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COVID-19 Breakthrough Cases on the Rise for the Eastern Shore

By Carol Vaughn

The number of COVID-19 cases on the Eastern Shore is currently lower than the state average, according to Jon Richardson, chief operating officer of the Eastern Shore Health District.

The overall number of “breakthrough” cases — cases of the virus in people who have been fully vaccinated — remains low on the Shore. Just 1.5% of fully vaccinated people have experienced a breakthrough infection.

Still, those numbers have been rising in recent weeks, which is a concern.

About one-third of cases detected each week over the past month were breakthrough cases and that number has been rising since August, when only 15% to 20% of cases each week were breakthroughs, according to Richardson.

“The increase in breakthroughs is due to a variety of factors including waning immunity from vaccination, a more transmissible variant in delta, and relaxed mitigation practices,” he said.

Around 90% of deaths from COVID-19 on the Shore and a little over 90% of hospitalizations have been people who were not fully vaccinated.

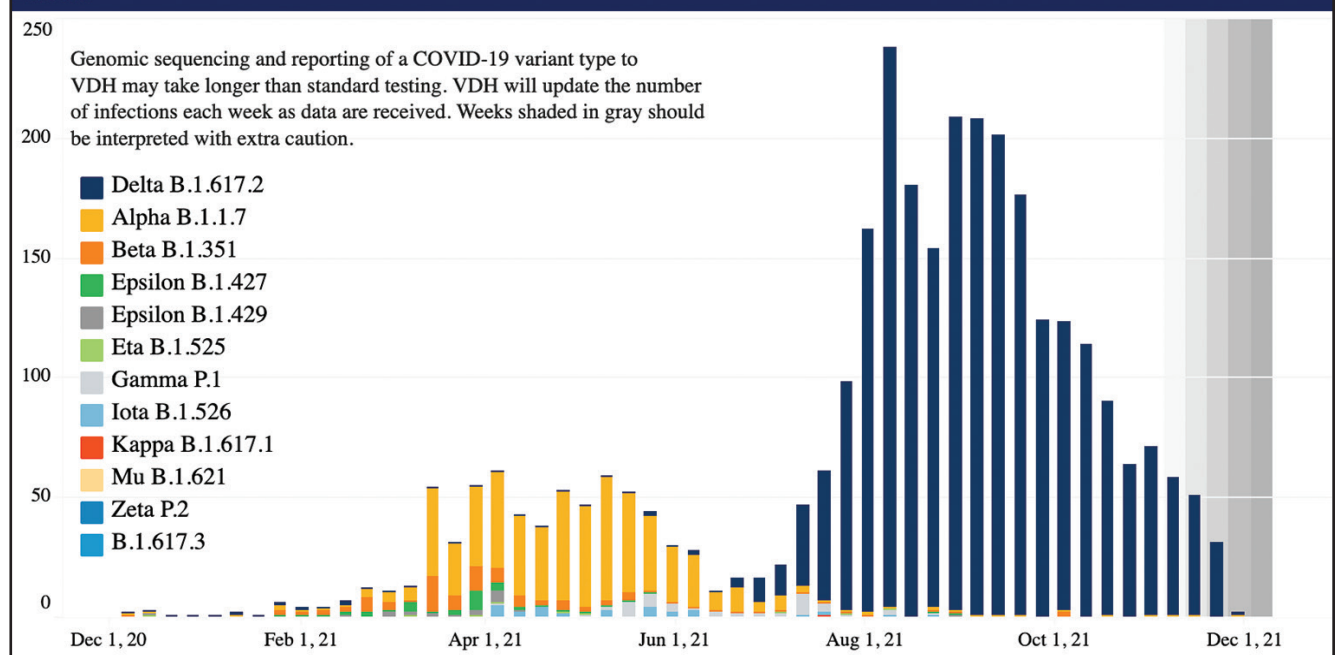
The omicron variant has been detected in Virginia, but not yet on the Eastern Shore.

“The omicron variant can typically be identified using PCR tests without sequencing. Sequencing is also being done for confirmatory purposes. It is too early to predict with certainty that omicron will become the dominant strain but it is suspected that will be the case,” Richardson said.

The delta variant continues to be the dominant strain on the Shore as well as statewide.

Count of Infections by Week of Symptom Onset and Variant

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Occurrence of COVID-19 variants in the Virginia Department of Health’s Eastern Region, which includes Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore. Source: Virginia Department of Health (<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/see-the-numbers/covid-19-data-insights/variants/>)

“Any new variant has the potential to cause a spike in cases. We anticipate a spike following the holidays due to increased exposures,” he said.

Richardson spoke about steps people should take to protect themselves over the holidays, when family and friends tend to gather inside more.

“If you are feeling ill stay home to avoid getting others sick. Take advantage of testing opportunities available before heading to events. If you are eligible for a booster, get one,” he said.

Around 18% of Shore residents have gotten a

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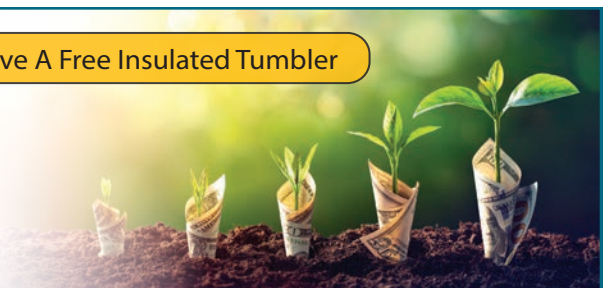
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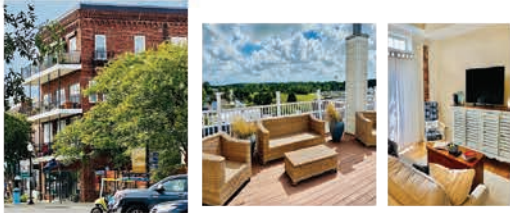
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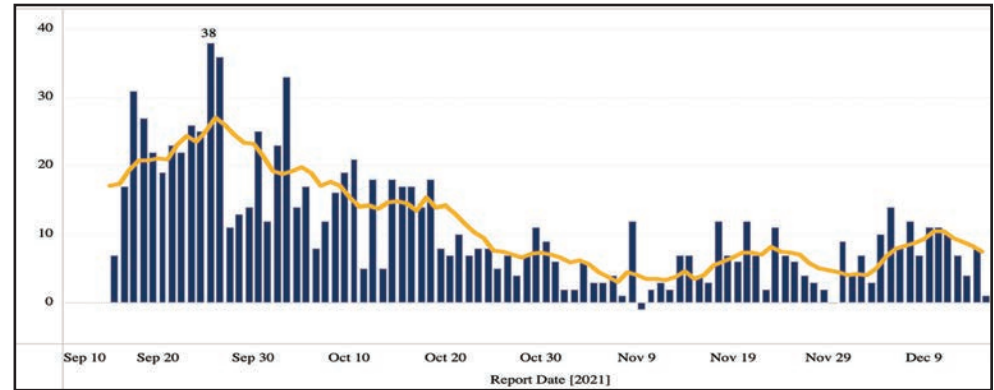


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COVID-19 Cases Reported Sept. 15 - Dec. 15 Accomack and Northampton Counties



Source: Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard, Dec. 15.

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booster shot.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, anyone 16 and older who was vaccinated six or more months ago, or two or more months ago for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, should get a booster shot.

Teens 16 to 17 years old can get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster. Adults 18 years and older can get any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States.

Six months ago, around 44% of Shore residents were fully vaccinated, "so there are many more eligible and many opportunities out there to receive a booster," according to Richardson.

Additionally, children ages 5 to 11 can now get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, according to the CDC recommendations.

So far, 5.8% of Accomack County children and 11.8% of Northampton County children ages 5 to 11 have been vaccinated with at least one dose, according to the Virginia Department of Health.

Among 12 to 15 year olds, 41.7% in Accomack County and 55% in Northampton County have been fully vaccinated.

Among 16 and 17 year olds, 47.9% in Accomack County and 72.9% in Northampton County have been fully vaccinated.

Eastern Shore Rural Health reports 91% of its employees are vaccinated. Seven percent (23 employees) have medical/religious exemptions, and 2% (five employees) are partially vaccinated new hires.

Home tests for COVID-19 are reliable and can be obtained through the East-

ern Shore Public Library system. People need to call ahead to reserve a test (757-787-3400).

Tests also are readily available at local pharmacies.

The Eastern Shore Health District does a weekly comparison of local rapid test versus PCR test results, according to Richardson.

Typically, PCR and rapid tests done on the same person at the same time have the same result 97% to 100% of the time, with very few false negatives or positives reported, he said.

Quarantine recommendations for people exposed to COVID-19 remain unchanged, according to Richardson.

There are no quarantine requirements for vaccinated people. Unvaccinated people should quarantine for two weeks after being exposed; the time can be reduced to seven days if the person received a negative test result between five and seven days after being exposed.

To date, 4,312 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Accomack County and 1,204 cases have been reported in Northampton County since the pandemic began, according to the VDH.

A total of 331 Accomack residents and 105 Northampton residents have been hospitalized and 83 Accomack residents and 48 Northampton residents have died of COVID-19. Ten of the combined 131 deaths have been since Nov. 1. Eight deaths were reported in October, and the month before that, 26 Eastern Shore deaths from COVID-19 were reported.

As of Dec. 13, the transmission rate in Accomack was high, with a 9.5% test seven-day positivity rate. The percent positivity in Northampton County was 5.9%.



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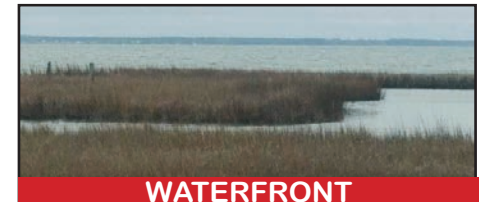
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Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation Announces STEM Centers for Eastern Shore Schools

By Stefanie Jackson

The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has announced its commitment to put STEM centers (science, technology, engineering, and math centers) in all 13 elementary and middle schools in Accomack and Northampton counties, with seven of them opening this spring.

“We are thrilled to be bringing these STEM Centers to seven schools in Virginia. We’ve learned that getting STEM in front of kids in elementary and middle schools is critical. Thanks to great partners and community leaders, we are opening these STEM Centers at a rapid pace nationwide, and they are making a difference to students, teachers, and the schools,” said Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation co-founder Cal Ripken Jr. in a press release Dec. 8.

The project was made possible by donations totaling \$210,000 to date. The donors have local ties and include the Eastern Shore of Virgin-

ia Community Foundation, Captains Cove Community Partners, the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, David Landsberger, John Custis, and Robert Smith.

In Accomack, five STEM labs will open this spring at Accawmacke, Kegotank, Pungoteague, and Chincoteague elementary schools and Chincoteague Middle School. In Northampton, two STEM centers will open at Kiptopeke and Occohannock elementary schools.

Kelsey Gaskins, of Kiptopeke Elementary School, and Philip Sweet, of Occohannock Elementary School, shared project details with the Northampton County School Board Dec. 9.

Each STEM lab will be a turnkey operation with everything provided to get the center up and running, including a day of training for the Talented and Gifted program teacher and one teacher from each grade level at each school.

Each lab will be stocked with various STEM kits:

- The Bee-Bot kit contains a programmable floor robot that resembles a bumblebee and teaches basic principles of coding.
- The Littlebits kit has blocks that snap together to teach block-based coding.
- Makey Makey is an invention kit with simple circuit board components used to connect everyday objects to a computer. For example, a demonstration video shows a computer game controller with buttons made of play dough and a piano app being used with bananas for piano keys.
- OzoBot is a small robot that is programmed using drawn lines and color codes.
- The Snap Circuits kit has colorful components that snap onto a simple grid of rows and columns and functions like a circuit board in an everyday electronic device.
- The Squishy Circuits kit teaches electrical engineering concepts like conductors and insulators, and it is used to make play dough sculptures that incorporate light, sound, or movement.

A full curriculum is provided to teachers, with five or more lessons accompanying each STEM product.

Funding will be available to re-

place broken parts in the STEM kits and update the equipment every four or five years as technology advances.

Furniture for each STEM lab includes a mobile workbench that can function as a charging station, seven cloverleaf tables, and 28 stackable chairs.

Equipment for each lab includes six Chromebook laptops and a 3D printer.

Kiptopeke’s and Occohannock’s STEM labs will be located in each school’s current science lab, across the hall from the computer lab.

The STEM labs were designed for students in grades K through 5, but Kiptopeke’s and Occohannock’s sixth graders also are welcome to use them.

The labs will be used by all students, not just those in TAG or a STEM program. Teachers will be able to sign up for designated times to take their classes to the STEM lab.

Superintendent Eddie Lawrence confirmed there also will be a STEM lab in the new Northampton Middle School wing that will be built as part of the Northampton High School modernization project.

A STEM lab grand opening will be held in Northampton in March 2022, at Kiptopeke Elementary, and in Accomack at an elementary school to be determined.

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Driver Charged in October Crash

By Stefanie Jackson

Charges have been filed against Christopher Northcraft, 34, who led law enforcement officers on a high-speed chase Oct. 19, which began in Maryland and ended on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel with a vehicle crash that left both Northcraft and his female passenger, Brandy Bowman, 35, with major injuries that were not life-threatening.

Northcraft is charged with the abduction, malicious assault, and attempted murder of Bowman, who was trapped in the vehicle after it crashed.

He is also charged with one count of possession of a Schedule 4 narcotic, two counts of possession of a Schedule 1 narcotic, and driving under the influence of drugs.

According to an Oct. 19 report by the Virginia State Police, Northcraft exited the crashed Toyota Camry through the broken rear window and tried to get Bowman out before attempting to flee the scene, but he went over a guardrail and fell to the ground approximately 30 feet below the road.

The high-speed chase, which reached speeds in excess of 120 mph, had been initiated by Maryland State Police and the Pocomoke Police Department. Both Northcraft and Bowman had warrants on file in Maryland for their arrests.

The chase continued to the bridge-tunnel, and as the Toyota Camry approached the CBBT's North Channel high rise, the vehicle struck a curb, spun out of control, flipped, and landed on its roof.

Neither Northcraft nor Bowman was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

Northcraft was combative with rescue personnel while he was flown to Norfolk General Hospital. On the morning he was to be discharged, Oct. 22, he barricaded himself in his hospital room and unsuccessfully attempted to open or break a window to escape police custody. He was transported to Eastern Shore Regional Jail that day.

Virginia State Police reported Dec. 13 that Bowman is "still hospitalized."

Northcraft is currently in Virginia Beach City Jail.

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Spaces at Old Chincoteague Fire Station Are Filling Up

By Carol Vaughn

There continues to be interest from people wanting to rent spaces in the former Chincoteague fire house.

Five spaces in the fire house and one in the former town garage have been rented to date with one-year leases, according to Town Manager Mike Tolbert.

Most recently, the ambulance bay was leased to someone who plans to conduct fitness classes there, he said.

Chincoteague will submit an application by the end of the year to the Virginia Department of Transportation for grant funds to pave all 10 roads in Ocean Breeze.

The town paid to repair and repave Ridge Road extended in the community from Beebe Ranch to Main Street.

The town sent a letter to Ocean Breeze residents explaining the process, according to Tolbert.

“They do know what we’re going to do. We also explained in that letter that the town now owns those roads and that we would be improving them as funding allows and it would take a

period of years, not months,” he said.

New aluminum floating piers are being manufactured and should be delivered by Jan. 1 to Curtis Merritt Harbor. The piers will replace the existing wooden pier and slips.

Additionally, a kayak launch is complete and will be delivered soon, but will not be installed until spring to avoid unnecessary wear and tear on it.

The town as of Dec. 6 had collected around 80% of real estate taxes and 76% of personal property taxes, which were due Dec. 6.

Tolbert and Mayor J. Arthur Leonard attended a legislative priorities meeting Nov. 8 with Sen. Lynwood Lewis and Del. Rob Bloxom, along with representatives from Accomack and Northampton counties.

Chincoteague’s legislative priorities for the General Assembly’s upcoming session are, in order of priority: erosion on the island’s southern end; causeway improvements, including shoulders, addressing of flooding at the eastern approach, and elevation; permanent

solutions to wastewater needs; tourism funding; and development of new sources of drinking water.

The new water treatment plant has treated more than 20 million gallons of water for the town and water samples are showing either non-detected levels of PFAS or levels well below the maximum recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to Tolbert.

NASA leadership at a Nov. 10 meeting told Chincoteague officials NASA included in its latest congressional budget request funding to relocate Chincoteague’s wells off NASA property, which should remove the potential of future PFAS contamination.

Transient occupancy tax collections for November increased 33% over last November, after correcting for the 1% tax rate increase this year.

Meals tax collections showed a 15% gain over November 2020.

Chincoteague had 26 new cases of COVID-19 since Nov. 1, according to Emergency Services Director Bryan Rush.

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Accomack Fire and Rescue Grant Program Ready for Applicants

By Carol Vaughn

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors Wednesday approved an application form for volunteer fire companies to use to apply for COVID-19 relief.

The application period is Dec. 16, 2021, through April 15, 2022.

The board previously identified volunteer fire and rescue companies as a priority for use of federal funds coming to the county as result of the American Rescue Plan Act.

In October, the board voted to implement an assistance program whereby each volunteer fire company may receive \$50,000 unless the company has not complied with the county's audit requirement.

The program is open to all volunteer fire and rescue companies in Accomack County, but an application must be submitted to the Department of Public Safety.

The application form will be available on the county department of public safety website, www.acdps.net, under the Fire Commission and Funding

Agreement tabs.

Once the application period closes, county staff will review all applications and respond to each volunteer fire company no later than June 1, 2022, with award of funds to happen no later than June 30.

Planning Commission Requests Additional Zoning Inspector

The Accomack County Planning Commission is asking the board of supervisors to consider adding funding in next year's budget for another full-time zoning inspector.

The planning commission heard from several concerned residents of the Fox Grove neighborhood near Parksley at the Oct. 13 meeting, with speakers saying there are people living in travel trailers and sheds in the neighborhood.

The planning commission recommended adding another zoning inspector position, given noncompliance problems in Fox Grove and elsewhere in the county.

"For whatever reason, it seems that there is widespread noncompliance with zoning ordinance regulations throughout the County. The Planning

Commission is especially concerned with noncompliance matters that jeopardize health and safety; such as people living in sheds," said a Nov. 10 letter from the planning commission to the board of supervisors.

There currently is one full-time zoning inspector position for the entire county, according to the letter.

Social Services Requests Additional Money from County

Vicki Wheatley, director of the Accomack County Department of Social Services, spoke about the department's request for additional money.

Because the state calendar year and the local budget calendar year do not coincide, the department sometimes can not predict the amount the state is going to contribute, which affects the local match required, Wheatley said.

The request for \$45,244 is being made to bring the local match in line with the state's allocation this year, according to Wheatley.

Supervisor Robert Crockett made the motion to approve the request, with

Reneta Major seconding it. The motion passed with Harris Phillips abstaining.

The money will come from the county's contingency fund.

Broadband Authority Awarded \$12M

Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason told the board the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority was awarded a \$12.3 million VATI grant by the state. (See related article on pages 16 and 17.)

A local match coming from the ES-VBA and Accomack and Northampton counties is \$3.3 million, bringing the total approved project budget to around \$15.6 million.

The grant will enable the building of 269 miles of fiber for a total of 14,526 passings (homes or businesses that could be hooked up to broadband).

Around \$2.2 million is designated for special construction, which includes helping to cover the cost to residences or businesses that require fiber drops (the distance between the network fiber line and the house or business) longer than the standard length of 150 feet.

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The project deadline is 18 months from when the contract is executed, Mason said.

“I want to tell you how much the broadband authority appreciates Accomack County’s support of this project,” said Mason, who serves on the broadband authority.

Chairman Ron Wolff thanked Mason for his work on the broadband

authority.

“I think everyone in the county is very satisfied and pleased to hear this news,” Wolff said.

Board Honors Bill Allen Sr.’s Life

The board of supervisors approved a resolution honoring the life of William “Bill” Allen Sr., longtime director of the Accomack County Department of Parks and Recreation, who died Oct. 27. Supervisor Robert Crockett presented the resolution to the Allen family during Wednesday’s meeting.



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Court Postings *By Nancy Drury Duncan*

Chincoteague Man Sentenced for Fatally Shooting Father

A 49-year-old Chincoteague man will spend 10 years in prison for the April 2020 shooting of his father. Thomas Lee Watson Jr. was originally charged with second-degree murder in the killing of 70-year-old Thomas Lee “Big Tommy” Watson Sr., a commercial waterman. In July 2021, Watson Jr. pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in a plea agreement with the commonwealth.

“There were only two people in the room,” said Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan. April 30, 2020, at 8 a.m., Watson called 911 and said he accidentally shot his father at the School Street home where they both lived. He also called his mother and told her what he had done. “Me and him were just messing with a pistol and I shot

him dead,” he told a 911 operator. “The body was found in a bedroom,” said Morgan. A 9 mm pistol with tissue and hair on the muzzle of the gun was found in the defendant’s bedroom. Watson had a high level of intoxication, Morgan said. Watson told police he had a drink after the shooting to “calm his nerves,” but a blood alcohol test taken nine and a half hours after the shooting showed a blood alcohol content of .12, still too high to legally operate a motor vehicle.

At Watson’s sentencing, Morgan said forensic evidence proved the pistol was pressed against the victim’s head by the defendant. He said Watson exhibited “callous behavior.” Morgan also said, “He had his firearm rights restored less than a year before this shooting.” According to Morgan, Watson said he cannot understand how the gun got loaded or how it was fired. “This was extremely careless and dan-

gerous behavior,” Morgan said. “Watson has failed to fully understand his actions,” he told the court.

Defense attorney Thomas Northam noted that Watson was the one who called 911. “He called his mother. He stayed at the scene. He was devastated.” He said Watson had broken his back and could not work. “He was financially dependent on his father.” He said his client was previously arrested in 2001. “He was not a troublemaker for the last 20 years,” he said. Northam called the event “tragic” and one that his client “will have to deal with the rest of his life.”

Before hearing his sentence, Watson spoke at length. “Never in a million years would I have thought something like this would happen,” he said. “I’ve got to live with this forever. I am never going to be happy. It is tragic.” He spoke about a gun safety class he took with his son.

“You are correct, it is tragic,” said Judge W. Revell Lewis III. “This was an intentional act you pled guilty to. It is undisputed that the muzzle of the gun was touching the back of your father’s head when it was discharged. This was about as egregious as it gets. I am going to sentence you to the maximum I can sentence you, 10 years.” He ordered Watson to be on supervised probation for three years when released and on good behavior for ten years. He ordered him to return to the custody of the sheriff to await transportation to the department of corrections to begin serving his sentence.

Accomack Circuit Court

Ronald Joseph Judge Jr., 43, of Chincoteague, failed to fulfill the requirements of the first offender program and was convicted of possession of heroin.

Defense attorney Tucker Watson said his client had not completed his community service or paid his court costs. He said his client had had positive drug screens, “but he has no new violations.” He said Judge was working full time and produced a letter from his employer calling him, “a valuable employee.” He told the court Judge has been sentenced to two years in jail for failure to pay child support.

“I don’t think you have been doing the best you can,” said Judge W. Revell Lewis III. “You have been spend-

ing your money on things other than child support.” He sentenced Judge to five years and three months in jail and suspended all but three months of that time. “This time is to be consecutive with your sentence in Juvenile and Domestic Relations court,” he said. He ordered Judge to be on supervised probation for five years and on good behavior for ten years. He told him he is to use no alcohol, marijuana, or any illegal drugs while on probation.

“If you violate this,” said Judge Lewis, “the next step is the Therapeutic Community, which means four years at the Department of Corrections.”

Yardley Terome Townsend, 48, of Palm Bay, Fla., originally charged with attempted indecent liberties with a minor, entered into a plea agreement with the commonwealth.

Under the terms of the agreement, Townsend pleaded guilty to attempted sexual battery, a misdemeanor, and to contributing to the delinquency of a minor, also a misdemeanor.

According to Commonwealth’s Attorney Spencer Morgan, a 15-year-old girl was visiting Townsend’s Bloxom home for the weekend in the spring of 2019. He said the defendant gave her several alcoholic drinks during the course of the evening. Before she went to bed, he gave her another drink and suggested that he perform a field sobriety test on her. Townsend was once employed as a policeman for the town of Onancock, Morgan said.

Later that night, according to Morgan, the girl was awakened by Townsend pulling her pants down to her thighs. Morgan said the girl yelled for him to get away and he did. The girl went home early the following day. She later reported the attempted assault to her parents. Morgan said the girl’s description of the field sobriety test contained exact details that matched what would be done by a person who had law enforcement experience.

Substitute Judge Glen A. Tyler accepted the plea agreement and sentenced Townsend to six months on each charge with all but time served suspended. Townsend spent 10 days in jail when arrested in Florida. He was ordered to comply with the law regarding registration as a sex offender and ordered to have no contact with the victim.

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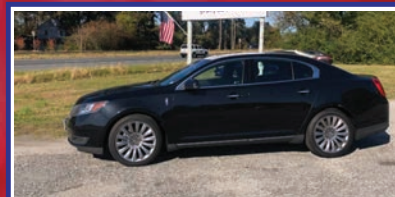
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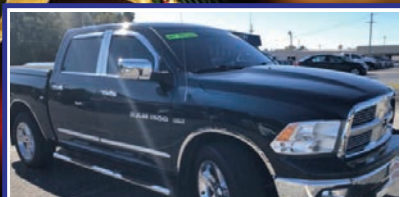
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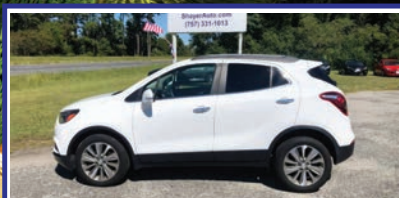
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Parksley Explores Options for Regulating Short-Term Stays

By Carol Vaughn

The Parksley Town Council held a public hearing Monday to receive comment about adding an ordinance allowing for the collection of transient occupancy taxes.

Three residents attended the hearing.

Council members answered questions about the proposed ordinance, which if approved would be one of several steps being considered to help regulate short-term, Airbnb-type, rental businesses.

“This is not a foregone conclusion,” said Mayor Frank Russell, adding officials want residents’ input.

None of the council members said they are against the concept of short-term homestay rentals in town. The council plans to work out details of how to regulate such businesses during upcoming work sessions.

Councilman Dan Matthews reviewed steps the council needs to take — including developing registration procedures for short-term rentals, developing

regulations to protect all parties, establishing rules for taxation and collection of the taxes by the town, and establishing a timeframe for implementation.

Among questions the council needs to consider are: what will the application fee be, if any; what documentation will owners be required to submit; what will the town require regarding property maintenance; what zoning changes are needed to allow businesses to operate in the residential area; how many days per year can owners rent out their property; what is the maximum number of renters allowed at one time; what parking limitations are required; how will the owner ensure renters’ safety; what will the penalties be for violation of regulations; and how will the town will enforce regulations.

Matthews said because hundreds of other localities have addressed short-term rentals already, “We can learn from their mistakes.”

Russell said he would like to see included an ordinance about off-street

parking for the businesses and an up-front registration fee.

Allowing and regulating short-term rentals could encourage property owners to fix up houses in town.

“There’s a lot of folks in town that have houses that need a lot of work” and need a way to make money to help finance it, Russell said.

Councilman Henry Nicholson said one owner with whom he spoke recently, who owns several properties on the Eastern Shore, would like to operate a short-term homestay business rather than renting the home for a longer term.

He said the town could require annual inspections, as the Department of Housing and Urban Development does.

Nicholson also said officials need to take into account the effect on town employees’ time.

“You can keep track of your property better” with short-term rentals, Russell said.

Matthews said developing the appropriate regulations is key.

“You don’t want somebody from outside of town buying up properties, turning them into Airbnb rentals, and then that’s it,” he said, adding, “There’s a balance between being liveable Parksley and allowing this to happen, which I think is a good thing overall.”

The council set no deadline to develop and implement a short-term rental policy.

Correction

In a Dec. 3 article (“Cape Charles Donates Land to Rosenwald Nonprofit”), we said the Cape Charles donated more than 8 acres to the Rosenwald School Restoration Initiative. Although the lot is 8.795 acres, the actual amount conveyed was about 6.3 acres. We regret the error.




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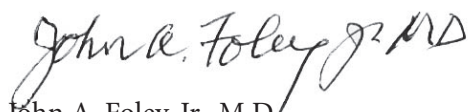
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While I am excited about my impending retirement, I will certainly miss my team, co-workers, and colleagues at Eastern Shore Eye Center and Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. I will keep a special place in my heart for all of the dedicated and hardworking staff I have had the pleasure to work with during my tenure. I especially appreciate the support of my good friend and office manager, Mrs. Peggy Ames Parks, who has been with me since the doors opened in 1984. Eastern Shore Eye Center has helped over 42,000 patients with both medical and surgical solutions. My wish is that as I head into retirement on December 23, 2021, I hope you know how much I care about your wellbeing. Establishing long-term relationships with my patients and families has been a cherished professional reward, and I will miss our daily interactions.

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My wife, Karen, and I are looking forward to being retired together, traveling, and visiting children and grandchildren along the East Coast. If you see me swinging a golf club or fishing on the creek, please stop and say hello! I express my deepest appreciation to you for making it possible for this Boston boy to build a longstanding practice on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. I couldn't imagine a better career and place to live. Thank you.

With warmest personal regards,



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Shore Girl Creates Coloring Book To Ease Fears about Medical Procedures

Submitted Article and Photo

Fifteen-year-old Delaney Wessells of Bloxom, has undergone numerous medical tests and procedures during her young life.

"When this process started for me, I was scared of almost all of the tests and equipment. It was all so new and overwhelming," Delaney said.

When her Girl Scout Troop, Troop 137 led by Kim Whitelock, discussed earning a community service Silver Award, Delaney decided to share her experiences to help others in the same situation. Girl Scout Silver Awards require 50 hours of community service in support of a sustainable project.

Delaney designed a coloring book to help younger children feel less anxious about certain medical procedures. New Church resident and fellow Girl Scout Abbey Whitelock, 12, helped with the illustrations and Delaney's



Delaney Wessells (left) presents her coloring book to Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. CEO Matt Clay.

troop helped cover the printing costs for the first run of coloring books.

Delaney has presented some of these books to Eastern Shore Rural Health System Inc., Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, and UVA Children's Hospital Child Life Department to give to young patients. If more coloring books are needed, Delaney is committed to providing them. "I would be willing to work toward funding more copies," she said.

"We are touched by this young lady's efforts to help other children who find themselves facing medical tests and procedures," said Rural Health CEO Matt Clay. "And we are happy to have this helpful coloring book to share."

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'I Am Drone Certified'

Submitted Article

Jason Taylor, of Sentinel Robotics Solutions at Wallops, teaches Your Eastern Shore Community College's drone class. "I went to an airshow in the mid 1990s," Jason said, "and that led directly to my role as a drone pilot."

While it's hard to predict the future, it doesn't take a Nostradamus to know that the use of drones will expand rapidly in coming years. According to Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, the commercial use of drones will add 100,000 jobs and \$82 billion to the U.S. economy in the next three years.

Jason is an ESCC alum, having completed an adult education program in 2008 as he was working in public safety as an EMT. "You might

say I've come full circle back to ESCC as an instructor."

Jason sees a variety of students in the current ESCC drone classes. "From hobbyists and photographers to various sectors like agriculture and real estate," Jason said. Recent student Sarah Dickey is with Accomack County Emergency Management, and shares that "the county is now utilizing drones for damage assessment after severe weather and also for search operations."

The next drone licensing class at ESCC is coming in April and Taylor is excited about the future expansion of the program. ESCC's Workforce & Business Solutions Officer Scott Hall commented further, saying, "Our goal is to connect the class to other programs at the college, such as biology,

information technology, and business. This will increase the value of drone licensing to both the student and employers."

John Robinson, chief operating officer at Sentinel Robotic Solutions, added, "This technology is rapidly evolving and it is a perfect setting for regional training here on the Shore."

Just last week ESCC became a certified testing location for the drone license, known as FAA 107. Testing coordinator Judith Grier explained the value of that. "Your Eastern Shore Community College is a one-stop shop



Jason Taylor

for drone instruction and licensing," she said.

ESCC vice president for academics Patrick Tompkins encourages Shore residents: "Bring your dream. We'll help with the rest."

'I Am a Teacher'

Submitted Article

"ESCC has numerous graduates currently working in classrooms across the Eastern Shore," says Associate Professor Stephanie Zodon.

Mariya Walker and Bella Bundick both graduated from Your Eastern Shore Community College's Early Childhood program and are now teaching pre-K at Broadwater Academy in Exmore. Mariya described her own journey and shares advice for others: "Choose a career you will love and your dream job will follow."



Mariya Walker

Students in the Early Childhood program at ESCC learn online and in the classroom, but most say the best class is the one where they spend 40 hours observing and working in a pre-K classroom. Bella said, "These experiences set me on track to make connections within the community and begin a successful career."

The college has two associate degree programs to get you started to-

ward earning a teaching degree and licensure, whether that is in pre-K or in grades 1-8.

Professor Zodon explained, "Our Early Childhood Education degree is now a direct pathway into bachelor degree programs at almost all Virginia universities such as ODU, JMU, GMU, VCU, Radford, and Longwood University."

ESCC's Early Childhood degree can be completed in just two years. That means students only have to spend two years at a university before earning a bachelor's degree and becoming a licensed teacher in the commonwealth of Virginia.

Perhaps the best part is that students can begin working in a pre-K setting in just a few months. ESCC has two short-term early childhood programs that lead directly to employment. These programs fold right into the degree program so students can earn credentials on the way, start working in just a few months, and

continue onto the associate degree and then bachelor's degree.

Zodon explained that ESCC's programs fit the personal pathway of each student. "You can hop on and off of our programs to suit your personal circumstances. Do you want to work in the field right away? We have a program for that. Do you want to get your bachelor's degree quickly and with low cost? We have a program for that."

Vice president for academics Patrick

Tompkins said, "Your Eastern Shore Community College's Early Childhood programs has three amazing advantages. One, you can learn how to become an amazing teacher. Two, the program is amazingly free for almost all students. Three, Professor Zodon is amazing."

Tompkins added, "Bring your dream. We'll help with the rest."

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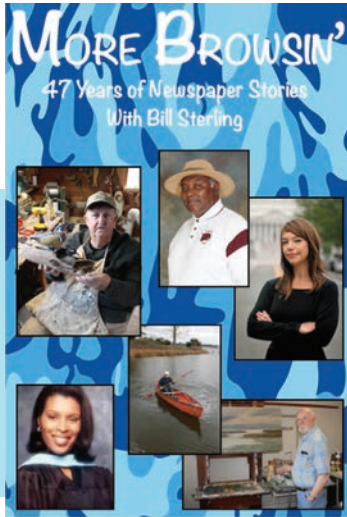
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Also featured are media figures like **Emily Heil, Paige Bull Tatum, George Reiger, Steven Ginsberg and Eddie Williams** plus additional stories on

remarkable local residents. The book also includes profiles on Eastern Shore towns **Pungoteague, Saxis and Nasswadox** plus stories on Sterling's hunting and hunting adventures and thoughts on living on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

The book sells for \$15.95, and Sterling's first book, "Still Browsin,'" is also available for the same price, or you can buy a bundle of both books at the **Book Bin** for \$25.95. The book is also available at the **Sundial Bookstore** on Chincoteague, **Rayfield's Pharmacy** in Nassawadox, **Turner Sculpture** in Melfa, the **Saxis Island Museum** and the **Delmarva Discovery Museum** in Pocomoke City, Md.



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ESVBA Gets \$12.3M to Build Out Broadband

By Stefanie Jackson

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (ESVBA) has been awarded a Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant of more than \$12.3 million to build out ESVBA's fiber network and provide access to high-speed internet, aka broadband, to more than 11,000 locations in Accomack and Northampton counties.

"The broadband authority is elated to be able to bring over \$12 million of state funding to the Eastern Shore to help continue to close the digital divide and achieve ... universal broadband coverage for all the residents of the Eastern Shore," said ESVBA Executive Director Robert Bridgham Dec. 15.

"This is the singular largest investment of broadband that the Eastern Shore has ever had," he said.

ESVBA received one of 35 grants totaling \$2 billion, which were awarded to counties, planning district commissions, and broadband authorities across Virginia. The funds will push Virginia 90% of the way toward its goal of closing the state's "digital divide," according to a Dec. 13 press release from the office of Gov. Ralph Northam.

Some of the \$2 billion in funding was provided by the American Rescue Plan, and the rest was VATI grants awarded through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

ESVBA matched more than \$3.3 million of the grant for a total of about \$15.6 million it can spend on its expansion.

When ESVBA's project is complete, Accomack and Northampton will have universal broadband coverage as defined by state authorities.

ESVBA will install fiber optic cable down every public road that doesn't yet have fiber, except roads in what Brigham calls "USDA protected areas."

These are areas that are already served by another internet provider, Neubeam, which previously received funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide broadband access to those areas.

(Neubeam's highest-priced monthly plan, with download speeds of 30 Mbps or megabits per second, meets or exceeds the Federal Communications Commission's minimum download speed of 25

Mbps to qualify as broadband.)

ESVBA cannot receive state or federal funding for building out its network in those areas, but it is not prohibited from serving them.

The VATI grant award is good news for people who want broadband access but live in an out-of-the-way location such as one of the Shore's many necks.

ESVBA already has installed fiber down the main roads in several necks, but now it will be able to extend fiber down the side streets as well, Bridgham said.

Each customer must pay a fee for installing fiber to the home and a monthly charge for internet service, but there are three options for reducing those costs, Bridgham said.

Emergency Broadband Benefit

ESVBA is participating in the federal Emergency Broadband Benefit program. New and existing ESVBA customers may apply. Qualified applicants will receive temporary discounts on their broadband service – up to \$50 off each monthly bill.

For example, an eligible customer whose plan costs \$39.99 a month will pay nothing, and a customer with a plan for \$59.99 a month will pay \$9.99.

A household qualifies if it meets one or more of the following requirements: an income at or below 135% of the federal poverty level, receiving assistance such as Medicaid or food stamps, having a student who qualifies for free or reduced lunch at school (all Accomack and Northampton public school students qualify through USDA's Community Eligibility Provision), receiving a federal Pell grant during the current award year, or experiencing a substantial reduction in income since Feb. 29, 2020, due to job loss or furlough.

More information can be found at www.esvba.com/ebb/

Installation Assistance Program

Meeting one of the last four requirements listed above also will qualify a household for ESVBA's Installation Assistance Program, which reduces or eliminates the cost of installing fiber to the home.

Installation assistance is also available to a household if it does not exceed the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's fiscal year 2021

low-income limit, which is \$47,750 in Accomack and \$48,100 in Northampton for a family of four.

A qualifying household can receive up to \$1,000 off the cost of installing fiber to the home.

ESVBA has designated \$187,000 of its own money for the installation assistance program.

Special Construction Charges

ESVBA is developing another program that will help new customers with fiber installation costs, which will be funded by \$2.25 million of the \$12.3 million VATI grant.

Unlike the installation assistance program, which is based on income, the special construction program is for anyone faced with high installation costs, even if the household doesn't qualify as low-income.

The special construction program, as the name indicates, is intended for new ESVBA customers who need special construction done to install fiber-to-the-home. For example, a customer might have an exceptionally long driveway, or the cable must run under a creek, Bridgham explained.

It is yet unknown what the program requirements or application process will be; Bridgham is still in discussions with state officials on those topics.

However, Bridgham said that the program might aim to reduce individual installation costs by potentially thousands of dollars, so that even customers with special construction needs can pay the typical installation cost of \$150.

Without outside funding like the VATI grant, it is extremely difficult for ESVBA to reduce special construction costs.

ESVBA has a specific method to determine how much it will charge each customer for installation.

ESVBA must at least break even financially on each installation after the customer has paid for a portion of the installation costs and two years of service – a 24-month contract.

Bridgham provided the following example: Suppose the actual costs to install fiber at a particular home were \$2,000, and the customer wanted the cheapest service package with 25 Mbps download and upload speeds for \$39.99 a month. (ESVBA also offers 50 Mbps, 100 Mbps, and 200 Mbps plans for prices up to \$149.99 a month.)



The gray areas in the above image, according to USDA, are already served by a broadband provider. ESVBA has received state funding to install fiber throughout the unshaded areas. Image from the USDA Re-Connect Program Service Area Map.

The customer would pay ESVBA about \$960 over the course of the two-year contract period, so that subtracted from the actual installation cost of \$2,000 would leave the customer with an installation charge of \$1,040.

If the actual installation costs for a home were, for example, \$800, the amount the customer would pay for service over two years would exceed that, so the customer would be charged the standard \$150 for installation.

ESVBA identified 664 homes in Accomack and 1,284 homes in Northampton that would require special construction to install fiber at those locations. The designated \$2.25 million in VATI grant funds were divided accordingly: \$888,000 for Accomack and \$1.37 million for Northampton.

Bridgham said ESVBA's work won't be done after the VATI grant-funded project is complete, but it will put the Shore "one step closer" to true universal broadband coverage.

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SECTION 8 WAITING LISTS OPENING IN JANUARY 2022

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority (A-NRHA) will open the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List **Monday, January 3, 2022 through Friday, January 7, 2022.**

Any low-and very low income person requiring rental assistance in order to find safe, decent, affordable housing may pick up an application at the A-NRHA Section 8 Office located at 23372 Front Street, Accomac, VA or call (757) 787-2800 ext. 100 to have an application mailed.

The Section 8 office will be open **Monday January 3, 2022 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday January 4, 2022 through Friday January 7, 2022 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm** during the application period.

Valid Photo Identification for all persons over 18, Social Security Cards for all household members and Birth Certificates/Birth Records for all minors and Proof of Residency (911 address) must be returned with each application.

DEADLINE for all applications with accompanying documentation **MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON** by close of business day **Friday, January 7, 2022.** Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.



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



Group Protests in Support of Accawmacke Indian Claim

Demonstrators gather Dec. 10 to protest what they assert is illegal possession of Accawmacke Indian land by PNC Bank in Eastville. From left to right are Cynthia Manley, Lisa Cypress, Sharra Phillips (whose face is obscured by a protest sign), Penny Cypress, Willie Wynder, and Skeet Harmon. Northampton Board of Supervisors Chairman Dixon Leatherbury had no comment other than to say the demonstrators were “well within their right” to protest. A call to a PNC representative was not returned. Photo by Stefanie Jackson.

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Santa Makes the Rounds in Exmore

Santa Claus waves before boarding an Exmore firetruck to ride around town and greet children Dec. 13. Photo by Stefanie Jackson.

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—CREATING AN EASTERN SHORE RAIL TRAIL—

The future Eastern Shore of Virginia (ESVA) Rail Trail will be a 49.1 mile regional multi-use trail along the historic Eastern Shore railroad corridor. The ESVA Rail Trail will connect Accomack and Northampton communities, increase access, encourage outdoor recreation, contribute to economic growth, and support a healthier and more prosperous region.



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The multi-use trail will encourage healthy living through exercise and social connection by providing safe access to close-to-home recreation and community amenities. Walk, run, bike, or horse ride on the trail with your friends and family!

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The ESVA Rail Trail has the potential to greatly increase economic development in our towns and communities.

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The ESVA Rail Trail can promote the history and the notable role the railroad corridor had in the economic and social development of the towns and communities through which it traveled.



Businesses like the Parksley Farmers Market could benefit from increased visitation from trail users. Photo by Jim McGowan.



Kiptopeke Elementary School students at the Southern Tip Bike and Hike Trail. Photo by Jean E. Flynn.



A family cycling down the Southern Tip Bike and Hike Trail. Photo by ES Tourism Commission.

—DID YOU KNOW?— THE RAILROAD CORRIDOR IS BEING PRESERVED!

The preservation of the historic Eastern Shore railroad corridor, through the practice of railbanking, ensures the right-of-way will remain in place for future rail operations. In the meantime, the railroad corridor can benefit the public as the ESVA Rail Trail and accommodate infrastructure services such as the existing broadband and future wastewater force main treatment.

CHRISTMAS ON THE SHORE: ONANCOCK CHRISTMAS PARADE



The Sea Scouts float sails by during the Onancock Christmas Parade.



Photos by Carol Vaughn

The crowd greets Santa Claus, who is riding atop an Onancock Volunteer Fire Department truck, at the end of the Onancock Christmas Parade.



Members of the Northampton Marching Band perform for paradegoers.



Channing Guvernator and her pet goat stroll by.



An antique car has a trunk full of holiday spirit.



Peaches and Eric Dodge, of Onancock, watch as Santa Claus approaches.



The ESVA Spartans perform a cheer during Sunday's Onancock Christmas Parade.



Members of the Accomack Community Band perform.

OBITUARIES

William Somers Bloxom

Mr. William Somers Bloxom, of Hallwood, husband of Norma Sue Bloxom, passed away Dec. 9, 2021.

Born Oct. 7, 1940, in Bloxom, he was the son of the late Samuel Henry Bloxom Sr. and the late Pearl Somers Bloxom. William worked as a driver for Perdue for many years. He enjoyed flea markets, yard sales, and riding the roads.

Other than his wife, William is survived by daughters, Debbie Gray, Sheila Richardson, Darlene Robbins, and Crystal Annis; a son, William L. Bloxom; a brother, Sammy Bloxom; four granddaughters, Courtney Bloxom, Ashlin Bloxom, Vicky Wessells, and Alexis Bloxom; and four grandsons, Josh Bloxom, David Lewis, Matthew Lewis, and Paul Gray Jr.; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Christopher Bloxom.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021, at 2 p.m., from the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley with George Fulk officiating. Interment followed in the Parksley Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Susie Isdell Davis

Mrs. Susie Isdell Davis, 91, wife of the late William "Buddy" Davis and a resident of Exmore, passed away Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, at her residence. A native of Wachapreague, she was the daughter of the late George Cleave Isdell and the late Annie Mears Isdell. Susie was a homemaker and a member of Belle Haven Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her son, Daniel G. Davis (Susan), of Exmore; three grandchildren, Reva Sweeney (Tommy), of Smithfield, Va., Scott Kill-



Mrs. Davis

mon (Tanya), of Harborton, and Jamie Killmon (Brandi), of Melfa; and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother, Garland Isdell; and sister, Margaret Corbin.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Doughty Funeral Home with Pastor Jonathan Carpenter officiating. Private interment was in Johnson's United Methodist Church Cemetery in Machipongo. Family joined friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Exmore Baptist Church, 11624 Occohannock Road, Exmore, VA 23350, or Shore Christian Academy, 11624 Occohannock Road, Exmore, VA 23350.

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

J. Larry Hamblin

Mr. J. Larry Hamblin, 81, husband of the late Virginia Robinson Hamblin, and a resident of Willis Wharf, passed away Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, at his home. A native of Willis Wharf, he was the son of the late James E. Hamblin and the late Mabel Bell Hamblin. He was a retired waterman. Larry was the founder of the FHA Hunt Club and a member of the Exmore Moose Lodge 683.

He is survived by three children, Carole H. van Kleef and her husband, John, of Parksley, Deborah H. Linton and her husband, Jeffrey, of Columbia, S.C., and John L. Hamblin Jr., of Willis Wharf; three grandchildren, Maury van Kleef and his wife, Mary Lacen, of Parksley, Richard Linton, of Irmo, S.C., and Jonathan Linton, of Irmo; and his sister, Faye H. Sturgis, and her husband, Gordon, of Exmore. Larry was predeceased by his brother, Winford Hamblin.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at 11 a.m., at Belle Haven Cemetery with Pastor Jonathan Carpenter officiating. Fam-



Mr. Hamblin

ily received friends Sunday, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Virginia Hunters for the Hungry, 22271 Lee Mont Road, Parksley, VA 23421, or the Virginia Dog Hunting Alliance, P.O. Box 657, Powhatan, VA 23139.

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

Wayne Alan Hart

Pastor Wayne Alan Hart left his earthly home and entered into eternal life with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, at the age of 75. The only son of the late Harry "Spencer" Hart and the late Joyce Elaine Wilkie Hart, Wayne was born Oct. 21, 1946, on the family farm in Lewes, Del.

As a third-generation farmer, Wayne worked alongside his father and grandfather from the time he could walk the field. Soon after graduating from Lewes High School, Wayne relocated to the Eastern Shore, having been selected for NASA's engineering technician apprentice program. His success in the program led to a long-time career as an engineering technician for NASA, retiring in 1995. Farming remained a constant throughout his life as Wayne continued his family legacy cultivating his land on the Shore. Recently, he was able to repair and restore his grandfather's 1952 Massey Harris tractor. He beamed with pride as its rumble brought back fond memories of his childhood.

With humility and respect, Wayne sought to share the love of God with all. He felt the call to ministry long before making it official and was a calm and assuring presence in the midst of life's storms and always extended a listening ear, walking with countless souls through their greatest joys and deepest sorrows. In retirement, he dedicated his life to God's calling, beginning his pastoral leadership as a lay minister, and later as an associate pastor. For more than 15 years, Wayne



Pastor Hart

has led Sunday morning sermons at numerous churches throughout the Shore and spent endless hours visiting folks at nursing homes from Pocomoke City, Md., to Onancock. His impact on family and friends, church congregations, and the community at large was profound, and his passing will be felt by many.

Matthew 25:23 reads: "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" Pastor Wayne Alan Hart is indeed rejoicing in the streets of gold.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was welcomed in heaven by his wife, Constance Faye "Connie" Hart and great-grandson, Shawn Michael "Shawny" Turner. He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Ginger Hart Villanueva, of Norfolk, and Eric Wayne Hart and his wife, April, of Parksley; stepchildren, Donald Monroe Windsor Jr., of Taylorsville, N.C., and Terry Lynn Windsor-Kelly and her husband, Philip, of Parksley; sisters, Janice Burris, of Milford, Del., and Carol Stone and her husband, David, of Pinehurst, N.C.; grandchildren, Addison, Spencer, Tyler, and Lindsey, Donald, David, Jessica, April, Kaylen, and Ashley; great-grandsons, Christopher and Ethan; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Wayne Asbury officiating. Interment was in the Parksley Cemetery.

In honor of Wayne's unwavering commitment to the Lord and his pastoral ministry, please consider making a contribution to a local church of your choice, or simply dedicate your time to help someone in need.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

EARLY DEADLINE
The last day obituaries
will be accepted for the
Dec. 24 edition is Monday,
Dec. 20, by 11 a.m.

Barbara Jean Holland

Mrs. Barbara Jean Holland, 74, of New Church, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, at her home with her family by her side. Born Oct. 20, 1947, in Butte, Mont., she was the daughter of the late H.Q. "Van" Van Dyke and the late Betty Irene Wolf Van Dyke.

When Barbara was 6 years old, the Van Dyke's moved to the tiny islands of Wake and Canton, located in the Pacific Ocean, returning to the continental U.S. to Tallahassee, Fla., in 1961. The following year,



Mrs. Holland

they relocated to Pocomoke City, Md., when her father was selected to develop the satellite weather forecasting program for NOAA. From a young age, Barbara was inherently curious and clever. She preferred hands-on learning, often disassembling and reassembling small appliances and gadgets just to see how they worked. Much like her father, she loved reading and research and was always the first to answer any question. Barbara's intelligence paired perfectly with her sense of propriety, stunning red hair, and natural beauty, all of which she shared with her mother.

Barbara graduated from Pocomoke High School, class of 1965. On Nov. 26, 1967, following a brief courtship, she married the man she would spend the rest of her days with, James Franklin Holland. Together, along with their faith in the Lord and a lot of hard work, she and Jimmy built a beautiful life. Never one to be idle, Barbara stayed busy through her role as a mother, as the accountant for F.A. Holland & Sons Inc., and assisting Jimmy with day-to-day operations of the family farm. She was a devoted member and elder of Beaver Dam Christian Church, and a 45-year volunteer with the Helping Hands ministry. Horses, specifically Appaloosas, became an everyday part of the Hollands' lives when their daughter began riding, a hobby that turned into exhibiting horses at

the national level. In the mid '90s, Barbara and Jimmy began breeding their young, spotted Appaloosa, and a world champion was born. In October of 2001, Barbara and Lady's Country Zippo, hailing from the Holland Farm in New Church, took the title at the World Championship Appaloosa Show in Fort Worth, Texas. She was most proud to share her affinity for riding and competition with her granddaughter, Kailyn. After years of riding alongside her grandmother and traveling to countless horse shows, Kailyn continued Barbara's championship legacy and assumed the caretaking responsibilities of the Holland Farm spotted fillies. Over the last several years, Barbara's health prevented her from riding, but it never slowed her down. She has enjoyed shepherding her grandchildren, spent some time crafting, and made sure those important to her knew it.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, James Franklin "Jimmy" Holland; their children, Danna Czesak and her husband, Mark, of Wilmington, N.C., and Richard Holland and his wife, Anna Marie, of Stockton, Md.; sisters, Janet Huffman, of Mancos, Colo., Cathy Van Dyke, of Park City, Utah, and Terry Van Dyke, of Asheville, N.C.; grandchildren, Keegan, Cayman, and Kai Czesak, and Kailyn and Riley Holland; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

A memorial service to celebrate Barbara's life was held Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at 11 a.m., at the Beaver Dam Christian Church, Pocomoke City, with the Rev. Lance Ness officiating. Private interment was held at the Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to the Beaver Dam Christian Church, c/o Jane Banks, 2015 Colonna Road, Pocomoke City, MD 21851, or you may honor her life, in saving others, by giving the gift of blood donation.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Harold Dean Johns Sr.

Mr. Harold Dean Johns Sr., 80, husband of Virginia Teano Johns and a resident of Jamesville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at his residence. A native of West Virginia, he was the son of the late James Johns and the late Maxine Keese Johns. He was a retired welder, member of Exmore Baptist Church, and served as Sunday School superintendent for 11 years.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by three children, Harold Dean Johns Jr. and his wife, Tracey, of Irmo, S.C., Sandra D. Johns Stewart and her husband, Jamie, of Dagsboro, Del., and Vicki L. Kesler, of Jamesville; a brother, James "Hardy" Johns, and his wife, Nancy, of Forest Hill, Md.; one granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Jerry L. Johns.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, at 1 p.m., at Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens, 2150 Mt. View Road, Mariottsville, MD 21104, with Pastor Jonathan Carpenter officiating.

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

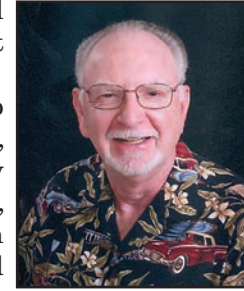
Gregory Walter Jordan

A graveside service for **Mr. Gregory Walter Jordan**, of Eastville, was conducted Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., from the Bethel AME Church Cemetery, Eastville, with the Rev. Daryl Roselle officiating.

Visitation and viewing was held at the cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call the John O. Morris Funeral Home, Nasawadox, for additional information and/or visit the funeral home website at www.morrisfuneralhome.org

A complete obituary and virtual service are available on the website.



Mr. Johns

Christopher James Justis

Mr. Christopher James Justis, 33, husband of Brittany Olivia Justis and a resident of Parksley, passed away Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock.

Born July 13, 1988, he was the son of Billy Ray Justis and Mary Ann Justis, of Parksley. Christopher was a waterman and loved being and working on the water. One of his greatest joys in life was riding motorcycles.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by his children, Teagen Justis, LonnieMae Justis, Analeigha Collins, and Baylee Justis; his brother, Billy Joseph Justis; his half-brothers, Billy and Bobby Padgett; and many extended family members and friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, at 2 p.m., with George Fulk officiating. There was a visitation at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the Parksley Cemetery.

Memorial donations to assist his family may be made to the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1, Parksley, VA 23421.

Memory tributes may be shared at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com

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Mr. Justis

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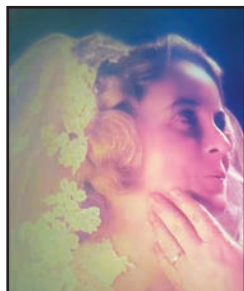
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Alene “May” Lovett

Mrs. Alene “May” Lovett, 80, of Painter, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, at home, surrounded by her loving family. Born Oct. 14, 1941, in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Lewis H. Howard and the late Sherry Hanes Howard.

Following high school, May began working as a secretary at the Pentagon. After nearly two decades apart, May was reunited with her high school boyfriend, Bob Lovett. In 1980, they were married and re-



Mrs. Lovett

located to the Eastern Shore. May began working as the manager of Shore Bank until accepting a position as secretary at Ginsberg, Nottingham, and Mapp, where she later retired after 30 years with the firm. May enjoyed gardening and crafting, especially crocheting and sewing, though she was happiest when surrounded by loved ones and particularly when dancing the jitterbug with Bob. Over the years, she planned countless family boating, camping, and fishing trips and always prepared an amazing dinner and dessert for birthdays and holidays. May was absolutely adored by her family, all of whom are grateful to have made so many beautiful memories with her.

Along with her parents, May was happily reunited with her late husband, Robert E. “Bob” Lovett Jr., as well as her sons, Robby and Steven Smith and Ricky Lovett, and brother, Alan Foster. She is survived by her daughter, Dawn M. Miller, of Parkley; son, Gregory A. Smith, and his wife, Sherry, of Painter; grandchildren, Kaitlynn M. Spence and her husband, Joseph, Brandon L. Smith and his wife, Tori, and Megan, Jayden, and Joseph Sandlin; sisters-in-law, Hazel Foster and Shirley Zim-

merman and her husband, Jim; several cousins, to include her special cousin, Jeff Foster, and his family; and her great-grandbabies, who were the loves of her life. She also leaves behind her furbabies, Punkin and Nala, and her feathered baby, Lucky.

The family gathered for a private graveside service at the Onancock Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Mary McCray

Dr. Mary Giddens Washington McCray, entered into eternal rest Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021, at her home in South Chesterfield, Va. Mary was born Jan. 13, 1930, in Jamesville, to Severn and Elnora Giddens.

Her life was blessed with family and students. She spent her career dedicated to education, having taught in many institutions over her 43-year career. After 13 years of teaching in the public schools, she accepted a position at Virginia State University, where she served as assistant professor of home economics. She later taught at Howard University, before returning to VSU. She received many accolades, awards, and certificates for outstanding service from, among many: Richmond Public Schools, Howard University’s Graduate School, and Phi Delta Kappa – Virginia State University.

Dr. McCray was a dedicated and faithful member of Zion Baptist Church, Petersburg, Va., where she served until her health began to fail.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 17 years, Ananias C. Washington; and her siblings, Severn, Ernest, Floyd, Jeroline, Nelson, and Frank.

Left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Annise W. Muschette (Wil-



Dr. McCray

bert) and Gilda W. Warren (James); goddaughters, Mildred Tucker, Phyllis Adams, Valerie B. Harris, Wanda Hill, Stephanie McNeil, Lisa Nicholas, and Gale Watkins; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at the Chapel of J.M. Wilkerson Funeral Establishment, in Petersburg, Va. Interment followed at City Point National Cemetery.

To sign the guestbook and read the full obituary, go to <https://www.jmwilkerson-since1874.com/obituary/mary-mccray>

Edward Bruce Mears Jr.

Mr. Edward Bruce “E.B.” Mears Jr., 62, a resident of New Church, passed away Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at his home. A native of New Church, he was the son of the late Edward Bruce Mears and the late Jolena Hopkins Mears. E.B. was a carpenter for Cartwright Construction and a musician who played at Seacrets.

He is survived by two children, Elaine Brooke Stanley-Smith and her husband, Justin, of Alberta, Canada, and Hunter Gabrielle Gurel and her husband, Dallas, of Alberta; four grandchildren, Ryley Mears, Nolan Stanley-Smith, Zoey Stanley-Smith, and Kade Gurel; two brothers, Darryl Mears, of Michigan, and Tony Mears, of Willis Wharf.

A tribute and Celebration of Life service was held Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Bloxom Fire Company, 15312 Bayside Drive, Bloxom, with Bobby Blankenship officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverside Shore Cancer Center, P.O. Box 430, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.



Mr. Mears

William Mills

Mr. William “Bill” Mills, 86, of Quinby, passed away peacefully Monday evening, Dec. 6, 2021, surrounded by loved ones.

Born to William and Louise Mills, of Wall Township, N.J., in 1935, Bill was the second eldest of siblings Albert, Mary Louise, Richard, James, and Judith. He graduated from Manasquan High School in 1953 and joined the Marines, where he was stationed in Japan. When Bill returned home to New Jersey, he became a brick mason by trade.



Mr. Mills

In 1972, Bill married the love of his life, Althea. In 1980, Bill, Althea, and their five children moved to the Eastern Shore, where he pursued his lifelong passion for fishing and became a waterman. He affectionately became known as “Jersey Bill” to his friends. Four years later, Bill and Althea welcomed their sixth and final child, thus completing their big, loud, chaotic, and relentlessly devoted family (at least until the grandkids came along).

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Albert, Richard, and Judith.

He is survived by his wife, Althea Mills, of Quinby; children, Hazel VonHollen (and children, Bobbi Jo, Jessica, Thomas, and Ariel), of Hampton; Nicholas VonHollen and wife, Robin (and children JR and Nikki), of Exmore; Beverly Patterson and husband, Brian (and children, Elise, Donald, and Zachary), of Virginia Beach; Julie Mills and husband Thomas (and children, Joshua T. and Jacob), of Quinby; Joshua W. Mills (and children, Aubree and Joshua Jr.), of Quinby; Louise Wessels and husband, Todd (and children, Noah, William, and Ellie), of Hampton; as well as 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by siblings, James Buchanan Mills, of California, and Mary Louise Mills, of Wall Township, N.J.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life was held



Saturday, Dec. 11, at noon, at the Quinby Harbor.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Craig K. Romines

Mr. Craig Kenneth Romines, 67, of Temperanceville, passed away suddenly on Dec. 10, 2021, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Nassawadox March 25, 1954, a son to the late Clyde and Helen (Thornton) Romines. He graduated from Chincoteague High School with the class of 1975. He served in the U.S.



Mr. Romines

Army during the time of the Grenada Invasion. You could see his smiling face, joking laugh, and helping ways at Church Street Supply where he has worked for over eight years.

He was a member of Union Baptist Church.

Craig is survived by his loving spouse of 25 years, Sue Romines, of Temperanceville; sister, Kathy Killmon, of Elizabeth City, N.C.; two sisters-in-law, Donna Reid Romines, of Wallops Island, and Sarah Wimbrow and her husband, Norman, of Franklin, Ky.; three nieces, Karen LaLonde and her husband, Jeff, of Hertford, N.C., Norma Zebert and her husband, William, of Franklin, and Kathy Duvall, of Franklin; nephew, Brian Frederick Romines Jr., of Wallops Island; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and his Church Street Supply family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Brian Frederick Romines Sr.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, at 6 p.m., at the Salyer Funeral Home Inc. on Chincoteague Island.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 264, Melfa, VA 23410.

Services are entrusted to Salyer Funeral Home Inc. on Chincoteague Island.

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Booker T. Stevens

Mr. Booker T. Stevens, of Virginia Beach and formerly of the Shore, departed this life Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, at his residence surrounded by his family.

Born in Cheriton, Booker was the son of the late Jack and Sylvia B. Stevens. He was affectionately known as "Book" by his family and friends. In Snow Hill, Md., 56 years ago, Booker married the love of his life, Bernice Bailey Stevens, whom he affectionately referred to as "Pumpkin."

Booker was employed in several different capacities during his lifetime, which included custodial and janitorial services and with Perdue Foods in Accomac. He was a dependable and dedicated employee.

Private funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, at the chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Milton P. Bunting officiating. Interment was in the Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery, Wardtown.

Left to cherish Booker's precious memory are his children, Yvonne Gaynor, Warren Bailey, Esco Parker, Reginald Bailey, Margo Stevens, April Bibbins, and Gary Stevens; 13 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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

Adam T. Strand

Mr. Adam T. Strand, of Wayne, N.J., transitioned from this life on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Wayne.

Born in Patterson, N.J., Adam was the beloved son of Clinton and Jeannette Strand. He was the youngest child born to this union. After graduation, he began working for CAPEZIO Ballet Makers in



Mr. Stevens



Mr. Taylor

Totowa, N.J., and worked there for over 25 years. In later years, he began working as a warehouse worker and worked his way up to become the warehouse shipping supervisor.

Private funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at the chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. Billie Ray Hunter officiating. Interment was in the Metropolitan Bayside Community Cemetery, Onancock.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his parents, Clinton and Jeanette Strand; three brothers, Rodney Strand, Herbert Strand, and Clinton Matthews; one sister, Michelle Davis; his landlord and special friend, Anna M. Mather; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

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

Eugene C. Taylor

Mr. Eugene C. Taylor, of Onancock, departed this life Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at his residence.

Born in Bayside, Eugene was the beloved son of Esther Taylor and the late Eugene Davis. He was affectionately known as "Jack" by his family and friends. In later years, Jack relocated to New York, where he worked for IBM Corporation in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., until his retirement.

Private funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at the chapel of Cooper & Humbles Funeral Co., Accomac, with the Rev. James Rich officiating.

Jack is survived by his children: Andra Taylor, Sharrisse T. Fisher, Eugene Taylor, Minyelle S. Wharton, and Rykesh Spratley; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; mother, Esther Taylor; siblings, Barbara Ann Moody, Arlette Davis, Elvis Drummond, Duval Davis, James Drummond, Perry Finney, and Bobby Finney; best friend, Vernon Gunter Sr.; lifelong friend, Alfred Needam; longtime companion, Connie Lektasas; several first cousins; and a host of

cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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

Minnie Pearl Ward

Mrs. Minnie Pearl Ward, 89, a lifelong resident of Guilford and the wife of Freddie Ward, passed away Dec. 7, 2021, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

Born Jan. 2, 1932, in Guilford, she was the daughter of the late Roland B. Taylor and the late Lola Annis Taylor. Minnie was a longtime member of Guilford United Methodist Church and later Halls Chapel Church. She enjoyed reading, gardening, watching birds, sewing, cooking, and her cats. Minnie was a faithful pastor's wife and delighted in the Lord. Her greatest joy was her family, especially her precious granddaughters.

Other than her husband, Minnie is survived by her daughter, Vicky Lynn Taylor (Todd), of Guilford; granddaughters, Autumn Ferguson, of Salisbury, Md., and Cherith Roach (Cole), of Pocomoke City, Md.; and a great-granddaughter, Kinslee Roach.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandparents who raised her, Will and Pearly Annis;

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Mrs. Ward

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an infant son, Freddie Ward Jr.; and a half brother, Paul Mason Taylor.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at 2 p.m., from the graveside of the Parksley Cemetery, with Pastor Jack Pruitt and Pastor Robert Fletcher officiating.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Baptist Bible Church Building Fund, 24577 Front St., Accomac, VA 23301.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Jo Savage West

Mrs. Jo Savage West, 95, wife of Charles E. West and a resident of Birdsnest, passed away Dec. 14, 2021, at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onley. She was born in Painter and was the daughter of the late Joseph Leonard Savage and the late Mattie Berry Savage. She graduated from Central High School in 1944. Jo was a devoted member of Red Bank Baptist Church and its senior member.

She is predeceased by her loving husband, Charles E. West, of 68 years. Left to cherish her memories are her daughters, Phyllis Graham and her husband, Jeff, of Morehead City, N.C., and Martha Hennessey and her husband, Rod, of Bells Neck. Her grandchildren include Carter Magette and his wife, Angel, of Birdsnest, Merianne Grigoriuc and her husband, Sorin, of Morehead City, Connor Hennessey, of Cheriton, and Patrick Hennessey, of Washington, D.C. Her great-grandchildren include Charlie, Ava, Haley, Alex, and Cooper. She was predeceased by three sisters, Etta Rice, Mary Tilghman, and Margaret Mears; and by her brother, Bill Savage.

Jo was the office manager of the family farm business for over 30 years. She was a civic volunteer for the elections board, a member of the Eastern

Star and the Frances Jones Circle at Red Bank Church.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, at 2 p.m., at the Red Bank Baptist Church with the Rev. John M. Robertson officiating. Interment followed in the Red Bank Cemetery. Family joined friends at the Doughty Funeral Home Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Flowers will be accepted, or contributions may be made in Jo's memory to Red Bank Baptist Church c/o Linda Mehne, 11443 Harmanson Circle, Machipongo, VA 23405.

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

Arrangements were made by Doughty Funeral Home in Exmore.

JoAnn Young

Mrs. JoAnn Young, 72, of New Church, wife of Lonnie Medlin, passed away Dec. 9, 2021, in Baltimore.

Born June 15, 1949, in Humboldt County, Calif., she was the daughter of the late William Elijah Whitehurst and the late Harriet Eugenia Davenport. JoAnn previously worked at the Pocomoke Health Department, where she was loved and respected by both coworkers and patients. She loved her church and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Other than her husband, JoAnn is survived by her sister, Peggy; her brother, Billy; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her children, Patrick O'Neil Wescott and Cheryl Humphrey.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, at 1 p.m., from Acts the Apostolic Church in Temperanceville with Pastor Starr Johnson officiating.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made towards funeral expenses, Thornton Funeral Home, P.O. Box 264, Parksley, VA 23421.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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



Mrs. West



Mrs. Young

Northampton High School Raises Money for Men's Health, Things Get a Little Hairy

*By Stefanie Jackson
Submitted photos*

Northampton High School has raised nearly \$650 for the 501(c)(3) nonprofit The Movember Foundation that holds a fundraising event called Movember every November, during which male participants stop shaving their mustaches and beards for the entire month.

Movember raises money for men's health, particularly, mental health and suicide prevention and prostate and testicular cancer awareness. Its project partners include the Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Prevention Institute, according to the Movember website.

"We are in an era where suicide rates are extremely high, and awareness is very important to the young generation to make sure they know it is okay to reach out for help, especially men," said Northampton High School secretary Hunter Bishop, who organized the school's first Movember last month.

The NHS employees who raised the most money for Movember were math teacher Julius Galpao, who collected \$389, and custodian Melvin Burton, who raised \$168.

Prizes were awarded to the winners, including Assistant Principal Fred Carl Eng, who grew the longest beard. Every participant received a goodie bag.

But it isn't just men who participate in Movember; females can join in, too. Since most women don't grow mustaches or beards, some stop shaving their legs for Movember. Others take the "30 Moves in 30 Days" challenge and do any type of exercise or movement every day in November.

Movember raised \$16.2 million in 2020, of which about 77% was allocated for men's health projects around the world. The organization has funded 1,250 such projects since 2003, with the goal of reducing the number of men dying prematurely by 25% by 2030.

Movember started in Australia in 2003 as a challenge among friends to bring the mustache back in style. It began making charitable donations in 2004 and now has more than 6.5 million participants in 20 countries.

Left, from top to bottom, are Northampton High School math teacher Julius Galpao, custodian Melvin Burton, and Assistant Principal Fred Carl Eng clean-shaven or with little facial hair at the beginning of November and the Movember fundraiser.

Right, from top to bottom, are Galpao, Burton, and Eng with a month's worth of facial hair growth.



Eastern Shore Sports



Kayla Wharton pursues Taylor Leland as she drives down the court during an intense fourth quarter. Photo by Whitney Metz.

Arcadia Firebirds Defeated by Vikings in Home Opener

By Whitney Metz

The Lady Vikings traveled to Arcadia last Thursday for Arcadia's first home game of the season. Broadwater took the lead early and was successful running a full-court press during the second quarter. The Vikings held onto their lead for most of the game, but the Lady Firebirds were not ready to fold.

Going into the fourth quarter the score was 23-29. Arcadia took advantage of multiple steals on defense to bring the Firebirds within two points. With 3:15 left on the clock, the Lady Firebirds took the lead with a score of 36-35.

The teams went shot for shot, exchanging the lead multiples times until Broadwater called a timeout with 41.5 seconds left in the game. Coming out of the timeout, Broadwater was up 38-41. The

Lady Vikings were able to manage the clock and pull away in the final moments of the game. Broadwater defeated Arcadia with a final score of 38-43.

Miniya Cropper lead the offense for the Firebirds, recording 14 points. She also had 14 rebounds and four blocks. Jayda Tull had a career high of 11 points on the night with six rebounds, three assists, and five steals. Tiana Bagwell contributed with 6 points and 16 rebounds.

The Lady Vikings pulled away with the win behind leading scorer, Suzanna Long, who had 11 points and five rebounds. Taylor Leland added to the score with 9 points and one assist. Other notable players for Broadwater include Leah Smith with 10 points, three rebounds, and one steal and Faith Johnson with 8 points and three rebounds.



The South Eastern Shore team poses for a photo before the All-Star Senior Bowl. Front (left to right): Liam Flynn, Umari Bailey, Deshawn Johnson, Josiah Chandler, Malcom Dickerson, Chayce Wayman. Back (left to right): Joseph Brown, Dustin Splawn, Devin Thornton, Kevin Cropper, Brooks Mariner, Jalik Downing, Anthony Taylor, Tyler Green, Emory Harned. Photo by Whitney Metz.

Local Football Players Compete in Senior All-Star Bowl

By Whitney Metz

Multiple football players from Arcadia, Northampton, and Nandua High School were selected to represent their schools in the 2021 Senior All-Star Bowl on Dec. 12. The game was hosted by Queen Anne's County High School in Centerville, Md., and consisted of a North Eastern Shore team vs. the South Eastern Shore team. The players selected to compete were chosen based on their season stats and accomplishments.

Northampton High School was represented by four seniors from their squad: Dustin Splawn, Liam Flynn, Devin Thornton, and Joseph Brown. Splawn was voted the Eastern Shore District player of the year for offense and defense this season. He stood out on both sides of the ball with 65 tackles as middle linebacker and multiple impressive statistics on offense. Splawn had 68 receiving yards with one touchdown and 1,431 rushing yards with 29 rushing touchdowns as a running back. Quarterback Liam Flynn was also selected from Northampton's offense after recording 838 rushing yards and 424 passing yards. Flynn finished the season with a total of 15 touchdowns. Liam contributed on defense as well with 40 tackles and three interceptions. Finally from the offense at Northampton, center Joseph Brown, who had a great

season snapping and blocking for his QB. From Northampton's defense, Devin Thornton was selected after recording 35 tackles and one fumble recovery during the Yellow Jackets' record-breaking season.

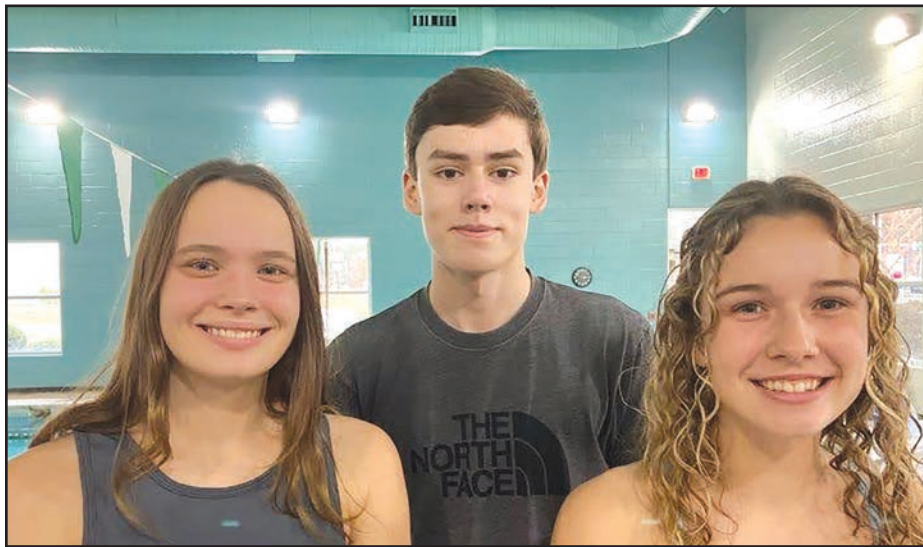
The seniors selected from Nandua High School were Chayce Wayman, Tyler Green, Umari Bailey, Emory Harned, and Deshawn Johnson. Quarterback and team captain Wayman finished the year with nine total touchdowns, five passing and four rushing. He recorded nearly 1,000 yards of total offense this season. Nandua's top receiver, Tyler Green, completed a number of catches this season with 415 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns, 126 rushing yards, and two rushing touchdowns. From the defensive side, Bailey was selected to participate in the all-star bowl as a middle linebacker. Bailey stood out for Nandua's defense with four sacks, 47 total tackles, and one caused fumble. Johnson was also selected from the defense as a linebacker. He recorded 49 tackles this season and had one caused fumble. The final player selected from Nandua was kicker Emory Harned. He contributed to Nandua's offense with six extra point kicks and a career long 38-yard field goal.

Finally, the Arcadia Firebirds who participated in Sunday's game included

Brooks Mariner, Jalik Downing, Malcom Dickerson, Anthony Taylor, Josiah Chandler, and Kevin Cropper. Offensive linebacker Brooks Mariner had 54 tackles this season, with two sacks and one fumble recovery. Downing rushed for 743 yards on offense and recorded 32 tackles on defense. Defensive tackle Malcom Dickerson contributed with 36 tackles and on offense he only allowed four sacks while playing on the line. Taylor added to Arcadia's defense with 26 tackles and eight broken up passes. He competed on both sides of the ball this season

with 248 receiving yards as well. The final two players selected from Arcadia played a significant role for the team's offense. Josiah Chandler finished the season with 527 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns, while Cropper completed 344 receiving yards with four touchdowns.

Each of these players were honored at the Eastern Shore All-Star Bowl and had the chance to show their all-star ability during the game. The South squad, which consisted of these district athletes, took the win over the North in a close game with a final score of 29-20.



Nandua Warriors swim team captains, Nora Bahns, Patrick Lilliston, and Taylor Thornes, pose for a photo after the swim meet. Submitted Photo.

Nandua Warriors Fall to Stephen Decatur in First Swim Meet

Submitted Story

Nandua High School swimmers had the opening meet of their swim season against Stephen Decatur Tuesday, Dec. 7. The final score was 107 Decatur- 63 Nandua for the girls team and 71 Decatur- 55 Nandua for the boys team. While Decatur won both meets, Nandua swimmers were able to take first in a few events and are already meeting the qualifying times for States.

The girls 200-yard medley relay swam by Grace Bentley, Madison Johnson, Meya Charnock, and Emma Cathey, posted a state championship qualifying time. The girls 200-yard freestyle relay, swam by

Taylor Thornes, Johnson, Cathey and Bentley, qualified for States and was a first-place finish for the team.

In individual events, Bentley qualified for the state championships in the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke with first-place finishes. Johnson placed first and qualified in the 100-yard breaststroke. For the boys, Patrick Lilliston won the 500-yard freestyle and Dylan Brockmeir won the 100-yard freestyle.

The Warriors swim their next meet Jan. 7, 2022, at their home pool, Eastern Shore Family YMCA, against Bruton and Poquoson High School.



Nandua Middle School cheerleading team poses for a group photo after placing first in the cheer competition. Submitted Photo.

Nandua Wins Middle School Cheerleading Competition

**This article has been corrected from its original version. The original incorrectly identified Northampton Middle School as Nandua Middle School in the submitted team photo and caption.*

By Adolphus Ames

A middle school cheerleading competition was held at Arcadia High School Thursday, Dec. 2. Cheer teams from Northampton Middle School, Nandua Middle School, and Chincoteague Middle School participated in the competition.

Each team had three minutes on the floor to perform its routines. Nandua finished in first place with a score of 136 points. Northampton finished second with 98 points, the team's best placement in over 10 years. Chincoteague came in third with 64 points.



Northampton cross-country runner Lizania Morales, pictured above, poses for a photo shortly before VHSL State Cross Country meet held Saturday, Nov. 13. Morales ran 23:54 at the meet, placing 42 out of 95 runners. Submitted Photo.



Na'Pria Brown throws an inbound pass to Amyah Williams during the first half. Photo by Adolphus Ames.

Lady Yellow Jackets Defeated by Surry County

By Adolphus Ames

The Northampton Yellow Jackets varsity girls basketball team hosted its second home game of the season Monday, Dec. 13. They faced the Surry County Cougars. The Yellow Jackets lost 48-14.

The Yellow Jackets kept the game within reach in the first quarter. They were down 4-0 and then Amyah Williams made a free throw to place the Yellow Jackets on the scoreboard, shrinking the Cougar's lead to three points. At the end of the quarter, they

trailed the Cougars 10-3.

The Yellow Jackets failed to keep up with the Cougar's offense in the second quarter. Entering halftime, the team was down 29-5. In the second half, the Yellow Jackets scored nine more points, but it wasn't enough to get back into the game.

The Yellow Jackets traveled to Windsor High School on Wednesday, Dec. 15, and lost the matchup, 60-5. Their next home game is Tuesday, Jan. 11, against Franklin High School at 5:30 p.m.



Mekhi Spady eyes the paint for an open Yellow Jackets' player. Photo by Adolphus Ames.

Yellow Jackets Come Up Short Against Surry County Cougars

By Adolphus Ames

The Northampton Yellow Jackets varsity boys basketball team hosted the Surry County Cougars Monday, Dec. 13. The Yellow Jackets lost 68-59.

The Yellow Jackets fell into a 10-0 hole early in the game. They battled back into the game to briefly take a 13-11 lead. The Cougars responded with a layup to tie the score and quickly stacked up a 5-point lead. By halftime, the Yellow Jackets trailed 29-17.

The Yellow Jackets' offense displayed more life in the second half. By the fourth quarter, the Cougar's lead had

been shortened to 49-45. The comeback proved to be brief. Throughout the rest of the quarter, the Yellow Jackets were outscored 19-14.

Ellajah Miller had 18 points, 14 rebounds, and one assist. Jaylen Anderson had 11 points, three rebounds, three assists, and two steals. Quayshawn Washington had 10 points, six rebounds, two assists, and three steals. Mekhi Spady had 8 points. Ronrico Bugg had 6 points, 10 rebounds, and three steals. Ronyell Coston had 4 points, two rebounds, two assists, and two steals. Devin Thornton had 2 points.

Vikings Pick Up Two Victories in Nansemond-Suffolk Tournament

By Adolphus Ames

The Broadwater Vikings varsity boys basketball team participated in the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy Holiday Classic Tournament this weekend. They faced Nansemond-Suffolk Saints Friday, Dec. 10. The Vikings won 61-52.

The Vikings began the game with a 6-point lead, but the Saints marched back into the game to transform the matchup into a back-and-forth contest. At halftime, the Vikings led 29-28. In the third quarter, the Vikings outscored the Saints 18-9, giving the team a comfortable 10-point lead that allowed them close out the game comfortably during the last quarter.

Willie Holden had 19 points, three rebounds, and one assist. Brayden Washington had 14 points, eight rebounds, two assists, and one steal. Malik Battle had 13 points, seven rebounds, three assists, and two steals. Brayden Justice had 9 points, six rebounds, and three assists. Levin Smith had 6 points, eight rebounds, and five assists.

The following afternoon, the Vikings faced Hampton Roads Academy Navigators. The Vikings dominated the entire game. They entered halftime on top 40-25 and put up another 31 points in the second half to win the game. The final score was 71-52.

Washington led the offense with 21 points, two rebounds, five assists, and one steal. Holden had 15 points, four rebounds, five assists, and one steal. Battle had 12 points, three rebounds, and six assists. Justice had 10 points, six rebounds, five assists, and one steal. Smith had 8 points, seven rebounds, one assist, and one steal. Alex Mendrinos had 3 points. Colvin Willis had 2 points and five rebounds. Will Petka had one rebound, one assist, and one steal.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, the Vikings hosted their second home game of the season. They faced Worcester Prep School at 5:30 p.m. Their next home game is Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, against Gateway Christian Academy.



Landon King hits a 3-pointer in the first half. Photo by Whitney Metz.



Lola Watson goes up for a shot in the fourth quarter. Photo by Whitney Metz.

Chincoteague Ponies Face Salisbury Christian School

By Whitney Metz

The Chincoteague varsity basketball teams hosted Salisbury Christian school Monday, Dec. 13. The girls recorded their first home win with a final score of 49-35.

The team was led by senior Emma Jackson, who had an impressive outing on the court. Jackson scored 16 points and recorded 15 rebounds, seven steals and six blocks on defense. Lindsay O'Shea also had a notable game scoring 11 points with eight rebounds and two blocks. Freshman Aly Clark added to the Ponies' success with 9 points and five steals. Lola Watson added eight points and six rebounds.

The girls varsity team will compete again Dec. 21 at home against Wicomico High School.

Following the girls' victory, the Chincoteague boys varsity team also played against Salisbury Christian School. The Ponies went into foul trouble early in the game, forcing them to sit their bigger players and play a smaller lineup

than they are used to. They ended the first half with a score of 25-17, Salisbury Christian. After making adjustments during the half and cleaning up a few of their mistakes, Chincoteague made a run "playing their brand of basketball" as coach Johnson describes. The team fought back hard, but came up just short with a final score of 53-49.

Johnson reported after the game, "We are an extremely young group with four sophomores, two of which are in the starting lineup. But we are learning and improving every game."

Chincoteague had multiple stand-out players in the game including their leading scorer, Landon King. King scored 24 points with eight rebounds and five assists. He was assisted by teammate Jake Harper who recorded 10 points and one steal. Jordan Harper also contributed with 6 points, three rebounds, and one steal.

The Ponies hope to redeem themselves in their next game against Wicomico High School at home Dec. 21, following the girls' game.

Yellow Jackets Take Down Windsor Dukes

By Adolphus Ames

The Northampton Yellow Jackets varsity boys basketball team hosted their second home game of the season Wednesday, Dec. 15. They faced the Windsor Dukes. The Yellow Jackets won 68-55.

The Yellow Jackets jumped out to a fast start. A series of stellar shots, including 3-pointers by Jaylen Anderson and Quayshawn Washington, gave the Yellow Jack-

ets an early 10-0 lead. The Dukes soon came back to life and battled the Yellow Jackets to a 30-29 score at halftime.

In the second half, the Dukes gained a short lead, but momentum quickly swung back into the Yellow Jackets. The Dukes attempted to mount a series of comebacks, but the Yellow Jackets offense stayed hot enough to keep the game out of the reach.

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The Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest

Last Week's Winners



Anthony Manzione, of Exmore, qualified by finding all eight Christmas trees we hid in last week's edition. He was randomly selected to win a \$25 gift certificate to Sage Diner. Maybe in an effort to encourage snow for Christmas here on the Shore, Manzione sent in this picture of his kids, Jessica and Peter, from when they were in Winchester, Va., which gets frequent snowstorms.



Barbara Whealton, of Chincoteague, was another successful contestant who was randomly chosen to win a prize. In her case, it's a \$25 gift certificate to the Blue Crab Bay Co. Whealton was one of 38 osprey-eyed readers who found all the hidden Christmas trees and did not get tripped up by the super-well-hidden tree in the B&B Lawn Care ad on Page 45.

Last Week's Runners-Up



De'Vante is on alert as he interacts with Santa Claus. Photo is from Lisa Like, of Hallwood — a regular osprey player.



Janet Leigh Cooper, of Onley, says this picture shows "A little Christmas around the house," but it looks like more than a little to us.



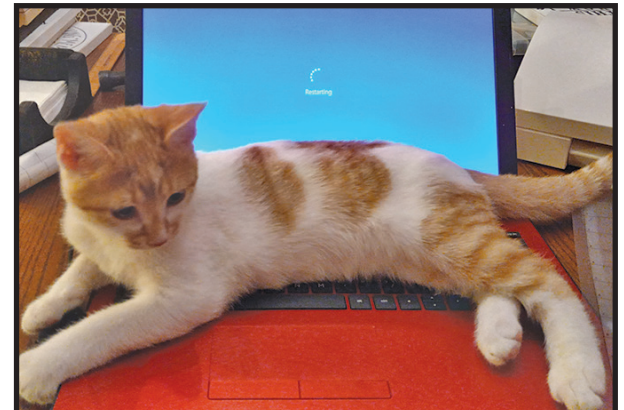
Usually, our very first contestant to send in a correct answer is Jeanette Bell, of Onley. Here is her Hyundai named Ravin with sunset.



This elf is NOT on a shelf to hide from the cat who will bury the elf in a litterbox, according to Theresa Lattimore, of Bloxom, and Diane Smith, of Onancock.



Dana Acker is putting Emily Williams, of Temperanceville, in what Emily Williams assures us is a friendly headlock.



If you're expecting some work from Jessica Thornes, of Bloxom, here's why that work might be delayed. Peaches wants attention!

Last Week's Contest: Find Christmas Trees

We hid eight Christmas trees on pages 22, 29, 30, 31, 33, 38, 41, and 45. While we had 38 osprey-eyed readers who found these eight trees, several readers were unable to locate the one on Page 45, in the B&B Lawn Care ad, lower right-hand corner.

This Week's Contest: Taking a Break!

We will not have a new osprey-eyed contest in this week's paper OR in next week's paper. The next contest will be in the Friday, Dec. 31, edition with answers due on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

RUNNERS-UP IN ADDITION TO THOSE WITH CAPTIONS

Bridgett Grabowski, Mappsville

Richard Marshall, Atlantic

Marina Bell, Birdsnest

Artima Thornton, Accomac

Marion Basford, Alum Bank, Pa.

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Kaye N. Gaskins, Wachapreague

Carolyn Weatherly, Painter

Photos

We'd love to publish a photo of you, your children, your pets, your friends, your hobbies, and your life on the Shore. We have room for only a few photos each week, but please feel free to send a picture along with your osprey-eyed entry.

NASA Wallops Flight Facility Wallops Island Northern Development Draft Environmental Assessment December 2021

NASA announces the availability of the Wallops Island Northern Development Project Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

The Draft EA evaluates the environmental consequences of a range of reasonable alternatives that meet the needs of NASA and other federal Cooperating Agencies by growing U.S. focus on commercial space; increasing partnerships with Department of Defense agencies, continuing their role in academia, civil space science, exploration, and discovery; safely and securely increasing operation frequency on Wallops Island; and improving aging and inadequate infrastructure.

The Proposed Action would support development of a new fixed pier and turning basin, including channel dredging. The project would also include construction of a pier access road, a second hangar, and a new vehicle parking lot. New facilities and improvements to the existing access road, airstrip, and utilities would likewise be constructed/installed.

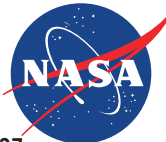
The Draft EA is available for public review at the following locations:

- Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague, VA
- Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomack, VA
- Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox, VA

The Draft EA is available on the internet in Adobe portable document format (pdf) at: <https://code200-external.gsfc.nasa.gov/250-WFF/WIND-EA> is available address above.

NASA will consider all comments in preparing the Final EA. Comments on the Draft EA are requested by January 17, 2022. Comments should be addressed to:

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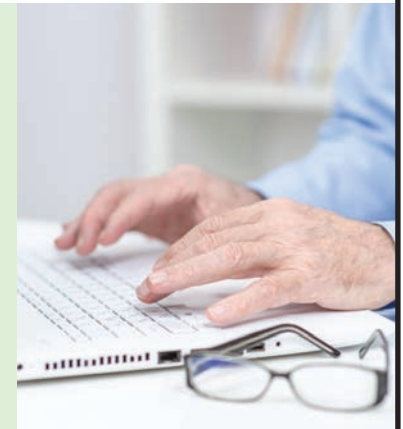


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	Chinco. Channel	H 6:43 a.m. L 1:23 p.m.	H 7:22 a.m. L 2:01 p.m.	H 8:03 a.m. L 2:38 p.m.	H 8:44 a.m. L 3:17 p.m.	H 9:24 a.m. L 3:56 p.m.	H 10:05 a.m. L 4:38 p.m.	H 10:45 a.m. L 5:21 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 7:35 a.m. L 2:03 p.m.	H 8:14 a.m. L 2:41 p.m.	H 8:55 a.m. L 3:18 p.m.	H 9:36 a.m. L 3:57 p.m.	H 10:16 a.m. L 4:36 p.m.	H 10:57 a.m. L 5:18 p.m.	H 11:37 a.m. L 5:05 a.m.
	Folly Creek	H 7:28 a.m. L 1:48 p.m.	H 8:07 a.m. L 2:26 p.m.	H 8:48 a.m. L 3:03 p.m.	H 9:29 a.m. L 3:42 p.m.	H 10:09 a.m. L 4:21 p.m.	H 10:50 a.m. L 5:03 p.m.	H 11:30 a.m. L 5:46 p.m.
	Wachapreague	H 7:14 a.m. L 1:32 p.m.	H 7:53 a.m. L 2:10 p.m.	H 8:34 a.m. L 2:47 p.m.	H 9:15 a.m. L 3:26 p.m.	H 9:55 a.m. L 4:05 p.m.	H 10:36 a.m. L 4:47 p.m.	H 11:16 a.m. L 5:30 p.m.
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Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 10:58 a.m. L 5:37 p.m.	H 11:34 a.m. L 5:16 a.m.	H 12:10 p.m. L 5:53 a.m.	H 12:46 p.m. L 6:31 a.m.	H 1:22 p.m. L 7:09 a.m.	H 1:59 p.m. L 7:48 a.m.	H 2:37 p.m. L 8:29 a.m.
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	Guard Shore	H 11:06 a.m. L 5:10 a.m.	H 11:42 a.m. L 5:47 a.m.	H 12:18 p.m. L 6:24 a.m.	H 12:54 p.m. L 7:02 a.m.	H 1:30 p.m. L 7:40 a.m.	H 2:07 p.m. L 8:19 a.m.	H 2:45 p.m. L 9:00 a.m.
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Random Facts About ... Logomisia or Why 'Moist' Drives You Crazy

By David Martin

When we opened our internet tubes last week, all manner of words came out that don't bother some people but drive others up a wall. Logomisia ("logos" means "word" in Greek while "misia" means "hatred") is the aversion some people have to certain words. This aversion does not necessarily come from what those words mean or how they are used but because of the very word itself. If some-

one hates "awesome" because the word is overused, that would not be a case of logomisia or word aversion. But if someone cannot abide hearing, speaking, or thinking about "moist," that's word aversion.

It appears that "moist" is the word most hated just for being itself. Paul H. Thibodeau led a team at Oberlin College in Ohio and Trinity University in Texas to study why people have aversion to certain words, no-

tably "moist." People who are moist-averse describe their reaction to the word as similar to hearing fingernails scratching across a chalkboard. The reason for hating "moist" is not entirely based on the sound of the word, because similar-sounding words ("foist" and "joist," for examples) do not elicit the visceral reaction that "moist" does.

When "moist" is paired with a pleasant word, the haters hate "moist" all the more. "Moist paradise," for example, triggers disgust in the moist-averse. Oddly, when "moist" is used with a negative word or slur, the moist haters aren't quite as disgusted.

The study speculated that disgust or embarrassment about bodily functions generally and sexual matters specifically might be linked to word aversion relating to "moist" or another

most-hated word: "panties."

Other words that people report hating include: vomit, viscous, yolk, secrete, yowls, phlegm, creamy, squirt, slurp, along with some surprising ones such as luggage, slacks, blog, squid, rural, and crevice.

Is "moist" redeemable? Let's try using babies, the Bible, and cake.

"The hot, moist smell of babies fresh from naps." (Barbara Ascher.)

"I was asleep but my heart was awake. A sound! My beloved knocking! 'Open to me, my sister, my beloved, my dove, my perfect one! For my head is full of dew, my hair drenched from the moist night air.'" (Song 5:2)

And, as a poem by Amber Counts points out, if we get rid of "moist," how will we describe cake? Wet, damp, juicy, watery, soggy?

Sorry, moist haters. We need that word for cake.



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Cynthia Bradford, County Treasurer

EASTERN SHORE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR: CHINCOTEAGUE

Story and Photos by Connie Morrison

The town, businesses, and homeowners all contribute to the festive atmosphere on Chincoteague.

The island's light tour begins downtown, with the lighted Christmas by the Sea sign and the town Christmas tree (right) in **Robert Reed Waterfront Park**. Across the street, atop **Bill's Prime Seafood and Steaks** restaurant, Santa and his sleigh are pulled by lobsters instead of reindeer (far right).

Continue south along Main Street, enjoying the many decorated homes and yards. Turn left on **Bunting Road**, and watch for a well-lit house on the left between Dodd and Kingsberry (below). Take the next right (Lekites), which turns into Fisher Drive. Turn left on Main Street and drive slowly, savoring multiple displays on **Main Street between Fisher Drive and Grace Street** (bottom).

Turn left on Beebe Road, then left on Ridge Road all the way to Church Street. Turn right on Church, which becomes Eastside Drive. Turn left onto Piney Island to the light show grand finale: **Christmas Manor, 7150 Piney Island Drive** (three photos, middle and bottom right). Christmas Manor lights are on from 5 to 11 p.m. nightly through Jan. 2.

Also worth a visit is the municipal complex, on **Deep Creek Road**, for its manger scene. Across the street is the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. station decked out in lights and wreaths.

Special thanks to Katie O'Shea for checking the route.



Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park.



Bill's Prime Seafood and Steaks, Main Street.



A decorated home on Bunting Road.



A Main Street display.



Middle photo and two above photos: Christmas Manor, Piney Island Road, Chincoteague.

EASTERN SHORE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR: NORTHERN ACCOMACK

Story and Photos by Connie Morrison

Nominations were spread out in northern Accomack County, so rather than providing a route, the locations are given for light tourists to pick and choose. They are few but mighty and well worth your time.

A photo cannot do justice to the elaborate **Lights on Gladding, 26518 Gladding Road, Mears Station (right)**, where lights pulse in time to music broadcast on 88.7 FM. The 30-minute light shows run every night through Jan. 1 on the half hour, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights are the regular show, Sunday nights are geared toward children, and Monday through Wednesday features music that conveys the “reason for the season.” Light wrangler Joshua Voss says he pours his “whole soul into this for the community.”

Joe McGee’s design at **6551 Neal Parker Road (bottom right)**, north of the intersection of Withams and Neal Parker roads, is a dazzling display that would make Clark Griswold proud. (Griswold is the character in “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation” whose light display both vexes and delights.) As with many of the over-the-top decorations, the photo does not do justice, capturing only a small slice of offerings.

The crab pot Christmas tree on Saxis (below) is inventive and charming. Enjoy the lights of Sanford as you travel through en route to the island.



Lights on Gladding, 26518 Gladding Road.



The crab pot Christmas tree in Saxis.



A small section of the lights at 6551 Neal Parker Road, north of the intersection of Neal Parker and Withams roads.

Also nominated: 37187 Buoy Court, Greenbackville.

EASTERN SHORE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR: SOUTHERN ACCOMACK

By *Connie Morrison*

Photos by *Connie Morrison unless otherwise noted.*

Onancock is definitely a hot spot for Christmas lights. This Christmas town is incandescent.

Entering Onancock on Market Street from U.S. Route 13, it's hard to miss the glow of an entire block on **Hall Street** (right), on the left just before the car wash. Residents on both sides of the street participate and this location seems to get brighter — and have more inflatables — every year.

Continue down Market Street to **Ker Place, 69 Market St.**, for Lights on the Lawn, sponsored by the Onancock Business and Civic Association. Lights line the drive, including a Tyrannosaurus rex tree (middle, left) directly in front of Ker Place.

Take in the town's multi-colored Christmas tree across from the post office, and the illuminated gazebo in the town park on the way to Onancock Wharf to view the lights in the shape of sails on the **Mt. Prospect Street bridge and the lighted marina.**

From there, return to Ames Street to view the lighted trees on docks. Consider parking in the town lot behind North Street Playhouse and walking across the bridge and down Ames and Sturgis streets where lights adorn many homes and yards.

It's easy to see why **18184 Airport Drive, Melfa** (below), is the most-nominated site on our list. Barbara Crockett is the mastermind behind the extravaganza, which must be seen in person to be fully appreciated. Family and friends wrote that Crockett's husband, Fred, began the decorating when he and Barbara bought their home in 1994. After Fred's death in 2011, Barbara picked up the mantle, and she continues to add to the array. Despite working full-time and caring for family, she has single-handedly provided the holiday tableau every year since Fred's death.

A sleigh, stars, and multiple decorated trees are among the decorations at **18112 NR North St., Keller** (middle, right). Homeowner Diane Denston says she also has six 6-foot Christmas trees inside the house, a couple of which are positioned in front of windows to contribute to the festive setting.

East of Keller, multi-color lights spanning **Wachapreague's Main Street** greet visitors to the town's **park and lighted gazebo.** A brightly festooned home at the **intersection of Riverview and Church streets** (bottom right) beckons visitors to take a closer look.

Other nominated locations include:

22362 Deep Creek Road, Onancock.

26082 East Main St., Onley.

25524 Coastal Blvd., Onley.



One of several decorated homes and lawns on Hall Street, Onancock.



Lights on the Lawn at Ker Place, 69 Market St., Onancock.



18112 NR North St., Keller. Photo courtesy of Diane Denston.



Part of the display at 18184 Airport Drive, Melfa.



Wachapreague, corner of Riverview and Church streets.

EASTERN SHORE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR: NORTHAMPTON

By *Connie Morrison*

Let your inner child delight at **20190 Seaside Road**, where a winter wonderland awaits, packed with more than 70 inflatables.

Proceed south on Seaside Road, turning right on Sunnyside, to **5317 Sunnyside Road**. Terry Thomas' elegant white lights and a dazzling white cut-out manger scene (right, middle) are accompanied by music. Pull over, roll down the windows, listen to Christmas music, and breathe in the serene setting. Lights go on at 4:45 p.m. and stay on until 10 p.m.; music ends at 9 p.m.

Three and a half miles away, the Applegate household, at **23369 Fairview Road**, Cape Charles, has its own spectacular display of lights synchronized to music (right, bottom). Viewers should tune to 91.3 FM to hear the music that accompanies the light show.

Continue on Sunnyside Road toward Bayside Road, pausing to admire the home pictured directly below, **just before Bayside**.

If a walking tour is more your speed, stroll Cape Charles' **Mason Avenue**, decked out in its holiday finery.

Clusters of decorated homes on Tazewell, Randolph, and Madison avenues can be viewed on foot or from the car, such as the home at the corner of **Randolph Avenue and Peach Street** (below, bottom), viewed through the light tunnel over the sidewalk, and **403 Tazewell Ave.** (not pictured).

Don't forget **Central Park**, where trees and the gazebo are illuminated.



A winter wonderland at 20190 Seaside Road. Photo by Jim Ritch.



Aerial and ground-level views of 5317 Sunnyside Road. Aerial photo courtesy of Top Shot Drone Ops.



Sunnyside Road, just east of Bayside Road. Photo by Connie Morrison.



Cape Charles, corner of Randolph and Peach. Photo by Connie Morrison.



23369 Fairview Road, Cape Charles. Photos by Jim Ritch.

Also nominated were 7341 Occonhannock Neck Road, Exmore (just past Wardtown), and 27079 Seaside Road, Cape Charles (near Capeville).

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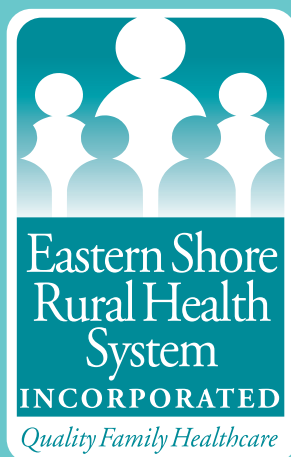
We thank Drs. Brad and Sue Murray for their service to our community. We wish them well as they return home.



- Patients of Dr. Sue Murray at Atlantic have several options for care. See the Care Team tab for our online provider directory at esrh.org. Several family practice providers see children and our pediatricians at the Onley center can offer more specialized care. An additional pediatrician begins in January at our Onley center.
- Patients of Dr. Brad Murray at our Onley center can be seen by other adult providers at that center. Note, Dr. Tom Hollandsworth has returned to family practice full time and currently sees patients at the Onley center four workdays per week.
- Our goal is to be staffed at our Atlantic center by Spring 2022 – recruitment is ongoing.



We ask for your patience as we work to serve you during the COVID pandemic and nationwide shortage of health care providers.



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Perdue Awards \$45,000 for Playground

Perdue Farms has awarded a \$45,000 grant to Children's Harbor Eastern Shore in Onancock to fund the purchase of new playground equipment (above) at the rural Virginia early childcare and education center. Children's Harbor Eastern Shore will host a grand opening Friday, Jan. 21, at noon.

MILLE POSTS

Marriages
Births
Awards

Walk to End Alzheimer's Raises \$43,685 Locally

Over 2,300 residents of Southeastern Virginia and Virginia's Eastern Shore participated in six Walk to End Alzheimer's events in September and October, raising over \$675,000. Locally, the Melfa Eastern Shore region raised \$43,685.

For more information, visit www.alz.org or call 800-272-3900.



Marriage Licenses Issued

- Jessica Marie Guzman, 32, and Devyn Vernon Reid, 29, both of Parksley
- Kristen Lee Finchum, 30, and Michael Oliver Evans, 34, both of Greenbackville
- Judy Elaine Stahl, 78, and Thomas William Emig, 75, both of Parksley
- Mary Lacen Kinkel, 29, and John Maury Robinson Van Kleef, 29, both of Parksley
- Soledad Sebastian Ramirez, 28, and Simon Pedro Juarez, 26, both of Birdsnest
- Morgan Alaina Thierfeldt, 19, and Isaac Samuel Applegate, 24, both of Temperanceville
- Tanorya Teshona Hargis, 29, and Jeffrey John Kromer, 30, both of Painter



Arcadia Middle School Students of the Month

The Arcadia Middle School November students of the month are pictured above from left: Ethan Farlow, Laura Wenzel, Hubert Jean-Paul, Xaiver Waters, Ni'Kiyah Palmer, Ava Carlton, and Principal Wandnetta McCray.

**The Eastern Shore Post will be closed 12/22, 12/23, and 12/24.
We will be checking voicemails and emails so that we can still bring
you the Eastern Shore Post on Dec. 24.**

HAD A FELONY? STILL ON PROBATION OR PAROLE? YOU CAN NOW REQUEST

TO REGISTER TO VOTE

By virtue of an executive order, the right to vote for all individuals who had completed the terms of their incarceration for ANY and ALL felony convictions, can be restored.

If you or someone you know wants to register to vote, please call Bob Toner at 757-787-2753 or email mbtoner@verizon.net.

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Community Notes

Food Basket Giveaway

New Mission United Methodist Church will give out free Christmas food baskets Saturday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. while supplies last, at the church on Treherneville Drive in Birdsnest. For more information, call Ivory at 757-689-7430.

Santa on the Firetruck

Santa will leave the fire station Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. Santa and his elves will travel through Nassawadox to say hi to all the girls and boys.

His route includes: Pine Avenue, Rogers Drive to Bayside Road, Bayside Road through Franktown, Rogers Drive to Lankford Highway (east side of Pine Avenue), Rogers Drive to Seaside Road, Seaside Road to Franktown Road, Bayside Road to Brickhouse Drive, including Stanley Trailer Park, Silas Court, and Riggins' Trailer Park.

The rain date is Dec. 21.

The Nutcracker

After nearly two years, ESO Arts Center and the ESO School of Dance will host live performances of the Nutcracker Ballet in the Nandua High School Auditorium, Onley. The Nutcracker performances will be Friday,

Dec. 17, and Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets must be reserved in the ESO office or by calling 757-442-3226.

All attendees must wear a mask and adhere to the VDH COVID-19 Guidance for School Performing Arts Programs.

Tickets will be limited. For more information, visit www.esoartcenter.org

CCHS Flea Market and Seafood Sale Fundraiser

Cape Charles Historical Society (CCHS) flea market and seafood sale fundraiser is Friday, Dec. 17, from noon to 6 p.m. The fundraiser will sell 50 oysters for \$25; 100 littleneck clams for \$25; or a quart of CCHS special recipe homemade clam chowder for \$12. Pre-order by calling/texting 757-642-6882. Cash or check only accepted at time of pickup at the CCHS Museum located at 814 Randolph Ave. in Cape Charles.

Fab Fridays

Visit downtown Onancock for Fab Fridays, Dec. 17, to take advantage of special shopping and dining hours, offerings, and events. On Fab Fridays, participating merchants will remain open until 7 p.m. and offer: special deals on food, drinks, clothing, and

gifts; pop-up stores; wine and cheese tasting; refreshments; music, entertainment, and more.

Festive Fridays

Festive Fridays is back in downtown Cape Charles. Come for all the shopping and festivities Friday, Dec. 17, beginning at 5 p.m. Experience Cape Charles' holiday charm and enjoy many free festivities for the whole family. There will be special entertainment, discounts, door prizes, restaurant specials, and much more. Each Friday will feature community entertainers, shops open until 8 p.m., and activities along Mason Avenue and Strawberry Street, all sponsored by the local businesses in Cape Charles.

Gingerbread and Cookie Contest

The Virginia Cooperative Extension will hold its annual Virtual Gingerbread House or Cookie Decorating Competition. Entries will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 17, and results will be announced Dec. 22.

The contest is open to youth ages 5 to 18. Only one entry per participant is allowed. The participant may only enter in one contest: gingerbread house or cookie decorating, not both. Multiple pictures of entry will be accepted (three max). To register, go to <https://forms.gle/HE3vBLZuXZUpromxS>

For questions, contact Marcus Riley, 4-H agent, at 757-787-1361. Submissions must be emailed to marcusr19@vt.edu.

Christmas Trees and Gathering of Island Gnomes

The Museum of Chincoteague Island will show its Christmas Tree Village again this year. The gather-

ing of Island Gnomes and online auction are also back. Christmas trees will be decorated and donated by island businesses and families. They will then be on display in the Museum of Chincoteague Island's Legacy Pavilion Dec. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. The Gathering of Island Gnomes will take place in the museum courtyard and be available for viewing through the month. Admission to the Christmas Tree Village is free but you can vote for your favorite tree for \$1 per vote or \$20 for 25 votes.

The online auction will be available on the museum's BetterUnite page. Look for a link on the museum's Facebook page to participate in the auction.

Those interested in having a tree or gnome in this year's event should contact the museum at 757-336-6117 or by email at museumofci@gmail.com.

Library Winter Reading Challenge

Throughout the month of December, the Eastern Shore Public Library is hosting a Holidays around the World Reading Challenge on Beanstack, the online reading program. This new children's activity combines fun reading and art challenges by visiting www.espl.beanstack.org and selecting "Holidays Around the World Reading Challenge." Complete activities and read books to earn tickets. Each ticket will be put into a raffle for cool prizes. The reading challenge is free and open to any Eastern Shore of Virginia child aged 1 to 18. A library card is not required.

Eastern Shore Public Library in Accomac and Northampton Free Library in Nassawadox will also have activity bags full of all kinds of Christmas goodies, including a Christmas ornament craft, an activity booklet, and goodies. Stop by and visit one of the two libraries to pick up a free kit.

Bank of Cheer Needs Your Help

Help needy families have a merrier Christmas by donating to the Bank of Cheer.

Donations are accepted by mail.

No phone calls please. Send to Bank of Cheer, c/o Laura Trala, P.O. Box 646, Onley, VA 23418.

Make checks payable to Bank of Cheer.

Accomack County Public Schools Extends Winter Vacation

The Accomack County School Board approved extending the winter vacation three additional days (Monday, Dec. 20, Tuesday, Dec. 21, and Wednesday, Dec. 22) for all students and 10-month employees. The winter vacation will begin Monday, Dec. 20, and end Friday, Dec. 31. A regular schedule will resume Monday, Jan. 3.

For questions about the programs or using Beanstack, email Tiffany Flores, youth services librarian, at youthservices@espl.org or call 757-787-3400.

Al-Anon Meeting

The Al-Anon meeting will take place every Wednesday, at 7 p.m., at Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Road.

Science and Philosophy Seminar

The Science and Philosophy Seminar of the Eastern Shore of Virginia will hold a seminar, "The New Grinch: Pandemic Logistics," Friday, Dec. 17, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in Room 113 of the Academic Building of Eastern Shore Community College, 29300 Lankford Highway, Melfa.

Paul Ewell will discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on U.S. and global supply chains, and what this means for the holiday season.

COVID-19 Vaccine Event

A family vaccination clinic offering first, second, and booster shots of Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Eastern Shore Rural Health's Onley Community Health Center, 20306 Badger Lane.

At the clinic, Pfizer first and second doses are available to those age 12 and up; Pfizer boosters are available to those age 16 and up; and Moderna first and second doses and boosters are available to those age 18 and up. Johnson & Johnson is NOT available at the clinic.

Shots are free with no out-of-pocket cost. Participants do not have to be a rural health patient to participate. If you received your first two shots somewhere else, you need to provide proof of vaccination.

Appointments are required for the vaccination clinic. Call 757-787-7374.

New Year's Eve Worship Service

A New Year's Eve worship service will be Friday, Dec. 31, at 10 p.m., at Shiloh Baptist Church, 31559 Boston Road, Pungoteague. The service will be both in-person and virtual. Guest comedian James Lawson and music guest R.E.I.G.N. will entertain participants. For more information, call 757-442-2739, or go to www.shilohbaptistva.org

Revival

A revival will be held Friday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m., at Refuge Temple Outreach Ministry, 30540 Depot St., New Church. The guest preacher will be Bishop Vernon Mines from Bethlehem Church of Praise in Newport News.

Pocomoke City Library Events

Craft Time, "Multicultural Holiday Crafts," will be Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Pocomoke City Library. Join to make several several multicultural holiday and winter-themed crafts. All children are welcome.

Master Gardener Training Class

The Eastern Shore Master Gardener Program is accepting applications for the 2022 Master Gardener Training Class. The classes will be held in Painter beginning Jan. 12, 2022, and will continue every Wednesday until April 27, from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the AREC classroom in Painter.

For more information and the application, call 678-7946 ext. 29, go to the website at www.esvmg.com, or email esmgva@gmail.com. The fee is \$100 for materials and lectures by local experts. Applications must be received by Dec. 30.

EARLY DEADLINE ALERT:

Display Ads for the Dec. 24 edition are due no later than FRIDAY, DEC. 17, BY 5 P.M. Send your ads to: ads@easternshorepost.com



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Shorter days and turning leaves bring memories of holidays past. Mom going all out with dinner. Dad bringing home the biggest tree. Kids running all over the house. These were festive (*if not chaotic*) times. But the kids are older now and our parents are too.

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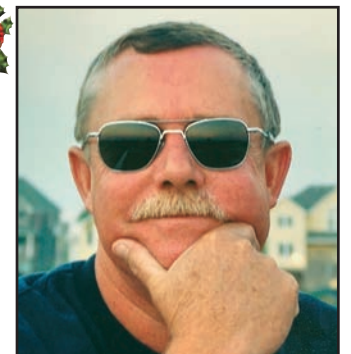
Announcements

*Thank you from the family of
Ralph L. Godwin.*

*We would like to thank our
family, friends, and neighbors for
every act of kindness
(food, visits, cards, calls,
flowers, donations, and prayers)
which was extended to us during
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Your Family



December 8, 1933 to December 27, 2020

In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Holiday Ames

Mama, your many acts of love are forever held in our hearts and captured in our minds. You were such a kind and gentle soul, but strong as steel and very bold. Your love for each of us made every day brighter. We miss hearing your laughter. We know how much you sacrificed for us every day of your life. You left a big hole in our lives, but we carry on each day, knowing you're still watching over us. Mama, you were a wonderful role model for all of us. We miss you, but we smile knowing you are in heaven.

*Love,
Milton Jr., Larry Sr., Brenda Holden, Diane Ames, Gloria Bailey, Hope Chestnut, Larry Ames Jr., Alexandra Ames, Ronnita Holden, Gerald Ames, Heather Tucker, Aaron Ames, Alison Ames, Travis Bailey, Gabriel Bailey, Kristen Bailey, Brandon Littleton and Angel Chestnut.*



**Merry Christmas to our
little angel.**
We love you and miss you.
Merry Christmas, Colton.
Love, Dad, Ashlin, PopPop,
and Booboo

**The family of
Connie Savage
would like to thank
everyone for their
acts of kindness
shown during the
the loss of our loved
one. May God bless
all of you.**

Announcements (Cont'd)



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**FREE to a Good Home:
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They have been together since birth – would like to see them in the same home.
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EARLY DEADLINE ALERT:

Classified and Legal Ads for the Dec. 24 edition are due no later than **MONDAY, DEC. 20, BY 11 A.M.** This is a hard deadline. Ads will not be accepted past 11 a.m. that day.
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Help Wanted



Propane/Fuel Oil Service Technician Tasley, VA

Experienced service technician applicants must be service-oriented, friendly, honest, and able to work in a fast-paced environment. Applicants must be willing to work nights, weekends, and holidays on an on-call rotation. CDL with a HAZMAT Endorsement is a plus. Starting salary commensurate with your experience. Benefits available: Health insurance, uniforms, vacation, life insurance, company discounts, vehicle and phone for company use. Use the appropriate application and/or a resume.

Access our application forms online at www.pupupinc.com. Please send to P.O. Box 136, Onancock, VA 23417.

Help Wanted

DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST Chesapeake Bay and Eastern Shore Regions of Virginia

The Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) is seeking a Destination Development Specialist to serve the Chesapeake Bay and Eastern Shore Regions of Virginia.

Working with tourism industry partners, the specialist will facilitate the development of community-based tourism programs, new product, and tourism-related businesses. Responsibilities include providing tourism strategic planning, technical assistance, product development guidance, cooperative marketing advice, and consulting services to communities and small tourism-oriented businesses, as well as connecting tourism industry representatives and small businesses with VTC services.

All candidates must apply through our website <https://www.vatc.org/administration/employment/>. Application deadline: December 21, 2021.

EOE

Accomack County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the following positions: **Full-Time Certified Law Enforcement Officer and Full-Time Correctional Officer.** Applications may be obtained from the Accomack County Sheriff's Office or online at www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org. Applications must be returned to this office by Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 4:00 pm. Accomack County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

9-1-1 Communications Officer

The Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Commission is now accepting applications for 9-1-1 Communications Officers for a full-time opening and part-time openings (including individuals potentially interested in future full-time advancement). The qualified applicant will work rotating shifts, including weekdays, weekends, and holidays, as well as fill in shifts as needed. 9-1-1 Communications Officers are responsible for answering 9-1-1 calls, verifying the callback number and address of the emergency, determining the nature of the emergency and transferring the call or dispatching the appropriate emergency response unit as required, as well as other associated duties.

Minimum qualifications are a high school diploma or equivalent, including some experience in keyboarding or typing. Applicants must be able to speak clearly and distinctly, understand and follow detailed directions, act quickly and effectively during emergencies, and operate complex telecommunications equipment. Desirable qualifications include two years experience in law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services, and/or public safety dispatching. Applicants selected for employment will be subject to a background investigation and drug screening.

Applications may be obtained at the Eastern Shore of Virginia 9-1-1 Communications Center, 23201 Front St., P.O. Box 337, Accomack, Va. 23301 or by visiting www.esva911.org. **Applications are due by 3 p.m., December 27th, 2021.** The ESVA 9-1-1 Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

Get your paper Thursday night at www.easternshorepost.com

Help Wanted (Cont'd)

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Convenience Center Attendants – Weekends
P/T position | Rate: \$ 10.76 hourly

Are you looking for a second job, or a weekends only shift? The County of Accomack is seeking applications for the part-time position of Convenience Center Attendant, in the Public Works Department. We have positions for a standard shift for Saturdays or Sundays only or both! This is a great opportunity to earn some extra money for the holiday season and beyond!

The position is responsible for operating and maintaining the convenience center facilities and assisting customers as needed. *Applicants must be able to work weekends and holidays. Attendants may be assigned to any location within the County.*

Qualifications: A high school diploma or GED is preferred; A valid driver's license and satisfactory completion of a background check and drug screening prior to employment are required. A job description and application instructions can be obtained from the County's website: <http://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>. **First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.**

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

Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01)
Benefit Program Specialist I/II/III (Accomack)

Position # L0028

Hiring Range - \$32,415 (May be higher depending on qualifications.)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov>. Accepts only online applications; open until filled.

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Hiring Two Full-Time Positions:
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Coastal Precast Systems, LLC is seeking an Electrician and a Mechanic. Great Pay.

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Questions: Contact Bill at 757-787-8322
Apply: Star Transit, 21250 Cooperative Way, Tasley, VA EOE M/F/D/V

The Branch Community Group, LLC is seeking qualified EXPERIENCED direct support professionals to support developmentally disabled individuals with mental health challenges. TBCG shifts are weekdays 8 am - 8 pm / 8 pm - 8am and weekends 7 am - 7 pm / 7 pm - 7am. Salaries will be compensated based on education and experience. Contact Tameka Cummings at 387-0111 or Tammi Bagwell at 709-9001.

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

Position # L0042

Hiring Range - \$23,343 (May be higher depending on qualifications.)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov>. Accepts only online applications; open until filled.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Utility Driver & Operator
F/T position with benefits | Starting Salary: \$28,737 - \$35,929 (based on experience)

Accomack County is currently recruiting for a full-time Utility Driver & Operator in the Department of Public Works. The position's primary responsibility is to drive and operate a variety of trucks and equipment. Employees in this classification perform skilled and manual work. Position is responsible for operating roll-off trucks, tractor/trailer trucks, dump trucks, heavy equipment (e.g. loaders, excavators, and dozers), portable power equipment, and hand tools. Minimum qualifications are: High school diploma or GED; supplemented by one (1) to two (2) years previous experience and/or training involving the operation of heavy automotive equipment; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Possession of a Class A Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement.

Satisfactory completion of a background check, medical exam including drug screening and DMV records checks are required prior to employment. DMV records check will be performed annually thereafter. Electronic applications are preferred but paper versions will be accepted. **First consideration will be given to applications received prior to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.** Additional details may be found online: <https://www.co.accomack.va.us/residents/job-opportunities>

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High School Career Coach
Eastern Shore Community College

Eastern Shore Community College is a member of the Virginia Community College System. The College serves the residents of Accomack County and Northampton County as a two-year institution of higher learning. ESCC is seeking applications for a part-time position that will work closely with high school personnel, parents, community college stakeholders, business and industry to help secondary students easily transition to postsecondary education and successful career pathways. For additional details, qualifications, and application process, please visit <https://jobs.vccs.edu/postings/40494>.

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Accomack County Social Services- Local (765-01)
Family Services Specialist I/II (Accomack)
Child Protective Services

Position # L0010

Hiring Range - \$36,993 (May be higher depending on qualifications and budgetary considerations.)

For detailed job information and to apply, visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov>. Accepts only online applications; open until filled.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Customer Service/Shipping Specialist

Wholesale nursery business in central Accomack Co. looking for individual to work in Customer Service, Logistics and Shipping. Must be able to multi-task and thrive in a busy seasonal office. Strong communications skills required working with customers and trucking companies. Must be competent with Microsoft Office. Plant knowledge a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits include Health Insurance, Life Insurance, paid holidays, and vacations and Profit Sharing Plan. Submit cover letter and resume to rrinaca@esnursery.com

ACCOMACK COUNTY Virginia

Solid Waste Facility Manager I
Fulltime position w/ benefits
Salary Range: \$33,943-\$45,270
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The County of Accomack is accepting applications for the position of Solid Waste Facility Manager. The position is responsible for direction and oversight of transfer station operations in Melfa. This is a working management position responsible for managing, monitoring, planning and directing all operations at the transfer station.

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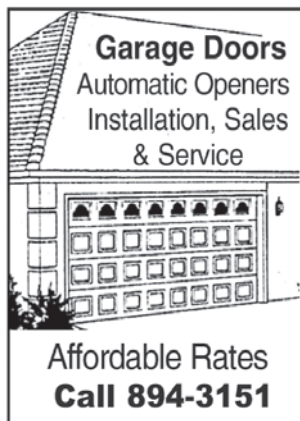
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Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

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.

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All bids will be received electronically, no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 11, 2022, in the office of the Director of Maintenance, CBBTD, 32386 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles, Virginia 23310, Attention: Mr. Timothy R. Holloway, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of groundwater in Northampton County, Virginia. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** December 17, 2021 to January 17, 2022

PERMIT NAME: Groundwater Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board
APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Mount Warren Farms, LLC; P.O. Box 12809, Norfolk, VA 23541; GW0068701

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Mount Warren Farm; 6507 Seaside Rd. Exmore, VA 23350

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mount Warren Farms, LLC has applied for a reissuance of a permit for agricultural use in Northampton, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 49,041 of gallons per day. The groundwater withdrawal will support crop irrigation as well as cleaning and filling farm equipment. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Columbia aquifer at a depth between 0 feet to 60 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which groundwater is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

AFFECTED AREA: The radial distance from the wells to where computer modeling predicts the aquifer may experience one foot of drawdown due to the withdrawal is illustrated on a map that can be viewed at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/water-withdrawal>

HOW TO COMMENT AND OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by email, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Laura Galli, Central Office, 1111 East Main St. Suite 1400, Richmond, VA, 23218 Phone: (804) 573-5674; Email: Laura.galli@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: (804) 698-4178.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 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.

Variance 2021-03: Solitude ES, LLC has applied for a variance. They are requesting a 83.72 foot variance from the required 100-foot front setback, for a total front setback of 16.28 feet, and a 2.86 foot variance from the required 25-foot left side setback, for a total left side setback of 22.14 feet. The variance request is to construct an enclosed porch area on the left (south) side of the existing building. The property is located at 22512 Lankford Highway, Cape Charles, VA 23310, and zoned TE-CG (Town Edge – Commercial General), and contains approximately .68 acres. The property is further described as Tax Map 91A-2-4.

Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing in order to make their comments 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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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
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In execution of a certain deed of trust dated 10/30/13, in the original principal amount of 97,500.00 recorded in the County of Accomack, Virginia, as Instrument No. 201304937, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substitute Trustee, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the building housing the Circuit Court of the COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, VA located at 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia, 23301 on **January 11, 2022, at 3:00pm**, the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address, with improvements thereon and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, NEAR THE VILLAGE OF LOCUSTMOUNT ON THE NORTH AND EAST BY OTHER LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE SAID ORA MAE MATTHEWS AND LEROY MATTHEWS; ON THE SOUTH BY WHAT WAS FORMERLY THE MAIN STATE HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE TOWNS OFF KELLER AND WACHAPREAGUE NOW VIRGINIA STATE ROUTE 741 ALSO KNOWN AS ON OLE ROAD; ON THE WEST BY THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF SARAH RAWLES, MORE OR LESS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THAT DEED RECORDED IN ACCOMACK COUNTY, VA. **TERMS OF SALE:** Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust will deliver possession of the property to the successful bidder. The purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs. Real estate taxes, water/sewer fees and other public charges will be prorated as of the date of sale. The risk of loss or damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately upon the conclusion of the Substitute Trustee's sale. Terms: A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent price (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject deed of trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within 20 days at the office of the Substitute Trustee. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to suspend bidding prior to completion of the sale. Time is of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price. If payment of the balance does not occur within twenty days of the sale date, the deposit will be forfeited. Seller shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by the purchaser in connection with their purchase or settlement, including, without limitation, state and local recording fees, title insurance or research, or any other costs of purchaser's acquisition. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold "AS IS" and without representation or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the mentioned deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. 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, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower(s) 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 the Purchaser's deposit without interest. Additional terms to be announced at the sale. For more information contact: Abby Moynihan, Esq., member of Surety Trustees, at 301-490-3361 or www.mwc-law.com.

**TOWN OF ONLEY
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Onley will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021, at the Onley Baptist Church located at 25501 W. Main Street, Onley, Virginia for the purpose of receiving comments from members of the public concerning proposed change(s) to the Town Charter. A copy of the proposed change(s) is available for public inspection at the Town Office, 25559 E. Main St., Monday through Friday from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and review the following application to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Minor SUP 2021-09: Gladys M. Owens, et als, are applying for a minor special use permit to construct a single wide mobile home on their property located on Verna Lane, Fairview, VA. The property is zoned as V/R (Village/Residential) and is further described as Tax Map 91B-1-3.

If the Planning Commission makes recommendation on the above and the application is not tabled, the Board of Supervisors shall also conduct public hearings on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers. The application will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above item is invited to attend the meetings and make their comments known. Written comments can be submitted to the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement/P.O. Box 538//Eastville, VA 23347.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

THE ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022, AT 10 A.M. IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, ROOM 104, 23296 COURTHOUSE AVENUE, ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA TO AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD OR TO PRESENT WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:**

A. SUSE-000243-2021: James Elder - Tax Map # 91-A-106

A hearing initiated by James Elder pursuant to Accomack County Code Section 106-53(14) which allows for the use of travel trailers, located outside of travel trailer parks, which are to be occupied for habitation. Mr. Elder would like to use a travel trailer for habitation on the property while a residence is being built. The parcel is at Tax Map # 91-A-106 located at 26409 Mount Nebo Road, Onancock, and is zoned Agricultural.

B. VAR-000247-2021: David & Phil Hickman - Tax Map # 28-A-4

A hearing initiated by David & Phil Hickman to request seven (7) variances in order to split a 273.85 acre parcel into three (3) parcels. This will create Lot 1 at 2.88 acres and Lot 2 at 3.24 acres, leaving the remaining 267.73 acres as farm land. The parcel is located at Tax Map # 28-A-4 located at 6132 Dublin Farm Road, New Church, and is zoned Agricultural. The variances requested are as follows:

Newly Created Lot 1:

1. 2.18 acre variance from 106-55(a) which states the minimum lots area shall be 5 acres.
2. 150 feet variance from 106-57 which states The minimum frontage for permitted uses shall be 150 feet at the setback line.
3. 4.23 feet variance from 106-58(a) which states The minimum side yard for accessory structures shall be five feet or more.

Newly Created Lot 2:

1. 1.76 acres variance from 106-55(a) which states the minimum lots area shall be 5 acres.
2. 150 feet variance from 106-57 which states The minimum frontage for permitted uses shall be 150 feet at the setback line.

Remainder of Parcel 28-A-4:

1. On the Western side, a variance of 4 feet from 106-58(a) which states The minimum side yard for accessory structures shall be five feet or more.
2. On the Eastern side, a variance of 2.76 feet from

106-58(a) which states The minimum side yard for accessory structures shall be five feet or more.

C. VAR-000272-2021: Kenneth and Kimberly Irvine - Tax Map # 80A-2-30

A hearing initiated by the Irvine's to request a division of lot 30 of the Gargatha Landing Subdivision. Currently there are two (2) homes located on the property. The applicants wish to create two (2) parcels containing three (3) acres each. Section 106-55 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance requires that lots in the Agriculture Zoning District be five (5) acres in size. A variance of two (2) acres is being sought for each lot. The parcel is at Tax Map # 80A-2-30 located at 18730 Seaside Circle, Parksley, and is zoned Agricultural.

D. SUPV-000277-2021: Amber Davis - Tax Map # 79D-1-6

Two (2) hearings are required as a Special Use and variances are required. Hearings initiated by Amber Davis to place a 56x14 mobile home on the property for the care of her father. Section 106-53 (22) of the County Zoning Ordinance allows accessory dwellings in the Ag Zoning District by Special Use Permit.

The following variances are being requested:

- (1) Section 106-53(22) of the Zoning Ordinance requires that accessory dwellings have a minimum area of 60,000square feet. The existing lot is approximately 20,000 square feet in size. A variance of 40,000 square feet is requested.
- (2) A variance of 61 feet is being requested from Section 106-238 which requires dwellings on a single lot to be separated by 140 feet. The proposed mobile home will be placed approximately 79 feet from the existing residence.

The parcel is at Tax Map # 79D-1-6 located at 28101 Whites Neck Road, Parksley, and is zoned Agricultural.

The Payne Poultry case will also be on the meeting agenda.

Public hearing related materials are available for review at the Building and Zoning Office at 23296 Courthouse Avenue - Room 105 - Accomac, Virginia or <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/Public> on the Friday prior to each meeting date.

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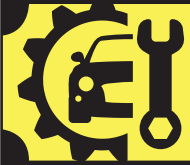


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By *Connie Morrison*

How wonderful that we have been able to resume some of our usual holiday celebrations this year. The craft fair, parades, tree lightings, cookie exchanges, and the other public activities unite the community and help to remind us of our connections to one another and to this place.

COVID-19 is still with us, with all its variants, but vaccinations have made

it possible for many who refrained from gathering with family and friends last year to be together this year.

Carol Vaughn's front-page story, "COVID-19 Breakthrough Cases on the Rise for the Eastern Shore," includes recommendations from Jon Richardson, chief operating officer of the Eastern Shore Health District, for keeping yourself and loved ones safe and healthy.

Free COVID-19 home tests available from Eastern Shore Public Library are a tool that families can use before getting together. Call the library at 787-3400 to reserve tests.

It is a joy to see all the lights and decorations around the Shore. This edition includes our inaugural Eastern Shore Christmas Lights Tour, found on pages 38 through 41. Special thanks to Katie O'Shea and Jim Ritch for checking routes and to Jim for his

photo contributions.

At least 40 hours went into touring and photographing the lights and condensing them into four tours: Chincoteague, northern Accomack, southern Accomack, and Northampton County.

We used your nominations to find the jaw-dropping, must-see displays and picked up a few incidental locations along the way.

Many homes and yards didn't reach the over-the-top threshold, but are pleasantly or elegantly decorated. Exmore and Melfa are two towns not on the tour but worth a drive-through.

We would love to have your feed-

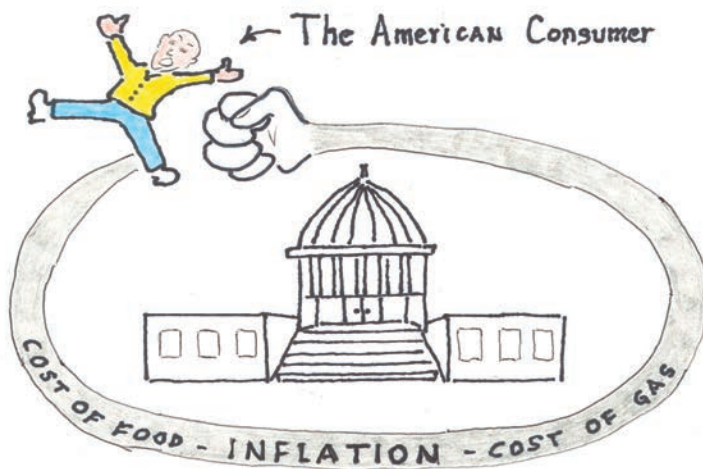
back on the tour. Did you take one of the tours? What did you like? What could we have done better or differently? Email comments to editor@easternshorepost.com.

Not feeling the holidays yet? Hop in a car and go look at the lights.

If you find yourself thinking, "My (or my neighbor's) decorations are as good or better than that," remember to submit them for next year's tour.

As a final note, our office will be closed Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 22 through 24, and Dec. 29 through 31. The deadline for display ads is Friday, Dec. 17, for next week's edition. The deadline for the last edition of the year, Dec. 31, is Friday, Dec. 24. Classifieds and legals are due Mondays both weeks at 11 a.m.

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