Inadequate Internet Service Rouses Ire of Captain’s Cove Residents

By Carol Vaughn

A crowd of around 70 — socially distanced and wearing masks — filled the Greenbackville fire hall Thursday, Sept. 10, to voice concerns about inadequate internet service in Captain’s Cove.

Virtual schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic has increased concerns about internet access in the community of around 1,200 near Greenbackville, according to speakers.

Others spoke about teleworking and senior citizens’ need to access telemedicine during the pandemic.

Accomack County Supervisor Ron Wolff, Accomack County School Board member Edward Taylor, and Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason were at the forum. Mason also is on the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority board.

Wolff and Taylor recently received numerous emails from Cove residents concerned about inadequate internet service, resulting in them holding the meeting.

Additionally, residents have contacted state and federal elected officials with their complaints, Taylor said.

The property owners association board of directors was invited to the meeting, Wolff said.

Residents asked the county officials to request Attorney General Mark Herring investigate actions of the POA board of directors.

“Can the county … somehow get a forensic audit … to make sure everything’s on the up and up?” asked John Ward.

Joseph Mendonca asked that the county attorney send a letter to Herring about residents’ complaints.

Jenny Davis, a Shore native who moved to the Cove in May after living and working away from the Shore, said she specifically asked the general manager about internet access before moving there.

She works from home full time for a software company in the automotive industry.

“I was told … that we would be having fiber internet soon,” she said, adding she is paying $150 per month for satellite internet and another $100 a month for a WiFi hotspot.

“I think we know that there are issues in the Cove with leadership. … The issue now with COVID and the social distancing and the remote learning is that our board’s practices are impacting children in a negative way,” said resident Jim Lukens, adding, “… I don’t know what to ask, what this group here can do to apply pressure to this board leadership outside of the Cove, because it’s going to have to come from public and/or private partnerships pushing our leadership at the Cove, which at this point I fully believe is corrupt. And we need to have that brought to the light of day.”

Wolff, who has been on the board of supervisors 17 years, said he is “very, very aware” of problems at Captain’s Cove.

“They started the first day I was elected,” he said.

Wolff said Accomack County does not provide internet service as a governmental function. Mason said it

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Eastville Weighs Joining County EDA

By Stefanie Jackson

Eastville town council members deliberated Monday night whether the town should join Northampton County’s Economic Development Authority (EDA), formerly the Joint Industrial Development Authority (JIDA).

The towns of Exmore, Cape Charles, and Cheriton already belong to the group. An invitation was extended to Eastville, Nassawadox, and Belle Haven upon the authority’s recent name change.

The new name reflects a shift in focus from large-scale industrial development to small-scale economic development as Northampton seeks to attract new businesses that are compatible with the county’s natural, rural character.

If Eastville joins the EDA, the town council will appoint one person to the EDA board to represent the town’s economic development interests.

The proposal was made by David Eder, the town administrator and police chief.

Councilwoman Eleanor Gordon, who was participating virtually, said the proposal was a “big subject to decide in a five-minute discussion.”

JIDA’s past debts raised a red flag for the councilwoman. Her peers noted that JIDA had no debts since it sold the Sustainable Technologies Industrial Park, aka the STIP park, in Cape Charles.

(The 500-acre eco-industrial park, the first of its kind in the U.S., failed to attract much business and remains nearly empty.)

Gordon was concerned that the EDA could incur new debt and then default, possibly leaving Eastville and other towns on the hook for repayment.

Eastville police lieutenant Robert Stubbs spoke in favor of joining the EDA and appointing an Eastville representative to the board.

“This board is going to happen. Eastville can either have a voice on it or have no voice on it,” he said.

Mayor Jim Sturgis added that without “additional revenue streams, we’re going wind up with either going broke and not being a town anymore, or we’re going to wind up with escalating taxes up to the level of the county’s.”

Eder said that before the next town council meeting he will obtain as much information as possible on the EDA and Eastville’s potential liability.

CARES Act

Northampton County has twice received more than $1 million in grant funds from the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act and given portions to each of its incorporated towns based on population. Eastville received about $14,000.

The town used some of the money to pay qualifying police officers an extra $3 per hour during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eastville officials further discussed Monday night how to spend its CARES funding; the town is expected to receive another $14,000.

Northampton County Administrator Charlie Kolakowski invited Eastville to participate in a grant program to provide financial relief to small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

He asked each town to contribute $5,000 of its CARES funds so more businesses that are struggling can get help.

An advantage for participating towns is that the county will provide the applications and do the work of administering the grants.

The town council decided by a unanimous vote to join Exmore and Cheriton in participating in the grant program.

YES to Northampton Schools

Dixon Leatherbury, vice chairman of the Northampton board of supervisors, joined the meeting by video to tell council members about a proposal to increase the county’s sales tax rate by 1% to pay for new construction and renovations at Northampton High School.

The current sales tax rate is 5.3% and will be raised to 6.3% if a majority of Northampton voters say “yes” to the proposal when they mark their ballots on Election Day.

The money can only be used for “bricks and mortar” and the tax rate increase will expire after 20 years, Leatherbury said.

The “add-on” tax would partially relieve Northampton citizens of high school construction costs, since Northampton’s economy relies on tourists, who pay 43% of all sales taxes collected in the county.
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can not under the Dillon Rule, under which local governments are limited to powers expressly granted them by their state.

Telecommunications is one area the state expressly prohibits counties from offering, he said.

“Captain’s Cove receives all the services that everywhere else in the county receives,” Wolff said.

Still, lack of high-speed internet service in the county in general is “overwhelmingly” the most frequent complaint made on the county website, Mason said.

Of Accomack County’s 5,000 public school students, 112 live in Captain’s Cove, according to speakers. Additionally, 25 teachers live there, according to an email residents sent Wolff.

A company — identified by one speaker as Broadband Connect, a Maryland LLC — signed a contract earlier this year to provide broadband service in Captain’s Cove but has been unable to come up with up to $5 million in financing, Wolff said he was told in a telephone conversation in late August with Jim Silfie, a POA board member.

Mason gave an overview of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority, which initially had the goal to construct the backbone infrastructure “and then last-mile services would be delivered by the private sector.”

More recently, ESVBA in a pilot project successfully provided residential service in Harborton.

The authority later issued $5 million in bonds to expand its fiber-to-the-home network, starting with incorporated towns.

That work is still going on.

Communications company Charter/Spectrum also has begun “turning up its network throughout the Shore,” Mason said.

“Frankly, what’s really depressing to me is, there is a lot of overbuilding going on now. There are areas where we have not only one provider, but maybe three. … But then you get in to other areas were there is zero,” he said.

A study several years ago found it would cost $40 million to completely build out a broadband network on the Shore, Mason said.

The Virginia Telecommunications Initiative, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, is the main state grant program for broadband initiatives, but requires a partnership between a political entity and a private sector company.

The ESVBA is a public authority, not a private sector company.

A total of $19 million was available statewide from that program this year, according to Mason.

According to Wolff, at least some of the responsibility for delays in bringing high-speed internet to Captain’s Cove lies with the developers.

The ESVBA’s fiber optic infrastructure “runs right down State-line Road” into Greenbackville, Wolff said, adding, “When they did that, they asked if they could come in and service the Cove. … Discussions took place. … The developer wants a piece of the action to get into the Cove. … A lot of this stems from the use of a utility easement in the Cove.”

The easements were granted and platted when Captain’s Cove was laid out back in the 1960s, he said.

During a second conversation with Silfie on Sept. 8, Wolff said he was told the contract with the other provider was still on the table, but the board also is now in early stages of talks with Spectrum/Charter.

Wolff had heard the developer wants 6% perpetually to allow an internet provider to use the utility easement, “so I asked Mr. Silfie that,” he said.

Having high-speed internet would increase property values, “so he (the developer) is going to make his money on the back end,” Wolff argued.

Wolff later spoke with ANEC executive Butch Williamson; someone at the State Corporation Commission; and a person in the governor’s office who administers VATI grants — asking all whether they knew of any utility company that had to pay to use an...
Police Investigating Sept. 12
Death of Parksley Man

Staff Report

The death of a 29-year-old Parksley man on Saturday is being investigated as a homicide, according to the Accomack County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff’s office received a report Saturday, Sept. 12, around 9:32 p.m. that a vehicle had driven through a fence on Beartown Road in Mappsville, according to Sheriff Todd Wessells.

When deputies arrived, they located a silver vehicle with DeAndre Abbott lying on the ground. Abbott died at the scene.

Abbott’s body was transported to the Norfolk Medical Examiner’s Office for an autopsy.

The cause of death is pending.

The Accomack County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the Virginia State Police, Bloxom Vol. Fire Company, Parksley Vol. Fire Company, and the Accomack County Department of Public Safety.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office at 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666 or tips may be submitted at www.accomackcountysheriffsoffice.org.
Most of the ear-tipped cats that were vaccinated came from the Inlet View area, Brommer said. CICC was able to help 19 cats at the Inlet View property prior to demolition of all structures on the site as it is being redeveloped.

Blue Water, the property owners, recently contacted Brommer to offer a donation to continue TNR efforts on Chincoteague.

“They were very open to our help and also open to continue to stay in touch with me so that we can begin to plan for the cats as the area is developed,” she said, adding, “There are humane solutions to keep them out of the area where you don’t want them.”

Councilman Gene Wayne Taylor said the town should communicate to state elected officials the need for additional low-cost spay and neuter clinics in the area.

Councilwoman Denise Bowden said, “I’ve seen what you and your organization have done. … It’s much appreciated.”

CICC has a TNR weekend clinic scheduled Nov. 13-15. Chincoteague cat owners may want to keep their cats inside so they are not inadvertently trapped during the clinic.

Maddox Walking/Bicycle Path Plans

Steve Katsetos, a business owner, spoke to the council about his concerns regarding the route of a planned bicycle/walking path on Maddox Boulevard.

“I was very disappointed,” he said, adding, “My building has been there for 30 years. I’ve got a right of way there, entrance, parking space. … So now I find out today they want to put a bike path through the drive-thru, straight through my property. … Where are my customers going to park?”

Katsetos said the path could result in accidents in the area.

He also said there is flooding in the area when it rains, which he has been told the town can not fix.

He said the town instead of a bicycle path should install another pump to help with the flooding.

Taylor said the town owns a 100-foot right of way in the area in question.

The money to pay for the bicycle path is part of a federal grant, Bowden said. “It’s not the town’s money,” meaning it can not be used for drainage or other uses.

Councilwoman Ellen Richardson recommended the public works committee meet about concerns Katsetos raised.

“The intent is to get both pedestrians and bicycles as far off Maddox as we possibly can,” said Public Works Director Harvey Spurlock, noting planning is in the preliminary stages.

Later in the meeting, the council voted to award a contract not to exceed $260,842 to Branscome Inc. for sidewalk construction on Maddox Boulevard.

The money is the balance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Multi-modal Trail Construction Grant the town received.

Construction is planned for Maddox Boulevard.
Boulevard from Chicken City Road to Eel Creek and a portion of the traffic circle, according to a memorandum from Spurlock to the town council.

Some of the trail could be constructed of asphalt rather than as a sidewalk, according to Town Manager Mike Tolbert.

Additionally, the council voted to award a contract of up to $413,209 to Branscome Inc. for paving and other work to be done this fall, including paving Bunting Road, Tarr Lane, and Mumford Street, as well as milling and sidewalk construction on Mumford Street.

The work is funded by the Virginia Department of Transportation Urban Maintenance program.

Tolbert said the amount of meals taxes collected in August for July sales was about $18,000 below the average for the preceding three years, but the amount of transient occupancy taxes collected was nearly $2,900 above the three-year average.

Taylor said, “We are very blessed as a town,” noting the transient occupancy tax was above average despite there being no carnival or Pony Penning this year.

**CARES Act Grants**

The town received 57 applications for its small business assistance grant program, which distributed federal funds for COVID-19 relief under the CARES Act.

A committee met and approved 50 applications. Ultimately, 53 awards were made after further investigation, according to Tolbert.

A total of $212,000 was distributed to small businesses on Chincoteague, with each grant award being $4,000.

Proposed use of a second round of CARES Act funds is under discussion by the budget and personnel committee and was to be presented to the council at its Sept. 17 work session, Tolbert said.

The town is getting prices for the first three playground structures to be erected at a new park on Smith Street. Public works employees will begin work on a soccer field and the playground at the park this fall, Tolbert said.

**Water Supply**

Tolbert and Spurlock on Aug. 27 toured the nearly completed filtration plant for Chincoteague’s water supply, which comes from wells on the mainland.

David Liu, of NASA, the project manager, led the tour, which other NASA officials also attended.

One round of testing has been completed for the filtration system, showing it is effective at removing PFAS, a chemical that had been detected in Chincoteague’s water previously.

PFAS are man-made industrial chemicals manufactured since the 1940s that are persistent in the environment and in the human body. In the case of Chincoteague’s drinking water, they were traced to a foam used at a former fire-fighting training area at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility main base.

After discovering in 2017 that four of Chincoteague’s seven production wells tested positive for PFAS at above the EPA’s health advisory level, those wells were taken out of service and NASA began supplementing the town’s drinking water with water from the Wallops Flight Facility main base.

As a longer-term solution, NASA is installing the filtration system, which will enable Chincoteague to use its shallow wells for production, according to NASA.

The Chincoteague officials asked for additional testing to be done over a 30-day period, to simulate typical operations, before the filtered water is sent to the town.

They also asked for an inspection by the Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water. The office has to approve the plant and could impose additional requirements before issuing a certificate of operations, according to Tolbert.

NASA Wallops committed to sharing all test results and health department inspection reports with the town, Tolbert said.

“The plant is very well constructed, as you might expect from NASA,” he said.

**COVID-19 Update**

The number of coronavirus cases Chincoteague has had since the pandemic started is up to 19, five more than when he last reported to council Aug. 20, according to Bryan Rush, emergency management coordinator.
Accomack Approves Second Round of CARES Act Grants

By Carol Vaughn

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors approved a second round of CARES Act grants.

The second round of federally funded grants will give an opportunity to re-apply for funds to small businesses, watermen, and charter boat captains or Coast Guard passenger vessel operators who were deemed ineligible in the first round of grant awards due to unpaid or delinquent taxes or not having an active business license in the county.

Taxes must be paid up to date and businesses must have a business license, if required, on or before Sept. 22 to be eligible.

Small businesses, watermen, and charter boat captains/USCG passenger vessels who did not apply in the first round of county grants may apply. Information about the second round of grants is available on the Accomack County website at www.co.accomack.va.us Look for the Second Round CARES Grant tab.

The application period will be available online beginning Thursday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m., and will close on Sept. 30 at 5 p.m.

“It’s out there. Help us get the word out,” said Rich Morrison, deputy Accomack County administrator, at Wednesday’s board of supervisors meeting.

Anyone who received a grant during the first round of the program is not eligible to apply.

Board Chairwoman C. Reneta Major applauded staff for their foresight in implementing the program.

Morrison said 11 applications were received from charter boat captains in the first round of the county CARES Act program.

The second round of CARES Act funding to the county totals $2.8 million. Of that amount, around $779,000 will go to towns.

Additional uses the board approved include up to $29,585 to reimburse COVID-19 related expenses of the 911 Commission; $100,000 for a rent and mortgage assistance program that will expand and complement an existing program administered by the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission; and money to partner with the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority to construct up to 15 additional public Wi-Fi hotspots in residential areas where a survey showed there are high densities of public school students without internet service at home.

For the last item, the board authorized Accomack County Administrator Mike Mason and county staff to work with the ESVBA on the project. The cost is still being determined, he said.

Library Rooms Named

The board approved naming three rooms in the new regional library after people. The library board of trustees approved all three names at its Sept. 8 meeting.

The library is under construction in Parksley.

The Eastern Shore archive room will be named the Brooks Miles Barnes Archive Room, after the librarian and historian who started the Eastern Shore Room at the library.

The children’s room will be named the Arthur W. Perdue Children’s Room, after the founder of Perdue Farms. Perdue Family Farms contributed $100,000 to the building fund for the library.

The children’s study room will be named the Frances Bibbins Latimer Children’s Study Room.

Latimer was a historian whose focus was the Shore and in particular African American history.

After a long career as an educator and director of the local Project Head Start, she became interested in studying county records, publishing transcriptions, and later founding her own publishing house.

Latimer’s research collections and writing were donated to the library after her death and are being archived there.

Valedictorians Recognized

The board also recognized valedictorians from four Accomack County high schools with resolutions: Taylee Thom- as of Chincoteague High School; Molly Turlington of Nandua High School; Dade Walker of Arcadia High School; and Matthew Norman Parks of Tangier Combined School.
About Half of Shore’s Students Are Learning from Home

By Stefanie Jackson

Northampton schools Superintendent Eddie Lawrence reported that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the new school year is off to a good start.

“T’was as about as happy and proud as I can be about the first two weeks of school,” Lawrence said at a Sept. 10 school board meeting.

Northampton students returned to school the week before Labor Day, one week ahead of Accomack students.

Both counties offered students two options for going back to school: a hybrid plan consisting of two days in school and two days learning from home every week, or 100% virtual learning.

With fewer students in school on fewer days per week, students are able to attend school and practice social distancing according to state and federal COVID-19 guidelines. Other safety measures in place include face mask requirements and frequent sanitizing.

Lawrence credited the successful opening to “the dedication of our teachers, especially.”

Wait times for children to enter school in the morning were long, but parents were patient and appreciative of the precautions that were being taken during that extra time, such as taking temperatures, he said.

As of Sept. 17, about 55% of Northampton’s 1,432 students are participating in face-to-face instruction, and 1,189 students have attended school at least once so far this school year, Lawrence said.

He said he’s “tickled pink” that the usual school year has started with fewer problems than anticipated.

The numbers of students in attendance during the week of Sept. 17 were 392 at Northampton High School, 161 at Northampton Middle School, 335 at Occohannock Elementary School, and 301 at Kiptopeke Elementary School.

The “not-quite-so-good news” was that 211 Northampton students have not yet shown up to class in person or online.

The school board budgeted the 2020-2021 school year for 1,400 students, Lawrence noted.

Plans were made to follow up with parents about the missing students, starting with 26 parents who requested student laptops but hadn’t yet picked them up.

Lawrence planned to meet with Associate Superintendent Christine Hill, attendance personnel, and the school social worker to determine if the 211 students are unaccounted for due to truancy or another reason such as attending private school or home school or moving out of the school district.

Out of 1,189 students, only 171 rode the bus, leaving spaces available for more children who need reliable transportation to and from school.

Lawrence was concerned about students who benefit the most from face-to-face instruction, such as kindergarten students, English learners, and special education students. He would like to invite more students in those groups to attend school in person or expand the school week from two to four days of face-to-face instruction for those groups.

Students in self-contained special education classes already have a four-day school week, Lawrence said.

Accomack schools Superintendent Chris Holland reported 2,028 students attended school on the division’s first day, Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Of those students, 1,015 were hybrid students (part virtual schooling and part in-person) and 1,013 were virtual students.

Holland thanked all Accomack teachers and staff for helping the school year get off to a good start.

The drive-thru open houses that were held in Accomack school parking lots on the Thursday and Friday before Labor Day also received a lot of compliments, he said.

School board vice chairman Ronnie Holden commended Accomack schools for “a great team effort from the central office down to even the janitors” to make the first day of school a success.

School board member Edward Turner, whose two children attend an Accomack elementary school and middle school, also commented. He said the first day of school wasn’t without “hiccups” but teachers were responsive to parents’ concerns and “overall, I think, it turned out to be a good day.”
CIAO Says Hello to New Format for Delivering Arts Events

By Carol Vaughn
Photos by Jim Ritch

The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization (CIAO) is among arts organizations whose members are adapting — finding new ways to bring performances to audiences, while holding out hope we all can return to “normal” someday soon.

When Chincoteague, along with the rest of Virginia and beyond, shut down in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, popular musical trio The Three Sheets was gearing up for its annual St. Patrick’s Day performance at the Island Theatre, which CIAO owns and has been working to restore for the past decade.

The island shut down the day before the concert was to happen — the beginning of a long dry spell for live performances.

The three musicians, Owen Hooks, Thom Nolan, and Bill Troxler, recently got together at the theater for a filming of the performance everyone missed in March.

Since it has been six months since then, think of it as a “halfway to St. Patrick’s Day” concert.

The concert will air online starting Monday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. Go to CIAO’s Facebook page or on YouTube to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkr4bv0qsdI to see it.

The performance is the fourth free virtual event offered by CIAO during the pandemic.

“It keeps us occupied, let’s people know we are still here,” said Bill Borges, chairman of CIAO’s board of directors.

The audiences are growing with each virtual event, he said.

“We have learned how to do this. We are still learning,” he said of the switch from live performances to video.

Borges said the group likely will keep offering this new method of delivering performances to its audience, even after the theater opens again for in-person events.

Happily, a video technology expert with three decades of experience in the New York City off-Broadway theater scene recently moved to Chincoteague — just in time for CIAO to benefit from his expertise as coronavirus sent performances virtual.

Doug Mills was manning an array of equipment during the filming of the concert, which took place Friday, Sept. 11, in the near-empty theater.

“This is basically what I’ve been doing for the last 30 years, so I wanted to continue doing it,” Mills said.

His theater work included sound, lighting, video — “basically all of it.”

“I’ve been involved in entertainment since probably 1990. The first show I worked, I was about 12 — that was ‘The Who’s final tour in Philly,’’ Mills said.

“There have been some fun shows that I’ve done,” he said.

The most memorable show he worked on was “Be More Chill,” which premiered off-Broadway in 2018, he said.

He also spent five years doing the Actors Studio Drama School’s repertory season.

After checking out the Chincoteague theater’s sound and lighting systems — and realizing most of the equipment, donated by the Kennedy Center years ago, dated to the early 1980s — “The first thing I did was rebuild the sound system,” he said.

The musicians eased into their performance as Mills checked that all things technical were in order.

The three have been performing Celtic, nautical, and original music together, with a dash of humor thrown in, for more than a decade. They typically do around 40 shows a year, Troxler said.

While this performance has an Irish theme, the Three Sheets are also known for original compositions by Troxler, typically referencing Chincoteague and Eastern Shore history.

Original songs they perform include one about the Marine Electric sinking; “The Killick Shoal Light,” about the first Black lighthouse keeper in the area; “The Hattie Dunn,” about a WWI shipwreck off Assateague; and a new song, “The Fields of Corbin Hall,” about a Civil War battle.

The group often performs those songs for Road Scholar groups visiting Chincoteague — except for this year.

“We miss it. We are eager to get back,” Troxler said.

“It helps the visitors understand there is more depth to us than the oysters and clams that they eat. It’s a real culture and real history and real people who did things here. It’s not all headlines, but it’s all very important and interesting,” he said.

Although the Island Theatre is closed, CIAO members have been working on many improvements to be ready to welcome audiences back when it is safe to do so. When people come back through the theater doors, they may notice those doors have been stripped of several coats of paint and restored to the original wood, thanks to CIAO board members Ernie and Cheryl Smith. Above, Bill Borges, chairman of the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization, displays newly refinished doors of the Island Theatre.

Although it seemed a bit strange to play without a live audience, the three were happy to be playing together again as Mills captured the performance to edit and air online.

Hooks played guitar, while Nolan played the bodhran, an Irish drum, and other percussion instruments, depending on the song.

Troxler played various ones of the five banjos he brought to the set — he has more at home.
The Three Sheets, from left, Owen Hooks, Thom Nolan, and Bill Troxler, perform in a nearly empty Island Theatre on Friday, Sept. 11, for a recorded concert to be shown online by CIAO starting Monday, Sept. 28.

Members of The Three Sheets appear in video monitors during filming of a performance at the Island Theatre. CIAO will make the performance available for viewing online beginning Monday, Sept. 28.

They played eight tunes in all for the taping.

The performance includes Celtic tunes ranging from boisterous drinking songs to danceable reels to plaintive ballads, with a bit of background told for each.

One of the most touching is “Isle of Hopes, Isle of Tears,” a Celtic woman song about the immigrant experience at Ellis Island.

While the musicians hope to be performing live by next St. Patrick’s Day, in the meantime this virtual concert is a gift to music lovers.

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Lance Jar & Milk Bottles
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Forks Grill Memorabilia
Forks Grill Shirt (Only 1 Known to Exist)
Straw Holder (Marked Property of Forks Grill)
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Sugar Shaker (Marked Property of Forks Grill)
Porcelain Milkshake Machine (Marked Property of Forks Grill)
Porcelain Juicer (Marked Property of Forks Grill)
Forks Grill Menus
Forks Grill Health Department Permits
Forks Grill Bottle Openers
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Forks Grill Change Holders
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**Obituaries**

**Dorothy Bonney**

Mrs. Dorothy Marie Hanna Bonney, 79, wife of the late Douglas Gerald Bonney Sr., passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020, at her home in New Church. A native of Virginia Beach, she was born Aug. 10, 1941, a daughter to the late Mark Hanna Sr. and the late Evelyn Savage Hanna.

Dorothy graduated from Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, and later began her career with the department of social services as a child social worker, serving the Tidewater area. In 1967, she and Doug were married and moved to the Eastern Shore in 1972, where they raised their boys, ran a successful contracting business, and became faithful members of Onancock Baptist Church.

From the time Dorothy and Doug met, you’d rarely find one without the other. The Bonneys especially enjoyed days spent racing or on the water. Whether they were with their horses at the track, running stock cars at the speedway, or spending the day fishing and crabbing, they were always together and with their boys in tow. Though she will be greatly missed, Dorothy’s family will forever cherish and celebrate her life through the countless memories they shared.

She is survived by her four sons, Blaine K. Bonney and his wife, Martha; of Virginia Beach, Scott Bonney and his wife, Victoria; of Topeka, Kan., Douglas Bonney Jr. and his wife, Jennifer; of Dothan, Ala., and David Bonney and his wife, Teressa; of New Church; 10 grandchildren, Amber, Kelly, Jacob, Jonathan, James, Blake, Erin, Casey, Raven, and Megan; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded by her brothers, Mark Hanna Jr. and Tim Hanna.

A funeral service was held at the Onancock Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, with Pastor Andy Cobb officiating. Interment was in the John W. Taylor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Riverside Shore Hospice, P.O. Box 616, Onley, VA 23418, in honor of the exceptional care and compassion Dorothy received.

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

Arrangements were by Williams Funeral Homes, Onancock and Parksley.

**George E. Bundick Jr.**

Mr. George E. Bundick Jr. passed away June 5, 2020. He was born June 14, 1946, a son to the late George E. Bundick Sr. and Mary Smith Bundick, in Accomack County. George was educated in the Accomack County school system and graduated from Mary Nottingham Smith School in 1966.

His passion for work was agricultural, but in his later years he worked at Northampton High School as a custodian, from which he retired in 2008.

Throughout his Christian experience, he worshiped at various churches and became a member of the Cornerstone Seventh Day Adventist Church in Exmore. One of George’s favorite songs was “Hallelujah Square.”

If he had his way, he would have requested the choir to sing that every Sabbath. George served as a deacon, choir member, and was an assistant community service leader. He worked in the soup kitchen every Wednesday as his health allowed him.

George married Diane Bailey and out of that union two children were born. Years later, he met and married the love of his life, Lenora Teresa Jones, and through this union George gained another son. What a coincidence both boys’ birthdays were May 15.

George was a kind and affectionate person who enjoyed the little things in life. He was a family man and a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan. You might not know this, but he would go out of his way to make sure that you were OK. To know George was to love him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lenora T. Bundick; father, George Bundick Sr.; son, George Bundick III; sister, Gladys Scarborough; and brother, McKinley Bundick.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Mary Bundick, of Painter; daughter, Cherron Bundick, of Eastville; son, Michael Jones, of Nassawadox; six brothers, Samuel Bundick (Dee), of Pennsylvania, Keith Bundick, of Hampton, Andre Bundick (Maranda), of Killeen, Texas, Ronald Bundick (Barbara), of San Diego, Calif., Milton Bundick (Judy), of Warner Robins, Ga., and Martin Bundick (Rosa), of Birdnest; sisters, Rosemary Vinnie (Charles), of Painter, Sandra Harmon (Steve), of Painter, and Diane Perkins, of Painter; one brother-in-law, Charles Scarborough; one sister-in-law, Bernice Bundick; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and a dedicated companion, Joan Williams.

Professional services were entrusted to John O. Morris Funeral Home.

**Billy Page Chance Sr.**

Mr. Billy Page Chance Sr., 76, of Onley, passed away at his home on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, with his loving wife, Bettie Hargis Chance, by his side. Born Nov. 20, 1943, he was the son of the late Page Chance and the late Georgie Bagwell Chance.

Billy was a humanitarian in every sense of the word, as there was nothing he wouldn’t do for a friend, neighbor, or stranger. For decades, he selflessly gave his time to countless organizations including the Salvation Army and the Melfa Volunteer Fire and Rescue. He especially enjoyed serving the Lord, often attending services.
and volunteering at several churches throughout the community. Billy was a people person whose greatest passion in life was helping others in any capacity. He leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love, compassion, and philanthropy, one that will be remembered and celebrated through the many lives he touched.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by their son, Billy Paige Chance Jr., and a nephew, Eddie Isdell. Other than his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Jacquelyn Bagwell Parks, and brother, Joe H. Bagwell.

Private interment was held at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

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

Arrangements are by Williams-Onancock Funeral Home.

Wayne Barnes Ewell

Mr. Wayne Barnes Ewell, 79, of Wilmington, N.C., died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020. Born in Bloxom, on Oct. 10, 1940, he was the son of the late Walter Ward Ewell and the late Amanda Barnes Ewell. He is survived by two beloved daughters and their families, Chelsea, Jason, and Cole Thornhill, and Clair Ewell and Zander Barnes McCabe, all of Wilmington. He is also survived by three sisters and their families, Angela Benton; Theresa Lewis, Lynnwood Lewis, and Lisa Lewis; and Andrea and Donnie Mason, all of Parksley.

Wayne graduated from Hargrave Military Academy in 1959 and received a B.S. in marketing and advertising from Virginia Commonwealth University. He returned to college in the late 1990s and obtained an M.Ed. from Salisbury University. After graduating, he traveled to China and lectured English in Dalian and Lushun. He further taught communications workshops in Bangkok, Thailand. His students were enriched not only by his teaching, but by his good deeds.

When he returned to the U.S., he settled in Wilmington, near his daughters and their families, enriching his life and theirs. Always devoted to family, his life revolved around days spent visiting his daughters and playing with his grandchildren.

Not a material man, Wayne preferred the simple things in life. He loved biking while echoing his motto of “use it or lose it.” He was also an avid football fan and photographer, amassing a collection of thousands of photos which documented his family and travels. He spent much time on the internet connecting with old friends and meeting new.

The Eastern Shore always held a special place in his heart and he often returned to visit his Shore family and frequent old haunts. If only they could talk, oh the stories they could tell!

A generous soul possessing a contagious laugh, Wayne was often described as “the best playmate” and understandably so. His was a life well lived and many lives will never be the same without him.

A memorial service to celebrate Wayne’s life, will be held on the Shore at a later date.

Consoles may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.com or www.wilmintoncares.com

If you wish, you may remember Wayne with a donation to A Bike For Every Child at www.abikeforeverychild.org, a nonprofit organization he supported in hopes that every child could share his passion.

Arrangements on the Eastern Shore are provided by the Williams-Parksley Funeral Home.

Rose Johnson

Mrs. Rose Boole Edwards Johnson, 99, beloved wife of the late Abel Colonna “Connie” Johnson and the late William Roberts Edwards and a resident of Exmore, passed away Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, at her daughter’s residence in Chesapeake. A native of Franktown, she was the daughter of the late Patrick Cornelius Boole and the late Margaret Viola Massey Boole. Rose was the oldest member of Belle Haven United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Maggie Edwards Marsh and her husband, Barry, of Belle Haven, Bobbie Edwards Bayly and her husband, Mark, of Moyock, N.C., and Mollie Johnson Williams and her husband, Ken, of Chesapeake; two sisters, Peggy Down- ing, of Franktown, and Dorothy Stauffer, of Onancock; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Joan Edwards Harmon; two brothers, Buddy Boole and Floyd Boole; a sister, Frannie Ball; and a great-great-granddaughter, Millie Hewitt.

A graveside service was conducted Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at Onancock Cemetery, with the Revs. Paul Oh and Rob Kelly officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Belle Haven United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 37, Belle Haven, VA 23306 or Food Bank of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 518, Onley, VA 23418.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doughtyfuneralhome.com/arrangements and volunteer at several churches throughout the community. Billy was a people person whose greatest passion in life was helping others in any capacity. He leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love, compassion, and philanthropy, one that will be remembered and celebrated through the many lives he touched.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by their son, Billy Paige Chance Jr., and a nephew, Eddie Isdell. Other than his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Jacquelyn Bagwell Parks, and brother, Joe H. Bagwell.

Private interment was held at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

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Julia Doreen Simpkins

God sought to take his beloved child, **Mrs. Julia Doreen Simpkins**, into His kingdom on Sept. 2, 2020. Julia was born to Edward “Monk” White (deceased) and Lillie Mae “Red” Tankard on March 13, 1965, in Exmore.

She professed Christ at an early age and united with Mount Calvary Baptist in Exmore. Julia received her education in the public schools of Northampton County. After graduating from high school, Julia sought employment at Perdue Farms, where she remained for 10 years. After her employment at Perdue Farms, she completed the Certified Nursing Assistant program at Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa. Then, Julia sought employment with Intrepid Healthcare Services, Onancock. She worked there for 20 years.

Her hobbies included spending time with her family, whom she loved so dearly, shopping, watching movies, home decorating, and shopping with her mom. As we knew, she was always well-dressed, very neat, and stylish.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, “Sweetie” Frank Weatherly; her three children, Rickie Sturgis (Rose), of Birdsnest, George Sturgis, of Exmore, and Demetria Sturgis (Shawn), of Exmore; 15 grandchildren; Sherry Tankard (Jody), of Exmore, Nikia Upshur, of Birdsnest, Clarence Tankard (Jessica), of Exmore, Kenny Upshur, of Birdsnest, Rickie Tankard, of Valdosta, Ga., Elvonia Cherry (David), of Norfolk, Patrick Tankard, of Parksville, George Jr., of Richmond, Kiaukus Upshur, of Exmore, Mark Tankard (Jalissa), of Exmore, Terry Manuel (Demarcus), of Painter, Rikeesh Tankard (Sakeial), of Exmore, Tamika Cherry, of Mappsville, Brittany Tankard, of Exmore, and Shawn Fleming Jr., of Exmore; 37 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Turner (Johnny), of Pungoteague, and Elvyn Seymour (Lester), of Pungoteague; two brothers, Robert Sturgis (Linda) of Exmore, and David Chandler (Theresa), of Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Virginia Weatherly and Iris Weatherly, both of Exmore; one brother-in-law, Herbert Wilson, of Delaware; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and New Road family.

Graveside service was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Exmore, on Sept. 12, 2020, with Pastor Jeffery Smith officiating.

Memories and condolences can be shared at www.morrisfuneralhome.org

Ethel Sarah Weatherly

**Mrs. Ethel Sarah Weatherly** was born to William and Mary Chandler on July 15, 1942, in Accomack County. She departed this life on Monday, Aug. 31, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

Ethel was affectionately known as “Granny” or “Aunt Curly.” She attended Accomack County Public Schools. Curly loved her profession working in domestic service, always willing to help others and would provide food to anyone in need but kept it real and meant what she said. She enjoyed gardening, listening to her hymns, cooking, and watching her favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys. She loved attending church and was a faithful, long-time member at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where she served on the usher board. Her favorite scripture was John 14, and her favorite song was “Rough Side of the Mountain.”

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Gov. Northam Outlines Voting Options and Processes for Nov. 3 Election

By Stefanie Jackson

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 U.S. presidential election will be “unprecedented,” and nonpartisan administrators are working to ensure “the voting process moves safely and securely,” Gov. Ralph Northam said during a press briefing Sept. 15.

Election officials anticipate a high number of absentee voters, which are defined as everyone who votes before Election Day, whether by mail or in person, Northam said.

The Virginia Department of Elections has already received more than 790,000 requests for mail-in absentee ballots, which will be sent to voters starting Friday, Sept. 18.

About 566,000 absentee ballots were cast in Virginia in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, and only half of them were mail-in ballots.

“So now seven weeks before Election Day, we have already surpassed absentee demands from four years ago,” Northam said.

Any voter can submit an absentee ballot; a reason or excuse is not needed as it was in the past, he noted.

A ballot can be requested from a local voter registrar’s office or by visiting the Virginia Department of Elections website at https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation.

Upon receipt of the absentee ballot, complete it, sign it, and return it either by mail or at the voter registrar’s office, the governor instructed.

(The Accomack County voter registrar’s office is at 24387 Joynes Neck Road, Accomac; the Northampton County voter registrar’s office is at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville.)

Absentee ballots can be returned at secure drop-off locations including “registrars’ offices, all satellite voting locations, and at polling places on Election Day. It’s just that easy,” Northam said.

Postage has been prepaid for all Virginia absentee ballots, he added.

For security, every absentee ballot envelope must have an “intelligent mail” bar code and an election mail logo.

“This is a critical security tool,” Northam said.

The logo, which reads “Official Election Mail,” tells postal workers that the envelope contains a ballot and should be prioritized.

The bar code, which appears above the voter’s name and address, enables the voter to track the ballot to ensure it is received at the voter registrar’s office.

There are two options for voting in person. Virginia voters can vote early at their local voter registrar’s office starting Friday, Sept. 18, and ending Saturday, Oct. 31 – one of the longest early-voting periods of any state, Northam said.

Those who prefer to vote in person on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, may line up at the polls from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funding is being used to ensure all election officers have the PPE (personal protective equipment) they need, and members of the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps will be present at all polling places to ensure that social distancing and sanitizing measures are followed.

Virginia law authorizes election officials to begin processing absentee ballots as they are received; they are not required to wait until election night to begin counting votes.

Election officials do not have this authority in every state, so “everyone should be prepared to wait a few days to know the results of the presidential election as states count unprecedented numbers of mail-in votes,” Northam cautioned.

“It’s better to get an accurate count than a fast one. I want Virginians to know your vote is safe and it will count,” he said.

“The people serving as election officers and working in local voter registration offices are our friends and neighbors. We all share the priority of ensuring free and fair elections,” Northam told listeners.

He also reminded Virginians that the U.S. census is ongoing and they should complete the census if they haven’t already.

Virginia loses $2,000 a year for every resident who is not counted in the U.S. census, Northam said.

The current deadline for households to complete the census is Sept. 30.
Northampton County Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grants

Northampton County is conducting a program using CARES Act funds to provide grants for businesses affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Eligible businesses will be able to access up to $10,000.00 for eligible purposes.

Some examples of businesses affected would include restaurants, theaters, hair salons, indoor amusement centers, campgrounds, retail establishments as well as many others. This will also include watermen involved with aquaculture and fishery activities. This program is meant to assist with lost revenues and expenditures related to COVID-19 concerns. Applications will be available online as well as paper forms. Applications will be reviewed by a committee formed by the County Administrator which will include a representative of all participating Towns.

Please call 757-678-0440, ext. 515, or email ckolakowski@co.northampton.va.us, the County Administrator, Charles Kolakowski, with any questions. Applications will be reviewed and awarded within thirty days. This will be done on an ongoing basis and will continue until the available funds are exhausted.

1. Eligible businesses must be active and physically located in Northampton County and have a valid business license.
2. County and local taxes will need to be made current.
3. Only businesses with less than thirty (30) employees are eligible to apply.
4. Businesses need to show they were affected by the COVID-19 crisis.
5. Each business is eligible for only one grant application under this particular program.
6. Grant amounts are up to $5,000 per business for business expenses or loss of revenue and up to an additional $5,000 for improvements done to a business to address COVID-19 concerns.
7. Businesses need to disclose if they received funds from either the Economic Injury Disaster Loan or the Paycheck Protection Program.
8. Businesses located in the unincorporated areas of the County and the Towns of Cheriton, Eastville, Exmore, and Nassawadox are eligible to apply. Businesses located in Cape Charles will be eligible for an independent program being conducted by the Town of Cape Charles.

Submit an online form for the Northampton County Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grant through the county’s website at www.co.northampton.va.us. You may also download this form as a PDF.

Accomack Circuit Court Cases

By Nancy Drury Duncan

Judge W. Revell Lewis III accepted a plea agreement made between the commonwealth and Michael Lee Camper, 32, of Oak Hall.

Camper pleaded guilty to abduction, malicious wounding, robbery, and use of a firearm in connection with an October 2019 incident at the Wine Rack in Onley. Camper was waiting when a young woman employee closed the store and walked to her car. He forced her to get into her car with him, struck her in the face with his gun, and took her wallet and cellphone. When he left, he warned her not to call police or he would return to her workplace and kill her. She got out of her car and ran across U.S. Route 13 and into the Walmart parking lot where she sought help.

In exchange for his guilty plea, the plea agreement limits his prison time to no more than ten years.

Gregory Alan Smith, 47, of Painter, pleaded guilty to obtaining a signature by false pretense. He signed another man’s name on checks belonging to that person and attempted to cash them. The bank identified the fraud and refused payment. He will be sentenced Dec. 17.

Elwood Edward Miles, 44, of Onancock, pleaded no contest to possession of cocaine. The drug was found during the execution of a search warrant at his Boundary Avenue residence. She will be sentenced Dec. 17.

By Nancy Drury Duncan

Michael William Morris, 49, of Onancock, was sentenced to two years and one month in jail for burglary and larceny. Morris, who was a cook at DaVinci’s Italian Kitchen, went in to the business twice in one night after hours. He fixed himself a meal of chicken tenders and french fries. He also took several rolls of coins from the register. He said he did it after heavy drinking and using cocaine. Testimony was that Morris has a long criminal history, primarily associated with substance abuse that began as a teenager. He asked to be placed in the New Life drug rehabilitation program, which is 12 to 18 months long. He said he needed help with his addiction. “I feel like it is my last chance to get my life straight,” he said. “I am almost 50 years old.” Judge Lewis said, “You have quite a record.” He ordered Morris to serve 25 months of jail time and then to successfully complete the New Life program. Lewis ordered him to be on good behavior for ten years.

Sheriff’s Office Investigating Shooting

Staff Report

A man was found suffering from a gunshot wound after deputies were called to the scene of a large gathering early Saturday on Route 13 in Mappsville.

The Accomack County Sheriff’s Office received a report of shots fired at the gathering at around 1:12 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, according to Sheriff Todd Wessells.

The victim was transported to Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital by Oak Hall Rescue and later was transferred to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where he was listed in stable condition Monday.

The Accomack County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the Virginia State Police and the Accomack County Department of Public Safety.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime is asked to contact the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office at 757-787-1131 or 757-824-5666 or tips may be submitted at www.accomack-countysheriffsoffice.org

CORRECTION

Kevin Leigh Taylor, of Bloxom, is 49 years old, not 59, as reported in last week’s Court Postings.
Random Facts About ... Lead Pipes, Lead Troubles

By David Martin

As we were cleaning our internet tubes this week, we wondered what the tubes were made of — probably some sort of super-modern poly-plastic carbonate-plex tri-something compound. Not lead.

But for thousands of years before plastics were invented, lead was the material of choice for pipes. In fact, lead was so connected with piping in the ancient world that the Latin word for lead is plumbum, meaning waterworks, and it’s how we get the word plumbing. Ancient Rome manufactured lead pipes in 10-foot lengths in at least 15 standard diameters to bring water into the wealthier homes of Roman cities.

Lead is easily worked, resistant to decay and weathering, and won’t rust. Along with plumbing, lead had many other uses in Rome, tons and tons of other uses — pun intended because at 707.96 pounds per cubic foot, lead is heavier than iron (491.09 pounds) or brass (535.68 pounds) but not gold (1206.83 pounds). Romans drank from lead goblets, ate off lead plates, and cooked their food in lead pots. Their winemakers thought that lead vessels, unlike copper ones, gave the wine a sweet taste.

Before you chuckle at those silly toga-wearing Romans, keep in mind that we Americans went all-in on lead pipes. By 1900 in the U.S., more than 70% of cities with populations greater than 30,000 were using lead pipes for waterlines, especially those service lines leading from the cities’ main lines to residences and businesses. Lead was more expensive than the alternative, iron pipes, but lead lasted longer (up to 35 years) and could be more easily worked around the bends and angles needed to reach those businesses and residences. Lead pipes are still bringing water into maybe 10 to 18 million Americans today.

The problems with lead have been known ever since it started to be used. Greek physicians noted that exposure to lead caused paralysis and delirium. Today, we know that lead is a neurotoxin and exposure (inhaling, ingestion, skin absorption) to it can lead to damage to nerves, blood, kidneys, and brain. It is especially pernicious in causing developmental problems in children.

Getting the lead out has been an ongoing effort in this country for the last 50 years — getting it out of gasoline, paint, and even the solder that held together cans of food and soda. Because of these government-mandated efforts, the level of lead in our blood, on average, has dropped by an encouraging 93.6% from 1976-80 to 2015-16.

The millions of people who are drinking water that flows through lead pipes still in service in this country are saved from lead poisoning by literally a thin layer of protection. Cities or water companies add phosphates or other corrosion inhibitors that deposit a scale lining inside the lead pipes. This lining prevents lead from leaching into the water. The thin layer of protection is vulnerable, however. In Flint, Mich., it dissolved when the city switched water sources to the Flint River and failed to properly treat that water, which proved corrosive to the pipes, causing lead to leach into the water, creating an environmental and human disaster. The scale lining on the inside of lead pipes can also be dislodged by construction work and other disruptions.

The only lasting solution is to replace those 6.1 million lead service lines still carrying water each day. And they are indeed being replaced, with all of them scheduled to be gone in the next 30 years. But the cost in dollars is going to be, as Carl Sagan said about the stars, billions and billions.
Osprey-Eyed Reader Contests: Time is Clucking!

Last Week’s Contest
A Dozen Chicks Found!

Last week, an entire flock of readers found our dozen chicks hiding on the following pages: 1 (two chicks, one in the new library, one on a Trump boat); 22, 25, 26 (among the flamingos), 29, 31, 35 (two chicks, one in a shark’s mouth and one riding on a motorcycle), 40, and 42 (two chicks, one on Taylor the cat and one in the Post Card Specials ad). From among all the osprey-eyed readers who found the chicks, we randomly selected Patricia Willey, of Quinby, to win the $25 gift certificate to Sage Diner in Onley.

This Week’s Contest
Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Not all the baby chicks made it to adulthood but 10 did. Find the 10 adult chickens hidden in this edition of the paper and, if you’re the only one to do so, you will win a $45 20-piece Jumbo Tailgate dinner from Bojangles — see box on this page. If more than one reader finds the 10 chickens or if no one finds all 10, we’ll randomly select a winner from among the top chicken finders.

The rules:

• Find the chickens, tell us how many and where you found them (page number and location on the page), and send this information to kimberly@easternshorepost.com.
• You can start sending your entries now. Each entry must include your first and last name, your town, and a photograph if you choose to submit one.
• Entries will be accepted until noon on Monday, Sept. 21. Entries arriving at kimberly@easternshorepost.com after noon on Monday the 21st will not be entered in the contest.
• Anyone submitting a photograph must have taken the picture or have permission to use it.
• Multiple entries will not be counted. Corrected entries count as multiple entries. Please submit your entry without explanation or qualification; we are seeking just the answer.

The winner and as many runners-up as possible will get their photographs in the paper. If you don’t want to use your own picture, you can submit a photo of your child or a pet — or a flying bird, cattle in a herd, even a beautiful word. Just no feet.

A Coop of Runner-Ups!

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Katrina Wise, of Parksley
Donna Sparrow, of Capeville
Bryan McElwain, of Onancock
Patricia M. Voss, of Bloxom
Robert Moore, of Cape Charles
Stephanie Bailey, of Chincoteague
Kristy Davis, of Atlantic
Terese Sneed, of Parksley
Katrice Bright, of Mappsville
Megan Reed, of Bloxom

Garry Callaway, of Oak Hall
Lisa Deeson, of Parksley
Elaine Baseman, of Horntown
Deidre Brocon, of Cape Charles
William Townsend, Horntown
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This week’s gift certificate entitles the winner to:

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6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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• From Cord Davis
  To Christopher and Karen Willis
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  To Kevin and Amy Bohon
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  For $389,000
• From Richard and Linda Olbrys
  To Chelsea Clegg
  Lot 178, Vaucluse Shores, Section C
  For $347,000
• From Patrick Hand
  To Bo Yang
  Lots 609, 612, and the northernmost portion of Lots 613 and 616, Cape Charles
  For $745,000
• From Alexander Laird
  To Buoy 38 LLC
  Lot 34, Marina Village East, Cape Charles
  For $21,000
• From John and Laura Altizer
  To Christopher and Devon Uterwyk
  2 parcels at Sugar Hill, near Cheapside
  For $520,000
• From Phillip and Winifred Baker
  To Robert and Meagan Biehn
  Lot 40, Virginia’s Chesapeake Shores, Section 1, Capeville District
  For $90,000
• From Thomas and Lisa Hurley
  To Bermuda Bluff LLC
  Lot 3, Davis subdivision, Capeville District
  For $325,000
• From Tracy Wilson and Rebecca Bloxom
  To Maggy’s Eastern Shore Properties LLC
  Lot in Exmore
  For $1,500
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  For $430,000
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  For $32,000
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  To Linda and Harold Pfingst Jr.
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  For $288,100
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  For $17,500
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  To Scott and Emily Slemme
  Lot 123, Cape Charles
  For $470,000

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  To Kim M. Lynch and Sylvie Routh
  35307 Brandfords Neck Road, Quinby
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• From Edward S. Kirby
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  For $71,000
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The local fisheries continue with their seasonal transitional shift from the summer to the fall season. The early autumn speckled trout season has been a success so far, and most local trout enthusiasts predict that it will continue to improve over the next month. Small rockfish (striped bass) are beginning to show up in increasing numbers on both the bayside and seaside, though we are still about a month away from the legal season. On the downside, the cobia season is quickly drawing to a close, though some late season stragglers will continue to be caught. I expect to see more large drum show up in the barrier island surf, but look for the population of large drum in the Chesapeake Bay to begin to stage down near the mouth of the bay before eventually migrating down to more southern waters.

**Upper Shore** – Alan Ring, at Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that rockfishing in southern Maryland is improving as water temperatures start to fall. Rock (striped bass) are being caught along the banks as well as over some of the deeper structures by anglers working jigheads with paddletails, curly-tailed grubs, MirrOlures, and Rapala X-Raps. Ring said the speckled trout fishing should also follow the same trend, and he expects to see an improvement in that fishery as the water temperature hits the trout's comfort zone. The red drum fishery remains good, according to Ring. White perch fishing was described as really good in the southern Maryland river mouths and adjacent creeks. Over on the seaside, Ring said that there are still a few flounder being caught in the inlets.

**Chincoteague** – Jimmy Vasilion, at Captain Steve’s Bait and Tackle, reported that there have been a few more Florida pompano showing up in the surf, along with spot. An early season rockfish was also caught and released off the beach over the weekend. In the bay, anglers were catching a variety of panfish, including croaker, spot, lizards, and even some blue runners. A 25-inch flounder was reeled in off the Main Street pier. Small speckled trout and mostly undersized puppy drum are hitting artificials and Gulp baits in the marsh creeks and over oyster bars. Vasilion said that the shop is stocked up on Berkley Gulp and Fish Bites, as well as a variety of fresh bait.

Donna Rae Roeske, at Captain Bob’s Marina, reported that flounder are still being caught, but approximately three out of five are under the minimum size limit. Anglers soaking clam baits on the north side of Queen Sound have had some black drum catches. Croaker and whiting are hitting bloodworm-flavored baits in the area stretching from the inlet to buoy 14. Sharks are hitting chunks of cut bunker and mackerel. Roeske said the subway cars on Blackfish Banks continue to hold black sea bass, flounder, and triggerfish, but recent windy conditions have limited recent efforts.

**Wachapreague** – Captain Lindsay Paul, at Trident Tackle, reported that anglers were finding a few flounder, kingfish (whiting), and croakers inside the inlet. He had also heard reports of some speckled trout and a few puppy drum. He had not heard of any action from the offshore waters.

**Lower Shore** – Jeb Brady, at Bailey’s Bait & Tackle in Cape Charles, reports that the speckled trout fishery continues to improve. He said that anglers live-baiting have had the most success with the larger class of fish. Anglers casting artificials have had good success with fish in the 17- to 20-inch class. Brady added that he expects the fishery to do nothing but get better as the water temperatures continue to decline. The top trout locations have been along the lower bayside creeks and in the marshes out of Oyster. Schools of puppy drum are also showing up along the shoreline, though most of the fish are measuring under the legal slot size. Anglers are still enjoying success with the trophy red drum release fishery near buoy 36A as well as along the shoals of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Action off the Cape Charles and Kiptopeke State Park piers has included small puppy drum and flounder.

**Bill Hall** was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year and is a Virginia Press Association award-winning sports columnist.
During August 2020, the Macedonia AME Church (Macedonia) congregation in Accomac, pastored by the Rev. Jasmine Brooks, awarded the 10th Annual Sharone White Bailey Educational Scholarship.

Airey Finney is a 2020 graduate of Arcadia High School, a member of Macedonia, and will be a freshman at the Eastern Shore Community College majoring in liberal arts. He received a $2,000 scholarship.

Jakeria Johnson is a member of Macedonia and will be a sophomore at Salisbury State University majoring in nursing. She received a $1,000 scholarship.

Sheridan Wells is a member of Macedonia and will be a junior at Virginia State University majoring in mass communication. She received a $1,000 scholarship.

The Community Scholarship Awardee competed with 12 applicants. Jhanay Davis will be a sophomore at Virginia Commonwealth University majoring in biology. She received a $2,000 scholarship.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the annual scholarship fundraiser was not held. However, donations may be made as follows: Macedonia AME Church, P.O. Box 132, Accomac, VA 23301, Attention: Scholarship Committee.

Thank you for supporting the youth of our community.
Ace Custis is a man on the move again. This time the trek is limited to a switch of responsibilities at his alma mater, Virginia Tech. Custis recently accepted the position of special assistant to head coach, Mike Young, for the Hokies basketball team. Custis previously served as coordinator of basketball relations. As Custis pointed out, the new position will require more operational tasks and office work but continues to diversify an already strong resume in the sport of basketball for the Shore native.

Custis returned to Blacksburg, Va., in 2019 with great hope and enthusiasm for a competitive season in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The season was not to be, ending abruptly in March because of COVID-19, along with all expectations for a normal year. The season of challenges overlaps in persistent delay, with answers and guidance lagging behind.

Custis undeniably loves the sport of basketball, and watching the 2019-20 season end without March Madness, while still presenting uncertainty for the upcoming season, leaves an indelible mark, no matter how much he tries to wipe the thoughts away. “2020 is one to forget. We lost to North Carolina and came back to campus. It was spring break for players and then kids didn’t come back, everything was shut, the whole world came to a halt,” Custis said.

The play stopped altogether through the spring and summer, exacerbating the challenges headed into this season. Last year, the Hokies were one of college basketball’s youngest teams, and though a number of transfers have added depth and experience, team chemistry always benefits from time together on the court. Such a scenario is still in question, though late November appears to be a target date for resuming college play.

“It will be an abnormal preseason for sure, no summer workouts. We are doing training but it’s inevitable that somebody will get COVID and we’ll adjust,” Custis said.

Custis is eager to see play resume, whatever form it comes in. He misses the game that much. Wherever the game is played, Custis is the consummate fan. “I love basketball, I watch anytime it’s on, I watch any level of basketball, girls’ basketball too. Their play is so fundamental,” Custis said.

When he’s watching, Custis studies the game intently, sometimes isolating and jotting down plays within games and bringing these to staff. It is the true pedigree of a coach to love the game as much as Custis does, to always give back with the intention of elevating the play of athletes with him.

The simple act of watching athletes play for recruiting purposes is another aspect of the game that has been altered dramatically. Coaches now have to subscribe to recruiting firms to view video content and make assessments of a player’s perceived contributions to a team. “It’s an adjustment that subtracts from the ability to assess some of the most tangible attributes of a player. “There’s nothing like recruiting, the flow and atmosphere of the game, just watching how a player reacts to a play or foul,” Custis said.

That experience of viewing, or lack thereof, will likely extend to another aspect of the game. It’s reasonable to believe fans will not be a part of the upcoming season, certainly not in the capacity many are accustomed to. This will alter the effect of contests. “It motivates you to play harder, especially if you’re a visiting player to keep the fans on their hands,” said Custis.

The added pressure of just shooting free throws with screaming fans will be lost, and Custis describes a similar scenario to what the NBA faces now with no voices of applause or pushback from rowdy spectators.

“It’s a glorified pickup scrimmage game. Some players say it’s like AAU again. Often players thrive off the energy of the crowd,” said Custis.

A lot has changed, a lot will be missing, but Custis’ passion and drive will be neither. He is excited to be back at Virginia Tech, thankful to be working, and eager to hit the ground running for another campaign.

Across the country, universities have absorbed the economic strain, in some cases folding athletic programs.
College towns have dealt with similar realities, as local economies face the prospect of less foot traffic for football, then basketball games. The situation is difficult, but admittedly, Custis is a man who makes an attempt to find good in every situation, with an eye towards better days ahead. “I’m blessed to be full time and doing what I love.”

The summit in this field is head coaching. The process involves a lot of hard work, paying your dues, and being loyal to the people around you. Custis is wholeheartedly engaged in the process.

“Anyone in this profession always wants to be a coach. You have to trust the process. I do what’s asked of me, watching my Hokies go out to battle all day,” said Custis.

It is so with every aspect of Custis’ life. The father of three is not just a basketball guru. He is a well-rounded man with proper perspective. His words and actions are timely, and well-placed in the college field. “I’ve always tried to do my best in everything I do, as a player, coach, husband, and father,” said Custis.

TOWN OF PAINTER PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Painter Planning Commission will hold its annual organizational meeting and will give preliminary consideration to certain zoning and subdivision matters referred to it for study by the Town Council. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at the Painter Fire Hall located adjacent to the Town Office located at 17118 Wayside Drive, Painter, VA 23420.

E.S. Cruisers’ Car Show
September 19, 2020 · 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
$10.00 For Club Members
$15.00 For Non-Members
Location: Preston Ford, Keller, VA

Awards:
· Free Dash Plaques for 1st 30 Entries
· Trophies for Top 21 Vehicles
· Judges Award Best Overall in Show

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By Stefanie Jackson

Virginia is identifying about 1,000 new cases of COVID-19 per day, and the COVID-19 test positivity rate is 6.8%, which has been decreasing over the last 12 days, Gov. Ralph Northam reported during a press briefing Sept. 15.

“When we’ve had these outbreaks, local elected officials and the business community have really cooperated, and I can’t thank you all enough for that,” Northam said.

Amid concern over a recent increase of COVID-19 cases in Virginia’s Eastern region, additional restrictions were placed on Hampton Roads, but the plan worked “quite well” and the additional restrictions were lifted, Northam said.

The Eastern region’s positivity rate for COVID-19 is now 6.2%; it has been in decline for 17 days, he noted.

Northam’s attention is now on Southwest Virginia, which is identifying about 229 new cases of COVID-19 per day – more than any other single region, including Northern Virginia, “which is home to a lot more people living closer together,” Northam said.

Southwest Virginia has a COVID-19 positivity rate of 8.1%, but it has been decreasing.

Northam encouraged Virginians to continue being “part of the solution” by avoiding large gatherings, practicing social distancing, and wearing face masks.

He also recommended all Virginians – especially those on college campuses – download the Virginia Department of Health’s COVIDWISE app.

The app uses Bluetooth technology to alert the user of possible exposure to COVID-19 without tracking the user’s location or personal data.

More than half a million people – or about 12% of Virginians ages 18 to 65 – have downloaded COVIDWISE to date, Northam said.

Virginia Health Commissioner Norman Oliver said researchers at the University of Washington, in Seattle, Wash., have studied local use of COVID-19 exposure notification apps. The researchers found that when 15% of people use such an app, COVID-19 cases drop 15%, and deaths from COVID-19 drop 11%.

As of Sept. 15, Virginia had detected 135,514 cases of COVID-19, with 943 cases reported within the previous 24 hours. Total COVID-19-related deaths in Virginia were 2,839, with 96 new deaths reported within the previous 24 hours. Total COVID-19 tests conducted were 1,922,966.

Earlier this summer, the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) banned the disconnection of utilities including electricity, natural gas, water, or sewer service of customers who failed to pay their utility bills due to COVID-19. The governor has asked the SCC to extend the ban through Oct. 5.

The Virginia National Guard collected almost 106,000 COVID-19 testing samples and helped distribute nearly 1.3 million pounds of food from April through July, Northam reported.

Virginia has designated $42 million in funding from the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act for distribution of PPE (personal protective equipment) to federally funded health facilities, he said.

Virginia also has designated more than $70 million in grant funds for small businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. More details will be provided next week on how to qualify for funding, Northam said.

The governor reminded everyone to get a flu shot this fall. “Flu season is coming on top of the pandemic, and a flu shot can help reduce the pressure on our hospitals and keep people healthier.”

September is Suicide Awareness Month. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 17 U.S. veterans die by suicide every day.

Virginia has more than 725,000 veterans, and 231 of them died by suicide in 2017 – 21% of all veteran suicides that year.

As a former Army doctor and a veteran, he knows how soldiers have suffered, and he reminded them that “it’s not weakness to ask for help.”

Northam said active military service members and veterans in crisis should call 1-800-273-8255, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
Pungoteague Church Building Up the Community

By Stefanie Jackson

Pungoteague Community Church is building a warehouse for a program that helps people get back on their feet and put their household back in order after a life-changing event.

The Pungoteague Community Church Self-Help Center was started several years ago to help people after losing a home to a fire or spending time in prison or rehab, Pastor Bobby Huether said.

Wherever people must start over with “absolutely nothing, this is where our ministry steps up,” he said.

The church donates items like clothing, pots and pans, and dishes to individuals and families in need, who are referred by other local churches and organizations such as the Red Cross.

The goods were stored on the second floor of the church social hall, and when it became “solid full,” making it difficult to even climb the stairs, Huether knew it was time to expand.

Help came from the volunteer group Men on Mission, of Southside Baptist Church in Dover, Del.

Huether discovered the Delaware group last year when he phoned a company to get prices for pole building materials and the employee who answered happened to be a member of Men on Mission.

The group travels all around the country helping churches with construction projects big and small.

Men on Mission is a busy organization, but it was able to fit Pungoteague into its schedule Friday, Sept. 11, and Saturday, Sept. 12.

“When we arrived yesterday, there were just holes in the ground, nothing but dirt,” said Darren Sollie, who headed up the Pungoteague church project. The volunteers spent two days framing the building, installing the metal roof, and putting up walls.

Pungoteague Community Church volunteers will finish the front and rear exterior walls, and the concrete floor and electricity will be installed.

The new 30-foot-wide and 60-foot-long building will give the church plenty of space to sort and store clothing and other items.

The building isn’t a thrift store, but if it gets too full, the church will hold an occasional yard sale to clear it out and get items into the hands of people who can use them, Huether said.

The money will help offset the cost of utilities to the building.

“What we’re trying to do is help people, give them a helping hand up when they’re down,” he said.
Historical Society Exhibit Highlights Prominent Black Businessman

In 1884, a slight, 24-year-old Taylor Daniel Jefferson moved to Cape Charles to find work building a railroad. Instead, he built a career as a local retailer, banker, and ardent campaigner to educate Black children on the Eastern Shore.

His story will be featured through the end of November in a new exhibit at the Cape Charles Museum and Welcome Center.

Laura Smith, a heritage scholar for the society and donor of some of the exhibit’s materials, created the exhibit “to show that he wasn’t just a business owner, but a visionary of African American education and community.”

Taylor and his brother, John, found jobs easily in the gritty, newly born town arising next to the railroad yard, but the work, especially for Black Americans, was hard, physical labor.

Taylor saw other opportunities.

In 1886, he purchased a lot at 624 Mason Ave., between Nectarine and Fig streets, where with the help of other family members, he opened T.D. Jefferson General Merchandise to supply the Black community.

The store became a Cape Charles fixture, operating through two generations of the Jefferson family until the 1970s.

The store soon expanded from groceries and other supplies. His wife, Mattie, opened a school for Black children in the rear of the store in 1887.

After a year in cramped quarters and with more Black families and children streaming into town, classes moved to a small building behind Bethany Methodist Episcopal Church at the corner of Madison and Nectarine streets.

T.D. Jefferson served as the school’s treasurer. On display is a 1904 check he received for $4 from the school board in Cape Charles. The check covered the entire monthly rent for the school.

He also signed a paycheck for the school’s principal, Professor J.H. Curtis, who received a monthly salary of $25.

Jefferson went on to help found the Tidewater Institute, a residential school.

Meanwhile, Jefferson expanded his store to include men’s apparel and appears well-dressed in a photograph, wearing a morning coat. He also built a large home with wraparound porch on Madison Avenue between Nectarine and Fig streets.

Jefferson was known as a man of “high moral character,” said Smith.

A cousin who jointly owned the store tested Jefferson’s personal values by pushing to apply for an “ordinary” license to serve alcohol. Jefferson bought out the cousin’s share.

In 1910, Jefferson served as the founding treasurer of a new bank in Northampton County, the Brickhouse Banking Co., of Hare Valley.

Jefferson had already been extending credit to customers of his store for years, allowing them to purchase food and supplies until payday arrived.

The practice complicated his fight to survive the Great Depression, but with the patience of his own suppliers, the store made it through.

His business acumen was appreciated far beyond the Eastern Shore.

He was a member of the executive committee of the Virginia State Negro Business League, headquartered in Richmond, and corresponded with Black leaders Frederick Douglas and Booker T. Washington.

He invested personally in the Tidewater Institute, loaning funds that were secured by bonds. The bonds were left to Jefferson’s son, Walter, who inherited them when T.D. died in 1936.

Unfortunately, the Tidewater Institute had closed its doors the year before.

Three generations of the Haynes family, of Richmond, watch Laura Smith, heritage scholar for the Cape Charles Museum and Visitor Center, explain a new exhibit, “T.D. Jefferson: Cape Charles Merchant and Visionary.” From left are grandfather Tim Haynes, son Ty Haynes, and grandson Jack Haynes, 4, peeking around his father.

WHAT: “T.D. Jefferson: Cape Charles Merchant and Visionary”
WHERE: Cape Charles Museum and Welcome Center, 814 Randolph Ave., Cape Charles
WHEN: Saturdays through the end of November, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
COST: Free
ONLINE: View a blog post on the exhibit at www.sundayhistorical.com
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Cherrystone Creek
This 3BR mobile home has been expanded to a ranch-style waterfront home. 2-car garage. New HVAC, bath, plumbing, deck & more. $256,900
A Special Ride for Special Olympics

A fundraising trail ride, hosted by Burton’s Bay-side Farm in Cheriton, attracted 50 riders from as far away as Delaware and North Carolina.

Lori Anglim (left), of Cape Charles, volunteered with Kelly Curry, of South Mills, N.C.

Three generations of the Jenrette Family pause for a photo before riding together. From left are grandmother Charlene Jenrette, of Birdsnest, and grandson Tanner Rock, 8, and mother Laura Jenrette, of Franktown.

Cecil Smith, of Jamesville, takes a well-earned rest. Sandy Taylor, Special Olympics area organizer, said Smith brought horses and riders, and has been a key volunteer for years.

Watson Hardware Company

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Watson Hardware Company is having a “half price” sale on everything in the store on September 24, 25, and 26, no reserves!

Watson Hardware Company

Enjoy a meal at The Oyster Farm!
Socially Distanced indoor and patio dining
Famous Cape Charles Sunsets
Look for our pickup Thanksgiving Menu, coming soon!

Currently Open
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11:30am-9pm
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Above: rider Angela Crist, of Jamesville, greets Archie, a 25-year-old Haflinger.

Above: Rider Maureen Freeman, of Greenbackville, enjoys the cool Saturday weather.
Above left: John Nottingham, left, of Cheriton, is one of the land owners who permitted riders across their land. Saturday's ride, the most structured of the three days of riding, was 14 miles along trails groomed by volunteers Nancy and Jimmy Hargis, right, of Exmore. Riders typically finished the trail in about 3.5 hours.
Left: Ben Burton, left, host of Burton’s Bayside Farm Benefit Trail Ride for Special Olympics, gets a hug from Sandy Taylor, area coordinator for Special Olympics.
Cape Charles Town Councilman Andy Buchholz draws one of the winning tickings in a raffle drawing by the Rotary Club of Cape Charles to benefit community projects. The club successfully replaced its annual crab cake fundraiser, raising over $4,000 through the drawing. The winners and prizes were former Cape Charles resident Nancy Dalinski, $500; Richmond-area resident and Rotarian Chuck Arnason, $250; and Rotarian Becky Ringley, $100. The 26 members of the Cape Charles club sold all 1,000 tickets, most of them at $5 each. The crab-cake fundraiser was canceled due to COVID-19. Club President Bill Payne, right, steadies the drum.
By Del. Rob Bloxom

This is Rob Bloxom reporting on the virtual Virginia House of Delegates Special Session. Although no rules governing our session have been adopted, it appears we have reached the halfway point. There are no more House bills docketed for House committees to consider. The House of Delegates passed 38 bills that will now be sent to the Senate to hear. Twenty-five bills were heard and voted down, while another 86 bills were never heard. While it is not unusual for a bill to languish in a committee, the special session has had an unusually large percentage to do so. Many of the bills that did pass will not have positive results for businesses, and I fear public safety will be impacted negatively as well.

One such bill was HB 5116. This bill extends workmen’s compensation coverage to COVID-19. This is the first time that workmen’s compensation coverage has been extended beyond the traditional injuries that occur on the job. The fiscal report stated it could cost the state $28 million per year. This price tag was too large to pass in that form, so the bill was amended to exempt state workers. In other words, the state made an exemption for itself but expects Virginia businesses to do what the state will not. This is the height of hypocrisy and a large expense on businesses at a time in which they can least afford it.

There was also HB 5148. I did not support this bill because it goes against Virginia’s “truth in sentencing” doctrine, which supports the idea that the judge, defendant, and victim should understand the true length of a sentence at the time of plea bargaining or sentencing. HB 5148 allows convicted defendants to retroactively earn good time and reduce the sentence that the parties initially agreed to, even if the defendant had initially agreed to a reduced sentence in a plea deal.

HB 5051 is another proposed piece of legislation that I could not support. It automatically begins the decertification process for a police officer who has been terminated for any reason. Both political parties agreed that termination because of excessive use of force is a valid reason to begin the decertification process. My issue with the bill is that termination for any reason would trigger the beginning of this same decertification process. For example, a deputy serves at the pleasure of the sheriff and can be released from employment for any reason. Having a bad haircut, facial hair, or a family member who supported another candidate for sheriff could be reasons for termination, and those types of terminations should not automatically trigger the beginning of the decertification process for a police officer.

Many of the budget amendments that will be included will be known next week. A couple amendments that explain the tone of our discussion in the House of Delegates are those brought forth by Del. Lee Carter. These amendments include a cut to the State Police budget by 25% and a cut to the 599 funding that supports our local police department by 25%. Such drastic and divisive proposals are often put forth to catch headlines and gain partisan brownie points and not in the good faith hope of compromising and finding solutions to the difficult issues facing our commonwealth.

I was able to support HB 5041, which requires the Virginia Board of Health to amend regulations governing nursing homes, certified nursing facilities, and hospices during a public health emergency related to COVID-19. I voted to give each of these health organizations the power to establish their own protocols, such as a protocol for allowing each patient to receive visitors.

I encourage you to take a look at the bills that have passed the House of Delegates during this special session at https://lis.virginia.gov/ As always, I welcome you to contact me with any questions or concerns at my district office at 757-824-3456 or email me at delrbloxom@house.virginia.gov
Shore College Students Persistently Strive, Returning to Classes

Eastern Shore Community College fall semester started Aug. 24, with a mix of online and in-person classes. The second eight-week session begins on Oct. 21 and there's still time to register. Pictured below are students from the electronic and registered nurses programs. Submitted photos.

First year RN students are gowned and masked for class: Deonte Upshur, Amber Crockett, Katherine Kelley, Autumn Prendergast, Lynique Biggins, Tracy Perry, and Dillon Granillo-Juarez.

Belen Roblero (left), Madison Gibbons and Catrice Rew (right) are working hard in electronics lab.

Second year RN students engage in IV lab: Lindsay Forrest, Shaun Solis, Kara Schindel, Taylor Scott, and Samantha Sexauer.
Governor Names Onancock and Cape Charles Virginia Main Street Communities

By Carol Vaughn

Two Eastern Shore towns are among four new Virginia Main Street communities.

Gov. Ralph Northam on Wednesday announced Cape Charles and Onancock are newly designated Main Street communities.

The other two newly designated communities are Tappahannock and Tazewell, according to a press release.

The towns were accepted into the Virginia Main Street program after completing a competitive application process.

Being in the program means the towns will receive intensive services, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, to strengthen and revitalize their downtowns.

Those services include market analysis, marketplace development, capacity building, design assistance, organization development, economic strategies, and façade renderings for redevelopment projects, according to the release.

“These new Virginia Main Street communities are eager to revitalize their commercial districts and create opportunities for growth,” Northam said, adding, “For more than three decades, the Virginia Main Street program has worked to spur economic development through historic preservation. Downtowns are the heart and soul of small towns, and Virginia is committed to helping them recover from the pandemic and remain sustainable for generations to come.”

“What does this mean for Cape Charles? It is a game changer. We will now be featured with the other 30 VMS designated communities in state-wide marketing efforts. Most importantly, we will now gain access to additional resources such as larger grants, design assistance and tools to continue the economic vitality of our community,” said Karen Zamorski, Cape Charles Main Street program director.

Onancock and Cape Charles are both waterfront towns with unique histories and attractions.

Onancock, in the middle of the Eastern Shore, is on Onancock Creek, a former steamboat port.

The town of around 1,200 has many art galleries and restaurants, but several buildings downtown stand vacant at present.

The vision of the Onancock Main Street Initiative group is that: “Historic downtown Onancock is the commercial and cultural heart of a thriving waterfront community,” according to the town website, www.onancock.com/community

“The Board of Onancock Main Street Initiative is delighted that the town of Onancock was awarded Main Street designation. A lot of work has gone into planning and preparing for this award. Onancock is perfectly poised to receive this designation and is ready to take a big step forward into a vibrant future. Onancock looks forward to partnering with Virginia Main Street and we are thrilled to share this designation with Cape Charles,” said Jenny Gehman, program manager.

The Cape Charles Main Street group on its Facebook page states its mission is: “Create a vibrant and attractive Cape Charles downtown that preserves historical character, encourages economic development, and enhances the quality of life.”

“The road to become a designated Virginia Main Street (VMS) community has been a wonderful ride! Cape Charles began this journey in 2017 and to get the official news today was exhilarating. It has taken many hands, heads and hearts to get to today’s celebratory news,” said Tammy G Holloway, CCMS president.

Cape Charles, population around 1,000, has attracted new residents, businesses, investors, and tourists in the last several years, in large part because of the efforts of the Cape Charles Main Street organization.

The town has a sandy beach and a deep-water harbor.

Northam in July 2018 cut ribbons on more than a dozen businesses in downtown Cape Charles in a whirlwind event highlighted by a golf cart parade. That was about one year after the town’s Main Street program was launched.

Downtown revitalization in communities under the Virginia Main Street program is built around a community’s unique heritage, culture, and historic building attributes, following the approach developed and used by the National Main Street Center.

With this announcement, Virginia now has 30 designated Virginia Main Street communities and 90 community affiliates.

Since 1985, Virginia Main Street communities have generated more than $1.3 billion in private investment, according to the release.

Gov. Ralph Northam joins a crowd of well-wishers celebrating a 2018 ribbon-cutting event in Cape Charles for 14 new businesses that opened that year. Submitted photo.

North Street in Onancock on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Photo by Carol Vaughn.
COVID-19 has taught us a lot of things... Over the last six months, I have been managing life like the rest of the country - working from home, wearing a mask to the grocery store, and praying that no one in our family gets sick. However, the added stress of worrying about Mom living alone put me over the edge. All the little things I used to do for her: picking up her medications, taking her groceries or out to lunch, would now put her at risk. Things became cumbersome to manage over the phone. I have lost sleep and worry day and night.

- How would she safely get groceries?
- Was she able to manage her medications and navigate new telemedicine appointments?
- What if she had a fall? Or got sick? Would she tell me?
- Should she move in with us? Do we have enough room?

COVID-19 is teaching all how precious life is and how difficult it is to be apart. In addition, it taught me that I cannot provide the support Mom needs by myself. I need to know no matter what was happening in the outside world, she would not be alone.

As our state began the process of reopening, I told her, “Never again!” I couldn’t imagine going through this worry and uncertainty should we experience another wave of infections or if bad weather hit.

We moved her to a lovely suite at Commonwealth Senior Living as soon as we could get the paperwork together. At Commonwealth, she enjoys an award-winning dining program, housekeeping, activities, friends, and a 24-hour team who assists with her medication. I rest easy knowing that no matter what comes in the days ahead, she’ll be safe and cared for every day.

I told her, “Never Again!”

If you worried about your parents during this crisis and want more information about how to prepare for senior living, call us to receive our complimentary guide, “Is it Safe to Move Now?”

757-655-7783

Community Notes

Air Force Flight Exercise

NASA's Wallops Flight Facility will host the Guardian Shield 20-02 flight exercise with multiple U.S. Air Force aircraft Sept. 20 through 25.

The Air Force flight activity at Wallops will include numerous F-16 and L-159 jet aircraft, occurring daily between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., but primarily from 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 22 through 25.

The exercise, led by the 121 Fighter Squadron, will be the largest live-fly cruise missile defense exercise of its type and showcases new technology designed to counter the most modern of threats.

This exercise marks the culmination of months of planning between numerous federal government organizations including the Air Force, the Atlantic Test Range, the U.S. Navy, and NASA.

Outdoor Arts on Chincoteague

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance presents outdoor performances this week at its Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St., Chincoteague.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. (seating begins at 6 p.m.), Music on the Porch brings two popular singer-songwriters to the island. Colby Dove, from Carlisle, Pa., is known as “The 12 String Wonder of the World” for his prowess in acoustic/electric guitars and 4-, 5-, and 12-string bass guitars.

Opening the show is Caleb Folks, a Virginia Beach-based, alternative/indie recording artist on a mission to spread hope and love. He is no stranger to the island and filmed one of his music videos there. Admission is $8 for adults or $5 for youth 18 and under.

For both events, space is limited so come early. Groups will be socially distanced in marked areas and you must wear a mask to enter. Bring your own chair and snacks. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be for sale.

Two more outdoor events are coming up this month at CCA. On Wednesday, Sept. 23, (call 757-381-7733 for time), a free showing of the movie “Stand and Deliver” presented with CIAO. The monthly Story Swap will be Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. The theme is “Here and There: Traveling Stories.”

Also continuing through Sept. 30 is the online Plein Air Art Show and Sale with more than 250 paintings created outdoors on Chincoteague and Assateague by 50 artists. Check it out at www.ChincoteagueCA.org

Marine Life Day

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, VIMS Eastern Shore Lab is unfortunately unable to host Marine Life Day this year. VIMS isn’t able to welcome people onto the campus, but the lab encourages folks to explore the Shore independently.

On Sept. 19, grab a friend or family member and get outside to see what life is discoverable in the local marine habitats. Share discoveries on VIMS Eastern Shore Lab's Facebook page, where the staff will work to identify what has been found.

The staff has curated a list of public sites on the Shore where there is access to beaches, wetlands, maritime forests, marshes, the bay, or the ocean. From Sept. 14 through 25, VIMS will have activity and information packets available for participants. To receive a packet, you must register online; see the link below.

Additionally, during this two-week time VIMS will be sharing summaries of research projects conducted at its lab on the VIMS online platforms.

For more information, visit https://www.vims.edu/esl/education-outreach/mld/

Chincoteague Fritter Fry

The Chincoteague Vol. Fire Co. will host a fritter and pony fry day Saturday, Sept. 19, from 2 to 6 p.m., at 5052 Deep Hole Road, Chincoteague. Carryout only. Drive up, pay, and the order will be brought out to the vehicle. Oyster or clam fritters with pony fries and a bottle of water is $15. First come, first served.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Northampton County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, to solicit public input on local community development and housing needs in relation to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a project in our community.

Information on the amount of funding available, the requirements on benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, eligible activities, and plans to minimize displacement and provide displacement assistance as necessary will be available. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on Northampton County’s past use of CDBG funds. All interested citizens are urged to attend.

For additional information, contact Charles Kolakowski at 757-678-0440 ext. 515.

Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to Northampton County, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347, or by phone at 757-678-0440 Ext # 515, and TDD at Virginia Relay by dialing 7-1-1, until noon of the day of the hearing.

If you plan to attend and have any special needs requirements, please call the number listed above.
For Classified or Legal Advertising
CALL Angie at 757-789-POST.

**Announcements**

On behalf of Ethel Curley Weatherly, the Sturgis, Weatherly, and Chandler families would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, prayers, flowers, and kind gestures of sympathy shown during our time of bereavement. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Frank Weatherly, Rickie Sturgis, George Sturgis, and Demetria Sturgis

To Accomack County Residents:
On September 8, 2020 we will begin opening to the public, by appointment only. The Accomack Co. DSS will continue to operate under normal business hours (8:30 – 5:00). Accomack County residents may continue to apply for assistance on line, or by phone. Any individual needing Medicaid, TANF, SNAP(also known as food stamps), or Child Care Subsidy should apply at CommonHelp (www.virginia.commonhelp.org). You may also call 1-855-635-4370, to apply by phone. For Medicaid only, you may call 1-855-242-8282.

For child and adult abuse calls, continue to call our main number 757-787-1530, during normal business hours. After hours you may call the Sheriff’s department, or the State Hotline: (800) 552-7096Call or email your worker or call the main number: 757-787-1530, if you have any questions.

Please use the blue drop box in front of the building if you need to drop off any paperwork. Include your case name and number (if possible).

If you have an appointment, you are asked to call the main office when you arrive at the building (757-787-1530). We will be asking screening questions, even in emergency cases, before a face to face will be granted to individuals in our office or in the community.

Thank you, and continue to stay safe.

~The staff at Accomack County Department of Social Services~

PLEASE NOTE: AICC and Members Helping Members are currently taking applications, for help with power and other bills. We have placed some at our front door to be completed and placed in our drop box, anytime. Or you may call our main number (787-1530), to have an application mailed to you.

**Help Wanted**

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

- Developmental Disabilities Aide (Residential)
- MH/SA Case Manager (QMHP or QMHPe required)
- Clubhouse Counselor/Day Support (QMHP or QMHPe required)
- Peer Recovery/Engagement Specialist
- Clinician
- Peer Recovery Specialist
- Supervisor of Community Based Services
- Mental Health Facility Technician
- Medical Assistant or Licensed Practical Nurse Office Services Specialist

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

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The Town of Onley has an immediate opening for a Full-Time DCJS certified Police Officer. The successful candidate must be 21 years of age. Salary will commensurate with training and experience. A complete job description is available at www.townofonley.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications will be received at the Onley Town Office, 25559 E. Main St., Onley VA. For further information, please call Chief John Spivey at 757-787-3985. The Town of Onley is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

**Help Wanted**

Virginia Department of Social Services
Family Services Specialist II/II (Northampton – Eastern Shore)

Position Number: L00060
Hiring Range: $30,828.00 may be higher based upon qualifications
Location: Eastville, VA 23347
Application Deadline: September 25, 2020 at 11:59PM

“Only information listed on the application will be used to screen for the minimum requirements.”

For more information on these positions, please visit https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov. Applications for these positions must be submitted electronically through this website (https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov). Mailed, emailed, faxed or hand-delivered applications and resumes will not be accepted. Equal Opportunity Employer

**Help Wanted**

TOWN OF TANGIER, VIRGINIA
IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR POLICE OFFICER

The Town of Tangier is now accepting applications for the position of Full-time Police Officer. Duties entail full police services to the community. Applicants must be 21 years or older.

Minimum qualifications are a high school diploma or GED, must have a valid driver’s license. Applicants selected will be subject to background investigation, drug screening. Preferred previous law enforcement experience, but will send to police academy which is 18 weeks long. Applications may be obtained at the Town of Tangier Office, 4301 Joshua Thomas Lane, P.O. Box 244, Tangier, VA 23440. The Town of Tangier is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Secretary/Bookkeeper

Part-time position in Parksley. General bookkeeping skills required using QuickBooks and Microsoft Office. Good communication skills needed and ability to maintain church website and Facebook page.

Send resume to: graceesumc@gmail.com

MECHANIC

Seeking a responsible, mature, reliable mechanic with experience repairing trucks. Work and personal references required. Resume, including experience listed, required. CDL preferred or obtainable within three months. Please reply to Davis Disposal, 16483 Wayside Dr., Painter, VA 23420, or 757-442-7979.
**Help Wanted (Cont’d)**

**Immediate Opening (Full Time) HVAC Service Technician**

- Salary based on experience
- Requirements: EPA certification, clean driving record, & 2 year minimum HVAC experience

Please email resumes to: kathy.thomtionservices@gmail.com

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**Eastern Shore of Virginia**

**Community Policy and Management Team**

The CPMT is the responsible entity for all Children Services Act (CSA) policies and program to ensure accordance with all state mandates and local CSA policies. The CPMT is responsible for the following tasks:

- Establish policies and procedures that govern the provision of services to children and families in the community and access to CSA funds
- Develop and appoint members to subcommittees, including the Family Assessment and Planning Team, in order to accomplish CSA requirements
- Collect and report data to the Office of Children’s Services, State Executive Council, and Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services regarding youth and families served through CSA.
- Manage and administer CSA funds for the respective locality.
- Coordinate planning that ensures the development and procurement of resources and services needed by children and families in the community.
- Establish quality assurance and accountability procedures for program utilization and funds management.

The CPMT of Accomack and Northampton is looking for a Parent and Private Provider, to serve on Accomack/Northampton FAPT (Family Assessment & Planning Team).

Parent Rep Description/Duties:

Parent Reps are a valued member of the FAPT team as they add their first-hand knowledge of the FAPT process from the perspective of a parent. Parent Reps are expected to:

- Attend scheduled FAPT meetings, take an active role in the development of individualized service plans for families, introduce themselves to the parents and assist them when they attend a FAPT meeting, and assist in ensuring parents are notified of meeting dates and times.
- Provide expertise in the field in which they provide services. Private Provider Reps are expected to:
  - Attend scheduled FAPT meetings, take an active role in the development of individualized service plans for families exploring all appropriate community services for the child and family, and share their expertise as an additional resource for the child and family when discussing services and placement.

If interested, please call Mozella Francis, CPMT Chair at (757) 678-5153. The deadline to inquire is October 31, 2020.

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**Certified VA Inspector Wanted**

**Immediate Opening**

- Must Have VA Inspector Certification
- **Stop by to pick up an application Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm, at Moore’s Towing & Repair 15442 Merry Cat Ln., Belle Haven, VA 23306**

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TOWN OF ONANCOCK
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Northampton County Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia. The purpose is to conduct regular business and review application to forward recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Minor SUP 2020-05: Mark Marshall is applying for a minor special use permit for a multi-family duplex on his property located on Nottingham Ridge Lane. He is proposing a primary residence for two related families. The property is identified as Tax Map 104-6-3A.

If the Planning Commission makes a recommendation on this matter and the application is not tabled, the Board of Supervisors shall also conduct public hearings on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Chambers. The application will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and in the Office of Planning, Permitting, and Enforcement located at 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA.

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

Handicapped assistance available: Please telephone (757) 678-0440 at least 48 hours in advance.
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the
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58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.
Harrison Barnes, Jr., Preston Barnes, Lynn Goff, Vir-
standing in the names of Raydean B. Lipscomb, Ray
Virginia, whose last known post office address is P.O. Box
vania 15672; that Louise Short is a non-resident of Vir-
address is 120 Broadview Road, New Stanton, Pennsyl-
Road, Laurel, Delaware 19956; that Virginia Bishop is
whose last known post office address is 5537 Watson
ment Road, Melfa, Virginia 23410; that due
used to ascertain the location of Raydean B. Lipscomb,
whose last known post office address is 30054 Drum-
ondtown Road, Melfa, Virginia 23410; that due
diligence has been used to ascertain the location of Ray
Barnes, Jr., whose last known post office address
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Goff is a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address is
5537 Watson Road, Laurel, Delaware 19956; that Virginia Bishop is
a non-resident of Virginia, whose last known post office address
is 120 Broadview Road, New Stanton, Pennsylvania 15672; that Louise Short is a non-resident of
Virginia, whose last known post office address is P.O. Box
626, Waverly, Florida 33877; and that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit, whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Preston Barnes and Ray Harrison Barnes.

It is ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Eastern Shore Post and that the parties named herein appear on or before October 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

ENTER:  This 9th day of September, 2020
Arisleydi J. Rodriguez, Dep. Clerk

I ask for this:
JAMES W. ELLIOTT, p.q.
VSB 016017
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1410
7100 U.S. Route 17
Yorktown, VA 23692
(757)898-7000

NOTICE

The 2019 annual report, Form 990-PF of La Mirage Adult Home, Inc. is available for public inspection for 180 days starting this date of publication between 10 a.m.-4 p.m. J. Small, manager, may be reached at (757)678-5488 for an appointment.

7/2020

TOWN OF ONANCOCK
Request for Sealed Bids
Onancock Boat Ramp Project

The Town of Onancock seeks sealed bids from technically qualified contractors to complete the project as fully described in the bid documents available upon request at the Onancock Town Hall.

Generally, the project includes:
- Demolition, removal, widen, and replace Onancock’s 61-foot boat ramp;
- Repair and reface up to 105 linear feet bulkheads with fiberglass sheet pile and cement grout;
- Use “Platipus” style anchoring system;
- Resurface and grade impacted parking areas.

All work is detailed and described in the bid package, and as shown on the drawings prepared by J.W. Salm Engineering, Inc., titled: “Onancock Wharf Boat Ramp” dated: August 2020.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled at 10:00 AM on 10/1/20 at the Onancock Boat Ramp.

Sealed bids are required no later than 3:00 PM on 10/8/20.

Bids will be publicly opened at 4:00 PM in the Town Council Chambers at the Onancock Town Hall.

Onancock performs thorough reference checks. The final contractor will be selected and announced by 10/15/20.

Questions should be directed to Matt Spuck, Town Manager, Town of Onancock, Matt.Spuck@Onancock.com, or 757-787-3363.

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE
20548 Deep Creek Road, Onancock, Virginia 23417

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") from Keith D. Lilliston and Dana M. Lilliston, ("Borrowers") to Mercantile Penin-
sula Bank ("Lender") dated May 18, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of Accomack County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200603151, said Deed of Trust and accompanying debt instrument having since been assigned to NDF1, LLC, and default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Accomack County, Courthouse Door, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomack, Virginia 23301 on:

September 28, 2020 at 11:00AM

Improved real property, described as follows:
Address: 20548 Deep Creek Road, Onancock, Virginia 23417
Tax Map No. 75A-A-111 and 75A-A-112

TRACT NO. 1 – All that certain tract or parcel of land situate near Deep Creek, Lee Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, being bounded generally as follows, to-wit: On the North, by the land of Mel-
vin L. Lewis and Clarence W. Lewis; on the South, by State Route 657; on the East, by the land of Thomas E. Johnson, Jr.; and on the West, by Tract No. 2 hereinafter described (Identified for real estate tax purposes and none other as Tax Map No. 75A-A-111).

TRACT NO. 2 – All that certain tract or parcel of land situate near Deep Creek, Lee Magisterial District, Accomack County, Virginia, being bounded generally as follows, to-wit: On the North, by the land of Melvin L. Lewis and Clarence W. Lewis; on the South, by State Route 657; on the East, by Tract No. 1, hereinafter described; and on the West, by the land of Richard B. Zember (Identified for real estate tax purposes and none other as Tax Map No. 75A-A-112).

The property is being sold “AS IS” without representation or warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights or way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $5,000.00 will be required of the purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note or its assigns, at the time of sale, such deposit to be in cash or certified check, or other form acceptable to the Substitute Trustee, in his sole discretion. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash within fifteen (15) days of the sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of the sale and Trustee’s fee, and the property re-sold at the successful bidder’s risk and expenses.

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

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

CBKN Trustees, LLC, Substitute Trustee. FOR INFOR-
MATION CONTACT, Council, Baradel, Kosmerl & No-
lan, PA c/o Brian Gallagher, 125 West Street, 4th Floor,
Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-268-6600

Assistant Commissioner of Accounts
Northampton County
**COMMISSIONER’S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

Pursuant to Decrees of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack, Virginia entered in the cases specified herein, the following real estate will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at the Accomack County Circuit Courthouse, 23316 Courthouse Avenue, Accomac, VA 23301 at 12:00 p.m., to-wit:

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

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

**PARCEL 2: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **BERNARDINE A. BERNOFSKY**
MAP NO. 030A1A0000055B0
8281 SEA GULL DRIVE

All that parcel of land known as Lot No. 55B on a plat entitled “OCEAN BREEZE MOBILE HOME SITES SECTION B, CHINCOTEAGUE, ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA,” recorded in Plat Book 22, page 93.

**PARCEL 3: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **COREY A. BRACEY**
MAP NO. 12000A0000083A0
17270 COAL KILN ROAD

All that parcel of land near Coal Kiln, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 32,775 sq. ft., more or less, being “Tract B-1” on a plat entitled “SUBDIVISION OF TRACT B PLAT” of GEORGE T. ROGERS & RUTH S. ROGERS NEAR COAL KILN PUNGOTEAGUE DISTRICT ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA”, recorded with Instrument Number 010001450.

**PARCEL 4: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **STEPHEN C. BRANGMAN**
MAP NO. 076B0A00000040A0
All that parcel of land on Virginia Route 658, Metompkin District, Accomack County, Virginia, containing 0.50 acre, more or less, bounded Northwest by Virginia Route 658; Northeast by William Savage; Southeast by J. E. F. Ayres; South-west by Susan F. Ayres.

**PARCEL 5: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **STEPHEN C. BRANGMAN**
MAP NO. 076B0A000002500
All that parcel of land on Virginia Route 658, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting on Virginia Route 658 75 ft. and bounded North by Virginia Route 658; East by Herman Pettit and by Chester Pettit; South by Betty Ayres, deceased, for 75 ft.; West by Benjamin F. Gunter.

**PARCEL 6: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **ANTHONY CRIVELLA**
MAP NO. 005A101000052400
LOT 524, SECTION 1, CAPTAIN'S COVE

All that parcel of land on Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot Number 101-D, as shown on a plat recorded in Plat Book 93, page 132.

**PARCEL 7: TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE**
vs. **BRUCE E. CULP**
MAP NO. 030A1A00000101D0

All that parcel of land on Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot No. 4 on a plat recorded in Plat Book 28, page 3.

**PARCEL 8: TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE**
vs. **BRUCE E. CULP**
MAP NO. 030A21300000400

All that parcel of land on Chincoteague Island, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lot No. 4 on a plat recorded in Plat Book 28, page 3.

**PARCEL 9: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **JOHN R. EDWARDS**
MAP NO. 092B0A0000099B0
18267 CASHVILLE ROAD

All that parcel of land near the Town of Onancock, Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia, shown as “B” on a plat of survey captioned “Survey of Part of Tax Parcel 92-A-99 Near Onancock Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia (DB 495, PG 67) For David F. Miller July 31, 2003”, made by MSA, P.C., bounded North and West by James D. Mason; on the East by Linwood Killmon and Mary Killmon; on the South by State Route 658.

**PARCEL 10: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **JOHN HENRY JESTER, JR.**
MAP NO. 029A20100048700
LOT 487, UNIT 2, SHEET 2, CHINCOTEAGUE BAY TRAILS END

**PARCEL 11: COUNTY OF ACCOMACK**
vs. **PATTY LANKFORD MARINER**
MAP NO. 11000A0000023H0

All that parcel of land near Pennyville, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, adjoining Joseph Lee Lecato, Jr. between the lot herein and Quail Lane, bounded South for 330 ft., by Robin Mason Mariner and Patty Lankford Mariner; West for a ditch; North for 360 ft. by Joseph Lee Lecato, Jr.; East for 260 ft. by Vincent Lang Mariner, III.

**PARCEL 12: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **PATTY LANKFORD MARINER**
MAP NO. 11000A0000023J0

All that parcel of land near Pennyville, Pungoteague District, Accomack County, Virginia, being 1.50 acres, more or less, bounded South for 210 ft. by Ronald Thompson; West for 312 ft. by Joseph Lee Lecato, Jr.; North for 210 ft. by a ditch; East for 312 ft. by Robin Mason Mariner and Patty Lankford Mariner.

**PARCEL 13: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **ROBIN DALE MEARS**
MAP NO. 084B0A000004000

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

**PARCEL 20: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **JAMES B. WELLFORD**
MAP NO. 078A10100023000
24262 CHADBOURNE STREET

All that parcel of land in the Town of Parksley, Accomack County, Virginia, being Lots 230 and 231 on the plat of the Town of Parksley, recorded along with a certain deed dated March 27, 1886 from Parksley Land & Improvement Company to Mary L. Wilson. Said Lots 230 and 231 have a frontage each of 50’ on Chadbourne Street and run South to a certain alley a distance of 150’.

**PARCEL 21: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **PHILLIP WESLEY WILLIAMS**
MAP NO. 03900A0000042A0
9359 MARSH MARKET ROAD

All that parcel of land near Messo, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting on Route No. 698 and running back between parallel lines to the land of George G. Woods and Jack A. Scott, bounded West by the State Route No. 698; East by George G. Woods and Jack A. Scott; South by Phillip Wesley Williams.

**PARCEL 22: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **PHILLIP WESLEY WILLIAMS**
MAP NO. 03900A0000042A0

All that parcel of land near Messo, Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia, fronting on Route No. 698 and running back between parallel lines to the land of George G. Woods and Jack A. Scott, bounded West by the State Route No. 698; East by George G. Woods and Jack A. Scott; South by Albert W. Foster, Jr.

**PARCEL 23: ACCOMACK COUNTY**
vs. **PHILLIP WESLEY WILLIAMS**
MAP NO. 02330A000004100
23136 SAXIS ROAD

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

The terms of sale require a deposit of 25% of the bid price with the balance due in ten days. Additional terms will be announced at the sale. Each sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Cape Charles Town Wetlands and Coastal Dune Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cape Charles Civic Center at 500 Tazewell Avenue, to receive comment on the following: applications for Riprap Revetments at Lot 31 in The Colony on Chesapeake Bay (tax map #83A1-11-31) and at 4 Vistas Way on Chesapeake Bay (tax map #83A1-18-BV3). The Wetlands and Coastal Dune Board will hold a meeting immediately following the public hearing to consider the applications.

The applications are available for public review on www.capecharles.org, under Agendas and Minutes/Wetlands/Coastal Dune Board. Please contact the Zoning Administrator, Allyson Finchum at 757-331-2036, or by email at planner@capecharles.org if you have any questions or require additional information. Anyone interested in attending and needing special assistance please contact the Town at least forty-eight hours before the hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE
A public hearing will be held by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday September 29, 2020, to consider an application submitted by Old Dominion Electric Cooperative to place temporary timber mats over non-vegetated and vegetated wetlands to perform maintenance work and replace insulators on transmission lines along Chincoteague Road in Accomack County. Copies of the application may be examined at the VMRC Office, Habitat Management Division. Further meeting information can be found at https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm

Send comments/inquiries prior to the Hearing to: Marine Division. Further meeting information can be found at https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm

The Northampton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers located in the County Administration Building at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA. The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet for the purpose of conducting regular business.

Variance 2020-05: Jason Dodzik has applied for a variance of 5 feet from the required 80 feet from the front yard setback for a total front yard setback of 75 feet and 15 feet rear from the required 60 feet rear setback for a total rear setback 45 feet. The property is located at Lot #11B Redivision of Bay Ridge and zoned as ES/R-A1 (Existing Subdivision/Residential-Agriculture-1) and contains approximately 1.07 acres of land. The property is further described as Tax Map 104A-2-11B.

Exception 2020-05: Isabel Damasio has applied for a buffer exception. She is requesting an exception of 2080.36 square foot and 50 feet from the required 100-foot CBPA buffer width. The property is located at Lot #13 Concord Wharf Clearview and zoned ES/R-RVRR (Existing Subdivision/Residential-Rural Village Residential). The property is further described as Tax Map 2A-2-13.

Exception 2020-06: The Natalie J. Gregor Revocable Trust has filed an application for a variance and buffer exception. She is requesting a 30 feet variance from the required 60 feet front yard setback for a total of 30 feet, and an exception of 1400 square foot and 50 feet from the required 100-foot CBPA buffer width for a single-family home. The property is located at Lot #274 Church Neck Vaucluse Shore Sec.II and zoned as ES/R-RVR (Existing Subdivision/Residential-Rural Village Residential). The property is further described as Tax Map 38A2-1-274.

Anyone interested in the above matter should attend the public hearing in order to make their views known. Additionally, comments may also be written and sent to the Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department. The files may be viewed in the Northampton County Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Department in Eastville, VA, located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, VA.

Handicapped Assistance Available: Please telephone 757-678-0443, extension 516, at least 48 hours in advance.

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ESCC: ‘You’re Not Late, You’re Early’

By Patrick Tompkins
Eastern Shore Community College

Eastern Shore Community College safely launched the fall 2020 semester Aug. 24, but there is still time to enroll in classes.

ESCC is the first community college in Virginia to offer almost all of its classes in eight-week sessions instead of the longer 16-week sessions. Students still have time to apply to the college and for financial aid and to enroll in our second fall session that begins in a few weeks.

Financial assistance is available to almost everyone. Many students pay no tuition, most students pay reduced tuition. Our total cost of attendance is a small fraction of what it costs to attend a four-year school or a for-profit college.

ESCC has presidential scholarships, Ratcliffe scholarships, “Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Local” scholarships, the ESCC YES! Tuition Promise, and many other scholarships funded by generous donors in our community.

Classes are offered in a variety of formats to reduce health risks and maximize educational access. The schedule on our website explains how each class is offered, and we provide contact information for the department chairs so you can ask for more information or personal assistance.

The technology in our gleaming new academic building allows us to deliver courses so that for some classes that meet on-campus students can participate through Zoom.

ESCC ran a limited number of classes this summer and allowed access to on-campus services. Not a single case of COVID-19 has been traced to the college. Online classes, personal protective equipment, frequent cleaning, and daily health self-assessments reduce risk for students and employees.

COVID Deaths Top 9/11

Dear Editor:

September 11, 2001, 2,977 people died and 6,000 people were injured from a terrorist attack. As I write this, there have been 195,055 deaths from the 6,498,672 diagnosed cases of COVID-19. If left to run its course (called “herd immunity”), there will likely be 215 million infections and two to six million deaths.

(Studies show that the real number of “excess deaths” due to COVID-19 is 20% higher, more like 234,066 now, and the number of cases is higher due to the lack of testing, at 8,448,273.)

I mourned after the attack in 2001. It did not have to happen. The Bush administration was warned.

I am mourning now for the COVID-19 victims and the destruction of our economic well-being. This, too, was avoidable. The Trump administration was warned.

I also mourn for the 40% of the electorate that claim they still support the Trump administration. The COVID-19 disaster is now 70 times worse than 9/11 in terms of deaths and 1,000 times worse in terms of injuries/sickness. And the COVID-19 disaster is nowhere near over.

What are Trump supporters thinking? Did they cheer for the hijackers after 9/11? Why do they cheer the administration that has brought on a disaster that is so much worse than 9/11?

Also, today we have western states with wildfires out of control, caused by global warming. Global warming is accelerating every year. Maybe the denial of facts by so many American voters is the worst disaster of all.

Tony Picardi, Belle Haven Park, Internet Double Deal

Dear Editor:

I was delighted to discover I’ll get a “two-fer” when I go to vote at the new location of the Office of Voter Registration and Elections at 24387 Joyner Neck Road in Accomac.

Sawmll Park is a Wi-Fi hotspot for those of us who don’t get reliable internet service where we live. The new voting site is only a mile from its former location in the corner of the old courthouse, and there is far more parking space at Sawmill Park.

With different doors for entering and exiting the building, voting will be a breeze when you come to vote starting Sept. 18 or to pick up your absentee ballot for subsequent return by mail.

And don’t forget you get great internet connection at Sawmill Park.

Barbara Reiger, Locustville

1% Sales Tax Is ‘No Brainer’

Dear Editor:

I support the 1% sales tax initiative proposed by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors. Our young citizens deserve the best education the county can deliver, and this creative financing makes it affordable. The prospect that Northampton County visitors will pay 45% of the additional tax makes it a “no brainer.”

Apart from the personal cost savings, I think we have an obligation as private citizens to do our part to energize the county’s economy. We will never attract business and newcomers to our stagnant community if we do not demonstrate a desire to invest in educational excellence.

One may argue we should address other county challenges. The fact is tackling the reconstruction of our schools at this point in time makes the most sense. Opportunity is situational and the key factors have aligned – the high school is crumbling, interest rates are historically low, and the county’s debt ratios are sound.

Just as important as the fiscal considerations is the pressing need to address our failure to provide a socially and emotionally safe environment for our middle-schoolers. It is simply a matter of near-criminal naiveté to commingle students just leaving grade school with young adults and expect positive outcomes.

I am hopeful other like-minded friends and neighbors will give the 1% sales tax referendum thoughtful consideration and vote “Yes for Northampton Schools” on or before November 3rd.

Bill Payne, Cape Charles