, and school board member Malcolm White.



Gov. Ralph Northam waves goodbye to children attending school digitally as second grade teacher Keyona Mapp, left, captures the moment on a video camera. The governor appears on the upper right corner of the computer monitor.

Accomack Returns Some Students to Classrooms 4 Days a Week, Will Train Its Own Bus Drivers

By Stefanie Jackson

The Accomack school board voted Tuesday night to allow kindergarten through third grade students in the special education inclusion program to attend school in person four days a week starting March 22.

Superintendent Chris Holland recommended the decision that will double the number of days per week that those students can attend school in person. Normally, students in the hybrid learning program attend class in person two days a week and online two days a week.

School board member Lisa Johnson pointed out that March 22 marks the beginning of the week before spring break.

Assistant Superintendent Rhonda Hall noted that the date was selected intentionally to give the returning students time to settle in so that additional student groups could be “phased in” a four-day school week after spring break.

Bus Driver Training

School districts across Virginia have struggled with bus driver shortages that have only worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finance Director Beth Onley said last year, Accomack schools had 105 bus drivers, but the school district has 23 fewer bus drivers this year.

School bus drivers have been doing double runs during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the pay they receive for the extra work is supplied by Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security or CARES Act.

Onley said one reason for the driver shortage is that it takes three to six months for someone to become a school bus driver.

A prospective school bus driver must apply for the position, schedule the school bus driver class, and wait 60 to 80 days to take the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) CDL general knowledge test, Onley said.

Then the applicant must finish the school bus driver course, take the road test, and wait 30 to 60 days for an appointment at the DMV to become a licensed bus driver.

Paul Brabazon, supervisor of transportation services for Accomack schools, has been working with the DMV, and the Accomack school dis-

trict has been approved to run its own bus driver testing center.

That means new bus drivers can complete their training and become licensed in about one month instead of three to six months, Onley said.

The Accomack schools bus shop will administer the required vision tests and general knowledge tests, issue the permits, conduct behind-the-wheel training, and administer the road tests.

Onley felt “hopeful that this will help us in order to continue to replenish our supply of bus drivers” and “encouraged” that within one day of announcing the openings for summer school bus drivers, potential applicants have shown interest in the positions, she said.

Senior Prom

Irma Cooper, of Bloxom, spoke during the public comment period in support of Accomack schools holding proms this spring for seniors who have missed out on other milestone events during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cooper, a Nandua High School teacher and parent, acknowledged that school board members would not be able to make an immediate decision on senior proms but urged them to act soon.

“These kids need to know one way or the other. Does that student need to put a dress on layaway? Does that student need to start saving for a tuxedo or dinner?” she asked.

Current COVID-19 restrictions would not allow such an event, but Maryland is loosening its restrictions and Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam indicated he would follow suit with neighboring states if the COVID-19 metrics supported those decisions, Cooper said.

This year’s seniors have been “hit the hardest” by COVID-19. “They did not have their junior prom, their homecoming, their pep rallies, their fundraisers, no spirit weeks, no senior year – possibly no senior prom,” she said.

Cooper gave the school board members copies of recommended COVID-19 mitigation measures, including having the senior prom after graduation, when students would no longer need to be in the school buildings, and holding it outdoors.

She requested that the school board

make a decision by its April 6 meeting.

Student School Board Representative

Cameron Mears, a Nandua High School senior who lives in Melfa, spoke in support of including a student representative on the Accomack school board.

He spoke on behalf of himself and his peers who want their interests represented in school board policies.

“I’m not here to question the decisions of the school board, but listening to online school board meetings in the past ... it’s hard to agree with something when there seems there’s no debate, no question to it,” Mears said.

A student representative on the school board could provide a student perspective and encourage debate on policy issues before decisions are made, he said.

The Accomack County Public Schools Policy Manual outlines the process for selecting a student representative for the school board.

Each high school principal nominates two students, and the superin-

tendent considers all the nominees and selects one student, who is subject to approval by the school board.

The student representative serves a one-year term and is expected to attend all regular open meetings and complete research and data collection as requested by the school board.

He or she does not attend closed meetings or otherwise access confidential information such as student records and personnel files.

The student representative serves in an advisory capacity to the school board but does not vote.

COVID-19 Update

Coordinator of Student Health Services Tonya Martin reported that according to the Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 dashboard on March 16, Accomack had two new cases of COVID-19 and a seven-day average of four new cases per day.

Accomack schools currently have three students, one teacher, and no other staff members who are out of school recovering from COVID-19.

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Chincoteague Announces New Spring Events, Cancels 2021 Pony Penning

By Carol Vaughn

Chincoteague is adapting several of its annual events in 2021 to account for ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce announced a Decoy, Art & Getaway Auction as an alternative to the Easter Decoy and Art Festival traditionally held Easter weekend.

“Visiting with favorite carvers and artists became a tradition for many over the past 40 years. However, due to continued restrictions and safety concerns associated with COVID-19, the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce has created an alternative this year,” the chamber announced in a press release.

The virtual Decoy, Art & Getaway Auction will be hosted online by Zeb B. Barfield Inc. at <https://www.zeb-sauctions.com/>

The auction will run from Easter Sunday, April 4, through April 17, at 5 p.m.

Items may be previewed in person at the Chincoteague Center, at 6155 Community Drive, Friday, April 16, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Items bought at auction can be

picked up at the Chincoteague Center on Sunday, April 18, from noon to 3 p.m., or shipping can be arranged at an added cost.

Items include decoys; original oil, watercolor, and acrylic paintings; painted furniture; shell art; Misty movie memorabilia; old Easter Decoy Festival posters; decorated wooden Easter Eggs; copper art; and more, with new items arriving daily.

“We are excited to offer this opportunity to support our business community, artisans, and chamber mission,” the release said.

The chamber encouraged visitors to plan a spring getaway weekend to Chincoteague that weekend, when they can enjoy outdoor activities and “then bid in the privacy of your hotel room, campground, cottage, or bed and breakfast while relaxing with a glass of wine watching the sunset.”

Find more information about the Chincoteague Island Decoy, Art & Getaway Auction at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2844568229124956>

Around the Tump in 3 Days

The chamber announced in Febru-

ary the annual seafood festival, scheduled for May 1, was canceled.

Would-be attendees are being notified about the cancellation but are being encouraged not to cancel their reservations on the island for that weekend.

The alternative event, called “Around the Tump in 3 Days,” is planned to showcase hotels, eateries, shops, and other Chincoteague attractions.

Participants will purchase a #Love-CIVA playing card at the chamber office, with participating business specials, discounts, and offerings for the weekend of April 30 through May 2.

When a participant visits a business, the person will get his or her card marked. People who complete a certain number of squares will receive extra tickets for the Extravaganza Raffle, typically part of the seafood festival.

Find out more about Around the Tump in 3 Days at <https://www.facebook.com/events/276347233868829>

Pony Penning Canceled for 2021

The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company announced Tuesday it is canceling the 2021 carnival and Pony Penning.

“By now we would already be more

than halfway through the planning phases and preparing for upcoming events.

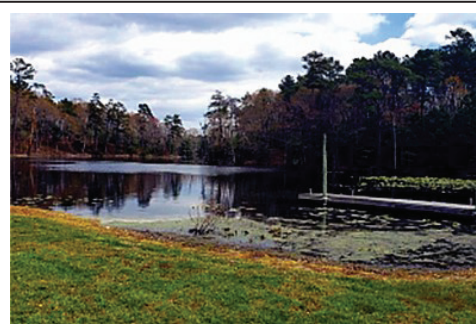
“Given the current orders from the Governor of Virginia we would not be able to have these events and not knowing when or if restrictions would be lifted in time to open,” a post on the fire company’s Facebook page said.

The pony auction will be conducted online, as it was in 2020. T-shirts also will be sold online.

For anyone who purchased raffle tickets in support of the Brianna Kindness Park, giving two front-row seats to the Pony Swim, the winning ticket will be honored for the 2022 swim.

“This has been a rough year for everyone. So many people have suffered unimaginable losses but I’m so confident that we all will bounce back in 2022 and that it will be the best year ever!!!” CVFC president Hunter Leonard said in the post.

Leonard thanked the fire company’s supporters and said announcements about the auction will be made on the CVFC Facebook page.



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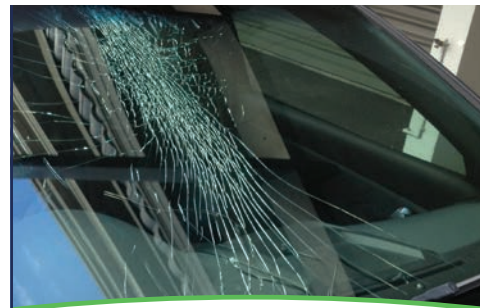
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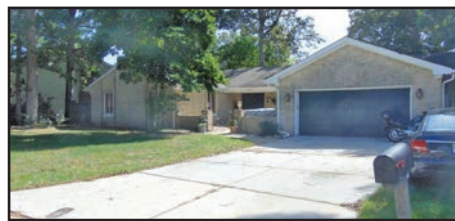


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exposure to COVID-19.”

For more information about Virginia’s COVID-19 vaccination efforts, visit: www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/

Nursing Home Visits Allowed

The Virginia Department of Health announced it now recommends indoor visits may be permitted for residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and similar healthcare settings except under certain circumstances.

The March 10 announcement came after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated healthcare infection prevention and control recommendations in response to COVID-19 vaccination progress.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at the same time released updated guidelines and revised visitation recommendations for nursing homes, according to a press release from the VDH.

The changes come as the number of

new cases reported in Virginia nursing homes has consistently gone down since mid-January.

“VDH is currently observing the lowest weekly case counts since early summer 2020,” the release noted.

Additionally, as of March 11, nearly 280,000 vaccine doses had been administered to residents and staff in Virginia long-term care facilities.

While relaxing restrictions on visiting nursing home residents might increase the risk of transmission, Virginia’s progress in vaccinating residents and staff “can mitigate some of these risks, and public health officials understand that expanding visitation has substantial benefits to residents,” according to the release.

VDH recommends that indoor visitation can be permitted for all long-term care facility residents except in the following cases:

- Indoor visitation for unvaccinated residents should be limited to only compassionate care situations if the county’s positivity rate is over 10% and under 70% of the facility’s residents are fully vaccinated

- Or for vaccinated and unvaccinated residents with SARS-CoV-2 infection, until they have met criteria to discontinue precautions
- Or for vaccinated and unvaccinated residents in quarantine until they meet criteria to be released from quarantine.

Facilities with COVID-19 outbreaks should follow guidance from the local health department and CMS on when visitation should not be allowed.

Additionally, VDH recommends that visitors should be counseled about their potential to be exposed to the virus in the facility.

Facilities should continue to vaccinate new residents and staff and adhere to federal guidance for COVID-19 testing, including routine staff testing, testing of individuals with symptoms, and outbreak testing, according to VDH.

The release went on to say “that it is critical that facilities, healthcare personnel, residents and visitors remain vigilant by continuing to follow infection control recommendations such as wearing a well-fitted cloth mask or face mask, physical distancing (main-

taining at least 6 feet between people), hand washing, staying home when sick, and wearing appropriate PPE.”

Vaccine Update from Dr. Danny Avula

As of March 12, 2.5 million vaccine doses have been administered in Virginia, accounting for 19.5% of the commonwealth’s population, Virginia vaccine coordinator Dr. Danny Avula said in a press briefing Friday.

Virginia is averaging around 55,000 doses per day now and is ranked number four in the United States in doses given and twelfth in number of people fully vaccinated.

After the initial rollout of a third vaccine from Johnson & Johnson — with 69,000 doses received in Virginia and used the previous week for mass vaccination clinics — Virginia expects to receive 9,600 doses weekly for the next two weeks. Production is then expected to increase dramatically by the end of March, with potentially up to 100,000 doses weekly allocated to Virginia.

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In some parts of the state, that's going to be sooner," Avula said.

As supply increases, more of the 16-64 age group with underlying medical conditions are receiving vaccinations than in earlier stages of Phase 1b.

Different parts of the state will be allowed to move into Phase 1c as they are ready, he said.

Avula said people being scheduled for vaccination "will always know what type of vaccine will be given" at events.

Virginia should "easily" meet President Joe Biden's goal of having all Americans eligible for vaccination by May 1, Avula said, predicting all Virginians who want a vaccine should be able to be vaccinated by the end of May.

So-called "herd immunity," which experts put at around 75% of the population being vaccinated, "is absolutely within reach," Avula said.

National surveys show around 65% of adults now are "ready and willing" to get a vaccine, he said, adding the final 10% or so, who may still be hesitant, could be reassured as more vaccine supply goes to private providers.

"I think people do really rely on their doctors and nurses for guidance and advice," he said.

Vaccine hesitancy nationally has dropped significantly since December, including among Black and Brown people, he said.

Vaccinations for children age 12 and up could start to happen later this fall, Avula said, noting Moderna and Pfizer currently are conducting vaccine trials for ages 12 to 15, but are just starting to recruit for trials with children under 12, making it unlikely a vaccine will be approved for those ages before the first quarter of 2022.

Moderna has started formulating a booster vaccine to potentially address virus variants, he said.

Data show the three available vaccines are strongly effective against variants, in particular the U.K. variant, which the CDC predicts could become the dominant variant by the end of March or beginning of April, Avula said.

"I do think it's possible, and may be even likely, that similar to the way

that the flu vaccine is reconstituted every year ... that we will have a booster dose that incorporates some of the newer strains moving forward," he said.

I've Been Vaccinated — What Now?

The CDC earlier this month issued recommendations for what are considered safe activities for fully vaccinated people.

People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series, or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing.
- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease.
- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households.
- Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings.
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers.
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations.

Most experts say masks, social distancing, and hand washing are likely to be part of the "new normal" life for some time.

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Onley Accepts Bid for New Town Hall

By Carol Vaughn

The Onley Town Council voted 6-0 Wednesday, March 10, to accept a bid to build a new town hall.

The \$579,867 bid, which is good for 30 days, came from Jim Wert Builder, Inc., of Belle Haven.

A second bid was from Beracah Homes of Delaware.

The council action came after years of planning and discussion, and after the town in January put out an invitation to bid for construction of a 2,500-square-foot town hall.

The council will hold a public hearing Monday, April 5, at 6 p.m., to receive comments about the proposed budget for the project, which includes a 15% contingency.

The town has \$339,454 remaining in funds already appropriated for the project. The balance needed to be appropriated, including the contingency amount, is around \$327,392.

The building “is close to what was designed three years ago,” Wert told the council, adding that instead of being modular construction, it will be a stick-built structure.

Plans are for a 55-by-55 foot, single-story building on a concrete slab.

It will be constructed on a town-owned lot adjacent to the current town hall.

Councilman Brian Corbin, who chairs the building committee, will serve as the point of contact for day-to-day operations during the project.

“It’s been a long time coming,” said Mayor Matt Hart just before the vote was taken.

After a Salisbury, Md., architectural firm prepared plans for an approximately 3,000-square-foot building, the town in 2018 received only one bid to build it.

That figure came in at \$1.07 million.

Several council members said then they could not vote for such an expensive town hall.

The council in spring 2019 approved spending \$3,000 for a set of modular building plans from Beracah. After the initial set of plans was submitted in August 2019, the council held work sessions and asked for multiple changes. The committee also had the plans reviewed by a third-party engineer, among other actions Corbin detailed at the Jan. 21 council meeting, where council voted to put the project out for bid using the plans.

Corbin said then the project “has been on the table almost 12 years.”

Actions taken over the years included purchasing property next to the current town hall; tearing down a building there after problems were found; paying for the previous set of plans and more recently for the Beracah plans; and installing a well and septic on the property, Hart said during an interview in November 2019.

The council over the years has met in several locations, most recently at Onley Baptist Church, due to the small size of the current town hall, where administrative staff and the police share quarters.

Town Manager Search

The council on March 10 also discussed the resignation of Town Manager Jamye Salazar after serving 12 years in the position.

The council voted 6-0 to accept her resignation, with several members expressing regret at seeing her leave.

Councilwoman Rose Pierson made a motion to form a committee including council members Claudia Harmon and Billye D. Custis to move forward with recruiting a new town manager. Salazar said she will help with the process.




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OBITUARIES

Eileen Ashton

Mrs. Eileen Ashton, 96, wife of the late Eugene G. Ashton Sr. and a resident of Painter, passed away Monday, March 1, 2021, at Commonwealth Senior Living at the Eastern Shore, Onancock. Born in New London, Conn., and raised in Langhorne, Pa., she married and raised her family in Bensalem, Pa., prior to moving to Painter.

Eileen was the daughter of the late Paul C. Leonhauser and the late Margaret Burke Leonhauser and was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Onancock, and was a U.S. Navy Reservist serving during World War II. Eileen was a homemaker who had worked at Villager Inc. in Bensalem after her children were grown. She loved crocheting and gar-



Mrs. Ashton

dening and is remembered by her family as always sending cards for everyone's birthday or wedding anniversary, making baby blankets for charities and other worthy causes, doing all kinds of puzzle books, and volunteering with the sewing group at senior care centers on the Eastern Shore.

Eileen is survived by her children, Glenn R. Ashton and his wife, Marcy, of Hawley, Pa., Eileen Ashton Courtney and her husband, Charles "Billy," of Painter, Eugene G. Ashton Jr., of Painter, and Steven E. Ashton and his wife, Elaine, of Hampstead, N.C.; one brother, Walter Leonhauser, and his wife, Diane, of Levittown, Pa.; a sister-in-law, Jeanette Leonhauser, of Levittown; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by three brothers, Col. Paul C. Leonhauser and his wife, Trudy, Robert Leonhauser, and Harry G. "Gigi" Leonhauser and his wife, Laura; and two sisters, Margaret "May" Ridge and her husband, William, and Mary "Shorty" Morrow and her husband, Robert.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Vandegrift Cemetery, Bensale. Memorial contributions may be made to Kindness Matters Rescue at www.kindnessmattersrescue.org

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

Donald Jester Ayres

Mr. Donald Jester "Donnie" Ayres, 81, of Melfa, passed away Friday, March 12, 2021, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock. A native of Nelsonia, he was born July 12, 1939, in Nassawadox, a son to the late Warren Leon Ayres and the late Mary Jester Ayres.

Known for his quick wit and uncanny ability to make and save a dollar, Donnie owned and operated D&M Furniture in Parksley for decades. He loved antique cars and motorcycles and was a long-time member of the Eastern Shore Cruisers, the Antique Automobile Club of America, and the Apple Dumpling Gang Motorcycle Club. Those who knew Donnie best would tell you his favorite thing to do was talk, and he was often found doing just that, either around a table at Club Car Café or one of his other daily hangouts.

Donnie will be greatly missed by family and friends, though they rejoice in knowing he is now reunited with his beloved daughter, Mary Alice Ayres, his parents, and the many friends who welcomed him home.

He is survived by his wife, Gwynne Ayres; stepchildren, Chris Northam, Doug Northam, Billy Northam, and Jeannette Fields, as well as their families; and his sister, Bonnie Meadows, and her husband, Tom, and her daughters, Billie Dawn Barbon and Carla Dabrowski.

Funeral services will be conducted from the graveside at the Onancock Cemetery Saturday, March 20, 2021, at 4 p.m., with the Rev. Wayne Asbury officiating.

Contributions in Donnie's memory may be made to Eastern Shore Cruis-

ers, c/o Chester Jackson, P.O. Box 366, Parksley, VA 23421.

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

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

Susan Sellew Bradley

After a long illness, **Mrs. Susan Sellew Bradley** has gone to eternal rest. The loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed away March 7, 2021. She adored her family and put them above all else.

Sue was born Sept. 3, 1947. Growing up in Connecticut and spending her summers on Cape Cod made her appreciate the Eastern Shore. It was the same, the bay on one side and the ocean on the other, only the climate was a bit milder. She came to love Cape Charles and all it had to offer.

Sue was a ray of sunshine in so many people's lives. She worked at the Boardwalk in Cape Charles for almost all the time she lived here. She loved meeting new people and surprised many of them because she looked much younger than she actually was. She also loved the many other merchants in town that she had contact with. Selling/merchandising was her true passion.

She lived much of her life in Cromwell, Conn., but found some of her greatest happiness in her retirement on the Eastern Shore of Virginia with her husband. There was nowhere on the Eastern Shore that Sue didn't like, everything from the Jack Spot at Sunset Beach to the Chincoteague ponies. The wineries, the museums, the eateries, the ice cream places, the flower growers, the beaches, the sunsets, she loved them all.

She will be deeply missed by her husband, Seymour Mersick Bradley III, of Cape Charles. Her loss is also felt by her daughters, Tricia Rand Levesque and her husband, Michael, of Cromwell, Conn., Carrie Rand Anastasiades and her husband, William, of Wethersfield, Conn.; her grandchildren, Katelyn, Alexander, Emma, Niko, James, and Quinn; as well as



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her great-grandchildren, Genevieve, Vincent, and Jonathan; and her husband's daughter, Jennifer Campo, of Milford, N.H.

She was predeceased by her father, Thomas H. Sellew Jr., and her mother, Marion W. Sellew.

The family will hold a private service in her memory.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Susan's memory be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

James Dean Brown

Mr. James Dean "Jim" Brown, 58, husband of Lisa Michelle Brown and a resident of Melfa, passed away Friday, March 12, 2021, at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, Md.

Born May 4, 1962, in Missouri, Jim was the son of the late Larry Alvin Brown and Violet Nadine Barlett. He served his country in the U.S. Navy, retiring as Naval Chief.

Following his military career, Jim worked for T-Solutions, and was an electronics lab instructor for Eastern Shore Community College. He was



Mr. Brown

an active member of Baptist Bible Church in Accomac, serving as a Sunday School teacher, church clerk, and sang in the choir. Jim also enjoyed operating ham radios.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a son and daughter, Joshua Lee Brown and his wife, Angelica, of Exmore, and Heather Megan Clark and her husband, Jacob, of Melfa; four grandchildren, Samantha, Kayden, Ethan, and Sophia; a brother, Stephen Eli Brown, of Branson, Mo.; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and their families.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Bible Church in Accomac, Thursday, March 18, 2021, with Pastor Robert Fletcher officiating. Interment with military honors followed at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Onancock. Visitation was at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to Baptist Bible Church Building Fund,

24577 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Mary Catherine Bundick

Mrs. Mary Catherine Bundick, 93, of Painter, received eternal life Monday, March 1, 2021, at her residence.

Born in Nassawadox, Mary was the beloved daughter of the late McKinley Smith and the late Rosie M. Smith. She was married to George E. Bundick Sr. (deceased).

Private funeral services were held Saturday, March 13, 2021, at the Bethel Memorial Gardens, Franktown, with the Rev. Martin Bundick officiating. Interment was in the Bethel Memorial Gardens.

She leaves her love and fond memories to her children, Pastor Martin Bundick, Rosemary Vinnie, Diane Perkins, Sandra Harmon, Samuel Bundick, Milton Bundick, Keith Bundick, Ronald Bundick, and Andre Bundick; siblings, Helen Smith, Bernice Cloud, and William Smith; 38 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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

Phyllis Erickson

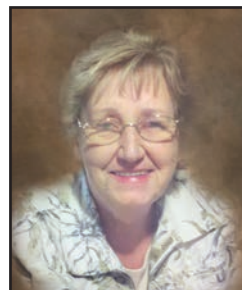
Mrs. Phyllis Madeline Williams Erickson, 78, of Brandenburg, Ky., passed away Monday, March 15, 2021, at the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

Phyllis was born Oct. 11, 1942, in Payneville, Ky., a daughter to the late Charles McKinley and the late Ethel Barley Williams.

Her husband, David LeRoy Erickson; brother, Curtis Williams; sister-in-law, MaryAnn Williams; and brother-in-law, Patrick Shaughnessy, also preceded her in death.



Mrs. Bundick



Mrs. Erickson

Phyllis was born and raised in Payneville, and was a member of the Payneville Baptist Church. She was a very patriotic woman who respected the United States flag and was an active member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary while living in Pennsylvania. Phyllis was extremely crafty and loved painting, drawing, cake decorating, gardening, and flowers. Phyllis never met a stranger and loved socializing, whether it be taking walks by the river, playing rummy, or having visitors.

She is survived by her three children, Tammy Brady (Michael), of Cape Charles, Sharon Fliehmman, of Camp Hill, Pa., and Bobbie Vessels (Jim), of Brandenburg; grandchildren, Sabrina Brady, Amanda Brady, Jennifer Brady, and Kane Fetter; great-grandchildren, Kinley Brady and Raylan Barefoot; sister, Charlotte Konkle; three brothers, Ronnie Williams (Jane), of Payneville, Tony Williams (Pam), of Mooleyville, Ky., and David Konkle, of Mooleyville; her two dogs, Boots and Bailey; and granddog, Bear.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 1 to 6 p.m., from the Chapel of Bruington-Jenkins-Sturgeon Funeral Home in Brandenburg.

A graveside service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Alzheimer's Association Greater KY and Southern IN, 6100 Dutchmans Lane, Suite 401, Louisville, KY 40205, or to the Pets In Need Society (P.I.N.S.), P.O. Box 522, Brandenburg, KY 40108.

Online condolences may be made at www.bjsfunerals.com

Jerry Farring Lilliston

Mr. Jerry Farring Lilliston, 77, beloved husband of Billie L. Lilliston and a resident of Accomac, passed away peacefully with his loving wife of 57 years by his side on March 10, 2021, at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk.

Born March 30, 1943, he was the son of the late Edwin and Nellie Powell Lilliston, formerly of Onancock. Jerry was a longtime



Mr. Lilliston

member of Drummondtown Baptist Church and was a delivery route salesman for Schmidt Bread Company. He was a former Little League coach, enjoyed spending time at Bojangles with the "Coffee Club," and adored his beloved four-legged sidekick, Maggie. Of course, all of Jerry's joys in life were second to having Billie by his side.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his two sons, Kent Lilliston and his friend, Chris Taylor, and Keith Lilliston and his wife, Wendy, all of Accomac; his brother-in-law, Kenneth Lang, of Accomac; and niece and nephew, Lynn Sherwood and Greg Lewis, and their families, all of Accomac.

A graveside funeral service was held at Edgehill Cemetery in Accomac, Sunday, March 14, 2021, with Dr. David Denny officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Eastern Shore S.P.C.A., P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418, or to Drummondtown Baptist Church, P.O. Box 282, Accomac, VA 23301.

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

Arrangements were by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Carroll Lee Marshall

On the last of a Bayside flood tide, **Mr. Carroll Lee Marshall**, 80, of Sanford, went to meet his maker on March 14, 2021. Carroll Lee was born May 8, 1940, in Saxis, to parents Lorraine Ewell Marshall and Carroll Wesley Marshall. A graduate of Atlantic High School and Ferrum College, Carroll Lee worked various jobs prior to a long and distinguished career at Holly Farms Poultry in Temperanceville.

Carroll Lee retired from Holly Farms Poultry at an early age, turning his devotion to his true labor of love,

carving working decoys in the style of Miles Hancock. Most days he could be found in his little carving shop working on his next creation. Many Eastern Shore organizations have been the beneficiary of his kindness and donations throughout the years.



Mr. Marshall

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His legacy will live on in the numerous carvers and artists that he collaborated with in such a true Eastern Shore art form.

Carroll Lee was very active in the March of Dimes, various local chapters of Ducks Unlimited, an active member of the Chincoteague Island Decoy Carvers Association, the Saxis Island Museum, the Temperanceville Masonic Lodge, Nassawango Country Club, Accomack County Little League, and numerous other organizations. His pastimes included fishing, hunting, golf, coaching, and later in life "solving the world's problems" with the many friends that stopped by his shop on a daily basis.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Marlene White Marshall; a son and daughter-in-law, C.L. and Cheryl Marshall; two grandsons, Hunter and Parker Marshall; and two granddogs, Bailey and Finley. His remaining brother and sister-in-law, Danny and June Marshall,

reside on Chincoteague Island. Carroll Lee was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Freddy and Guy Marshall.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 20, 2021, at 5 p.m., at Creek Point in Saxis. After a brief service, the celebration will continue at the Saxis Firehouse. Food and refreshments will be provided. Per his wishes, casual attire is requested, camouflage preferred.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Saxis Island Museum, 20101 Saxis Road, Saxis, VA 23427.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley. www.thorntonfuneralhome.net

Lawrence Nottingham

Mr. Lawrence Milton Nottingham, 95, husband of the late Sue Robins Nottingham and a resident of Cheriton, passed away Saturday, March 13, 2021, at his residence. A native of Bridgetown, he was the son of the late Lawrence Milton Nottingham and the late Jennie Roberts Nottingham. He was a retired general agent for Penn Central Railroad, member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and member of American Legion Post #56.

He is survived by four grandchildren, Lawrence M. Nottingham II and his wife, Danielle, of Belle Haven, Stephanie Gallaher and her husband, Michael, of Tavernier, Fla., Shelley R. Hogg and her husband, Allen, of Hebron, Md., and Suzy Cherrix, of Salisbury, Md.; six great-grandchildren, Connor Gallaher, of Tavernier, Cameron Gallaher, of Tavernier, Suzanne Deters, of Charleston, S.C., Anna Marie Hogg, of Tampa, Fla., Hillary Hogg, of Sacramento, Calif., and Sophie Chapman, of Belle Haven; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Robin Nottingham; daughter, Suzanne Rayne; brother, Roberts Nottingham; and two sisters, Marianna Dabson and Jennie Lou Cotton.

A graveside service with military honors was conducted Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Cape Charles Cemetery with Barry Downing and the

Rev. Jack D. Pruitt officiating. 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 Wilkins-Doughty Funeral Home in Cape Charles.

James Pitt Jr.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at 11:24 a.m., James "JP" received his heavenly wings. **Mr. James Pitt Jr.**, the son of the late James Pitt Sr. and Hytonia Battle Pitt, was born Dec. 24, 1927, in West Norfolk Portsmouth. He was a graduate of I.C. Norcum High School in Portsmouth. He was an excellent saxophone player. While traveling to the Eastern Shore to play with the band at Downing's Beach, he met and married the love of his life, Myrtle Howard. They were married June 2, 1951, and this union was blessed with 10 children. He served in the U.S. Army honorably during the Korean War. As a veteran, he was a charter signing member of the Eastern Shore DAV Chapter #61.

James became a self-employed truck driver. As an entrepreneur, he hauled long and short distances over the road for more than 40 years. He also enjoyed farming and being a commerce waterman on his boat, the Play Boy. He joined St. Mary's Baptist Church, Jamesville, under the leadership of the Rev. Morris Baines. James was then ordained as a deacon. He also served as trustee, church treasurer, senior choir member, and pastor's aide until his health declined. He was dedicated and always willing to do his part and beyond. James was the patriarch of the family for five generations. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, uncle, and brother, and he became friends with anyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Freddie Pitt; sister, Bernice Harmon; brother, Hosey; and two nephews.

James leaves to cherish great memories: his loving wife of 69 years, Myrtle

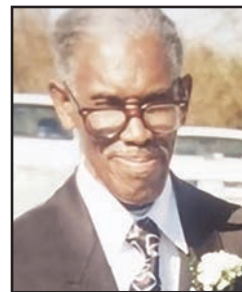
M. Pitt; his children, Anna P. Anderson, of Jamesville, Arline Riley (Thomas Sr.), of Melfa, James Pitt III, of Jamesville, Jean Dunton (Robert), of Eastville, Albert Pitt, of New Jersey, the Rev. Norman Pitt (Karen), of Wachapreague, Kathy Pitt, of Belle Haven, Priscilla Johnson (Herbert), of the Eastern Shore, and Gerald Pitt, of Melfa; 43 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Annette Chandler, of South Carolina; brother-in-law, Sidney Harmon Sr., of Portsmouth; his adopted sons, Tyrone Davis, Willie and Leon White, and Jerome Hack; good friends, Deacon "Berkley" Purnell Collins, Deacon Thomas Mapp, and Persell Beckett Sr.; nephews, Sidney Harmon and Andres Harmon; nieces, Donta Harmon and Cindy Massenbourg; and a host of cousins, friends, and St. Mary's Baptist Church Family.

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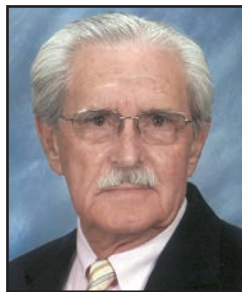
Michael Donald Teets

Mr. Michael Donald Teets, cherished son, brother, nephew, cousin, and friend, passed away Friday, March 5, 2021, at his home. Born May 26, 1977, in Uniontown, Pa., he was the son of Catherine Louise Conard Teets, of Carlsbad, N.M., and the late Glenn C. Teets.

Michael was a graduate of Ringgold High School, in Monongahela, Pa., and received his bachelor's degree from Alderson Broadus in Philippi, W.V. During college, he was active in "The West Virginians" singing group and was president of Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity. In his 43 years of life, Michael impacted the lives of countless people of all ages. As an educator for Accomack County Public Schools, he was adored by his students as well as his colleagues. His musical talents were limitless, a gift he selflessly shared with local schools and churches, The North Street Playhouse, and a myriad of special events throughout the Eastern Shore. Always striving to better



Mr. Pitt



Mr. Nottingham



Mr. Teets

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himself, Michael recently received his master's degree from the University of Virginia, all the while continuing to teach, lend his musical genius to all who asked, and work part time at Maurice. Whether you called him Michael or Mr. Teets, he would want everyone to celebrate his life through appreciating the importance of music and kindness to others.

In addition to his mother, Michael is survived by his brothers, Glenn C. Teets II and his wife, Jenny, of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Timothy Teets and fiancée, Kristy Muelhman, of Finleyville, Pa.; aunts, Cathy Virginia Nedrow and her husband, Bill, and Ruth Marie Kelly and her husband, Ray, of Rockwood, Pa.; great-aunts, Helen Trotta, of Carlsbad, and Isabelle Miller, of Monongahela; cousins, Naomi Nedrow, Sarah Nedrow Rogers, and Adam and Cameron Kelly; as well as many other extended family members and a wealth of friends who thought of him as family. Other than his father, Michael was predeceased by his brother, Johnathan Edward Teets; grandparents, Hampton and

Gladys Teets and Earl and Mary Conard; and aunt, Connie Katz.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held at Wachapreague Seaside Park (corner of Main Street and Atlantic Avenue in Wachapreague) on Saturday, March 20, 2021, at 2 p.m.

To honor Michael's greatest passions, please consider donating to a cause that will continue his legacy of educating and mentoring children or bringing light and joy through music.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Donald Lee Wessells Sr.

Mr. Donald Lee Wessells Sr., 77, husband of Judith Townsend Wessells, of Temperanceville, passed away March 14, 2021, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

Born June 20, 1943, he was the son of the late Herbert Staples Wessells and the late Agatha Lee Wessells. He served our country in the U.S. Army. Donnie was a painting contractor for many years, working in Ocean City, Md. He enjoyed serving in his church,

Assawoman UMC, and served on the Methodist Men Committee. He also enjoyed the Washington Redskins.

Other than his wife, Judith, Donnie is survived by a daughter, Michelle Bourbeau, and husband, Peter G., of Bloxom; a son, Donald Lee Wessells Jr., of Suffolk, Va.; two brothers, Michael Wessells and wife, Betina, of Oak Hall, and Cress Wessells,



Mr. Wessells

of Oak Hall; a granddaughter, Zinyka Wessells; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gary and Kathy Townsend, and Joyce Townsend; and nieces and nephews, Michael Wessells, Crystal Wessells, Ed Wessells, Kurt Townsend, Amy O'Toole, and Kori Townsend.

Other than his parents, Donnie was preceded in death by his brother, Eddie Wessells.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 20, at 2 p.m., from the Downings United Methodist Church in Oak Hall with the Rev. Hodae Kim officiating. Interment will follow in the Downings Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Assawoman UMC, P.O. Box 177, Oak Hall, VA 23416, the Atlantic Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 207, Atlantic, VA 23303, or the Oak Hall Rescue, P.O. Box 128, Oak Hall, VA 23416.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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Lot 12, Peaceful Meadows
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- From Michael Sale
To 4421 Willis Wharf LLC
Parcel in Willis Wharf
For \$1
- From Ballard Brothers Fish Company Inc.
To Sun Cherrystone RV LLC
Various parcels, 218.826 acres,
Northampton County
For \$9,856,975
- From Jerry Kern
To Michael and Mary Cosby
Lot 221, Vaucluse Shores, Eastville district
For \$113,000
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To CS Investors Inc.
Lot B-102, Bayside Village, Cape Charles
For \$119,000
- From Amy Brandt
To Heather Guagenti
Parcel at Exmore
For \$144,000
- From David and Naomi Darg
To Jessica and Samuel Coburn

Parcel A, Cape Charles
For \$200,000

- From Robert Forder
To Derek and Lindsay Burden
Lot 239, Cape Charles
For \$435,000
- From Jeffrey and James Conrow
To Megan Gallagher
Parcel in Cheriton
For \$130,000
- From William Sturgis II
To Douglas and Jean Lambert
Parcel near Nassawadox
For \$185,150
- From Bay Creek Development LLC
To Charles and Susan Purdum
Lot B-69 Bayside Village, Cape Charles
For \$150,000

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Lot 169 Unit 3 Trails End, Horntown
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Northampton Expands 4-Day In-Person Learning to 4th Grade

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton schools continue to expand in-person learning opportunities for students as COVID-19 metrics continue to trend down, and fourth graders are next to be offered a four-day school week starting March 22.

Fifth graders may likely return to school four days a week starting March 29, and seniors can do the same starting April 12, the week after the Northampton schools spring break, according to a March 11 report.

Students in pre-K through third grade, as well as seventh grade, already have the option of a four-day school week.

Virtual instruction will continue for students whose families do not wish to send their children back to school in person four days a week.

Northampton schools will remain closed on Wednesdays for deep cleaning, although that may change in April, noted Associate Superintendent Christine Hill.

She reported at the March 11 Northampton school board meeting that the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will introduce a new test for students this fall that will measure academic growth and identify deficiencies.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence explained the test will adapt itself to the skill level of the student taking the test. For example, if a fourth grader is taking a reading test and continuously giving incorrect answers, the test questions will drop down to the third grade level.

If the student is still answering questions incorrectly, the questions will drop to a second grade level and so on, until the student is able to consistently provide the correct answers.

The tests will determine at which grade levels students can read and do math – an academic performance measure that is more practical than a numeric score.

Lawrence believes the new testing method will be applied to the state Standards of Learning or SOL tests administered in the spring to deter-

mine if a student may receive a passing grade on an SOL test based on academic improvement.

Lawrence called the change a “big step up” for standardized testing.

School board member Jo Ann Moler pointed out that “the biggest complaint about the SOL” is that “all regular instruction drops and teachers are teaching to the test.”

“It really drives people crazy, because in the good old days ... teachers taught their curriculum and there was flexibility,” she said.

Students took standardized tests such as the Iowa Assessments or the Stanford Achievement Tests and “it was very apparent where there were deficiencies.”

There was no high-stakes testing; children were told the night before, “Now be sure to get some sleep and eat some oatmeal in the morning,” Moler said. “That was the extent of it. It wasn’t this ... stress.”

She wished the school board could tell teachers, “Do not teach to the test, just teach your kids.”

Hill noted that Northampton schools will follow VDOE’s emergency guidelines this year and offer alternative assessments for some SOL subjects, and “hopefully that will relieve some pressure from our students.”

Northampton schools are planning their summer program, which will not be called “summer school” because it is “something much more in-depth, much more rigorous,” Lawrence said.

An extended school year is planned for the middle and high school and is tentatively scheduled for four days a week from June 21 to July 1 and five days a week from July 6 to July 30. The school day for students would start at 7:45 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

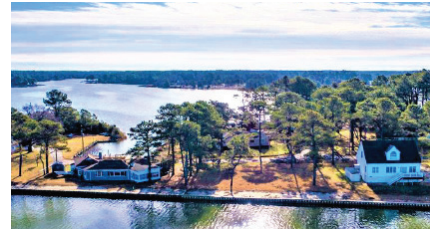
An elementary summer recovery program is also planned, which would be held five days a week from June 28 to July 30. The school day for students would start at 8 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m.

All summer programs will include remediation and recovery of academic losses that occurred during COVID-19-related school closures.

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Northampton County Indictments

By Stefanie Jackson

Corey Kentae Bailey, 30, of Big Pine Road, Painter, was indicted March 8 on felony charges of breaking and entering and stealing property worth \$1,000 or more on Dec. 12, 2020.

He was arrested Dec. 18, 2020, by Dep. D. Cobb, Northampton County Sheriff's Office, following a complaint filed Dec. 17, 2020, by Dep. R.H. Pike, NCSO.

According to Pike's report, he was dispatched to B&B Market Dec. 12, 2020, 8:20 a.m. A witness, Kegan Patel, said he had arrived to open the store and the bottom of the door was kicked in.

Security footage showed a man kicking the door and knocking out the door window with a tire iron.

Bailey is accused of stealing a change drawer, cash, and lottery tickets from the store.

A lottery investigator reported that on Dec. 12, 2020, 6:26 a.m., lottery tickets from B&B Market had been cashed at Royal Farms in Exmore, two for \$30 each and three for \$10 each.

A security video that became available Dec. 14, 2020, showed the cash was received by a female who had been riding in a black Chevy Tahoe.

An informant identified the male in the first video as Bailey and the female in the second video as Bailey's girlfriend, Deanna Sebastian. The informant stated Bailey drives a Chevy Tahoe and the couple lives on Jane Pittman Street, Exmore.

A second informant stated that Bailey drives a Chevy Tahoe and lives in Exmore. The second informant also said Bailey had bragged about breaking into a store and stealing lottery tickets.

Two Royal Farms employees picked Sebastian out of a photo lineup.

Following a legal search, Pike found the Chevy Tahoe on Jane Pittman Street and discovered it was registered

to Charles Palmer, Bailey's father.

Bailey was released on unsecured bail of \$5,000 Dec. 18.

Antone Mohammad Beverly, 24, of Walton Avenue, Philadelphia, was indicted March 8 on felony charges of stealing a motor vehicle worth \$1,000 or more belonging to Mary Ann Fiedler and eluding, on or about Nov. 14 to Nov. 16, 2020.

He was arrested Nov. 16, 2020, by Glenn Bailey, NCSO, and held without bail.

Bailey also faces a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving by speeds of more than 85 mph.

Bernard Anthony Brickhouse, 52, of Mme. C.J. Walker Lane, Exmore, was indicted March 8 on four charges: eluding and endangerment, endangerment by a habitual offender with a revoked driver's license, damaging property worth \$1,000 or more belonging to A&N Electric Cooperative, and damaging property worth \$1,000 or more belonging to the County Line store, all occurring Sept. 10, 2020.

He was arrested Sept. 11, 2020,

by Dep. J.W. Foisey, NCSO, and held without bail. Brickhouse was released on \$2,000 secured bond Nov. 10, 2020.

Amanda Carter, 27, and Joshua Allen Proctor, 31, both of Zephyrhills, Fla., were indicted March 8, each on 16 identical felony charges: stealing a motor vehicle worth \$1,000 or more, possession of Schedule I or II drugs, and 14 counts of prescription fraud.

The suspects were arrested Nov. 5, 2020, by Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel police officers C.D. Garrett and R.S. Kellam.

They each also face two misdemeanor charges, petit larceny and possession of a Schedule III drug.

According to Kellam's report, he stopped a vehicle at the bridge-tunnel after the driver, Proctor, failed to pay the toll. Carter was a passenger.

Proctor said he did not have a registration for the vehicle, and when Kellam ran the vehicle's VIN number, it came back as stolen from a dealership, with a license plate from a different vehicle from the same dealership.

A search of the vehicle produced 10 prescription bottles containing 14 different types of pills. All the bottles except one were labeled with the names of different people. One bottle contained a Schedule III drug, butalbital, a barbiturate.

A straw with white powder residue and multiple syringes were found. A lab test confirmed the straw and two of the syringes contained residue of methamphetamine, a Schedule II drug.

Carter and Proctor were held without bail Nov. 5, 2020, and each was released on \$10,000 secured bond Jan. 21.

Reginald Levant Chavous, 24, of Bayside Road, Machipongo, was indicted March 8 on three counts of abduction by force on Nov. 23, 2020.

He was arrested Nov. 23, 2020, by Dep. William Lewis, NCSO, and held without bail.

Rodrik Edwin Clark, 19, of East Virginia Beach Boulevard, Norfolk, was indicted March 8 on felony charges of receiving a stolen vehicle and two counts of eluding on Dec. 18, 2020.

He was arrested and held without bail Dec. 18, 2020. Clark was arrested by Officer Shelley Beasley, CBBT PD,



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and Dep. J.R. Smith, NCSO, who both filed complaints against him.

According to the police officers' reports, Clark's vehicle was traveling 113 mph in a 55-mph zone on the bridge-tunnel. Beasley pursued the vehicle but stopped when surrounding vehicles were endangered.

Smith was at the 83-mile marker when he detected Clark's white Range Rover traveling 106 mph in a 55-mph zone. He pursued the Range Rover through the Eastville area at speeds up to 144 mph. The Range Rover was passing on the shoulder and driving closely to the rear bumpers of other vehicles.

The driver lost control of the vehicle in Machipongo and entered, exited, and reentered the median, then was driving north in the southbound lane. The driver returned to the northbound lane but lost control of the vehicle again and crashed near Route 13 and Sylvan Scene Drive.

Smith observed the driver attempting to accelerate but the vehicle's wheels were spinning. The suspect jumped out of the vehicle and ran.

Smith commanded the suspect to stop or Smith would shoot, and the suspect stopped and lay prone on the ground.

Clark also faces eight misdemeanor charges, including two counts each of reckless driving by speeds over 85 mph, reckless driving with two vehicles abreast in one lane, driving without a license, and one count each of reckless driving with no signal and aggressive driving and causing a hazard.

Taylor Williams Lawson, 47, of East Main Street, Norfolk, was indicted March 8 for possession of Schedule I or II drugs on June 14, 2020.

He was arrested June 15, 2020, by Dep. Sidney Ray Adams, NCSO.

According to the police report, Lawson was found in possession of a sealed package containing a substance that a lab later confirmed as 2.2 grams of methamphetamine.

Clark was released on \$5,000 unsecured bail June 15, 2020.

Duane Antonio Pitt, 48, of Saltworks Road, Exmore, was indicted March 8 on three felony charges: breaking and entering the garage of Jonathan Turner, attempting to steal Turner's firearm,

and possessing or transporting a firearm as a violent felon on Oct. 21, 2020.

Lt. A.J. Ferebee, NCSO, filed the complaint against Pitt on Oct. 23, 2020. Pitt was arrested and held without bail Nov. 27, 2020.

Erik Julio Reynoso, 26, of Boston Road, Bronx, N.Y., was indicted March 8 on two counts of felony eluding and endangerment, both occurring Sept. 24, 2020.

He was arrested Sept 24, 2020, by Officer Nathan Richardson, CBBT PD, and held without bail.

According to Richardson's report, he was working at the bridge-tunnel's north toll plaza when he received a call about a motorcycle speeding and passing other vehicles in the Thimble Shoals Tunnel.

Richardson responded at the 17-mile post and activated his lights and sirens, which the motorcycle driver appeared to ignore. The motorcycle was traveling 113 mph in a 55-mph zone.

Lt. Rob Stubbs, of the Eastville Police Department, reported that the motorcycle was traveling 126 mph in a 55-mph zone when he picked up the pursuit in Northampton County.

The motorcycle was weaving in and out of traffic as Stubbs pursued with his lights and sirens activated. Stubbs reported the pursuit continued about 10 or 15 miles north until the motorcycle ran out of gas.

Reynoso was released Sept. 29, 2020, on \$3,500 secured bond.

Lawiburt Lee Smith Jr., 32, of Cherry Street, Palatka, Fla., was indicted March 8 for possession of a Schedule I or II drug on July 15, 2020.

He was arrested July 15, 2020, by Officer N.C. Richardson, CBBT PD.

According to Richardson's report, he stopped Smith's vehicle on Four Island at the bridge-tunnel for going 74 mph in a 55-mph zone. Richardson approached the vehicle and smelled marijuana.

A search of the vehicle found two bags of marijuana, a scale, and two bags of pills, which contained hydrocodone, a Schedule II drug.

Smith was released on his recognizance Jan. 15.

William Robert Swope, 52, of Apple Avenue, Hampton, was indicted March

8 on two felony charges: possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I or II drug, and selling or possession of an unlawfully received chemical compound on Oct. 12, 2020.

He was arrested by Officer R.S. Kellam, CBBT PD, and held without bail Oct. 12, 2020.

According to Kellam's report, he arrived at the second toll lane and saw an open 24-ounce Miller Highlife in the vehicle. Swope said he had drunk three beers.

Kellam searched the vehicle and found a bag of white powder weighing 28.5 grams and a scale with white residue. A lab later confirmed the bag contained 27.42 grams of cocaine. Swope admitted he had cocaine for personal use.

Swope failed a walk-and-turn sobriety test and refused to attempt standing on one leg. He also refused a preliminary breath test. A blood alcohol concentration test showed Swope's blood alcohol level was 0.20.

He also faces misdemeanor charges of his second DWI offense in five years and driving with a license revoked for an alcohol-related offense.

Swope was released Oct. 15, 2020, on \$1,000 secured bond.

Rick Zamora Jr., 26, of Bronx, N.Y., was indicted March 8 for eluding and endangering police on Dec. 26, 2020.

He was arrested by Officer W. Hartshorn, CBBT PD, and held without bail Dec. 26, 2020.

Zamora also faces misdemeanor charges of obstruction of justice, driving with a revoked or suspended license, and reckless driving by speeds of 20 mph or more above the limit.

He was released on secured bond of \$5,000 Jan. 14.

Accomack County Circuit Court

By Nancy Drury Duncan

Walter Leon Ayres III, 29, of Parkesley, pleaded guilty to possession of oxycodone. The drug was discovered when Ayres was involved in an automobile accident.

Substitute Judge A. Joseph Canada asked Ayres if he used drugs. Ayres said he did. The judge then asked if he would test positive if he were given a drug test today. Ayres said he would.

The judge said he was going to continue the case for a few weeks and remanded Ayres to jail.

Joel Nathan Miller, 30, of Cashville, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

In July 2020, two deputies went to Miller's home to serve warrants resulting from a domestic disturbance. They knocked on the door and could see the defendant inside asleep on a sofa. They knocked harder in an attempt to wake him. Miller came to the door brandishing a .22 caliber rifle, said Commonwealth's Attorney Spencer Morgan.

Defense attorney James Broccoletti asked the court to release his client from wearing a GPS monitor. He was ordered to wear it by another court to keep him away from a former girlfriend. "It is not necessary and is prohibitively expensive," Broccoletti said. He told the court the monitor cost Miller \$400 a month. Morgan responded, saying he believed the GPS monitor was performing a necessary function. The judge denied Broccoletti's request to remove the monitor.

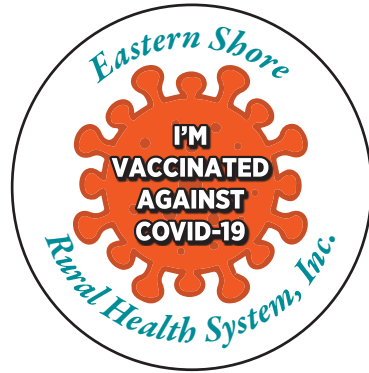
Jack Wesley Guemple, 25, of Parkesley, pleaded guilty to two counts of assaulting a police officer and disorderly conduct.

In May 2020, a relative called police concerned that Guemple was making bizarre statements. When officers made contact with him, Guemple admitted he had ingested both heroin and cocaine. He was taken to the hospital where he continued to be combative with officers and with hospital staff trying to help him.

"He has ongoing severe drug problems," said Commonwealth's Attorney Morgan. He said Guemple had prior drug convictions and had not performed well when participating in the first offender program.

"You won't have a very good future unless you straighten yourself out," said Judge Canada. He sentenced Guemple to five years on each count of assault and battery of a police officer and suspended all but six months on each charge, to run consecutively. He ordered him to be on supervised probation for three years and on good behavior for five years.

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- Phase 1c is other essential workers including food service; utility; and construction workers.
- See the COVID-19 tab at esrh.org for a complete list of who is in Phases 1a, b and c. A list of 1b high risk medical conditions is also posted.

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- Shore residents in Phase 1a, b and c can call to arrange a vaccination.
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The Cape Charles Yacht Club's new charitable and civic group held its first event last month and raised \$3,000 for the Cape Charles Food Pantry. In front of the Cape Charles Food Pantry are volunteers Trixie Miller, Gail Drebes, and Jim Drebes (standing behind Gail Drebes), and yacht club members Rob Harris and Mark Henry. Submitted photo.

Cape Charles Yacht Club Members Aim to Be 'Better Civic Citizens'

By Stefanie Jackson

The Cape Charles Yacht Club started its own charitable outreach program this year and raised \$3,000 for the Cape Charles Food Pantry from their very first event Feb. 14.

They set out to spread the love on Valentine's Day by holding a drive-thru donation event at Mimosa Barn. Members who donated money or food items each received a bouquet of roses.

A dozen participants donated food and 23 checks were received the day of the event totaling \$2,575. Combined with mail-in donations from other yacht club members, a total of \$3,000 was raised.

CCYC Vice Commodore Rob Harris was "very happy with the participation and turnout for this event," he said.

Harris is the captain of the yacht club's new charitable and civic committee.

The Cape Charles Food Pantry gives grocery store gift cards and grocery bags full of food to community members in need on the second Wednesday of every month.

The food pantry also supports the Backpack Program serving children in need who are students of Northampton County Public Schools.

The program provides children with

"nutritious, nonperishable and easy-to-prepare food," Harris said.

Northampton County Education Foundation programs are in consideration for the yacht club's support at its next charitable event.

COVID-19 prompted the creation of the yacht club's outreach program, which is accomplishing a dual purpose: to help people in the community who were negatively impacted by the pandemic and to allow yacht club members opportunities to continue meeting and interacting while adhering to COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

The Cape Charles Yacht Club, with approximately 140 members, is likely the largest social organization in town, Harris said.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, club members typically met once a month to socialize and enjoy a few "docktails."

Other frequent activities included both large and small boat cruises and the club's annual oyster roast, Harris said.

The COVID-19 pandemic provided the opportunity to yacht club members to "open their eyes to the needs ... in the area and do some good," he said.

Their aim is "to be better civic citizens" and "get more involved in the community."

Eastern Shore Rail Trail Working Group Looking for Partners

By Carol Vaughn

A working group was formed recently to promote and support development of a 50-mile hiking and bicycling trail along the Eastern Shore's railroad line, where the last train ran in 2018.

The trail is planned to eventually extend from Cape Charles to Hallwood.

Community groups may become members of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail Working Group partnership, according to a press release from the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission.

Anyone interested in learning more about the group should email info@easternshorerailtrail.com.

"The potential for a trail that attracts new visitors and serves our Eastern Shore citizens must not slip through our fingers," said Spencer Murray, director and senior vice president of Canonie Atlantic Corporation, which manages the railroad, in the release.

"Concurrently our transition to a trail preserves our existing right of ways for existing and future infrastructure and assures that passenger and freight rail can return in the future if needed," Murray said.

The railroad company in 2019 filed a petition to abandon the railroad between Cape Charles and Hallwood, initiating a rail banking process that preserves the corridor for potential future railroad use as well as for other utilities, including things like broadband and a sewer line.

Rail banking allows for the corridor to be used for a trail.

The boards of supervisors of Northampton County and Accomack County in December 2019 signed resolutions supporting conversion of the corridor to a trail.

Now that a Virginia Department of Transportation study about the rail trail is complete, the working group is beginning work to generate community support for the trail's construction.

The VDOT study included a community survey that showed overwhelming support for the trail — 90% of 3,368 respondents said they would visit the trail if it is built and others said they are interested in the project.

The number one benefit survey takers mentioned is having a safer place to walk and bicycle, followed by health benefits and increasing tourism.

Forty-five percent of all survey takers said they would use the trail for bicycling and 32% said they would use it to walk. Twelve percent said they would run.

For Eastern Shore residents, uses were more evenly split — 38% would use it for bicycling; 37% for walking; and 13% for running.

The study can be reviewed at www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/eastern_shore_rail_to_trail_study.asp

Health improvements are among likely benefits of the rail trail, according to a local health official.

"Improving lives of everyone on the Shore is a priority for Eastern Shore Rural Health," said Matthew Clay, chief executive officer of Eastern Shore Rural Health.

"The Eastern Shore Rail Trail will give all community members another avenue to improve their quality of life through exercise and spending time enjoying the outdoors," he said.

Trails in other parts of Virginia have had a positive impact, including encouraging physical activity and social connections; promoting business activity in nearby areas; and preserving the railroad's history, according to the release.

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Among the working group's plans is to commission an economic impact study of the proposed trail.

A 2019 economic impact study of the Virginia Capital Trail, which runs from Williamsburg to Richmond, showed that trail added around \$8.9 million to the economy in a year.

Another study, for the Virginia Creeper Trail in southwest Virginia, showed the trail helped revitalize the town of Damascus, according to the release.

Other goals of the working group include hosting bicycle rides on existing local trails; doing community outreach to raise awareness of and support for the project; and organizing volunteer clean-up events on the Southern Tip Trail in Northampton County.

That trail is planned eventually to connect to the proposed rail trail.

"I see the opportunity to tell the story of our heritage through the trail," said Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commissioner Tammy Holloway.

"The Rails to Trails project gives residents and visitors the opportunity to utilize a transformed deteriorated landmark as a revived area to ride, walk

and enjoy the beautiful nature of Virginia's Eastern Shore," Holloway said.

The VDOT study outlined four potential segments of the trail, which would be built in phases, likely over a period of years.

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

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

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

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





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Please bring your vehicle registration. Tags/Decals must be displayed by **April 15, 2021**, in accordance with Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles regulations. Tags and Decals purchased after April 15 will be assessed a late fee of \$10.00 per vehicle and an annual interest rate of 10% pursuant to Town Ordinance No. II-3.
Golf Carts – Under Ordinance VI-7 an annual safety inspection and proof of insurance is required prior to purchasing a Town Vehicle Decal. Anyone in violation of this Ordinance may be fined up to \$100.

Vehicles- \$27	Trailers- \$8
Motorcycle- \$25	Golf Carts/ LSV- \$10

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EASTERN SHORE SPORTS

ESSHL All-Stars Celebrate 2021 Season

Story and Photos by Matthew Yoder

The Eastern Shore Street Hockey League took a break from league action Sunday to celebrate the efforts of those selected by coaches as all-stars for the 2021 season. The rosters were chosen by Ducks coach, Dustin Aigner, and Bruins coach, Donnie Williams.

Taylor Parks, who has been a stalwart on the frontline for the Knights this season, opened the scoring in the first period, beating goalie, Jacen Horne, with a shot from just inside midcourt. With so much skill on the court, Horne, who tends net for the Blues and is the youngest goalie in the league, settled and made some tremendous saves on Gabriel Nock, Thomas Eno, and Ethan Ayer. Team Aigner, a team of prolific scorers, kept the pressure at a frenetic level and Horne did his best to keep them at bay, but later into the extended period Tyler Bundick found Zach Webb with a great centering pass. The power play goal was followed by a rebound goal from Anthony Taylor, an all-star in his first year of play for the Ducks, and the period ended with Team Aigner enjoying a three-goal advantage.

Team Williams came out firing early in the second period, hoping to dig themselves out of a hole. The Bruins line of TR Hoyt, Caleb Clark, and Williams, led the charge, and put the team on the scoreboard after Clark beat goalie, Alex McCullough, early in the second. That goal would prove to be as close as Team Williams would get, as



Team Aigner, front row-Alex McCullough, Justin Wheeler, center-Derek Hail, back row-Brandon Stapleton, Hannah Parks, Ray Johnson, Robbie Washington, Zach Webb, Tyler Bundick, Anthony Taylor, Taylor Parks, Ethan Ayer.

Team Aigner would spend the balance of the game putting on an offensive clinic. Before the goalie switch midway through the second period, Brandon Stapleton would score the first of his three goals of the game, and Parks and Taylor would both register their second goals of the game. The teams brought in their reserve goalies, with Justin Wheeler replacing McCullough for Team Aigner and Mark Stapleton giving Horne a spell. Team Aigner continued their relentless surge, and

by the end of the second, individually both Parks and Taylor had recorded hat tricks, while collectively the team sported a 9-1 advantage.

Brandon Stapleton slid one under his dad's pads in the final period for a third hat trick from Team Aigner, and two more goals from Bundick and Ayer, completed the scoring for a 12-1 win.

With father competing against son, teammates as foes, and emotions running high in such a one-sided affair, the game is but a memory now, and the six teams of

the ESSHL can now reconvene for a final push to the playoffs, starting this Sunday at Stapleton Rink in Parksley.

All-Star Roster

Team Aigner:

Taylor Parks
Ethan Ayer
Madeline Cornwell
Anthony Taylor
Brandon Stapleton
Jesse West
Robbie Washington
Hannah Parks
Tyler Bundick
Derek Hail
Ray Johnson
Zach Webb
Alex McCullough, goalie
Justin Wheeler, goalie

Team Williams:

Caleb Clark
Gabe Nock
Owen Chew
Damien Citro
Jenny Hagler
Grayson Ford
Bradley Colona
James Haley
Michelle Eno
Thomas Eno
Donnie Williams
TR Hoyt
Matt Yetter
Jacen Horne, goalie
Mark Stapleton, goalie



All-stars gather at the close of an entertaining game.

Northampton Defense Turns It Around In Blowout Win

3/12/21

YELLOW JACKETS 49
RED DEVILS 6

Story and Photos by Brennan Waldorf

Yellow Jackets get the first win of the season as they rolled past Lancaster High last Friday, March 12. For the second week in a row the Jackets have walked onto Hamilton Field with an obvious chip on their shoulder. The Jackets' defense had a rough go against King and Queen Central two weeks ago and were determined to not make the same mistakes against the Red Devils. The defense and special teams unit generated five turnovers in the blowout win backed by a strong run game and all-out effort by Liam Flynn on offense.

Pops of shoulder pads were heard all night as the Jackets were determined to make a statement, chants of "don't let up" echoed throughout the first half. It was loud and clear what they wanted to do: play physical, hit hard, get to the ball, and make big plays through all four quarters.



A frequent site in the game, Lynn Flynn gets away as the Red Devils pursue in numbers. He finished the game with 116 passing yards, one passing touchdown, and 99 rushing yards.

The tone was set on the first possession of the game, as the Jackets broke through the line and recorded a tackle for a loss. On the next play they breached the offensive line, hitting Lancaster running back Troy Cox right on the nose, forcing a fumble re-



Tanner Feltes leads the special teams down the field. The freshman hit all seven of his extra point attempts and ran in the last touchdown of the game. covered by Quincy Washington.

Northampton was unable to convert on offense on its first possession despite the good field position but found no problem finding the end zone throughout the game. Lancaster's next possession mirrored the first with the Jackets pass rushers frequently visiting the Red Devils back field with numbers that resulted in tackles for a loss. Lancaster managed to score the first touchdown of the game as Calvin Redmond was left scrambling with four Jackets in pursuit. Broken coverage and no help over the top allowed for Redmond to connect with Kyle Uhler for a 78-yard touchdown. The Red Devils failed on the 2-point conversion and wouldn't reach the end zone again for the rest of the game.

Northampton received the ball and marched down the field from their own 25-yard line using nine plays that culminated with a Dustin Splawn 2-yard touchdown run. The Jackets have found their kicker this year in Tanner Feltes, as the freshman nailed all seven of his extra point attempts and put the Jackets up 7-6 with two minutes remaining.

The second quarter was an eventful one with the Jackets finding the end zone five times. To start off, on first-and-10 from their own 26-yard line, Liam Flynn connected with Quincy Washington for a 74-yard catch and run to the house that put the Jackets up 14-7. Northampton's defense and special teams unit then put on a show, forcing fumbles that allowed for a hat trick in just three minutes.

Dustin Splawn found himself in the

end zone three times in just over three minutes completing a very rare football hat trick. Lancaster's offense fumbled deep in their own territory that set up Splawn's first touchdown. The junior punched the ball in on back-to-back carries from the 11-yard line with 8:35 remaining. Splawn was then the beneficiary of back-to-back fumbles forced by the Jackets' special teams. After a hard hit forced the first fumble, he punched in the second score from the 1-yard line in less than a minute with 7:28 remaining. The Jackets followed by recovering another fumble after Lancaster's Troy Cox botched a catch on the kick off, Splawn then ran the ball in from 3-yard line with 5:39 remaining, completing the hat trick. The Jackets weren't finished though as they found the end zone one more time in the half on a 10-yard carry by Trenton Johnson with 2:07 remaining putting the score at 42-6.

The second half went as one might expect, Lancaster forced a turnover over on the kickoff but didn't gain much ground as Alex Courtney hammered the line chasing anything remotely resembling a ball. Liam Flynn then made a run from the Jackets' 43-yard line on the offense's first possession of the half. Resembling Michael Vick, the junior juke almost every defender on the field before falling on the Red Devils' 2-yard line. Tanner Feltes capped the play off with a carry into the end zone for the last score of the game as the clock was set to run and the Jackets cruising to a 49-6 victory.

The Jackets will hit the road March 22 for a 7 p.m. kickoff against Windsor.



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Northampton Yellow Jackets Get First Win of Season



The Northampton Lady Yellow Jackets break after a time out during the third set.

3/11/21
JACKETS 4
INDIANS 1

Story and Photos by Brennan Waldorf

The Lady Jackets played Southampton High School last Thursday March 11, on their home court in Eastville. They defeated the Indians in four sets for the first victory of the season (25-21, 26-24, 20-25, 25-18). Jacqueline Santos Maldonado led the Jackets with five aces, five kills, and five assists. Mallory Hook finished with two aces, three kills, and four assists. Lyeric Brickhouse tallied three aces, one kill, and two blocks while Jada Crockett finished tied for most kills with five and three digs. The Jackets will be at home again March 22 for a 7 p.m. game against Franklin High School.



Lyeric Brickhouse is a force to be reckoned with at the net as she gets a big block over Southampton.

The Vikings Stomp Through The Season

3/12/21
VIKINGS 50
RAIDERS 20

By Brennan Waldorf

The Broadwater Vikings continue a hot start in their eight-man football league as they took down the Southampton Raiders in Courtland, Va., last Friday, March 12. In its second game of the year, Broadwater faced an experienced squad that's been playing in the eight-man league for several years. The game started with both

teams exchanging touchdowns, with Sawyer Johnson rushing in the first touchdown of the day in the heavy-weight bout. Broadwater edged the Raiders in the first half 22-14 after a one-handed 50-yard grab from Bradyn Washington set up the Vikings' last score of the half.

The senior-led Vikings put a stranglehold on the Raiders' offense in the second half. Using their size, depth, and physicality, they outscored the Raiders 28-6 on Senior Night. Broadwater breezed past Southampton 50-20 and moved to 2-0 and a tie for first place within the league.

Gunnar Gustafson had another outstanding outing, finishing the game with 221 rushing yards, 75 receiving yards, and five total touchdowns.

Brant Bloxom finished the day completing 50% of his passes against one interception for 173 yards while adding a rushing and receiving touchdown. The senior also led on defense with eight tackles and one interception. Gustafson, Reade Nicholls, and Carson Savage all followed with four and a half tackles. Broadwater will take the field March 20 in Exmore for a 1 p.m. kickoff against Kenston Forest.

SPORTS SHORTS

Safe Boating Tips from U.S. Coast Guard

This week is a continuation of navigational rules of the road. According to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, or COLREGs, the following vessels (in order of priority) are always considered the stand-on vessel (the vessel that maintains course and speed), so all other vessels must give way:

- Vessels not under command. These are vessels that are unable to steer or are not responding to helm commands.
- Vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. These would include things like a dredge, or a vessel with a very deep draft in a narrow channel.
- Vessels engaged in fishing. These are the professional trawlers hauling large nets or gear.

Each of the above vessels will have either special light configurations or "day shapes" hung from their masts to

signify their status. Day shapes of balls, diamonds, and cones are hung vertically. For instance, two vertical balls indicate a vessel not under command; three balls indicate a vessel aground. Safe boaters should learn these rules and signal configurations and act accordingly.

In addition, power-driven vessels shall stay clear of underway vessels that are solely under sail.

Local Aids Notices

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Ware River: daybeacon 2 is missing dayboards.

Wallops Island: lighted buoy 2 has been disestablished due to shoaling.

A new federal aid Wallops Island lighted buoy 1 has been established in position 37.53.771N 075.24.513W in 11 feet of water.

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Forensics - Two Northampton Super-Regional Champions in 2021



Two Northampton High School students, Junior Destiny Carrington and Senior Connor Handwerk, placed first in Super-Regional Forensic events recently. Destiny placed first in Prose and Connor placed first for the fourth consecutive year in Impromptu speaking. Connor has won state in Impromptu Speaking every year since entering high school. The only year he did not win at the state level was last year when COVID-19 stopped the 2020 state Forensics

meet. Both students will compete at the state level March 27. The Forensics team is coached by longtime powerhouse coach Cheryl Fenderson who won Region Coach of the Year in Forensics in 2018 and 2020. Connor also recently placed first in the American Legion Oratorical Contest for the state of Virginia. To compete at the state level Connor had to first win at the combined Post 56 and Shore level, then at the district level. He was the first person from the district to win at the state level. Connor received scholarships at each level of the competition.

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	Chinco. Channel	H 12:58 p.m. L 7:12 a.m.	H 1:45 p.m. L 8:02 a.m.	H 2:40 p.m. L 9:05 a.m.	H 3:41 p.m. L 10:05 a.m.	H 5:39 p.m. L 11:54 a.m.	H 5:39 p.m. L 11:51 a.m.	H 6:30 p.m. L 12:43 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 1:50 p.m. L 7:52 a.m.	H 2:37 p.m. L 8:42 a.m.	H 3:32 p.m. L 9:37 a.m.	H 4:33 p.m. L 10:36 a.m.	H 5:35 p.m. L 11:35 a.m.	H 6:31 p.m. L 12:31 p.m.	H 7:05 a.m. L 1:23 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 1:43 p.m. L 7:37 a.m.	H 2:30 p.m. L 8:27 a.m.	H 3:25 p.m. L 9:22 a.m.	H 4:26 p.m. L 10:21 a.m.	H 5:28 p.m. L 11:20 a.m.	H 6:24 p.m. L 12:16 p.m.	H 6:58 a.m. L 1:08 p.m.
	Wachapreague	H 1:11 p.m. L 7:17 a.m.	H 1:55 p.m. L 7:47 a.m.	H 2:64 p.m. L 9:01 a.m.	H 3:47 p.m. L 9:57 a.m.	H 4:57 p.m. L 10:55 a.m.	H 6:00 p.m. L 11:52 a.m.	H 6:37 a.m. L 12:45 p.m.
	Quinby Inlet	H 12:54 p.m. L 6:51 p.m.	H 1:41 p.m. L 7:42 a.m.	H 2:36 p.m. L 8:37 a.m.	H 3:37 p.m. L 9:36 a.m.	H 4:39 p.m. L 10:35 a.m.	H 5:35 p.m. L 11:31 a.m.	H 6:26 p.m. L 12:23 p.m.
	Machipongo	H 1:24 p.m. L 7:21 a.m.	H 2:11 p.m. L 8:11 a.m.	H 3:06 p.m. L 9:06 a.m.	H 4:07 p.m. L 10:05 a.m.	H 5:09 p.m. L 11:04 a.m.	H 6:05 p.m. L 12:00 p.m.	H 6:56 p.m. L 12:52 p.m.
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	Muddy Creek	H 5:08 p.m. L 11:47 a.m.	H 5:53 p.m. L 12:35 p.m.	H 6:25 a.m. L 1:30 p.m.	H 7:24 a.m. L 2:31 p.m.	H 8:29 a.m. L 3:33 p.m.	H 9:33 a.m. L 4:29 p.m.	H 10:31 a.m. L 5:20 p.m.
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	Onancock Creek	H 4:49 p.m. L 11:15 a.m.	H 5:34 p.m. L 12:03 p.m.	H 6:06 a.m. L 12:58 p.m.	H 7:05 a.m. L 1:59 p.m.	H 8:10 a.m. L 3:01 p.m.	H 9:14 a.m. L 3:57 p.m.	H 10:12 a.m. L 4:48 p.m.
	Pungoteague Creek	H 4:05 p.m. L 10:29 a.m.	H 4:50 p.m. L 11:17 a.m.	H 5:43 p.m. L 12:12 p.m.	H 6:44 p.m. L 1:13 p.m.	H 7:26 a.m. L 2:15 p.m.	H 8:30 a.m. L 3:11 p.m.	H 9:28 a.m. L 4:02 p.m.
	Nassawadox	H 2:50 p.m. L 8:51 a.m.	H 3:35 p.m. L 9:39 a.m.	H 4:28 p.m. L 10:34 a.m.	H 5:29 p.m. L 11:35 a.m.	H 6:35 p.m. L 12:37 p.m.	H 7:15 a.m. L 1:33 p.m.	H 8:13 a.m. L 2:24 p.m.
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	Cape Charles	H 1:39 p.m. L 7:59 a.m.	H 2:24 p.m. L 8:47 a.m.	H 3:17 p.m. L 9:42 a.m.	H 4:18 p.m. L 10:43 a.m.	H 5:24 p.m. L 11:45 a.m.	H 6:26 p.m. L 12:41 p.m.	H 7:02 a.m. L 1:32 p.m.
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: — GREASE

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| Bear arms | Cold shoulder | Knee-deep | Shake a leg |
| Belly up | Evil eye | Knee-jerk | Thumbs up |
| By a nose | Hair-raising | Leg up | Up in arms |
| Chin-wag | Handout | Nosedive | |

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Last Week's Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

JUMBLE OF TREES

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|---|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 42 Soon | 90 Millionaire-making game | 125 Plow inventor John | 37 "Park" a ship | 74 Old computer language |
| 1 Item in a place setting | 43 Two of Henry VIII's wives | 93 Menial type | | 38 Central Georgia city | 76 Entertainer Zadora |
| 6 Duffels, e.g. | 44 Coagulates | 94 Provoke | DOWN | 40 Gets bested | 77 Gift for a drawer, perhaps |
| 10 Grand tales | 46 "Gunga Din" studio | 98 Corp. wheel | 1 Pleased | 44 Vivid crimson | 79 Dealt (out) |
| 15 Hence | 47 Recorded digitally, in a way | 99 Charm | 2 Citrus fruit | 45 Egg pouch | 80 In — of (replacing) |
| 19 Boundary | 49 LAX datum | 102 Nancy of the House | 3 Hi-fi parts | 47 Slender woodwind | 81 Gas leak giveaway |
| 20 "— Three Ships" | 51 Wharf locale | 104 Like sown seeds | 4 Microchip material | 48 CBS military law show | 82 Zilch |
| 21 — Park (Edison's home) | 56 Tree-dwelling hooded snake? | 106 "Ally McBeal" co-star Lucy | 5 Ships' rears | 50 Fez dangler | 85 Suburb of Dallas |
| 22 Took off | 60 Tree whose trunk curves? | 107 In total | 6 Slant | 52 Small and 70-Across | 89 Hack (off) |
| 23 Really big tree? | 62 Cut of pork | 109 — Gay (WWII B-29) | 7 Viper variety | 53 Chief Norse god | 91 Prohibits |
| 25 Fundamental tree? | 63 Dutch Renaissance scholar | 110 Tea-scenting blossom | 8 Old warship | 54 Talk wildly | 92 High crime |
| 27 Longs for | 65 Rake part | 114 Tree that makes people think like a French novelist? | 9 Deary | 55 Deuce taker | 93 Bird feathers |
| 28 Franz who composed "The Merry Widow" | 66 Nuances | 116 Window sections through which trees are visible? | 10 Prepare for a pyramid | 57 Hackneyed | 94 Gaps |
| 30 Early settler | 69 Item in a place setting | 118 Richard of "Wicked Woman" | 11 Oyster bead | 58 Grid of fine lines in an eyepiece | 95 Mammal's fur |
| 31 "Erin Burnett OutFront" channel | 70 Of delicate beauty | 119 "Für —" (piano piece) | 12 People with clout | 59 Franklin of soul | 96 Comic Tracey |
| 32 Passes on, as a story | 72 A shot | 120 Romances | 13 Applaud | 61 — -de-sac | 97 Roly-poly |
| 34 French brandy | 73 Love-struck | 121 Florida bird | 14 Asked for | 64 See 71-Down | 99 Cavalry soldier |
| 35 Chinese ideology centered around a tree? | 74 Farm vehicle | 122 Mail in | 15 Nasal singing tones | 66 Splinter group | 100 Actor Ruck |
| 39 Actor Mahershala | 75 Tree sold at a low price? | 123 Steven of Aerosmith | 16 Curtis of cosmetics | 67 Laugh sound | 101 Talked like Cindy Brady |
| 41 "Family Guy" creator MacFarlane | 78 Cantaloupe growing on a tree? | 124 Fit of pique | 17 Overthrow | 68 Golf coups | 103 Alert at sea |
| | 83 More flavorful | | 18 Potato stuff | 69 Thurman of Hollywood | 105 Car contract |
| | 84 Indy circuit | | 24 Suvari of Hollywood | 70 Soul music is a form of it | 108 As is fitting |
| | 86 Auction site | | 26 Ghostly cry | 71 With 64-Down, hostile swarming insect | 110 About |
| | 87 Union promise | | 29 "Siddhartha" novelist | 73 Suit fabric | 111 About |
| | 88 Slant | | 32 Soul music is a form of it | | 112 — -do-well (idler) |
| | | | 33 — soda (cleanser) | | 113 Punta del — |
| | | | 35 Singer Cohn | | 115 1,000 G's |
| | | | 36 Jimmy Durante's "— Dinka Doo" | | 117 Luau bowlful |

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Random Facts About ... Oxygen, How We Got It, How We Keep It

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes this week, a fresh breath of oxygen came out ... making us thankful for blue-green algae and whale poop.

For the planet's first couple billion years, Earth contained no oxygen in its atmosphere. Instead, the atmosphere had about 1,000 times more methane than it does now. There were plenty of living creatures around, just none that breathed oxygen.

Then, around 2.5 billion years ago,

oxygen began to build in the atmosphere, probably due to the evolution of a type of blue-green algae that, like those other life forms of the time, lived without oxygen. These particular algae produced molecular oxygen as a byproduct. Living off sunlight and producing oxygen, the blue-green algae became so successful that over millions of years they pumped enough oxygen into the atmosphere to convert methane into carbon dioxide and water — and then, sorry, kill off the

life forms that had been flourishing on Earth up until that time but that found oxygen poisonous.

With the methane gone and the oxygen present, life forms more familiar to us could evolve. But oxygen is highly reactive — in fact, it is the most reactive of all of the nonmetallic elements. To keep oxygen at its current 21% (78% of the air we breathe is nitrogen; the remaining 1% is assorted other gases), oxygen is replenished from two main sources. One you're familiar with: all the plants on Earth, which take in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. The other source, which doesn't get as much credit, is phytoplankton, one-celled plants that live at the ocean's surface and also provide the first step of the ocean food chain: from phytoplankton to herbivores to predators to just about everything that lives in or off of the ocean.

You could even argue that phytoplankton are better at keeping us in oxygen than all the plants on Earth, because when trees and other plants rot or burn, they return to the atmo-

sphere much of the carbon dioxide they had absorbed while growing. Phytoplankton that die and sink to the bottom of the ocean lock away the carbon they have absorbed.

And what do the phytoplankton need to do their most excellent job? Just two things. Sunlight and nutrients.

Sunlight is abundant at the surface where phytoplankton live but where oh where will they get the nutrients they need? Much of the nutrients in the oceans fall to the bottom in what's known as marine snow that feeds ocean life living in the depths. This constantly falling marine snow doesn't help phytoplankton. Whales also dive deep in pursuit of food such as krill but, it turns out, whales come to the surface for several vital reasons. Such as breathing. And pooping. They have been observed evacuating their bowels and bladders before they dive. Speculation is that the dives require a great amount of energy so the whales want to get the exertion of elimination done while they're near the surface. Also, elimination might be difficult at increased sea pressures.

Regardless of the reasons, whales delivering nutrients by pooping near the surface is so critical to the recycling of biological material in the ocean that the process even has a name, the whale pump.

What kind of quantity of poop and pee are we talking about? Hard to measure, as you might imagine, but the Canadian Journal of Zoology estimated that the sei whale (up to 100,000 pounds) can produce about 166 gallons of urine a day, and a fin whale (160,000 pounds) can produce 257 gallons daily. A blue whale was photographed producing a single bowel movement that researchers estimated at more than 50 gallons while daily fecal production for this giant nutrient-producer might be in the tons.

The fun won't last forever. Eventually, scientists say, the sun will become hotter, burning off our carbon dioxide, allowing methane levels to rise once again, and oxygen will go bye-bye. But that won't happen for another billion years. Meanwhile whales poop to feed the phytoplankton, which replenish the oxygen that we breathe to stay alive — a sweet deal.





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Last Week's Contest:

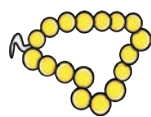
Follow the Rules, Win a Prize

The rules last week accepted only four-leaf clovers and disqualified any entry that submitted a three-leaf clover. This three-leaf/four-leaf distinction disqualified many entries, unfortunately. Still, 47 readers found four-leaf covers on pages 1, 7, 34, and 41. Among those readers, Helen Rowley, of Cape Charles, was randomly chosen to win the \$25 gift certificate to the Blarney Stone Pub in Onancock.

This Week's Contest:

Find the Necklaces if You Can

In recognition of this week's sponsor, we have placed six necklaces in this issue of the newspaper. They look like this:



Readers who find all six of these necklaces

will become contestants and, from that pool, one lucky osprey-eyed reader will be randomly selected to win a \$25 gift certificate to C.D. Marsh Jewelers in Onancock. See sponsor box on this page.

The rules:

- To become a contestant, find the six necklaces 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, March 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

Runners-Up Not Pictured:

Patricia Willey, Quinby
Cindylou Nelson, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Kim Rice, Bloxom
Sara M Fetterman, Bloxom
Patricia M. Voss, Bloxom
Tammy Milburn, Pocomoke City, Md.
Shannon Lewis, Bloxom
Janet Leigh Cooper, Onley
Catrina Satchell, Bloxom
Theresa Lattimore, Bloxom
Teresa West-Kellam, Onancock
Mary Hopkins, Painter
Nicole Landon, Painter
Cindi Bowen, Wachapreague
Lowanda Washington
Cheryl Turner, Bloxom
Cotina Strand, Melfa
Valerie Newman, Jamesville
Dawn Taylor, Parksley
Allison Burton, Eastville
Sarah Morgan, Oyster

Runners-Up



Runner-up Danielle Johnson did not win an osprey-eye prize, but she and Kevin got bull's-eyes at an ax-throwing bar in North Carolina.



In the background is sunset at Cape Charles Beach. In the foreground are Sarah Walter, of Painter, and her two boys, Carter and Zayne.



Tessa Hawley, of Exmore, labels this photograph "Sitting on Pride Rock." It was taken in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, at one of the forts.



Abby Mowry, of Cape Charles, is a teacher at Kiptopeke Elementary School. Pictured here are "my two adorable little boys, Jack and Charlie."



Cindi Bowen and Mitzi Paul, both of Wachapreague, play the osprey contest individually but then talk about the clues that stump them, enjoying the "fun community building event!"

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 pho-

tographs 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 neighbor with personality, a friend with originality, or even a family member with a touch of insanity. Just no feet.

Last Week's Winner



Retired teacher Helen Rowley, of Cape Charles, brought 34 years of service as an educator in three Virginia counties to the contest last week. All of her students, thousands over several generations, will be proud to know that she follows directions and was able to find all of the four-leaf clovers. She deserves the magically delicious prize.

Laurie Paschall, Cape Charles
John Bell, Onley
Marion Robinson, Chincoteague
Ginny Milbourn, Exmore
Virginia Manzione, Exmore
Judah and Megan Tiede, Painter
Jerome Schaum, Machipongo
Janice Gladysiewicz, Greenbackville
Barbara Whealton, Chincoteague
Anabel Beatty, Silver Beach
Colleen Koski, Chincoteague
Sarah Ross, Chincoteague
Amy Eckard, Temperanceville
Pam Tiede, Painter
Carol Wehner, Belle Haven
Frances and Terry Ewell, Guilford
Rob Moore, Cape Charles
Doug Wehner, Belle Haven
Carolyn Weatherly, Painterly
Marina Bell, Birdsnest

Community Notes

Bingo is Back

Bingo is back at the Exmore Moose Lodge, 15315 Merry Cat Lane, Belle Haven, beginning April 2. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The first game is at 7:25 p.m. Social distancing and masks are required. For questions, call 757-442-4958.

Reading Bingo

The Chincoteague Island Library has announced My Reading Bingo, a free game for adult readers, is running now through May 21. Adult readers are invited to pick up a bingo card and complete directions at the library.

There will be three prizes at the end of the game. First-place prize is a library tote bag, notecards, and a \$25 gift certificate to Sundial Books; second-place prize is a library tote bag, notecards, and a \$15 gift certificate to Sundial Books; and the third-place prize is a library tote bag, notecards, and a \$10 gift card to Sundial Books.

Call the library to arrange to pick up bingo card and directions. Completed bingo cards and entry tickets need to be returned to the library on May 21, by 4 p.m. The prize winners will be chosen at random from all eligible entries. One prize per person.

For more information, call 757-336-3460, visit the web site www.chincoteagueislandlibrary.org or visit the library on Facebook.

Youth Art Contest

Cooperative Living magazine is accepting entries for its 19th annual Youth Art Contest, which is designed to showcase the best work of the youngest members of electric cooperatives in Virginia and Maryland. The theme for this year's contest is "How My Pet Makes Life Better."

The contest is open to children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Judges will select first-, second-, and third-place winners in each grade.

First-place winners in each category will receive a \$25 gift card. The "Best in Show" artist will receive a \$100 gift card and appear on the cover of the July issue of Cooperative Living, which will feature other winning artwork. The entry deadline is May 3.

Artwork should be configured vertically (portrait style) on an 8 ½-x-11-inch sheet of white paper. Art can be color or black and white in any medium, including crayon, pen, acrylics, charcoal, and pencil. No tracing or party pictures are permitted.

All entries should be submitted using the online form with full instructions at www.co-opliving.com/contests/youth-art

Library Reopens

The Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac and the Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox welcomed visitors into the libraries beginning Monday, March 15, with safety limits.

Visitors can now enter the library from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday. Patrons are limited to 30 minutes, which includes browsing for books and for computer use. The maximum number of visitors allowed in the Accomac library is 20 and eight in Northampton Free Library. Appointments are not needed with these limitations in place. Curbside pickup of reserved items will continue all day. Patrons need to call the library first before picking up their curbside holds to ensure the items are ready. Chincoteague Island Library and Cape Charles Memorial Library patrons need to call those libraries to learn their reopening plans.

Individuals exposed to COVID-19 or who have any symptoms of illness are not to enter the libraries. Masks covering the nose and mouth and social distancing are required at all times.

For more information or questions, call 757-787-3400.

Artmobile Returns

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts' "VMFA On The Road" artmobile will return to the Shore in April. Eastern

Shore Public Library is hosting the mobile art exhibit Wednesday, April 7, and Thursday, April 8, in Nassawadox and on Friday, April 9, and Saturday, April 10, at Historic Onancock School. Visiting the exhibit is free and open to the public, however, a reservation is required to allow for the social distancing measures in place. To reserve a 15 minute appointment, go to <https://forms.gle/4wYNAXtCPNMbD8oZ8> or call the library at 757-787-3400. Other outdoor activities are being planned as well.

This year's VMFA exhibit is "A View from the Home: Landscapes of Virginia." This exhibition of paintings, photographs, woodblock prints, and engravings from the museum's permanent collection explores the diversity and beauty of Virginia. The collection showcases artists of various styles and periods, who together record both the sublimity of unspoiled nature and the impact of human activity throughout the commonwealth.

Drive-Thru Oyster Fritter Fundraiser

The Chincoteague Vol. Fire Co. will hold a drive-thru oyster fritter fundraising event Saturday, March 20, from noon to 4 p.m., at 5052 Deep Hole Road, at the new firehouse. The cost is \$10 and includes an oyster fritter, chips, and bottle of water.

Search for the Shamrocks

There will be a free socially distanced scavenger hunt to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Chincoteague Island. This island-wide, two-day event is the perfect way to get out and en-

joy some fresh air while searching for clues to the riddle. Playing cards to participate can be picked up at any of the businesses on the Historic Main Street Merchants Facebook page and can be validated during the event Friday, March 19, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Once complete, cross the finish line to be entered into prize drawings that include getaways, gift cards, artwork, and so much more. Costumes are optional but definitely add to the fun. Organizers ask that all players wear a mask and social distance when necessary while participating. Sanitizing stations will be available at each location.

This event is sponsored by the Historic Main Street Merchants Association of Chincoteague Island.

Contact Nicole Miller at 443-614-6801 or by email at nicole@chincoteaguecomfortsuites.com with any questions. For more information, visit www.ChincoteagueMerchants.com

CVFC Clamtastic Chowder Lunch

Cheriton VFC will host David Long's Curbside Pick-Up Clamtastic Chowder Lunch Saturday, March 20, from noon to 3 p.m. (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for carry-out quarts only) at the fire company.

The cost is \$10 for a whole meal or \$9 for each quart.

The menu includes clam chowder, steamy grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, corn on the cob, and homemade cake.

Chincoteague Island Senior Luncheon

There will be a drive-thru senior luncheon Wednesday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided by Don's Seafood Market & Restaurant, Chincoteague Island, the drive-thru will be set up in the parking lot. Deliveries will be made to homebound seniors. This is a pre-order event, whether drive-thru or delivery. Call the police department at 757-336-3155 to participate. This event is open to Chincoteague Island seniors, aged 55 and up.

New Landlord-Tenant Laws Zoom Presentation

Virginia landlords should be aware of the changes to the Virginia Residential Landlord Tenant Act (VRLTA) and to other parts of the Virginia Code that provide new protections to tenants and the imposed new responsibilities on landlords. Most of these changes took effect in 2020.

On Monday, March 29, Martin Wegbreit, director of litigation with Central Virginia Legal Aid Society in Richmond, will provide an update on these laws during a virtual Zoom presentation. This session will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. This presentation is being hosted by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Landlord Association and the Center for Community and Family Development. Registration is required and to receive the link for the presentation, email centercfd@gmail.com. For additional information, call 757-710-8835.



Local Sorority Donates Masks to Schools

Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. provided masks to schools in Accomack and Northampton counties on National Impact Day. The masks were handed out to the administrators of the schools to promote safety. Pictured above from left are Sheila Mapp, chapter member and teacher at Nandua High School, Trina Cooper, Pi Epsilon Omega chapter president, and Deon Garner, principal of Nandua High School.



50 Years of Service for Two Firefighters

Firefighters Timmy McCready and Billy McCready, pictured above, were honored by Atlantic Volunteer Fire & Rescue for 50 years of active service.

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Maddox Earns Degree from Western Governors University

Alicia Maddox, of Hallwood, has earned a Master of Science, Curriculum, and Instruction degree from Western Governors University.



Pictured from left are Kathy Henley, fifth grade teacher, Sheri Herman, TAG teacher, Madelyn Askew, essay winner, and Sarah Bingman, chapter treasurer.

Askew Is Winner of DAR Essay Contest

The local chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored an American History Essay contest for students in grades 5 through 8. This year's topic was the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre. Students were asked to imagine they were living in Boston, and after witnessing the events of March 5, describe their family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing colonists against

the British King and Parliament.

All entrants received a certificate of participation and the winner received a bronze medal and a national certificate. This year's essay winner was Madelyn Askew, a fifth grade student at Accawmacke Elementary School. Madelyn is the daughter of Benjamin and Allyson Askew, of Accomac. Madelyn was presented her certificate and medal at school.

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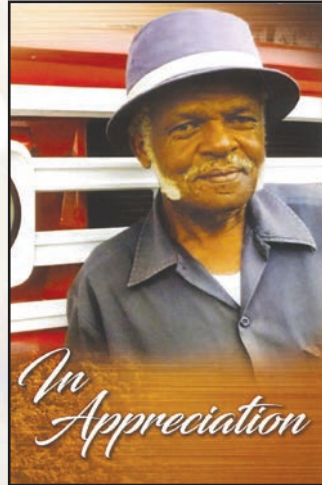
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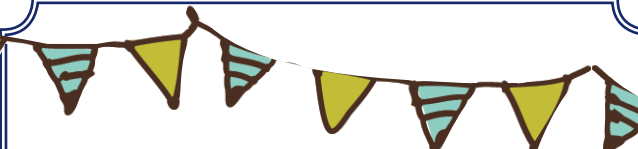
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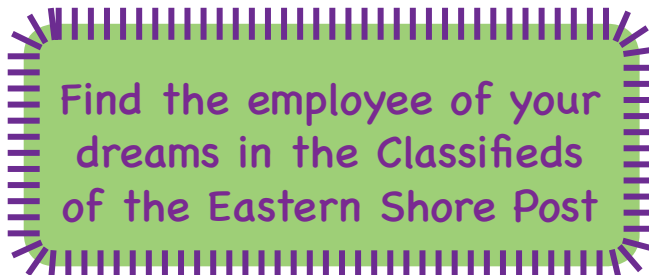
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Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff's Office, 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the Eastern Shore Regional Jail Office located at 5245 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347, or online at https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

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

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Additional information and an application can be obtained at the EMS Office or on the Northampton County EMS or County websites (<https://www.northampton-EMS.org> or https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings).

Completed application form, cover letter, copies of current certifications, and copy of DMV driving record can be submitted to the Department of EMS, P.O. BOX 235, Eastville, Va. 23347, no later than March 26, 2021. Northampton County is an EOE.

Northampton County Sheriff's Office is accepting employment applications for:

Certified Law Enforcement 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.

Applications may be obtained from the Northampton County Sheriff's Office located at 5211 The Hornes, Eastville, Va. 23347 or the county's website https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings

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Excellent communication skills are essential with two years' experience in customer service. Requires high school diploma or GED, and one year of college or vocational school education in business administration or a closely related field.

Please refer to Northampton County's website for further job descriptions, requirements and county's application form https://www.co.northampton.va.us/government/jobs_opportunities/job_openings. Please submit completed County application form with cover letter to Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 by March 26, 2021. Northampton County is an EOE

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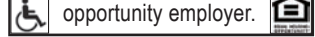
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
County of Accomack, Virginia
Fiscal 2021-2022 Estimated Budget & Tax Rates

A brief synopsis of the Operating and Capital Budget for the County of Accomack for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year was ordered published by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on February 17, 2021. The Operating and Capital Budget is published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only. The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the Accomack County budget and tax rates on Monday, March 22, 2021, at Metompkin Elementary School, 24501 Parksley Road, Parksley, Virginia at 5:00 P.M. Citizens have the right to submit oral or written statements on the estimated budget and tax rates. Any citizen having questions concerning the estimated budget or tax rates needing special assistance for the handicapped may contact the County Administrator's Office by calling 787-5700 or 824-5444. **A summary of the budget is available for inspection by contacting the County Administrator's Office during normal business hours or by emailing administration@co.accomack.va.us.** This notice is published in accordance with Virginia Code Sections 15.2-2506 and 58.1-3007.

Consolidated General Government Estimated Budget

Estimated Revenues & Other Sources		Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	
General Property Taxes	\$ 34,981,014	General Government Administration	\$ 4,989,874
Other Local Taxes	8,627,874	Judicial	1,925,528
Permits, Fees, & Licenses	428,203	Public Safety (includes law enforcement and jail)	14,464,764
Fines & Forfeitures	140,000	Public Works	9,304,945
Use of Money & Property	590,803	Health & Welfare	6,593,952
Charges for Services	4,422,980	Education (local share of public school division budget)	19,607,736
Miscellaneous Revenue	228,431	Education (Community College supplement)	41,028
Recovered Costs	186,730	Recreation & Cultural	873,144
From the Commonwealth	9,761,416	Planning & Community Development	2,345,009
From the Federal Government	2,238,660	Contingency/Nondepartmental	468,230
Proceeds from Debt	250,000	Debt Service	3,854,550
Total Estimated Revenues	61,856,111	Total Estimated Expenditures	64,468,760
From Use of Fund Balance, General Fund	2,273,936	"Rainy Day" Committed Fund Balance Addition	114,334
From Fund Balance, Other Funds.	988,589	Airport Hangar Assigned Fund Balance Addition	37,078
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 65,118,636	Water & Sewer Assigned Fund Balance Addition	136,262
		Debt Service Fund Balance Addition	196,146
		Other Fund Balance Additions	166,056
		Total Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 65,118,636

Accomack County School Board Estimated Budget

Estimated Revenues & Other Sources		Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	
Charges for Services	\$ 250,000	Instruction	\$ 39,806,811
From Other Sources	446,356	Administration, Attendance, & Health	3,094,628
From the County	19,607,736	Pupil Transportation	4,034,185
From the Commonwealth	37,043,046	Operations & Maintenance	6,456,965
From the Federal Government	3,032,715	Food Services	3,207,997
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$ 60,379,853	Technology	3,482,759
		Transfers	296,508
		Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 60,379,853

Accomack County Economic Development Authority Estimated Budget

Estimated Revenues & Other Sources		Estimated Expenditures & Other Uses	
From the County	\$ 7,500	Planning & Community Development	\$ 7,500

Proposed Tax Rates per \$100 Valuation, Personal Property Tax Relief & Changes in User Fees

Tax Rates for Real Property, Mobile Homes & Renewable Energy Equipment	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Tax Rates for Personal Property & Machinery & Tools	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Tax District:			Tax District:		
Atlantic	\$ 0.610	\$ 0.610	Atlantic	\$3.72	\$3.72
Greenbackville/Captains Cove Area	\$ 0.635	\$ 0.635	Metompkin	\$3.72	\$3.72
Metompkin	\$ 0.610	\$ 0.610	Lee	\$3.72	\$3.72
Lee	\$ 0.610	\$ 0.610	Pungoteague	\$3.72	\$3.72
Pungoteague	\$ 0.610	\$ 0.610	Chincoteague	\$3.63	\$3.63
Chincoteague	\$ 0.480	\$ 0.480	Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage Rates		
			Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less	100%	100%
User Fees			All other personal use vehicles (Relief applies to first \$20,000 of value only)	40%	40%
No change in any user fee is proposed	n/a	n/a			

TRUSTEE SALE

5282 Peaceful Lakes Dr, Jamesville, VA 23398
 Northampton County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of **\$207,607.00**, dated **May 12, 2011**, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Northampton County, Virginia**, in **Document No. 110001325**, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the **front entrance of the Northampton County Courthouse, 5229 The Hornes, Eastville, on April 5, 2021 at 11:00 AM**, the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 16, Peaceful Lakes, Franktown District, including the right of use of common areas, peaceful Lakes Subdivision, with any improvements thereon.

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of **\$20,000.00** or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than \$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., Substitute Trustee

This is a communication from a debt collector.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at the Accomack County Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, VA 23301, at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

PARCEL 1: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. ELIZABETH B. AMES
MAP NO. 093A0A000002600
27257 REDWOOD ROAD

All that parcel of land near Sign Post or Crossroads, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, bounded West by Virginia Route 690; South by Cassie J. Cowan; East by LeRoy Beckett; North by L. Shields.

PARCEL 2: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. BETTY WILEY BARNES
MAP NO. 086B00100001000
24238 Tasley Road

All that parcel of land in the Village of Tasley, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia being on U.S. Route 13.

PARCEL 3: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. JAMES BONNEVILLE
MAP NO. 01100A000004600
5363 HOLLAND ROAD

All that parcel of land near the Village of Miona, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, being 0.50 acre, more or less, bounded South by the public road; East by Robert L. Parks; North by Robert L. Parks W. E. Wilkerson; West by P. A. Brimer.

PARCEL 4: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. ARTHUR BOOZE, JR.
MAP NO. 109A0A000001500
31330 Boston Road/
31334 Boston Road

All that parcel of land situate near the State Route leading from Pennyville to Craddockville, in Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia.

AND

All that parcel of land situate at Pennyville, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, bounded on the East by the State Road leading from Pungoteague to Craddockville.

LESS AND EXCEPT a conveyance recorded in Deed Book 573, page 218.

PARCEL 5: ACCOMACK COUNTY

vs. SANDRA LEE BRYANT
MAP NO. 075000100000200
On Schooner Bay Road

All that parcel of land known as Lot 2B, situate in Chesconnessex Creek, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia.

PARCEL 6: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. THERESA JO BULGER
MAP NO. 030A106000075B0
8266 Sea Breeze Drive

All that parcel of land on Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia, designated as Lot No. 75B Ocean Breeze on a plat recorded in Plat Book 22, page 93.

PARCEL 7: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. ANTHONY CRIVELLA
MAP NO. 005A10100052400
LOT 524, SECTION 1,
CAPTAIN'S COVE

PARCEL 8: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. BETTY SAVAGE CUNNINGHAM
MAP NO. 11000A000003700
31390 Big Pine Road/
31378 Big Pine Road

All that parcel of land near Pungoteague, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 1.00 acre, more or less.

PARCEL 9: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. KIMBERLY DICKERSON
MAP NO. 014A00100A00002
RAYMOND TOWNSEND LANE

All that parcel of land near Horntown, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting on a certain 20 ft. right of way adjoining Horace Pitts for 100 ft. and extending back between parallel lines 200 ft., being a part of Parcel 'A' on a survey recorded in Deed Book 302, page 222.

PARCEL 10: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. JOHN R. EDWARDS, JR.
MAP NO. 093B00400A00002
Off Dogwood Drive

All that parcel of land between the Town of Onley and the Town of Melfa near Virginia Route 639.

PARCEL 11: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. EQUITY TRUST COMPANY
MAP NO. 005A10100089100
On Broadside Drive

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 891, Section 1, Captain's Cove.

PARCEL 12: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. EQUITY TRUST COMPANY
MAP NO. 005A40300245900
On Bounty Court

All that parcel of land near the Village of Greenbackville, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 2459, Section 5, Captain's Cove.

PARCEL 13: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. EFRAIN JUAREZ GUADARRAMA
MAP NO. 08700A0000019J0
On Front Street

All that parcel of land in Accomack County, Virginia, described as near the Town of Accomac, shown on a certain plat of survey recorded in Deed Book 705, page 317.

PARCEL 14: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. RAYDEAN B. LIPSCOMB
Map No. 113A0A000002800
6 Church Street

All that parcel of land in the Town of Wachapreague, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 7,560 sq. ft., more or less.

PARCEL 15: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. DERRICK MACK
MAP NO. 029A10100037500
On Swan Drive

All that parcel of land being Lot 375, Unit 1, Chincoteague Bay Trails End, recorded among the land records of Accomack County, Virginia, recorded in Plat Book 19, page 15.

PARCEL 16: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. RICHARD NOCK
MAP NO. 118B0A000004400
12195 CRADDOCK NECK ROAD

All that parcel of land in Craddock Neck, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting 60 yds. on the County road and extending back 80 yds., bounded South by the main County road; West by Tealie Drummond; North by David Bogg; East by David Boggs and George H. Clifford.

PARCEL 17: TOWN OF ONANCOCK
vs. OREZE HEALTHCARE, LLC
MAP NO. 085A3A000000600
16 Hartman Avenue

All that parcel of land in the Town of Onancock, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 4.953 acres, more or less, plat recorded in Plat Book 98, page 124.

PARCEL 18: ACCOMACK COUNTY

vs. ROBERT WESLEY PARKS
MAP NO. 077A0A000000500
21303 Hopkins Road

All that parcel of land in the Village of Hopkins, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 1.50 acres, more or less.

And being shown as 1.00 acre on the land records of Accomack County.

PARCEL 19: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. SHAWN B. SCARBOROUGH
MAP NO. 092A0A000003600
On Savageville Road

All that parcel of land near Savageville, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting 70 ft. on the county road leading from Onancock to Pungoteague, and extending back 90 ft., bounded East by the county road; South by Hortense Ayres; North and West by Mary B. Ward and Simon L. Ward, Jr.

PARCEL 20: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. RUTH TALMADGE
MAP NO. 022A00100006100

All that parcel of land in Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lots 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72, Section 1, Pefley's Beach, shown on a plat recorded in Plat Book 14, page 67.

PARCEL 21: ACCOMACK COUNTY
vs. PHILLIP WESLEY WILLIAMS
MAP NO. 02300A000004100
23136 SAXIS ROAD

All that parcel of land at Sanford, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, bounded Southwest for 50 ft. by the Sanford-Saxis State Road; Southeast for 89 ft. 5 in. by the State Road leading to Hallwood; Northeast for 53 ft. 5 in. by Henry Linton; Northwest for 90 ft. by Henry Linton.

The terms of sale require a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days.

Additional terms will be announced at the sale.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA

Plaintiff
CIVIL CASE NO. 21-194

vs.

THOMAS JAMES HIGGS
CHRISTINA L. CLINGERMAN
SHERRY L. MCFARLAND
JOHN S. CLINGERMAN, JR.
HEATHER A. MCFARLAND
CHINCOTEAGUE BAY TRAILS END ASSOCIATION, INC.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows:

All that parcel of land in Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot 191, Unit 3, Chincoteague Bay Trails End, designated as tax map number 029A20500019100.

standing in the names of Thomas James Higgs, Christina L. Clingerman, Sherry L. McFarland, John S. Clingerman, Jr., and Heather A. McFarland pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that Thomas James Higgs, Christina L. Clingerman, John S. Clingerman, Jr., Sherry L. McFarland, and Heather A. McFarland are nonresidents of the state of Virginia; that the last known post office address of Thomas James Higgs is 523 S. Pinehurst Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801; that the last known post office address of Christina L. Clingerman and John S. Clingerman, Jr., is 336 Stratford Road, Catonsville, MD 21228; and that the last known post office address of Sherry L. McFarland and Heather A. McFarland is 11829 Grays Corner Road, Berlin, MD 21811.

It is ORDERED that the parties named herein appear on or before April 5, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER: This 4th day of March, 2021
Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)898-7000

The Town of Onley, Virginia is seeking bids from interested persons/firms for the design and construction of light poles at the George M. McMath park located at 21062 Colonial Avenue, Onley Virginia. Anyone interested in bidding should pick up a bid specification package at the Town of Onley office, 25559 East Main Street, Onley Virginia. Bids are due before April 30, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. and must be submitted to the Town of Onley Office by that time. A contract will be awarded based on information received and based on the proposal expected to be the most beneficial to the project. The Town of Onley reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The New Road Community Development Group is accepting sealed bids from licensed contractors for the residential construction of two small homes (approximately 450 s.f.) for a demonstration project in Exmore, Virginia. Bid proposals should be emailed to Ava Gabrielle-Wise by March 31, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

The scope of work consists of the construction of two new single-family homes on adjoining developed lots with water and sewer. Potential contractors should email avagabrielle@ussustainabledevelopmentcorp.com to receive the full Request for Proposal document. RFP will include examples of floor plans and elevations, but as it is a demonstration project, contractors are required to submit 2 – 4 potential floor plans and elevations that meet the s.f. requirements.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

To request the full Request for Proposals, contact:
Ava Gabrielle-Wise
avagabrielle@ussustainabledevelopmentcorp.com

**NOTICE
JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

On April 20, 2021, proceedings will be commenced under authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels located in the Town of Onancock, Virginia for payment of delinquent taxes:

Dundon, Peter J.	085A2A000004100
Dundon, Peter J.	085A2A000004300
Elmandorf, Freddie P.	085A3A000001800
Elmandorf, Freddie P.	085A3A000001900
Snead, Joseph Jerome	085A4A000000700
Trader, Margaret Wise	085A3A0000037A0

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying accumulated taxes, penalties, interest and costs thereon at the law office listed below. The pro rata costs of publication hereunder shall become a part of the tax and together with all other costs, including reasonable attorney's fees set by the court, shall be collected when payment is made whether or not court proceedings have been initiated.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021, AT 10 A.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMACK, VIRGINIA**, TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A. SUSE-000111-2021: Davis Center Community Foundation – Tax Map # 78A2-1-413 & 78A2-1-414

A hearing initiated by the Davis Center Community Foundation to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(12) which states any use of land and/or any permanent or temporary location of any type of building or facility thereon which is not specifically permitted within this chapter. The Davis Center Community Foundation intends to renovate the current structure on the property to turn it into a Community Center. The property is located at Tax Map # 78A2-1-413 at 23531 Parks Street, Parksley, VA and is zoned Residential.

B. SUSE-000138-2021: George Snyder – Tax Map # 94B-A-25

A hearing initiated by George Snyder to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-78(a)(5) which allows seafood and shellfish receiving, packing, and shipping plants in the Residential District by Special Use Permit. Mr. Snyder would like to build a seafood processing building at property located at Tax Map # 94B-A-25 at 25495 Drummondtown Road, Accomack, VA and is zoned Residential.

C. VAR-000139-2021: Evren Crippen & Clayton Homes – Tax Map # 42-8-4

A hearing initiated by Evren Crippen and Clayton Homes to request a variance of 130 feet from the frontage regulations pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-57 which states the minimum frontage for permitted uses shall be 150 feet at the setback line. A variance of 3.93 acres from the area and density regulations pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-55 which states the minimum lot area in the district shall be five acres. The property is located at Tax Map # 42-8-4 which is 1.07 acres, on Greta Road, Atlantic, VA and is zoned Agricultural.

D. SUSE-000140-2021: Shore Aviation – Tax Map # 119-A-101

A hearing initiated by Shore Aviation to request a Special Use Permit pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14) to use a travel trailer as a temporary dwelling on the property while his business is open. The property is located at Tax Map # 119-A-101 at 16620 Coal Kiln Road, Painter, VA and is zoned Agricultural.

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

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

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TOWN OF ONLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council of the Town of Onley will conduct a Public Hearing beginning at 6:00pm on Monday, April 5, 2021, for the purpose of receiving comments from the members of the Public concerning the following:

1. The Proposed Town Budget for the Purpose of Construction of a new Town Hall:

Construction of New Town Hall Bid	\$579,867.00
Contingency (15%)	\$86,980.05
Total	\$666,847.05

Remaining Funds (last appropriated) June 1, 2020	\$339,454.94
Balance Needed for Project	\$327,392.11
Total	\$666,847.05

The Regularly Scheduled Town Council Meeting will immediately follow the Public Hearing.

Public Notice

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet for the purpose of conducting regular business.

Exception 2021-02: Todd and Kim Williams have filed an application for a buffer exception. They are requesting an exception for 1900 square feet and an additional 25 feet into the CBPA buffer. The Board previously approved a 25 foot exception (Exception 2020-06) from the required 100-foot CBPA buffer width on October 6, 2020, reducing the required buffer width to 75 feet. The property is located at Lot #274 Church Neck Vaucluse Shore Section II and zoned as ES/R-RVR (Existing Subdivision/Residential-Rural Village Residential). The property is further described as Tax Map 38A2-1-274.

Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing in order to make their views known. Additionally, comments may also be written and sent to the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department. The files may be viewed in the Northampton County Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department in Eastville, VA, located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. Handicapped Assistance Available: Please telephone 757-678-0443, extension 516, at least 48 hours in advance.

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AVAILABILITY OF PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D0SPPN-01-2021

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All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Federal Highway Administration with plans for the replacement of an existing highway fixed bridge with a new fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Cat Creek, mile 1.0, at Accomack, VA.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project is to replace the existing Wallops Island Causeway highway fixed bridge with a fixed bridge. The purpose of the project is to maintain NASA's launch operations and replace a bridge design that is no longer considered acceptable, eliminating the risk of failure or de-rating

The existing fixed bridge has a horizontal clearance of 60 feet and a vertical clearance of 40 feet above mean high water. The new fixed bridge will have a horizontal clearance of 60 feet and a vertical clearance of 12.6 feet above mean high water.

A copy of **Public Notice D0SPPN-01-2021**, which describes the proposal in detail, can be obtained by calling (757) 398-6587 or by viewing at: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=pnBridges&Active=1®ion=5>
Comments on this proposal should be forwarded to the address in the notice. **The response period has been extended to April 16, 2021.**

Request for Proposal

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission is soliciting consultant proposals for a Regional Housing Study for the planning district that includes Accomack County and Northampton County. The study will analyze housing needs in the Counties of Accomack and Northampton. A copy of the RFP is available for review at www.a-npdc.org. Responses to the RFP are to be submitted by 5:00 PM, April 16, 2021, to:

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For more information, Contact: Russ Williams, Director of Housing Services at (757) 787-2936 Ext 119, or email russwilliams@a-npdc.org

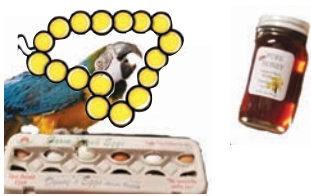
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Stop Harassing Phone Calls

Dear Editor:

I, among many others, especially our senior citizens, am constantly receiving unsolicited telephone calls, sometimes on an hourly basis. This practice is annoying, if not harassing.

For example, my sister recently received a call showing our deceased mother's name as the caller and displaying her personal phone number.

On March 2, , on our landline, we received calls from nine different sources, none of which we knew or entertained: name unavailable, Trenton, Fla.; Sierra Madre, Calif.; Centreville, Va.; Sharps Chapel, Tenn.; Lubbock, Texas; Onancock (2); and Bayonne, N.J.

Recently, a family member was in the hospital. I knew when the phone rang, I should answer the call, only to find that the caller was yet another unfamiliar source.

I believe a stop could be put to this recurring annoyance. I seem to remember that was even a campaign promise which didn't materialize.

Our telephones are essential and are being used contrary to that purpose. And we are paying the bill.

Norma H. Hurst, Accomac

Exmore Town Council Failed Its Constituents

Dear Editor:

Regarding the March 5 article, "Exmore Residents Exasperated With Repeated Flooding," I found laughable the manner in which the Exmore Town Council kicked the can down the road.

Councilman Adkins' account of his cellar flooding was a pathetic attempt to show "we're all in this together." Not everyone in our county can afford "cheap flood insurance" as the councilman stated.

To simply say "no," as Councilman

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Doughty did, lacks a willingness to problem solve and improve the lives of the very people who put them in their town council jobs.

The Town Council could actually choose to be proactive and negotiate a contract with VDOT to take on clearing the worst drainage issues with subsequent reimbursement from VDOT. As an interim solution, several jobs may be created.

As it stands now, the council versus drainage ditches score is 0 to 1. Sad indeed.

Paul Fuller, Cape Charles
Shore Counties Need a Broadband Plan

Dear Editor:

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority, Spectrum, and Neubeam are steadily improving our access to high-speed broadband, defined by the FCC as 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload speeds. Some of the hookup costs can be pricey, but most broadband monthly service costs are affordable.

But the plans of these public and private internet providers seem to be leaving a lot of us out. For example, we live 1 mile from the Wachapreague town limits and ½ mile from a VDOT road. Yesterday, we were getting 2 Mbps download and 0 Mbps upload speeds from our DSL telephone provider. We are on all of the available internet providers' waiting lists.

Even Accomack Supervisor Ron Wolff has written that he can't get the internet service he needs.

High Earth orbit satellite service like HughesNet is one of our options, but reviews critique their service inconsistency, high cost, long contracts, and data caps limiting how much internet can be used before the costs go up.

Other Virginia counties have set goals for when and how 100% of their residents will get served: Nelson County by 2024, Amherst County by 2024 or 2025, Louisa County by 2025. In Floyd County, 97% of its residents will be served by the end of 2021.

They can achieve these goals in a number of ways, not only with fiber, but also with wireless towers, low Earth orbit satellites, or using the electric cooperatives' infrastructure. Floyd County is using its telephone co-op.

We recommend that both counties

prepare a plan for serving 100% of their residents with high-speed affordable broadband. Perhaps, the planning process could be overseen by a "blue-ribbon" committee of respected community leaders and experts, a technique our counties have used in the past.

Being a "100% connected community" will help our education and health institutions address their critical needs, especially in these pandemic times. And it will improve our economy through enhanced e-commerce, and help our economic development leaders succeed in marketing the Shore for tourism and new business.

Jane and Paul Berge,
Wachapreague

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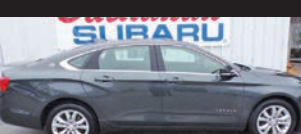
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