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Accomack To Hear Comments on Townhouse, Energy Proposals

By Carol Vaughn

The Accomack County Planning Commission will hold public hearings Wednesday, Jan. 12, about two proposed projects in northern Accomack County.

The planning commission meeting begins at 7 p.m. and the hearings begin at 7:30 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley.

Two hearings concern a proposal to build 142 townhouses on land near Captains Cove in Greenbackville.

CCG Note LLC is requesting to conditionally rezone 24.41 acres, the former Hastings/Mariner farm on State Line Road near Greenbackville, from residential to village development and also has applied for a conditional use permit to build a 142-townhouse and commercial mixed use development there.

The property is surrounded on three sides by Captains Cove.

Water and sewer service would be provided by Aqua's facilities in Captains Cove, according to a memorandum included in the Dec. 8 planning commission meeting packet.

Plans include blocks of townhouses, private roads, stormwater management features, a clubhouse and pool, and a utility building, among other features.

A farmhouse on the property would be converted to a sales office, according to information presented at the Nov. 10

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Plunging Into the New Year

Temperatures in the 60s made for a moderately comfortable First Day in the Bay plunge at Cape Charles Saturday. Members of the Vacation Homeowners Group of Cape Charles planned the event, which raised funds for Citizens for Central Park. The third-year event filled a section of Cape Charles Town Beach. More than 200 people preregistered for the event, about double the number of last year's participants, said event originator Todd Curran. Above, participants start their plunge by sprinting across shallow water at low tide Saturday. Two days later, the area's first snow fell. More photos of the polar plunge are on Page 18. Photo by Jim Ritch.

Northam Releases Virginia's First Coastal Resilience Master Plan

By Carol Vaughn

Gov. Ralph Northam in December announced the release of Virginia's first coastal resilience master plan, saying the plan will guide decisions by the state and local governments to try to protect Virginia's coast.

"We must acknowledge that climate change is permanently altering the physical limits of our coastal lands," said Northam, adding, "The on-

ly way we can adapt and maintain our thriving communities is with thoughtful planning, reliance on science, and a willingness to make tough decisions."

The Coastal Resilience Master Plan, Phase 1, was developed with help from 2,000 stakeholders, according to a press release.

The plan documents which areas are exposed to coastal flooding now and makes projections into the future.

Northam in a Dec. 7 letter announcing the plan's completion said it was a nearly four-year process.

"I was raised on the Eastern Shore — this is personal to me — and I know our coastal communities are already struggling with the consequences of climate change, and that the best science predicts that conditions will worsen in the coming years," he wrote, add-

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ing that, with the plan, Virginia now has “a clearer picture of the scope and scale of the challenges facing the Commonwealth.”

According to Northam, the science behind the plan “also shows definitively that some communities and facilities in Virginia will cease to be habitable or accessible over the next 60 years” due to frequent flooding, catastrophic events, or permanent inundation.

While the plan identifies critical structures that should be protected where they are, “it is clear that we must also focus on the most important and effective flood protection measure of all: moving people and structures out of harm’s way,” Northam said in the letter.

Almost 6 million people, 70% of the state’s population, live in coastal Virginia.

The plan says that between 2020 and 2080, the number of Virginia residents in homes exposed to extreme

coastal flooding is projected to grow from around 360,000 to 943,000.

Additionally, the number of buildings exposed to extreme coastal flooding is projected to rise by nearly 150%, from 140,000 in 2020 to 340,000 in 2080; the annual cost of flood damage in the region is expected to increase by 1,300%, from \$400 million to \$5.1 billion.

Miles of roads exposed to chronic coastal flooding is projected to increase from 1,000 to nearly 3,800 in the period.

Additionally, around 170,000 acres, or 89%, of tidal wetlands in Virginia and 3,800 acres, or 38%, of existing dunes and beaches may be permanently inundated by 2080, according to the plan.

One outcome of the plan is an online database, available to the public at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/crmp/plan> (click on Coastal Resilience Web Explorer link), where the impact of flood hazards, current and proposed resilience projects, and funding sources may be viewed for specific localities.

“This work is the culmination of a significant collaborative effort on the

part of stakeholders across coastal Virginia, and in particular, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), who advised us during this process,” said Rear Admiral (Retired) Ann C. Phillips, special assistant to the governor for coastal adaptation and protection.

Northam established the TAC via Executive Order 71, issued in November 2020.

The committee includes representatives of state agencies, the eight coastal Virginia planning district commissions, and regional commissions, along with academic advisors and others.

“The TAC, and seven TAC Subcommittees, including Agency Directors and Commissioners, Academia, the eight Coastal Planning District and Regional Commission Directors, US-ACE, DoD and other Federal partners, Tribal Representatives, NGOs and other invited stakeholders, worked tirelessly this year. We are deeply grateful for their continued support and advice to adapt and protect Coastal Virginia,” Phillips said.

Mark Luckenbach, associate dean of research and advisory service at the

Virginia Institute of Marine Science, said a strength of the plan “is its reliance on science.”

“Members of the Technical Advisory Committee drawn from Virginia institutions of higher education helped ensure that the plan was informed by state-of-the-art science, as well as policy and legal reviews. As the Commonwealth moves forward with implementing and updating the plan, Virginia’s universities are poised to provide data, analyses, and expertise on wide-ranging topics that will be essential to its success,” he said.

The intention is to update the master plan at least every five years. Updates will be managed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation in consultation with the chief resilience officer, the special assistant to the governor for coastal adaptation and protection, and the technical advisory committee.

The plan’s next phase, expected to be completed by 2024, will include analysis of additional flooding hazards, including rainfall-driven, river, and compound flooding along with coastal flooding, following the TAC’s recommendations.

Skip Stiles, Wetlands Watch executive director, said the plan “gives Virginia its first strategic approach to dealing with sea level rise.”

Northam said future versions of the master plan “will continue to identify and prioritize adaptation strategies that are realistic, not wishful.”

Coastal Virginia is second only to New Orleans in being the region of the United States most threatened by sea level rise and flooding resulting from climate change, according to scientists.



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Omicron Variant, Holiday Travel Driving COVID-19 Test Shortage

By Carol Vaughn

A Virginia Department of Health (VDH) official said Tuesday a surge in demand for COVID-19 tests is due to a combination of factors, including an increase in cases resulting from the omicron variant, along with people traveling and gathering during the holidays.

The seven-day test positivity rate as of Wednesday was 30.2% in Virginia and 21% on the Eastern Shore, according to the VDH.

Since Christmas Day, Accomack County has reported 449 COVID-19 cases, 10 hospitalizations, and one death. Northampton County has reported 139 cases, four hospitalizations, and one death.

Over the past year, unvaccinated people in Virginia developed COVID-19 at a rate 3.9 times that of fully vaccinated people.

In Northampton, 73.3% of the population is fully vaccinated and 31.4% has received a booster or third dose.

In Accomack, 62.6% of the population is fully vaccinated and 20.5% has

received a booster or third dose.

Of the 5.7 million Virginians fully vaccinated, 1.5% have developed COVID-19, 0.045% have been hospitalized, and 0.01% have died.

“The VDH is aware that many people are having problems finding tests,” said Dr. Laurie Forlano, deputy director of the VDH office of epidemiology, during a press briefing.

Supply chain problems also are a factor.

“These issues are not unique to Virginia. VDH has experienced supply issues with rapid (and) point-of-care tests across multiple brands. We’ve placed orders that still have not been fulfilled,” she said, adding some orders were placed weeks or months ago.

Additionally, the health care system is being strained by staffing shortages, in part because of health care workers contracting the virus.

Forlano said the supply of rapid test kits might be strained for some time and asked people to only get what they need immediately, “rather than keep-

ing a lot of extras on hand. That will help with the supply issue.”

Instead, she recommended making an appointment at a testing event or a pharmacy for tests needed for travel or other planned events.

She noted President Joe Biden announced the federal government is purchasing several hundred million rapid antigen tests and will be shipping them directly to the public, “in a somewhat yet-to-be-determined process.”

“As everyone knows, testing is an important strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in combination with other prevention measures such as masking, vaccination, and distancing,” Forlano said.

People should get tested if they have symptoms or have come into close contact with someone with COVID-19, even if they have been vaccinated, according to Forlano. She said the recommendation to test vaccinated people who have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 is a new one from the VDH.

The best time to get tested after exposure is day five, but testing on days three to five is an acceptable window.

“Even if you do not have symptoms and your COVID-19 test is negative after an exposure, we still recommend people monitor their symptoms for 10 days and follow any quarantine recommendations as is appropriate,” Forlano said.

Forlano directed Virginians to the VDH website for those recommendations, which may be viewed at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protect-yourself/local-exposure/> — including recommendations for vaccinated versus unvaccinated people.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a Coronavirus Self-Checker on its website, at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html>, which can help a person decide whether to seek testing or care.

A person who tested positive within the past three months and recovered,

Accomack Board of Supervisors Elects 2022 Officers

By Carol Vaughn

Supervisor Billy Joe Tarr, of Chincoteague, will serve as chairman of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Tarr was elected unanimously.

Supervisor Robert Crockett was elected vice chairman and also was elected by unanimous vote.

The board will continue to meet the third Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m., with the first Wednesday of the month set aside for work sessions.

The board has been meeting at Metompkin Elementary School, in Parksley, since the COVID-19 pandemic started.

The procedural rules approved by the board for 2022 include several changes, including formalizing the board member remote participation policy that the board approved March 17, 2021.

Additionally, a “closed meeting” section was added to reinforce confidentiality of matters discussed in executive

session and to specify that the board may permit nonmembers to attend a closed meeting if the board desires.

Another section was reworded to clarify the meeting place as Metompkin Elementary School, and another change clarifies that the county attorney serves as the board’s parliamentarian.

The board also adopted a code of ethics that is the same as that adopted last year.

Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason announced a strategic planning retreat scheduled for Jan. 8 in Chincoteague was canceled due to spiking COVID-19 case numbers in the county.

The board approved rescheduling the retreat to Saturday, Jan. 29.



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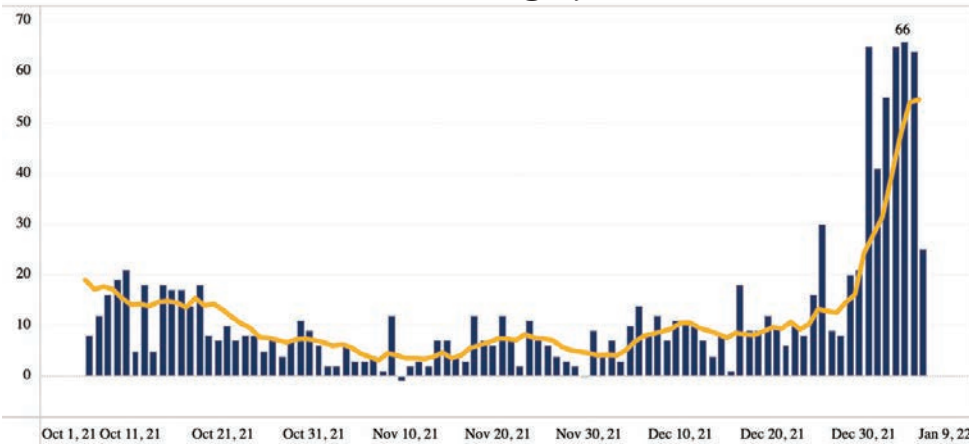
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and who later was exposed to someone with COVID-19, does not need testing as long as he or she does not have symptoms, according to Forlano.

Forlano acknowledged asymptomatic people sometimes want to take a test before traveling or gathering with others. Still, she said, “During this time of very high community transmission, which is resulting in some strain on

the health care system — taxing the system — we are also asking people to consider the criticality of that kind of testing, and whether other options might be possible.”

Those options include postponing nonessential travel or gatherings.

While rapid self-tests, which yield results in around 30 minutes, are in short supply, PCR tests, which are an-

alyzed by a laboratory and take longer to yield results, are more readily available, according to Forlano.

The VDH has an adequate supply of PCR tests on hand and sufficient laboratory capacity to process them, she said.

“We would ask people to consider PCR testing if immediate test results are really not needed,” Forlano said.

The VDH encouraged Virginians not to go to emergency rooms for testing or mild illness.

“When you are ill, consider visiting urgent care or calling your health care provider if you are mildly ill for assessment and to talk through testing options,” she said.

VDH scheduled 51 community testing events across Virginia this week and also partners with 60 Walgreens pharmacies to offer free rapid antigen testing. Additionally, 45 libraries have opted into a VDH program to provide test kits.

The VDH has a testing site locator on its website, at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protect-yourself/covid-19-testing/covid-19-testing-sites/>



First Baby of 2022 is a Boy

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital announces the first baby born on the Shore in 2022 is a boy. Mother, Maribel Perez-Hernandez, and father, Leonel Vasquez-Escalante, of Greenbush, welcomed their son, Leo Jared Vasquez Perez, Jan. 1, at 8:33 p.m. His birth weight was 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Baby Leo’s older brother and sister are looking forward to welcoming him home. Dr. Fayemi Johnson was the delivering obstetrician. Submitted photo.

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Accomack School Division Looks to Other Funding Sources as Enrollment Declines

By Stefanie Jackson

The Accomack County School Board got a sneak peek of the school district's fiscal year 2023 operating budget Tuesday night from Finance Director Beth Onley, who reported that even though student enrollment has decreased, some revenues are expected to increase.

Accomack schools' average daily membership or ADM last school year was about 4,695 students as of March 31, the last day on which ADM was calculated.

State authorities project Accomack's ADM will fall to 4,568 in FY 2022, compared to the local projection of 4,675. The state projects a decline to about 4,555 in FY 2023.

In light of "uncertain times," Onley recommended using the lowest number of 4,555 students when making revenue projections for the next operating budget.

Since state funding for Virginia public schools is provided on a per-pupil basis, fewer students usually means

less state funding.

But despite declining student enrollment, Accomack's and Northampton's public schools may receive additional state funding starting in FY 2023, in the form of the Cost of Competing Adjustment or COCA.

COCA funding historically has been provided to Northern Virginia school divisions to help them offer higher salaries and compete with the Washington, D.C., area when recruiting teachers.

The Virginia General Assembly has been considering budgeting COCA funding for Accomack and Northampton to help them compete with nearby areas like Maryland and Virginia Beach.

Last year the General Assembly tested the idea by budgeting one-time funding of \$2 million for Accomack and Northampton, of which Accomack's share was approximately \$1.6 million.

The General Assembly may approve permanent COCA funding this year for both counties, and the annual amount proposed is \$3.5 million, Onley said.

If the permanent COCA funding is divided in the same way as the one-time funding, Accomack's share would be \$2.68 million, she added.

Budget Projections

Accomack schools' revenue from sales taxes was more than \$5.6 million for the FY 2022 budget and is projected to exceed \$6.3 million for FY 2023.

The state is increasing per-pupil funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative, so Accomack's total VPI funding will increase from about \$426,000 to more than \$550,000.

Virginia is expanding the Early Reading Intervention from a K-3 program to a K-5 program, which comes with a hefty funding hike – from about \$130,000 to almost \$538,000, an increase of more than 400%.

The state is proposing less funding for summer school, but Accomack currently is funding its summer school program with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds, Onley noted.

The staffing ratio required for English as a second language is increasing from 20 positions per 1,000 students to 22 positions per 1,000 students, and Accomack's state funding for ESL will increase from about \$644,000 to approximately \$909,000.

The state also has proposed nearly \$128,000 of "hold harmless" funding related to the Virginia grocery tax that Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin has proposed to eliminate effective January 2023.

Virginia's grocery tax is 2.5%, and about one cent of every 2.5 cents collected benefits public education.

Health Update

Coordinator of Student Health Services Tonya Martin reported that as of Jan. 4, Accomack had 45 new cases of COVID-19 and a seven-day average of 40 new cases per day, according to the Virginia Department of Health.

Accomack schools had a total of 14 teachers and 36 students who were positive for COVID-19 as of 5:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Martin's advice was, "Stay home if you are feeling sick. That is the big one."

She announced that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released new COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools, but no changes have been

made to Accomack schools' COVID-19 policies, as the new CDC guidance has not yet been thoroughly reviewed.

The new CDC guidance includes:

- Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 may now isolate for five days instead of 10 days if the person has no symptoms or decreasing symptoms and wears a mask around others for five days after the isolation period ends.
- Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 and is unvaccinated or has not received a booster shot must quarantine for five days and wear a mask around others for an additional five days.
- Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 but has received the second dose of the vaccine in the last six months, received the single-dose vaccine in the last two months, or received a booster shot does not need to quarantine but should wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 is recommended to take a COVID-19 test after three to five days. Anyone who develops symptoms should quarantine until that person tests negative for COVID-19.

School board member Edward Taylor asked if the school division had any plans to revert to virtual learning as local COVID-19 cases rise.

Martin said the COVID-19 numbers in Accomack schools show there is no reason to push for virtual learning at this time, and if virtual learning needed to be implemented in the future, it would target individual classrooms and schools, not the entire school division.

Superintendent Chris Holland said, "We should be so proud of being open. These kids cannot learn being home, unless they do Virtual Virginia. They need to be in school ... socially, they need to be there. They want to be there."

He thanked school board member Paul Bull for his work as school board chairman during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tuesday night, the school board voted for Ronnie Holden as chairman and Gary Reese as vice chairman for the new year.



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planning commission meeting.

A representative of CCG Note said at that meeting the plan is for the townhouses to be rentals to begin with.

Chris McCabe, of CCG Note, said a feasibility study the property owners commissioned showed “there was a drastic workforce rental housing shortage in the whole county.”

A crowd of Captains Cove residents attended the Nov. 10 meeting, with some expressing concerns about the development, including about its potential impact on county resources.

The application is the first one filed for a mixed use development in the county’s village development district since the district was adopted in 2014, according to the memorandum included in the planning commission’s Dec. 8 meeting packet.

County standards require that mixed use developments be adequately served by a water and sewer facility, central or public, among other requirements.

Aqua in a Nov. 17 letter said it has sufficient water and sewer capacity to serve the proposed development.

Jupiter Power Proposal

In two additional public hearings, the planning commission will receive comment about a proposal by Scout Energy LLC, a subsidiary of Jupiter Power LLC, to build and operate a utility-scale battery energy storage facility, which the company says will deliver more reliable power for county residents and businesses without having to build new transmission infrastructure, which is something electric company customers often pay for.

The company proposes to build an up to 80-megawatt battery energy storage facility on 11.6 acres of land now zoned agricultural near the intersection of Chincoteague Road and Fleming Road in Wattsville.

The project is described in a company narrative included in the Dec. 8 planning commission meeting packet as consisting of “safe, reliable, and proven lithium-ion based energy storage technology that will be charged with energy from, and discharge energy back to, Virginia’s electric grid.”

The facility if approved will be con-

nected to and will function alongside Delmarva Power’s existing 69 kilovolt electric substation, which is across Chincoteague Road from the proposed location.

The company proposes to start construction in fall 2022 and says the facility should be ready for commercial operation in 2023.

Scout Energy in November submitted an application to Accomack County to rezone the property from agricultural to industrial use, along with an application for a conditional use permit.

The company identified the Eastern Shore as a location “where battery energy storage could provide significant support to the power grid,” according to the narrative.

The facility if approved “will support a more resilient, stable, and responsive grid in Accomack County and on the wider Delmarva Peninsula,” according to the narrative.

The parcel was sold in March 2020 for \$225,000 by Doily E. Fulcher, Ralph D. Welsh Jr., C. Robert Hickman, Ruth C. Estes, and Dorothy L. Smith by Sherry W. Sharpe, her attorney-in-fact, to Juno Power Management LLC, of Texas, Dream Park LLC, of New Church, and Ray L. and Laura Lyn Twiford, of Wattsville.

According to the deed, 11.624 acres was conveyed to Juno Power Management LLC and a 10,072 square foot portion of the original parcel was conveyed to Dream Park LLC. Additionally, another 3,350 square foot area was conveyed to the Twifords.

The area proposed for the facility is bordered by residential use to the east and south, according to the narrative.

Jupiter Power, the sole member of Scout Storage LLC, was founded in 2017 and is backed by EnCap Investments LP, an energy investor with more than \$38 billion in capital commitments.

The Texas-based company currently has six energy storage projects totaling 435 megawatts either operating or under construction.

In addition to county approvals, the project has to secure a permit from Virginia’s Department of Environmental Quality, called a permit-by-rule (PBR).

All energy storage facilities under 150 megawatts must obtain a PBR, according to the narrative.

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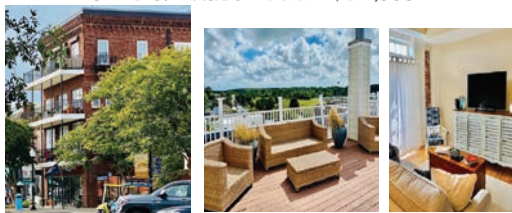
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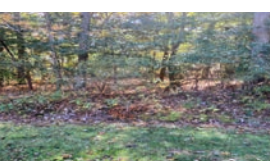
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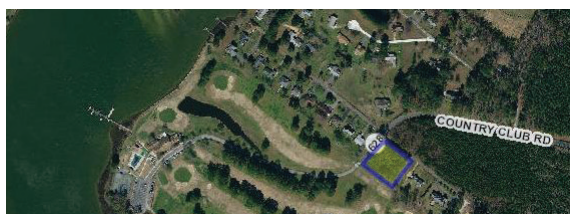


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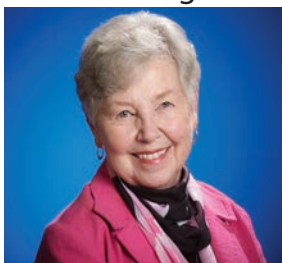


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Indian Descendant Amends Lawsuit To Include Chain of Title to Disputed Land

By Stefanie Jackson

Lisa Cypress, the Accawmacke Indian descendant who is suing the Northampton County Board of Supervisors and PNC Bank for the return of native lands in their possession, including Eastville's Indiantown Park, has filed a new amendment to her complaint, providing newly discovered evidence supporting her claim to the land and suggesting that past transfers of the land's ownership may have involved fraud.

The Accawmacke Indians, aka the Gingaskins, lived on a reservation that was established in 1640 in the area known today as Eastville. Through an 1815 settlement agreement, the reservation was divided into 27 lots, each 25.5 acres, which were deeded to remaining members of the Accawmacke Indian tribe.

Over the last two centuries, ownership of much of the land was transferred to people who were not of Accawmacke Indian descent, and sometimes the deeds were fraudulent, Cypress contends.

Because she resides in Georgia, but the Accawmacke Indian land is in Virginia, Cypress filed her lawsuit in federal court – the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia.

Previously, PNC Bank rejected Cypress' claim to the land occupied by its Eastville branch because the 15-year statute of limitations had passed to dispute the ownership of the property.

However, Cypress pointed out in her Dec. 17 amended complaint that "a fraudulent conveyance has no specific statute of limitations" and referred to Virginia Code 55.1-400, which states that fraudulent property conveyances are void.

Her recent amended complaint includes additional information on her blood relation to the Accawmacke Indian landholders, corrects errors in her original complaint, and identifies potential evidence of fraud in deeds that transferred land ownership to people outside the Accawmacke Indian bloodline.

Cypress is suing for four lots that were deeded to her ancestors through the 1815 settlement agreement: Ebby Francis' Lot 26, which is half of Indiantown Park; Thomas Baker's Lot 27 and part of Betsey Baker's Lot 1, which combined form the

other half of Indiantown Park; and Ann Drighthouse's Lot 16, on which the Eastville branch of PNC Bank is located.

Her original complaint included only one of the Accawmacke Indian lots that make up Indiantown Park; the third amended complaint includes all three lots.

Cypress' original complaint also connected the PNC Bank property to Molly West; however, the third amended complaint notes that a certified surveyor – from the land and environmental consulting firm CABCO, based in Massachusetts – concluded the bank is on the property that belonged to Ann Drighthouse.

Cypress provided a genealogical breakdown generated on the Ancestry website, which connects her to Ebby Francis, born Edith Bayly or Bailey in 1792, who was granted Lot 26, which became half of Indiantown Park. She was Cypress' fourth great-grandmother:

- Ebby Francis married William House II, and their son, George House, became the third great-grandfather of Lisa Cypress.
- George House married Martha Baker, and their son, George House II, became the great-great-grandfather of Lisa Cypress.
- George House II married Mary Sample, and their son, Samuel House, became the great-grandfather of Lisa Cypress.
- Samuel House married Annie Paramour, and their son, Roger House, became the grandfather of Lisa Cypress.
- Roger House married Virginia Mae Bagwell Joynes, and their daughter, Virginia Mae House, married Henry Cypress Jr. and became the mother of Lisa Cypress.

Cypress also provided the genealogy connecting her to Thomas Baker II, born 1768, who owned Lot 27, and Betsey Baker, born Betsey Bingham around 1745, who owned Lot 1 and was Cypress' sixth great-grandmother. Their property constitutes the other half of Indiantown Park:

- Betsey Bingham married Thomas Baker, and their son, Thomas Baker II, became the fifth great-grandfather of Lisa Cypress.
- Thomas Baker II married Mary

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Beavans, and their daughter, Mary Baker, became the fourth great-grandmother of Lisa Cypress.

- Mary Baker married Edmund Bagwell, and their son, Isaac Bagwell, became the third great-grandfather of Lisa Cypress.
- Isaac Bagwell (born 1810) married Grace Baldwin, and their son, also named Isaac Bagwell (born 1840), became the great-great-grandfather of Lisa Cypress.
- Isaac Bagwell married Fannie Mae Upshur Francis, and their daughter, Simmie Bagwell, became the great-grandmother of Lisa Cypress.
- Simmie Bagwell married Thomas Joynes, and their daughter, Virginia Mae Bagwell Joynes, became the grandmother of Lisa Cypress.
- Virginia Mae Bagwell Joynes married Roger House, and their daughter, Virginia Mae House, married Henry Cypress Jr. and became the mother of Lisa Cypress.

These genealogical breakdowns

show that Lisa Cypress is blood-related to the Accawmacke Indians through both of her maternal grandparents.

Cypress' family ties to the PNC Bank property are a bit more complex; she is the first cousin five times removed of Ann Drighouse, who was granted Lot 16, the current location of the Eastville bank, according to a professional survey.

A name that appears in the genealogical breakdowns for both Ann Drighouse and Ebby Francis makes the relationship between Drighouse and Cypress easier to understand: William House II.

William House II married Ebby Francis, and they became Cypress' fourth great-grandfather and fourth great-grandmother, respectively.

William House II was the brother of Necie House, who was the mother of Ann Drighouse, meaning Necie House was Cypress' fourth great-aunt and Ann Drighouse was Cypress' first cousin five times removed. (The number of times two relatives are removed equals the number of generations between the two relatives).

Included in Cypress' third amended complaint, filed Dec. 17, 2021, is a signed and notarized affidavit in which she declares the provided genealogies to be true

and accurate to the best of her knowledge.

Cypress' complaint also provided evidence that suggests the Indiantown Park and Eastville bank properties were taken from the Accawmacke Indians through fraudulent means.

The Accawmacke Indian land that belonged to Ann Drighouse was sold by Anne Pool to George Outten in 1831, according to Northampton County Circuit Court records, deed book 29, page 222.

The record claims that Anne Pool was formerly Ann Drighouse. However, genealogical records show that Anne Pool, who was born in the 1800s and married Charles Pool in 1820, was formerly Anne Driggus, not Ann Drighouse.

Ann Drighouse was born Ann Bingham in about 1788 to C.F. Bingham and Necie House Bingham. Her name changed when she married William Drighouse in 1802.

Genealogical records demonstrate that Anne Pool – the grantor on the deed to the land sold to George Outten in 1831 – is not the same person as Ann Drighouse.

Furthermore, handwriting expert Travis King, whose business is based in Oregon, examined the deed and concluded it is written in handwriting that

matches George Outten's signature on the deed. Anne Pool's signature was merely an X and could not be analyzed.

Based on genealogical records and the handwriting expert's opinion, Cypress maintains that the deed is fraudulent.

Sometime after the Outtens acquired the land, it became the property of Kendall Addison Jarvis. Cypress is not certain how the property switched hands, but she noted that George Outten's wife, Ann Outten, had a grandmother named Mary Jarvis, so there may have been a family connection.

After Kendall Addison Jarvis died, much of his property was sold at auction, and the land in question was purchased by Robert Scott and his wife, Ann Kellam Scott.

Northampton County land records show that PNC Bank, then called the Eastville Bank, purchased the land from the Scott family in 1971.

Cypress also alleges fraud in the process by which Northampton County came to possess the Ebby Francis lot, which is half of Indiantown Park.

Ebby Francis was born Edith Bayly or Bailey in 1792. The nickname Ebby

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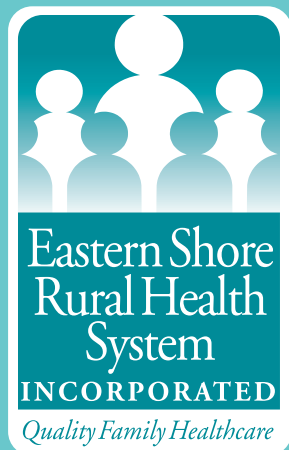
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was sometimes written as Ibbly, and other variations of the name were used. She was married several times; in addition to John Francis, she was married to Nelson Baker and William House II, Cypress' fourth great-grandfather.

Cypress pointed out issues with the deed that transferred ownership of the Ebby Francis lot: The deed stated that Francis died in 1838, but genealogical records show she did not die until 1878.

Furthermore, the property was given to Francis' son-in-law, George Stephens, even though her son, Thomas Shadrach Baker – who was born in 1828 and died in 1900 – still lived in Northampton County.

(Thomas Shadrach Baker was the father of the Rev. Thomas Nelson Baker, born in Eastville in 1860 and known as the first African American to receive a doctorate in philosophy.)

The Ebby Francis lot continued to change hands. The land was purchased by Cecil, Raymond, Lynwood, Thomas, and Leonard Moore Jr. in 1957. It was acquired by the United States of Amer-

ica through eminent domain in 1960 and used as a NASA camera site. Finally, when the United States no longer had any use for the land, it was deemed surplus and granted to the Northampton board of supervisors for the county's use as a public park – Indiantown Park.

But Cypress maintains that she, a descendant of the Accawmacke Indians, is a true owner of Indiantown Park because it was given by the federal government to the Accawmacke Indians through a land patent.

A Virginia Department of Historic Resources historical marker located in Eastville explains: "The Gingaskin Indian Reservation was located nearby from 1640 to 1813 and was created from a land patent in 1640 that set aside land for the Accomac Indians. When the Accomacs moved there, they became known as the Gingaskins. They continued to practice their traditional economy of farming, hunting, and fishing. By the 1760s, portions of the reservation had been leased to outside groups to help support the Gingaskins, who were suffering from a decreased population and pressures from their white neighbors. The legal termination of the tribe began in 1813,

essentially against the Gingaskins' will, when their land was divided into plots and deeded to surviving members."

Historically, a U.S. land patent granted permanent ownership to individuals and heirs of land that originally was acquired by the federal government through treaties.

In her amended complaint, Cypress wrote, "The Land Patent is the only form of proof of absolute title to land in the United States of America." She also cited the U.S. Supreme Court case, *United States v. Stone*, which states, "A patent is the highest evidence of title and is conclusive as against the government and all claiming under junior patents or titles."

Furthermore, Cypress contends that Northampton has violated a condition of the deed from the United States of America, which states the county "shall protect and maintain the Indian burial grounds located on the property herein conveyed."

Her third amended complaint included a copy of a map showing cemeteries in Indiantown Park and a written account of observations she made while visiting the park.

"The SACRED Indian Burial Grounds is in an overgrown disaster," Cypress

wrote. The graves, including one belonging to an Indian chief, are covered by weeds and bushes. Moreover, a disc golf course and fitness obstacle course are on the burial grounds, she contended.

PNC Bank filed a response Dec. 29 and asked the court to rule on PNC's pending motion to dismiss the case. PNC maintained its previous position that Cypress has not proven that she is the owner of the property in question or that her ancestor's property is the same property occupied by the bank. PNC also maintains its position that the statute of limitations to dispute the property ownership applies and has passed.

Northampton County has not yet filed a response to the third amended complaint; it also previously moved for the case to be dismissed.

Northampton County Commonwealth's Attorney Beverly Leatherbury said, "I don't feel that a response is immediately due until the court rules on previous motions that are before it."

She also responded to the allegations that Indian graves are being desecrated and said there is "no intentional desecration" but those are "serious allegations that need to be looked into."



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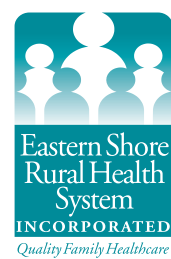
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William Paul Abbott

Mr. William Paul Abbott, 86, of Atlantic, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury, Md.

Born in Crisfield, Md., Aug. 21, 1935, he was a son of the late Clarence James and the late Lola Lavinia Hoffman Abbott.

He was a graduate of Lee Academy and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Salisbury State University and his Master of Arts degree from The George Washington University. He was a school teacher in Wicomico County for 30 years until his retirement.

He enjoyed woodworking, model trains, traveling, and was an avid reader. A sports enthusiast, he lettered in baseball, track, and gymnastics, was a blue belt, and enjoyed ice skating, skiing, and sailing.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Janice Lynn Culp Abbott, of Atlantic; stepdaughter, Samantha Kane, of Salisbury; daughter-in-law, Valerie Abbott, of Cleveland, Tenn.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Timothy Paul Abbott and Mark Stephen Abbott; and numerous brothers and sisters.

A memorial service officiated by Pastor Stacey Johnson was held Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at 3 p.m., at Bradshaw & Sons Funeral Home in Crisfield, where a visitation took place one hour prior. Interment will be private in Sunnyridge Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Crisfield Church of God, 134 Maryland Avenue, Crisfield, MD 21817.

To send condolences, please visit www.bradshawandsonsfuneralhome.com

Gregory Scott Coleman

Mr. Gregory Scott Coleman passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021. Greg was born on Long Island, N.Y., on July 2, 1958, and moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 1979 with his parents, Walter and Emma Coleman, both of whom predeceased him.

For many years, Greg was a constant figure in the town of Onley, either riding his bike or walking to McDonald's for the "usual." He was a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church and became an active member of the Knights of Columbus. Every year his fellow knight, Dom Sorrito, would take Greg to the state Knights of Columbus convention. Greg never met a stranger, and his outgoing personality brought a smile to all he met. Greg never forgot a birthday and called the radio station to have everyone he knew recognized on their special day. He knew Santa was real and the highlight of his Christmas was always a visit to see Santa.

Greg loved trains, and when he lived in Onley, he would go nightly to the tracks to wave at the engineer. Every now and then, the train would stop, and Greg would get a ride to Greenbush in the engine cab. What a thrill! One of his biggest disappointments occurred when the Eastern Shore Railroad ceased to run.

Greg was a frequent competitor in the Special Olympics. The 50-yard dash was his specialty, and he had the gold medals to prove it. He was so proud of those medals and loved showing them to all of his friends. Greg also loved to sing. TV shows today are quite impressive, but Greg's favorite were the old black-and-white shows like "I Love Lucy." Thank God for TV Land.

In addition to his parents, Greg was predeceased by his brother, Walter. He is survived by his sisters, Gerry Reilly, of Onancock, and Kathy Graziano, of Richmond; as well as a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, grand-nieces, and friends. The family would like to thank Deborah Weatherly, Pam Savage, Ernest Upshur, Christa



Mr. Coleman

Smith, and the many other caregivers who were so wonderful to him during his group home years. Greg was one of a kind and will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation was held at the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, at 11 a.m., at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Onley, with interment following at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery. Reception information will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Eastern Shore Community Services Board (ESCSB), P.O. Box 318, Tasley, VA 23441 (memo: Dogwood View), or to Special Olympics Virginia, 3212 Skipwith Road, Suite 100, Richmond, VA 23294.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Betty White Fetterman

Mrs. Betty White Fetterman, 77, of Temperanceville, was called home to spend Christmas in heaven with her beloved husband, Kenna Charles Fetterman, just after midnight on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021. Born Aug. 28, 1944, in Sanford, she was the daughter of the late Huey White Sr. and the late Ethel Martin White.

1976 marked the beginning of Betty's 30-year career with Tyson Foods, as well as her 45-year love story with her soul mate. Betty and Kenna were inseparable from the moment they met, and their love and adoration for one another was truly one of a kind. Kenna stopped at nothing to ensure Betty's happiness, even if that meant yearly trips to Lancaster, Pa., countless visits to Dollywood, taking her shopping for purple décor, and sleeping in their canopy bed. Betty enjoyed decorating – especially for the holidays, was constantly looking for the newest trend on QVC, was an avid doll collector, and planned the best family



Mrs. Fetterman

vacations. Throughout her life, family always came first, and she was happiest when spoiling those she loved most in this world.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving and devoted sons, Victor William Evans, of Sanford, and Tony Dean Evans, of Salisbury, Md.; grandson, Victor William Evans Jr.; goddaughter, Michelle Marshall; sister-in-law, Beverly Fetterman Sebra (Ken); brothers-in-law, Robert S. Fetterman Jr. (Pam) and Douglas W. Fetterman (Donna); niece, Amelia Adams Fahey (Jim); nephew, Terry White (Vicki); as well as many other extended family members, dear friends, and her five fur babies. In addition to her husband and parents, Betty was predeceased by her sister, Margaret White, and brother, Huey White Jr.

Funeral services were conducted from the graveside at the Downing's Cemetery Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at 1 p.m., with Chaplain David Hackett officiating.

Contributions in Betty's memory may be made to the Eastern Shore SPCA, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418 (www.shorespca.com).

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Rita Joyce

Ms. Rita C. Scharwath Joyce, 90, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 27, 2021, at her daughter's home in Onancock. She was born April 30, 1931, in Orange, N.J., to Elizabeth and Clemmons Scharwath.

She is predeceased by her parents; her infant daughter, Debra Lee Danziger; and her siblings, Clemmons and Michael Scharwath and Dolores Kirbas.

Left to cherish her memories are her daughters, Dona Danziger and her fiancé, Jeff Madison, of Onancock, and Diane Lange and husband, John, of Craddockville; her granddaughter, Laura Marshall, and husband, Charlie, of Keller; and her two great-grandsons, Tyson and Spencer



Ms. Joyce

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Marshall.

Rita moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia in 1991 from Rocky Hill, N.J., and built her home in Craddockville. She did volunteer work for Lighthouse Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, and the Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Rita was a loving mother and kind soul who impacted countless lives over many decades of her long life.

The family expresses their gratitude to her dedicated and loving hospice team.

Funeral arrangements are through the Williams Funeral Home of Onancock, with interment in the Onancock Cemetery. To honor her wishes, the service will be private.

Should friends wish to honor Rita, her favorite charities were: Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center, P.O. Box 123, Onley, VA 23418, and the SPCA of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 164, Onley, VA 23418.

Peggy Jean Linton

Mrs. Peggy Jean Linton, 79, of Sanford, wife of the late Joseph William Linton, passed away Jan. 4, 2022, in Delmar, Md.

Born June 4, 1942, in Snow Hill, Md., she was the daughter of the late Wilson Taylor and the late Irma Mason Taylor. Peggy worked at Tyson's for many years as a supervisor. A longtime resident of Sanford, Peggy enjoyed walking the beach with her dog and collecting sea glass.

Peggy is survived by her children, Jerry Linton (Heather), Kenny Linton



Mrs. Linton

(Helen), Tony Linton (Harriet), and Angie Bowen (David); grandchildren, Charity Roper, Tuesday Thornes, Jerry Wayne Linton Jr., Noah Carter Linton, MA2 with the U.S. Navy Koby Linton, Kayly Linton, Toni Linton, and Brandy Terrell; a sister, Camilla Dykes; and a brother, James Taylor.

Other than her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Brianna Merritt.

A funeral service will be held Friday,

Jan. 7, at 1 p.m., from the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley. Interment will follow in the Beth Eden Tilghman Hill Cemetery in Pocomoke City, Md.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by the Thornton Funeral Home in Parksley.

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

Durando Miller III

Mr. Durando "Dee" Miller III told his caregivers that he saw "the train to Heaven," and then passed away peacefully in the early hours of Dec. 14, 2021, after several years of battling prostate cancer. A man of great faith and quiet wisdom, Dee gained inspiration and contentment from his love of the outdoors and his devotion to his family.

Dee was born to Durando Miller Jr. and June Chaffee Miller on Sept. 28, 1944, in Pelham, N.Y.

Dee's love of nature was apparent from the start of his life, and he demonstrated his great affection for trees with his first word, "bee," as he pointed at the trees in his backyard to which he would later assign creative names. Dee strengthened his connection with nature as he spent most summer weekends aboard his family's sailboat, Aeolus, exploring Long Island Sound in New York. While Dee preferred learning about the world through outdoor exploration, he recognized the value of education while attending Pelham High School and graduating from Fox Lane High School in Bedford, N.Y. Dee then followed his lifelong passion for trees and graduated from the School of Forestry at Syracuse University. Prior to embarking on a career, Dee enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in Adak, Alaska.

After several years in Alaska, Dee returned to the root of his love of trees and moved to Fort Kent, Maine, to work in forestry. He greatly enjoyed the peace and simplicity of life in northern Maine, but eventually chose to move to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Dee settled in Exmore, in a



Mr. Miller

home surrounded by the forest and the beautiful Chesapeake Bay, in which he swam daily as long as the seasons would allow. Dee spent the remainder of his career working as a surveyor for Shore Engineering, continuing his love of working outside.

Dee married Catherine Dunton Mapp on Nov. 24, 1984, in Belle Haven. Cathy shared Dee's love of the natural world, and they frequently visited her family's farm and explored the Eastern Shore together, often with their beloved dogs in tow. Dee was a devoted member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Central Lodge No. 300 in Onley, and was also an active member of the Powelton Presbyterian Church in Wachapreague.

Dee is survived by his sister, Jean Miller Hubbell, of Falmouth, Maine; his nephew, Timothy Compton Lackey, and his wife, Heidi, of Whitefield, Maine; and by his niece, Amanda Lackey Murray, her husband, Rob, and their four children, Eliza and Hannah Cote and Daniel and Jonah Murray, of Yarmouth, Maine. He was predeceased by his wife, Catherine Mapp Miller; his nephew, William Davis Lackey Jr.; and his brother-in-law, William Bradford Hubbell Jr.

A lover of jelly beans, the refreshment of a swim at the end of the day, and strong hugs, "Unca Dee" will be greatly missed by his family and his friends, to whom he offered sage wisdom, loyalty, and love.

Ruth Birch Reed

Mrs. Ruth Birch Reed, 89, of Chincoteague Island, passed away Jan. 1, 2022, at Riverside Shore Memorial in Onancock.

She was born on Chincoteague Island, on May 6, 1932, a daughter to the late Leo and Cecil (Richardson) Birch.

She was a homemaker and lifelong resident of Chincoteague Island.

She is survived by her daughters, Theresa Reed Franklin, Melodie Reed, and Crystal Reed Hyett; sister, Gail Horner; grandchildren, Candice Alba, Matthew Mason, Robert Mason, An-



Mrs. Reed

thony Franklin, Skylar Geminiani, and Cole Hyett; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stanley "Chick" Reed; daughter, Carla Reed Wells; and siblings, Harry Birch, Georgie Bloxom, and Lois Wilgus.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at 2 p.m., at the Hill Cemetery, Chincoteague Island, with Pastor Jolynn Hart officiating.

Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

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

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

Delmas James Taylor

Mr. Delmas James Taylor, 73, of Chincoteague Island, passed away Dec. 27, 2021, at TidalHealth in Salisbury, Md.

Delmas was born Feb. 23, 1948, on a cold winter day in Bloxom, a son to the late Delmas and Georgie (Rowley) Taylor.

After growing up and graduating from high school, Delmas married the love of his life, Debbie, and together they raised their only child, Billy, on Chincoteague Island, while he worked for VDOT and eventually retired as a supervisor here on the Shore after 46 years.

Being civic-minded, Delmas joined the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, eventually becoming a Saltwater Cowboy. He also lent his time to the Accomack Masonic Lodge #243 and the Royal Arch #75 and remained a member of all three organizations until the time of his passing.

In his spare time, he loved to work on small engines and carved decoys with his buddies at the Spit-n-Whittle Club.

Delmas is survived by his wife of 48 years, Debra Christie Taylor, of Chincoteague Island; his son, James William "Billy" Taylor, of Chincoteague Is-



Mr. Taylor

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land; three sisters, Ernestine Bowden and Elizabeth Donaway, both of Virginia, and Ruth Anne Bell, of Illinois; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved fur buddy, Jake.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Burleigh Taylor.

Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at 2 p.m., at the Downing Cemetery in Oak Hall, with the Rev. Maury Enright officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the CVFC Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 691, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

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

Condolences may be made online at www.salyerfh.com

William F. Trader

Mr. William F. Trader, of Horntown, departed this life Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at his residence after suffering a long illness.

Born in Horntown, William was the third child of six born to the late Robert and Celia Trader. William was employed by Lansdown Steel Company until it closed down. He later gained employment at the Philadelphia Electric Company, from which he retired in 2000.

William met Marie Asber in 1953. She affectionately called him "Bill." On Sept. 3, 1955, they were joined in holy matrimony.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at the Tab-



Mr. Trader

ernacle Baptist Church Cemetery, Horntown, with the Rev. Lisa Johnson officiating.

William leaves behind to cherish his precious memories: his wife of 62 years, Marie Trader; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Gladys Collins; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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

Polly Northam Travis

Mrs. Polly Northam Travis, 86, wife of the late Cecil Edward Travis and a resident of Hallwood, passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, at her daughter's home, with her family by her side. Born Oct. 1, 1935, in Mapps, she was the only child of the late Ernest C. "Bud" Northam and the late Reva "Mae" Byrd Northam.

Polly lived a life defined by her faith in the Lord and devotion to her family. A life-long member of Bethel Baptist Church, Polly rarely missed a Sunday service and was always willing to lend a hand when needed. She looked forward to attending hymn sings and revivals and loved to read her Bible. Polly treasured time spent with family, especially during the holidays when everyone would gather around her table for one of her delicious meals. She would often spend hours on the phone catching up with friends and family, sharing stories and lots of laughs. Though her presence will be greatly missed, those important to Polly knew how very much she loved them and will continue to celebrate the beautiful soul they adored.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Sharon Travis Taylor, of New Church; grandchildren, Travis Marshall, of Sanford, and Ashley Godfrey, of Chincoteague Island; great-grandchildren, Tony Roache and Alexis Piper; as well as many extended family members, including special cousins, JL Hall (Nancy) and Claudie Linton (Pammie); and countless friends.



Mrs. Travis

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Danny Shrieves officiating. Interment was in the Wessells Cemetery.

Contributions in Polly's memory may be made to Intrepid Hospice, 165 Market St., Suite A, Onancock, VA 23417.

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

Arrangements are by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Thalia Virginia Watson

Mrs. Thalia Virginia "Miss T" Watson, 95, of Nelsonia, passed away Jan. 1, 2022, at Shore Health and Rehabilitation Center in Parksley.

She was born on Chincoteague Island Dec. 18, 1926, a daughter to the late Arthur and Edna (Moore) Taylor.

She was a member of Union Baptist Church, Rainbow Sister Sunday School Class, Chancel Choir, and Union Baptist Ladies Choir. She and her husband owned and operated Watson Groceries and The Lighthouse Inn and Motel for many years.

Thalia is survived by her son, David Royce Watson, and his wife, Rebecca, of Nelsonia; granddaughter, Heather Watson Spence, and her husband, Shawn, of Oyster; great-grandchildren, Jillian and Porter Spence, of Oyster; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband of 56 years, Wheatley Watson.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, at 2 p.m., at the Union Baptist Church, Chincoteague Island, with the Rev. Maurice Enright officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Union Baptist Church, 6365 Church St., Chincoteague Island, VA 23336.

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

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Mrs. Watson

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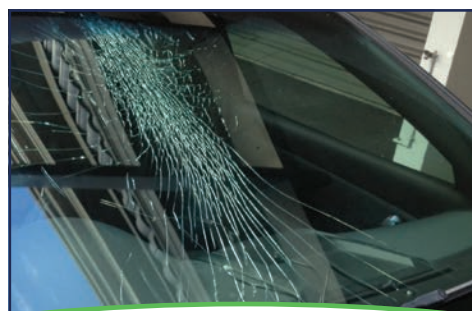
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Winter Storm Coats the Shore in Wet Snow

Heavy rain and flooding over the weekend gave way to colder temperatures and the area's first snowfall of this winter. Above left, Richard Allen Johnson, 5, and Magnolia Paige Johnson, 3, of Belle Haven, show off their snowman. Photo by Brittany Floyd-Johnson. Middle: A heron perches on a snow-covered log in Chincoteague's nature trail. Photo by Laura Davis. Right: A dusting of snow adds interest to this driveway and front yard. Photo by Cathy Wilson.

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PARTICIPANTS PLUNGE INTO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY IN ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY SWIM



Georgia Nice, 13, second from left, leads the charge out of the water. From left are Hazel Nice, Georgia, Hennessee Jarvis, and Charleston Ashman, all of Powhatan, Va.



Board members of the Vacation Homeowners Group of Cape Charles show off one of the coolers they had printed with a newly designed event logo. From left are Jordan and Phillip Dail, of Machipongo; Sarah Fullam, of Cape Charles; and Ahren and Ryan Foster, of Richmond.



Luna Mandaro, 3, daughter of Frank and Maria Mandaro, of Exmore, wearing winter cap at center, runs out of the water.



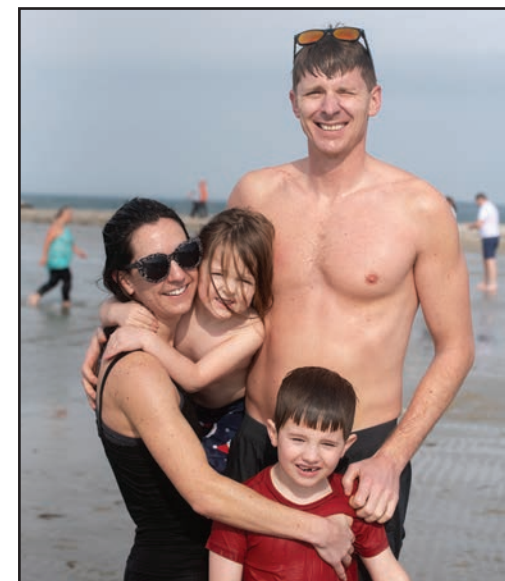
Todd Curran, right, originator of what is now the First Day in the Bay event, speaks to participants before the plunge.



Friends from around Northampton County prepare to swim and cheer. Kneeling in first row are, from left, Ryan Peake, of Cape Charles; Chelsea Mapp, of Exmore; and Chaundra Thorp, of Belle Haven. Standing are Pedro Gonzalez, of Exmore; Joe Drake, of Cape Charles; Mandy Frey, of Machipongo; Chris Mapp, of Exmore; and Ana Zapata, of Belle Haven. The group met through Randi Wingate, of Willis Wharf.



Sade Adegoroye, left, and his wife, Seyi, of Fairfax, Va., arrive prepared to photograph the event.



Above: Even 4-year-old Charlotte Felker, clutching her mother, Lindsay, took the plunge. Her brother, Elliott, 7, stands, while dad, Charles, towers above them all. The Felkers own a home in Cape Charles and are normally winter residents of Fayetteville, N.C.

Left: Mimosas and bloody marys add to the fundraising total for Citizens for Central Park. Mike Pickles, of Cape Charles and Kent Island, Md., left, receives a drink from volunteers Lindsay Mulhern, of Cape Charles and Princeton, N.J., and Danielle Carrier, of Cape Charles and Prince George, Va.

Photos by Jim Ritch.

Random Facts About ... the Randomness of a Shuffled Deck

By David Martin

A lot of crazy stuff has come out of our internet tubes but none crazier than this: If you properly shuffle a 52-card deck, the resulting arrangement of cards is likely never to have come up in the 700-year history of playing cards and will not ever come up again for as long as cards are shuffled. Each thoroughly shuffled deck of cards is, in all likelihood, unique, meaning it has never existed before and will never exist again.

We didn't believe it either. Mathematicians explain, however, that there are so many possible combinations that 52 playing cards can randomly make ... that that number is so gi-normous (not an official mathematical term) that the chances of two exact combinations ever occurring are practically nil. The number of possible combinations that a 52-card, properly shuffled deck can make is: 80,658,175,170,943,878,571,660,636,856,403,766,975,289,505,440,883,277,824,000,000,000,000.

To give an idea of how big that number is, one Reddit source explained it

this way: Put 10 billion people on each of one billion planets in each of 200 billion solar systems in each of 500 billion galaxies. Put all those people to shuffling cards at a million shuffles per second. Have that shuffling going on since the universe began 14 billion years ago. STILL all the possible combinations of a deck of cards would not have been shuffled.

We refer to a "properly" shuffled deck of cards. A riffle shuffle is the most common type of shuffle: the deck is divided into roughly half, the edges of the two halves are put together, and then those edges are rapidly raised and lowered (riffled) in a way that puts cards from each half into the other half. Mathematicians have figured out that seven proper riffle shuffles will result in a randomly distributed deck of cards. The overhand shuffle is when clumps of cards are pulled from the deck and thrown back in randomly. Don't trust this shuffle. It takes 10,000 overhand shuffles to properly randomize a deck of cards. In a casino, you might have seen dealers shuf-

fle cards by putting them facedown on the table and then moving them all around. This moving cards around on a table has to be done for a full minute to achieve a properly shuffled deck.

Here's a card trick you can perform for (patient) family and friends. Riffle shuffle a deck of cards seven times, study how the cards are arranged, and then act surprised. Put the deck in front of your audience and say, "I've checked the order these cards are in and I've determined that no deck of cards has ever been shuffled to achieve this particular or-

der. Never. In all the centuries cards have been used, this order has never occurred before. What's more, if people keep shuffling cards for billions of years from now, a deck of cards will never be produced in this combination ever again. This truly is a unique deck of cards."

You might even try to sell your one-of-a-kind deck of cards to a brother-in-law for twenty bucks. But by then some smart-aleck kid will look it up on the internet and you'll be busted. "It's just math," the kid will say.

Just math? Ha!



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The Osprey-Eyed Reader Contest



Last Week's Runners-Up



This photograph shows a great way to bring in the 2022 new year with family. Sent in by Sarah Ross, of Chincoteague.



This bright little angel, Ashlyn Wise, is the daughter of Uniqua Wise, of Greenbackville, and the sister of Ashton Wise.



Holidays are for loved ones so here's a photograph sent in by Lisa Like, of Hallwood. She calls it simply, "Me and my boys."



Go back 18 years and you'll see Christopher, grandson of Anabel Beatty, of Silver Beach, celebrating his very first New Year's Eve.



Jake shows what it's like on New Year's Day morning when you CELEBRATED New Year's Eve. Sent in by Beth McHenry, of Parksley.

Last Week's Winner



Nearly every week, Delane Brown, of Philadelphia, sends in an osprey entry along with a picture of her dog, Karter. This week, Brown was lucky enough to be randomly chosen to win the Super Tailgate dinner from Bojangles in Onley. And that means we get to run this picture of Karter doing what Karter does best: relaxing.



What were you doing on Christmas Day? These oystercatchers were on the beach at Bay Creek doing their thing, according to Laurie Paschall, of Cape Charles.



Laura McDonough, of Chincoteague, said Church Kittie is her outdoor protector who tried to please her by wearing the festive kerchief.

**Last Week's Contest:
We're on a Mission**

Last week we asked readers to find seven Santa hats, which were on pages 11 (two), 20, 21, 22, 32, and 34. A total of 38 readers found the seven hats and Delane Brown, of Philadelphia, was randomly chosen to win the Super Tailgate dinner from Bojangles in Onley.

snowflakes (include this one) by page number and location on the page. From those who find all the snowflakes, one lucky reader will be randomly selected to win a \$25 gift certificate from C.D. Marsh Jewelers in Onancock. See sponsor box on this page.

The Rules

1. Find the eight snowflakes and give the page number and location on the page for each snowflake you find.
2. Entries MUST have first and last names and your town.
2. Send this information to david@easternshorepost.com.
3. Deadline is noon Monday, Jan. 10.
5. No multiple entries.
6. Anyone submitting a photograph must have taken the picture or have permission to use it.

**This Week's Contest:
Let It Snow (Flakes)!**

In recognition of our recent snow, we have placed eight stylized snowflakes in this week's edition. Here's what the flakes look like: You must locate all eight



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	Wachapreague	H 12:06 p.m. L 6:16 p.m.	H 12:52 p.m. L 6:38 a.m.	H 1:37 p.m. L 7:35 a.m.	H 2:25 p.m. L 8:30 a.m.	H 3:18 p.m. L 9:24 a.m.	H 4:14 p.m. L 10:19 a.m.	H 5:06 p.m. L 11:11 a.m.
	Quinby Inlet	H 11:37 a.m. L 6:00 p.m.	H 12:27 p.m. L 6:10 a.m.	H 1:19 p.m. L 7:10 a.m.	H 2:13 p.m. L 8:11 a.m.	H 3:09 p.m. L 9:13 a.m.	H 4:03 p.m. L 10:14 a.m.	H 4:53 p.m. L 11:10 a.m.
	Machipongo	H 12:07 p.m. L 5:40 a.m.	H 12:57 p.m. L 6:39 a.m.	H 1:49 p.m. L 7:39 a.m.	H 2:43 p.m. L 8:40 a.m.	H 3:39 p.m. L 9:42 a.m.	H 4:33 p.m. L 10:43 a.m.	H 5:23 p.m. L 11:39 a.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 3:38 p.m. L 9:35 a.m.	H 4:30 p.m. L 10:33 a.m.	H 5:25 p.m. L 11:33 a.m.	H 6:13 a.m. L 12:34 p.m.	H 7:10 a.m. L 1:34 p.m.	H 8:03 a.m. L 2:32 p.m.	H 8:53 a.m. L 3:26 p.m.
	Muddy Creek	H 4:05 p.m. L 10:25 a.m.	H 4:55 p.m. L 11:25 a.m.	H 5:48 p.m. L 12:28 p.m.	H 6:36 a.m. L 1:32 p.m.	H 7:33 a.m. L 2:34 p.m.	H 8:28 a.m. L 3:30 p.m.	H 9:18 a.m. L 4:20 p.m.
	Guard Shore	H 3:57 p.m. L 10:21 a.m.	H 4:47 p.m. L 11:21 a.m.	H 5:40 p.m. L 12:24 p.m.	H 6:28 a.m. L 1:28 p.m.	H 7:25 a.m. L 2:30 p.m.	H 8:20 a.m. L 3:26 p.m.	H 9:10 a.m. L 4:26 p.m.
	Chescon. Creek	H 3:32 p.m. L 9:33 a.m.	H 4:22 p.m. L 10:33 a.m.	H 5:15 p.m. L 11:36 a.m.	H 6:03 a.m. L 12:40 p.m.	H 7:00 a.m. L 1:42 p.m.	H 7:55 a.m. L 2:38 p.m.	H 8:45 a.m. L 3:28 p.m.
	Onancock Creek	H 3:46 p.m. L 9:53 a.m.	H 4:36 p.m. L 10:53 a.m.	H 5:29 p.m. L 11:56 a.m.	H 6:17 a.m. L 1:00 p.m.	H 7:14 a.m. L 2:02 p.m.	H 8:09 a.m. L 2:58 p.m.	H 8:59 a.m. L 3:48 p.m.
	Pungoteague Creek	H 3:02 p.m. L 9:07 a.m.	H 3:52 p.m. L 10:07 a.m.	H 4:45 p.m. L 11:10 a.m.	H 5:40 p.m. L 12:14 p.m.	H 6:30 a.m. L 1:16 p.m.	H 7:25 a.m. L 2:12 p.m.	H 8:15 a.m. L 3:02 p.m.
	Nassawadox	H 1:47 p.m. L 7:29 a.m.	H 2:37 p.m. L 8:29 a.m.	H 3:30 p.m. L 9:33 a.m.	H 4:25 p.m. L 10:37 a.m.	H 5:23 p.m. L 11:39 a.m.	H 6:10 a.m. L 12:35 p.m.	H 7:00 a.m. L 1:25 p.m.
	Occhohan. Creek	H 2:06 p.m. L 8:11 a.m.	H 2:56 p.m. L 9:14 a.m.	H 3:49 p.m. L 10:18 a.m.	H 4:44 p.m. L 11:17 a.m.	H 5:39 p.m. L 12:16 p.m.	H 6:29 a.m. L 1:15 p.m.	H 7:24 a.m. L 2:12 p.m.
	Cape Charles	H 12:36 p.m. L 6:37 a.m.	H 1:26 p.m. L 7:27 a.m.	H 2:19 p.m. L 8:40 a.m.	H 3:14 p.m. L 9:44 a.m.	H 4:11 p.m. L 10:46 a.m.	H 5:08 p.m. L 11:42 a.m.	H 6:00 p.m. L 12:32 p.m.
	Kiptopeke Beach	H 12:15 p.m. L 6:05 a.m.	H 1:08 p.m. L 7:06 a.m.	H 2:03 p.m. L 8:10 a.m.	H 3:00 p.m. L 9:15 a.m.	H 3:57 p.m. L 10:17 a.m.	H 4:52 p.m. L 11:14 a.m.	H 5:42 a.m. L 12:04 p.m.

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Courtesy of Riverside Shore Health Services Zumba Contributes to Patient Wellness

Longtime Zumba instructor and community advocate Deyonka Chandler was inspired by her friends and students who are breast cancer survivors to support local breast cancer patients.

For the second year in a row, Chandler and her Zumba students collected donations during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. They directed those donations to the Riverside Shore Cancer Center to support its patients who have financial needs that impact their ability to fight their disease.

Chandler teaches her classes at the Eastern Shore Family YMCA in Onley and has been active there for two years. Zumba is a nationwide dance exercise program that has a history of supporting breast cancer causes. While breast cancer is an important cause for Chandler, she is quick to point out



Deyonka Chandler, left, presents the donation to Dr. Laura Kerbin. Submitted photo.

that she and her students similarly support colon cancer and other causes as well.

"We are so grateful for the generosity of Ms. Chandler, her students, and other like-minded donors," said Beverly Bowden, director at the Riverside Shore Cancer Center. "Their thoughtfulness will make a big difference for Shore commu-

nity members who are on a particularly difficult journey right now. Taking care of our neighbors is what we on the Eastern Shore do best, and Ms. Chandler embodies that generosity."

For more information on making a gift to help Shore patients, visit www.riversideonline.com/foundation or call 757-302-2140.

Miller Donates to Local Health Care

Silver Beach resident Durando "Dee" Miller III, who died in December, is leaving a legacy for health care on the Eastern Shore by naming the Riverside Shore Cancer Center as a beneficiary of his estate. His generous gift will impact local patients well into the coming decades.

Miller's gift is a reminder of his late wife, Catherine Mapp Miller, who inspired him with her theory that "what we have is God's gift to us. What we do with that is our gift to God."

Miller had been a months-long patient at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, which he likened to a five-star hotel. He also received treatment at the Riverside Shore Cancer Center, where he was grateful for the professionalism and individualized attention he receives from the entire team. He said he felt loved and cared for, and he appreciated that everyone knew his name and went above and beyond to



Dee Miller

make him comfortable at all times.

He wanted to give back to the community in a way that would help others on the Eastern Shore. He wanted to give back to a place where people made him feel so special. His gift will fuel the latest technology and expanding services at the hospital so that community members do not need to travel for care.

In recognition of his generosity and of the care provided at the cancer center, the Medical Oncology Suite is now named in honor of Miller and his late wife.

Miller's career in surveying gave him an opportunity to come in contact with people all over the Shore, and he especially enjoyed being able to talk with them, maybe even share a meal, as he traveled up and down the Shore. He cared deeply for the close-knit Shore community.

"We are so grateful to Mr. Miller for wanting to help the Shore community and Riverside's future patients in this incredibly generous way," said Nick Chuquín, president of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. "Planned gifts have an impact on the well-being of generations to come and create a legacy that emphasizes the donor's values far into the future. We rely on these thoughtful gifts to achieve a higher standard and to provide comfort, wellness and excellence for our patients."

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.

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Community Notes

Fire Safety and Family Fun Fest

The new Tasley Fire Department and Scouts of the BSA will present Fire Safety and Family Fun Fest Saturday, Jan. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the fire department, 23395 Tasley Road, Accomac. There will be outdoor games, food and drinks, archery, fire safety, fire safety dog, first aid, Scout skills, and more. For more information, go to www.dmvc.org or call 443-523-5727.

ESCSB Meeting

The Eastern Shore Community Services Board will hold a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 9 a.m., at the administration building, 24233 Lankford Highway, Tasley.

Mary N. Smith Alumni Association Meeting

The Mary N. Smith Alumni Association will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 6 p.m., at the Cultural Enrichment Center in Accomac. The association welcomes all those interested in joining standing committees. Contact mnsgrants15@gmail.com for more information.

Anglers Club

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club (www.esanglersclub.org) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the conference room of the Sage Restaurant in Onley. The meeting will feature a

presentation by Austin Murphy, of Onancock.

Murphy is a recipient of the Junior Angler of the Year and David Lee Lewis awards from the Anglers Club. Last year, he caught 11 Virginia citation speckled trout, and he will talk about spring and summer speckled trout fishing techniques.

The public is invited to attend, and new or prospective members are welcome.

Polar Duck Dip

The 14th Annual Polar Duck Dip, "Freezing For a Reason," will be Saturday, Jan. 22, at noon, at Camp Occohannock, 9403 Camp Lane, Belle Haven. Doors open at 11 a.m. Costumes are welcome.

Registration is \$20 and may be completed at www.ootbay.org/polar-duck-dip. Money raised will support the camp and ministry.

Home-School Meeting

There will be a Classical Conversations home-school meeting Monday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m., to learn more about this program. This program starts at 4 years old and continues through high school. The junior high program will be added in the fall of 2022. Register here to learn more: <https://members.classicalconversations.com/events/get-event/node/259801>

Vascular Screenings

The Guerrieri Heart & Vascular Institute offers free vascular screenings for both men and women. People over 55 who are at higher risk for vascular disease should be screened to detect these vascular problems

before they develop into something much more serious. Those with risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, heart disease, or family history of vascular disease; and people who have a symptom such as leg pain or numbness in the leg or foot, may be eligible for a free screening.

If you are 55 or older, call 410-543-7123 to find out if you qualify for the free vascular screenings and to reserve a date and time. Appointments are available: Jan. 13, 27, and Feb. 24 at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional, Salisbury, Md.; Feb. 10 at TidalHealth Primary Care, Millsboro, Del.; and March 10 at TidalHealth Primary Care, Ocean Pines, Md.

An Evening with Carol Amorosi

"Death on the Line": A Winter Evening with Historical Fiction Author Carol Amorosi will be Wednes-

day, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m., via Zoom. Amorosi, author, historian, and former Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society docent, will share from Germany her new work of historical fiction, the first in a series. She will read from her novel as well as discuss her process of historical research and character development.

Email marketing@shorehistory.org or call 757-787-8012 for more information or to sign up for the event.

Chess Club

School-age students interested in playing chess are welcome to attend meetings every Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St., Chincoteague.

Membership is open to fourth through 12th grade students, beginners or experienced, whether private-, home-, parochial-, or public-schooled. For more information, call Faith at 757-336-1993, or email execdir@easternshorechess.org

Cancellations:

- The Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Elks Lodge in Accomac has been postponed due to concerns with rising increases of COVID-19.
- All services at Emmanuel Episcopal Cape Charles are canceled through the end of January due to COVID-19, at the direction of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.
- The Art League presentation by Carole Campbell that was to take place on Wednesday, Jan. 12, has been canceled due to COVID-19.

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- Ashleigh Nicole McPherson, 30, and Zachary Williams Fisher, 32, both of Annandale, Va.
- Tammy Lynn Proctor, 56, and Robert Daryl Luttrell, 41, both of Pocomoke City, Md.
- Fabiola De Melo Rodrigues Amorim, 39, and Thomas George Gleason, 43, both of Melfa
- Susan Mae Hughes, 68, and Mark Alan Hill, 64, both of Bloxom
- Treniqua Cierra Richionna Burton, 22, of Bowie, Md., and Antwan Jamal Ayers, 22, of Tacoma, Wash.
- Ashley Marie Fisher, 24, and Calvin Damion Harris, 24, both of Tampa, Fla.

Chincoteague Island Library Welcomes New Board Members and Officers

At the annual meeting of the Chincoteague Island Library, the board of directors welcomed two new board members, David Ingold and Kathy Michaelian, while saying farewell to long-time board member, Beverly Gorsuch.

The following officers were elected for 2022: Paul Miller, president; Lisa Reed, vice president; Aubrey Kurtz, secretary; and Carrole Welsh, treasurer.

Linda Ryan, who served as president of the board for 15 years, was thanked for her many years of service to the board. While stepping down from the role of president, Ryan will

remain on the board and serve as a library volunteer. She said, "This has been a fun and rewarding journey. I look forward to continuing to serve the library and seeing the Chincoteague Island Library grow and continue to be an important part of the community."

The Chincoteague Island Library is located at 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. The library is open six days per week, offers 24-7 Wi-Fi, programs for children and adults, book clubs, and special programs. Contact the library at 757-336-3460 and follow on Facebook.



Northampton Agricultural Students and FFA Give Food to Community Churches

The Northampton High School/Middle School Vocational Agriculture classes and Future Farmers of America, along with the help of seven local churches, gave back to the community this holiday season.

For about 48 years, the FFA has given complete Thanksgiving boxes: turkeys, vegetables, fruit, canned goods, and all the trimmings.

Pictured above from left are: vocational agriculture teacher, Oliver H. Bennett, Ernest James (New Mount Zion, Painter), Richard Sterrett (Franktown United Methodist Church), Cheryl Fenderson (Mt. Sinai Gospel Tabernacle, Fairview), Amanda Thomas (Full Gospel Church, Cheriton), and Thomas Parker (Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wardtown); not pictured are representatives from First Baptist Church, Capeville, and Bethel Baptist Church, Franktown.



Accomack County 4-H Teen Club Adopts 'Grand-Friends' for the Holidays

In early December, Accomack County 4-H Teen Club participants decided to bring joy and holiday cheer to some of the local seniors residing in Shore Health & Rehabilitation Center in Parksley. The club wanted to make sure that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. The teens worked together to decide on who

to gift, what gifts to give, and wrapped them for the residents. The teens decided to give their "Grand-Friends" some gifts to warm up the holiday season.

Some of the teens recently delivered the gift bags to Shore Health & Rehabilitation Center for their "Grand-Friends" to receive on Christmas Day.

Kids' Puzzle Page



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Escort
DAGUR _____

Wander
BLAME _____

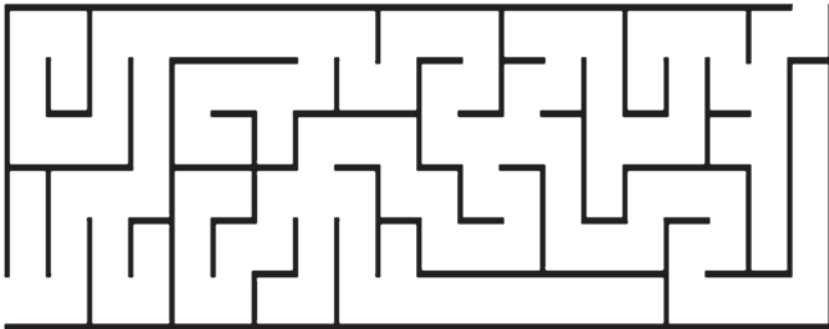
Sway
WROPE _____

Creak
ARGON _____

"May I _____ a few things?"

TODAY'S WORD

Kids' Maze



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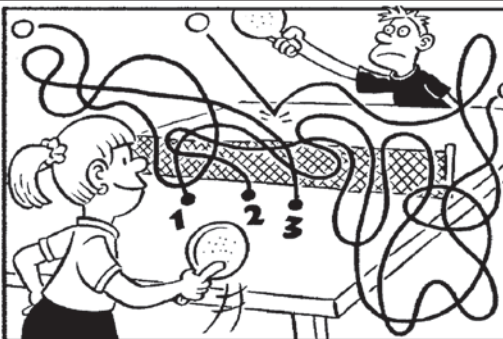
by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO DUCKS USE IN MATH CLASS?

QUALMS	___	MAULS	ARGUES	___	GEARS
UNLACE	___	LANCE	LATEST	___	STATE
SAWING	___	WINGS	SHARED	___	SHRED
BRACED	___	BEARD	PETALS	___	LEAPS
KNACKS	___	SNACK	NOSIER	___	RINSE
			ROWERS	___	WORSE
			SAFEST	___	FEAST



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CAN YOU SPOT Ping Pong Patty's winning shot?

Answer: No. 1 will put Freddy away.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



MIME
MILE
TILE
TALE
TALK

DON'T GET BOXED IN!

You have five minutes to get out of this challenge. In this type of problem you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed MIME to TALK in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

1. LESS to MORE
2. OUST to REND
3. PEST to GONE
4. RUBE to GENT
5. SALT to LICK

Answers:
1. LESS, LOSS, LOSE, LORE, MORE
2. OUST, RUST, REST, RENT, REND
3. PEST, PENT, GENT, GENE, GONE
4. RUBE, RUDE, RUNT, RENT, GENT
5. SALT, SILT, SILK, SICK, LICK.

Illustrated by David Coulson



CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Pall, Pail, pals, pans, pane, pins, pine, pipe, pips.

CHANCE...CHA

FIG. 1

DOODLE PICS! The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.

Answers: 1. Last chance. 2. "Pride goeth before a fall."

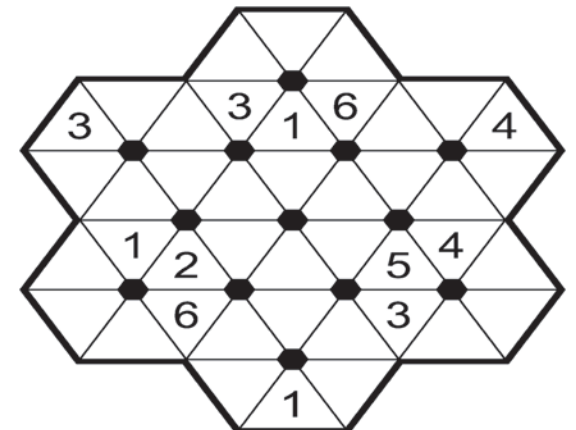
FALL PRIDE

FIG. 2

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Location: Eastville, VA 23347
Application Deadline: Position open until filled.

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IN RE: Jaxon Reed Thomas-Outlaw

Civil No. CL 21-334-00

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this notice is to obtain a name change for the minor child born of the parties.

It is ORDERED that **ERIC WAYNE OUTLAW** appear and protect his interest on or before Friday, February 18, 2022, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication. And it is further;

ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in Eastern Shore Post, a newspaper having general circulation in this City.

ENTERED, this 16th day of December, 2021
Traci L. Johnson, Clerk

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

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Questions or comments may be directed to Matt Spuck, Town Manager, at 757-787-3363, or via email at Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com.

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IN RE: Cooper Brookston Thomas-Outlaw

Civil No. CL 21-336-00

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Post Op-Ed Page

*By John Joeckel, Chairman
Eastern Shore Regional Navigable
Waterways Committee*

This guest Op Ed is in response to the front-page article dated December 28, 2021, in the Eastern Shore Post, titled, “Build Back Better’ Could Help Coastal Communities Address Flooding.” The Eastern Shore Post article contains the following important takeaways:

- The marshes are disappearing.
- One method for preserving marshes and other natural features is to apply thin-layer dredge material.
- Not all flooding on the Eastern Shore is caused by sea level rise due to climate change; some of it is due to storm surge.
- Funding is needed to create marshes, build beaches and dunes, or develop breakwater systems to protect existing beaches
- For sheltered coasts, building a marsh is a highly effective erosion-control habitat.
- Some coastal Virginia communities would greatly benefit from federal funding for coastal restoration and resilience measures because those communities can’t afford to implement the measures on their own.
- Some of Virginia’s coastal communities are “underserved, low-income,”
- “A lot of elements of the Eastern Shore that provide value to ... Virginia and the whole coastal economy,” and they go beyond tourism, including Wallops Island, aquaculture, and agriculture.
- Cost-share or matching grant programs challenge small, rural communities and create “limited access” to state and federal funding,
- “There’s a whole lot at stake, and so additional funding to make (coastal resilience projects) easier to do” would be helpful.

The article’s basic thrust is focused on federal funding contained in the Build Back Better (BBB) legislation concerning coastal resilience. The BBB legislation is currently stalled in the Senate, its passage nowhere

certain. Traditional funding for many of these waterway/coastal projects is usually contained within the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works budget. Many of the projects contained in the Corps of Engineers budget are framed by congressional legislation in the biennial Water Resources Development Acts (WRDA).

The purpose of this Op-Ed is to focus on Virginia’s responsibility to fund needed coastal resilience projects that cannot commence unless the commonwealth contributes state funding as a nonfederal sponsor of these federal projects. Depending upon the type of project, the usual federal versus nonfederal funding split is 65% federal and 35% state, or 50%/50%. As the Eastern Shore Post article opined, local communities, e.g., towns and counties, cannot afford these high-cost projects on their own and need federal funding, but federal funding is usually tied to a nonfederal sponsor contribution, e.g., the state, without which the project does not go forward.

There are four Eastern Shore projects that have requirements for a federal and nonfederal cost-sharing arrangement. None of these projects will commence without funding being committed by either the federal government or the commonwealth of Virginia.

Wachapreague CAP 204. This is an Army Corps of Engineers-led project designed to combine dredging of navigable waterways and using the dredged channel sediment for thin layer spraying of the salt marsh. The objective of this project is to build up the deteriorated salt marsh as an enhanced barrier to mitigate storm surge and flooding to the town as well as habitat remediation. Salt marshes are effective in dissipating wave energy and storm surges, especially when the marsh is highly elevated and continuous. Total project costs are estimated at \$11.5 million over 10 years. Cost share required, 65% federal and 35% Virginia.

Cedar Island. Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) leads this project. Cedar Island is a major Vir-

ginia seaside barrier island. Barrier islands enhance back barrier marsh resilience to sea level rise. Both the barrier island and the back island marsh provide storm surge and flood protection of the mainland infrastructure from the Atlantic Ocean. This project is designed to select from a suite of coastal resiliency alternatives requiring multiple factors of complex physical and biological systems, including socio-economic, cultural, and policy considerations. This project provides opportunities for coastal resilience combining ecology, geology, and engineering aspects within the dynamic coastal zone. Cedar Island has been undergoing significant coastal erosion for decades with substantial damage from Superstorm Sandy. Continuing erosion of Cedar Island will eventually open the seaside marsh and mainland to full ocean impact. The estimated cost is \$10-plus million and would be subject to a potential 65% federal/35% state funding split.

Tangier Island. The navigation channel and associated harbor are essential to the economy and support the community of Tangier. The harbors within the Tangier Channel are considered subsistence harbors. Tangier Channel is a designated federal navigable waterway and requires periodic maintenance dredging by the Army Corps of Engineers to maintain its safe navigable depth. Maintenance dredging occurs on a three-to four-year frequency. From 2001 through 2017, approximately 144,000 cubic yards of dredge sediment have been removed from the channels of Tangier. These dredged materials have historically been transported and disposed of at an open water permitted disposal site in Chesapeake Bay, thus this valuable dredged material has not been used in a beneficial manner for restoration of island habitat or mitigation of coastal erosion and flooding.

The Tangier project would require the Army Corps of Engineers to commence a study, with eventual implementation of the study recommendations. A study would cost at least

\$1 million with implementation of the findings of that study to cost at least \$10 million. Again, this project would be subject to the federal/state funding split. Beneficial use of the dredge sediment would include but not be limited to enhancing coastal resilience; mitigating coastal erosion; reducing storm damage to property and infrastructure; protection, restoration, and creation of aquatic ecosystem habitats; and stabilization and enhancement of shorelines.

Chincoteague Inlet. This is an Army Corps of Engineers-led project which will study the reasons for the widening of the Chincoteague Inlet located between Wallops Island and Assateague Island, and provide the preferred engineering solutions consistent with federal authorization and funding.

The natural widening of the Chincoteague Inlet increases exposure to the open ocean creating vulnerability to southern Chincoteague Island. The inlet at the south end of the island has changed dramatically over time, growing deeper and wider and resulting in erosion of wetlands that formerly protected that area of Chincoteague.

The estimated cost for the study is more than \$3 million and requires a 50% match by the nonfederal sponsor. The initial budget of Gov. Ralph Northam contains \$1.5 million as the nonfederal sponsor for this project. The General Assembly needs to keep those funds in the final budget.

As stated in Gov. Northam’s 2018 Executive Order Number 24, “The Commonwealth of Virginia has a responsibility to assist local governments in reducing flood risk through planning and implementing large scale flood protection and adaptation initiatives.” As stated in the December 2021 Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan, “With so much at stake and finite resources, we must work to prioritize resilience projects that advance pragmatic coastal resilience in alignment with the Commonwealth’s vision.” Failure to provide adequate state funding for these projects would have the executive order and master plan become an exercise in empty rhetoric.

The state funding of these types of coastal resilience projects is sporadic and haphazard. The General Assembly needs to increase the Waterways Maintenance Fund, managed by the Virginia Port Authority, currently at \$1.49 million per year, available for the entire commonwealth of Virginia.

The Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterways Committee has estimated the costs for the Eastern Shore alone at \$10 million over the next five years. This does not include costs needed by the rest of the regions of the commonwealth, nor does it include any nonfederal common-

wealth matching funds for any of the vital projects stated herein.

Virginia needs to put funding in place, using the existing Waterways Maintenance Fund as the funding vehicle to provide the nonfederal sponsor contributions for these projects. Cooperation/coordination be-

tween our federal and state elected officials is necessary to be successful in obtaining both federal and state funding for these projects.

John Joeckel is the chairman of the Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterways Committee and a resident of Wachapreague.

Post Office Mail

Article Promotes Partisan Bill

Dear Editor:

The Eastern Shore Post is showing its political bias again with an article on how Build Back Better would help Eastern Shore flooding, which it blames on sea level rise. The sea level isn't rising more in some places than others, that's absurd. The Eastern Shore is sinking and has been since a meteor created the Chesapeake Bay. This article promotes a partisan bill.

People who pay millions of dollars for waterfront property here must not be too concerned about flooding.

Our country is trillions of dollars in debt. This debt will cost us in taxes and inflation. Adding another three trillion to pander to various interest groups and fund nonessentials that individuals and local governments should be paying only increases that debt.

Beverly Lynch, Painter

Onley Should Make More Effort to Inform Citizens

Dear Editor:

The Onley Town Council met Dec. 27 to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to the town

charter.

I checked the Onley town website to get a copy of the proposed changes and found that copies were only available at the town office.

The Onley town office is manned from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on most days. These hours are not compatible with a regular work schedule, so Onley citizens who work from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. were not able to go to the town office and get a copy of the proposed town charter changes before the meeting.

The proposed town charter was not available electronically from the town website. Certainly, it is simple enough to have a link to the proposed charter and lock the document to keep folks from making changes and reposting the document.

Copies of the proposed town charter might have been made available near the book nook in the Onley post office.

Is denying the citizens of Onley easy access to town documents legal? It certainly is not right.

Deborah Kiger Bliss, Onley

Northampton Needs To Regulate Short-Term Rentals

Dear Editor:

We have all heard the refrain that

the Eastern Shore of Virginia is often "50 years behind the times," which is an overstatement but not necessarily all that bad in the opinion of many who call the ESVA home. Indeed, lagging behind the over-populated, dense, highly taxed, and chaotic rest of the industrialized world offers a great opportunity to learn from the mistakes made in the name of progress. But the trick is to learn from those missteps, rather than to blindly follow down that path of no return.

One of the mistakes other municipalities made was a failure to regulate short-term rentals (STRs). After that error resulted in unintended consequences including affordable housing shortages and disturbance to neighbors in residential areas including noise, parking, traffic, and disruption of the quiet enjoyment of neighborhoods, countless localities have clamped down on this use.

In contrast, Northampton County voted 4-1 in April 2019 to allow short-term rentals by right. Then-Supervisor Duer (the lone voice of reason) said he thought the county was "chasing money" by simply taxing and licensing these uses, ignoring the consequences that have now come to haunt us in the form of the wholesale loss of long-term and

affordable rental units among other ill effects. Doubling down, the 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan supports allowing accessory dwellings "by right," with no notice to neighbors. At the same time, many feel that we are in an affordable housing availability crisis and it is hard to argue we are not.

Sample ordinances include: designating zones for STRs; limiting the number of nights per year units can be rented; requiring only primary residences to be STRs with the owners present; barring nonowner-occupied STRs in residential areas; requiring parking only in front of or on the property of an STR; barring STRs in residential zones, allowing them in only commercial areas; requiring mandatory yearly inspections; setting massive fines for operating an STR without a license; limiting guests to two per bedroom; enforcing advertising restrictions; and denying applications for detached homes from becoming STRs in residential areas.

Without firm and enforceable regulation of STRs, any home in Northampton County can be turned into a surrogate commercial motel, and many are becoming just that, leaving some Northampton County rental home seekers living in their cars.

Ken Dufty, Exmore Business Owner

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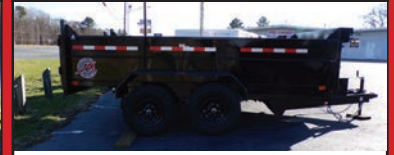
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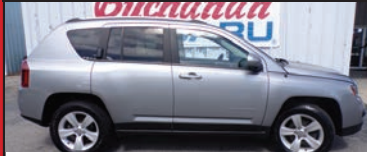
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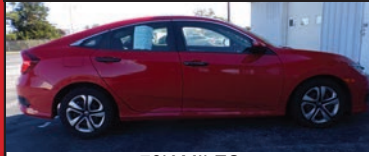
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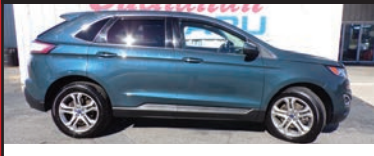
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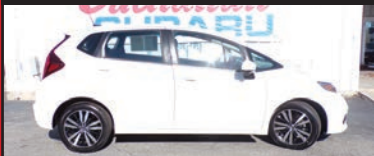
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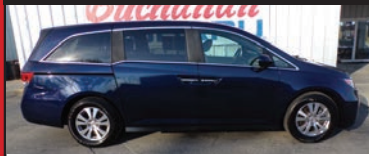
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